

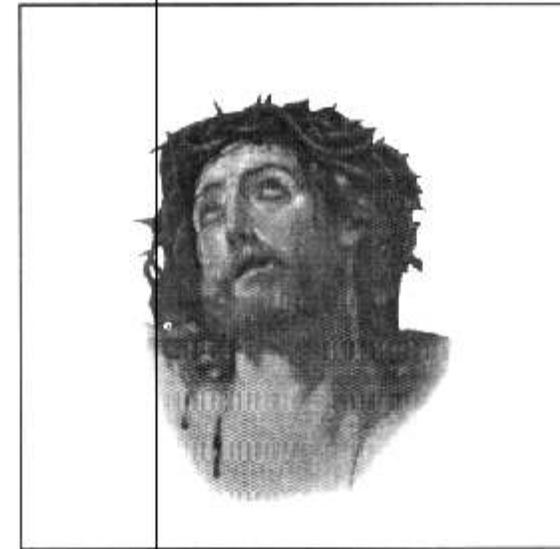
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INTRODUCTION

If there is any time the bride of Christ needs true headship, it is now. The alarming and most incredible conditions prevailing within the body of people supposedly following the continuity of light around the world, particularly, with the establishment of a heretical and idolatrous two-man leadership committee, projected from Faith Assembly, Jeffersonville, Indiana, U.S.A., following the death of the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson, makes this issue the more necessary. I pray you pay close attention, for although headship is an issue people detest and fight vehemently, it is still a reality we face, whether we like it or not, and whether we accept it or not. It is still the truth, for it is a fundamental Bible issue.

There is an inherent nature of rebellion in man, an inbred pride and arrogance, that makes man, who is merely religious, resent and reject headship. Man in his natural estate is highly rebellious and prideful; yet he is very ambitious. The ambition and ego of man, if not surrendered completely to Jesus Christ, would be the ruin of the religious man, for it would not allow him to surrender to the will of God, and to the leadership of Jesus Christ. When you therefore see people who claim to believe, stand against true headship, for there is true

headship, it shows they are not yet dead to self. They are not yet crucified; neither are they truly revealed. That is why they are ruled by their ambition and pride, and self will. It is that simple, because the revelation of truth, and the will of God, is the meat of every true believer. We walk by God's revealed master plan, for ***"the just shall live by faith."*** True revelation makes a man humble, for the truth of Christ will give the possessor the appreciative and submissive mind of Christ. Truth breeds humility, for truth has life transforming power, even as it is written: ***"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting"*** (or transforming) ***"the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward"*** (Psalm 19:7-11). Every true seed of God elected into the bride, every true revealed child of God, will have a completely submissive mind to truth, to the will of God, and to His headship of the bride; for headship is a very fundamental Bible issue. You must know, that today,

with God shedding light on it, our response to it determines who we are, and where we will wind up. Now, that is a serious thought. I will expand on this fact later.

As such, it is imperative, irrespective of individual feelings, that the truth of headship be laid out, for the sake of the true elect bride. It will also serve as a witness to the rest of the masses in the entire Branham movement. These are issues, the understanding of which will make for our peace, even though it is a very thorny issue, and though it seems like a new terrain, being an issue that was not in focus in the early Church, and therefore, is an issue that was not specifically addressed by the early ministry, that is, the ministry of the first Church Age, the Ephesian Age. That is the truth, because the issue of the headship of the ministry, was not addressed in Paul's day, as it was not contested by the early ministry, a pure certified seed ministry, and therefore was not an issue, although we have scenarios in the Bible, where apostle Paul had to lay out his leadership position over the bride of that era of time, in situations where people looked down on him, or tried to undermine his authority. For instance, he claimed in 1 Cor.4:14-16, thus: ***"I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have***

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ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, BE YE FOLLOWERS OF ME." He also challenged the saints in 1 Cor. 14:36-38, thus: ***"What? Came the Word of God out from you?"*** (For it came out from Paul) ***"Or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."*** In his epistle to the Romans, chapter 11, verse 13, he plainly declared: ***"For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am THE APOSTLE of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office."*** The opposition of false brethren, also forced Paul to declare in Galatians 2: 4-9, thus: ***"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you. But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: But contrariwise, when they saw that the Gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the***

Gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision." The situation Paul faced, was what necessitated the reaction we just read in the Scriptures, where Paul had to lay out his position of authority. But in the main, you must understand, that the early Church ministry, as well as the early Church body, understood headship, and submitted unreservedly to it, possessing a true understanding of the plan of salvation, and of the position of the ministry, over the body of Christ, in the light of truth. Hence, the early ministry was not moved to consider headship as a focal issue, as we are being forced to do today.

Moreover, coming out of the dark ages in Babylon, and particularly, coming out of the world of organized systems of religion, where men are used to doing their own thing, and preaching their own thing, headship becomes a serious issue, and it is a problem facing the bride of Christ today, following the death of the star messenger to this age, William Marrion Branham, the

Elijah of Mal. 4:6B. Headship is seen only in mystical or spiritual terms, and is hung strictly and exclusively on Christ, in the Spirit, without any earthly application within the body of ministry, called the five fold ministry of Ephesians four. This is what we want to look at. This is the issue that forms the focus of this book. May the Spirit of Christ help me to do justice to this highly material, and most controversial Bible issue, for without Him, I can do nothing. And although there is a lot we can write on an issue like this, yet, I intend making it as brief and as simple as possible, for the edification of the elect bride saints, without leaving out material issues, God being my helper.

THE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST

Headship is derived from the word "head." To be the "head" is to be the leader. It simply means leadership. Within the body of Christ, headship is the divinely constituted authority over the Universal Church of the living God, established to lead the bride. Headship therefore speaks of the leadership of the Universal Church body: It is the divine means, or the divine organ, through which God leads His Church, giving true revelation, spiritual instruction, direction, and focus, to the entire bride of Christ. This is what headship in the

body of Christ entails, in general terms (i.e. speaking generally); but strictly speaking (i.e. in relation to the Ephesian ministry itself), headship is the ministry established by God, to guide or lead the five fold ministry body. When we therefore talk of headship in the ministry, we are talking strictly of headship over the body of ministry. Headship in this latter sense (i.e. in its strict application), is what this book presents, in the main.

It is an indisputable truth, that Jesus Christ is the head of the Universal Church, which is his body, even as it is written, that God **"gave him to be the head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all"**-Eph.1:22,23. It is also written in Col. 1:18,19 thus: **"And he is the head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; THAT IN ALL THINGS HE MIGHT HAVE PREEMINENCE. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell"**. Ephesians 4:15 also confirms this. Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, is the undisputed head of the body of Christ Universal, being the Saviour of the body. **"Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ"**, so must we as God's end time elects, called into this same body, be totally subject to the revelation, direction, and absolute leadership of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, IN ALL THINGS, if we are

truly part of this body, or if we are to be truly part of this body (Eph. 5:23-24).

Jesus Christ our head, is presently in heaven, in the Spirit realm, from where he rules, and leads, and deals with his Church, by his Spirit, in the light of the revelation of the Scriptures of truth. This currently makes Christ our INVISIBLE HEAD: A head which we cannot see physically, except by the eye of faith, which the Spirit of God gives. Note therefore, that the headship of Christ, as it stands today, is invisible, being spiritual, and different from when he was here in his physical corporeal body on earth, about two thousand years ago, in Palestine, when he led and ruled his Church body potential, by his physical presence.

According to the Bible passage we quoted above, in emphasizing the mystical type which marriage sets, Paul admonishes: ***“Therefore as the Church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands IN EVERY THING”*** - Eph. 5:24. This comparative admonition, reiterates or repeats the fact, that the Church is to be subject, unreservedly (i.e. totally; absolutely), to the rulership or headship of Jesus Christ. This has to be so, seeing that ***“Ye are bought with a price.” “For the love of Christ constraineth us;***

because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again”-2 Cor.5:14-15. We are all expected to be “prisoners” of Christ. Therefore, when we are truly saved, that salvation experience, actually presupposes, a surrendering of our lives, and of our will, totally to the will of Jesus Christ, and to his absolute rulership.

I say this to emphasize the very vital need, for us to be completely surrendered to the absolute headship or rulership of Jesus Christ. We have to, if we are truly his. All children of light have no other desire, but to live for Christ, and serve his very purpose, strictly following the leadership of Jesus Christ, even as it is written: ***“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”*** (Philippians 1:21). It is also written: ***“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”*** - Rom. 8:14. Only as many as are under the divine leadership or headship of Christ, are truly sons and daughters of God. Period! Therefore, to reject the headship or leadership of the Spirit of Christ, is to evidence that we are non-seeds. It is that serious! But you must also know, that the headship or leadership of Christ, is according to truth: That is, true leadership dovetails with the revealed Word

of God, as it is expressed strictly in the light of truth, even as it is written: ***“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come”*** (John 16:13). On the authority of John 16:13 therefore, leadership into truth, is the test of true sonship, for the leadership of Jesus Christ is expressed strictly in the light of truth. Unless we submit to revelatory headship, we will not make it in the bride. You must know that once you take away headship or leadership of Christ, you take away sonship. Period! It is that serious, absolutely! But don't forget, as I laid out above, true headship is strictly according to truth, and is expressed in the light. Take note, for submission to true leadership, is determinable! It is! Hence, it is not so much what a person says or claims, it is that we can determine whether a person is under the leadership of God or not, by his or her stand, for or against the truth, for the revelation of the inspired infallible Scriptures, is the plumbline. Hence it is written: ***“But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man”***. Why? It is because he has the mind of Christ which is anchored in the revelation of God's will (1Cor.2:15-16; Philippians 2:5). For instance, you cannot be under the headship of Christ, and reject truth, or walk in darkness, whilst the true light

shineth. That is absolutely impossible! (1John1: 5-6). It is written: ***“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my Word”*** (i.e. if you follow continuity of light; if you are continuously led into further light) ***“then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”***- John 8:31,32. Leadership into truth, is an infallible identification of one who is under God's leadership. That is why I said, you cannot be truly led of God, and reject truth, or reject further light for now, for the Spirit of Christ, which is the Comforter, being the Spirit of truth, guides or leads into ALL TRUTH! It is the mark of true discipleship of Christ, for it shows true leadership (John 16: 12-15).

I am laying a scripturally solid foundation for this message. Please bear with me, for the foundation of headship, as in every other thing, is the inspired infallible Scriptures. I repeat, no matter how much a person claims to be following the leadership of God, and no matter how much he claims to be yoked to the invisible headship of Jesus Christ, if he is not standing for truth, or following the continuity of divine scriptural revelation, he is telling a big lie, and is obviously deceived. Simple! The attitude of a person to truth, clearly shows whether a person is under the headship of the currently invisible Christ or not, for the Scriptures is the plumbline for all things. Precisely!

I have laid the above because we live in a professing religious world, that are obviously devoid of a true understanding of spiritual things, though they make a lot of empty claim. And it only shows they are not being dealt with, or being led, by the Spirit of God. For how can a true believer deny or reject a fundamental truth of Christ, as revealed in the Bible? That is why I said that the leadership of Jesus Christ, is in the light, and is expressed, strictly according to the light of truth. There is nothing you can do, and there is no fantastic experience you can have, that can nullify the revelation of truth: It would not be true divine leadership (Isaiah 8:20).

Having laid this foundation, I want to say, as long as we keep the headship of Christ in the Spirit realm (i.e. in heaven); as long as we limit leadership or rulership of the body of Christ to the invisible Christ, and people don't have to submit or subject themselves to any physical or visible ministry, people love and accept that. But when we localize headship, projecting the headship or rulership of Christ, in the ministry God has established on earth, people fight it vehemently. They scream rebelliously, and without revelation: "Jesus Christ is the head of the Church!"; "No man is the head of the Church!" etc. It is true that Jesus Christ is the head of the entire Universal bride Church, but that headship is unseen,

being invisible, because Jesus Christ is not here physically in this Grace Age. However, when we consider Jesus Christ when he was on earth, and as it applies even now, he was, and he is, under God's headship, even as the Bible declares: ***"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD"*** - 1Cor. 11: 3. The truth is that when Jesus Christ was here on earth, about two thousand years ago, he was, and is, under the headship of God, the omnipresent and invisible eternal Spirit, even as apostle Paul clearly laid out in 1 Cor. 11:3, that God is the head of Christ. The real question however is this: How was the headship of God expressed on earth, in the earthly days of Christ? The answer is this: We did not see that invisible eternal Spirit, but we saw a man, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, through whom the leadership of God was characterized and expressed, being a man completely sold out to God; a man through whom God manifested Himself to the Nation of Israel, in all His divine attributes. Jesus Christ was a man who subjected himself totally to the absolute leadership and dealership of God the Father, that God's unseen headship could be seen, in all his works and teachings, and he was one who allowed the perfect will of the Father to prevail, in all circumstances, as he handled situations, people, and

problems that confronted him, with divine wisdom and authority, according to the mind or the will of the Almighty God, unveiling God's plan of salvation, for Adam's fallen race. Through his life and ministry, the unseen headship of God was clearly expressed and revealed to man. He walked on water, rebuked the storm and the waves, called out Lazarus from the dead back to life, opened the eyes of the blind, turned water into wine, restored an ear that was cut off, made the fig tree to wither, and preached the Good News to the poor etc. This he could do, as he was the very embodiment of the Spirit of God the Father, and because he was yoked to God, who was tabernacled in him, in the fullness of His divine attributes: ***"For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily"*** - Col. 2:9. As such, we can say this, the invisible headship of God over the whole earth, was characterized and expressed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Saviour of the whole world. Hence, whoever turned down the leadership of Jesus Christ, turned down the headship of God, for the headship of God was characterized and expressed in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Simple! But don't also forget, that the salvation of God, which we have in Christ Jesus, is also being conveyed through the ministry of men God established over His people, by the revelation, or by the light of Christ they bear.

