

Two Natures

Brother Branham was asked about Romans 7:14-20,

"We know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me."

Let me just kinda polish it up so you can see. Paul said, "In me is two persons: right, one wants me to do; wrong, the other wants me to do. And every time I start to do right, then wrong hinders me."

You are an outward man which is controlled by six senses; you are an inward man controlled by one sense which is faith. And this faith disagrees with all six senses if the six senses doesn't agree with faith. But one is contrary to the other. Now, as long as the six senses agree with the faith, wonderful; but when the six senses disagrees with faith, then leave the six senses alone.

Now, for instance here, Jesus made a statement, a promise. The inside man says that's true; the outside man reasons that it can't be true to you, then ignore the outside man and accept the inside man. Now, that's the same thing that Paul's speaking of. He was sold under the law to carnal sin. Every one of us is the same. That's the reason we have the troubles we do, of married four or five times, and this, and that, and all kinds of sin, and adulteries, and everything else along in our lives, is because of those things. We are carnal, and that part must perish; but then, inside, we are a spirit man, soul inside, and that's faith in God's Word; then we bring our outside body under subjection to the Word by faith, by accepting what God said.

How can I take a cocklebur and make a grain of wheat out of it? It's impossible for me to do it. The only way it can be is because inside that cocklebur has been transmitted from a cocklebur wheat--a cocklebur to a germ called, "wheat life." Then you bury that cocklebur, and it'll produce a grain of wheat, because there has been a life of wheat put in the cocklebur. And the life of the cocklebur has been taken out; but the nature of the

cocklebur is still sticky, and it will be until this new life has fully been developed out of the ground and raised up again. When it comes forth, then it's no more cocklebur, but wheat--but wheat. But while it's here on earth and in the --out of the earth... a cocklebur, it's still sticky, but it's got the nature on the inside of it of wheat.

And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live; but the inside of you, you're borned again. And when you're raised up, you're in the likeness of Christ and all the sin is gone from you. See? That's the thing.

May I say this? The Indians are odd people to us. And if you get to knowing them, they're all right.

I remember one in Phoenix, Arizona. Billy was going down to give out prayer cards. He just stand there and give out prayer cards. And them people that's able to run up there and grab the prayer cards... While the well people really had a headache, toothache, something wrong with the toe, they only got the prayer cards. And there was people setting there dying with cancer and things or poor cripples that didn't get the prayer line. I said, "Billy, go down there and ask those people what's wrong with them. And if they haven't got cancer, or some horrible disease, or something that's going to kill them, don't give them them prayer cards. Get them people up there in that prayer line that's ready to die if not helped from the Lord. Let them others just wait. Let them come in a fast line or something."

"All right, I will do it."

He goes down; there was an old Indian--and they're very odd--he wouldn't set down in a chair. They give him a chair, but he set down on the floor in the tent. He had a hat on; he wouldn't take it off; had a feather sticking in the back of it, just setting there.

Billy walked up to him, and he passed by, and he said, "You want a prayer card?"

"Hmm."

He said, "What's wrong with you, Chief."

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "But what's wrong with you?"

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "But I want to know what's wrong with you!"

He said, "Me sick!"

That's all he could get out of him, said, "All right, I will be back after while." So Billy went along asking people. The old Indian kept watching them prayer cards getting thinner and thinner. Every time he'd draw them out of his pocket they were a little bit thinner. So after while, the old Indian got up, and walked over, and tapped Billy on the back to remind him he was in this too. He said, "Chief, what's wrong with you?"

He said, "Me sick!"

He said, "Well, Chief, you have to tell me. Daddy said not to give these cards to people that would--just had, like tummyache, and headaches, and things. `Give them to people that was real sick.'" Said, "How sick are you, Chief?"

He said, "Me sick." He set him down again and before he--his cards was really about gone. A couple minutes (he kept watching them cards) he come back and tapped him again. Billy put the card on his hand, said, "Chief, go write on there, `Me sick.'"

He got in the prayer line, and I was praying for him, and I said, "Do you believe, Chief?"

He said, "That right."

And I said, "Well, you believe that God will heal you?"

He said, "That right."

I said "You'd be a good boy?"

He said, "That right."

I met him about a week later. I said, "Are you doing all right, Chief?"

