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William Branham at the beginning of his ministry

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We deem it a great privilege to acquaint you, dear friend, with the mighty works of God pertaining to the plan of Salvation right up into our time. While visiting the many countries around the globe, the necessity of such a brochure has been impressed upon me. Our only aim is to exalt and magnify the Name of the Lord and have the Word of God speak for itself. Prophets and apostles are only mentioned to show forth the acts of God through their ministry, as we find recorded in the Old New Testament.

The outstanding ministry of the late Rev. William Branham, 1909 – 1965, has, aroused the attention and interest from many churches and people from all walks of life. From the furthest parts of the world, we have been requested to write a summary about the things God has done in our generation.

The scripture passage “...*prove all things...*” also applies to this brochure. No one should hide behind this bible statement in order to defend his own doctrines, but rather take the only valid measuring rod of the complete testimony of the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. It deserves to be meditated upon and to be considered prayerfully. We wish to duly describe the works and actions of God right up into our time with the intention to help everyone receive a deeper understanding of the things of God beneficial to their spiritual growth. “*Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord hath spoken...*” (Isa.1: 2).

God completes His Work

“*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on seventh day from all his work which he had made*” (Gen.2: 2). This is not only an account of the creation, but it also points out the prophetic view of the completion and perfecting of the bride-church.

Now, at the end of the period of grace in the seventh church age, the Lord brings His work with His people to a close. The apostle Paul testifies to the fact of the completion of God’s work in Phil.1: 6, “*Being confident of this every thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ*”. Only the perfected bride-church will be taken into Glory to partake of the wedding supper of the Lamb: “*Blessed are they who are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb*” (Rev.19: 9). Then comes the ‘Day of Rest’ in the ‘Millennial Reign’ – in the seventh thousandth year. For “*...one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day*” (2 Pet.3:8). Although the unbelievers say, “*Where is the promise of his coming?*” We as believers know, “*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...*” (2 Pet.3: 4+9). Since Adam almost 6000 years have elapsed. “*...But for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened*” (Mt.24: 22). Upon the authority of God’s Word, it can be said that the turning point in the history of mankind is within our reach.

“*The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand*” (Isa.14: 24).

What an assurance lies in these words! Not according to the plans of men, but what God purposed, that will He do. His counsel embraces the entire earth and His hand is stretched forth upon all nations, “*For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?*” (Isa.14: 26-27). The apostle Paul expresses his confidence by saying, “*For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon earth*” (Rom.9: 28). Because the Lord is about to do a mighty and short work, it is most important to have the right connection to what He is doing? Many are speaking about the signs of the end time, but are not taking heed to the message of the hour. “*Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them*” (Isa.42: 9).

The Lord Himself will complete His work, *“For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim; he shall be worth as in the valley of Gibeon that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act”* (Isa.28: 21). The work of God seems strange in the eyes of men. The Lord has kept His Word and sent all the messengers, including the last prophet to the Gentiles. Now, He Himself is ready to finish His work. *“For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim...”* such is the prophecy of Isaiah –the, “Thus saith the Lord” for our time.

What happened at Mount Perazim? There the Lord gave a mighty breakthrough, slew the enemies and gave His people the victory. David shouted, *“The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore, he called the name of that place Baal-perazim* (Place of breakthrough)” (2 Sam.5: 20). *“...He shall be worth as in the valley of Gibeon, complete his strange work.”* Joshua had prayed, *“Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Aijalon”* (Josh.10: 12). These two occasions referred to by the prophet Isaiah give us a glimpse of the mighty way God will complete his strange work and His strange act (Hab.1: 5). The Lord Himself came to redeem His church, He Himself will perfect His church and He Himself will take her home. In the time of the end, He will give a mighty breakthrough. He will remove every obstacle and conquer every enemy to make them His footstool (Ps.110: 1-3). Thus, He will finish His work.

“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” All genuine disciples of Jesus Christ have always had the longing to line up with the Word. The basic truth, we have to understand, is that God does all things according to His promised Word. Whether it is in nature or the church of the living God, it all must work out and come to pass according to the order and law of God’s Word.

In accordance with the plan of God, two things are running parallel in this generation: the returning of the Jews to their promised land, *“He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock”* (Jer.31:10), and also the calling out of the bride to return to the Word of promise, *“Wherefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty”* (2 Cor.6:17-18).

Not all Jews are returning to Palestine and neither will all so –called believers come out of the organizations. *“What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the elected ones have obtained it, and the rest were blinded”* (Rom.11: 7). The same applies to the church. Only the elect are taking heed to the final call and are coming out of spiritual bondage.

Israel is likened unto a fig tree, *“I found Israel like grapes in the wildness, I saw your fathers as the first –ripe in the fig tree at her first time”* (Hos.9: 10). Jesus made a very important statement in the parable of the fig tree in reference to Israel, *“Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When its branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things are fulfilled”* (Mt.24: 32-34).

The Jews, who have been dispersed among the nations for over two thousand years, have now been gathered from the ends of the earth. In May, 1948, the nation of Israel was officially established. According to the words of Jesus, the last generation was to be privileged to see the gathering of Israel to their homeland and also witness and have part in the winding up of all the events, which the children of God have been waiting for throughout the ages. *“But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. For Verily I say unto you that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them”* (Mt.13: 16-17). We must set aside all preconceived ideas and be alert to the fulfillment of the course of biblical events.

