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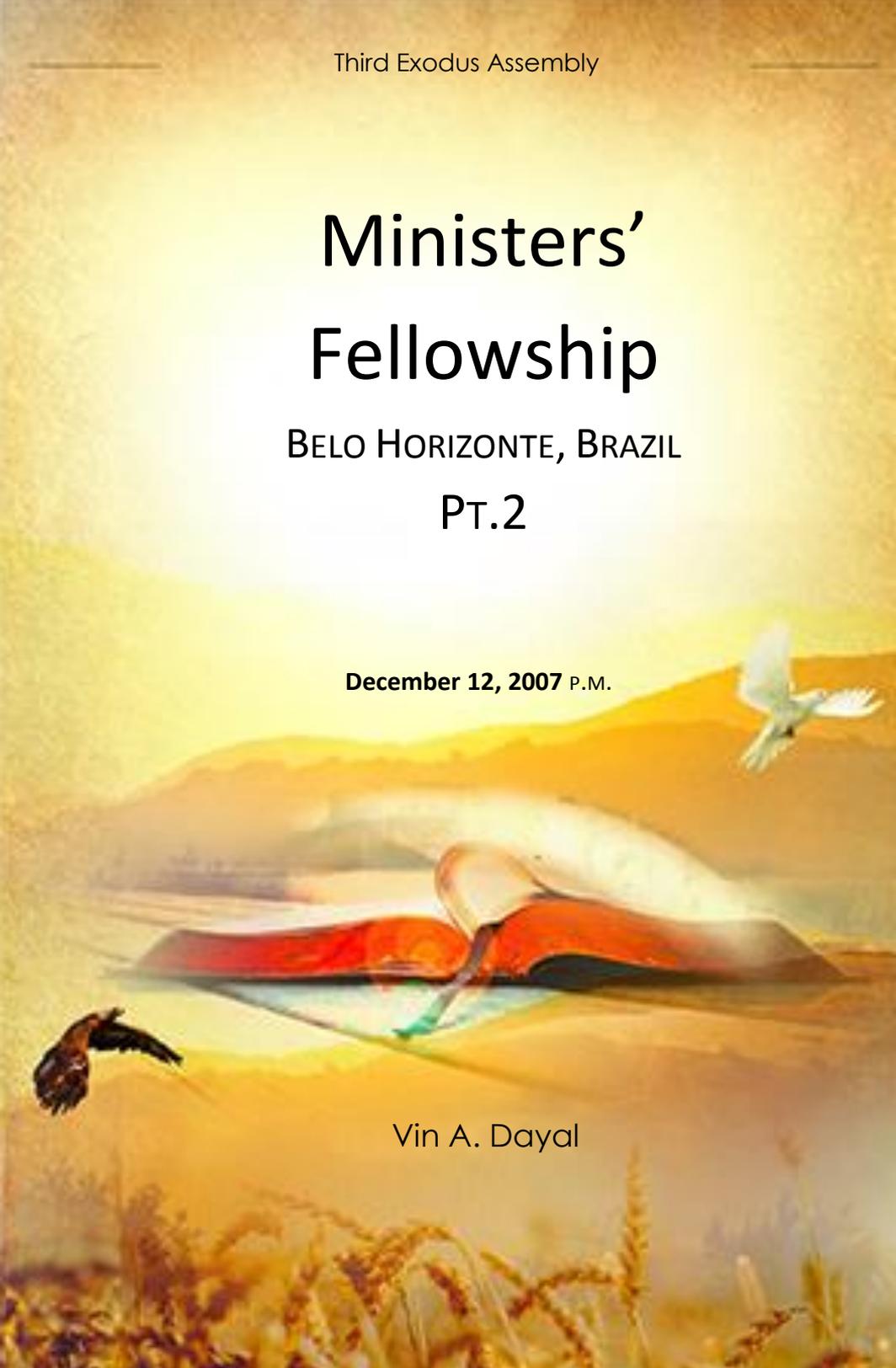
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I want to say a special good afternoon again. I trust that we have a little blood. We had such a nice lunch. Now is the time we would normally take a little siesta as Pastor Wanderley [Pastor Wanderley Pereira Lemos - Tabernáculo Belo Horizonte -Ed.] made mention after this morning's session. Maybe to speak a little bit about the ministry! Instead of taking it like a message I would just maybe speak a little bit out of the Scripture different examples; things that you have experienced down through these years. One of the Scriptures that always have stood out to me in my life and ministry is written in 1st Samuel chapter 18 verse 14. It says:

14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

It is very instructive when you look at it because after all Saul was the king in the kingdom. He was anointed by a prophet Samuel and put into that office; and he was the first king in Israel and it was a great honor for him to know that a prophet like Samuel was the one who was the one that anointed him and put him in office.