He said, "That right." Come to find out, I talked to that missionary, that old man with a white mustache, up there to the Apaches? I can't think of his name. He said, "Brother Branham, that's all he can say." Said, "I taught him to say, `Me sick.' That's the only thing he could say, "That right.'" So that's about it, you see. "That right. Me sick!"

Somebody told me he had one, one time was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and he said to him, "How you getting along?"

He said, "Pretty good and pretty bad."

He said, "Well, how do you mean pretty bad and pretty good?"

He said, "Well, since me receive the Holy Ghost," he said, "there's been two dogs in me, and one of them a black dog and one of them a white dog." And said, "They argue all the time." Said, "They growl and fight at one another." And said, "The white dog wants me do good; the black dog wants me do bad."

Said, "Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?"

Said, "That depends on which one Chief feeds the most." So I think that's a good answer here. See? There just depends on the warring of the body that's in you; it depends on which one you cater to, which nature you cater to, the carnal nature after the things of the world, or the spiritual nature after the things of God. That does it.

Let's read these applicable Words of God:

Romans 6:12-14, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the

dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."

Romans 5:20-21, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Galatians 5:16-18, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

Further we read in Revelation 1:1-2,
"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John: Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw."

About sixty-some-odd years after Pentecost, here He's sending His angel to signify things unto His servant John that must shortly come to pass. Now, when was the Book of Revelation ever wrote? The first place, it was wrote before the foundation of the world. And, John, only by the Holy-Spirit-filled heart!

Angelic beings associate together. Oh, I hope you get that, that just dropped right down, free. Look! And if you've got the Holy Spirit in you, then you're a candidate for association with the unseen world and the Supernatural. No wonder people can't believe in those things, they've never come in contact. They got nothing in here to believe with. But when the Holy Spirit comes into the heart, quickly He becomes then a twofold being: one of the earth, to die; and one in Heaven, to live. Amen. In his body, he's still subject to death; but in his soul, he's passed from death unto Life. In his body, he has his earthly contact with his five senses; in his spirit, he has a contact with God through the Holy Ghost. And the Angels of God visits them, and speaks with them, and they are Messengers sent from God to reveal, and to bring messages from God to the individual. He's out to get the first things first, You can't put the cupola on before the foundation is laid. See? So we got to remember that, put first things first! *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; all these other things will be added unto you."*

We know we make mistakes, but you mustn't look at that. It's not your mistakes, because you're always going to have them. But, you see, it's following His Rules, following what He said do. Stumble and falling doesn't have one thing to do with It. A real true servant, if he will stumble, he will get up again. If he wobbles, God pulls him right back in the path, as long as he's in the path of duty. But if he's off of the path of duty, God's not obligated to him. But as long as he's in the path of duty, God's obligated to him, knowing that he's just a man or a woman. He's obligated to that person as long as they're in the path of duty.

Brother Branham was asked once this following question:
"Explain about each person's angel who abides with them from birth unto death."

Very good question. Now, there is an Angel, but this Angel of the Lord that are encamped about those that fear Him. See? Now, it isn't promised that sinners has Angels, it's only the redeemed has Angels. Did you know that? The Angels of the Lord encamp about those that fear Him.

Now, Angels are messengers. Now, I want you to notice It's so perfect, and it'll prove predestination to you. See?

Now, when a little baby is being formed under the mother's heart... And you little children that understand these things, see, the Lord gave you to mother. And she carried you under her heart, because you're close to her heart. And then, one day the Lord came down and delivered you from mother's heart, from away from her heart, but you'll always be in her heart.

Now, while this little body is being formed, little natural body being formed in the mother, there is a spiritual body of the earth ready to receive this natural body as soon as it is born. Now, the baby is borned with live muscles, a beating heart, but no breath of life in it. It's muscles twitching... See? Then, see, if there was something different from that, if there wasn't a spirit that had to come into it later, then our breath could leave us, and we would breathe no more and still be alive. But when this body doesn't receive oxygen from the--or breath (intake and out-take of our lungs), then we're dead.

The little baby is dropped to the earth from the mother's heart ("dropped," you understand what I am saying, the reason I'm saying it this way), when the little baby is dropped, what happens? As soon as it comes forth, if it doesn't start crying, the doctor, midwife, or whatever, will spank it, stretch it. It's got to have a shock, and what happens?

