

“Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and for ever.”

(Heb. 13:8)

CIRCULAR LETTER

December 1994

Special greetings to all of you in the precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ with Isa. 40:8b:

“... but the word of our God shall stand for ever”

With chapter 40, the prophet introduces us in a preview to the New Testament. Therein he announces the ministry of John the Baptist who would prepare the way of the Lord and make straight in the desert a highway for our God. In short our Redeemer is being described. We know Who He is. We know in whom we believe. The prophet heard a voice saying, “Cry!” His reply was, “*Why shall I cry – preach?*” He was *commissioned* by God and therefore could not just proclaim anything.

The answer was, “*All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it; surely the people are grass.*” Here He shows the transitory of humanity. All who are born into this life bloom up like a flower. Childhood is followed by the prime of youth, then the breath of the Lord hushes over man and finally, the flower fadeth and falls off and the last words are spoken in awe, “*For dust thou art, and unto dust shall thou return.*”

But then the prophet comes to the climax of his message and cries out,

“... but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Therein the faith of true believers is anchored. They have received the divine substance of His Word and thereby partook of the divine nature and obtained eternal life. The Apostle Peter referred to this word in Isa. 40, when he spoke about the new birth which comes about by the incorruptible seed of the Word of God which remains for ever. He quotes the mentioned Isaiah-text right to the statement, “*But the word of the LORD endureth for ever.*” and continues with the tremendous assertion, “*And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.*” (1Pt 1:23-25). That is true apostolic, prophetic proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, whereby Old and New Testament coincide!

Personally experienced...

This I have personally experienced in all the years I was privileged to share the proclamation of God's Word, and now especially while writing my new book "The Revelation – A Book with 7 Seals?" Repeatedly the Holy Spirit pointed out different things in certain chapters which are very important and showed the connection so plain as I had never seen before. I am aware of the thoughts some may have while reading the mentioned book. They surely will repeat the well-known statement, "The word cometh to the prophet." - which is so very true – and follow on to say that no one else has access to God's Word except a prophet. Here we must ask: How did the Word come to the prophets? It did not come already placed and divided, but rather as a whole in its completeness. For instance, prophets saw in the same vision different happenings – such was also the case with the first and the second coming of Christ. They wrote about the two events in the same verse. In this manner we find the structure in the entire prophetic word.

It was given to the apostles and teachers in the New Testament to rightly divide and place things in the light of the fulfillment and realisation. If a servant of God, even being the greatest prophet divinely commissioned, could do all by himself, then God certainly placed the five ministries into the church in vain. The Apostle Paul did not speak a single time of himself as being a prophet, but he certainly had the clear prophetic view right to the end-time and even further.

To the assembly in Rome he wrote, "*Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God...*" (Rm 1:1). In the second epistle to Timothy he states to be appointed a preacher, apostle and a teacher (2Tm 1:11). To him it was given to take the Word which the prophets in the Old Testament had received and let it merge right into the Gospel of Jesus Christ of the New Testament as did the other apostles. Peter also never referred to himself as being a prophet, but he emphasised the significance of the prophetic scriptures over and again, for instance in 2 Pet. 1:19: "*We have also a more sure word of prophecy...*"

We can trace the different ministries in the early church very easily. In the assembly of Antioch were **prophets** and **teachers** whose names are mentioned (Acts 13:1). The Apostle Judas and Silas were also prophets (Acts 15:32). And so was Agabus a prophet (Acts 21:10). Our Lord has predicted the sending of **prophets and teachers**.

*“Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and teachers...” (Mt 23:34). In Ephesians 3 Paul speaks of the intimacy of the mystery of Christ, “Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and **prophets** by the Spirit.” (vv. 4-5).*

To lay out the entire counsel of God in all detail not only the ministry of an extraordinary prophet, but also the one of apostles and teachers is required. We think about the deep teachings and the expositions the apostle gave in the epistles to the Romans and also in the letters to the Hebrews, actually in all his writings as a Bible teacher. Even Peter admitted that in his letters were things hard to understand (2Pt 3). He gave the believers not only the good milk of the Gospel, but also the heavy food of God's Word.

Brother Branham was primarily a **prophet** and an **evangelist**. He was a seer, as we are told the Old Testament prophets were (1Sam 9:9). He saw certain things in a vision, received by inspiration of the Holy Spirit the meaning of what was shown to him and then spoke forth the revelation. His infallible prophetic ministry was thoroughly proven through the time of almost 20 years. The recorded sermons are a direct witness thereof. Also his evangelistic ministry after the apostolic pattern was confirmed by God in an incomparable way.

