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## FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END

### PART 17

#### MEAT IN DUE SEASON

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We are continuing the thought we were dealing with at the end of last issue. This element of the Branham movement that has disgraced the name of the very man they look to as God, will take **Luke 17:30** and try their best to convince you that the Son of man mentioned in that verse is Bro. Branham. Well I want to state emphatically, that he was not the Son of man of **Luke 17:30**. That verse belongs to none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. However you can look at the literature the Spoken Word Publications puts out and you will see, that they have **Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 17:30, and Revelation 10:7** on it. **Malachi 4:5-6** and **Revelation 10:7** can be attributed to Bro. Branham; but when you try to give him **Luke 17:30** you have gone too far. Spiritual blindness is a terrible thing. Unless God reveals a thing to us by His Spirit, all we can do is apply our own carnal ideas. Your denominational church systems are full of that kind of thing; but you would expect those who sat under the ministry of God's prophet messenger to this age to do a little better than that. It is as I said earlier, The movement as a whole saw something that they knew was God in action; but they cannot get it straightened out in their individual minds so they know what goes where. They have run the world over for 26 years spreading their ideas far and wide; but all they have accomplished above the fact that Bro. Branham was the Messenger to this age, is that they have caused more confusion than there is out here in spiritual Babylon. Many of those preachers have had a lot more money to operate with than I have had; but I will have to say, We have given the people something that has helped untold numbers of them better understand this message; while all they have done is promote idolatry. That is all you can call it, when people worship God's creation instead of HIM, the Creator. I respected Bro. Branham and his ministry as much as anyone could have; and I readily admit that there were times when one would feel just like they were sitting under the ministry of Jesus Christ Himself; but there has never been a time that I felt I should worship him as God. Neither should anyone else who has the Spirit of God in them.

#### THE VOICE OF REVELATION 10:7

I feel that we should open our Bibles back to **Revelation 10:7** and be sure we understand what that verse really pertains to. It is right to say this scripture pertains to Bro. Branham; because his ministry truly did fulfill it; but there is a right and a wrong way to use it. That is what I want to talk about. We are living in the Laodicean Age, the last age of Christianity, the last generation of time allotted to Gentiles. That is why, as we read here in this **7<sup>th</sup> verse** we need to know how it applied to him. **“But in the days (it means, in that period of time) of the voice of the seventh angel”** Let me stop right there, before reading the rest of the verse, and explain the terminology. The word voice, does not mean the articulating sound of the vocal chords. It does not mean that, yet it took that to put in motion the word and thought of God. In this instance, the word voice, applies to his message, and not to his actual vocal sounds alone. It is important for us to make that distinction; because the sound of his actual voice ended 26 years ago, yet his message is still sounding back and forth around the world even today. You find in the book of **Acts** how the word voice, is used in the same context that I am speaking of; and certainly we all understand what this pertains to. Notice how the apostle Paul used the word in this setting. **(Acts 13:26-27) “Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them (the words of the prophets) in condemning Him.”** In their synagogues on the Sabbath day, those Jews had the voice of their prophets according to the apostle Paul; and that is the exact same terminology that you find in **Revelation 10:7**. Therefore we understand that the word voice, does not pertain to the articulating sound of the man when he was actually alive; but rather pertains to his message delivered to this age. These are the days of that voice to many who are just now hearing it for the first time. Let me read the whole verse now, so you can see the context of the thought. **“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.”** That does not mean, when he began to preach back in the early 30's. It means, when what he had to say really began to be published and made known throughout the world as it still is today. The mystery of God is spoken in the singular and you can read it in **Ephesians 3**. It speaks of that interval of time called the Grace Age that God has given to the Gentiles. The prophets of old prophesied about it, but did not understand anything about it. The apostle Paul spoke of how God had made known unto him the mystery of His will, which in other ages, back in the Old Testament writing prophets era, it was hid to them. They wrote about it. They prophesied of it; but did not understand what they were talking about. Therefore in those days when this man's message is being heralded and projected throughout the earth, this mystery concerning the Age of grace, (this Grace Age given to the Gentiles) should be finished. Naturally we notice the word should. How many times do you suppose people have been hung up on that one little word, should? Yet we know God is perfect in His language, and even caused the translators to use the right word, so it is not a wrong translation. It means this, It was not while the man was still alive that the mystery of God was finished. It is while his message is in the earth being heralded back and forth that the mystery of God should be finished. It is a progressive word. Not everyone heard it at the same time. As the message itself takes time for it to be heralded and published and preached and proclaimed, then the word should is applicable to whatever time it takes for that to be heralded. It is progressive because it just keeps on moving forward. Let me use this illustration of what I mean. I have blueprints to start a new house. (I am only using this as an illustration) I have the contractor. He has promised to come the week after next. According to the plans, the material, and everything

