

A Clear Channel between us and God

*“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven“ (Matthew 16:13-19).*

See, it has to come spiritual revelation.

"Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you. **And upon this rock (the revelation of Jesus Christ)...** Upon this rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it." That's what He said. *"And I say that you're Peter, and I'll give to you the keys of the Kingdom. **Because you've got a spiritual open channel between here and heaven...** Flesh and blood: you never took a seminary; you never took a schooling; you never took a course of theology. **But you depended on God, and God revealed it to you;** and it's absolutely the clear Scriptures that tied together. I say you're Peter. **And I'll give to you the keys;** and what you bind on earth, I'll bind it in heaven; what you loose on earth, I'll loose it in heaven." (Matt. 18:18-19; Matt. 16:13-20).*

And Peter was the spokesman on the day of Pentecost (Acts 1:15-26; 2:14-41), when they were all scared to speak. He stood up and said, "Ye men of Judaea and you that dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known unto you and hearken to my words. These are not drunk as you suppose, seeing it's the third hour of the day, but this is that which was spoken of the prophet Joel 2:28-32. 'It'll come to pass in the last days,' saith God, *'I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Upon my handmaid, the maid servants, will I pour out of My Spirit. And I'll show signs in the heavens above and in the earth below, and pillars of smoke and vapor. It shall come to pass before the great and terrible day of the Lord shall come, that whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.'*" [1]

How the Spirit works, as I told you the other night. These on the platform are visions, but they're little minor visions. You're making them yourself. You're using God's gift that He sent to the earth, the Holy Spirit, **and the Holy Spirit works through a channel.** How many knows that? How many knows even when you're speaking in tongues, **it's the Holy Spirit making intercession?** (*Rom. 8:26-27*). To you who's been gifted, and clean so He can speak through you. Well, then He had set in the church, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, and so forth (*I Cor. 12:27-31*). And **He uses that channel.** How I could stop here, and tell till in the morning the things that's happened. [2]

And you cannot ask in faith unless there's a real objective to that, to be in the will of God. See, if you want to be well, what do you want to be well for? See, if you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? What do you want to do with your life when you get healed? **You've got to have a motive and objective, and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then is when the faith is revealed to you, and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over.**

No selfish thing will work. Your motives and objectives have to be exactly, perfectly right, then you have faith, to ask. "*If our hearts condemn us not, then we have confidence.*" (*I John 3:20-22*). See, we've got to have confidence. **"I want this to the honor and glory of God."** Then **faith has a channel to move into; if it doesn't, then you got mental, intellectual faith, and not genuine faith from God.** That intellectual faith will get you nowhere. Might get you emotional, but it won't get you the healing that you're looking for.

So, Job, **checking himself with the genuine faith that God had given to him that he was "just,"** that he had done everything that God required him to do (*Job 1:1,6-8*). Now when we're going to be prayed for, for our sickness, **I wonder if we have done everything that God requires us to do.** Have we followed every iota of the Scripture? **Have we given Him our hearts and lives to service? What's the reason you want to be healed?** That's the reason you can't get faith enough, see, because you haven't maybe made this thing to God **sincerely from your heart.** Like Hezekiah did, give God the reason, he wanted to set his kingdom in order (*II Kings 20:1-7*). And God sent His prophet back and told him, and he'd be healed. See? **But, you have to have those things made right, first.**

So then as soon as you get to these places and know **that it's been revealed to you by the Word of God, by the revelation, by the Word that God requires you to do, then you have faith, genuine faith.**

Now, we see this great man. And, remember, **Job had no Bible to read in his day. No! He only went by inspiration.** He was a prophet to whom the Word of the Lord comes to. **He had only to be inspired, because he knew his position that he was God's prophet.** Now, the only thing that had to happen, was **for the inspiration to strike him.** And then he knew what he said would happen, **because it was by inspiration.**

That's what the church, if it's set in order, **it's got the mechanics ready, it only needs then the dynamics.** Today, if we'll get the mechanics ready, get our hearts right, the things that we can do, follow every Word, follow Him in baptism (*Acts 2:38-41*), follow Him in every order that He told us to do, get every mechanic ready, and stand there; then we're ready for the dynamics to be lit off, and only God can do that; and that's to drop into your heart that faith that says, "I am now healed." (*Heb. 11:1*). Then don't make any difference what circumstances is, you're healed anyhow; 'cause it's faith, by faith you're healed (*1 Peter 2:24*).

He had a channel of communication to God, that he'd got by inspiration. He had a way of moving himself out, and letting God move in. And he knowed he was justified. It was a gift, it was a gift for the people; not for Job, but for the people. That's what all Divine gifts are, to serve God's people with. Everybody's not ordered to be a prophet. All of you is not ordered to be praying for the sick. All of them's not ordered to be pastors, and so forth. But it's a channel that God has opened to them. One man has no business deviating in the next man's channel, no matter how inspired, how much it seems...