When he was invited to Switzerland where at first he should speak in five, then in one meeting, the Lord spoke to him in a vision, seeing different boats and men, not to cross the ocean for that one meeting in Zurich, but rather return to Jeffersonville and store up the food. He refers to this experience in a number of sermons in 1962. At that time, the Lord spoke to me, **“Store in the food! ...”** My testimony is also known world-wide from the very beginning. I did not invent the same afterward, it was already published in the German issue of the “Voice of Healing“ in March 1963. Only if we take into consideration the thought about the storing in of the food, we shall come to know what the giving out of the same means.

If someone enters a store room where groceries and vegetables of all kinds are stored, he does not visualize a prepared food spread on a table, but rather full shelves. Before God's people are not placed a sack full of flour, a basket full of potatoes, a jar filled with oil etc., but rather a well prepared meal for the true believers who enjoy the rich food in the house of God.

The words Brother Branham spoke to me on December 3rd, 1962, are still ringing in my ears and are alive in my heart, **“Wait with the giving out of the food until you receive the rest...”** The LORD commissioned Brother Branham to store the food in the very place he preached. He commissioned me to store in the same food right where I am. Thus it pleased Him that this special food of God's revealed Word would be dished out from here in the various languages on earth. For exactly the space of seven years, 1958-1965, I received every sermon Brother Branham preached in the U.S.A. Three years before going home to be with the Lord he said to me, **“The food you are to store in is the promised Word for this time which was revealed, and it is on the tapes.”** Thus God has ordained it. Who can deny it, after it is vindicated? The time came and this divine message, the promised and revealed Word, was proclaimed and spread in its purity for about 30 years around the globe.

It is true that God through the prophetic ministry has revealed the entire Word and made known all the hidden mysteries from Genesis to Revelation. It is also true as the Lord Himself promised that there should be a faithful servant whom He would place over His household to give the food in due season. Because now the whole counsel is revealed, the Lord said, *“Verily I say unto you that he shall make him ruler over **all his goods.**”* (Mt 24:45-47). It will pay off to **consider the word uttered by the LORD** and think about it. He knows all things in advance and therefore could plan and decide what should happen. The very important text in chapter 24 is followed by chapter 25 wherein the coming of the Bridegroom is spoken of. Now is the time of preparation, especially for the wise virgins to be ready for that glorious day. We are in need of the fresh spiritual manna – the Word promised to us and revealed to the Bride, so she herself becomes the Word-Bride.

It really happened...

Right after Brother Branham's burial, on the evening of the same day, the Spirit of God suddenly repeated perceptible in my heart, **“Now your time to give out the food has come.”** The next day I asked several brethren to be called together, as I had something to say. There I asked that the sermons which were on tapes should be printed, as we would need them for translation purposes. So the work commenced, or better to say, continued without interruption. It is notewor-

thy to realise that Brother Branham never said that the food would be distributed from Jeffersonville or from Tucson. Rev. Pearry Green made the following statement years ago in my house, “Brother Frank, you can point to a day when the Lord called you. I cannot do that and no other brother can.” He started to wipe his tears and put his arms around me.

At that time I was not aware of the significance of the word in Amos 8:11, that God would sent a famine into the land to hear His Word. And had no knowledge as to the application of the mentioned scripture in Mt. 24. I also did not understand why Joseph had to suffer so much from his own brethren, why he was betrayed, cast out, denied and sold, put in prison etc. In the time of famine he kept those alive who had done all this harm to him. The twofold commission which I received – firstly, to preach the Word; secondly, to distribute the food – I have accomplished to the best of my knowledge and conscience.

Parallel to the world-wide proclamation of the Word I am in charge for the publication of Brother Branham's sermons into many different languages. The sole basis for my preaching is God's Word, the Bible, and for my publications, too. I also left all sermons of Brother Branham as they are. I did not take certain utterances out of connection to make doctrines thereof. In all the years I clearly differentiated between the infallible prophetic ministry as the “sign of the Messiah” and what it means when Brother Branham said something of himself, as also Paul did. The apostle for instance writes, “*And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord...*” and continues, “*But to the rest speak I, not the Lord...*” (1Cor. 7:10-12)

In chapter 14 one senses the whole divine weight the apostle places upon his inspired exposition. He gives the challenge that even those who think to be prophets or spiritual “*acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.*” (v. 37)

In 1 Tim. 2 the apostle states the **will of God** to be that all men should be saved and should come unto the knowledge of the Truth. Then he continues to say, “*I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*” Most certainly what Paul declared to be his will was in the will of God.

