

The Spirit of God Always is Ready for Correction

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (James 3:17).

The Spirit of God always is ready for correction, sweet and humble, willing. ^[1]

Now, a few weeks ago at the Christian Business Men's Convention in Minneapolis, I heard a testimony that struck me. And the man is a great plow man. What is his name? Brother Krause, very fine man. That when he got sick, Brother Krause made a testimony which brought this to my mind. He was a bosom friend to Oral Roberts. And Oral Roberts is a fine Christian brother.

Well, first thing you know, he thought, "Well, if something would ever happen to me, only thing I'd do would be go to Oral and that'd be over with." Now, when you get those ideas, you're wrong. That's right. Don't you never think that man has anything to do with it; **it's God alone. It's all right for you to respect men and love them as your brother, but don't never put the love of anybody in your heart like you have of God, or before God (Matt. 22:34-40). Keep Him first.** Love one another (*John 13:35*). But that love in the Greek love is "phileo" which means "human love." But the love you have for God is "agapao" love, **which is a Divine love (Rom. 5:5).**

Keep God's love first. But then, Brother Krause said that he always had such great faith in Brother Roberts. One day he found out he had a kidney trouble: kidney stone. He said, "Oh, my, that's easy. I'll just go down to Brother Roberts. When I have dinner with him..." Oral said, "Sure, we can take care of that right away, Brother Krause." Raised up, laid his hands on him, rebuked the thing.

Said, "He felt better." Went home for a day or two, it was back again. Goes back to Brother Roberts, and said, "Brother Roberts, the thing's back on me."

"We'll pray again." And he rebuked the thing again. Felt better for a few hours, back again.

Kept doing that, till he found out that He wasn't getting anywhere. He thought: "Oral fails. I know somebody won't fail, Brother Branham. He sure won't fail." So he said, "I know, I'll go down stand before that gift, he will tell me just exactly what to do." Said, "I'll find where he's at."

I was in Shreveport, Louisiana, on my last meeting here. He come over to the Washington Rio Hotel, him and his lovely wife. And he said, "Brother Branham, I'm going to try to get a prayer card." They give it to him every night; he never was called in the line.

Loving him the way, just when he was starting to leave, he was down in the lobby. I was there when he come by. He started to cry, and he went out and shook my hand. I said, "Brother Krause, I want you to come up to the room. Come with me." And I went to the room.

And I said, "Now, Brother Krause, let us pray. I'll stand before **God and you, and I'll see what the Lord tells me.**" **I humbled myself before the Lord, went out the way I always do, to try to find... And the Holy Spirit come down and struck me, and refused to say a word to me.**

I said, "That doesn't happen very often. Let us try it again." And we prayed again and said, "**Now, Lord, if we did anything wrong, why, You forgive us for it.**" We don't mean to be doing anything wrong. But Brother Krause is my good brother **and he wants to know what Your will is for him.** Will You speak to me, Father? And now, I offer to Thee, not myself, for I have nothing to offer, but I come in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for His sake. And now, Brother Krause, my brother stands before me, who's helped me many times in great troubles. Now, will You speak, Lord?" **And I humbled myself before the Lord, and the Holy Spirit refused to say a word. Then nothing I could do.** Very seldom, about once or twice in my life, I ever seen it do that.

So then, I didn't know what to tell him. I said, "Brother Krause, I don't understand it." And I said, "I'm afraid to ask again." So **I prayed for him, laid hands on him, went away.**

And he said, "You know, I feel better; I ain't got a pain right now." Went away for about three or four weeks. He was all right. All at once, one night it begin to come again.

Now, he said, "Lord Jesus, I love You. And I've been to both Brother Roberts and Brother Branham, and what am I going to do?" He said, "Don't want to go to any doctor. But what shall I do?"

And so then, finally he was driven to a doctor. And when He went to the doctor, they sent him to Mayo's. Mayo's looked him over and said, "Well, friend, you got about one chance out of one thousand of ever living

over another month." Said, "Your operation might be, if we would remove the stone, but it's set in something." And said, "If we remove that, it might kill you on the operation." He said, "You're just near death. And you got one chance out of a thousand of ever pulling through it."

"Well," he said, "let me think it over."

And **he loves the Lord**, anybody that knows Brother Krause; he's a real Christian. He said, "**Dear God, You know I love You. I've done everything I know to do, but then, now, if it's my time to come Home to You, I'm ready to come. But I love You, and my last words to You are: 'I love You.' And You know my heart that I love You.**"

And he went on to the operation, and the doctor kind of hesitated a little bit to do it. But after the operation was performed, he woke up, and he said, "**The whole entire room was lit up by the Glory of God.**" And the doctors couldn't even understand how quickly and what happened.

When love has been projected and come to its end, sovereign grace stepped in and took its place. It'll do it every time. **That's God's nature.** He can't do nothing else for anybody. But **when you really, truly, love Him...** Loving Him is not just a mythical thought, but **I mean in your heart He becomes dear to you** (*I Peter 1:8-9*). [2]

That's what makes Him God to me, because He humbled Himself. God is humility. Don't never forget that. Humility is God (*Matt. 11:28-30*). Never boastful, **it's always humility.** [3]

Humility is a way to success (*II Chron. 7:11-14; Ps. 119:67+71*). That's right. [4]

Now, you can, it's up to you. Believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ is not dead. **He is alive. He is in humility. He always dwelt like that** (*Isaiah 57:15*). **The way up is down.** Humble yourselves (*James 4:5-7*), get away from your starchy ideas, and believe the Lord Jesus. See the sign, then believe the Voice. [5]