You know yet we see Saul is afraid of David who at the time was a young teenager and Saul, the king over the

kingdom, is afraid of him; not because David was attacking him; not because David had an army behind him but because of David's behavior. He behaved himself wisely in all his ways and because of this behavior It says, "And the Lord was with him."

Now in the chapter before that, which is chapter 17, was where David had fought the giant and in chapter 16, we read of David being called of God. We as Ministers you know we are faced with many different things, different kinds of pressures. Sometimes a Minister may be accepted by his people in his own church and then sometimes people from another church may not think he is a Minister. Sometimes in his own church there might be influential people who questions his right to lead and to have authority. Sometimes people they like a collective leadership and they would like to see the church operate in a way where a group of men can decide for the church. There are all kinds of different circumstances.

Sometimes people think well he is not bringing the Word. He's preaching the same thing over and over and over. And after a while the people would maybe leave the church; at least so it is in some countries where I've been; even in our own country. Sometimes here might be pretty big so if somebody is going to leave one church it's maybe too far to go to another church. Ministers can be faced with so many different things. The grace to handle these kinds of pressures can only come from the Lord.

And when you look at different ones in the Bible and I would like to maybe look at a few examples. Great men who had great influence but because of certain things in their make up; places in their lives that was not brought subject to the Word, they were not able to be successful as they could have been if they were able to conquer these things.

On the message, *Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness*, [1961-1119 -Ed.] I don't know if you have that in Portuguese. You all have it! Bro. Branham was talking about Ministers mastering the thoughts of human ability and he was showing how many times because this is not

conquered, a ministry doesn't amount to anything sometimes. And like I was drawing the illustration this morning with Tommy Osborne when Bro. Branham told him, "Go and spend some time with Bro. Bosworth," sometimes people like to think "The Lord will show me; the Lord will show me. If God called me I don't have to listen to a next man."

But that is not the way because all life, you know, the young one is trained by looking at the matured one. You take for instance in nature. You have a lion and he has some cubs. The little cubs look at the big lion. He is born into this environment. He is young. He is inexperienced. He might be a lion but a fox could tear him to pieces; a hyena could kill him because he's just a cub. But one day he will grow to become the king of that jungle but he is growing and developing by looking at the old lion.

Bro. Branham told the story about the eagle. The little eagle was in the barnyard. He didn't even know he was an eagle. He didn't even know he had the law to fly. He was growing up among the chickens and he himself was like a chicken, only because he didn't know he was an eagle. But when he saw this big eagle and that big eagle could teach him that he is built to possess a law, and the big eagle began to teach him how to operate in that law. In that first meeting something began to happen to him and he was able to fly from the ground to the barnyard post; something he had never done before in his whole life though he lived in that same barnyard for so long. But he saw one with the same potential but this potential was manifested. That matured one had already exercised in these things before.

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That's what happened to the Prophet. He didn't know he was a prophet. He knew he used to see visions. He used to call it a trance from a little boy. He was in the Baptist church. He wasn't going around like a prophet in the Baptist church because a theologian was teaching him even though he had a gift in his life; even though he had supernatural manifestations in his life.

And then the time came where the Angel came to him. He said, "And the Angel referred to me many Scriptures in the Bible." Because even though he had these gifts, he didn't understand its function and its place scripturally in the Bible. Because when he was in the cave praying, he was asking the Lord, "If this is of the devil take it away from me." So he didn't understand it scripturally in the Bible. It was the coming of the Angel that began to show to him Scriptures in the Bible to settle his faith. And yet he was told, "Do the work of an evangelist" and he would say, he said, "You see I..." He wasn't calling himself a prophet. He said, "The way I function and operate prophets don't function this way." Because he was with Ministers, he was in the hotel; he was going through all these things with different people.

Then he came and preached, *The Way Of A True Prophet*, and he began to show the hour had come he was coming now into the ministry of the prophet of the Age because the Word that was sealed up in the Bible was now getting ready to be revealed to him. Many times under inspiration he would hear it speaking through him, "Do you believe me to be God's Prophet? Do you believe me to be God's Prophet" in the prayer line? But

1963, November in New York City on the message, *Just Once More Lord*, a lady came in the platform and as she came to him, he said, “Do you believe me to be God’s Prophet of Malachi 4:5?” He said, “I say it for the first time tonight.”