THE BEGINNING OF SALVATION

Let me bring this issue out for you in a way you would see the truth of it. Before God would bring salvation or deliverance to a people, God first establishes headship or leadership. In other words, the beginning of God's deliverance or salvation movement, gives you first, the head (i.e. the leadership) of that movement, the beginning point, and the means of the deliverance, or the means of the salvation of God. For instance, in temporal terms, when setting up or forming an organization, or a company, whether private or public, be it a Bank, or a Chocolate factory, or a Government Agency, or other, you first get, or first establish, the head of that organization or establishment. You do not start by first employing the cleaners, and such low cadre of staff! You would not achieve your objective, if you do. You start with those who would be the brain of that organization: The Executives! The Chief Executive comes first. They set the ball rolling, for the actualization of the dream or objective. And so it is, in spiritual parlance (i.e. in spiritual terms). When God would reveal Himself to a people, to bring about their deliverance or salvation, God first establishes the prime instrument of His deliverance, the human instrument that He would use, one to whom God would reveal Himself unto, and also anoint, that he, in

turn, may characterize and express, the unseen leadership of God, over the people, being the instrument through whom God would bring about the deliverance or salvation. We see that projected through Noah, through Moses, through Jesus the Christ, through Paul the apostle, as well as through William Branham, and Raymond Jackson, to mention just a few moves of God, the move through Jesus Christ, being the greatest move of all (i.e. for all time, and for all moves). **Every move of God, gives you first the head of that movement, for the beginning of God's move, starts with the head, through which Christ is revealed. Always!** Take note. The instrument of God's move, therefore, characterizes the leadership of God, over His people, in that day, and in that move. It is headship. Even in human reproduction, conception starts with a microscopic pin-sized head, through which, and from which, the body later forms, progressively! That's why Brother Jackson emphasized over and over, that the birth of anything, that is, the beginning of anything, gives you first the head. It holds true for the natural, as well as for the spiritual.

When we consider our salvation, it starts and ends with our head, which is Jesus Christ, for Christ is the means of our salvation. He is our head, being the head of the body of Christ, which is his Church. That makes him **the**

beginning of our salvation, the first born of the new creation, according to the Scriptures, and also the first to rise from among the dead, being the head of the Universal Church, for pre-eminence always lay in the head. Thus saith the Word of God in Col. 1:15, 18,19! When Christ died, sealing the New Testament with his blood, and salvation was to come to the Gentiles, what did God do? He first established Paul as the chief apostle, and Barnabas as an apostle, men who became the starting nucleus of that apostolic head, over the Gentiles. (See Acts 13: 46,47). It invariably means this, until you talk of headship, you cannot talk of salvation, for it does not come out of the blue, nor does it come in vacuum, and neither does the revelation of Christ come in vacuum: It comes through the leadership instrument God sets as a light, to bear the salvation torch of Christ, to God's people. Headship is that serious. Note that, for you must understand the logistics of salvation, looking back through time, in order to help you recognize what God is doing today, how He does it, and what He expects of you. You must understand and follow headship, if you will walk acceptably with God. The unseen headship of God is revealed and expressed through the leadership God sets over His people, in the light.

Let me give you another solid example of what we are

talking about. We want to look at Samuel the prophet. Samuel was a type of Christ, serving in his days, as a prophet, priest, and spiritual king, to the Nation of Israel. That is, before Israel demanded for a king. He was not only a prophet to the Nation of Israel, he also performed the functions of a priest. Furthermore, he also judged and ruled the people, characterizing the invisible headship or kingship of God over that Nation, for the Lord is the king of Israel. Remember, when Balaam was hired by Balak to curse Israel, on his way to the promised land, Balaam, under divine inspiration, pronounced: ***"Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it. He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath He seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his GOD IS with him, and THE SHOUT OF A KING IS AMONG THEM"*** - Num. 23: 20-21. The king which Balaam saw, is Elohim; But the shout or voice of Elohim, and His kingship, which Balaam spoke of, was characterized and expressed in Moses, who is also a type of Christ. He was set as ruler and judge over Israel, in that day, under God (Exodus 18:13-16). Later, when the children of Israel, in Samuel's day, requested for a physical king, as opposed to a spiritual one, Samuel cried to God about it, having failed to dissuade the children of Israel from such a course of action, knowing its negative implication. It is written:

"But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but THEY HAVE REJECTED ME, THAT I, SHOULD NOT REIGN" (i.e. that I should not be King) ***"OVER THEM..."*** - 1 Sam. 8:6-8. The rejection of the headship of Samuel, was the rejection of the headship of Jehovah, for the headship of God, was characterized and expressed, through Samuel the prophet. Think of it! Just think, for we are faced with the same scenario today.

The case of Moses and Samuel, laid out immediately above, helps us to understand, that the invisible headship of God, is always characterized and expressed, in the ministry the Lord establishes over His people on earth, **in the light of truth**. Note that, for you cannot get out of it, no matter where you go in the Scriptures. It is an absolute truth. When you reject a true ministry, you reject God Almighty, and when you deny or reject the headship of a true ministry, you deny and reject the headship of the Most High God (Matt. 10: 40-41; John 13:20; Luke 7:30; 1 John 4:6). If you could not follow Moses in his leadership, by virtue of his office and his revelation, you could not walk with God at that hour of

time. The same applies today. Hence, it is an established truth, that the unseen headship or leadership of God, was expressed in the seen headship of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, when he was on earth. That headship is still being expressed today in Jesus Christ, but it is no longer a seen headship, being invisible. The question is this: How do we relate the headship of Jesus Christ to the body of Christ on earth today? We will now consider that.

THE EPHESIAN MINISTRY HEAD

We must remember, that all that was in Christ, he poured into the Church, that the Church may be a complete or a full embodiment of the Spirit of Christ. This includes the ministerial attributes of Jesus Christ. The five fold ministry is in Jesus Christ, all as ministerial attributes he possessed and expressed when he was on earth, in the days of his flesh. But when Christ died and rose from the dead, he divested himself of these attributes, and invested it in a body of ministry, called the five fold ministry, of Ephesians four, which is the ministry of his mystical or spiritual body, which is his Church. From then on, the headship of Jesus Christ, which could not be seen physically, was characterized and expressed in, and through, the ministry of his mystical body, called the Ephesian five fold ministry. Therefore, we can infallibly

say, that the headship of the Universal bride, is invested in the five fold ministry, and as such, the attitude of people, to that established ministry, which is a continuing ministry, of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, is an attitude to the unseen Christ himself. Period! This should inform you, that you cannot confine the headship of Christ to the heavenly realm. You cannot! His unseen headship, is characterized and expressed, through the five fold ministry he has set as head, over his Church body. And that is precisely why a woman cannot hold any of these offices, without wielding authority over the Church of the living God. Hence why she is forbidden to preach the Gospel (1 Tim2: 11-15; 1 Cor. 14:34-38). There is no woman who will be in the ministry of the bride. Period! The five fold ministry of Ephesians, in all its five folds, is the established head of the Universal bride Church. That is settled, even as it is written: ***“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure”*** (i.e. according to the limit or the fullness) ***“of the gift of Christ.”*** (Ask yourself, what is the fullness of Christ? You are not only looking at the gifts of the Spirit he was and is invested with, according to 1 Cor. 12, and the nature of God, that is, God’s character, he exemplified or bore, and the supernatural signs he manifested, you are also looking at the headship of God he characterized and expressed, over the Church, for all these are

investments which God the Father placed or deposited in Jesus Christ) **"...that he"** (Christ) **"might fill all things"** (i.e. fill the Church with the fullness of himself, including his headship attributes, which is now broken down and given to men). **"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;"** (the five fold leadership ministry) **"for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry"** (singular; i.e. of Christ) **"for the edifying"** (i.e. building up) **"of the body of Christ:"** (Universal) **"Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in ALL THINGS, which is the head even Christ"** (that is, to grow up in all things that Christ is) - Eph.4:7-15. I have to say, that it is impossible for the Ephesian ministry to accomplish such a great, divine task, without being invested with the headship authority of Jesus Christ, over the Church. The Ephesian ministry characterize and exemplify that headship, for the unseen headship of Christ, is characterized and expressed by

the five fold ministry, which Jesus Christ placed over the body.

That is why the five fold ministry is the highest calling of God, being the continuing ministry of Christ, carrying on the earthly work of Christ, by his Spirit. That is what gives headship to this ministry, over the body of Christ. That is what makes this ministry to be the complete embodiment of the ministry of Jesus Christ. Paul also wrote in 1Cor. 12:28: **"And God hath set some in the Church,"** (that is, established or positioned over the Church, as head over the Church), **"first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers..."** (Paul was simply stating here, the fact that God hath placed various gifts within the body. He started with office gifts, which Christ placed as head over the body, before going into Spirit gifts, which Christ also invested in the body; but he did not do it in detail, for he was merely giving us the thought of it, or the fact of it).

We must remember though, that this original headship died out completely, that is, the five fold ministry headship died out, and with the death of the original Ephesian ministry, Satan invaded the Church, took her over, and led her into Babylon in the dark ages, until God slowly restored truth after truth, through the reformation

movements, using one reformer after the other, until we finally came to the leadership God established, in our own era of time, at the close of the Second World War. Please note that during the reformation era, a lot of the preachers did not understand headship, and each man in the ministry did his own thing, preached his own thing, and went his own way; but because there was so little light shed, in a world filled with so much creed and dogma and tradition, the Spirit of God winked at their ignorance, knowing that headship would be one of the last things God would deal with at the very end, to usher in perfection, for the bride of Christ. As such, during the reformation era, on one hand, you had preachers like A.H. Hancke of Halle, Germany, George Muller etc, who formed orphanages sustained only by faith: that is, without any means of support or income whatsoever, other than by prayer; And on the other hand, you had preachers like Ulrich Zwingli, a reformer of Switzerland, who refused to see eye to eye with Martin Luther, the father of the reformation, and who differed sharply with Luther, doctrinally, so much so, that when a civil war broke out in Zurich, the Zwinglians took up swords, to face the onslaught of the Catholic army. Zwingli died in this fiasco, although he did not personally fight in the war: But he joined in the war as a chaplain, caring for the wounded and dying. During the reformation period, Bible

schools, Bible societies, and Christian organizations of all sorts were established, by men of God, to peddle their different ideas, an example of which is the Salvation Army, formed by General Booth. Nonetheless, the long reformation era was the period God used, to gradually but surely restore truth, the Pentecostal movements, being the last phase of the reformation. This period reminds one of the time of the Judges in Israel, when each man did what was right in his own eyes; but God was going to bring everything back to its original Ephesian glory. The end of the Second World War, would witness a great move of God, for the end time bride; for God was going to have, and He will have, a true ministry, a true bride, and true headship will be restored.

ELIJAH'S HEADSHIP

In 1946, William Marrion Branham, the Elijah of Mal. 4:5b & 6b, was commissioned by the angel of the Lord, to spearhead the healing revival movement, which affected the whole world, after the Second World War came to a close. That in itself, made him the leader or the head of that movement, being the beginning point, or the starting ministry, of that healing and deliverance move. He also bore a restoring message for the bride of Jesus Christ of the end time, as the star messenger to this seventh and

final Gentile Church Age, within the Grace Age of salvation. His message, constituting the voice of the seventh messenger of Rev. 10:7, is what God is using to get and prepare a bride for Jesus Christ, at this end time, and his truth, forms the infallible and unchangeable and absolute platform, for the re-establishment of the original five fold ministry. I dealt with this issue sufficiently in my last book, titled: "How Far Are We Into The Five Fold Ministry", which can be received for free, upon request. You can also download it from our website: www.bftchurch.org. Brother Branham, as Elijah of Mal. 4:6B, and as Rev. 10:7 messenger, was an old Testament type prophet, whose ministry positively and tremendously impacted the end time bride elects, who were all called out by his message, which we call, The End Time Message a message of restoration, of the revealed truths of Christ, being the fore-runner of the second coming of Jesus Christ (i.e. of his mystical coming).

Through his message, a pollination message, which carried the pure and undiluted revelation of truth, designed of God to impregnate the end time bride seed elects, with the pure germ of life, for the reproduction of original certified seed bride, for Jesus Christ, at this very end, God was also going to raise up a body of ministry,

that would eventually constitute the original purebred Ephesian ministry head. His voice or message, constituting the midnight "**Cry**" of Matt. 25, an awakening and a preparatory message, and which said voice, also constituted the "**Shout**" of 1 Thess 4:16, was what God used to awaken all virgins of Jesus Christ, wise and foolish, although all were not awakened at the same time. I have to add, that his message not only awakened all virgin elements, it also set them on their different or respective paths, bringing about a distinct separation of camps, between the wise and the foolish virgins. Whilst the wise virgin went in with Christ, spiritually, into a divine revelation, which access the message of Brother Branham gave them, the foolish virgins, on the other hand, went seeking oil, within the bounds of the world of organized systems of religion, where the oil merchants operate. The door of accessibility to divine revelation, which was opened up to the elect bride of Christ in 1963, with the opening up of the first six Seals, was what the "**Rock Of Revealed Truth**" dream, which God gave to Raymond Jackson, pertained to. The opening up of this rock, enabled the bride saints to be led into the inner chamber (or into the rock), when Christ, according to Matt 25: 10, "**Came**" spiritually (not physically; and neither was it for the rapture), but spiritually. That is, when Christ came in a divine revelation, to give an

intimate and exclusive engagement relationship, to the elect saints, ordained to be in the bride. This spiritual coming of Christ, was expressed through the ministry of Brother Branham, by the Spirit of Christ, in a divine revelation in 1963, under the third pull, of the prophet's ministry. It must also be emphasized, that within the bounds of revealed truth, and from within the camp of the restored saints, God would raise up the bride ministry, and is raising up the bride ministry, called the five fold ministry of Ephesians, the original Ephesian ministry head, which Christ established over the early Church. One thing is certain thus far: Brother Branham's singular ministry, was the beginning of God's move in Laodicea, for the elect bride, a people that would bear the pure and complete revelation of Christ. As such, and without doubt, the establishment of Brother Branham's singular ministry, by the Spirit of Christ, placed him as the singular head, over the Universal bride of Christ of his hour, being the beginning ministry, and the major or star ministry, God established in this age, and the sole vessel, whose voice God is using, to call out the Universal bride, according to Rev. 10:7, by the revelation he bore, which revelation turned our heart, as end time bride saints, to the faith of our apostolic fathers, in fulfillment of the promise of God, in Mal. 4:6b. This meant, that the prophetic ministry of William Branham, established by

God, to call out, lead, and restore, the Universal bride, to the pure foundation of the truth of Jesus Christ, was the singular ministry, Jesus Christ positioned and used, to characterize and express, his unseen headship, over the Universal bride. This made Brother Branham, like Moses, the head of the Nation of the bride, in that hour of time, for in him alone, was the unseen headship of Christ invested, and through him, Christ was in turn revealed, to the bride Universal, by the divine revelation he bore.

