

The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52

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THE PROPHETIC MINISTRY OF WILLIAM BRANHAM - PART 4

This message was preached by Brother Amos on Sunday, 5th August, 2007, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos. It is the concluding part of the above titled message, and is a most crucial message for the bride of Christ, to give understanding of the prophet's ministry, in relation to the ministry of the New Testament, in the light of truth.

I welcome our visiting brothers and sisters. It is nice to have each and everyone. It is nice to have Brother Bola and Sister Joy Omooba back in our midst. We thank God for travelling mercies over His people. We are so grateful to God for His goodness and mercy. We

pray that God would bless our meeting this morning by His Spirit, in a special way.

We have a song to sing, and by God's grace, we will keep singing it. There is no devil that can stop us. With truth as our foundation, there is nothing that can stop us! The gates of hell cannot prevail! There is no devil that has ever been able to stop the move of God, all through time. Truth has always prevailed! That is why John Huss of Bohemia said, "**Truth conquers all!**" And after all the unbelievers in the message have preached their last message, this Bible will have the last say! Indeed God has given us a song to sing! It is a song



of continuity! We will keep singing it, until we enter the rapture. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed).

We have been taking a particular message since last Sunday, and God helping us, we want to wrap it up this morning. The title of my message is, **The Prophetic Ministry Of William Branham**. Last Thursday, we were laying out something, because we are trying to show a Scriptural picture, that will help us to appreciate Brother Branham's ministry, because **he had a peculiar ministry**. And we saw, even as we laid out, when you look at the revelatory anointing that the prophets of Old bore, which set them apart from every other fold of ministry under the Old Testament, and which made them to be the head of the ministry of the Old Testament, that aspect of the anointing was taken away from the prophets of the New Testament, and invested in the head of the Ephesian five fold ministry, the ministry of the New Testament church, and that is in the

office of apostles. The revelatory attribute of the anointing of God's Spirit, which was invested in the prophets of Old, under the New Testament, was invested strictly in the apostles of the New Testament. The revelatory attribute of the Spirit of God, by which the prophets of Old, the highest order under the Old Testament, bore the revelation of truth, bearing the mind of God to nations and kings, and by which they gave the revelation of Jesus Christ in prophecy, was removed, and invested under the New Covenant, in only one fold of ministry, and that is the office of apostles. That reduced the ministry of prophets under the New Testament. It reduced their ministry, making them to come under the headship of apostles, in the New Testament. And if they are going to bear any truth, for the bride of Christ, they have to receive it from the mouths of the apostles. That is a Scriptural and incontestable fact! Whatever truths they will use to minister to God's people, they have to receive it from the mouths of the apostles! Yet, they

are prophets, but now, under the New Testament, their ministry is reduced in spiritual stature, by virtue of that revelatory anointing which God took away from them, and invested in the apostles. That is why, when you come to the New Testament age, the highest ministry order is not prophets, it is apostles. Prophets under the New Testament, do not have the same capacity and role, as under the Old. They do not! And do not forget, the New Covenant, being a better Covenant, based on better promises, being higher than the law, also brought a change in the order of ministry ordained of God to carry the revelation of God. You are not hearing me. **There was a change in the order of ministry, God authorized and invested with the ability and grace, to bear the revelation truth of God for the world! It is apostles!** Why? You are having the New Covenant with a new ministry! In the Old, they had prophets. That was the highest order. But they also had priests, a high priest, Levites, and Nethinims. But they all still had to

receive the truth from the prophet! Nethinims were the ones who had the menial work of the temple, like the washing of those dishes, and things used in sacrifices. They were all male! Not one female was in it! Listen, church. In the Old, because there was a change in Covenant, there was also a change in ministry, yet it was by the same anointing. It is by the same Spirit of the Almighty God, because the Old foreshadowed Christ, and prophesied concerning Christ, and the New revealed him, because under the New, he was revealed. That is why the Scriptures that make up the Old Testament, which gives you the law and the prophets, were written by prophets. But when you come to the New, giving us a New Covenant, and a new ministry, every Scripture of the New Testament that is written, and every revelation of truth that is given, outside of those that Jesus spoke in the days of his flesh, were given strictly by one order, and one order alone: Apostles of the New Testament! And every Scripture of the New Testament, was

written strictly through and by one fold of ministry: Apostles, and apostles alone!