In 1 Tim. 1:12 the apostle testifies, “*I thank Christ Jesus, our Lord, who hath enabled me, in that he counted me faithful, putting me in to the ministry.*”

The original text reads “into his ministry“, as also does the German translation. Paul did not only have a ministry as known through the five offices in the church, his ministry was directly connected with the plan of salvation. Still he differentiated between what he could say based upon God's Word as the THUS SAITH THE LORD and what he said as a man of God according to his knowledge. For ever we should hold to the following fact, in reference to preaching THUS SAITH THE LORD is only what we find in the written Word of God – the Bible! The ministry of Paul was of greatest significance in connection with the plan of salvation, and still here and there he said something according to his knowledge. The same applies to the promised and extraordinary ministry of Brother Branham. The teachings laid down at the very beginning by God's commission in the New Testament church remains valid right to the end.

Teaching and knowledge

The God-ordained ministry of Brother Branham remains untouched. The same was of greatest significance for this last part in this last church age and promised in the Holy Scripture. We see fulfilled what he was told on June 11th, 1933, that **this message of the revealed Word would forerun the second coming of Christ**. As we saw Paul himself making a difference between teachings and knowledge, the same must be applied with Brother Branham. In reference to knowledge, the apostle states, *“for we know in part, and we prophesy in part“* (1Cor 13:9). The foundational doctrines about Godhead, Baptism, LORD's Supper, Resurrection, Rapture etc. are not in part, they are basical teachings in the Church of God. If the apostle speaks about minor things like eating and drinking, the keeping of days etc. he uses the word „knowledge“, but then states, *“If any man think that he knoweth anything he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.“* (1Cor 8:2) Knowledge can differ with the greatest men of God because it is in part. The doctrines must for ever be the same at all times with everyone.

In regards to teachings, from the very beginning Brother Branham has laid a clear unchangeable foundation. In reference to knowledge or conviction in certain points, for instance about the 70 weeks of Daniel, he made different statements. He also used Rev. 10:7 which is in the singular almost every time in the plural, perhaps because his ministry as the last messenger was to unveil the many mysteries,

starting with the original sin right to the opening of the seals. But the difference remains sky-high between “the Mystery of God“, which is Christ and will come to its completion and be finished, and the many mysteries pertaining to the Kingdom of God (Mt 13:10-11) found in the Word of God which were hidden so long and are now revealed.

Concerning the 70 weeks, I have dealt with the subject having a good conscience before God. Sometimes it is enough to start off with a wrong thought and therefore end up with a wrong result. How can it be for instance that one would place the ministry of our LORD into the first part of the seventieth week, when it in reality starts approximately 2,000 years later, after the Rapture? It is true that the Messiah was cut off after the 62 weeks, which were preceded by the 7 weeks. Thus it happened precisely. That part was fulfilled and immediately the time of grace, the day of salvation for the nations began. Right after the Resurrection, our LORD gave the great commission to go into all the world, preach the Gospel and teach all nations etc. Who ever reads without revelation will overlook the fact that the seventieth week did not follow the 62nd week, but applies only now at the end-time for Israel.

The Roman prince will make a covenant with many for one *week* (Dn 9:27) and in the middle he shall break the same and cause the sacrifice to cease. It is therefore totally impossible to affix the first half of the week to the total of 69 weeks. If the Bible says, that he – the antichrist – shall confirm the covenant for one week, then it has to be so. And if Scripture further states that this covenant will be broken in the middle – that is after the first three and a half years, then it cannot be otherwise. It is **THUS SAITH THE LORD** by His Holy Word. Who can dare to teach contrary? Maybe we are in need of a God-given teaching ministry, so nothing remains open, but is put into the proper order and perspective.

Right judgment

We need a spiritual judgment which is always sensible. If Brother Branham, for instance, emphasized the year 1977, he based it on what some clever Bible teachers had figured out who pronounced long ago that 1977 would be a “super year of jubilee“. There would have been no tragedy to it, if brethren like Rev. Pearry Green, Joseph Coleman and many others should not have made a doctrine of it and literal-

ly preached "The year 1977". The same applies to all the other points in question which were made special doctrines. I still have the brethren with their statements on cassettes and the blue booklet with the title "By 1977" with me. Rev. Coleman shouted from the top of his voice, "I don't care whatever it will be, before, by or in 1977, I'm going out of here...!" If he is still alive, he could be found living in the New York area. Rev. Green has scolded me in a most severe manner, because I refused to accept the teaching that 1977 should be the final year. By God's grace I remained steadfast on the Word, which states that no one knows the time nor the season. He accused me to place myself above the prophet and with all the sincerity at his command he said, "The prediction of a prophet is equal to a prophesy." Because I rejected all his unscriptural arguments, he left without saying goodbye. Such damaging teachings came into existence because unauthorized persons misused quotations. Not one of those brethren who erred from the way has given a correction up to this day. The spirit of deception is mocking them as fools and they are not even aware of it.