You see prophets see visions and he was seeing visions from a little boy but the prophet of Malachi 4:5 and Revelation 10: 7, is to bring a Message for the Age; is to reveal the hidden Truths of the Bible and he hadn’t received that Message as yet. But when he received that Message he knew then he had the identification of that prophet. He would not claim it until he had the identification.

Now we can have a gift; we can preach and a person says, “You’re a preacher?”

You say, “Yeah, I’m a preacher.”

He says, “What is your gift?”

He says, “Well I’m a preacher!”

He says, “Now are you apostle? Are you a Pastor? Are you a teacher?”

The person may not even know what he is. He knows he stands up before a group and he preaches. But if we have a gift in our life and it is one of those office gifts, by the way that gift operates in our life it will be correctly identified because today what you find you have many men—you have an evangelist trying to do the work of a Pastor. Now God can do that for a season just like He told the Prophet, “Do the work of an evangelist.” Paul told Timothy, he said, “Do the work of an evangelist.” He’s not called to be an evangelist but he’s doing the work of an evangelist because there is need for evangelism but he might not be anointed in that office and placed in that office.

Now as the church advances, ministries are coming out to be recognized. Today people would be afraid to call a man an apostle, yet the man has established many churches. Ministers have raised up under him. But in the Message, people only feel comfortable by saying you are an evangelist or a Pastor. Yet we are in the restoration of the Bride tree and all nine gifts; all five offices are still here. God never took them from the

church. They are there. And now that the Truth has come back to us and we are taught by a Prophet the way the Holy Spirit operates through these ministries, and then 1st Corinthians 12, It even says, “That God divided up severally;” that there could be more than one office in a man. It depends on what God has called the person for.

And so many times a man who is unknown, maybe living somewhere in this country, might establish many churches and will not be given that recognition. Yet a man could have been in the Prophet's meetings; his name is called on the tape; he has maybe never established a church; maybe he doesn't even have a church present today but because his name is in the book, he will be given more recognition than somebody who may not have walked with the Prophet, but who God has used and has scriptural identification and has the fruit of the ministry.

The Prophet tells us that Paul was the pattern of every true Minister and the Ephesian church was the pattern of every true church. And Bro. Branham said that this was a revelation, a key that God gave to him and by this key he was able to place every messenger for the Age. He said, “It's because God has to work from the original.” So when you look in the Bible, in the Old Testament, Moses was the standard of the prophets because Moses was the one who came forth there, received the Word; established It among the people; gave them the laws; set everything in order. When the people went away from that, God would raise up a Prophet to bring them back to that standard.

David was the standard of the kings. The Bible says, “And they walked according to how David walked and they served God like David because David was the standard.” Aaron was the standard of the priest. And that is how God establishes the order. When he came into the New Testament, here God has a pattern again. And for two thousand years of church history where nobody could identify who those seven men are; different people had different ideas, but then a prophet came. He said he has found the key and he was able to identify

those seven men. And after he did that, drawing it on the wall, the Holy Spirit came down before the people to give witness that this revelation had come from God.

So if I would come into Brazil and I land in the airport and somebody says, "Watch Febronio, he has false doctrine;" and somebody says, "Watch Julio Caesar, he's a fanatic," I could get influenced if I don't know the Word. But if I know the Word and I go into a country, the ministry that would be closest to the apostle Paul and the church that would be closest to the Ephesian church would have to be the pattern. Because that is how he found the pattern in every Age! That's how he found the true church in every Age.

So he said, "Paul had three things. He had the Word; he had the fruit and he had the signs and wonders." He was Spirit-led. He was not organized. So if you're looking for a ministry, a man could say, "Well you know I correspond with Jeffersonville;" man says, "I correspond with Tucson, Arizona;" man says, "I correspond with Krefeld in Germany," and everybody could maybe have great people on the earth that they associate with or men that endorse them. He said, "You know who laid hands on me? You know who ordained me in the ministry?" That would mean nothing if that ministry doesn't have the identification of what the pattern was. The only real security; the only true identification would be what is laid out as the pattern.

A man could say, "I have the biggest church" or a man could say, "Well I maybe am not important;" they have the smallest church. But the church that is established on the principles of the revealed Word that has been restored to us; bringing us back to the pattern, if that is the only church with twenty people established according to the Word and has the five definite identifications of the true church of the Living God, that will be the church because that's the pattern. And the pattern has to be revealed because if a man is going to build something he must build according to the pattern.

After God gave Moses the pattern to build the tabernacle and the tabernacle was built, God didn't just come in it. Moses had to put every piece of furniture in

their correct position and every piece of furniture had to be built according to the specific dimensions the way that God gave it. And after all that was fixed and put in order, then the Glory came down into it. Same thing with Solomon's temple! It was built; there was everything in it but until the Word was put into its right place, only then the Glory came down.