Notice, a mother, she can be ever so mean and cruel, but just before that baby's born, there's a certain kindness that sets in. Did you ever notice a mother when she's to be mother? There's something sweet about her; she

always takes on that sweetness. It's because that little angel, little spirit, a little messenger to this little tabernacle is ready to come forth into the world. And then, when this little angel comes into the body (that's a little angel of the earth, a spirit that's ordained of God to take this body), then that baby has to have a choice. It makes its decision. Then when this takes place, then you see the Angel of the Lord now comes in here which is a spiritual body, that eternal.

This is a dying spirit in a dying body; but now, you can't be in two bodies at one time, but there can be two natures in you at one time. Now, the nature of the Spirit of the Lord... When you're borned again, you're not borned of physical, like the baby was; but what's happened, the spiritual birth has come to you. And while this spiritual birth is growing into your heart, of God, there is a physical or a celestial body growing to receive that spirit. And when the life leaves this body, it goes to that body. Just as when the body is presented to the earth, the spirit comes in, and when the spirit goes out of the body, there is a body waiting. "For we know that after this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See? That's it, the spiritual body of the people.

Further Brother Branham said in his last message (Communion):

Like in the Book here, and the spot there we was talking about the two Books being One, the Book of Life. The first Book of life coming up, was when you were born, that was your natural birth. See? But then one time, way back down in there, there was a little grain of Life. See, there's a little grain of Life laying there which you'd wonder, "Where did It come from? What--what these strange things?"

I was saying this, taking for myself, like you was going to say, "William Branham, well, forty years ago, the William Branham, this and the same one tonight." And somebody back there would say, "Oh, he was a rank rascal." See? Because I was born of Charles and Ella Branham. In their nature I was a sinner, I came to the world, a liar, and all the habits of the world laid right in me. But down in there, too, was another Nature present, see, predestinated, was in there by God. In this same body, see, two natures in there.

Well, I only catered to one. As it growed, I goeed as a baby, "Dad-da." First thing you know, I become a liar, become everything else that's a sinner, because I raised up that way. But down in there was a little speck of Life all the time.

I used to remember, as a little boy sitting out on the creek bank, and I'd sit there and look around at nighttime. Pop and mom, they're gone on now to their rest. And them days they were sinners, there was no Christianity in our homes at all. And, oh, my, drinking, and parties, and carrying on; it made me sick, I'd take my lantern and my dog and go to the woods, to stay all night. In the wintertime I'd hunt till the party was over, maybe daylight in the

morning. Come home, wouldn't be over, I've laid on top of a shed and sleep, waiting for daylight to break.

Then I'd think of how that times, then being out there in the summertime, get my sticks and put them down for a little windbreak, where if it rained; lay there and have the poles sticking in the water, fishing; my old coon dog laying there. I'd say, "Looky here. You know, last winter I camped right here one night, I built a fire right here when I was waiting for my old dog here to tree, and I had a fire here. It was froze five inches deep in the ground. But, little flower, where did you come from? Where'd you come from? Who come out here and planted you? And what hothouse did they bring you out of? Or what about it, where'd you come from?" See? That little flower, I'd say, "Why, it was froze, and everything, and I built a fire on top here. Besides the freezing element, there was a heat element laying here on a big old log where I burned 'er. And yet here you are, you're alive. Where'd you come from?"

What was it? There was another William Branham. See? A little spot of Eternal Life down there, from the genes of God, the Word of God that was placed in there. Each one of you can think of similar things. See, It was working.

Then I looked up to the trees and I'd think, "Leaf, I seen you fall off last year, and what are you back there again? Where'd you come from? What brought you here?" See, It was that Eternal Life working in the body.

Now, then one day as I walked on, that Voice talking, "Don't never smoke, drink, so forth." And the young fellows and all got older. See, there was Something moving.

But yet all at once I looked up, and I said, "I'm not the son of Charles and Ella Branham. There's Something calling." Like my little eagle, "I'm not a chicken. There's Something up yonder, somewhere. O Great Jehovah, Whoever You are, open up! I want to come home. There's Something in me, calling."

Then I was born again. That little Life was laying there, the life of water was poured upon It, then It begin to grow. Now, that old life was forgiven, put in the sea of God's forgetfulness, to never be remembered against me no more. See? Now we stand justified (as though we never had sinned) in the Presence of God.

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