It is equally important to trace the dealings of God with God people back to the beginning of time. The fellowship and the blessing of the Lord with mankind were based upon

the promises of His Word. As long as man kept the Word of God, he was protected by it and remained in fellowship with Him. Anyone contradicting or deviating from a Bible truth, doctrine or statement through private interpretation separates himself from God and is thrown out of balance and harmony of the entire Scripture. *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works"* (2Tim.3: 16-17)

The fall caused by the 'misinterpretation' of God's Word, separated man from the fellowship with his creator. But immediately, a provision was made for fallen humanity. According to God's promised Word, there was to be a Supreme Sacrifice –the Redeemer, the Seed of the woman, who was to bruise the serpent's head (Gen.3: 15).

The first private interpretation of the Scripture took place in the Garden of Eden. Those, who do not stay with the "Thus Saith the Lord" of the Word, will fall for the 'misinterpretation' of Satan, the old serpent. He instigated the first 'misinterpretation' of the God's Word and continued to do so throughout the entire span of the time. He has lead even sincere people into believing his 'misinterpretations', instead of the original Word of God. *"However, in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men..."* (Mk.7: 7-9). Therefore we must take heed to solemn warning of 2 Pet.1: 20, *"Knowing this first that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation."*

Hundreds of denominations are deeply rooted in their manmade traditions and have made the Word of God of non effect to them, by intermingling a portion of the Word with their own interpretations. It is not sufficient to have the carnal knowledge of the Scripture –it takes the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said to those, who taught the Scripture at that time, *"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God"* (Mt.22: 29). It is not sufficient to only speak about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, but we also have to make ready. The promises for our time have to be brought into view for the preparation and perfection of the bride-church. We are not in need of the new Bible translations or new interpretations of the scripture, but we are in desperate need of the "Thus Saith the Lord". Even if the Word for this hour is hard to be understood in some points, we must refrain from interpreting it –God is His own interpreter. Peter writes in reference to Paul, *"As also in all his epistles, he spoke concerning these matters, in which there are certain things so hard to be understood that those who are ignorant and unstable pervert their meaning, as they do also the other scriptures, to their own destruction"* (2 Pet.3: 16).

At the first coming of Christ, all true believers were called out from all manmade interpretations to see the fulfillment of prophecy in their time. The same is happening now before the second coming of Christ.

John was a man sent from God with the message for that time. *"The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light that all men through him might believe"* (Jn.1: 7). They all were to come to the knowledge of the truth, not through a group, but through the ministry of the God-sent prophet. God did not reveal His mysteries to the scribes, but to His prophet, who was to prepare the way. This has repeated before the second coming of Christ.

On June 11, 1933, Bro. Branham held a baptismal service in the Ohio River. As he was about to baptize the seventeenth person, the supernatural light broke through the clouds, came down upon him, and a voice spoke the words, *"As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, you are sent with a message to forerun the second coming of Christ."* The crowd of approximately 4000 was astonished. Some fainted, others prayed and some asked, "What meaneth this?", when they saw this heavenly manifestation. God hath spoken –the elect are under the impact of the vindicated ministry of restoration. They comprehend the meaning of the words of Jesus, *"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."* (Jn.15: 7). Lk.24: 45 has become a reality to them, *"Then opened him their understanding, that they might understand the scripture."* Every Word of God is the absolute truth, inspired by the Holy Spirit and brings life. Every private interpretation of the Word is a lie, separates from God and

throws us into spiritual death. *"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"* (Mt.4: 4).

The Voice of the God 'today'

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight" (Lk.10: 21). Repeatedly, God revealed His Word fresh from His throne and opened the eyes of His people. Revelation causes us to rejoice and praise the God of heaven for all He has done. *"...For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father, who is in heaven"* (Mt.16: 17). The entire plan of salvation is based upon spiritual revelation, which results in the true faith in the One True God. Abel had the revelation, that it took the shedding of the blood of the lamb and not the fruits of the field to be reconciled unto God. By faith he brought a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.

The true children of God have always been under the impact of revelation and have recognized their *"today"*, and hearkened to the voice of God. In Heb.4: 7 we read, *"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."* There was a *"today"* in the time of Noah, Moses, Abraham, etc. Jesus Christ made reference to the *"today"* of His time by saying, *"Today the scripture is fulfilled in your ears"* (Lk.4: 21). Seemingly, people are acknowledging what God has done in the past and are looking forward to what He will do in the future, but are bypassing what He is doing *"today"*. The Scripture does not say, *"If you have heard His voice yesterday, or if you will hear His voice tomorrow"*, it clearly states, *"Today, if ye will hear his voice..."*

Generally, everyone likes to keep pace with the scientific advancements of our time, but what about the spiritual progress? Too many Christians are living in the past, dating as far back as the reformation and other revival movements, as if God has done nothing since. They have missed the connection linking them to the next move of God. Jesus said to those not bearing the fruit in that age, *"Therefore say I unto you, the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof"* (Mt.21: 43).

The hour is late –the coming of the Lord is at hand. We cannot afford to have our own conception of the things of God at such a serious time. As we are faced with the revealed Word for *"today"*, we must be alert and take heed to the signs of our time. We must recognize and find the connection to what He is doing *"today"* –lest He comes to remove the candlestick not showing forth the light (Rev.2: 5).

In each revival, it was the spiritual minority that embraced and cherished the next move of God, which led them into a deeper understanding of the Word. The carnally-minded were satisfied with the state they were in and formed new denominations, because they failed to recognize their *"today"*.

At the turn of the century, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the remnant of the believers. The carnally-minded, who were not going along with the move of the Spirit, declared that the gifts of the Spirit and the results thereof were not of God. Thus, the fires of revival were quenched again. New denomination was organized by men, who thought to be spiritual and did not realize that they had fallen into the same trap they had come out of. Thus, they were cut off from the very lifeline, the source of the oncoming blessing of God. As a result they are opposing the promises of God's Word for our *"today"*. Jesus said, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me"* (Jn.10: 27).