And so many of times people look at things in too much of a generalized way, "Well I'm in the Message and I believe the Prophet too," but they are not too specific. And sometimes there are areas we have to be exact because in the Word there are doctrinal matters and there are counseling matters. When it's a doctrinal matter, doctrine is exact. Doctrine is like a ruler. You can't say, "Well it could be five-sixth or it could be three-quarters or it could be a half." It has to be exact.

But if it's a counseling matter then that applies to each situation. Each situation might be different and to apply the Word like for instance, a young couple is engaged in the church and one person says, "We don't want you to be at the girl's home after seven o'clock." He has no Word for that. That's advice. That would be good advice. Say, "Well the parents are unbelievers. It doesn't look proper you and this girl outside in the night here by yourself. It's not the kind of example we want."

Another person says, "Well he could stay there until 8:30p.m. because the family are believers and when he goes to visit the girl, the father and the mother are there; other sisters and brothers are there." It's a different situation. So a person can give counseling as to how a person can do something that it doesn't become a reproach.

But where we have a Word specific to a situation we can't say, "Well, I think it should be so. Well, somebody came from America and they said we can do this because Bro. Branham did that one time." Why would a person want a saying of somebody when you have the Scripture staring you in the face what God says about that?

Many times ministries have failed to operate by the principles of the Bible and it has brought reproach; they caused offence; they killed the effect of their own

credibility; their testimony is no longer effective; people lose respect for them. And Bro. Branham said, "There is a scrap heap of Ministers because they didn't come into it the right way."

Look at Saul, a great man full of influence but Saul with this great ministry; anointed; put in office by a prophet but because of jealousy and a desire for popularity, a man who was anointed by a prophet; a man who was the first king, he couldn't control that jealousy. The people were singing, giving a little praise to David saying, "David killed ten thousand and Saul killed a thousand." David had never killed ten thousand. Somebody wrote a song and they were singing it and Saul heard that and Saul got offended. And next thing Saul had a javelin and he was only throwing javelin; so easily distracted.

Next time the prophet told him, "Go and destroy all the Amalekites." He meets Agag. Agag begins to talk to him. Agag was a king himself so Agag knew how to manipulate Saul. Next thing Saul and Agag are smiling and laughing together and when Samuel comes, Saul wants to introduce Agag to Samuel, you know and this man had killed so many of God's people. And from the time Samuel walked in, Samuel took a sword and chopped Agag to pieces. And God rejected Saul after he was anointed by a prophet; after he was put in office.

Now today we hear or read in the Message that a man was anointed by the Prophet or a man put in office by the Prophet, we want to hold on to that all our lives. *That* might be good as long as the man's testimony today is according to the Word. But when God had rejected Saul, it was a man who was anointed by a prophet. And he could try to tell people, he says, "You better don't play with me because God will put a curse on you. Maybe you never got anointed like me. Could you say a prophet anointed you?"

This time Saul, the anointing that he had already left him! Now he had an evil spirit on him and that anointing of the prophet is a historical thing. That was good for a season but he didn't obey all that the prophet said. So what are we watching? A man anointed by the

prophet or a man obeying all that the prophet said? He wasn't rejected because he was anointed by a prophet. He was rejected because he didn't obey, all what the prophet said. And God says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice."

Look at Jeroboam. They were building the tower and Solomon saw him as an industrious young man. Solomon put him in charge of the project because Solomon had confidence in Jeroboam. He saw him as a leader among the people. He had good public relations skills; he had influence with people; he could get the work to advance and Solomon gave him this position. That was an honor. The king, the wisest man recognized him, seeing potential in him; raising him up to more authority in the kingdom.

A prophet passed and the prophet saw Jeroboam and carried him in the field. He said, "God is going to take the kingdom away from Solomon. He is going to divide it. He is going to give you ten tribes." Oh my, the prophet with this vision, seeing Jeroboam in vision pronouncing this blessing from God and told him, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Oh, and he is elated: "God showed the prophet me in a vision! What a great thing!"

And the Bible says, "After the prophet spoke that word, Jeroboam now knowing that Solomon had displeased God and God has promised him a big kingdom, he will have ten tribes, he feels in his heart, "Well, if God is going to take the kingdom away from him and God is giving me ten tribes, I am better in God's sight than him." So that became a license for him and he raised his hand to destroy Solomon.