It was in May 1976, when I came around the corner of our chapel that I heard the audible voice of the LORD, saying, "**My servant, go over to the neighbouring lot and dedicate it to Me and build thereupon, for people from all over the world will come...**" As always when the LORD spoke I stood there being caught by surprise. The darkness has already started to set in. I turned around, went through the porch which leads to the parking place of the shopping centre and made my way around to the adjacent lot, knelt down amidst the brushwood and dedicated that large territory to the LORD. Since 1977n8 the two missionary buildings stand on the dedicated land. People from all over the world are coming constantly – in one convention 36 nations were represented -, and God's children are served in almost every country under heaven from here. Never could I believe that 1977 would be the end, especially not after the LORD had spoken from heaven at the end of May 1976. I did as I was commissioned and I certainly do not regret. The Word that we should work until He comes remain valid, and also that nobody can set the time for His Return.

It is true that Brother Branham made different utterances, so that all who do not care for the written Word could go wrong. They build special fantasies with quotations not having any biblical foundation. They do not even care to search the Scripture. Only in this manner the seed of discrepancy could be manifested. In his sermon "Seed of

Discrepancy“ Brother Branham made reference how wrong inspiration can hit some brethren who even think to be spiritual as they declare their theses, „**we had to make groups of our own. Everything came up, we had to have *this*, we had to have *this*, we had to have another group. And this fellow raised up, said, »He's coming on a white cloud.« Another one say, »Uh-huh, He's coming on a white horse.« »All right, we'll make two groups.« See, what is it? Sowing of discrepancy!**“ In such a way the enemy sows his seed of discrepancy in a most religious way. That is how the different groups within this message came into existence. Special quotations were used to make various doctrines. The Bible is being neglected and utterances are taken out of context and made special doctrines. Such preachers do not permit a Word-minister into their pulpit.

One group, for instance, teaches that the seven thunders are already revealed; the other one that they will be revealed right at the coming of Christ. Both exclude one another, call each other wrong, not knowing that both are the seed of discrepancy as they are outside the Word of God, for God's Seed is for ever God's Word. Such men who come up with special revelations are in conflict with themselves and sow the seed of discrepancy into the hearts and minds of their audience. We cannot deal with all the unscriptural teachings which are in circulation in the different camps of this message, as we do not wish to make ourselves a laughingstock to others.

The classic marks of such people who forsake Bible ground are always the same: They look back and speak of the things God has done in the past – of course only through the prophet – and what He will do in the future, but bypass with reproach what He is presently doing. They bear the attributes of the scribes which referred to the prophets and even set down on the seat of Moses, but were called the blind leaders of the blind. Being the seed of discrepancy they separated themselves from the Body of Christ who remains in the Word. Brother Branham stated in the mentioned sermon, “**Always pointing to what God is going to do, or what He has done, and ignoring what He is doing. That's the way we get discrepancies in it**“ Only a few lines further in the same message, the man sent from God cries out, “**God, give us men, who are not connected with nothing but God and His Word, that will tell the truth about it. that's exactly what we need. What have we done? Sowed discrepancy. We have sowed to the winds, and now we are reaping the whirlwind.**“

Many winds of doctrine have hit the lands in these almost past thirty years. Simple souls were lead astray because they were made to fear the prophet who was being preached. Yet the fear of God and the respect towards His Word were not even considered. The true elect cannot be deceived in such a way. They know how the first beguiling by the wicked one took place in the garden of Eden. He misconstrued the Word of God. He did not repeat it precisely as it came from the lips of the Almighty. The last beguiling in this last revival will be in like manner. Paul writes, „*I have confidence in you through the LORD, that ye will be non otherwise minded, but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment; whosoever he be.*“ (Gal 5:10) For those who are led astray in such a way there is hope, but for those who play the role of a deceiver there is not. *“Brethren, if any of you do **err from the truth**, and one convert him, let him know that he who converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”* (Jas 5:19-20)

Those who are led astray feel delivered. They have the impression that they are free not belonging to a church or fellowship, and can do as they please. What the Scripture tells them personally, or even the prophet, is not compulsory to them.