The ministry of a prophet

The Lord has always sent His prophets and messengers to call the people back to the original Word, *"And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, giving*

useful advice in advance; because he had compassion on his people, and on the flock that he had chosen" (2 Chr.36: 15).

The true Life of the Spirit exists only in the original Word –private interpretations are throwing the people into spiritual death. Jesus Christ said, *"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"* (Jn.6: 63).

God uses the ministry of a prophet to make His children recognize the promise for their *"today"*. Abraham, Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist and many of the prophets had such a commission for their time. God is duty-bound to His Word. He promised, *"Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants, the prophets"* (Amos 3:7). According to Num. 12:6, true prophets have access to and enter into a spiritual realm unknown to others. *"And he said hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream"*. Through all the different ages, the Word of the Lord pertaining to the plan of salvation has come to a major prophet.

God revealed His Word to His prophet before the flood: *"Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord", "And God said unto Noah, Make thee an ark..., And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of..."* Noah's actions seemed strange in the eyes of the people. He was misunderstood, mocked and laughed at, but he acted upon the authority of the Word made known unto him. God decided the end of all flesh, because the blessed lineage of Seth mixed with the one of Cain. He regretted the fact He had made man –the judgment fell.

The greatest commingling of all times is taking place and coming to a climax now in the World Council of Churches. But just before the door is closed forever and the judgment will strike, God has sent a mighty prophet with the final call, *"Come out of her, my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that receive not of her plagues"* (Rev.18: 4)

God had a prophet with a direct commission and message before the judgment struck the earth at that time: *"Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."* Jesus Christ our Lord said, *"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man"* (Lk.17: 26). Many Christians are comparing the wickedness of that generation to ours. But to obtain a complete picture, we cannot only focus our attention upon the iniquity of the unbelievers, but rather see the promise for the believers.

The people questioned Noah's commission in being the only one to whom the Word and the will of God was revealed. Many may think the same today, but the Lord God reveals His secret unto His servants, the prophets.

Abraham was the prophet of God at the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Many are calling him the 'Father of Faith', but it should be stressed, that his faith was anchored in the promised Word of God. In the account of his life, we read, *"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong in faith, giving glory to God"* (Rom.4: 20). Scriptural faith can only be found where the Word of promise has been received. There we find no staggering through unbelief, nor questioning of how it will happen, but rather a strong conviction that God is able to keep His Word, *"And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform"* (v.21).

Jesus Christ, our Lord, also made the statement, *"As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed"*. Here again, we can parallel that time to ours. Many are comparing the sins of Sodom to the sins of our time, but fail to see the vital importance of the prophetic ministry. The elect of that time were not in Sodom and had no part of the wickedness therein. They were with Abraham, the true prophet of God, and received the last supernatural sign before the destruction of Sodom. According to Gen.18, the Lord visited Abraham and confirmed His promise. Such is the case with the royal seed of Abraham in this generation, as it has been with the elect at the time of the first coming of Christ. The last supernatural sign, the gift of discernment, was manifested to Abraham, to the Jews at the time of Christ and has repeated again at the close of the Gentile dispensation.

Sarah was in the tent, listening to what the Lord said to Abraham and laughed within herself. Right then, the thoughts of her heart were revealed, *"Why did Sarah laugh?"* (Gen.18: 13). Only if we realize that the gift of discernment was manifested at the time of Abraham and though the ministry of Christ, we can comprehend that the same Lord has done the same things in our generation.

When Andrew brought his brother to Jesus, He looked at him saying, *"Thou art Simon, the son of Jonah"* (Jn.1: 42). In the same chapter we read about Nathanael, who was brought to Christ by Phillip. The Lord spoke to him, saying, *"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"* (v.47). Nathanael was taken by surprise and asked, *"When knowest thou me?"* The Master's reply was, *"Before Phillip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee"* (v.48). *"Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel!"* The life of the Samaritan woman was revealed but Jesus at the well. She replied, *"Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet ...The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, who is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he..."* (Jn.4: 19-29). The true seed of God was not offended at the supernatural gift of discernment. They never called the Lord Beelzebub or suspected Him to be a fortune teller. They recognized their Saviour in His prophetic ministry –the impact of which forced the people to make their decision right then and there. The ones who found the connection to the work of God in that time were blest and recognized the message and ministry for their *"today"*. The others hardened their hearts and pronounced it to be of the devil.

Now, in this last generation, we are confronted with the same prophetic gift of discernment, which has repeated in the ministry of Bro. Branham. Countless people were saved and tens of thousands were healed from all manner of diseases. The blind received their sight, the lame were made to walk, speech and hearing was restored to deaf mutes, the dead were raised and even creative miracles took place. John 14:12 was literally fulfilled, *"...the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..."*

The audience was overwhelmed and overtaken with awe when the gift of discernment was in operation. While Bro. Branham was about to pray for someone, he saw in a vision the illness that had befallen them or their loved ones, the country, city and even the street address they came from, their domestic needs, etc. By divine revelation, he could tell them the secrets of their hearts. *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the hearts"* (Heb.4: 12).

Not one time did Almighty God fail to vindicate His Word and His prophet. The Lord remembered His covenant and commissioned Moses to deliver the people of Israel from their bondage. According to the promise of God to Abraham, they were to be brought out of Egypt after 400 years (Gen.15: 13). When the time of the fulfillment came, He revealed His Word unto Moses, His servant and prophet for that day. Moses had lined up with the Word of promise and God was with him every step of the way. Not only did he have the burning bush experience, but God continuously spoke to him face to face from the pillar of fire. There was no uncertainty and guessing in his ministry. His actions were based upon the solid Word, for he had the *"Thus Saith the Lord"* for his time. What a blessing to all who can acknowledge what God has said in 2 Chr.20: 20; *"Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper"*. As long as the children of Israel stayed with the Word of God, they were blest and taken care of in a special way: *"Yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light and the way wherein they should go. Thou gayest also thy good Spirit to instruct them and withholdest not thy manna from their mouth, gayest them water for their thirst"* (Neh.9: 19-20).