There's David, just as inspired as he could be, all the people shouting and glorifying God, for a reason that seemed exactly Scripture, **but he was the wrong person. That inspiration should have come to Nathan, not David. See, he never even consulted Nathan** (*1 Chron. 13*). You see what happened? God said He "does nothing till He reveals It to His servants the prophets." (*Amos 3:6-7*). [3]

Now notice he went in the wrong channel to do it. He consulted the captains of fifties and hundreds and thousands. They all were consulted, every one. Seeing it was the will of the Lord, looked like that it was the Word of the Lord. [4]

So, you see, David, being inspired... Now, you remember I said the anointing, the false anointing? **Remember the Holy Spirit can come and anoint a person, and still it's out of the will of God.** Here, It proves it right here. See? **We have to go through God's way of doing it, not our ways, God's way of doing it.** Cause, David, being a king, anointed, **anointed with the Spirit of God upon him** (a type of Jesus Christ), **but that wasn't God's channel** (*II Sam. 6:1-11*).

When all the congregation, "it pleased them," the Bible said. Notice, captains of thousands and of hundreds, also the priests and theologians thought that was "wonderful." (*I Chron. 13:1-14*). There is your Bible schools and everything else, they thought it was "wonderful." Even all of the people agreed, and the priests, and all of them agreed that the king's anointing was right. Notice! **But God had not promised to reveal His Word in Its season to them. God had His way of revealing His Word, but not to them. Remember, it was contrary to God.** [5]

Notice when priests, ministers, and so forth, get their **own inspiration**, and truly anointed. **David was anointed.** The Bible said so. But, you see, he went through the wrong resource, he **went to the wrong channel. He channeled his anointing on the wrong side, to the people and what they thought, to the captains, what they thought, instead of to God's holy channel** to find out what THUS SAITH THE LORD was, "Is this the time for this? Is this the season for this? **Is this the will of God?"** [3]

Now, see, God had not revealed the thing to them **by His provided way, He had revealed it by inspiration, but it was in the wrong channel. See, inspiration will go fine, but if it's in the wrong channel, it'll be channeled wrong.** Like you take a bullet and shoot it directly to a target, it's making its way right to the target, but a puff of wind can blow it out. **See, it must travel in its original channel.**

So must the Word of God travel in Its original channel.

Now, **God had not revealed it in His provided way.** So they went about to do it **apart from His Word, and apart from the season**, just the same as they have now. When man, no matter how sincere, trying to do Him a service outside of His provided way, they always mess it up. Like Balaam, Balaam thought he was doing God a service (*Numbers 22:15-41*).

Notice, by doing this, David caused the death of a sincere man; putting his hand on the ark when he shouldn't have done it. **A great, sincere man, think the anointing and everything was just right, but the ark was moving in its wrong way.** "The oxen," the Bible said, "stumbled," not the Levites

(*II Sam. 6:1-11*). The oxen stumbled and the cart was being pitched over; and a sincere man, **with his heart full of love, put his hand upon the ark to hold it back**, and was stricken dead because no man could touch that ark but a Levite. **See how God keeps His Word, keeps His channel, keeps His order?** Uzziah was smitten with leprosy (*II Chron. 26:16-21*). Here is David, altogether caused the death of a man, and a great disaster; **being anointed with the Spirit, both of them, but out of God's channel**. Is that right? He died. Oh, it scared David to death. [5]

But now looky here. What it is, is **the spiritual revelation of the Word of God**. That, everything else is wrong but that Word, and you believe It. **He was the Word, and He is the Word, and He will always be the Word. And when God can open that channel, then He can flow freely through that sanctified body**. Now we notice that. [6]

And little old Hattie Wright setting back there, said, "Brother Branham, that's nothing but the Truth!"

She said the right thing! When she said that, the Holy Spirit dropped over in that channel again, every one of them felt It. I raised up, I said, "Sister Hattie, **THUS SAITH THE LORD, you said the right word** like the Syrophenician woman said. **The Holy Spirit's speaking to me now**, and said for me to give **you the desire of your heart**." [3]

So the Greek said, "*Sir, we would see Jesus.*" (*John 12:20-21*). Now what would He do? What if the man is sick, would He say, "I'm going to heal you"? **He couldn't do it; He's already did it**. See? **"By His stripes we were healed."** (*Isaiah 53:1-5*). **He did it on Calvary**. But He would do something to show that He was still Messiah. Was that right? Well, then, what would He do, would He say, "Look at My nail scars"? That's not what He said in the beginning. **He just told them what was in their heart, and they knew that was Messiah** (*John 1:35-51*). **Now that's Him**, same yesterday, today, and forever. Do you believe it? Say, "Amen." [7]

Because, anyone knows, **that gifts of the Holy Spirit, they work in a certain channel**. "There are gifts of healing, by the same Spirit; gifts of tongues, by the same Spirit," **just another channel**, and you pull yourself from one to the other (*I Cor. 12:4-11*). [8]