involved, I would say that in three months he should have the house completed. I hope that helps you understand how you have to use the word should, in this instance. That is what it means. When his voice begins to be preached, proclaimed, because it was utterly impossible for the one man to go to every nation on the face of God's green earth, this pertains to the message which indeed can go throughout the earth. However once it is set in motion, recorded, and now it is printed, this old testament mystery those old prophets wrote about should be finished. God Himself is the time keeper; and He has allowed time to last long enough for every predestinated soul to hear the message of his personal salvation; and when God sees that last Gentile soul come in, there will be no more mystery for any of them concerning this great plan of salvation. Who knows, that last soul may be in India, or it may be in Russia; because the message is there now. But wherever that last soul is, when that last one is brought in, you can rest assured the Spirit of Him that sent the man to set this era of time in motion will know that it should be finished. It will culminate right on schedule, right in the plan of God. That is exactly how we have to read that verse of scripture. Therefore I have no quarrel with anyone who wants to use **Revelation 10:7** on their literature. My disagreement is with the interpretation many people put upon those certain scriptures. They try to make the Bible fit their warped ideas, if they even use it at all. Listen to me saints, I am not picking on individuals; I am only trying to expose the devil. Sometimes it is necessary to mention certain individuals when you are identifying antichrist and idolatrous beliefs and teachings; but my primary object is to lead you into a true revelation of the word of God, and help you identify the spirit that is behind all of this false teaching. God is not the author of confusion; and He hates idolatry; therefore when He sees innocent souls being pulled into that kind of things, He gives them a chance to recognize the error of their ways. After that: if they still persist in going the wrong way, there are other ways to deal with them. You can be sure of one thing though, He will not lose one single predestinated child of His.

### WHAT THE FAN IN GOD'S WORD IS FOR

Let us look at some words spoken by John the Baptist, beginning in **Matthew 3:11**. This element of the Branham movement that loves to pervert the true revelation of God's word, completely ignore this scripture. If **Revelation 10:7** is pointing to William Branham, and I assure you it is, I want to show you something that cannot be ignored as you hear the message of that prophet messenger. Here in **Matthew 3**, is John the Baptist, his counterpart, preaching at the Jordan River two thousand years ago. While John was preaching, it created such a stir up in Jerusalem, it got into headquarters and got the religious leaders all stirred up. They began to send scribes out to hear him, and question him. God ask that man who he is. It put a question in people's minds. He was shaking things; and headquarters did not like it, so here came their spies listening and asking questions. John to those that were questioning him. **"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:** (John was talking about their Messiah that would soon make His appearance; so notice what he said HE would do) **He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** (That part of the ministry of Jesus was not even fulfilled until after He was crucified, resurrected and ascended into heaven; and there is yet another work to be done, mentioned in that same few words. This is what I want you to see.) **Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**" Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven to take up His mediatorial work, here came the outpouring of the Holy

Spirit to start the baptism John was talking about. The Holy Ghost baptism has been taking place throughout the entire age of Grace; but the **12<sup>th</sup> verse** speaks of something we want to watch. **“Whose fan is in His hand, and He (meaning Jesus) will thoroughly purge His floor.”** That verse is applicable for the day and time we are living in. Furthermore it is only applicable in the fashion I am going to point out to you. It is not what the religious people of the world are saying that constitutes the fulfillment of this verse: it is something God, by His Spirit, in the person of William Branham, set into motion by allowing him to say certain things a certain way, so certain people would get certain thoughts they could run the roads with. It was the Lord’s way of causing things to be said from the lips of this man that would be taken so literally they would consider them to be infallible; and they have made them, Thus saith the Lord: when in face, they were just comments made by a mortal man. They say, It is the word of God; but I say, many of his statements they have said that about were just comments from the natural person; and never meant to be Thus saith the Lord at all. When Bro. Branham made the statement about the various visions he had, concerning things leading up to the end of time and the coming of the Lord He said, I predict, because of the way things are progressing, that by the year 1977 all these things will be fulfilled and the Millennium ushered in. Many of those people began calculating the time for the coming fo the Lord simply because he said that. They would not even allow him to make a simple statement from his own human thoughts without them taking it to be the infallible word of God. He never did say, Thus saith the Lord about that: he only said, I predict. I am accused of not believing the prophet, simply because I have refused to jump upon every word he uttered as though it was Thus saith the Lord; but in spite of all of that, I am thankful to God for the spiritual insight to see some things as they truly are, so I do not have to depend upon people like that to interpret the prophet’s message for me. I have said before, and I will say again, Look: the man was a prophet. I am a personal witness to that fact. But please, for goodness sakes, let the man be a man. I hope you understand what I mean by that. Naturally he is no longer with us, so apply my statement to that of the time he was in our midst. If you do not allow such a man to be a man, you are heading for trouble; because the Bible proves that Elijah of old was a man. The Bible proves that John the Baptist was a man. Likewise time itself is proving that William Branham, though he truly was a prophet to this age, was a man subject to like human feelings about time and conditions and things like that, just like any other man; and should have been allowed to speak of how he perceived certain things as a human being without someone making more out of it than they had any right to. Those people are so blind spiritually, they will not admit they made a mistake even when time itself runs out on their projections. They are unable to look at spiritual things in a balanced manner. Let me just say this, Time is running out for us Gentiles. They are not going to have another twenty six years to put together quotes and statements from Bro. Branham’s sermons. As this judgment is intensified, we are going to see something take place that will bring a lot of this foolishness to a chaotic set of circumstances. God knows how to purge His true Church. He will not take it to glory with all of that hanging on to it. Remember the words of the apostle Peter in **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17**, **“For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”** If Bro. Branham’s message was ordained of God to turn the heart’s of this generation of believers back to the revelation of our apostolic fathers, and again I assure you that this is exactly what it is supposed to do: why would anyone who has the Holy Ghost dwelling in them try to rob God of His glory and deify His faithful servant? That is a question a lot of people have refused to give an answer to.