Contrary to the revealed Word for that age, Balaam caused them to stumble by instructing them to *"eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit one day three and twenty thousand"* (1 Cor.10:8). In 2 Tim.3: 1-9, Paul was moved by the Holy Spirit to write of what was to take place in the latter days, *"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do*

these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds reprobate concerning the faith". The Scripture cannot be broken. In the commission, Bro. Branham was told by the angel of the Lord, *"As Moses was given two signs, you are also given two signs. If they won't believe the first one, they will believe the second one"*. In like manner, as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so did men have to rise to withstand the revealed Word of God through the prophetic ministry. These things must come to pass, *"But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their also was"* (2 Tim.3: 9)

Every true servant of God will hold fast to the revealed Word of God in spite of the deception in our age. Be it a Balaam here with contrary teachings, a Jannes or Jambres there with signs and wonders, the work of God is going to be finished amongst the elect, because they cannot be deceived.

Under Joshua, the children of Israel marched on according to the Word for their day and arrived in the Promised Land. Thus, the Lord fulfilled His Word, *"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses"* (Josh.1: 3). Oh, that we could comprehend that all hopes and efforts are in vain if not based upon the promised Word of God! Even the running of our race is futile without the goal set before us in the Word, *"And if a man also strives for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully"* (2 Tim.2: 5). *"Know ye not that they who run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain"* (1 Cor.9: 24). The masses of Christendom are misled and kept in false hopes, which will end in utter disappointment, because they have not acknowledged the promised Word for their *"today"*.

We are all acquainted with the mighty ministry of the prophet Elijah, but do we realize that he stood under a direct commission of Almighty God? He took twelve stones, representing the twelve tribes of Israel, and repaired the altar of the Lord, *"And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah, the prophet, came near, and said, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word"* (1Ki.18: 36).

Now it is evening time for the church. The promise of Zech.14: 7, *"...but it shall come to pass that, at the evening time, it shall be light"* had to be fulfilled before the midnight hour was to strike. *"We have also a more sure word prophecy, unto which ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place..."* (2 Pet.1: 19). By the revelation of the Word of prophecy, the light broke through. The children of God were brought back to the faith of the apostolic fathers –the doctrine of the twelve apostles.

The elect of all ages have been made aware of their *"today"*, and can wholeheartedly say with Solomon, *"Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest unto his people, Israel, according to all that he promised: there has no failed one word of all his good promise..."* (1Ki.8: 56). The significance of the revelation of the Word of God can never be overemphasized.

All true prophets could say *"Thus Saith the Lord!"* only after God had spoken to them. No person, be it king, minister or priest, nor any circumstance could influence them. This is confirmed in the reply the prophet Micaiah gave to the messenger who asked, *"...let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, even what my God says, that will I speak"* (2Chr.18: 12-13).

The four hundred were not prophets of God, but prophets of Israel. Because they have not taken heed to the Word of the Lord, spoken by the prophet Elijah, they fell for the misinterpretation given to them by a lying spirit, *"...the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these, thy prophets..."* (2Chr.18: 19-22). The true prophets of God cannot be deceived by a 'lying spirit' because they are completely controlled by the 'Spirit of Truth' –the Holy Spirit. We are reminded of the warning given in 2 Thess.2, *"...because they received not the love of the truth...and for his cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie."* Whosoever does not believe the Truth of God's Word, is given to strong delusions and forced to believe a lie –the misinterpretation, as it originated in the Garden of Eden. The 'Spirit of Truth' does not lead away from God's Word, but guides us into all Truth

and even reveals that, which is to come (Jn.16: 13). *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"* (Rev.2-3).

The Promise for our Day

"For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (2 Cor.1: 20).

Peter was used as the spokesman on the day of Pentecost, after they had received the promise. The multitude was amazed and some were in doubt, saying one to another, "What meaneth this?" Peter, under the influence of the power of the Holy Spirit, gave the spiritual answer in Acts 2:16, *"but this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel..."* Repeatedly, the apostle referred to the prophecies of the Old Testament. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he also predicted of what was to take place before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, *"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began"* (Acts 3:21). Upon the authority of this prophecy, all things have to be restored to the true Bible teachings and practices of the original church, before Jesus Christ returns.

The Lord Himself spoke of the restoration and told us how this was to take place, *"Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things"* (Mt.17: 11). This promise was given in the future tense after the ministry of John the Baptist had been completed and he had gone on to be in Glory. Please note, this utterance of Jesus coincides with Mal.4: 5, *"Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord..."* That is the promise for our day. *"I will restore to you the years..."* (Joel 2:25). The message of this hour is the message of complete restoration.

The New Testament Era

Many Christians are neglecting to read the Old Testament, not realizing that the New is the very fulfillment thereof. 109 predictions of the Old Testament pertaining to Christ were literally fulfilled at His first coming. Every doctrine in the New Testament is based upon the "Thus Saith the Lord" of the prophetic Word. It is beyond comprehension, how the Bible teachers and religious leaders of that time could fail to recognize the very fulfillment of the Scripture they were teaching to others. They believed and taught their own interpretations and expected God to fulfill them accordingly. Could it be that history is repeating itself in this generation? Great and impressive services are held, much is said about the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, yet the revealed Word of God for this hour is being rejected. Repeatedly, the apostles –the writers of the New Testament –referred back to what the prophets of old had said. In the New, we find 845 quotations from the Old Testament. One cannot be separated from the other. The 'Counsel of God' with mankind was foretold and foreshadowed in the Old and is being fulfilled throughout the period of the New, *"We are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"* (Eph.2: 20).