And when he came against Solomon and Solomon came after him, he had to run and he run down in Egypt for three years. And after the death of Solomon he came back out; he got the ten tribes and he had this great kingdom. So not only did the prophet see him in vision and pronounce the blessings but now the prophet's prophecy concerning him is coming to pass. But watch at this great ministry.

The time came for the feast and the people had to go up to Jerusalem to worship and he began to get scared:

“If the people go up there, they might influence my people and my people might leave me.” And when he began to think this way, because even though the prophet had seen him in vision, spoke “THUS SAITH THE LORD,” and the prophet’s word came to pass, it never gave him faith. He is still insecure. He is still afraid he’s going to lose the people so he began to think up a way to keep them.

So he gets two idols and he puts one in Dan and one Bethel. He began to change around the feast days and when they were supposed to be going up to Jerusalem he ordained a feast to keep them there. He began to manipulate his own people to maintain control over them and he’s so insecure he is destroying the Word of God, even at the expense of keeping the people. Though he was anointed by a prophet; seen by a prophet, he has no real allegiance to the Word. He could sacrifice the Word to maintain control over the people; a great man like Jeroboam. And the Bible calls him, “The man who made Israel to sin.” To see a man could ruin his own ministry because of fear and insecurity.

A Minister if he is placed there by God and God put those people under him he should have no fear because God gave them there to begin with; because that was the work of God. And those people—the same way a wife will know her husband, a congregation will know their Pastor. So one ministry, because of popularity and because of jealousy overtaking him, Saul lost his ministry! Jeroboam lost his because of fear and insecurity.

Jehoshaphat, his trouble wasn’t insecurity, wasn’t fear, wasn’t so much popularity. He loved everybody and he desired fellowship, and for the love for fellowship, he took his church and carried it over to a next church. And he went down by Ahab and Ahab began to seduce him to get him involved in Ahab’s program because Ahab wanted to go and take Ramoth-gilead. And he put pressure on Jehoshaphat and Jehoshaphat decided to go. And so many times Ministers get under pressure from other Ministers and get their church involved in

activities that many times they get away from the leading of God and it looked like a good cause.

He said, “Ramoath-gilead is ours and we need to feed our people and if we get Ramoath-gilead, we’ll have enough food for everybody because we are living in economic recession times.” He said, “Won’t you help me? We are all Israelites. You might be against my wife because you find she’s a little dominant,” he said, “but after all we are Israelites. Let’s see the bigger picture here.” He was moving his spirit away from the Word.

So Jehoshaphat next thing he’s saying, “Your horses are my horses. Your men are my men. We are united in this together. This would be a great program. God’s people will be blessed. The church will go forward. And after all look at us, we are having good fellowship now together.” He should have never gone there. He nearly got killed. And when he was going home a prophet walked out, he said, “You love what God hates,” and rebuked him.

But Jehoshaphat was a humble man. He went back in his kingdom and all the people who he carried into that error, he began to take them back out. A ministry that was snared and brought into a trap because of his love for fellowship; because he lacked real discernment to see that a prophet had cursed that thing! But he tried to justify it because for years Ahab, as he was growing in power and Jehoshaphat was looking at Ahab...

You find that in 2nd Chronicles chapter 17 and 18, because it says, “Jehoshaphat fortified himself against the kingdom of Ahab;” not the Egyptians, not the Philistines, not the Syrians. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, fortified himself against Israel because he looked in Israel and he saw Jezebel and that idolatry and he said in his heart, “That thing would not come in my church.” But you know what Ahab did? Instead of Ahab attacking his kingdom, Ahab attacked his heart. He invited him down, has a big banquet; wine him and dine him; gave him gifts; treated him nice but he came under obligation. He couldn’t say no afterwards. “After you were treated so nice; after we did so much for you, you are going to turn us down now?”

Look at Balaam. The man is fundamental; man knows the Word. While it has—the man has the same altars like Moses. God talks to the man directly. He knew the spiritual approach to God. He knew how to access God's supernatural power, but because of the love of money and prestige and honor – a ministry like that, that had such a perfect prophecy. Think of it. The wise men had known that prophecy, a star coming out of Jacob. Balaam gave that prophecy and they looked for that prophecy to be fulfilled. And when the Messiah was to be born, that star appeared exactly how Balaam prophesied it and that star led them straight to the Word because it was perfectly inspired by God. Yet this man because of love for money and honor...

And notice the first time the people came and they said, "The king wants a small favor from you. We want you to come over here and have some meetings. We are having some problems with some people. It would be nice, you take the Scripture and use your gift and your influence so that these people, who is a threat to us you will eliminate that threat. He will pay you handsomely."