Do you believe that the God that made this promise, **that did appear Himself**, in the Book of Genesis, **and appeared to Abraham** and

performed that miracle... (*Gen. 18:1-15*). That same God was made flesh, human flesh, born of a virgin (*Isaiah 7:14*). **That was a theophany there, of course, but then when He come in human flesh and was the same Man**, and performing the same things,... Don't you believe that if God could get a person, that He promised to do according to Malachi 4:5-6, **a channel that He could speak through, He'll perform the same thing** He said He'd do there? Do you believe that? I believe He would, too. [3]

And the only way that we'll ever be able **to be the images of God, and the sons of God, is for God to reveal to us, and express Himself through His Word, to us, and us to the world. That's the only channel. For, Christ was the Image here on earth (Col. 1:12-19), that you could see, God in a Man, expressed Image of God**, because God was in Him so much that they were One. And now when Christ left, **He sanctified the Church, that the Church might take His place and express the Word of God. See? That's the only way it can be done. Oh, my!** [6]

Now, when the lion run out and roared on Samson, he was helpless (*Judges 14:5-6*). **But the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, a channel that God could work in.** He wasn't an intellectual giant. **He just walked out there under the power of God and tore him to pieces.** Now, that's a mystery how he could do that, a little fellow like that. [9]

Now, I'm a man, so was He a man. He was the Son of God, begotten, virgin born. **I'm a sinner saved by grace. His grace saved me. So through that He opened up a channel by election (Eph. 1:3-7). By foreknowledge, He opened a channel in my heart to give Hissself a place there that He could work out to you people.** It's your faith that does it, not mine; I couldn't do it. You say, "Brother Branham, stand up, and you tell me what's wrong with me." I couldn't tell you. **It takes your faith to do that.** [10]

When He put the seed in the earth, the seed can only come forth **with the power of life within it, to transform it from a seed to a plant**, or whatever it was. **His transforming power!** Now, **God put the seed in there, with potentials that it would be what He said it would be.** And as long as it stayed in its right category, it would be just exactly what God said it would be. It had to be that way, because He had made it that way, **and made a channel. That, anything that stays in His channel, in His line of**

Word, it will have to bring forth exactly like His Word said it would do. **It cannot move from there. It's channeled just exactly right.** So, with everything in the trust in His Own son, that it would be that way, then God said, "It's all good, so I'll just rest. **And each one of those seeds has power in itself, to transform itself into the specie that I desire it to be.** That's what it must be, because **I have given every seed transforming power**, to make out of itself, in its potentials now to make out of itself exactly what I want it to be." [11]

Jesus said, "But I perceive that I got weak." How many knows that? **Virtue, which means "strength,"** went from Him. "I got weak, somebody touched Me with a different kind of a touch." And He turned around and looked to the audience **until He found where that channel of faith** (*Matt. 9:20-22*).

Everybody was putting their arms around Him, "O Rabbi, we believe You," and all this. **But there was somebody really believed It. And she touched His garment and believed that she was healed, because she said in her heart if she could do it that's what would happen.** [12]

And God's power is limited to your faith in It. That's the only limit it has, is your faith. All things are possible to them that will believe it. There is a great God in Heaven, and if we could only get in contact, like a direct line to Him, all things are possible. But we must come in contact with Him, with no static nowhere, just a clear channel between us and God. Then He said, "If you say to this mountain, 'be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said." [13] This is one Scripture that stumped me: "**Not if I say, but if you say.**" Not if Jesus said it, **but if you say it yourself** (*Mark 11:22-24*).

And I thought, "Somehow **I've broken into that channel, and I know He's here because I'm almost beside myself.**" [3]

Now, you can't bluff it. Satan doesn't bluff too easy, so you can't bluff it. **But when you really know it, then it's got to happen, see, just it must happen.** [13]

Now, do you love Him? Now let's, all together, give Him glory, all ye people. Now, look, **if that has been revealed to you by God, in the channel that you were saved in, the same channel that told you "you were saved," the same channel God moved through, like He did through Job and the prophets, He's moved through you through that channel as**

a Christian, by His Divine revelation that "you are healed," then there's nothing going to keep it from happening. [3]

So everything that God has spoken in His Word, received into the right channel will materialize that Word for whatever the promise behind it is. God will do it. He's obligated to it.

Then, *"If ye abide in Me, and My Word abide in you..." (John 15:7).*
Then you have God, the Word in you. And you believe the Word just as you believe God because It is God, and It's inseparable. **Then if you have God's Word in you, you have God's Life in you. You have God in you.** And whatever God's Word speaks forth out of you, It'll have to come to pass just like it was spoken from God. [15]

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[2] "Abraham" (60-0803), par. E29

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[7] "We Would See Jesus" (62-0704), par. 210-211

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]