According to the promised Word for that time, God sent John, the forerunner of the first coming of Christ. The theologians misunderstood, were offended and fought against him. They clung to their own knowledge. But all who could deny themselves and their previous teachings were ready to receive to God-sent message and messenger. The common people heard him gladly and were not offended at his manner of speech. *"He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, who standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy, therefore, is fulfilled"* (Jn.3: 29)

Do we realize that we are now living in a prophetic age, in which many Scriptures are coming to pass before our very eyes? Are we recognizing the "today" of our visitation?

The ministry of John the Baptist was the fulfillment of Isa.40: 3-5 and Mal.3: 1, as confirmed in the Gospel of Mark, *"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"*

In reference to the ministry of John the Baptist, the angel of the Lord said to Zacharias, *"And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord"* (Lk.1: 17). The angel knew exactly which Scripture passage was to be fulfilled with the ministry of John. He did not say that he was the Elijah, who was to come before the 'great and dreadful day of him Lord'. He took only the following part from Mal.4: 6, *"...to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children"*, which was fulfilled at the first coming of Christ, whereas the rest of that verse was to be fulfilled in connection with the second coming of Christ at the end of the 'day of grace'.

Because the one portion of the prophecy given in reference to the Elijah, who was to come before the 'great and dreadful day of the Lord', was fulfilled in the ministry of John, Jesus also called him Elijah. *"And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, who was to come"* (Mt.11: 14). *"But I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed"* (Mt.17: 12). Almost two thousand years have passed, and the 'great and dreadful day of the Lord' still lies before us, of which Scripture says, *"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners out of it"* (Isa.13: 9). *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come"* (Joel 2:31).

Let it be known to all, that the remaining part of Mal.4: 5-6 reads, *"Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn...the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."*

In Lk.1: 17, we find a similar mystery as in Lk.4: 19, where Jesus Christ stopped in the middle of the verse and made reference to the *"acceptable year of the Lord"* but not to the 'day of vengeance'. The second part of both prophecies was to be fulfilled at the end of the Gentile dispensation, just before the 'day of vengeance', 'the great and dreadful day of the Lord'.

In Mt.11: 10, Jesus identified John the Baptist with Mal.3: 1 and not with Mal.4: 5, *"For this he is of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face..."* At the climax of his ministry, John the Baptist was asked, *"Art thou Elijah? And he saith, I am not..."* (Jn.1: 21). John knew exactly, which Scripture applied to his ministry.

The testimony of the Lord Jesus, the angel, John the Baptist and Mark is clear and explicit. It shows us, how harmoniously the writers and speakers of the New Testament collaborated with the Old. Because they were led by the Holy Spirit, they wholly recognized the fulfillment of the Scripture.

The Golden Candlestick

The last book of the Bible is of prophetic nature and contains most essential information for the course of the entire church history, and gives us a deep insight into the plan of salvation. It opens up with, *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him (John), to show unto his servant's things which must shortly come to pass..."*

Right here, we are taken into the holiest of holies to receive the final revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, what a thrill it will be to all, who will see Jesus in His gloried state the way John saw Him, *"And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword; and his countenance was as the sun shineth in its strength."* (Rev.1: 16)! Oh, what an overwhelming experience it must have been for John, when he beheld the majestic sight of his loving Saviour and fell at His feet as dead, *"And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death."* (v.17)! John continues to say, *"And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks, and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like the Son of man..."* (Rev.1: 12-13). John was told what the mystery of the seven stars was, *"The seven stars are angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches"* (v.20).

The messages were addressed to the seven churches in Asia, because they were characteristic of the oncoming seven church ages. Thus, they were of prophetic nature and can now be identified in the course of the church history.

John saw the seven angels in the right hand of the Lord of Glory –not in the hand of a person or a church. The Lord Himself has chosen the seven stars, which are the seven angels to the seven church ages. The seven distinct eras can be identified in the ministry of Paul, Ireneus, Martin, Columba, Luther, Wesley, and without doubt, in the ministry of Bro. Branham to the Laodicean Church Age.

Among all the men used of God in the first century, John was chosen to see the preview of the entire plan of salvation. He saw the white throne judgment, the new heaven and the new earth –the merging of time into eternity. The statement *“to show unto his servants...”* is in the plural and is spoken in reference to the servants of the Lord, who were to receive the revelation required for their age. Paul was the first messenger to the church, who could say, *“...for I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God”* (Acts 20:27), and God continued to have His messenger right up to the present ‘church age of Laodicea’ with the closing revelation of God.

Since the reformation, God did not cease to bring His church back to its original condition. She has to be freed from the old leaven of Rome, to be flawless and blameless before Him. Millions will thank God throughout eternity for sending His servants and prophets to call them out of confusion. It has now taken a prophetic ministry to unveil the whole plan of salvation. It is written, *“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants, the prophets”* (Rev.10: 7). In each of the messages to the seven churches, the promise is only given to the overcomers. The elect recognized their *“today”*, received and obeyed that, which the Spirit saith unto the churches. Of them it is written, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”* (Rev.12: 11). The Word of God is the testimony of the Lamb. They are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph.1: 13). They believed the Word-promise; they followed the Lamb and became the Word-bride. *“...For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”* (Rev.19: 10). Here, it does not speak of the prophecy, but the Spirit of prophecy –the testimony of Jesus Himself. *“He that hath received his testimony hath set his seal to his that God is true”* (Jn.3: 33). The prophets and apostles had described the Lord in His different attributes –as Creator, Redeemer, Lamb of God, Son of God Mediator, King, etc., but His own, all sufficient testimony of Himself is, *“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”* (Rev.1:8). The testimony of Jesus is in full agreement with the prophetic Word and is the testimony of very believer.