The seed of discrepancy is plainly described in the Holy Scriptures. Such people walk in the way of Cain, that is to say, hatred, envy and jealousy takes hold of them. In God's eyes they are such who kill their brother. They do not have true brotherly love which is proven in a practical way. They love in words and kill in deeds. As the Apostle John wrote, they love like Cain who was of the wicked one and killed his brother. They speak and preach about perfect love and practice perfect hatred, they put up the old enmity and thereby deny true and total reconciliation and forgiveness. Even their sin confession ends in such a way that others are being blamed. The apostle Judas further describes such men as being taken into the trap of Balaam, that is to say, they look out for money, and as Korah did, they raise up against the servants God has commissioned. All these marks are so obvious that there is no use of any one trying to hide. Actually already here everybody can look into the Word description and know where he stands and what he is.

What happened from the very beginning and repeated itself in each revival takes also place now. Everyone must examine himself to know where he stands and to which group he belongs. A lip confession

with lofty words does not apply. Facts do speak which are manifested in the practical life. **Whoever is born of God recognizes what He has done, participates in what He presently does, and will share in whatever He is going to do right to the completion.**

The right attitude

Those who are called out by the Word of Truth remain in agreement with the Word by which they are sanctified (Jn 17:17). For the Word-Bride it is for ever settled in heaven and on earth that the seven thunders as all other things must be left in the precise connection they are in. They shall come forth when the Angel of the Covenant will descend to make Himself known to the Jews after the ministry of the two prophets in Jerusalem, as is written in Revelation, chapter 10. Having studied the various statements Brother Branham made concerning this subject, I came to the conclusion to take what he said in the seventh seal, **“But you see, it's a hidden mystery. No one knows it But... right along with what He said., No one would know His coming, they also would not know about this seven thunder mystery.”** What the seven thunder voices uttered has nothing to do with the Bride church, could not be written, did not become part of the words of prophecy and therefore cannot be proclaimed. That is THUS SAITH THE LORD in His Word.

Brother Branham was under great expectation to see the mighty things he was shown happen in the Bride church. He connected his expectations with Revelation 10, as he referred repeatedly to it without meaning to make a doctrine of it. Such preachers who are not ordained to the ministry of the Word twist the same for their own spiritual destruction. They have the possibility to justify their unscriptural teachings before their congregations, but they do not have a single Bible reference whereupon they can build and stand. As they are found outside the Word, they are in error. We must take into consideration the fact that Brother Branham himself has quite often made the statement with emphasis that the Church goes up in chapter 4 and does return after the Wedding Supper in chapter 19. He has also stated that Christ will leave the Bride at the Wedding Supper and slip down all alone to make Himself known to His brethren, the Jews (see First Seal, pg. 154).

I indict especially the brethren in the U.S.A and Canada who have made a man the subject of their preaching, as have done the Ad-

ventists with their prophetess Ellen White, the Jehovah's Witnesses with their prophet Charles T. Russell, the Mormons with their prophet Joseph Smith, and others in the past. They have placed the infallibility upon a man whom they needed to give themselves the authority, instead of acknowledging that God and His Word alone is infallible. The seemingly supernatural atmosphere which is worked up in the meetings is being declared as the presence of God. Upon the God given authority I indict these self-appointed shepherds and teachers in this very serious and late hour and challenge them in the Name of the LORD to let God's people go from under their slavery and return to the Word.

With the many different teachings called "the seven thunder revelation" irreparable damage is made. There is much talk about revelation, about mysteries, about rapturing faith, but in reality not one of them has a true revelation, knows the true mystery, and rapturing faith is nowhere in sight. If one looks close into the whole matter, it is very obvious that Satan is fooling the people. The End-time Message is being discredited in this wise. Many who seek the Truth honestly have taken offense, because they could not receive the things which are being taught as they are not found in the Bible. They reject Brother Branham's ministry as a whole, and those brethren will be held responsible for every soul that was thrown off.

Whoever reads the account in Jn. 12:23-36, will come to know that the supernatural thunder is identical with the Voice of God and stands in connection with judgment and not with the Rapture. Jesus said, *"The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified"* Right after this statement, our LORD spoke of Himself as the grain of wheat that will fall into the ground and bring forth much fruit, that is to say, new life in the believers. There He fought His final battle and said as Son of Man, *"Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people, therefore, that stood by and heard it, said that it **thundered**; others said: An angel spoke to him. Jesus answered, and said: This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes."*

The Voice of God which sounded from heaven was at the same time a thunder that could be heard, and the thunder was the Voice of God. In connection therewith our LORD said, *"Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the prince of this world be cast out"* When the LORD descends as Angel of the Covenant, He will put His feet on land

and sea, then the seven thunder voices will sound and the terrible time of judgment begins. The throne of grace turns into the throne of judgment. Very enlightening in this respect are the words in Job 36:33 and 37:2-5 and other places.

From personal experience I can testify that there is a difference between the "Voice of God" which has a tremendous sound of a thunder clap and the "Voice of the LORD".