### **WHAT OUR SPIRITUAL FOREFATHER’S BELIEVED**

We have taken our text from the **24<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew**; which is the words of Jesus as He spoke to His disciples shortly before His crucifixion, leading up to His departure from the earth. He has been giving them a categoric outline of signs and events of things that would transpire through the ages, leading up to His second coming. Then, as He approached this particular point in time, which is right at the end, He projected this thought into a question. **“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom His Lord hath made ruler over His household, to give them meat in due season?”** We must realize that after almost two thousand years of the age of Grace and the gospel being preached, Jesus knew that Christianity would go through a lot of trials and upheavals; so He gave believers something to watch for, something that would be a sign of His soon return. Not everyone sees these signs the same way; but the true called out Church of the living God will. Along that line, I would like to clarify something new people coming into our midst may hear us say about denominational Christendom. It strikes them strange, that we have such distinction. Why is all this fighting going on? Why does it have to be like this? My answer to that would be, You are in the same shape, mentally, that I was. Too many people have been raised up in some kind of religious background, that causes them to just assume as they see the picture in the world at large, that this is the way Christianity, normally, has been. It is only when people begin to get a hunger in their heart's as a result of the stirring of the Spirit of God, and there begins to be questions arise in their hearts that causes them to indulge in a more serious study of the Bible, that they see things worded a certain way, that causes them to wonder, Why is this worded like this? It is from that point, that God is able to show you a few things that mark a definite difference between those who are walking with Him in truth, and those who are just following some denominational religious program. These are things that God can use many times to begin to deal in your life. If you look at the Christian faith through all the centuries of time, it started in a great conflict, a great battle; and it will wind up in a battle also. It is man's nature to always try to find the easy way to follow something, a way that does not put anymore responsibility on his flesh that necessary, or on his mind. He is a social creature. He does not like to have his social structure disturbed. Whatever he feels he is part of, he never wants it to be broken up. However I believe we will all acknowledge the fact that this is not the Bible way. Jesus was always breaking up little cliques while He ministered on earth in physical flesh. He is the one who said, A man's enemies are they of his own household. Not that we are supposed to go about trying to make enemies out of them, it just turns out that way. When you personally try your best to live and walk with God, you will find you are faced many times with enemies you never would have thought would be your enemies. They just simply do not understand you: therefore without premeditation, they become your spiritual enemies. It is a human trait, to turn against things you do not understand. Only the Spirit of God in us, can rid us of those inherited traits. Your former friends and your family are all against you, because they do not understand what is affecting you. Why did you leave the clan? Why did you leave the congregation? Why did you do such and such? To them, it is a terrible thing that has happened to you; but the angels of heaven rejoice whenever a predestinated child of God begins to take his leave of denominational religion, to follow truth. It is necessary for us to understand the Bible, as well as the history of Christianity, and realize that if we walk with God here in the end time as we see the age and conditions just as Jesus said they would be, we cannot be a part of everything that carries a religious label. It is already as it was in the days of Lot; so what Jesus said about that has already come to pass. It is here. The liberal world wants it to stay that way. Yet they want it without all the drastic side effects, the diseases, and such like that go with such a careless way of life. You just simply cannot have both. Departure from God's ordained way has a price to pay. Jesus knew the overall