On Thursday, we saw that revelatory anointing that was borne by prophets of Old, which set them apart from every other fold. We saw it as it was projected in the apostolic office, because we are still going to see some pictures this morning as we zero in on Brother Branham's ministry. Church, therefore, you must understand that with the change in Covenant, there was also a change in ministry, and there was a change therefore in the order, which God ordained to bear the truth of Jesus Christ. It is precisely like the change in the priesthood, following the change in the Covenant, from the Leviticus Aaronic priesthood, to the order of Melchisedec, under the New. Likewise, under the Old Testament, the ministry was made up of prophets, priests, Levites, and Nethinims. But under the New Testament, it is made up of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors

and teachers. And once the Lord established the New Testament five fold ministry, you cannot change it. That becomes the original seed! For the church of Pentecost becomes the original church. It is a standard church, and a standard ministry, and that is what we are being brought back to, even as William Branham pointed out in the Seven Church Ages. And what made prophets what they were, I want to re-emphasize, is not just because of the visions they saw. What sets prophets apart from every other fold of ministry under the Old, do not ever forget it, is the revelatory anointing they bore. That is what set them over priests, and Levites, because every other fold had to wait on them for spiritual instruction, for they had to wait on them to receive the mind of God! And so it was in the New Testament. Every other fold of the New Testament, had to wait on the apostles for spiritual leadership and instruction, concerning the things of the kingdom, the revelation

of Jesus Christ. It is important therefore that we understand the prophetic ministry of the Old, in relation to the New, because the New Testament prophets are not the same as the Old Testament prophets. And you will not have a second William Branham! I want the movement to know that this morning! We are coming to it. We saw in Isaiah chapter 6, from verses 1-8, how Isaiah saw a vision. It is prophecy in its infancy, prophecy in the making, prophecy in its very beginning. But by the time we come to the dispensation of Ezekiel in chapter 1 (Read the whole chapter), we saw that Ezekiel saw the same prophetic setting, but in a much more detailed form. It is still prophecy in the making! And those were two prophets! But when you look at Isaiah chapter 6, and Ezekiel chapter 1, they are relative to what you see John express or carry, in Revelation chapters 4, 5, and 6, because it is the same heavenly setting, prophet Isaiah saw in its beginning prophetic formation, a setting

which prophet Ezekiel also saw in more detail. John, an apostle, however, laid it out in full prophetic detail, because now this is prophecy in its full prophetic bloom. And I said it is prophecy, because that was not how heaven looked in 96 A.D.! That is how heaven looks relative to this last age. Why? Because he saw twenty four seats with twenty four elders on it! Not one seat was vacant! And the twenty four elders give you nothing but the twelve patriarchs, and the twelve apostles to the Jews! And he is one of the twelve apostles! And not one seat was vacant! That lets you see he was not in his day, in that spiritual vision. He was projected through time! He is looking at how heaven is characterized, how heaven looked, at the closing of the age. And we said, brothers and sisters, by the time this whole picture is fulfilled, heaven will not look like that, because what we see is nothing but a prophetic picture, a prophetic setting. But look at the two main instruments or vessels

God first used to give an insight, a long range prophetic insight. They were two Old Testament prophets, Isaiah and Ezekiel. But look at another man under the New Testament, who saw it to its full prophetic detail, its full prophetic bloom, because in proximity of time, he lived closer, and he saw it all, because do not forget, he is a New Testament apostle, who with the other apostles, bore the revelation of Jesus Christ. Are you with me? So they had a revelation. And church, towards the closing of the first church age, he had that fantastic experience, and he was caught up into paradise. The same way prophets under the Old could be caught up. He was caught up, and he saw something. What does that show you? It lets you know Isaiah chapter 6, Ezekiel chapter 1, and Revelation chapters 4, 5, and 6, are all looking at the same prophetic setting, yet the prophetic insight was not given to the Old Testament prophets, in the measure it was given to a New Testament apostle. How

could this be? Because it is the same Spirit! So you must look beyond men! You must see the Spirit of God expressing His truth!