The Voice of the LORD I heard at different times since the first extraordinary one on 2nd April 1962, for instance in 1972 in the French city of Marseille just before 5 o'clock in the morning. After the service the day before I was approached with the question of the seven thunders to which I had no answer. The next morning I had a divine wake up call. With a commanding tone the LORD spoke twice, right one after the other, "**My servant, raise up and read 2 Tim. 4.**" In this experience, while reading as I was told, the emphasis was laid on the three words, "**Preach the Word!**" It was shown to me by the LORD Himself from the Scripture that only things which are found in the written Word can ever be preached.

In 1975 the LORD again spoke two times within one hour with a tremendous audible voice, "**...cancel your trip to India!**" After the first time I was hesitant. After the second time I did according to what was said immediately. It was about 36 hours before my departure, I had my ticket, the meetings were arranged, but by command I had to send telegrams and cancel the meetings. Only later I came to know the reason why. The aircraft I was booked on to fly from Bombay to Madras caught fire right after the start and all 96 passengers burned in the flames. In the same year the LORD spoke to me in Edmonton, just when I was about to leave my room to take my breakfast, "**My servant, I have ordained you according to Matthew 24 to give out the food.**" On the day before Brother Don Bablitz asked me about my ministry. He stated that Brother Branham's ministry is confirmed in the Scripture, and he asked, what about my ministry which is also effective world-wide. My answer was, "I only share whatever I received from the LORD..." Up to that day I was not even aware of what is written in the mentioned Scripture, leave alone that it should refer to my ministry.

In November 1978, the LORD spoke on a Saturday morning, "**My servant, search the book of Acts and check, if ever a man and his wife were ordained to the ministry.**" Many brothers and sis-

ters know the circumstances and the local background. A couple had to go through agony of the soul and is still suffering today because of a wrong prophecy given for them.

From these mentioned experiences and others, I can say with full assurance that the sound of the “Voice of the LORD” is mighty, has the tone of final command. It is an absolute in the true sense of the word, but does not have the sound of a thunderclap. Every time I heard the Voice of the LORD, which always comes from up and the right, I thought the world would stop right then.

The “Voice of God” is different. Only one time I heard the same, coming forth from the most terrible thunder which became stronger as it descended. It happened on June 16th, 1979, just at daybreak on the Danish island Fanø. When this mighty thunder stopped just a few meters above my head, from it came forth the most angry Voice of God whereby every single word had a thunder clap within itself. The reprimanding sentence which consisted precisely of nine words penetrated right through me. Because the thunder and the thunder voice came from up the right, I fell with a terrible blow over on my left. I can truthfully say from personal experience and confirm what the Bible records in all detail. Servants of God do not speculate or imagine, in their life and ministry they do have the same experiences as recorded in the Holy Scriptures.

Ministries biblically founded

The men of God in the New Testament experienced personally the significance of the written Word. All in the New Testament period happens according to the foretold Bible prophecy. John the Baptist placed his ministry upon the promised Word (Jn 1:19-23). Our LORD Jesus Christ based everything concerning Himself on the three pillars of the Old Testament: upon what was written in the books of Moses, in the Psalms and the prophets (Lk 24:44-49). He opened the understanding of His disciples to know the fulfilled Scripture pertaining to Him. Peter placed the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit also upon the foundation of the prophetic Word (Acts 2:14-21). The Apostle Paul referred to the prophetic scripture in Isaiah, when the proclamation of the Gospel took its course to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46-49). In Acts 15 the apostle James confirmed the exposition of Peter in saying, “*And to this agree the words of the prophets, as it is written...*” (v. 15). We

should not be astonished that the relevant ministries for our time are also founded in the Holy Scriptures. Why should God change and do things differently? He remains the same and also His ways and actions with His servants and His people. May it be assured to all, we are not following cunningly devised fables, we are also not running after speculations which rotate in the air, we are placed into the plan of salvation ourselves with the God-given ministries.

God does all things according to His Word. Thereby we have the possibility to know what He does. We only need to decide whether we are ready to submit to His will and walk in His ways or if we wish to reject because we cannot submit and agree with what He does. God proves our hearts, knows our thoughts and the attitude we take. Even today He declares the same to each and everyone: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not there, but watereth the earth and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it...”* (Is 55:8-11).

Please remember for ever: God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God,”* – that means submit to what He is doing – *“that he may exalt you in due time.”* (1Pt 5:5-6).