religious picture would become a very confused thing here at the end of the age. Therefore it would be necessary for God to send something, which we acknowledge was a prophet messenger, someone that had a true, divine revelation right from heaven, as it is portrayed in the word of God. That man would be anointed to say things to the church world, which would constitute the beginning of God by His Spirit, pulling people out of the systems of religion and bringing them back into fellowship with His Word. In doing so, He (God) knew conditions would prevail that would cause an element of people to be attracted to this thing, that would not go all the way with what they heard. Within that element of people would be individual persons that somehow or other were not ordained to see this apostolic truth in the true scriptural balance. Therefore they would wind up playing a role, a role that makes it essential for us to recognize what is taking place. Only at the end of the age, could our text scripture be applied in its true purpose. **ONLY WISE SERVANTS ARE ABLE TO GIVE THE CHURCH MEAT IN DUE SEASON. “Who then is a faithful and wise servant.”** The word servant is spoken in the singular, but the scripture on down will prove that we should understand it to be applicable in the plural. (The rest of that verse) **“Whom his Lord hath made ruler over His household.”** The Lord’s household in a true application is His bride Church. Naturally we know by now, that this does not apply to everyone who claims to be of the bride of Christ these days. The faithful and wise servant He has made ruler over His household has to be understood as the true end time ministry that feeds the flock what they have spiritual need of, to dress themselves properly for their flight to the marriage supper in glory. The apostle John wrote, **(Rev. 19:9) “And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.”** That is the true bride, dressed in fine linen clean and white, which is the righteousness of saints. You will not find any perverts nor liberal minded people in that setting. They will all be right here on earth in that great tribulation hour that is to come upon all that are left behind when the bride takes her flight. Yes saints, this faithful and wise servant terminology can only be applied to a man called of God to preach the gospel in a true apostolic revelation, and this parable is only in effect here in the end time wind up of Gentile time. He has been set in charge, he has been given a responsibility. God obligates him then, to be responsible for giving His people what is referred to as meat in due season. **“To give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when He cometh** (meaning when he cometh in the rapture) **shall find** (that person) **so doing. Verily I say unto you, That He** (the Lord) **shall make him** (that individual man) **ruler over all his goods.”** That is in the Millennium, the thousand year reign, that such a servant is made ruler over his Lord’s goods. I realize we have already said much of what I am saying now; but this is a lengthy message, so we need to keep our main thought and purpose at the forefront. Just bear with me, and you will see a lot of your questions cleared up by the time we are finished. **(Verse 48) “But and if that evil servant** (during that same period of time, not ten years later, after the wise servants have been here fulfilling their purpose) **shall say in his heart,** (not publicly) **My Lord delayeth his coming.”** In his heart, he will have an inward, secret feeling, My Lord was supposed to be coming back at such and such a time. He is delaying His coming. This goes to show that in a process of time, this evil servant will begin to give up what he has been feeling in his heart was the truth. He begins to say in his heart, My Lord delays His coming: so as he thinks like that, My Lord delays His coming, he has to do something, and this is what he does, begins persecuting those who have held faithful to the word of God all along, without setting dates for the Lord to come. Watch, **“And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants.”** That word fellow-servants, is what lets us know this scripture applies to more than one man in both the wise and the evil categories. If there is more than one wise servant, who is the opposite of the wise? The evil. There are more than one of these fellows also. Who is it that the evil servant is speaking

against? It is the wise. Therefore we can see that the evil servant is speaking evil against not just one person, but against all who are like him. Then, as he begins to speak evil of the wise servants he eventually goes a step farther, so notice the rest of that verse **“and to eat and drink with the drunken.”** This does not necessarily mean he immediately goes back to the beer joints and becomes a drunkard. It means spiritually speaking, that in process of time God will begin to push him out of the realm of fellowship he has been privileged to be brought into in the days when he allowed truth to pull him out of denominational bondage; and he will have to take up sanctuary with the lesser element of religious people again: because he has nowhere else to settle himself down. That is exactly what we are looking at in this parable. Furthermore, as I have already stated, these scriptures I have read to you were never meant to be fulfilled or applied back in the Dark Ages, nor anywhere in the Reformation period before the age of Laodicea. It was not time. What sets these scriptures in motion, is the fact that there was a point in time, and naturally that would be in the age of Laodicea when God knew that the universal Christian community was drifting fast toward anarchy, apostasy, and spiritual destruction. Therefore God, by His own Word, was obligated to fulfill a prophecy mentioned in Malachi, to send forth a man who would have a ministry that would far exceed any ministry that the reformers, coming out of the Dark Ages, have ever had. In doing so, God, through this man, would do things by His divine power that would get the attention of a lot of people world wide. He would say things by His Spirit concerning a revelation of truth, that would be a drawing factor, a means for God to open the eyes of a lot of spiritually blind people. You might say, to sound things on the ears of those that would have an ear to hear, and cause them to be turned around, and begin to journey, spiritually speaking, back toward the framework of the same faith that the apostolic fathers had. Our spiritual fathers are not the reformers. Our spiritual fathers are the spiritual leaders who believed what was later written in what we call, The New Testament. This is why we have the drawing here, the Holy Bible, called the Holy Word, which is what the Bible is. The devil, through the centuries of time has done his best to get Christianity out of it. You can have the book, but be out of it, spiritually speaking. If you do not believe what is written in it, or if you are not willing to adhere to what it presents, it is a worthless book to you, just to lay around and collect dust. As my own personal attitude always was, growing up in a Methodist home, I never wanted to be a religious fanatic. I had heard of too many people getting so religious it caused them to cut their hands off, pluck their eyes out, and a lot of things like that. You know how some people interpret a certain passage of scripture. I said, God forbid that I ever get around that kind of people. It is dangerous. That is why I always said, Yes, the Bible is the word of God; but do not get too close to it. Respect it for what it is, but never get too wrapped up with it: because you can become a fanatic. Well I want you to know, the distance between fanaticism and spirituality is about the breadth of a hair. I want you to think it over. It is just about the breadth of a hair. You have to have a spiritual mind to know how to understand that. The general trend of world religion is so carnal, so without any true God inspired purpose, when you begin to talk to them about basic truths in the Bible, truths the first century Church believed, they act as though you are talking to them in a language they do not understand. That is the way the religious world is. Some people think it is only these denominational systems of religion out here in the world that persecute true Christians that walk with God in a revelation of His word; but I want to assure you that most of them could not care less what you believe. They are the one's who promote this saying, God to the church of your choice; but go to church. There are a lot of tare bundlers out here in the ranks of religion these days. They will stoop to any level to get you under their spell; but it is mostly for material gain. They are not feeding the true Church of the living God. Those who come to my mind are like the scribes and Pharisees Jesus spoke to in such a rebuking way, in the **23th chapter of Matthew**. Notice, **(23:13-15) “But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye**

**shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."** Does that not sound like what a lot of so-called preachers are doing today? That is the picture out in denominational Christendom; but we are looking at another picture to see the evil servant of this parable.

### SPIRITUAL REVELATION VERSUS HUMAN CARNALITY

We have certain booklets back here on the wall. They contain sermons preached by Bro. Branham through the years of time. Through the years since his death, there seems to have been a spirit rose very quickly, to begin to monopolize the mind's of people, and bring those people into some kind of subjection to certain ideas. This movement that was brought about by this man, was not a movement that was in a position to continue on, as other movements have in centuries gone by. It is true that within it there were a lot of preachers; but these preachers, came from every denominational background there is on the face of this earth. They saw, and heard a man preach. They heard with their natural ears, the things he said: but like I have said many times, If they did not see or hear it with the Spirit of God in their heart, nine times out of ten, they heard it wrong. A lot of them that were not there to see or hear, but have read or heard the tapes since then if they did not have the Spirit of God in their lives to teach them, and instruct them concerning what they were privileged to read and hear, many times they received it wrong. Please, my brother or sister that would eventually get the tape or the printing of this message, or the video, I am doing my best to give every person the benefit of a doubt. I say again, they could have heard or read it wrong, because the religious world in general is evidence that many read the Bible wrong. If every preacher of every system of religion read the Bible the same way, with the same spirit, you would not have a denominational Christianity on the face of the earth today. You would have an element of people that all believe one and the selfsame thing. Just try to tell me it is not that simple. However we know the devil is not content just to leave something alone, that God has done in that fashion. It is the devil's business always to disrupt and confuse something God has done. Therefore I am saying this day, that just as Jehovah Witnesses have done, just as Christian Science people have done, the Seventh Day Adventist and all the rest that have read the same Bible, and all got a different picture to project their own teachings and formulate their own belief from, there is that element that has done the sermons of Bro. Branham the same way. They will all claim, I believe the Bible! When you confront them. Sure they do, just that part that they carnally perceive and understand. They do not comprehend it through the mind of Christ, brought about by the Spirit of God in their lives, that is so necessary, if we are to receive the right revelation of what we read. It is a carnal motivation that most of them are moved by. Behind it all, it is Satan seeking to take a gouge at, and disrupt something God has done. If that is not the pattern, you can rest assured, the picture of true Christianity, as it started two thousand years ago, would never have changed. If the devil was not determined to thwart the plan of God somehow, by scrambling and perverting the word of God and confusing people, then you can rest assured, Christianity would have continued on in the same level of spirituality and understanding that it started out with. If we could have had over 1900 years of Christians all believing the Bible the same way, just think if you can, what the Church would be like today. It would no doubt be much higher up, spiritually speaking, than what we perceive it to be today. Nevertheless God's plan of



redemption is moving right on schedule; and not one of His predestinated children will fail to make it in. That is the assurance we have from the word of God; and that is what our faith rests upon: the faithfulness of a sovereign God, to perform all of His word from beginning to end. Praise His name! As we look at the overall picture, it was necessary for God to send a man anointed with His Spirit, to get Christianity back on the right track; and naturally he was doing to preach. This man's ministry was ever so unique: and through the humbleness of the man, the Spirit of God Himself was demonstrated, or perhaps I should say exemplified, which means, put on display. It was characterized through a man that lived such a simple life he would never have been man's choice for such an office as he held. If you would have met him on the street, you would never have seen him as an individual to be compared with Bob Shuller or Billy Graham, or any of that type of preacher. He lived and walked just as simple as any average person could. On Sunday morning, yes, you would see him in the pulpit with a suit on: but the next time you saw him you might see him downtown with a pair of blue jeans on, looking like he just came in from the farm. That is just the way he was. You never would have known him as a man who had such a unique ministry as was demonstrated over and over again from coast to coast, and in many other parts of the world. The uniqueness of his ministry did startle a lot of Gentiles. As I have repeatedly stated before, Gentiles as a whole, and it matters not what race they are of, (for we are all Gentiles outside the Jewish race) are a very foolish people. We are a foolish, silly people, in our natural makeup. Either we are so set against something of God that we make a fool of ourselves, or if God does something to open our eyes and turn us around, we are prone to become so enthusiastic we just run blindly after the instrument He used, and are ready to deify, idolize, and even worship that instrument, just like we see portrayed in the New Testament. Think of the time when Peter was led by the Spirit of God to the house of Cornelius, who was a Greek. The minute Peter walked in that house, what does the Bible say took place? Cornelius fell prostrate on his face to worship Peter. That is the way pagans were, ready to deify anything or anyone. Peter, being a Jew, and knowing no human flesh was worthy of such adoration said, Rise up, we are men just like you are. When Paul and Barnabas were in Asia Minor, which is the country of Turkey, and there had been a miracle done through them, what were the Gentiles there ready to do the next morning? They were ready to offer up sacrifice to them, believing the men to be gods that had come down to them in human form. What did they do, when they saw what was taking place? Let us turn to the **14<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts** and read how those two men of God responded to what was taking place. **“And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, the gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We are also men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.”** Would it have been worse for them to worship Paul and Barnabas, than for these foolish Gentiles of our day to worship Bro. Branham? Either one is idolatry in the eyes of God. IDOLATRY IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD. Anyhow the actions of those pagans caused Paul and Barnabas to rent their clothes in disgust, or to show disapproval. No. They did not strip off naked as some imagine: they just merely tore their clothing as a token of disgust and disagreement with what was taking place. It was their way of expressing an attitude of rejection of that type of reverence from them. Any true man of God would respond in similar manner to such spiritual ignorance. The only thing is,