I want you to see another experience. Look at Ezekiel chapter 3. May God help me this morning. From verse 1: ***“Moreover He said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.”***

So, I ask: The roll he ate, what did it signify? It signifies the Word of God! Church, come to Revelation chapter 10. There you will see exactly the same experience had by a New Testament apostle, not a prophet, but an apostle, because you do

not occupy two offices in the New Testament. A man cannot be an apostle and be a prophet at the same time. Do not forget that! Moreover, an apostle is higher under the New Testament, than a prophet. But you have to see that the Spirit of God, which is the Spirit of Christ, who empowered the Old Testament prophets to bear the revelation of truth they bore, is the same Spirit invested in the New Testament apostles, capacitating them to bear the revelation of the truth of Jesus Christ. It is the same Spirit; it is not a different one. Revelation chapter 10, we will take it from verse 8: ***“And the voice which I heard from heaven”*** (that is the voice of God), ***“spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly***

bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” Church, that aspect of the prophecy has not yet been fulfilled, for it was not fulfilled by John the beloved apostle. After his release from the Isle of Patmos, he did not prophesy to many peoples, nations, tongues and kings! He did not! And let me tell you, the “John” of today will fulfill that, for it is prophetic of a reality the John of today will have! He will, for that is a prophecy hanging on today for fulfillment! Church, you see a prophetic dealing in the life of a prophet of the Old Testament. Yet again, you see the same prophetic dealing in the life of a New Testament apostle, not a New Testament prophet, but a New Testament apostle. That is why I

said, if apostles are to bear a revelation, which is the revelation of the New Testament, the New Covenant truths, how will they do it, except that revelatory anointing is also invested in them? And Jesus said in John chapter 16, ***“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when the Comforter, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.”*** And church, as we gather together this morning, we are still being led into truth, further truth. What does that show you? It shows you the Spirit of God must empower the fold of ministry God ordained to bear His truth, even the truth of His Son, Jesus the Christ. As such, if it takes hearing an audible voice, they will hear. Yet, they are not prophets! If it takes seeing a vision, they will see it, yet not being prophets! They have to have that ability, because seeing visions, dreaming, and hearing audible voices, are only avenues to receiving something from God!

They are only revelation avenues! These avenues are not even limited to prophets! Do not be a fool! Wake up! We see it exemplified in prophets, and it is in the ministry of prophets to see visions, but if you think that is all there is to it, you are not reading your Bible, because it is not limited to prophets. But apostles are not prophets, and as such, they cannot fulfill the functions or ministry of a prophet of the New Testament. They cannot! That is why it is a five fold ministry! Are you with me? But in order for them to bear that revelation of Jesus Christ, if it takes seeing visions, they will see visions. No, it is not visions about your personal life! It is revelatory! If it takes hearing audible voices, they will hear audible voices! If it is being caught up in a supernatural experience, to enable them to access supernatural revelation, they will have that experience. Whatever spiritual experience it will take to enable them to come into possession of God's mind, and of God's truth, they will have it, because all those

avenues are not the nine gifts of the Spirit. They are mere channels! I said they are revelation avenues! It is true, prophet Joel said, ***“I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh... your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”*** Listen to me, church. Yes, it is a promise of the outpouring of the Spirit. But having dreams and seeing visions are Spirit manifestations in a recipient's life, how God projects in the release of His anointing, what He will make these people do. But brothers and sisters, when you come to 1 Corinthians chapter 12, visions and dreams, are not part of the nine gifts of the Spirit, because they are just mere avenues for the ministry, and for God's people to receive instruction! You are not hearing me. They are mere channels for a man to receive instructions from God! The issue is this: If an apostle is to bear new revelation, the revelation of things Jesus did not speak in the days of his flesh, how will they bear it, if God is not dealing with him supernaturally? Think of it! So, what makes a difference is not even the

man: What makes the difference is the Spirit of the Almighty God. Let me give you yet another experience.

Church, look at Ezekiel chapter 8, from verse 1: ***“And It came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh towards the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy.***

And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain. Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry ... ”

Because of time, let us skip to verse 7: ***“And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the***

son of Shaphan, with every man his censor in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The Lord seeth us not; the Lord hath forsaken the earth. He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do. Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the Lord's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these.” Church, you can read the rest yourself. That was a prophet. But look at Revelation chapter 17. You can read the whole chapter when you get home, but let us take a few verses. Revelation 17:1 ***“And There came one of the seven angels which***

had the seven vials...” So already, he saw seven angels bearing seven vials. One of them came to him, but yet this was an apostle having this experience as well, to show you that the Spirit of Christ which was in the prophets of Old, is the same Spirit of God in the New Testament apostles, empowering them to bear a revelation. **“And There came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters.”** Ezekiel saw something similar. He saw abominations in Israel, right there in the temple, as the Spirit of God was taking him from one event to the other, events that had gone on in times past, which caused God to judge Israel, and to lead them into Babylonian captivity. Brothers and sisters, an apostle was having the same revelatory experience, by the same Spirit of God, concerning the beast system, the Roman Catholic