The Sealed Book

In the Old Testament, we find a parallel scripture to the revelation of John. The prophet Ezekiel had seen a mysterious book. *“And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a scroll was in it; and he spread it before me; and it was written within and without; and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe”* (Ez.2: 9-10). John testifies in Rev.5: 1, *“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals”*. The Old Testament prophet was informed, *“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end...”* (Dan.12: 4). The signs of the time show us that we are living in the end time, and thus, the book with the mysteries of God can no longer remain sealed. John heard the mighty angel say, *“Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?”* (Rev.5: 2). John wept bitterly, that no one was found worthy, but one of the elders replied, *“...behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof”* (Rev.5: 5)

On Dec.22, 1962, Bro. Branham saw in a vision what was to transpire in connection with the opening of the seals. The fulfillment of the vision was confirmed on Feb. 28, 1963, in the mountains of Arizona, USA. A constellation of seven angels appeared and formed the cloud, shaped like a pyramid and came down above the mountain where Bro. Branham was.

The mighty voice commissioned him, *"Return back beast to Jeffersonville, for the time to open the seven has come."* Bro. Branham literally saw the seven angels. Obedient to this commission, he went back to Jeffersonville. There, each seal was divinely revealed to him by the Lord, who spoke to him from the pillar of fire. For seven consecutive days, the Lord revealed one seal at a time and it was then preached the same evening.

No one should bypass such a mighty revelation of God, but rather consider it prayerfully with the fear of God: *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction"* (Prov.1:7). God addresses us *"today"* in the same way as He did Job, *"...stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God"* (Job 37:14). Job had a difficult time to understand the ways of God, but the Lord continued to speak to him, *"Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?"* (Job 38:2).

With our own opinions and outlook, we darken the counsel of God, but His revelation clarifies and throws light on His actions. After the Lord God has spoken to Job so explicitly, he cried out, *"Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. Once have I spoken, but I will not answer: yea, twice, but I will proceed no further"* (Job 40:4-5). Because Job had found favour with God, he laid his hand upon his mouth and said, *"Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not"* (Job 42:3).

We too must find grace before God and be ready to listen in humanity rather than judge and speak against the things we do not understand. Only then will He answer us, *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"* (Jer.33: 3). We are the privileged generation living at the time, in which we can witness the winding up prophecies. *"And the Lord answered me, and said, write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarries, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry"* (Hab.2: 2-3). We can testify to the fact the vision has come to pass at the appointed time. All promises of God are yea and Amen! He has kept His Word. We must remember, *"...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them, because they are spiritual discerned"* (1 Cor.2: 14). Right here, a solemn admonition must be given, not to take these things lightly. This was the doing of Almighty God through His humble vessel, His prophet for this age. May the warning of old speak to our hearts, *"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy"* (2 Chr.36: 16). Time and space do not permit us to go into details about the multiple outstanding experiences of this humble servant of God. Not only in the meetings, but also in his daily life, the Lord confirmed His Word and showed His presence.

One time, he saw three rainbows coming up from behind the mountains. As he took off his hat, he became aware of the presence of God. While beholding this beautiful sight, the three merged into one, majestic rainbow. Just then, he had a voice saying, *"Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus of New"*.

Visits of Angels

At the beginning of the New Testament, the birth of John the Baptist was announced by an angel (Lk.1). In the same chapter, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. In chapter 2:8-14, an angel brought the glad tidings to the shepherds and all the heavenly hosts joined to sing and to praise God. All heaven partakes of what God is doing on earth. God has His heavenly and earthly messengers, *"And the angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south..."* (Acts 8:26). Peter had a most outstanding experience: *"And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison..."* (Acts 12: 7). A similar experience is recorded of Paul, *"for there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve..."* (Acts 27:23)

The ministry of angels is a divine vindication of the supernatural ministry in the life of God's servants and prophets with a special commission. The Bible is not an ordinary book –it records the supernatural events. Not only in the New, but also in the Old Testament, angels

were sent from God with a message to His servants. Daniel had seen a vision, but an angel was sent to make understand it, “...Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision” (Dan.8: 16). *And he said, behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be”* (v.19). The scriptural testimony of the ministry of angels is summarized in the following words, “*Are they not ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?”* (Heb.1: 14).

Because God never changes, such a ministry is still valid today. With deep gratitude, we acknowledge that an angel of the Lord was sent to Bro. Branham in the year 1946, “*Fear not, I am sent from the presence of Almighty God to tell you, that your peculiar life and your misunderstood ways have been to indicate, that God has sent you to take a gift of divine healing to the people of the world. If you will be sincere and can get the people to believe you, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even cancer.*”

Immediately after this commission, Bro. Branham was in a unique and unsurpassed way to spearhead the mighty healing revival. The impact of his God-given ministry has been worldwide. Literally tens of thousands can testify to their healing from all manner of diseases, primarily cancer.

We have to realize that prophets are foreordained by Almighty God. Jeremiah was told, “*Before I formed thee in the womb, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations”* (Jer.1: 5). “*For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance”* (Rom.11: 29).

Repeatedly, Bro. Branham spoke about the supernatural light entering the room on April 6, 1909, around 5 a. m. at the time of his birth. The first remarkable experience he had at the age of three, when he was told by an audible voice that he would live in a city near New Albany most of this life. At the age of seven, he again heard the audible voice saying, “*Never drink, smoke or defile your body in any way, for I have a work for you to do when you get older.*”

Towards the end of the fifties, Bro. Branham felt led to teach and expound all the true scriptural doctrines. Later, his ministry merged into the prophetic phase –speaking on the ‘Seven Church Ages’, the ‘Seven Seals’ and the mysteries hidden in the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Dear friend, we trust that you too have recognized your “*today*” and its message, the Word of God revealed for our time –the stored up food –the heavenly manna. “*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord”* (Amos 8:11). “*Who, then, is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season?”* (Mt.24: 45).