Bro. Branham was not around to reject their worship of him, when it finally came out into the open; but God sees it all; and they will ever one have to stand before His judgment to be judged for their idolatrous ways. Some of you may feel that I am being too hard on those who do such things; but I assure you, I am not doing anything a true servant of God should not do in a situation where the idolatrous practices of some, affect the lives of others that are just innocent victims. I have asked the lord to help me say some things wisely, that I feel should be said, I know, that in due time this message will fall into the hands of a lot of people, minister that have psychologically been against us. They have spoken evil things about us. I do not speak against what they are doing just for the sake of being jealous of them. I speak against their motives, and things they propagate by saying they are believers, when it is so obvious that they are not believers of the revealed word of God. I just have to say this, You were not a true witness of what God's purpose in that man was. Every true witness that ever saw and heard this man, will always keep his feet on the word of God. The wise servant is a man that will walk with God with a level head. On the other hand, the evil servant is a character whose head just flops around loosely because he does not know where to anchor his attitude and motives. I have in my hand a book. This book is referred to as the Revelation of the Seven Seals. Bro. Branham taught and preached this series of messages in April 1963. I was a witness to what was said. Some of you sitting here today were also witnesses to what was said in those messages: because you were there in person. I was present to hear every word he uttered in that series of messages; and I did not hear one thing that would cause me to think I should worship him. What I heard him say, made me even more determined to worship the God that used him to speak like that to us. I heard him preach every word of it; and I am thankful to God for the revelation of His word I received myself, as I sat there. It has kept me from being caught up in this foolishness that has been going on for the last 26 years since Bro. Branham's death. Like I have said before, This book has been taken by many people in the 26 years since his death, and has been esteemed to be their Bible. Others have taken it and said, we equate, or make it equal to the Bible. If Bro. Branham could be here in person, one of the first things he would do is slap at the spirit that propagates such as that. He would cry out against it saying, That is not what I preached. He would plainly tell you, What I said in here was ordained of God to show you how to get your faith anchored back in the Bible, the only book that has stood the test throughout the ages. It was meant to give true children of God an understanding that would settle their spiritual soul upon a revelation of the word of God. Anyone that would say of the seven seals book, This is our Bible, we believe everything he preached from 1963 on is thus saith the Lord, is spiritually blind and probably without hope of ever seeing the book for its true, God ordained purpose. Any man that will try to interpret what he said through the years of time, when there are many other sermons there, represented in those booklets, or by those booklets, does not know how to actually understand **Malachi 4:5-6** in its last day fulfillment. This book has statements in it, that rightly understood can clear up things that have always been a great mystery to those that would study the Bible. I sat there, and others in here did too, when they were preached. As I listened to those statements, in my mind I came to a conclusion, Those statements, if and when they are rightly understood, can give you a balanced picture of what is written in this book called the Bible. That is why when I heard him preach on the subject of the Serpent Seed, and he said what he did about the serpent, how he seduced Eve, and that the eating off the tree of knowledge of good and evil was exactly that, I said, That makes more sense than anything I have ever heard. However I did say to myself, Until I know what the tree of life was, I will never preach it: because the tree of life has to also be an act of some kind. I knew it had to be an act that is fulfilled in the plan of God, outside of what Satan, through the serpent, used it for. I am going to point you to a book, the book entitled Marriage and Divorce. I was there when it was preached also. In that book, which was preached after this, he said this,