Balaam said, "Take your money, take your gifts and go back where you came from." He says, "Not at all. I could only say what God says. Go and tell Balak I'm not the kind of man he thinks I am."

They went back to Balak. They said, "Here are all your gifts; here is you all money. The man refused everything."

Balak sat down, he says, "No, no, no. I sent the wrong men." He says, "I know that man. I know a little more pressure. You all just didn't know the pressure points; the places to apply that pressure."

So he got more noble men; men with better negotiating skills; men more experienced in manipulation and they came back to him. More money this time and they put over the same thing.

And he says, "Let me pray and see what God says." And Balaam said, "Perseverance in spite of all obstacles to achieve the goal." He says, "You know you've got to be persistent."

And so they broke down the defenses of Balaam. Many good men who made stands because they could see this is not God's will for me but down in their heart... In their mind they know it's not God's will but in their heart they want it. And instead of taking the Sword and circumcise the desire, they want to change God's mind to keep the desire. The situation was one to bring Balaam to a deeper self-crucifixion, but not always gifted men with powerful ministries see the need for more self-crucifixion because they see themselves arrive already.

“We have nothing else to die out to because God can't be dealing with us in this manner – visions and dreams and inspiration and prophecy and if we are not pleasing God...” But that experience should have taken him to a deep self-crucifixion. That to me is one of the greatest things you look for in your life and you look for in other men who carry the Word. You talk with people but you want to see how much self-crucifixion is in that life; how deep they have gone to the place where the Cross of Christ has a true effect in their life.

Samson, great ministry! Money wasn't his problem; love for fellowship like Jehoshaphat; he had no fear like Jeroboam; he wasn't full of jealousy like Saul. Samson was full of power; dynamics. I mean you know he was a very dynamic fellow but the Philistines showed how the enemy doesn't just be afraid of us because we are powerful. They tried to fence him with a gate, he picked up the gate. They brought a thousand men against him and he destroyed the thousand men. The enemy said, “We need to change our strategy.”

And that is what the devil does to us. The devil, if he can't have victory over us, they say, “Find out where his strength lieth.” The devil watches a church, he watches a Minister, he watches an individual and he studies our strategy. And Samson's ministry was broken and stripped because the enemy found the weak place – women.

Look at Saul with popularity. Look at Balaam with money. Look at Samson with women. A chain is as strong as its weakest link. Look at Uzziah. There wasn't a king outside of Solomon and David that had the kind of

exploits like Uzziah, yet that ministry was judged of God for his irreverence, his arrogance and for refusing correction from the Word. So many great achievements that he could point to! And Bro. Branham on the message, *Influence*, he types Uzziah to the Pentecostal Age: great exploits; great achievements; mighty works but when the Word of the prophet was brought to him, he was so greatly used of God that he felt there was nobody in comparison with him and it would be an insult to him for men inferior to him to try to correct him.

It is not a man correcting us. It is the Word correcting us because to correct us the man has to speak the Word. And if that is God's Word, the man is merely showing us a Word of God that we are violating. But sometimes we don't like the man or we feel that the man is unqualified to correct us and instead, we cast aside the Word but the Word that the man is speaking is not his Word.

And those priests took the Word of the prophet and they showed Uzziah. They say, "Uzziah, you're out of order here. This is not the will of God for you. You're crossing the boundaries of the Word here. This is not pleasing unto God. This is church order. Moses, the exodus prophet who had the Pillar of Fire, this is his Word we're quoting to you." Well, he felt he had done so much. His ministry was so powerful. And a great ministry like that, the man ended up cursed in the leper's house because when it comes to God's Word, we live and die by that Word.

Look at Korah. He was a great Minister. He was a Levite. He had a place in the exodus but he had a problem. Korah was Moses' cousin and Korah looked at Moses, looked at Aaron and looked at Miriam. Miriam is the prophetess, Aaron is the priest and Moses is the prophet. And he looked at it carnally.

He said, "Wait, this is a family affair here or what? This family wants to take over the whole church."

He was upset. So Korah started a movement to get the people to see Moses was usurping more authority than he really had. But behind that Korah didn't like his place because he used to help fold up the tents. He is like, "A man of my skills; a man with my kind of talent,

they have me folding up tents? And Aaron and Moses and his sister, you know everybody is looking up to them.” And he said, “No, no. Everybody’s holy here. They think they alone are holy? The whole church is holy!” And he comes... He influenced all the people. And when he came to Moses, Moses knew what his discontentment was.

Moses said, “Korah, you don’t like your place? You want to be in the priesthood too?”