You know, the trouble of it is, you're trying to get Hollywood in the church. The thing you ought to be trying to do is get Hollywood out of the church. See? You're trying to make your building so pretty, you're trying to make your denomination so big, till it'll attract the attention of the people. We can't go over on their side. We've got to have them on our side. Everything shiny, remember, Hollywood glitters with worldliness, **while the Gospel glows in humility.** There is quite a difference between shining and glowing. **The Gospel glows in humility, and meekness, and**

humbleness, and power. While, Hollywood shines, and everybody hurrahing and hollering, and going to it. See? We don't need that. [6]

As You said, "Ye are the Light of the world." (*Matt. 5:14-16*). Grant, Lord, that our Lights, who are of Your service, will shine so bright to the others, **that they'll see the Light of the Gospel as we live it, Lord, day by day, reflecting to them the Life of Jesus Christ as He was on earth** (*Phil. 2:14-15*); **full of that humility and sweetness, yet with the Word being lived right through Him.** Grant it, Lord. [7]

Forget the thing. Come back to God. **Come back to the humility of the Spirit, and love God and take His Word.** [8]

We find out that the Bible is written in such common language, He must have used the grammar that was used out on the street, just a common people. Because, the Bible said, "The common people heard Him gladly," (*Mark 12:37*), see, so maybe the intellectuals could not associate themselves in such a common Person that spoke with drawls, and so forth, that perhaps He did. So, it was a little too much for them. It is yet, today.

And that's the reason the Bible become such a problem to people, because **they try to interpret It by the higher type of language, when It was written in a street language, you see.**

So, God humbles Himself. God is humility. "The man that can humble himself is on his road up. He that exalts himself is on the road down," always (*Matt. 23:12*). So we must remember **that Christianity** is not pushing ahead, and trying to get ahead of this fellow, but **stepping back and taking the back seat, you see, letting the other fellow go on, that's Christianity. Humble yourself.** "If they sue you at the court, and take your coat, give him the cloak also. If he compels you go a mile, go two. If he smites one cheek, turn the other." (*Matt. 5:39-42*). **He was our example in every way what we should be. And if that Life can reflect in us, people will see Christ in you, when they see tha** (*II Cor. 4:6*). [9]

And if it so happens that your church doesn't believe, or you do not believe just the things that we speak of as our church Doctrine, we trust that it will by no means bring an offense. **Because the very first step to successful Christianity, and to show that man has received the Holy Spirit, is humility, real God-given humility, that It must be given humbly** (*Eph. 4:1-3*). But, yet, a church without a doctrine is just like a jellyfish; it has no backbone. **So, we've got to have backbone in it.** And

not also backbone, but teeth also, **because the Church of God must eat the Bread of Life.** [10]

Humility, the way down is always the way up. "He that will humble himself, God will exalt. He that exalteth himself shall be abased." **The way down is the way up for the believer, humble himself before God** (*I Peter 5:5-7*). [11]

"A meek and a humble spirit is a great treasure to God." And the Bible said **for our women to "adorn themselves with a meek and humble spirit, subject to your husbands, and sweetness."** (*I Peter 3:1-6*). That's what's a great price in the sight of God. See? That's right. [12]

Jesus met with men of all walks of life. He met in great circles. One time He was with thousands, five hundred at once, twelve at once, three at once, and even will come to one. **That makes Him great,** because not even one person can ever call on Him but what He will be right there at their side. **That's what makes Him God is because of His humility.** [11]

A lot of people try to be, **"I'm So-and-so," step out like that. That's not God. The way down is up. His humility proved to me He was God, what He was; humble, sweet.** [13]

Aren't you glad to be one of them? **Just one of them, one of them humble people that just emptied yourself out, come down, not before an idol, before a living God,** not before an organization and put your name on a book, **before a living God;** not to recite a creed, **but to let the Word become flesh in you.** See, that's it. **And humbled yourself.** And then through that, He exalted you up above; not to be heady, high-minded, say **"I'm this, that, or the other," but in humility, sweetness,** and "How did He ever save a wretch like me? And how did He ever do it?" **That's the way the real Christian feels.** Don't you believe that? Oh, He is so real. [14]

We pray, Father, that You'll bless these gifts and manifest them in the church. And may it come to pass that pilgrims and strangers coming by, and drop in that door and set down a few minutes, **and may the Spirit of God be so great in here** till it'll make known the secret of every heart that enters the door. Grant it, Lord. **May it be with such sweetness and**

humility, never harsh and rebuking and tearing down. We know the Spirit of God isn't like that. [15]

And now, I pray and trust to God... And today, anew, I dedicate my life to Him over His pulpit. **That one great desire in my life is to be more humble before God and before His people.** Knowing that that's one of my major mistakes, is having to deal with the public in such a way, it's taken a lot out of me, that used to be there. **I trust that God will restore again that joy that I once had (Psalm 51:12).** Not as I lost my joy, no; **but I mean I want more of it, more, more humility to serve the Lord.** This coming year, I promised God, if He'll let me live, and **give me health and strength,** I will try to be a servant to God, and a brother to men, **with all my heart.** [16]

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- [4] "Letting Off The Pressure" (62-0622B), par. 14
- [5] "The Voice Of The Sign" (64-0321E), par. 227
- [6] "A Testimony On The Sea" (64-0307), par. 106
- [7] "There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light" (63-1229M), par. 289
- [8] "Why Little Bethlehem" (63-1214), par. 70
- [9] "Sir We Would See Jesus" (63-1112), par. 76-78
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- [11] "Hear Ye Him" (60-0806), par. E26
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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]