In the original, it was God's design to speak life for man into existence, bypassing the sex act. It is in this book, Marriage and Divorce. If you were here three weeks ago, when I was on the other subject which I titled, Genesis, I was using the statements he made in here. Through the years that I was privileged to sit and listen to this man, I began to come to this understanding, God ordained this man to talk like this at times; because somewhere up ahead He is going to use this to bring about a separation between people, as time draws toward the end. As I analyzed these, and as I analyzed that, I looked right back to **Matthew 3:12**, where John the Baptist prophesied, **"Whose fan is in His hand and He will thoroughly purge His floor."** When Jesus went away two thousand years ago, and was taken into glory to be seated on the right hand of God the Father, keep in mind, Right then, is when His mediatorial Priest work started. The Holy Ghost was sent. Mankind has been under a dispensation through the ages of having access to receive this Holy Ghost baptism, and with fire. But notice at the ending, when this kingdom age is beginning to climax, it is then we understand that from the hands of Christ, while He is still in His mediatorial work, there was somehow or other that a fan appeared. We read the scripture, but how are we to understand how this fan is to operate? It said He will thoroughly purge His floor. I used the parable the other night where Jesus, I believe it is the second parable, about the tares and so forth, how they got in, but it said leave them alone. At the end of the world, what would He do? He would send forth His angels. Angels are spirit beings. Keep in mind though, angels have to have earthly vessels to work through. Preachers, doing something that help carry out the plan of God. It said He would gather out of His kingdom, or separate the tares from the good grain. One of the explanations was, that they would first bind the tares in bundles to be burned. Is that not right? When we think of the farmer, as he goes out with the old fashioned binder, when he cut the wheat down, he would have straw and everything all cut down together. What then? When all of that was hauled in, and they put it in the old separator, called, the threshing machine, the straw, the ripened weeds and everything else all go out the back end, out through the blow pipe into a stack. But the seed, which is the product you are after, as it drops down and goes over the shaker sieve, there is a wind that is set just right for what it is designed to do. That wind will lift the chaff. What is the chaff? The hulls and every other type of microscopic substance that is attached to the seed. Just keep in mind as we transpose that into the spiritual application, **"whose fan is in his hand."** The word fan is applied to something man made. In this sense you have to have some kind of material to put together, to weave such an item as a fan. His floor is none other than His Word, if you understand what I mean. Therefore God, in order to try you and me, will let the devil throw things against us, just to see if we are going to allow those things to get us off of His Word. In so doing, He is going to fan you with every kind of idea and teaching. The purpose of it all, is to see if it will cause you to leave the true revelation and go after some other type of idea that gives you a lesser feeling of pressure, persecution, ridiculement, and let you hold on to all your old friends. There is not another message in the earth today, that this fan is any more beautifully portrayed in than the teachings of William Branham. Yet these various statements were made through a process of time, over such a long process of time a lot of people ignored the fact that they did not all match up right and just paid no attention to it. I will say this again though, The evil servant will capitalize on every statement the man made. That is why he will take the out of context statement over what was said in the anointed message in the Seal book: about how man was to be multiplied on the face of this earth. He will quickly remind you that the prophet said they were supposed to be spoken into existence. Sure, he said that. I remember when he said it. I also know that in here, he also said, Before Adam could know Eve as his wife, the devil, through his instrument the serpent, had already defiled her. What do you think he was saying? Why did he say that? What do you think he was trying to project to people? That was telling you, if Eve would have run that serpent off somewhere and

waited, there would have been a time that the law of God that was to operate from the tree of life, would have set in motion in her body; and she would have gone to her husband Adam and said, It is time for us to begin multiplying. In that particular period they could have come together for the purpose of conception and bringing forth a child that would have been born in the very image and likeness of God. Adam himself was created in the image and likeness of God; and his offspring coming into the world through the tree of life would have also been in the very image and likeness of their creator.

### **IS THE FAN STILL IN OPERATION?**

We cannot dwell too long on just one thing; because we have a lot to squeeze into this message. We are looking at how the fan in Christ's hand is working, even though HE is not here in physical flesh to use it. In this Seal book, Bro. Branham said there was just three and one half years left, of the seventy weeks of Daniel; and he was not even preaching on the seventy weeks of Daniel when he said that. He just dropped it out there: "There is only three and one half years left of the week of Daniel;" and on he went. That is just about the way he threw it in. However right here is the original message, when he took different Sunday's to deal with it in detail, you find a different picture. In this message he emphatically laid out by a chart drawn to show that there is yet seven years left to the total seventy weeks of Daniel's prophecy, seven years left for the Jews. I was there when he preached it; so I do not have to take second hand reports of what he said. I paid close attention to how he brought it out. Therefore if I was to take time now, to go back through the years and bring out of the various sermons, all of this type of statements, I could show you how God willed this man to speak like that for a specific purpose. I have never used the terminology that he made a mistake. I believe these dual statements he made were ordained to fulfill a purpose of God. The purpose for them as I see it, is that at the end time, these statements would be put together by an element of men who were void of a complete revelation, some in part, while some others would take them all; and in the end lead an element of the following right out of the Bible. Some of these men preach from these statements putting such pressure on certain individuals, that they are eventually led to a place where they just lay their Bible's aside and try to live by the statements alone. These are the ones you will hear, saying, This is my Bible for this day and hour. This is the word of the Lord for my day. Yet when I use illustrations like this to help people see the truth of what is taking place in so many places, I am accused of trying to get people to turn away from Bro. Branham's message, and even accused of not allowing my congregation to read the sermon booklets. No brother, sister, I am not guilty of that. However I will say, If you cannot read them being guided by the Holy Ghost, you will surely read them wrong. It matters not, how much education you have, without the Holy Ghost guiding you as you read his sermons, you will read them wrong every time. Why do I say that? Simply because you are going to read various statements from time to time spoken opposite of each other; and without the Holy Ghost to teach you how to line them up with the scriptures, you will have no way of knowing which statements line up with God's word, and which one's do not. The only people in the end of the whole subject, that are ever going to read those booklets right, are people that have the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God; and when He is allowed to guide you, you will not be trying to make two opposite statements both mean the same thing. That is just plain foolish; yet there are a lot of those people today that will tell you, I believe both of them; because the prophet spoke them. There is no need for me to say any more along that line at this time; for people who are wise do not need to be beat to death with something in order to see it the right way. I am going to say this though, All of you who will jump up and down saying,