Moses knew exactly what it is he wanted to do. Many times in the church a man has a great ministry; serving the cause; the work is progressing but after a while he gets ambitious; he starts to feel discontented. And because he cannot control his own spirit and overcome his inner struggles, he is overcome by it and the move now is to move Moses and Aaron out of their position. And he got two hundred and fifty princes behind him. He could have spoken so well. The Bible says, “The gainsaying of Korah.”

Powerful men, great ministries but little things ruin these ministries. He ended up going down into hell alive with a censer of fire in his hand swallowed up by the earth. And on the message, *Why Am I Against Organized Religion*, [1962-1111e -Ed.] Bro. Branham said, “So Ministers today with the Holy Fire, the Word of God in their hand, the world is swallowing them up.” He was in the exodus among the exodus people but he couldn’t accept that kind of authority in one man so he brought a political move to destroy Moses’ influence; to stir up the people.

Look at the ten spies when they were choosing leaders of the tribes. These men were leaders of their tribes, leaders in Israel. They were high ranking men. They went in the land and they came back and they came with an evil report. And these men what came out of their mouths defiled the people who was about to possess the promise. They preached them away from the promise. They sprayed the congregations with unbelief. They were taken up just preaching the problems and couldn’t preach the promise. The Bible says, “They brought an evil report.”

They were describing the giants how big they were. They were saying, “Now is not time to take the land.” Instead of they give faith to the people, they put fear on the people until God swore that none of those people will come into the promise. Because these men who were leaders of the people; who were to bring back the evidence of the promise of the hour to the people showing that the Word of the prophet was true; that they came into the land and they saw what the prophet talked about, and instead of they give witness to what the prophet had said, they were so taken up with all the problems and God turned them around and took them back into the wilderness.

Kadesh-barnea, they brought the people right up to that place following the message of the prophet but when it's time to go in they didn't bring the true testimony to take the people in. And they died under the message of the prophet that took them out from the system; brought them through the baptism in the Red Sea; cleaned them up in the wilderness, sanctification; even tasted the heavenly powers, the blessings of what laid there.

And it is so sad today when you see people are so taken up sometimes with just preaching problems. You don't have to study and dedicate your life. You don't have to get into the Word and wait upon God to preach problems. To get the Word you have to dedicate your life. You have to go into the Word. You have to wait before God. Sometimes you, yourself have to die out to things to come into the realities, to preach the realities. But problems, you only have to hear gossip; you only have to see negative things and preach.

And so many people that they took out and now are supposed to go in, they only came out of but never came into. Bro. Branham said, “Some people only have an emptying-out message. They don't have a filling-up message.” Billy Graham, great evangelist; mighty ministry; goes into a city, thirty thousand people at the altar. He said, “Go back the next month you can't find thirty because he can't take them in. They only have an emptying-out message.” This Message we have is not

just an emptying-out Message. It's also a filling-up Message. Amen.

And these are some examples. Look at Isaiah great, mighty servant but look how that ministry got defiled leaning on the arms of Uzziah; looking up to a man; being influenced by the man. As I was saying this morning, there is a cut-off point to everything. And when God struck Uzziah with judgment... If Isaiah had seen the tendencies in Uzziah he should have told him, "You're a great king but I think you're getting lifted up. Be careful. You know, serve in humility. God has blessed you but don't take that for granted."

Isaiah never told him anything and when the judgment struck him it shook up Isaiah so much he ran in the temple and he began to pray and cry out to God. And God gave him a vision to show him his sin. When God showed him the Heavenly King and the seraphim, the heavenly servant in the presence of the Heavenly King, he understood what God was telling him. He looked at his ownself, the earthly servant in the presence of the earthly king. That wrong example had defiled Isaiah and when that vision struck home he cried out, "*Woe is me, I am undone,*" and he repented and the seraphim took the Coal of Fire and cleansed him from his defilement.

When man who has been a wrong example; who has influenced our lives; who we pattern after; who we prop up and support: denominations, systems – that's a defiling thing in the eyes of God. And Bro. Branham preached that message to teach us how wrong example defiles and to carry the fullness of the Word it will take cleansing by Fire. And that's what that message *Influence* teaches because the fullness of the Word had come in this Day and many men who were in the Pentecostal realm; who were influenced by the example of a system, would carry this Message. But before they could carry it, God had to awaken them to the kind of defilement that, *that* wrong example was.

And when you see people operating with the same methods, that is signs and evidences that, *that* defilement is still present; that, *that* person hasn't been

cleansed by the seraphim with Living Fire from the altar. And that's what that message *Influence*, if you go back and listen it closely, it is confession, cleansing and commission. The vision is what broke. A heavenly vision of the true example produced confession and that confession was recognition that our influence was not the Heavenly example but an earthly king and his earthly kingdom. And many times people in a denominational kingdom and under the influence of earthly kings become so influenced being impressed by these things. But for God to bring us into the fullness of the Word it takes cleansing.