However, no sooner had the door of accessibility to divine revelation been opened up for the bride, when God called home his prophet, in December of 1965. But one thing was certain: A truth had been restored; a people had been called out to embrace this truth; and a door to divine revelation had been opened up to those predestinated to be in the bride. What remained, was for God to re-establish the Ephesian ministry head. As such, we can infallibly say, up till 1965, there was no five fold ministry, for the prophet first had to give the totality of truths that would constitute his voice or message, and be taken off the scene, that his voice can go around the earth, to catch the elect bride, from around the world, from among whom the Spirit of Christ, would raise up the bride ministry. Brother Jackson, the chief apostle to this age, looking back through the past 38 years, to how God

used him, and what God used him to accomplish, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ, plainly laid that out last year, when he said: ***“At the time of Brother Branham's death, the five fold ministry was not yet on the scene. Had you thought about that? I say this as humbly and carefully as I know how, because I can see why for the first three years after that, I found myself pushed, even compelled to go ahead. That is why I gave reference to the different dreams God gave me. I kept asking myself. What good does it do for me to say anything? They won't believe me. It was just the grace of God that kept pushing or persuading me to go ahead. Even though I had the dream about the apostle's license, that still did not make me feel I was going to do something great. I can look back now though, and see why God just gradually nudged me on”*** - The Mystery of God, Part 115 of the Contender, page 4, column 4.

The quote of Brother Jackson given immediately above, confirms that at the death of Brother Branham, there was no Ephesian ministry on ground, although the restored truth, which is the faith of the early Church apostolic fathers, also gives us the bride ministry, called the five fold ministry, which begins first with the starting point, or the starting office, of the Ephesian ministry, which is the

office of the chief apostle. In essence, once the headship of the prophet was taken away, by his passing away in 1965, the framework had been established, for the projection of the original Ephesian ministry head; for there was not going to be any vacuum, and there was no vacuum, in the leadership of the bride. For this leadership, the only scriptural ministry we could look to, was the Ephesian ministry, to which we were restored, by the prophet's message, for Mal.4:6b, produces Eph. 4:11-12.

THE APOSTOLIC HEAD

However, you must understand, that the Ephesian five fold ministry was not produced in one day, and furthermore, there is a divine order laid out in the Scriptures, for the establishment of this ministry, and God will not establish it, contrary to the order He laid out in the Scriptures, for its establishment. The beginning fold of the five fold ministry, is the apostolic ministry. That in itself, places headship on this fold, over the five fold ministry, being the beginning fold, and the pre-eminent or principal fold, within the Ephesian ministry. Don't forget what we laid out earlier, that the beginning of God's move, always gives us first the head. After Brother Branham's ministry, the beginning of the successive

move, gives us first the head of the five fold ministry. It does, for God never starts anything with the toe! The beginning of Israel's deliverance, gave you first the head, which was Moses, a man who was placed as head, over the entire ministry God established over the Nation of Israel. He was even the means of their establishment! The beginning of the deliverance movement, in the late forties and fifties, gave you the head, which was William Branham. The beginning of God's move for the end time elect bride, at the winding down of the deliverance movement, under the third pull, gave you first the head, which was still Brother Branham! The beginning of the bride ministry (i.e. the Ephesian ministry), has to give you first, and it gives you first, the head of the ministry, and that is the plural apostolic ministry; for there is a starting or beginning point, for the five fold ministry. The starting fold of the five fold ministry, is the apostolic ministry, the head of the five fold ministry, or the apostolic head. I am saying in essence, that although the five fold ministry have been set as head over the body of Christ Universal, but over this same body of ministry, God also established a head, made up of the apostles, who constitute the apostolic head. This is the ministry that laid the foundation of faith, for the establishment, or for the operation of the Ephesian ministry **builders**, as well as for the entire Universal Church body, on the

unquestionable authority of Eph.2:20-22, and of 1Cor. 3:10-11. Every man called into the Ephesian five fold ministry of the early Church, was a man (i.e. was a builder), who had his ministry established upon the revelation of truth the apostolic ministry laid down, which truth, he in turn used, to dress the bride, and which truth, he was raised up to defend and uphold; For he was called upon the basis of that revealed truth of Christ. Hence: **The foundation of the five fold ministry, is the apostolic revelation, for the apostolic revelation, is the revelation of Jesus Christ; upon this revelation, the early Church ministries were established.** Please take note of that. That makes their truth, our absolute, being the truth of Christ, by his Spirit, through the apostolic head, which he established over the Ephesian ministry. Period! There is therefore no one that will minister to the bride today, who is not also established upon the newly re-established apostolic foundation, which is made up of the continuity of light we received today. This continuity of light takes in all that we received from the prophet, plus the thirty eight years continuity revelation we received from the chief apostle, the starting point of the apostolic head. Moreover, you must understand, that you cannot have an army of watchmen without headship. It is not possible to have a body of ministry without headship or leadership! You do not find

that in the Scriptures, whether you consider the Law era, or the New Testament dispensation. The apostolic headship God established over the ministry, gives you headship in its strict sense, rather than in its general application.

The pre-eminence, or the headship, of the apostolic ministry, over the entire body of ministry, was what made me lay out the following truths, in my previous book, titled: "How Far Are We Into The Five Fold Ministry", from page 2, paragraph 2: *"...the apostolic ministry that Jesus Christ constituted for the Church potential, that is, before her life changing upper room experience, was the ministry that God used to guide the Church to the point of her actual birth, on Pentecost day, and it was this same ministry, that Jesus Christ used to start off the Church on its course in time, in this grace age, guiding and leading her in her earthly journey, in the first era of Christendom. It was the apostolic ministry that laid the foundation of truth upon which the faith of the Church is built, kept the Church on course in the light of Christ, in that first age of Christendom, and kept a line on the Word of God, to keep it free from leaven (i.e. keep it from error). Every revelation of truth the New Testament Church received, outside of*

those recorded in the four synoptic Gospels, were all given by this ministry, and there was nothing she received as revelation of truth, that did not come from this category of ministry. They were the inspired writers and custodians of the full and complete revelation faith of Jesus Christ, the guardians of the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the ministry that wrote every verse of the New Testament, from the book of Mathew, right through to the book of Revelation, which John the beloved apostle was used by the Spirit of Christ to give the bride. No New Testament prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, wrote one verse of the New Testament. All the New Testament writings were solely by the apostles. This gives pre-eminence to this ministry, within the ministry of the bride of Christ. That is scripturally and factually incontestable, and undeniable. The apostolic ministry, is undoubtedly the principal fold or ministry, of the bride Church ministry, being the foundation layers for the Church, and the head of the bride ministry. Hence, it is written: "We" (the bride Church) "are built upon the foundation of the apostles" (New Testament apostles) "and prophets" (Old Testament prophets, who prophesied of the grace to come in Christ) 1 Pet. 1:9-12; Eph.2:20; 1 Cor.3:10. That is why they are

scripturally referred to as the "fathers" of our faith, our apostolic fathers, according to Malachi 4:6b."

Having said this much, I have to warn, that although the starting fold of the five fold ministry is the plural apostolic ministry head, yet, we must know, that all the apostles are not established in one day, nor would they be established in one day. There is a beginning or a starting office, for this fold: That is, there is a beginning point for the apostolic ministry. And as you must know already, that starting point has to give you the lead or the principal apostle, Paul's office, which is the office of the chief apostle, or the apostle. That is the office that begins the Ephesian ministry, following the death of William Branham, in December of 1965. But remember, the head is not one man, but plural apostles, though it starts with one man, who is the chief apostle.

THE CHIEF APOSTLE'S HEADSHIP

The starting office of the apostolic ministry head, was occupied by one man, from 1966, and that is the man, Raymond Jackson, who also passed away in December of 2004; A man whom God also used, to lead the Universal bride, and also to build, and to complete the platform of truth Brother Branham laid down, for the

establishment of the Ephesian ministry, by virtue of the rich and profound continuity light he bore, for the bride Universal. And if you cannot see the truth he bore, in order to see the position he occupied, I cannot help you. That was why Brother Jackson also related in his quote stated above, how God helped him to accomplish the great apostolic calling that was placed upon his life, as he would also be the means God would use, and which God used, to raise up men that would occupy this substantive Ephesian ministry, ordained for this present hour of time. He said: ***"I have said everywhere I ever went, from Norway to Africa, to India and the Philippines, By the grace of Almighty God, I am standing for the truth that man brought to this generation, until God raises up a ministry that will fulfill the ranks that the man spoke of"*** - The Contender, part 113, page 7, column 5. He also declared: ***"I can say this Faith Assembly, around this world, God has raised up another generation of preachers that love this truth"*** - The Contender, part 113, page 5, column 3. Brother Jackson was the vessel God used to accomplish that, being the starting point of that apostolic head. Other apostles are to follow, but all of them will be men, whose ministries are established upon the foundation of the continuity of revelation Brother Jackson brought. This guarantees that the head will speak as one

(i.e. they will speak with one indivisible voice): **It produces unity, for a united head, produces a united body. Perfection hangs firmly on it.** Anything else, will give you confusion, for you cannot put together an apostolic ministry head, made up of men with different beliefs. That will be Babylon! That is why there had to be an apostolic foundation of truth established for the projection of this ministry. As such, headship is fundamental or most crucial for obtaining a true unity, because unity must start with the head, if there is to be unity within the body of ministry, and also within the Universal body of Christ. After the plural apostolic head has been established over the ministry, God will in turn position men, under commission, into the other four folds of the Ephesian ministry, to complete the Ephesian ministry head, over the Universal bride of Christ. I repeat: They will be men that have their ministries established upon the foundation of continuity truth, which Jesus Christ established for us today, through the ministry of the chief apostle. Their establishment will complete the Ephesian ministry head, over the body of Christ.

That was why, following the death of Brother Branham, Brother Jackson emphasized over and over, that the bride of Christ at the end, will not end up with only one man as her head. We know that at the end, she will end

up with a body of ministry, which will be the original, God certified, five fold ministry. Please get that straight! But it is also important you understand that statement in its proper context, because Brother Jackson spoke of headship here, essentially in its strict sense. You have to see that, because you cannot use that statement, to take away the headship God established over the bride Universal, from 1966 to year 2004, following the death of the prophet, in December of 1965. Let me now break down what Brother Jackson meant, in the light of truth, for the time is too short, for us not to understand what our God is doing today, and how he is doing it, and what His will is, lest we pitch our tent against God, out of sheer ignorance, for without revelation, that is, without spiritual vision or spiritual understanding, people are bound to perish (Prov.29:18). It simply means, or pre-supposes, that until God establishes the other component parts of that apostolic head, the office of the chief apostle which Brother Jackson occupied, became the singular office through which the unseen headship of Jesus Christ, was characterized and expressed, over the entire Church body, in his hour of time. Period! You have to see that, because Brother Jackson did not make that statement, to take away what God established, and to the measure He did it, in his hour of time. He was speaking of the end product! At the end, we will have plural original apostles!

Headship is so fundamental (i.e. it is most material, very crucial, very imperative), that if we reject, deny, resist, or fail to submit to true headship, it amounts to rejecting, denying, resisting, and standing against Jesus Christ himself. It is that serious! For instance, you could not stand against Moses, or reject the leadership of Moses, and make it; for you could not rebel against him and receive his truth at the same time. You could not! If you cannot see a man's position, and the authority he wields, by virtue of the revelation of truth he bears, much enough to submit to his headship, under God, you will not possess his truth either: You will be dispossessed! Neither could you stand against the headship of Paul, and be in the bride of his day, for he bore the saving truth of Christ! Jesus Christ in Matt. 12:30 confirms that! 1 John 4:6 confirms that! If you could really see his truth (that is, by revelation), you would surely see his position also, for it takes the same revelation! Moreover, I have to ask, How do you believe someone you stand against? It does not make sense! If you truly believe him, why would you stand against him? Neither could you stand against or reject the headship of Brother Branham, and make it in the bride, in his hour of time! In fact, you cannot stand against his truth, and make it today either! **This is most serious, as it hinges on God's logistics for salvation, and on the leadership of the Spirit of God, in the light**

of truth. These are fundamental issues we must understand, if we are to make it in the bride of Christ of the very end. That is very basic, for we must know what our God is doing today, and how He is doing it, if we are truly being led, or are being dealt with, by His Spirit. This is the dividing line. You just have to see the plot! You have to! As the wise virgin saints of God, you have to see restoration, in its full scriptural extent. You have to follow God's revealed master plan, for there is a beginning office for the five fold ministry, and that is the office of the chief apostle, the Paul of today. If there was such an office in the first age of Christendom, and we know scripturally there was, there has to be such an office today, being the leading office, of the apostolic ministry. That is what restoration is about! (Joel 2:25). It gives continuity of truth, and continuity of leadership. It certainly does, for the end product must be the same!

I have to say, as long as we keep headship in the five fold ministry, that is most acceptable. Nobody fights it; nobody rejects it, and nobody resents it: Only don't place headship on any particular man, except it is Brother Branham! Yet, apostle Paul could confidently and authoritatively say to the Gentile Church: **"Be ye followers OF ME, even as I also am of Christ"**. He was an apostle, and in fact, the chief apostle. He also

claimed: ***“For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not MANY FATHERS: for in Christ Jesus I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU through the Gospel.”*** He also declared: ***“... I am THE APOSTLE of the Gentiles, I magnify MINE OFFICE.”*** Why couldn't the other apostles, or the other ministers, refute that?! It was because they recognized Paul's pre-eminent position, and were submissive to headship, being original certified seed ministers! As if that was not enough, he laid out his position of authority to the Galatians: ***“But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: But contrariwise, when they saw that the Gospel of the uncircumcision was committed UNTO ME, as the Gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty IN ME toward the Gentiles:) And when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given UNTO ME, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision”.*** Furthermore, he proclaimed to the Corinthians:

“According to the grace of God which is given UNTO ME, as A WISE MASTERBUILDER, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.” I ask: Who are the others that build thereon? They are the Ephesian ministers! He warned: ***“But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay...”*** Saints, what shall we do with statements of authority like these? Understanding headship is most crucial, if we would really walk with God at this end time, and make it in the bride. Recognizing headship in the ministry is most crucial, for that is what would guarantee perfect unity in the ministry, because it resolves all questions, and takes away personal opinions. It also prevents division, and takes away confusion. It guarantees a united and a harmonious working of the entire ministry. It is the key to true unity.