May it be said of the children of God, including you, in our day, “*...with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord, their God, and the words of Haggai, the prophet, as the Lord, their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the Lord”* (Hag.1: 12)

The Godhead

The mystery of the Godhead is beyond our comprehension and cannot be fully described. Because God and His Word cannot differ, we must let the Scripture speak for itself, and we trust that you will permit the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you, although this is not a detailed Bible study on the subject.

There are multiple Scripture passages, in which God gives His all-sufficient testimony of Himself. Whether we read in the Old or the New Testament about the Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer, King, etc., it always speaks of the same ‘One True God’.

In the Old Testament, the invisible God revealed Himself in a visible form of a appearance as the ‘Lord Yahve’ who walked in the Garden of Eden and spoke to the prophets.

Whoever had seen the Lord, cried out, *"We shall surely die, because we have seen God"* (Jud.13: 22). Jacob wrestled with God, had revealed Himself in the visible form of an angel (Gen.32: 24-30). In Hos.12: 4-6, He is called the *"Lord god of hosts"*.

In heaven, He is called the Father. Therefore we are to pray, *"Our Father, who art in heaven."* The same God was manifested on earth in the Son and was called 'Immanuel –God with us'. In the Old Testament, the one who was called 'God Elohim' is known as the 'Father' in the New. The term 'Yahve –Saviour' in the Old is Jesus –the Son in the New. God is Spirit (Jn.4: 24) and therefore could not be seen (Jn.1: 18).

In the New Testament, the same Lord God, the heavenly Father, was manifested in the 'Son', the Lord Jesus. Philip was eager to look into this divine mystery, when he asked the Saviour, *"Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?"* (Jn.14). The following Words of Jesus have not lost their validity, *"...and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him"* (Lk.10: 22).

This mystery of God can only be made known to us through divine revelation. When the divine revelation of Christ was made known to Peter, he cried out, *"Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God."* When this revelation struck Thomas after the resurrection, he cried out, *"My Lord and my God"*, referring to the same Lord Jesus. No prophet or apostle tried to explain God or His Word, neither did they divide Him into three persons. The terms 'Trinity' and 'Triune God' have no scriptural basis –they are not found in the Holy Word. No servant of God used Genesis 1:26, *"Let us make man"*, to constitute more than one person in the Godhead. Ministers and all Christians should ask themselves: Who has misinterpreted Gen.1: 26? The Lord, His prophets and His apostles did not do it throughout the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Job 38:4-7 clearly tells us to whom God spoke and who was present at the beginning.

When will the children of God turn from this deceptive, dressed-up appearance of Christendom and return to the simple faith in the living God? A true child of God believes every Word the way it is written and never gives ear to private interpretations to suit his own doctrines.

"Unto thee was shown, that thou mightest know that the Lord, he is God; there is none else beside him" (Deut.4: 35).

"Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the Lord, he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath; there is none else" (Deut.4: 39)

"ye are my witness, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour" (Isa.43: 10-11).

"Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God" (Isa.44: 6).

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness..." (1 Tim.3: 16)

"...Whose are the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." (Rom.9: 5).

"Fear not; I am the first and the last; I am that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen, and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev.1: 17:18).

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" (Rev.4:8).

We must learn to say only what the Scripture says. Whether we read of the Creator, or Redeemer, the Father in heaven, the Son on earth, or the Holy Spirit dwelling within us: it is always the same God in action, revealed in various manifestations.

Scriptural Baptism

When Jesus was about to depart from this earth, He spoke to His disciples and commissioned them, *“Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”* (Mt.28: 19).

Peter and all the other apostles were present. They heard and understood their Saviour correctly. Jesus did not give this commission in the plural, *“baptizing them in the names...”* but in the singular, *“baptizing them in the name...”* He did not say, *“in the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, and in the name of the Holy Ghost...”* because then we would have to search for three different names. The master spoke only of the ‘Name’ of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

What is the one name? Father is a title, Son is a title and the Holy Ghost is the Holy Spirit. But what is the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost –the Name the disciples were to baptize in?

At the foundation of the New Testament church when the Holy Ghost was poured out on the day Pentecost, Peter spoke to the multitude, *“Repent, and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...”* (Acts2: 38). Philip taught the same in Samaria, *“...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus”* (Acts 8:16). After Peter had the wonderful experience in the house of Cornelius, *“...he commanded them, to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 10:48). The ministers of our day often like to refer Paul, the great apostle. Of those, who were baptized under his ministry, we read, *“When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus”* (Acts 19:5)

According to the commission of Jesus, the *“name of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost”* is *“Lord Jesus Christ”*. They did not repeat or make a formula of Mt.28, but understood precisely what was meant and acted accordingly.

This is the true doctrine of the apostles. The original church *“continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”* (Acts2: 42).

Every word must be established in the mouth of two or three witness. The Scripture tells us that the Jews, Samaritans and those believing from the other nations were baptized in the ‘Name of the Lord Jesus Christ’. We cannot base our teachings on doctrines originating at the Nicean Council. We can only accept the unadulterated Word of God. Satan can only feed his interpretation of Mt.28, to those, who do not believe the testimony of God’s Word.