That Jackson is talking against the prophet, trying to make himself some kind of authority, had better ask yourselves, Who has caused all of this confusion about the prophet's message around the world for the last 26 years? You cannot blame me for it. You can scream to the high heavens, Jackson is not in the message; but you cannot challenge what I preach with the Bible. All you can do is use certain statements made by Bro. Branham, statements he just threw out at times, without explanation, and without being a vital part of what he was teaching on, and that is what I am endeavoring to clear up for those who have ears to hear. The apostle Paul, in **second Corinthians**, made some statements because of the pressures of the hour he was living in; and I am compelled also to state in certain ways how God has dealt with me. God dealt with that apostle in dreams and visions, or revelations, which he used to compare and analyze himself in the eyes of his critics. That is for a purpose, that a man may be established in what he believes and teaches. I will say this also, Personally, I was a witness to what this man you try to make more than he was, said. I sat under the man's ministry long enough to analyze it. Not to find fault, but to understand what the Spirit of God was doing through him. Never did I criticize, I just analyzed. To analyze, means you observe, you listen, you pay heed to and examine. You do everything within your heart to understand, is there a human part to this man? I can say beyond any shadow of doubt, There sure was; but it did not detract one iota from what God called him to be, and to do, in this age of Laodicea. There is one thing sure though, God will never have two Messiahs for people to look to. It matters not, how much you saw the Spirit of Jesus Christ exemplified in William Branham, nor how much his ministry resembled the ministry of Jesus the Son of man, there is absolutely no way he (Bro. Branham) could have been the Son of man of the scriptures. He himself made it very clear that he was just A son of man. You must understand, Jesus the Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God, as man, was perfect. **He was absolutely sinless**. Therefore what made His life attractive was the God of heaven that was in Him, and when the God of heaven came down and incarnated Himself in Him, it made the man that was born perfect, sinless, and without any guile, the very Messiah, the anointed ONE all Jews looked for. He then became the Savior of lost mankind, by His sacrificial death on that old rugged cross at Calvary. However when God, here at the end of the age, re-exemplified that same character and likeness of Christ in a Gentile man, I plead with you, Do not try to make that man (William Branham) the Messiah. What God exemplified through him did not make him **"the"** Son of God. He emphatically stated, I am **"a"** son of God. Through the years, as many of his followers began to see how Christ was exemplified in that man, they began to say, He is that prophet. Meaning the prophet Moses spoke of in **Deuteronomy 18:15**. **"The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken."** I can say this, in **St. John chapter 6**, when Jesus took the multitude out into a desolate place, and fed them there with five loaves and two fishes, that element of Jews sitting there in the grass, eating of that miracle food, finally began to get a revelation, This is that prophet. Don't you think so? They were right. That was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He was that prophet Moses promised the children of Israel God would raise up unto them from their very midst. That promise belonged only to the Israelites. No Gentile should be playing around with it. What a lot of those certain people are doing, is nothing short of playing with the word of God. You are going to get in trouble. That prophecy in **Deuteronomy** does not have a compound fulfillment. It belongs only to the Jewish nation. That prophet (Messiah) was perfect, sinless, without any trait of a fallen nature. That is the one Moses was prophesying about. On the other hand, the prophet to this age, the man so many want to deify, was not perfect. He was not sinless. He was a sinner that had to be saved by the grace of God, just like the rest of us. While it is true, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of God was in him in a measure, and through that measure

he exemplified much of the same likeness and qualities of Jesus Christ, that by no stretch of the imagination could ever made him equal to the prophet Moses spoke of. When anyone begins to deal with things like this, it literally sets that element on edge. They become hostile and say, You are absolutely blaspheming. Well I beg your pardon. I know what I am doing; and if I fail to do it, then somewhere later on God will hold me responsible. When you are a witness, it means you saw something, you observed it, and in my case I was not attracted to it just to be a spectator, as many of that element that followed him were. Spiritual spectators can go home and forget what they saw and heard; but I want you to know, I did not forget what I witnessed. It changed my life completely.

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