As I stated in my introduction, it is obvious, that because man in his carnal or earthly make-up, though religious, is highly rebellious, most arrogant, very prideful, egoistic, and extremely ambitious, they hate to be under the headship or leadership of other people, although, they would love to be the leader! Yes, they would love that, and they push for that! That accounts for why unregenerated souls, with a religious spirit upon them, fight headship, because it is not possible for unconverted

souls to submit to the rulership of Jesus Christ. He cannot, even as it is written: ***“For to be carnally minded is death: but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God”*** (Rom. 8: 6-8). It is not everybody following the message of the hour that is spiritually minded. The majority of those supposedly following a truth, have always been carnal followers. So it was in the days of Moses. So it was in the days of Brother Branham. And so it was in Brother Jackson's day! (1 Cor. 10:1-11, Heb. 3: 15-19, Heb. 4: 1-2,6). It is always a mixed multitude, and the majority never really follow truth. The majority of people following a truth, have always been carnal followers, always resisting the established leadership of God, always murmuring, always complaining, always defying God's will. They even caused Moses to sin against God, and miss the promised land!

When you hear people say, ***“The five fold ministry is not a one man show,”*** you who are spiritual, please note, such a person has a problem: He is a carnal man, devoid of understanding, and incapable of subjecting himself to the headship of Jesus Christ. You must see

that! Usually, people who talk like that are people harbouring secret ambition, desiring to be something they cannot be, and this, in turn, breeds in them, jealousy, envy, and resentment, against the vessel that characterizes the true headship of Jesus Christ. It really shows they have problem following or submitting to headship, for who has ever preached that the five fold ministry is a one-man show? Just how do you preach the FIVE FOLD MINISTRY, and make it a one-man thing? Think about it! Why then do people cry wolf where there is none? It boils down to their carnal make-up! They are people that cannot be led, for the Spirit of Christ cannot lead carnal followers of truth. He cannot! True seeds of God don't have problem with leadership. They don't! They are most satisfied with the revelation of truth; for the truth of Christ, to them, is more than life itself. Yes, it is!

I was in Tema, Ghana, in late July to early August last year (2004), with my wife. In Brother John Tay's Church where we visited, a minister of the Church, who preached that Sunday morning, made categorical statements to the effect, that there is no head over the body of Christ, apart from the five fold ministry, which is very true. However, he went further to declare, that God has not placed any man as head over the five fold ministry. He denied any headship over the Ephesian ministry, and

stood vehemently against headship in the five fold ministry. It was obvious he wasn't looking at his Bible. I simply mused as I watched him make his carnal outburst, which carnal message was ecstatically received by the whole congregation. I just had to pity the poor folks, sitting every day to listen to such error. I say that with respect! It was obvious he was knocking the projection of the headship of the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson. To think that that same Church, is the greatest singular beneficiary, of Brother Jackson's Contender magazine, receiving eight hundred copies each time, according to the testimony of Brother Tay himself, which he gave at the Spring Convention at Faith Assembly last year 2004, and for them still not to see or recognize or accept apostolic headship: That is incredible! Somebody has to wake up! You must understand headship, as bride saints, a people that are led by the Spirit of God, in the light of truth. I repeat, you must know the ways of Jesus Christ, and what God is doing today, and how He is doing it, for we have the mind of Christ. How can we be the true bride of Christ, and be blind to the leadership Christ established? How can we? I would have to ask: Who is leading you? Let me nail this issue, so you can see something. You have to know the truth, for it sets you free from all these carnal preachers bombarding the saints in the Branham movement, all claiming to be in the

five fold ministry, without understanding the things they speak of. It is not that I am anything of myself. It is God's grace that makes the difference in our lives, for in ourselves, we are nothing. I sometimes wonder why God wants me in the ministry, for I am the least of all the saints, and most unworthy; But I thank God for his grace towards me nonetheless; and truly, no one is worthy of anything, for we are all sinners saved by grace.

The truth, however, is that we have all been faced with a lot of lies, a lot of false preaching, arising from the multitude of voices in the Branham movement, clamouring for recognition, sounding an uncertain (i.e. unscriptural) sound; and that takes in voices within the Jackson movement today as well, being part and parcel of the Branham movement. The Jackson movement is an extension of the Branham movement, being the movement by which God gave the bride the continuity of revelation, in the Branham movement.

You must realize, that once the prophet delivered the totality of sermons that would constitute his message or voice, and God took him off the scene, God was going to use his message to re-produce the original Ephesian ministry, which the restored faith of our apostolic fathers gives us. As we all know, Mal 4: 6b, produces Ephesians

4: 11 & 12. That is also settled, for Elijah's ministry produces the Ephesian ministry. However, as I pointed out earlier and clearly in this book, the Ephesian five fold ministry is not produced in one day, and neither are the various folds of that ministry produced in one day either. There is a divine order ordained by God in the Scriptures, for the establishment of the five fold ministry. The FIRST FOLD of the FIVE FOLD ministry, to be reproduced, is the office of plural apostles; But as I also stated, we must realize that all the apostles are also not produced in one day, or at the same time either. There is a beginning point, or a starting ministry for this first fold, of the five fold ministry. The beginning office, of the apostolic fold, of the five fold ministry, is the office of the chief apostle. The office of the chief apostle, is the starting ministry of the entire Ephesian ministry, and is therefore, the first ministry produce, of Brother Branham's ministry, being the leading apostle. This guaranteed, that there was no vacuum in the leadership of the bride, and this is the leader, which the Holy Spirit spoke of in prophecy, as related to us in 1960, when the prophet was preaching on the Seven Church Ages. The prophet stated on page 170, last line, thus: ***"One night as I was seeking the Lord, the Holy Spirit told me to pick up my pen and write. As I grasped the pen to write, His Spirit gave me a message for the Church. I want to bring it to***

you... It has to do with the Word and the bride" (Let's skip to page 172, paragraph 4:) ***"... He did not complete all his work while in His earthly ministry, so now he works in and through the bride. She knows that, for it was not yet time for him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time. Now let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. Our promised land is coming in sight even as theirs did"*** (Listen carefully to what the Holy Spirit projected next:) ***"Now Joshua means "JehovahSaviour", and he represents"*** (Who?) ***"THE END TIME LEADER"*** (singular person; one leader) ***"THAT WILL COME TO THE CHURCH, EVEN AS PAUL CAME AS THE ORIGINAL LEADER"***. That is, this leading ministry, would be a ministry comparable to that of Paul, WITHIN THE ORIGINAL Ephesian ministry. This original leader, whose office or ministry, is typed by both Joshua and Paul, is said in this prophecy, to be the ***"leader", or the head***, that would be set over, or ***"that will come to the Church"***, at the end time. Headship simply means leadership! This original head or leader, is none other, than the ministry of the chief apostle, the starting office of the Ephesian ministry, occupied by Raymond Jackson. What does this prophecy give us? It clearly gives us headship, after Brother Branham's hour. Period! And that headship, was

invested in Brother Jackson, as singular head, over the body of Christ Universal. Think about that! You have to see that!

That was why, at the opening up of the Seals three years later, in 1963, Brother Branham, by the divine inspiration upon him, for the revealing of the first six Seals, declared, whilst speaking on the seventh Seal, of this great leader and head: ***"It may be time. It may be the hour now, that this great person that we're expecting to rise on the scene may rise on the scene. May be this ministry that I have tried to take people back to the Word has laid a foundation; And if it has, I'll be leaving you for good. There won't be two of us here at the same time. If it is, he'll increase, I'll decrease. I don't know. But I have been privileged by God to look and see what it was unfold to that much. Now that is the truth"*** - page 567, paragraph 4 of the Seals book. I ask, Why did the prophet talk of this person in such great terms? He did so, because the headship or leadership of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, would be invested, characterized, and expressed, through this singular ministry. Period! It is a prophecy relating to the same vessel he spoke about by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, in 1960. It pertained strictly and solely to Brother Jackson, the chief apostle, the end time original leader, following the death of the prophet.

This gives you headship! As such, and as the starting apostolic head of the end time, Brother Jackson was the one in focus, in the prayer which the prophet offered, to wrap up his message on the Seals, in 1963, when he prayed thus: ***"I'm beginning to fade away... Lord I know my days can't be too many more, and I pray that you'll help me. Let me be true, Lord, and honest and sincere that I might be able to bear the message as far as it's ordained for me to bear. And when it comes to the time that I must lay down, when I get down to the river and the waves begin to come in, O God, may I be able to hand this old sword over to somebody else"*** (singular person; a continuing ministry which his ministry would produce,) ***"that'll be honest with it Lord, and will pack the truth. Grant it Lord. Until then, help me to be strong and healthy and courageous ..."*** - page 573, paragraph 3. That was why Brother Branham told Brother Jackson, There is work for you to do: Be prepared, and stick with the Word.

I have to challenge you right here, for I have to ask: If you would agree that one man, William Branham, as Elijah of Mal.4:6b, singularly characterized and expressed headship, over the Universal bride, why would you deny the subsequent singular headship of Raymond Jackson, the chief apostle, the principal produce, and the first

ministry produce, of Elijah's ministry??? Yet , we know, the headship of the Universal bride at the end time, would not be one man; nevertheless, it starts with one man, until God adds the other component parts of that apostolic head. That is an absolute fact of the Scriptures, and of the dealership of the Spirit of God. It makes no spiritual sense fighting it; for to fight it, is to fight Jesus Christ himself. To fight it, is to fight God Almighty. You have to see the very serious implication it bears, for you cannot fight truth!

In order to fortify my position in this message, we will consider something. In the earthly days of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, there were three ministry orders that God established one after the other. In its chronological order, the first order was that of John the Baptist; next came Jesus the Christ; and the third order was that of the apostles. Brother Branham, at this end time, characterized the first two Biblical ministry orders, of John the Baptist, and that of Jesus the Christ. Like John the Baptist, he was a fore-runner, and was likewise anointed with the same God identifying Spirit of Elijah, which God uses in times of apostasy, to restore true worship. And like John the Baptist, Brother Branham was also a preaching prophet, and not a writing prophet, like Jeremiah, Isaiah, and the rest of the prophets, who gave

us the Old Testament prophetic writings. On the other hand, like Jesus Christ, Brother Branham also manifested the prophetic ministry which was invested in the Lamb of God, Jesus the Christ, slain on the cross. Brother Branham was given two signs, one a healing sign, and the other, a prophetic sign, that enabled him to discern the thoughts in the hearts of men, just as Jesus Christ, when he was here on earth. Seeing therefore, that the prophet to this age, characterized and expressed the first two ministry orders, which God established in the earthly days of Christ, the next ministry order, which the Lord would also reproduce on earth, at this end time, had to be the third order, which is the apostolic ministry, starting first with the principal or leading office of the apostolic ministry, which is the office of the apostle, or the office of the chief apostle. That is absolute truth!

I repeat, the next ministry order, that God would project on earth, after the ministry of Elijah, is the apostolic ministry, for the apostolic ministry, is the beginning fold, or the first fold, of the entire Ephesian five fold ministry. However, as I have also already laid out above, you must know, that there is a beginning or a starting office, for the apostolic fold (i.e. for the apostolic ministry). The starting point, or the starting office, of the apostolic ministry, is the office of the chief apostle. This is the pre-eminent office,

or the principal office, within the ministry of the apostles: The leading ministry, within the entire Ephesian five fold ministry. That let's you know, even as 1 Cor. 12: 28 gives us, that, after Brother Branham, the restoring prophet, the apostolic ministry comes next, starting first with the office of the Paul of today, that is, the office of the chief apostle. Please take note. That position was occupied by only one man, within the entire Branham movement, and that is none other than Raymond Jackson, whom the prophet called "**Junie Jackson**". God was also going to use him, within the next thirty eight years, after the death of the prophet, to tie up the loose ends of the prophet's message, and to complete the foundation of revealed truth, which Brother Branham laid down, for the establishment of the original Ephesian ministry, by virtue of the profound continuity truths Brother Jackson would bear, and bore, for the five fold ministry, as well as for the entire body of saints, and further, he was used by the Spirit of Christ, to raise up men, with a potential calling into the Ephesian ministry.

And just as one man, William Branham, in his ministry, characterized and expressed the headship of Jesus Christ, over the bride Universal, so did one man, Raymond Jackson, in his leading apostolic ministry, characterize and express the headship of Jesus Christ,

over the Universal body of Christ; For until God establishes or places the other parts that together make up that apostolic head, the headship of Christ remains invested and expressed, in only one man. Period! That one man, who alone characterized and expressed the unseen headship of Jesus Christ, over the body of ministry, and over the body of Christ, is the chief apostle, the principal or leading office, of the entire Ephesian five fold ministry, the man Raymond Jackson.

The reaction to Brother Jackson's ministry, reminds me of the reaction of the religious world to Brother Branham's ministry. They would accept William Branham, if at all, only as a minister: But please don't make him the prophet-messenger to this age! Don't place him as head over other ministers! The Branham movement have the same negative attitude to Brother Jackson's ministry. They don't want him to be projected in any way, that would give headship, or give any special recognition, or pre-eminence to him, simply because they are blind to the reality of God's dealing, in the light of the Scriptures, since the passing away of Brother Branham. Everyone's testimony stops with Brother Branham, as if God did not do anything thereafter, in any major way, or with any specific vessel. Everything is simply lumped together in the name of the five fold

ministry, as if we could have had thirty eight years vacuum, in the leadership of the end time bride, particularly, in view of the small time frame we have left, in the light of the prophetic time application, of the fig tree of Matt.24:32-34! Does that not remind you of the blind, jealous, and wicked reaction of the scribes and Pharisees, to John the Baptist, as well as to Jesus the Christ? It does!