European Union

The power of the old Roman Empire comes into being by the “European Union“. The countries in Europe are eager to join this Union. Those who do not succeed at the first time, do so with great majority the second time. Recently Austria, Finland and Sweden joined the same. We cannot hinder end-time prophecy. The whole Union is being placed under the spiritual headship of Rome. Very interesting is the fact that the Pope and those assisting him openly speak about the messages supposedly received at the appearances of Mary by the three shepherd children in the pilgrimage city of Fatima in Portugal in the year 1917.

If one reads the publications by the Catholic dignitaries, it is easily understood what the declaration means that all of Europe is dedicated to the immaculate heart of Mary. Thus mankind is manipulated to give worship to a woman as it already was practiced in ancient religions. The following quotations will make this plain.

“PEACE AND UNITY. The peace conditions of heaven are brought together in two: the prayer of the rosary and the dedication of the world to the immaculate heart of Mary.... Because the world is eagerly seeking unity in all whatever concerns the world, the Lord and Master will bring spiritual unity to the nations of this world. Therefore He sent ... Mary, the Lady of all peoples.”

“On 24th December, 1941, Pope Pius XII demanded a new Europe and a new world to be built.”

“On 20th March, 1953, the proclamation was given, Peoples of Europe, join together...”

“On 25th March, 1957, the European Economic Community was founded.”

“On 12th September, 1958, the archbishop of Milano, Montini, dedicated the European Madonna which carries the title 'Our beloved Lady – Sovereign of Europe'. The Catholic Church views in Mary the biblical woman of the sun with a crown of twelve stars on her head. Pope John Paul II said, 'Therefore, we must look again to the mother of the Redeemer of the world, to the Lady of the secret revelation of John, the Lady clothed with the sun.’”

“On 16th September, 1978, Bishop Dr. Graber said, ‘I demanded a Marianic European International ... We pray and ask in silence that the Occident will become again what it formerly was, an Imperium Marianum.”

Many quotations from various publications could be added.

The twelve stars in the European flag confirm the Roman Catholic dominance. The religious uniting process is joined with the political. Everything is working toward the end to make the Reformation of non-effect, as Protestants already feel guilty about it. They do not protest anymore, many regret the church split. Even high rank Protestant leaders are not aware of the actual developments of the first Christian centuries. They do not seem to know that in the first centuries no church of Rome existed, but rather local assemblies and the various religious branches. Only since Constantine the uniting process took its course with the pressure and exercise of worldly state power

toward the end of the 4th and in the 5th century. The Church of Rome at no time has been the Church of Jesus Christ.

At all times in all nations were believers who came together in house fellowships. There were always those who had a personal experience of salvation and are counted with the redeemed. The Church of Jesus Christ is not an organization ruled by men but rather a living organism being lead by the Holy Spirit, whereby Christ is the Head. It is very significant to see how openly things are now shaping up. Even in regular newspapers unbelieving cartoonists, perhaps by inspiration, have drawn a beast with a harlot sitting upon it showing her breast, beneath the beast the legs and feet of the twelve statesmen. They represent the original nations of the European Union. Right at the end those joining now are shown as catching a hold of the tale of the beast.

The pressure will come

The pressure will finally come upon those who withstand this unification process. Religious fanatics like Jim Jones in Guyana, David Koresh in Waco, Texas, Luc Jouret and Joseph di Mambro in Switzerland became known through their terrible actions with leaving many dead behind. Such demonized actions make headlines in the mass media world-wide, causing the demand to control all sectarian groups.

The press and the public as a whole do not differentiate between normal Christian fellowships who live a decent life and between demons possessed men. The general impression is that all who do not belong to the long established and recognized churches are belonging to a sect. Quite openly the demand was made by statesmen that all sects need to be put under government control.

Whoever saw the pictures taken in Switzerland, where this terrible tragedy recently happened, could see the Roman Catholic character of the "Order of the sun temple" with the altar, the crosses and candles etc. Such terrible happenings are taken as a pretense to discredit all believing fellowships openly. In any case we can count on it that in the last phase before our LORD returns, when the mighty things will take place as Brother Branham saw and spoke of, the pressure will come upon the true believers.