The argument, that the words of Jesus have more significance than those of the apostles is not fundamental, because all Scripture is inspired. The apostles had the revelation and acted upon what Jesus had told them to do. No Scripture passage records the baptism of one single person into the titles of ‘Father, Son and Holy Ghost’, and neither does it record a single infant baptism through sprinkling. In Bible days, only those who believed were baptized into the Name, which is above every name –the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Almighty God revealed Himself as Father, Son and Holy Ghost in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many claim to believe, but the question is, what and whom do they believe–the Word of God revealed by the Holy Spirit or the misinterpretations of the old serpent?

The elect of God –the Word-bride has returned to the scriptural teachings and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They have embraced the doctrines of the apostolic fathers and turned away from all private interpretations. They have recognized the message and the messenger for their *“today”*

My Testimony

With deep gratitude, I look back to the number of times I have been privileged to attend the meetings, or privately speak to Bro. Branham, the prophet of God. Throughout the years 1955-65, I was able to make a profound study of the message he brought from the Word of God. In the year 1955, Bro. Branham came to Europe. Thousands of people from all over Europe gathered to hear this man of God and witnessed the mighty miracle equal to those recorded in the book of Acts.

The God-give authority that this man was speaking by left a deep impression upon me. When he said to the blind, "Receive your sight in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!" that person was no longer blind. When he said to those crippled in stretchers, "you are healed by the power of God, rise up in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!" it was so. The Word of God spoken by this man never returned void. Time and again we were amazed, when he would say to a person standing before him, "You are not from this city, you are from Hamburg, Zurich, Berlin, etc." By divine revelation, he was able to tell the people he prayed for their illness, their domestic or spiritual problems, and even discern the secrets of their heart. To the amazement of everyone, he never questioned those coming for prayer, but rather told them their needs.

It was the day after the service that I came in contact with the gift of discernment. I was a stranger to Bro. Branham and didn't know anything about him or his ministry. Yet my heart was filled with a deep love for this man. We met in the hotel lounge. Before we shook hands, he pointed towards me, as I was standing at the reception desk and said, "You are a minister of the Gospel." Then he turned to his left, where my wife was standing near the entrance and pointed at her, saying, "And this is your wife." The short time of the fellowship we had, left us overwhelmed and thankful. We departed with tears in our eyes, because we had been privileged to meet God's man for this hour.

In the year 1958, while attending a convention in Dallas, Texas, my eyes were opened to the special ministry of this man of God. In receiving all his tapes preached in Jeffersonville, Ind., from the year 1959 onward, we received great spiritual blessing by listening to these messages.

Then came the unforgettable day of April 2, 1962, when I heard the audible voice of the Lord. As the sun was about to rise on that beautiful morning, I heard the following words spoken to me, "My servant, your time for this city will soon be over. I will send you to other cities to preach my Word." After this was said I was taken outside the body, standing approximately three to four metres from where I was in the natural. My arms were hanging down, with the palms open to where I was standing in the spiritual. I could see myself open the mouth of my natural body and hear my reply, "Lord, they have everything in plenty and will not listen to me."

Just after a moment of silence, the voice of the Lord spoke again, "My servant, the time will come, when they will hear you. Store up food, for a great famine is coming. Then you shall stand in the midst of the people to give out the food." I testify that these words are truth before God and man. I shall for ever remember the authority of that voice; I thought, if it speaks again, the whole world would come to a stop. There were no emotions of rejoicing or jumping, but rather a reverence and awe in the presence of the Lord.

Certain groceries like vegetables and flour were named in connection with the storing up of the food. Therefore I believed at first that it was meant in the natural. But on Dec. 3rd, the same year, I had the privilege to receive an answer from the Lord regarding the meaning of my experience. I decided to see Bro. Branham about this. Arriving at the airport in Louisville, Kentucky, I called Bro. Branham. To my utter disappointment, he had left and no one knew his whereabouts.

I was very discouraged, as this was on a Saturday and I hoped to meet Bro. Branham on the weekend. On that Sunday morning, I went to the Tabernacle for the service. Suddenly a brother gave forth a prophecy, saying that I had not come in vain, but would meet the prophet

and would be told the things that I needed to know. Oh, that lifted a burden from me! The next day, Bro. Branham returned and fetched me from the YMCA Hotel in Louisville. Two brothers were with him and we had dinner together. Bro. Branham carried on the conversation and I was anxiously awaiting my turn to speak. I started to say, "Bro. Branham, may I now ask you something?" those were the only words I could speak before he replied, "Bro. Frank, may I tell you what the Lord has spoken to you?"

Many times I had witnessed the gift of discernment in the operation during the meetings, but I was overwhelmed when my turn came. Bro. Branham repeated word for word in the precise order the Lord had spoken them to me in Germany. I was so impressed by this supernatural gift that my speech failed me and I could listen. Bro. Branham continued to say, "Bro. Frank, the famine is not a natural famine and the food is not the natural food." He said, "God will send a famine to hear His Word, and the food you are to store up is the revealed Word of God for this hour, which is kept on the tapes. Wait with the giving out until you get the rest of the food, which belongs with it." I cannot express what this experience meant to me.

We stored up the precious food until the end of 1965. Then, when Br. Branham was taken to be with the Lord, the time had come for the giving out of the stored up spiritual food.

Almost day and night the believers of this end time message are busy translating and publishing the sermons of Bro. Branham into the many languages around the world. Even in the countries behind the former Iron Curtain, which I have visited several times, including Russia, his messages is being read.

Dear friend, with honesty of heart, I have tried by the grace of God to share with you in simplicity what has become very precious to me and many others. I trust that your eyes are blest to see it and your hearts to receive it. May you read the contents of this brochure prayerfully, until the Holy Spirit has given you the full revelation thereof. Please search the Scripture diligently and ask God He will answer you. Amen.

May the grace of God be with you all?

By His commission

Brother Frank