It is therefore imperative (i.e. compulsory), that we see Brother Jackson's ministry, in the full extent, to which God made him, and what his ministry characterized and accomplished for us, so as to have a complete understanding of what the Lord has done for us, and in our midst, in the past one hundred years plus! We cannot afford to be ignorant of the investment of grace in men, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ, at this end time; for the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, guides into all truth, and takes the things of God, and makes it plain to God's people, that we may understand the workings and dealings of God, in the light of truth, if indeed we are the children of light, and are being dealt with, by the Spirit of Christ. I repeat, that the headship of Jesus Christ, over the Universal body of Christ, after the death of Brother Branham, was invested in, and characterized by, and was expressed by, only one man, Brother Jackson, from

the year 1966, right through to the 4th of December, 2004, when he passed away. That made him the singular head, over the body of Christ Universal, and over the potential ministry body, which God used him to raise up for the body of Christ, around the whole earth, being the starting office of that apostolic head. As Brother Jackson repeatedly stated, for the birth of the five fold ministry, ***"You get the head first ... The head's got to be set in motion first! That head don't have to be one man. BUT IT STARTS WITH ONE MAN."***

As bride saints, and as a people who have received an enormous and an incredible proportion of grace, by the dealership of the Spirit of Christ, in the light of truth, we cannot afford not to understand headship, for it would show clearly that we are not being dealt with by the Spirit of God, but have been sidelined! There are some things pertaining to the dealing of God we must understand, if we would please God at this very end, and if we would attain unto the very sublime nature, the beautiful character of Jesus Christ, our super model, and God's master piece. I am forced, by the very shabby, and contemptuous manner with which people related to Brother Jackson, to lay out certain things, with the seriousness it deserves, to warn saints, that we may straighten out our attitude, and how we relate to

headship, if we are not to **"put the branch"** (i.e. Christ) **"to the nose!"** That is a solemn and sincere warning (Ezek.8:17). It is this pathetic attitude, a lack of true respect for Brother Jackson's ministry, which I saw fellow ministers exhibit, that moved me to write this message in the first place. I informed Brother Jackson of my intention to write this book on headship, shortly after the 2004 Spring Convention in April, at Faith Assembly, but the inspiration for it did not come until sometime last month (i.e. September, 2005). I believe this is why Brother Jackson, of his own freewill (i.e. without my asking), subsequently gave me the photo of himself, sitting on a horse, at the Fall Convention September, 2004, so I could use it for this book. But I used it instead for the book: "He That Is To Come": Truth In Conflict - My Defence.

THE HEADSHIP OF MOSES

Look at Moses, God revealed Himself to him, and through Moses, God was revealed to Israel. He brought a truth for Israel, a message of deliverance; a message of salvation from Egyptian bondage. God used him in a mighty and wonderful way, to reveal Himself to the natural seeds of Abraham, at that hour of divine visitation, and he gave the Torah (i.e. the Law) to Israel.

Remember, that visitation had Moses as the instrument that God used to visit his people, even as it is written: **"And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task masters; for I know their sorrows. AND I AM COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM out of the hand of the Egyptians, AND TO BRING THEM UP OUT OF THAT LAND UNTO A GOOD LAND and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey... Come now therefore, AND I WILL SEND THEE unto Pharaoh, that THOU MAYEST BRING FORTH MY PEOPLE the children Israel OUT OF EGYPT"** (Ex.3:7-10). What does this Bible scene give you? It lets us see, that it was God in Moses, visiting His people, and delivering His people, for the visitation and the deliverance of God here, was not in vacuum: Moses was the instrument of that visitation, and the means of that deliverance, for it was God in a man, bringing salvation to His people. Period! That made Moses the head of that movement, for the unseen headship of Elohim, was characterized and expressed by Moses, over the people of Israel, and through him, every other ministry was established over Israel, including that of Aaron! That is incontestable!

When the complaint of Moses about his inadequacy for

the job got too much, the Bible records: **"And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said, is not Aaron the Levite thy Brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokes man unto the people"**. (Please listen carefully to what the Almighty God says next, for this awesome God does not change) **"And he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, AND THOU SHALL BE TO HIM INSTEAD OF GOD"**! (Exodus 4:14-16). Chew on that! Why would God say such a thing? Think on that for a minute! We are reading from the inspired and infallible Scriptures! I ask again: Why did God say such a serious thing concerning a mortal man? God said it simply and strictly because Moses was invested with, characterized, and expressed, the headship of Jehovah, over the whole of Israel. You have to see that! Moses also conveyed and characterized and expressed, **THE DIVINE VISITATION OF ELOHIM** to the people of Israel! Therefore, whatsoever you did to Moses, you did to God, and the attitude you bore to Moses, you bore to the Almighty God. It is that serious! And you cannot call the Bible

reference we quoted above, an idolatrous or a blasphemous statement, for God Himself made the statement! And if God makes a statement, it is a true and righteous statement! Then it means this: **Until you can identify the true vessel of God's visitation and headship, it does not matter how much you talk about God, and of Jesus Christ: You are a carnal follower of the message of continuity. Period! Chew on that!**

I have received letters, chiding me for making statements about Brother Jackson, which I am allowed to make in the light of truth, simply because they themselves are blind to the revelation of truth, and are devoid of a true understanding of Gods dealing in the light. If it was about Brother Branham I wrote books, nobody in the movement would have had problems with it, or said anything, for it would have been most acceptable to all. This is because all they can see is Brother Branham, as if God did nothing in the past forty long years, since the prophet's death. For instance, a brother, in a letter, chided me, and even cursed me, for calling Brother Jackson the chief apostle! His thinking is that the office of the chief apostle belongs solely to Jesus Christ, who is, **"THE APOSTLE and high priest of our profession"**, according to Hebrews 3:1. He does not understand, that

the chief apostolic office of Christ, is also invested in and characterized, by the office of Paul, the principal or chief apostle, who also rightly called himself so: **"For I speak to you Gentiles, in as much as I AM T-H-E APOSTLE of the Gentiles, I MAGNIFY MINE"** (singular) **"OFFICE"** (singular) - Rom 11:13. Think of it! Furthermore, I have to ask: What does **"a wise masterbuilder"** mean? It simply means the chief builder; the principal builder: It stands for the office of the chief apostle. We know that Jesus Christ is the wise masterbuilder; yet, apostle Paul also claimed it as his position, in 1 Cor 3:10 and it does not amount to blasphemy! Why? It is simply because it was Christ in his chiefly office, projected through Paul, his chief or principal vessel, by the Spirit of God! The truth is, until you see headship in its true light, you have a lot of stones to stumble you along this Christian way. There is just nothing we can do without revelation. You must understand headship, for if you don't, it is obvious you do not understand the dealership and the leadership of the Spirit of God. It also shows you are not being led by the Spirit of God, being a carnal follower of truth; One who cannot be subject to the law of God; and as such, one who is incapable of subjecting himself to the headship of Jesus Christ. Period!

Going back to the case of Moses which I laid out above, according to the Word of God Himself, and by virtue of the headship which Moses characterized, not only over Aaron, but over the whole house of Israel, Moses was in the stead of God, **TO THE ENTIRE MINISTRY**, as well as to the entire Nation of Israel. But take note, that I did not say Moses was God, but that he was in the stead, or in the place of God, to Israel, all under God: That gives you divine headship! God Himself said so! On this account, that is, because of this divine investment in Moses, you had to look beyond the frail and fallible man, to see the God of heaven characterized and expressed in him and through him. You had to! That is precisely why I was inspired to take a message at the Spring Convention of 2004, at Faith Assembly, titled: "Locating (or Finding) God: The Visitation Of God". I was trying desperately to let my fellow ministers see headship invested in Brother Jackson. But unfortunately, all they saw was a brother preaching "heresy", and trying to make a man what he is not! So they thought! What a big shame! May God help us all, for we are nothing of ourselves. God's grace alone is what makes the difference. May God give us eyes to see, and ears to hear, for the time is short, and perilous times are here (2 Tim. 3:1).

To wrap up my account of Moses, we have to

understand, that once God revealed Himself to Moses, and invested in him His divine headship, enabling Moses to characterize and express the unseen authority of God over His people, every minister, and every seed of Abraham, had to look at Moses, through that divine mirror, and submit to his leadership. You could no longer relate to him as you did in former days, that is, as you did in the days before God met with him. You could not! It is not that you made him your God and worshiped him. No! It is that you gave him respect, giving reverence, on account of what he is, and the position he occupied over Israel. You had to, if you would walk acceptably or pleasing unto God; for whatever you did to Moses, you did to the invisible God.

To drive home this point, that we may learn, particularly in the ministry, I will not go into the opposition of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, in Num. 16, but rather, I want you to see another scenario, which is most vital to the issue on ground. In Numbers 12, from verse 1, it is written: ***“And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian women. And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath He not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the***

men which were upon the face of the earth). And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out. And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: WHEREFORE THEN WERE YE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK AGAINST MY SERVANT MOSES?” (God made a serious distinction between Moses and every other minister! Think of that!) ***“And the anger of the Lord was kindled against THEM”*** (i.e. against Aaron and Miriam); ***“and He departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; AND BEHOLD, MIRIAM BECAME LEPROUS, WHITE AS SNOW: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, MY LORD, I BESEECH THEE, lay not the sin upon US, wherein WE HAVE DONE FOOLISHLY, and wherein***

WE HAVE SINNED. *Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in again. And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days...*" Miriam was disfellowshipped for a whole week!

The Bible account above, acts as a serious warning, to everyone following the continuity of revelation. It does not matter who you are, or what your name is, and it does not matter what ministry you think you have: If you do not recognize headship, and submit to it, reverently and sincerely, you will undo yourself. Look at the scenario we just read. Aaron and Miriam only spoke against Moses, behind his back, not to his face, for marrying an Ethiopian woman; but it showed lack of respect in God's eyes, for we are not allowed to speak against the headship of God! Headship is that serious! We don't have that liberty! Our liberty is limited by truth! True liberty is expressed strictly within the bounds of truth! These are serious issues the bride of Christ must understand at this end time, as God wraps up His plan of Gentile salvation. Aaron and Miriam

did not understand, for they had not the revelation, that Moses, being a deliverer, and a law giver, set a perfect type of Jesus Christ, and like Christ, he had to marry a Gentile bride. Hence it is written: **"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, And were all BAPTIZED UNTO MOSES in the cloud and in the sea"** (in a type); **"And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that follow them: and the Rock was Christ"** (all in a type). **"But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness"** (i.e. whilst following the message of the hour) **"...Now all these things happened unto them FOR ENSAMPLES: AND THEY ARE WRITTEN FOR OUR ADMONITION, UPON WHOM THE ENDS OF THE WORLD ARE COME"** (That is, they were written as warning for the end time bride) - 1 Cor. 10: 1-11. I have to warn, headship must be understood by every predestinated child of God, ordained to be in the bride of Christ, of this very end, for you must understand the revelation and the leadership of the Spirit of God, in the light of truth. You must understand it, for you cannot submit to what you don't know!

Going back to our discourse, if Moses had not intervened, Miriam would most likely have died a leper. And don't argue against that because God literally wiped out Korah, Dathan and Abiram, who later rebelled against the headship of Moses, in Numbers 16! And if I may so say, many people are dying spiritually today, for standing against the headship of the chief apostle! They have become spiritual lepers; for leprosy represents unbelief! It took the unexpected judgment of God, for Aaron to realize and confess his foolishness, for it is foolishness not to recognize and revere headship. I must remark that God did not deal with Aaron, only because he was also himself, a type of Christ, being the high priest, who cannot be plagued with leprosy (i.e. unbelief). But the open rebuke of God he got, and the judgment that fell upon Miriam, made him realize he had sinned against God, by sinning against headship! He quickly repented, and begged Moses for forgiveness, and for his intercession! In Numbers 16, all who stood with Korah, Dathan and Abiram, including their wives, and their sons, and their little children, all perished, for standing against Moses! That should inform you, that God expects you to have enough wisdom, not to follow your spouse, or your family, to stand against the leadership of God, which is revealed by the truth a man bears, for the bride of Christ Universal. That is much food for thought, for necessity is

laid upon me to touch a very material issue at this point, no matter who would be offended. I would rather offend man than offend God, no matter what name they may call me, and no matter the greivous and false accusations they may make against me, as a result. At the end of the day, truth will have the last say; for as John Huss often stated, "**Truth conquers all**".

THE REBELLION OF BLOOMINGTON

When Brother Jackson, in the exercise of his apostolic authority, by virtue of his position as the chief apostle, and as the singular head over the Universal body of Christ, and by the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and based upon the revelation of the Scriptures concerning acceptable conduct in the ministry, judged the most unbecoming, reckless, and alarming conduct of Brother Tim McKay of Bloomington Church, Indiana, U.S.A., I dare to say to everyone who can hear me: That judgment holds! It holds inviolate! If you love your soul, you will not stand against it, or condemn it: You will stand with that judgment, in the light, for it is a true and righteous judgment! I care less what you think; I care less what you feel; and I care less what you say, or what you think you know: That judgment is vindicated by the Word of God, and approved by the Spirit of Jesus Christ: It is, Thus

saith the Lord! Listen to me saints of God: We are not here to play games! And the day is too far spent, to believe and accept foolishness! We cannot play with spiritual death! Most unworthy as I am, I sound my voice as a true watchman, whom God in His infinite mercy has positioned as a guard for truth, to bear the light for the elect bride of Christ, living in this most crazy and adulterous and idolatrous generation, an age that has received so much light, but would not walk in it! Let me tell you now, as plain as plain can be: The Church in Bloomington, is not an alternative assembly to attend, if you are seeking to walk pleasing to God, at this end time, in the light of truth. It is that plain, and that serious, and I care less what you think of me! ***“My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work”***, the Lord Himself being my helper (John 4:34).