Israel in focus

The Jewish people still have a very troublesome way before them. The final negotiations about Jerusalem are set for May 1996. Already now voices are heard who wish to have a say-so in the "Jerusalem contract", for instance Sheikh Ikrima Sabri, the Imam in the Al-Aksa Mosque of Jerusalem. In an interview he made the following statement: **"Israel may determine what it will. For me and all believers is the Israel annexation of Jerusalem nil and void. Not Israel, we are the rock, and nobody will bypass as. We, the Palestinians, are the most important partners in the negotiations. The Israelis are the last ones who have the right to decide over Jerusalem. Also Jordan has nothing to do with Jerusalem. Jerusalem means both – religion and politics. If we do not get back our rights in Jerusalem, the whole peace process will collapse like a house of cards – regardless of how many peace treaties the Israelis and Arabs have negotiated successfully."**

PLO-Chief Jasir Arafat made a similar declaration: **"Listen to me, Hussein and Rabin, Jerusalem is the capitol of Palestine, whatever contracts are made in Amman or signed elsewhere. In the next battle the fight will be over Jerusalem. You think, that is far away. But we think, it is very near."**

In the Middle East peace process the concern is Jerusalem. There will be no real peace and no lasting rest. Daily we are going to hear news about Jericho, the West Bank, the Golan Heights and the Gaza Strip. It is serious, because those places of crisis are so near to Jerusalem. Gaza is about 80 km from the city of Jerusalem. The tribe of Judah who should possess that piece of land as Joshua had advised was not able to do so then (Judges 1:18). But according to the promise in Zeph. 2:4-7 the strip of land the Philistines had will fall to the house of Judah as soon as the divine geographical order is restored. Our prayer is, "O, God of Israel, be merciful to your people Israel!"

The end of 1994

Again we can look back to a year of richest blessings. God has done more above what we could think and expect. With the clear tone of the Gospel trumpet the ends of the earth are reached. Many times I was weary, but the LORD gave strength over and again.

I am especially thankful to God for all brothers and sisters who are occupied to translate the messages into the different languages. Also for those, wherever they may be, who print and help sending out

the literature. Especially thankful we are for Brother Alexis Barilier of Lausanne who bears great responsibility for the Francophone countries, also for Brother Etienne Genton who does the same for the Italian language. The blessing of God does rest upon all brethren who cooperate with those who are indeed commissioned by the LORD.

We also think about the many brethren world-wide, also Brother Markku Vuori in Finland needs to be mentioned who works very hard. The LORD be with him and bless the labour he does. The names of those who do work for the LORD could be continued to be mentioned.

With God's help we carry the burden of the printing costs in a number of different countries. In areas where thousands of copies are required the printing is being done in the respective country.

The brothers in Kinshasa we need to admonish very much in the LORD to refrain from all their own initiatives and their publications to just make themselves a name. They should return to a moderate self-esteem which is very necessary. We now need a harmonious working together of all ministries in all countries. Woe unto them who because of a certain pet knowledge dare to disturb the unity at a time so far spent and split again and separate God's people! True servants of Christ are not contentious, they respect the spiritual liberty of others. We should never forget what Paul says in Rom. 14:22 concerning minor things, "*Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God...*"

Here at the Mission Centre in Krefeld the work has grown immensely. We are printing in seven different languages. Besides other Eastern European languages we are now publishing in great quantities in the Russian language. Truckloads with literature and Bibles were taken into the states of the former Soviet Union. For our beloved Brother Paul Schmidt we are especially thankful. The LORD permits him to have part in what happens with those he had to suffer from and live there because of war consequences from 1945-1960. His life story is worthwhile to listen to. He did not only experience deprivation, but also what it means to be in jail. Now he serves these people in their language with a grateful heart. We are thankful for our precious Brother Leonhard Russ who is taking charge in the ministry at his post of duty in the local church here for so many years. We thank God for all brethren in all the countries of the world. Those who are truly called by the LORD work together and minister without any selfish motive. Some are so humble and do not wish to be mentioned by name. We also thank all our sisters who do help regularly to send out the

messages and literature, whether it be here in the Mission Centre, in Switzerland, in Italy or elsewhere. We say to all: Thank you and God bless you all.

We experienced in a wonderful way how God cares for His work. All bills are paid whenever they were due. With the spreading of the work also the expenses rose extremely, but thanks be to the LORD Who has given His people a willing heart to share in this great burden. Not everyone can go on missionary trips, translate, print and help sending out literature etc., but all can have part in this great work by their prayers and love gifts as the LORD leads. The ever faithful God will reward your faithfulness. May He bless each and everyone according to the riches of His Glory. To all I say thanks in His Name.

The year 1995 is just commencing and may bring great victories for God's people. As we have experienced, every year starts and swiftly comes to an end. The LORD does not retain His promise, He just is long-suffering, waiting until the last one is saved. Then the door of grace will be shut. In all of God's people the desire to be with the LORD becomes greater and stronger. One can almost hear the cry, "Even so, come, LORD Jesus!" We are in the midst of our final preparation for we know when our LORD comes, as it is written, in an hour that we think not. That means, it should be our concern to be ready at any time. He who has begun the wonderful work within us will accomplish it unto the day of His Return. To Him be the glory!

By His commission

Ewald Frank