I'll take a next one and close. Look at Nadab and Abihu. They were sons of the high priest. They were legitimate priest, not like Uzziah; not like Jeroboam. They tried to be priest. But these were sons of the high priest and the priesthood was by heredity. They came from the loins of the high priest. They were born into the priestly family but they had the wrong fire. The fire originated from a human source. The fire was kindled by human wisdom. *Strange fire* in the Bible is fire that didn't come from God. It's fire from a man by human wisdom. He could manufacture a fire. He could do something to start the fire by the means of human ability. And they were going into the Presence of God with the wrong fire and God killed these men. And then God warned their father, He says, "Anybody coming in has to come in with blood; has to come with the right Fire."

And it shows how God watches over His Word, to us who are called to handle the Fire of God. And the greatest Fire, the greatest anointing; the greatest revelation is left back for this last Age. The Message that God has given us is not just to take the church to justification or sanctification but to bring the church into immortality; into the change of the body. So God has put the greatest thing in our hands. How much more God will watch over His Word and watch over the ministries! And to see the kind of birth these men had; see the kind of weaknesses that Saul, Jeroboam, Samson, Balaam, all the examples we went through;

Uzziah. All these men had a great ministry but look at the things that ruined these ministries and they became of none effect.

Samson ended up in entertainment making sport for the Philistines. Uzziah ended up in the leper's house. Balaam ended up under Joshua's sword. Korah ended up with fire in his hand going down into hell alive. Jeroboam, his whole house is destroyed, eaten by the fowls of the air and the beast of the field. And the judgment on him became a standard that God when He had to speak on Ahab and Jezebel, He said, "The same way that Jeroboam was destroyed and the beast of the field and the fowls of the air ate them, it's the same thing will happen to Ahab and Jezebel's house." Yet these men had such a great influence at one time; great experience. Each one came into their office by anointing, by vision, by prophecy and these things.

A ministry is not a thing that we take lightly. May God help us all because it's a great responsibility and the only way for success in any ministry is how God teaches us in this Day through the Prophet! Look at the kind of chastisement that he had to go through. God took wife, daughter because he came under the influence of his mother-in-law and didn't go out in the revival to preach when he should have gone and his mother-in-law called those people trash. And that day in the flood when the boat was going over the cataracts and he was staring death in the face, he cried out, "Oh God, it's not me that called those people trash." He was conscious under the chastening where the wrong was. And God made him a prisoner until he preached, *Influence, Paul, A Prisoner Of Christ*, [1963-0717 -Ed.] *Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness*, showing us what he had to go through to bring the Message.

And if we have to carry it on the end and there's a measure of time and a measure of the Word yet to be fulfilled and we have the second-hand robe going on to finish the work, how much more we would have to be in the same condition to carry the Word. Because He called us out of denomination, but do you realize the harder part was left for us?

We have to get a people into perfect faith by the preaching of the Message and bring a Church into a Rapturing Grace. He opened the Mysteries. He gave it to us. Said, "You have the Message." Now we have to take this Message and out of our congregations present a Church without spot; without wrinkle. Think of it. So it's a responsibility far greater than what we are even able to do by ourselves. It will just take the grace of God. It will take humility and humility is not a pioussness.

When God told Abraham go and kill your boy, he rose early in the morning, saddled the ass, cleaved the wood, took the boy and started on his journey. He humbled himself to the Word of God. Even though it was hard to do he didn't retaliate; he didn't negotiate; he didn't try to rebel; he just humbled himself. When God told Peter, "Come out of the boat," he just humbled himself and came in obedience; cast down his own reasoning; took God at His Word and stepped out into a place he had never walked before. And so it is humbling ourselves.

Bro. Branham said, "By the Word and humility we overcome." But that humility is humbling ourselves to the Word; to the Holy Spirit so the Holy Spirit could have the pre-eminence, could have the leading, amen, so that God's will could be expressed. We have to overcome our self-will and the will of others. Sometimes we let people talk us out of the will of God. Sometimes it's our own self-will to overcome before we could become a prisoner to the will of God.

We know the will of God. Korah knew the will of God; all of them in the Bible. Saul knew the will of God but he couldn't overcome his own self-will so he couldn't fulfill the will of God. Balaam let men talk him out of the will of God. After he had a clear revelation of the will of God they talked him out of the will of God. May God help us all! God bless you brothers.



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