When a brother in the Corinthian Church, committed incest with his step mum, and Paul, the chief apostle, heard it, although he was not an eye witness, but having established the truth of such a horrible conduct, through the mouth of many witnesses, and by inspiration of the Spirit of God which he received, and in his office as the chief apostle, the lead apostle, he judged the conduct, in the light of truth. He gave judgment instructions to the ministry of the Corinthian Church, to be carried out as

follows: ***“It is REPORTED COMMONLY”*** (It shows Paul was not a witness, but saints informed him about it), ***“That there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father’s wife.”*** I want you to see the carnal or fleshy reaction of the saints in Corinth, for they, obviously, either thought it was all gossip, or that it was not as bad as it was COMMONLY reported, all because of their carnal love for the brother involved! They were not moved by the shameful and most embarrassing incidence.

I ask, Why were they not moved? It was simply because they just did not see the severity of the conduct at hand, and a lot of people never see the seriousness of any matter on ground! Hence Paul rebuked: ***“And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you”*** (You must know that standing against unrighteousness is imperative, for you must stand for truth, particularly, when such conduct has been judged, by the headship which Jesus Christ established. Paul delivers his apostolic sentence:) ***“For I verily, as absent in body”***, (that is, not being there with you) ***“but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this***

deed, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (That lets us see, that this judgment, though a drastic one, is still a corrective measure, which was meant to preserve his salvation). **“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?”** (That lets you see the pitiful attitude of the Corinthian saints to such a grave issue. They behaved like nothing happened! They were not moved! We are today facing the same tests, and the same conditions) 1Cor.5.

I have to ask humbly but sincerely: What wisdom motivated the local ministry of the Church in Corinth, that is not motivating that of the Church in Bloomington, that made the Corinthian ministry to carry out precisely, the spiritual judgment of the chief apostle of the first age? Remember, this judgment was written for the ministry of the Church in Corinth to carry out, and they obeyed! I also ask: Why didn't they argue and fuss and fight with Paul? Didn't the affected brother also have family, relations and friends in Church? Surely he had, or they would not have condoned such folly! Why then didn't they kick against the authority of Paul, and accuse him of listening to

gossip, or of being misled by false accusation? Why did the ministry of Corinth not tell Paul to mind his own business? It was because they understood headship, and submitted willingly and unreservedly to it! Yet, it was not a light thing Paul asked the Corinthian pastor to do! He asked the Church to cast a brother over to the devil, to be killed! Think of it! Brother Jackson did not do this! He did not go to this length! Yet, they called for his head! I have to say, submitting to headship, is a definite mark of a true seed, and of a true local body of believers, following the light; for if Christ would not be your head (or leader), he won't be your saviour either. Period! The Church in Bloomington told Brother Jackson to mind his own local assembly! They defied and rejected his authority, and separated themselves from him, right till his death, and started preaching loads of messages on gossip, to knock him on the head. Lord have mercy! Think about it! When they did that, they separated themselves from the true dealership of the Spirit of God, in the light of truth. I lay the plumbline of headship before you! As a matter of fact, they erroneously believe that God took Brother Jackson home, because of his judgment of Brother Tim and Brother Strommen. Lord have mercy! I have to ask: What do we do with the exampleship the ministry must show? What then is leadership, if it is not exampleship?

Saints of God, you must understand, that headship or leadership, is what God uses to show the way for His people: It is serious responsibility, and it demands from the ministry, absolute faithfulness to the truth of Christ they are called to uphold. It also places a serious burden upon the ministry, to be a living example to the saints, in all things, living exemplary lives before God, and before the saints, on account of their great influence. Leadership demands that, otherwise, such a person would be a poor leader, and a corrupt or bad influence! Therefore, the ministry must be examples of Jesus Christ, in dedication to their calling (i.e. in their service to God, to truth, and to God's people whom they are called to serve); in humility, patience, longsuffering; in perseverance, kindness, faith; in honesty, holiness etc. It is so, and must be so, because leadership without exampleship is a death trap. That's why William Branham said in the "Seven Church Ages" book: "**Power without character is satanic.**" Hence, Jesus Christ warned: "**By their fruits, ye shall know them**". They that bear the vessels of the Lord must be holy, and above board. You have to see that, for truth breeds righteousness. It does!

To those of you who do not know, or are not sure of what went on, but are sincerely seeking to walk with God, in

the light of truth, to you I say these words: It is enough that a matter was judged by Joshua, in his office, under the leadership of God, **IN THE LIGHT OF TRUTH**; that is, according to the Scriptures. Knowing who Joshua was, the authority of God invested in him, and the truth he bore, and seeing how God vindicated his ministry, is enough for you to stand with him, on spiritual matters. Period! Be wise! Learn from Aaron and Miriam! However, I will give you a little insight to what the problem was, because of the opposition. I do not say these things to bring down anybody or any Church, but a man derails himself by his own stand against the voice of wisdom, which is the voice of truth. The same applies to any assembly, for if truth will not rule an assembly, the devil will. Brother Tim was carrying around with him everywhere he went to preach, a harem or flock of sisters. As a brother in the ministry, whose wife had divorced him, he had to remain single, in order to remain in the ministry (1Tim.3:2): But tell me, on what basis, would a man, aspiring to the highest calling of God, carry around him, a harem of sisters? If you are not a fool, you have to see flirtation! I say that not to be rude, but to drive home a serious point, for we are dealing with the souls of men! Please! Furthermore, he had a Church sister that considered herself to be the guardian of his ministry: She cooks for him, follows him all over creation, and gives him

so-called prophecies, that make him think he would be a big shot, in the place of Brother Jackson, whilst Brother Jackson was still on ground, beefing up his flesh. Please, don't tell me it is gossip, because I know what I am talking about! Two of the sisters that went with him all over the United States and Canada, are friends to my wife, and they voiced to us, their personal experience, which they wrought in times of ignorance! More importantly, the first time my wife and I were visiting the Church in East Chicago, Brother Tim came, with the same "guardian" sister, and her son, apparently, to "take care of him"! We all slept in the same apartment upstairs, on top of the Church hall! During the Sunday service, the sister gave a very strange and awkward testimony, apparently under conviction, trying desperately to explain away, and justify her closeness to Brother Tim, having, according to her testimony, watched his ministry grow from its inception, to what it is. I sat there thinking to myself: What a testimony! It is like she knows people take resentment to what she is doing, and she tries desperately to cover it, or window dress it. It was a ridiculous situation to me, and I knew it wasn't right, but I minded my own business. I am a witness of that! Later, the whole thing blew out in the open, and the chief apostle had to deal with it. All hell then broke loose, as people hated Brother Jackson for dealing openly with this matter. I have to say, such people

would have crucified apostle Paul, in his days. They would! For your information, Brother Jackson held several private talks with Brother Tim on this matter, because of the reproach it was bringing to the ministry, asking him, kindly, to put a stop to this unbecoming conduct; but his pleas were met with flat denial and stiff rebuff. Even when Brother Jackson called the pastor of Bloomington Church, Brother Gary Stewart, along with Brother Tim, to another meeting, with Brothers Allen and Bud in attendance, and Brother Gary promised to put a stop to it, nothing was done. Eventually, when Brother Jackson judged the matter, the ministry of Bloomington stood against Brother Jackson, and separated themselves from him (i.e. from Faith Assembly), till he passed away. There are other things I could say, for I could go into the issue of young men's ministry, and young people's fellowship, which Brother Jackson rightly stopped; and of the endless moving of the Spirit during Church service, which Brother Jackson had to check, to give pre-eminence to the Word; and of the revelation of the martyrdom of the saints, in the light of Rev. 7:9-17 innumerable crowd, all which Tim McKay had problems with. I must add, You must understand, that there is no young men's ministry! This ministry (i.e. the Ephesian ministry), will be made up, majorly, with a lot of young, mature, vibrant, revealed, and anointed men, although

you will also have a small nucleus of old men in it. Remember, I am not talking of teenagers, but of young men. At forty five years of age, I am a young man myself! Nevertheless, all you have, is not young men's ministry, but strictly a five fold ministry. Period! Till this day, pathetically, there are assemblies around the world, supposedly following the continuity of light, which God used Brother Jackson to give, who still allow for young men's ministry, apart from the pastoral ministry in place, in those assemblies. I have to say, we will see how it all winds up, for you cannot have a ministry set-up, that is anti-truth! You cannot! I repeat, All that the Bible gives us, is the five fold ministry: There is no young men's ministry. Period!

Finally, coming back to the stand of Bloomington Church, I have to ask: What is the revelation flowing from Bloomington, if it is not plain carnality? And to you who take offence, I ask: Is it not carnality, when the ministry allows truckloads of carnal prophecies to be given in Church service, to the brethren, and one prophecy, can run continuously, for about ten to twenty minutes or more at a time, to a lone individual??? What shall be done to this generation, seeing they have received so much light, but would not walk in it? Jesus Christ indicts: ***"The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this***

generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the Wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation" (Matt. 12:41-45). This is an issue of life, for you cannot stand against a man, and be for his truth at the same time: You can't! If you do, you are simply deceived, and are wasting your time, because it will take the same revelation to recognize somebody's office. Period! It is written: ***"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad"*** (Matt.12:30). And please, don't e-mail me on this matter: I won't waste my time replying you. Suit yourself! I am not expecting masses of people to believe

me, for it has never been that way, but one elect seed here, and one there, that would follow the light, and the rest are blinded by their unfaithfulness and their hatred of the truth. I must add: You may have a testimony of how God led you into a particular assembly, but that does not mean He wants you there forever; because you must also be able to use the yardstick of truth, to determine the value of where you are, at any point in time. God can lead you into a place, but you cannot use that leading to bog yourself down, if the assembly starts preaching error. In such a situation, it shows that the divine leading you had into that assembly, has served its purpose. You must separate yourself from all unbelief, and follow the truth of Christ, if you are truly being led by the Spirit of Christ; for the leadership of God, is strictly in the light of the Scriptures: The Comforter leads into truth, all truth, and never into error. This is a solemn warning.

What we shared about the stand of Bloomington Church, would now lead me to consider relevant issues, concerning the pathetic attitude which people showed to the headship of Jesus Christ, invested and expressed in the chief apostle.

RAYMOND JACKSON'S TRAVAILS

In the first instance, it is now obvious, that most of the men that stood with Brother Jackson in the ministry, including his then assistant and associate pastors, did not recognize who Brother Jackson was. They didn't! Brother Allen stood with Brother Jackson in the ministry for about thirty six years, while Brother Bud stood with Brother Jackson for about twenty six years. Never did they acknowledge him as the chief apostle, in all the many years they stood with him, until I declared him so. That's the truth, for the revelation of a man, is what motivates him, and determines his stand. I do not say that to boast, but to make a statement of fact. As a matter of fact, a fellow minister, Brother Neil Connolly, who is also well acquainted with Brother Jackson, wrote me from Canada, over the so-called judgment of my book, "He That Is To Come", by the ministry of Faith Assembly. In listing the things he felt I also needed to retract, he wrote: ***"If you feel to refer to this calling as the "Chief Apostle", I have no problem..."*** What does that tell you? Despite the fact that he spoke well of Brother Jackson's ministry in the letter, it shows they do not really know who Brother Jackson was, or how can a minister tell me, If I want to call him the chief apostle, that's alright! I have to ask, Can you give a title to a man which he does

not scripturally bear, knowing that a man's title is indicative of his position in the kingdom of God, which is the Church? No! Therefore, you can only give a title that relates to the precise position a man occupies, in the body of Christ! Period! The fact that the majority of them didn't see his position, was why they could not acknowledge him as such, and felt I was trying to make him into something he was not! They felt I was lifting him on a flag pole! What a shame! And that's precisely why it was impossible for them to see his headship, and submit to his authority. They saw no difference in his ministry, as to accord him any more respect!

Today, they are peddling incredible things, and are tearing down the very absolute truths God gave us through Brother Jackson, concerning the establishment, and the functions, of the five fold ministry, amongst other material issues. In the first instance, looking into the various messages preached at the September, 2005 Fall Convention, at Faith Assembly, Jeffersonville, Indiana, U.S.A., how can ministers, who followed the chief apostle, look into the Bible, and into the continuity message we received from Brother Jackson, preach that God will use pastors and evangelists, in a different way today, than the role they played, in the first age of Christendom, at the beginning of the Grace Age?! That is

absolute nonsense! Listen to me saints of God, At harvest time, the seed will not be different. It cannot! No pastor will be used in any way, other than the way they have always been used. For example, I will tell you: No pastor will be used to take the place of a prophet, or an apostle, seeing that each office is separate and distinct. We will have a five fold ministry! And no evangelist will bring out any new revelation from the Seals! Evangelists are not the ministry fold God uses for that purpose! Simple! Under the New Testament, the apostles are the exclusive ministry order or fold, for bringing new revelation, and indeed, for bringing out any revelation, for God's people. I challenge any evangelist to show me one place in the New Testament Church, where an evangelist gave a new revelation (i.e. where he gave a revelation of his own). I therefore challenge Brother Bud to bring out his new revelations from the Seals! Furthermore, it is mere fable, and is therefore a lie, for any preacher to suggest, that we will not have prophets, who will be just as real, and just as identifiable, as a pastor or evangelist. This amounts to nothing but sheer unbelief, and a blatant denial of the very truths Brother Jackson presented with much labour, to the bride of Christ. They are tearing down the truths of the functions of the ministry. They are tearing down the very essence, or the very reason, why God made it a five fold ministry, having a plurality of men

occupying each office. The truth is, they really don't believe that there is going to be a full-fledged five fold ministry. That is the truth! What a shame, for so-called followers of Brother Jackson, to be preaching such error. It is obvious that the majority of them have been stripped of the truth they supposedly stood for, all these years, even though they cannot see that, because of the strong delusion that has come upon them, knowing that the greater the amount of light shed, the greater the amount of delusion, that comes upon those who have no revelation, and who have no true love for truth. What a big shame! I do not say that to make fun, for we cannot make fun. I say it to warn he that hath an ear to hear.