Church! That is why the angel could tell John in Revelation 19:10, **“The testimony of Jesus is”** (not a different Spirit, but), **“The testimony of Jesus IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.”** Is! In other words, the testimony or revelation of Jesus, is the same Spirit by which the Old Testament prophets prophesied! Yet, it is also prophetic, that at the end time, after salvation has been wrought, that anointing will change to a prophetic one, to be borne also by apostles! You have got to see this beautiful truth, to truly understand the ministry of Brother Branham, and the difference in his prophetic ministry, in relation to the New Testament prophets, because I warn you, you will not have a second William Branham! I say that because a lot of impersonators are running around, carnal impersonators, men who see visions, but do not know their Godhead! Men that do not even know the God they serve! But they say God is dealing with them. My foot! The angel told John: **“Come**

hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.” Just like the ancients of Israel committed fornication. Same anointing on John! It is the same Spirit! That which was invested in prophets under the Old, is invested in only one fold of the Ephesian five fold ministry, under the New: Apostles! Not New Testament prophets! They do not have that revelatory anointing! And you must also understand, you will not have prophets on the ground, without apostles being on ground first. You will not! Because God does not start with the “toe” in the ministry, so-to-say! He starts with the head! The birth of anything gives you first the head! I care less how many believe it in the movement or not! Because I will ask you now, What are you going to believe? Are you going to believe so-

called prophets out there, or are you going to believe God's Word? What are you going to believe?! Are you going to believe prophets out there, all these Jah-jahorah prophets with a sorcery anointing upon them, or are you going to believe God's Word? What are you going to believe? And these false prophets abound! There is one in Sango, Ogun State in Nigeria, that troublemaker, who has done nothing but wreck homes, ruin marriages! And they will pay! Let me tell you now, Hell is waiting for a lot of these false prophets! Verse 3: **"So he carried me away in the Spirit."** Look at it. This was an apostle! I ask again: How is he to see this picture if God does not deal with him like that? How is he to bear this truth, this prophetic message, without a supernatural prophetic dealing? You just cannot limit the Spirit's dealership to just prophets of the Old. You are a fool if you do, for you are just blind. John continued: **"So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw**

a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration." John was stupefied in the Spirit! He marveled! **"What woman is this?"** Yet it was a prophetic picture, because it represents Rome, mama Rome, the Roman Catholic Church, which in John's day, was not yet in existence! Think of it! The Roman Catholic Church was not yet in existence in 96 A.D.!

And as he was marveling in the Spirit, something happened, verse 7: **"And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns."** Amen.

Church of the living God, when we come to the book of Jude, Jude lays out certain things, because I still want to show you some dealings of the apostles under the New Testament, before we launch in detail into Brother Branham's ministry. Look at Jude 5: **"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha,**

and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.” Look at verse 9: **“Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.”** Church, go to Deuteronomy, you do not see Satan there in Moses' writings at his death! And all the testimonies of all the Old Testament prophets never mentioned it at all through all the Scriptures of the Old Testament. We know God called Moses to the mountain, and he died on the mountain, and the Bible says, the Lord buried him on the mountain (Deuteronomy 34:1-6). But we saw nothing else! Here came 66 A.D. Jude an apostle picked his pen, and

went right back by God's Spirit, to that very setting, of Moses' death, and he saw Michael's dispute with Lucifer, over the carcass of Moses. How did he know that? Because God dealt with him! God wants to use him to give a warning, of how we are to stand firmly for truth, and abide in the estate of truth, wherein God has placed us, as God's children. Stay in the light! We also want to use that as an example, because there are people today who speak evil of dignitaries, God's dignitaries, men that have been placed in leadership position over the bride Universal. They looked at Raymond Jackson, and called him all sorts of names, God's dignitary! God took Jude back in a spiritual vision. He saw Moses fall, as he gave up the ghost. Then he saw two angels battling over the carcass: One was Michael, and the other one was Lucifer. Michael did not curse him. He said, **“The Lord Himself rebuke you.”** And these ones speak evil of things they know nothing about. Why was