In the second place, I have listened to, and held discussions, with fellow ministers in the U.S.A., about Brother Jackson's ministry: And to some, their response is, "**He has his gift, and I have mine;**" to others, "**He is a teacher**"; to another, "**He is the most revealed man I have ever met**"; and still to others, "**He is an apostle**". For instance, let's take the man who feels that Brother Jackson merely had a teaching gift, whilst he has the gift of healing. Now, tell me, where do you find such in the Bible? Healing goes with the Commission Jesus Christ gave the preaching ministry! It is not peculiar or limited to any particular ministry! (Mark 16). Moreover, God does

not place signs above His Word: Instead, He places the Word above healing and signs! That was why Brother Branham's ministry had to change, as God shifted emphasis from the healing of the flesh, to the unveiling of divine revelation, in order to catch a bride under the third pull. Healing does not bring spiritual growth! The revelation of the Word of God, is the sole means of spiritual growth, and we must recognize that. (Matt. 4:4). But when we consider the thoughts of these men, it becomes obvious, that the majority of the men in the ministry, that stood with Brother Jackson, did not recognize his true position, and could not as such, give him the honour and respect due to him. They did not respect him! They could not, since it is not possible for a man to be motivated by a revelation he does not possess. That was why, when my book came out last year, the only book in the whole world at that time, that laid out his chief apostolic office, (for I have subsequently written other books spelling out his office), in the light of prophecy, and in the light of the Scriptures: "He That Is To Come", Brother Jackson could say: "**It took Brother Amos to show who I am**". He also said, "**It took a black man from Africa to show who I am**". I must add, that it isn't my smartness, but the grace of God, that gave me the understanding, and I had to tell it, so as to make it plain to God's people. But some fellow ministers, like

Brother Allen and Brother Bud, were simply envious and extremely jealous, of the very man they professed to love, and sought the same recognition as the chief apostle. They were not even ashamed to write me, to express their deep rooted envy and jealousy, of the exclusive recognition Brother Jackson got. Incredible!

I have to say, that the lack of understanding of his ministry, accounted for a lot of the things Brother Jackson suffered, if not for all the things he suffered, from his so-called followers. It was one travail after the other. They resisted and rejected his headship; stood against his judgments; questioned his actions; refused his authority; but loved his internet platform, because it projected their ministry, world-wide! This scenario reminds me of the third parable of Matt. 13 buzzards! They felt he was a man that took too much upon himself, and made himself what he was not: But Korah felt the same way of Moses! A good number felt, all Brother Jackson should do, was simply to preach truth. He was not supposed to address issues pertaining to fellow ministers, or address issues prevailing in assemblies other than his own. Sometimes, because of his simplicity, and humility, and love, the way people talked to him, and addressed him, made me shudder, for they had no true respect for that man. You cannot be too familiar with the ministry God sets over His

people, till you act contemptuously! When Brother Strommen's "**Jehu issue**" was boiling, on account of a love for, and a stand for Brother Strommen's friendship, instead of for truth, a fellow minister, Brother Roy Mimms, openly and directly asked Brother Jackson on the platform, whilst preaching, at Faith Assembly's Convention, whether Brother Jackson called himself. What an insult! What did that have to do with the truth he was supposed to preach that day? Of course, what can the poor embarrassed Brother Jackson say? He could only say "**No**", for he didn't call himself! This shows a complete lack of respect for the chief apostle. It is simply because they had no true revelation, for the Comforter leads into truth - The truth of what God is doing, for and on behalf of the bride of Christ, at this end time. Their pathetic stand today proves their ignorance. No wonder, all their testimony stops with knowing and standing for Brother Branham's truth. They never testified nor acknowledged Brother Jackson in his office. Never! At least, not whilst he was on ground. There are other ministers in America, who are ruled by the spirit of pride, envy and jealousy, and by a secret ambition which they will not give to God; men who would not come for Brother Jackson's Convention, simply because they didn't want to sit under him. They were too big and too jealous to do that! Yet, they received his tapes and Contender, and

logged on to watch his services on the internet. What hypocrisy! This is a pathetic attitude to headship. God is not going to have that at the end. He will straighten our understanding of headship, and our attitude to it. That is certain, if perfection is to be obtained, and we know it will be obtained, for the zeal of the Almighty God shall perform it.

Please hear me well: I am not implying that we should have quivered when we saw him, or made him our God: No! That is not what headship is about! The headship we are talking about is revelatory headship, for no man has ever been placed as Lord over God's heritage. That is, true headship, is revelatory. By it, you know where the flow of the revelation of Christ comes from, to lead you on in your walk with Jesus Christ, in the light of the Bible, giving spiritual focus and direction to the body of saints, unveiling the plan of God to the body of Christ, from the Scriptures. It has nothing to do with running our personal affairs, or with running our ministries, telling the ministry where to go, and when; what to preach, and when; or deciding who is to be in the ministry, and what position he is to occupy, etc. That is not the kind of headship we are talking about, for that kind of dealing, is reserved strictly for the invisible Spirit of Christ to run. **THE HEADSHIP INVESTED IN MEN, IS ESSENTIALLY REVELATORY.**

That is, headship designed to keep us in line, with the truth, and with God's plan, and to help us know how to live for God, and to serve His purpose, unveiling to us the great plan of salvation, and giving a true focus and direction to the body. As such, he has the last say on spiritual matters, and the buck therefore stops at his table. It does! When he handles a matter, that ends it, and no minister can try to "fix" anything thereafter! The head has the last say! Also, when people stray into error, particularly in the ministry, or behave as is un-becoming of a person professing Christ, it is his God given duty, to **use the Word of God** to judge such error, or such conduct, in order to straighten out God's people, in the light of the Scriptures, that we may see the truth of it, scripturally, and we are expected by God, to look beyond the man, and respect him for the position he occupies, and for who he characterizes and represents, and submit to his headship, as willing and obedient children of God, a people seeking a city to come. We just must recognize headship, if we are to truly walk with God. You do not counsel the head, unless he asks for your opinion, and neither do you preach to them, for the true revelation of the Word comes from them. Precisely! Pathetically, we also have brethren, who call servants of God simply by their first name. That is rude! It is mannerless to do so, and it shows lack of respect! Even an unbeliever knows

to respect a minister of the Gospel! You can at least call him brother! But you cannot call him father or papa. You cannot! Papa means father, and it is the title of the pope, and we have no pope in the bride ministry; neither do we call any man father. We have only one Father, and that is God Almighty! (Matt.23:9). We are all brethren. There is a Scriptural balance we have to maintain. But if we will not recognize or submit to headship, as elect bride saints, it is obvious, we have a rude awakening coming down the road, for this is one vital issue God Himself will enforce. He will enforce it, for the time is short, for we must submit unreservedly, willingly, and joyfully, to the absolute leadership of Jesus Christ, in the light of truth, if we are truly children of light (Rom. 8:14).

THE APOSTOLIC GLORY

In order to buttress what I just shared concerning recognizing, and reverencing, and submitting to headship, we will now consider the exemplary attitude of the early Church saints, to the apostolic head, which Christ established, which positive attitude they bore, because God dealt with them, making them have a revealed understanding of headship, and causing them to submit to it. We are considering the beginning of the pure seed Church, in the book of Acts, and what the Spirit

of Christ did, to establish due respect for headship in the Church. I must add, that there will be a repeat, for God will restore the Church to her original glory (Joel 2:25). It is the promise of God, and God will vindicate His own Word, for it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for a jot of God's Word of promise to fail: Jesus Christ said so!

In Acts 4, from verse 32, it is written: ***"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own, but they had all things common. AND WITH GREAT POWER GAVE THE APOSTLES WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, AND LAID THEM DOWN AT THE APOSTLES' FEET: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and LAID IT AT THE APOSTLES' FEET."*** The dire need in

the Church body, created by a lot of Jewish saints being dis-inherited and disowned by their parents, for following this way, necessitated this voluntary relief effort, among the saints. Remember, the only ministry on the ground at this time, were apostles, the apostolic head, and the starting fold of the Ephesian five fold ministry. The unseen headship of Jesus Christ, was invested in, and characterized, by these apostles. Peter was the lead apostle, that is, the chief apostle, or the apostle, to the Jews. We will continue the account in the book of Acts: ***“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife,”*** (both believers,) ***“Sold a possession, And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, AND LAID IT AT THE APOSTLES’ FEET.”*** They probably thought they were dealing with just mere mortals, forgetting that these same mortals, were apostles, and as apostles, characterized the headship of Jesus Christ, over the Church body. God was going to shock them, in order to teach them a very hard lesson, and the Church body, would, in turn, take instruction, and straighten out, and realize, they had to deal with these apostles, with godly reverence and respect, recognizing and respecting that headship, the investment of the grace of Christ, invested in them. And who did Christ deal with on this matter, by his Spirit? The Lord dealt with the chief apostle to the

Jews, Peter, and he knew by revelation, what was coming that day: He saw by revelation, their deception, and knew the judgment the sovereign eternal Spirit would inflict that day, on this couple. He would not need to call any witnesses to verify anything! He had, Thus saith the Lord, which he kept to himself! Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever” (Heb. 13:8). You must realize, that, if, at the beginning of the Church, God did not deal with this couple, in the way He did, the apostolic head would have been treated by the saints with utter contempt and disdain, and there would have been no respect for this office, and God was not going to have that! Everyone had to see, and everyone has to see this apostolic head, in the light God has established it. That's the truth! Saints had to look beyond the men, to see the Lord Jesus Christ, whose headship they characterized, for the apostles were not fools or morons, or just mere figure-heads! You have to see that, for we are coming back to those days. The pathetic conduct, and the belittling attitude of the saints towards the apostolic ministry, was what God was going to judge, that others may fear. And He judged it severely, even though it was in the Grace Age.

We continue the account: ***“But Peter said, -Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy***

Ghost," (For that is what it amounts to, by lying to the unseen headship of the Spirit of Christ invested in, and characterized by, the seen apostolic head. Note that. It was not a lie to mere mortals, but a lie to that Spirit of God invested in the office they occupied. Peter continued:) **"and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power?"** (In other words, they were at liberty to give, and at liberty as to what to give, or not to give at all; they were not under any compulsion to give, and as such, did not have to lie about anything! Peter queried:) **"Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou HAST NOT LIED UNTO MEN,"** (as they erroneously thought) **"BUT UNTO GOD"**. And please hear me: Nobody accused Peter of blasphemy! Can you hear me? Nobody accused him of making himself God! The sheer lack of understanding, and the utter unbelief in people, who claim to believe the continuity of light we received today, is most incredible! They accuse you of blasphemy for every little thing. I was even implicitly (i.e. indirectly) accused of blasphemy, for the title of my book, "HE THAT IS TO COME," indicating that that title belongs to Jesus Christ alone. What an apostate spiritual world we live in! Let us continue the Bible account: **"And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost"** (i.e. he died instantly!)

The influence of the ministry God established as head, would have been corroded, and people would have been walking over it, trampling, and deceiving, and treating the apostles as they chose, not accounting them to be anything, if God had not dealt severely with them. Furthermore, I ask: How can the apostles successfully lead, control, and discipline the body, if there is no respect, recognition of their headship, and acceptance of the divine authority invested in them over the body? Impossible! Therefore, God had to institute this judgment, at the dawn of the Church, in order to attract the desired positive response from the body, towards the apostolic head, from then on. And that's precisely what happened thereafter: **"AND GREAT FEAR CAME ON ALL THEM THAT HEARD THESE THINGS"**. However, I must add, that that singular judgment was not enough to do the job, and whatever God does, He does very well. One more judgment was to follow: **"And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS DONE, came in."** You mean to tell me no brother or sister got on "the phone" to Sister Sapphira, about the death of her husband? No! Nobody did! Everybody was overcome with the fear of God, and with the fear of the apostolic headship, that each man, in that shocking

moment, pondered on these things, and how they were to behave, to avoid a similar fate! It was a serious hour, and I tell you, those days are at the door! The account continues: **“And Peter answered unto her”** (I wonder why no other apostle spoke, or accused Peter of taking too much upon himself; or of being a cruel, heartless, and a high-handed man. It was simply because each man recognized the leadership of Peter, and there was no secret ambition, envy or jealousy, nursed among them. Period!) **“Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, yea, for so much.”** I have to ask: Just what did they think the apostles were, Fools?! Saints, I warn you today, on the authority of the Word of God, seeing that the revelation and the judgment of God is one, you've got to look beyond the frail men! REMEMBER, THIS WAS NOT A JUDGMENT THE MINISTRY GAVE. IT WAS WHAT GOD HIMSELF DID, TO GET RESPECT FOR THAT MINISTRY! Note that.

“Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?” (They should have looked beyond the men. They should have recognized the unseen headship of the Spirit of Jesus Christ in the apostles!) **“Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband, are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straight way**

at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and carrying her forth, buried her by her husband”. (And this was the result:) **“AND GREAT FEAR CAME UPON ALL THE CHURCH, AND UPON AS MANY AS HEARD THESE THINGS. And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. AND OF THE REST DURST NO MAN JOIN HIMSELF TO THEM; BUT THE PEOPLE MAGNIFIED”** (i.e. revered) **“THEM. And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. In so much that they brought forth the sick unto the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, THAT AT THE LEAST THE SHADOW OF PETER”** (the Jewish lead apostle and standard bearer) **“PASSING BY MIGHT OVER SHADOW SOME OF THEM. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: And they were healed every one”.** What an hour! We are at the threshold of something, for God is bringing everything back to what it originally was, for we live in a most stubborn, self willed, self righteous, know-it-all religious world, where people don't want to be told anything! And that is exactly why a lot of religious people

will perish! I do not say that to be mean or wicked. I say it because it is the truth!

I have to repeat, the apostolic glory we just read above, is going to come, for it must come, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. At harvest time, the crop must be in the exact likeness of the seed sown, but in a super bumper fold. God is going to restore this apostolic glory, and every predestined child of God, ordained to be in the bride, at this end time, and every God ordained man for the ministry, will have a God given understanding of headship, and will submit unreservedly, faithfully, and joyfully to it, as unto the Lord Jesus Christ himself. The attitude of the true bride, to this ministry, will be right, and acceptable, for she will undoubtedly have the mind of Christ that is, she will manifest total humility and obedience to God's will, for she is called and faithful. All you have to do, is to look at the early Church ministry crop: That is exactly the crop or seed to expect today at harvest time. I will touch on two other material and eye opening scenarios in the New Testament Church, to buttress this fact.

In the book of Acts 15, there was a doctrinal problem in Antioch, the first Christian outpost. Certain Jews from Judea, purportedly from the apostles, and who

supposedly believed, were trying to force the Gentile believers to observe the law, contrary to truth, and contrary to the teachings of apostle Paul. Paul and Barnabas firmly withstood them. However, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the matter was referred to the ministry in Jerusalem, for their witness and stand, on the matter. Paul and Barnabas took the matter personally to them, and laid it before the apostles and elders of the Church in Jerusalem, that is, they laid it before the ministry. However, when the ministry in Jerusalem were considering the matter, you must realize, that no prophet or evangelist opened his mouth to say anything, with the twelve apostles in attendance. None did! It was the apostles **alone**, that openly discussed the matter. All the other four ministry folds kept quiet. Why? It was because they had a perfect understanding of headship, and as the original pure seed ministry, they submitted themselves to apostolic headship. If that obtained then, you must know, that the same revealed response, and positive attitude, has to obtain now, for the Spirit of God, and the revelation of God, and of the dealership of His Spirit, is one. Furthermore, in order to show you, that the apostolic head, is the exclusive ministry fold, that is, the only ministry fold, that the Spirit of the resurrected Christ used, to give every revelation of truth, which the early Church received, James the apostle, under inspiration,

reached out into the Old Testament prophetic writings, and brought out a new prophetic nugget that day, applicable in the dispensation of grace. Read it! No prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher, of the New Testament, brought any revelation of his own: They all bore the revelation of truths, which the apostles gave. That is settled, for revelatory insight and instruction, comes from the apostolic head, to the body of ministry, and not vice-versa.

Also, in Acts 8:5-17, the Spirit of God led Philip the evangelist to the city of Samaria. He was chosen by the Church to be a deacon, but God ordained he would be an evangelist. In Samaria, he preached the Gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ, to the people, with the power signs of the resurrection. This created a great revival in that city, as many miracles and deliverances took place that day, and many people gave their lives to Christ, and were baptized in water. Even Simon the sorcerer, who had formally been hailed by all, as **“the great power of God”**, had to recognize that Jesus is Lord: He bowed! The question is this: In the midst of all that wonderful display of God's power, manifesting in the open miraculous, why did Philip, the instrument of that great revival, not pray for the Holy Spirit indwelling, for the new converts? Why didn't he? What wisdom

motivated him to know where his ministry was to stop that day, that he was not carried away by the astounding manifestation of the Spirit of God, to also pray for the new converts to receive the Holy Spirit? The truth is that he knew the order Christ had laid down; he had a revealed understanding of the plan of salvation, and of the workings of the Spirit of God; he recognized the headship of the apostolic ministry; and he knew the investment of grace in the chief apostle to the Jews, Peter; he recognized the position Peter occupied, and the authority of Christ invested in him, for that day, in God's plan of salvation. Why do I say this? I say it because unto Peter alone, were the keys of the kingdom of God committed by Jesus Christ, and Philip knew that! He knew Peter held the keys to the kingdom (Matt. 16:19). I want to let you know that those keys were actually three. By these keys, he was divinely invested with the sole authority as the lead apostle, whose singular ministry God would use, to unlock the door of accessibility into the kingdom (i.e. into eternal life), for the three races of people, into which the whole world was divided by Jesus Christ, for the sake of the Gospel message: that is, in line with the movement of the Gospel, from one Nation division, to the next, as recorded in Acts 1:8. And that is exactly the way the Gospel of Christ went. It is written: **“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost**

is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea", (the first Nation division, which takes in the Jews) ***"and in Samaria"***, (the second Nation division, which takes in the Samaritans), ***"and unto the uttermost part of the earth"*** (the third Nation division, which takes in the entire Gentile world). The preaching of the Gospel started in Jerusalem, before going into the country side in Judea, as the disciples bore the Gospel to the Jews. And in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, after Peter gave his inaugural or opening sermon, God used Peter's ministry to open the door to eternal life to the Jews, on the day of Pentecost. Here, the first key was put into use. All other apostles kept quiet, knowing Peter's leading office. The next key was for the opening of the door to eternal life, to the next Gospel Nation division, which was the Samaritans, the next to receive the Gospel. The third and final key, would be used, and was used, in the Gentile household of Cornelius, in Caesarea, in Acts 10, by the same Peter, to open the door to eternal life, to the Gentiles. As such, Philip, having a perfect understanding of God's plan of salvation, of headship, and of the investment of grace in Peter, after he (Philip) had baptized the new converts of Samaria in water, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, sent word to the apostles, for Peter to come down, according to the scriptures, to use the key for the

Samaritans. You have to read between the lines! Read it! Hence, Peter came down, to do only one thing: that is, to pray for the Samaritan converts, to receive the Holy Spirit. I ask: What does Philip's action give you? It gives you an evangelist truly led of God, and one completely surrendered to the visible apostolic headship of the invisible Christ. What a glorious, harmonious, and revealed working of the early ministry. I have to pray: Lord, may those days return, according to your promise. Amen. We are on the threshold of it.

Having said this much about the ministry, it must be noted, however, that the glory and the beauty of the apostolic headship, is revealed in its humility. Please take note, for this is a humble ministry. It has to, for it exemplifies Christ. As such, they won't be men that assert themselves. No! True leadership is humble, being exemplary. As such, they are men that are very humble and meek; But that is why God will fight for them, like He did for Moses, as well as for the early apostles! Show me a humble head, and I will show you a great and exemplary head. That is the kind of head you need to fear; not these ones that make themselves Lords over God's heritage, and rule God's people with fear, as slave drivers, presenting themselves as tin-gods (i.e. as autocratic persons; or

mediocres), having everyone call them, "papa...papa...papa".

Saints should have respected Brother Jackson for his position, his authority, and his revelation, and for his humility, faithfulness, patience, and love. But instead, people walked all over him. May God not lay it to their charge, but may He have mercy, and help us all to see right, that we may walk right, for time is short. Amen.

I will close our x-ray of the apostolic glory by saying this: When we consider the writings of the Ante-Nicene Fathers, the testimony they bore of the early apostles, and the great reverence, and the deep respect, and the profound admiration they had for them, is going to be our judgment yardstick, if we do not also tow the same path of humility, and appreciation of headship, showing ourselves as respectable, decent, well behaved, meek, obedient, and submissive people, a people yoked to the leadership and the dealership of the Spirit of Christ. I want to emphasize, that the positive attitude exemplified (i.e. manifested) by ministers that made up the Ante-Nicene Fathers, will also be the attitude of the true ministry, and of the true bride. It is a pity that Brother Jackson suffered so much in the hands of his so-called followers, on account of his humility, meekness,

gentleness, love, and longsuffering, and it is only because these so-called followers, lack true understanding. But God is going to repair our perception of his ministry, and every elected bride saint, is going to know who Brother Jackson really was, the precise position he occupied, the authority of Christ invested in him, the truth he bore, and what God used him to accomplish for the bride, in the light of truth, at this end time. If we do not know these things, it is evident we do not know what God did in the past thirty nine years, since the death of Brother Branham. I have to say: The bride of Christ will not leave this world, ignorant of what the Spirit of Christ has accomplished on her behalf, particularly at this end time. And she will know the logistics as well, for it shows she has a revealed understanding of how God accomplished it. Every man ordained to be in the bride ministry today, will appreciate and submit sincerely and unreservedly to apostolic headship, for that is the ministry fold God uses to give leadership, scriptural revelation, focus and direction, to the entire body of ministry. And whoever will not have a truly submissive mind to the apostolic head, cannot be led by God, and such will not minister to the true bride. It is that simple.

This will also lead me to say, that, today, following the death of Brother Jackson, the chief apostle, the office of

the modern day apostle John, as the successive standard bearer, comes next in establishment. Therefore, the unseen headship of Christ, will vest, first, in this man, before the other apostles that make up that head, are established over the bride. Whoever does not move on therefore with John, in the continuity light he will give, and submit to the revelatory headship he will bear, has not learnt anything from the past, and such person will be left behind to face the anti-Christ; for if you do not move on with truth, you must be left behind. You have to see the Bible plot. I am simply saying that today, headship is still going to vest, first, in only one man, the John of today, for a very short period of time, until the other apostles are positioned, to complete the apostolic head, over the five fold ministry, which said five fold ministry, in turn, and as a whole, together, make up the Ephesian ministry head, over the Universal bride. But as Brother Jackson warned, concerning the successive standard bearer, the John of today, and also concerning the plural apostolic head, in "The Body Of Christ", part 5, which he preached on the 5th of September, 2004, he said: ***"It's not Doctor Dolittle; but IT'S A BROTHER that God has known. I have to say today, God's going to put His head in shape. The head's got to speak, Jesse... The body of Christ cannot be a nucleus of people running here and there with their ideas:***

WELL, I DON'T LIKE TO HEAR HIM PREACH; HE'S TOO ROUGH. Let's follow Jesus... My point is, brothers and sisters, God's got some men on the earth today; they are parts of that head. AND THAT HEAD IS NOT CHOOSSED BY THE BODY. GOD CHOOSSED IT. And when that head starts speaking, God depends that there is now reaction from the body: Unity; reactions." As you have already been told in this message, to reject, refuse, resist, or deny headship, is to reject, refuse, resist, and deny Jesus Christ. Simple! You cannot take a man's message, and at the same time deny the divine authority and grace invested in him, by which he is enabled to bring out such wonderful truths. You cannot! The bride must understand headship, and respect and submit to it. And if truth cannot affect you, because you cannot see light in the presentation of truth, even God cannot help you, for God is also bound by His Word (Psalm 138:2).

SUMMARY

Headship is a plumbline of truth, which you must line up with, if you would be in the bride; for **no one who refuses or resists headship, can truly be ruled or led of God, being a person that is carnally minded.** But the bride have the mind of Christ, being a people that are spiritually

minded.

Headship over the Universal bride, is invested in the five fold ministry, but the apostles, have also been made as head, over the five fold ministry. The head of the five fold ministry, is the plural apostolic ministry. This is what gives you headship in the ministry, for you cannot have a body of ministry without headship. And that is the headship this message focuses on. I must as such reiterate (i.e. repeat): Those ordained to be in the original, God certified, five fold ministry of this day, will recognize headship, and submit sincerely and unreservedly to it, in order to obtain a harmonious and a constructive working of the ministry, for perfection, being a body of men that are very humble and meek, and faithful to the revelation of the truth of Christ; men that are devoid of any selfish motive or secret ambition in their lives, but are men God's Spirit can lead, being men that are yoked to divine leadership, and who love and cherish truth, and love to serve God's purpose, and God's purpose alone. No other type of persons will be in this original ministry, if perfection is to be obtained. That is why I have to thank God for the very gallant, faithful, exemplary, revealed, and most commendable stand of Brother Alvin Suggs, of Calhoun, Georgia, U.S.A., for truth, and for the wonderful dealership of God in his life, and with the Church in

Calhoun. He stands as a beacon of light, in that vast continent of America. And being a beacon of light has nothing to do with being rich or poor, or with being educated or uneducated: It is a matter of the revelation you have from God! I also have to add: It does not matter how much you say you know God, or the testimony you bear of the supernatural experiences in your life: Until God deals specifically with you in the light of truth, and in the light of His will, that you may know His move, and align with Him, you are simply blind, and self deceived, and will be here to face the anti-christ, in the last week of Daniel. The true dealership of God is in the light, and is given only to an **elected remnant** (Rom. 11:5-7). That is precisely what the Spirit of God laid out in a prophecy, which God gave through Brother Jackson, on the 24th of September, 2004, during the Fall Convention at Faith Assembly, right after my message, titled, "Affinity With Evil." The prophecy in closing says: "**... There are many that would say that the Lord has shown me; but I say to thee, they've been saying that, for the last centuries of time. But I say unto thee, I speak to a few, and there be a few, that would obey me, saith the Lord.**" I add, these obedient few, will make up the original ministry, and the end time original bride. Amen.

He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear, for there is clarity and certainty in truth. I will close this message with a hymn.

THE WARFARE THAT IS RAGING

In the warfare that is raging
For the truth and for the right,
When the conflict fierce is raging
With the powers of the night;
God needs workers brave and true;
May He, then, depend on you?

CHORUS

*May the Lord....depend on you?
Loyaltyis but His due
Say, O Spirit, brave and true
That He may depend on you.*

See, they come on sable pinions,
Come in strong Satanic might
Powers come and dark dominions
From the regions of the night;
God requires the brave and true;
May He, then, depend on you?

From His throne the Father sees us;
Angels help us to prevail;
And our leader true is Jesus
And we shall not, cannot fail;
Triumph crowns the brave and true;
May the Lord depend on you?

Shalom to the true bride of Christ, and to her faithful ministry elects. Maranatha: That is, May the Lord come. Amen.

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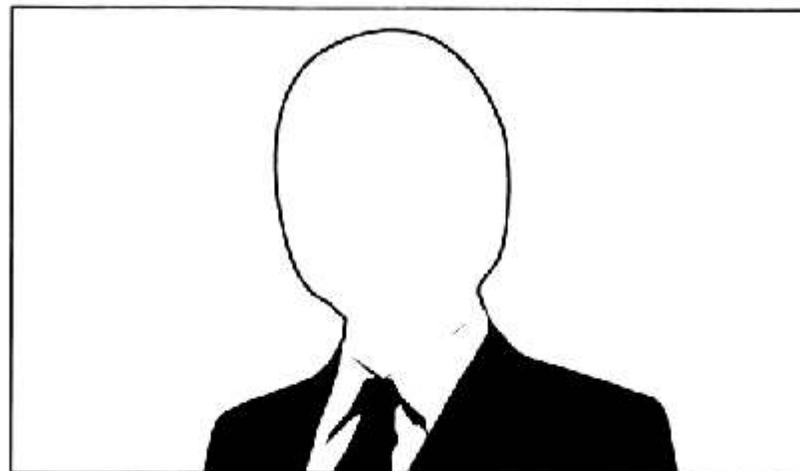
HEADSHIP PLOT



Singular Head: William Branham,
The Prophet - Star Messenger to this age.
(Major Messenger)



Singular Head: Raymond Jackson,
The Chief Apostle to this age.
(Minor Messenger)



Singular Head: The "John" of today,
The Lead Apostle and Standard Bearer.
(Minor Messenger)



The Apostolic Head: The Head of the end time
original Ephesian Ministry

Note: The number of persons portrayed in the Apostolic Head does not indicate the number of men that will make up this Head. It is merely representative.

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