it necessary for him to see that? Why was it necessary for him to have that insight? It is to express a truth, and to give a warning, because God is warning us, **“Earnestly contend for the truth!”** Stand for the revealed faith with all your heart and life! Do not compromise! It is your life! You compromise with truth, you compromise with eternal life! But not everybody is interested in eternal life. If eternal life was to be had by just mere words, every idiot would have it. That is why God proves people who say they believe. There is a trial of faith. Let us move on. Verse 14: **“And Enoch also, THE SEVENTH FROM ADAM, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”** Church, Jude laid that as a warning for this end

time, in this seventh church age, because it is prophetic of the seventh church age. But go to Genesis, that prophecy of Enoch is also not there. Moses the prophet of God, a man that God spoke to, face to face, was not given that insight. Why? It is for continuity, and also to let you see, that the Spirit which dealt with Moses, is the Spirit by which the apostles ministered. I said, it is written, that you may also see, that the Spirit which dealt with Moses, the writer of the first five books of the Old Testament, is the same anointing by which the apostles were borne in their ministry. It is the anointing, the same Spirit, that carried them in their ministry, to bear the revelation of truth, to instruct God's people in the way of life! That is why when you look at Acts chapter 27, what did Paul say? You can read the entire chapter, but for time, we will come to verse 21. They were in the ship. There was a great storm, and their lives were at risk. People had to start praying and fasting desperately, compulsorily.

Now look at verse 20: ***“And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long abstinence...”*** (That put Paul himself in fasting). ***“But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete...”*** Because he had warned them, and they probably said, ***“You are not a prophet...! You are not a prophet...!”*** There are always people like that. It is simply because they are not the ones being dealt with, and they do not know what manner of dealership the ministry has received. Paul said, ***“Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.”*** In other words, only the ship will be lost. Look at verse 23: ***“For***

there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.” Their lives was spared because of Paul! Think about it! ***“Wherefore, Sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.”*** Prophetic utterance! How? Because he saw the angel of the Lord, and the angel of the Lord spoke to him! Yet, Paul was not a prophet! He never was, and he never will be, because you do not change from one ministry to the other! You do not! You cannot start being an apostle, and end up being a lesser fold of the ministry, a prophet! You are not hearing me. You have never seen God, under the Old Testament, take a prophet, and make him a priest. Never! But you can see God take a priest, a man born into the priestly family, a priest by birth, and make a prophet out of him, like He did to

Ezekiel. Yes! He was born a priest, because he was born into the household of priests. That made every son, every male person in the lineage of Aaron, a priest by birth. But God ordained him a prophet. But you do not see a prophet being made a priest, although a prophet like Moses and Samuel, could also do the work of a priest! But not every prophet was from the lineage of Aaron. But God also went to the lineage of Aaron, and made prophets out of his seeds! You cannot downgrade a man's ministry, because it does not add stature to the apostles of the New Testament, to say they are also prophets, because that is a lesser fold in the New Testament. It is a lesser fold! And it is only because people get hung up, and they cannot get out of this prophetic picture of the Old Testament, that they get tangled up in their appreciation of ministries. They do not even know how to look at it. That is why I said, Visions and dreams are mere avenues for God to reveal Himself to you. They are just mere channels. But they are

not the only channel. In the scenario we just read in Acts chapter 27, we see God manifest to comfort His principal vessel, in an hour of serious peril, to give him a hope, and also to encourage others. So this visitation was essentially on behalf of Paul, and for Paul's sake. Church, you do not see, where Paul as a result, now took it upon himself, as though he was a prophet, to stand before the people, and start talking of visions and dreams that had no revelatory application! You do not see that! That is why I said, an apostle of the New Testament, cannot take over the office of a prophet of the New Testament. He cannot function in that office! But for the prophet of the New Testament, something has been taken away from the anointing they receive, an attribute they characterized and bore under the Old, that revelatory attribute of God, which is now invested in apostles. They still see visions as New Testament prophets, but they do not bear truth for the body of ministry. They can still dream, but they do not bear truth, for

the body of ministry. They may hear audible voices, but they do not bear truth, because their ministry comes after the order ordained to bear the truth. Now the ministry order ordained to bear truth is invested with every ability, and with every avenue that is necessary for them to receive something from God. And God determines the channel to be used to convey His revelation to apostles. I hope that is clear. That is why Paul could say in 1 Corinthians chapter 15, from verse 51: ***Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump.*** How did he have such deep spiritual insight?! But how else will he lay the order of the resurrection without such dealing of God?! What did he say when he wrote to the Thessalonians? He laid out the steps the bride will take, to enter into the rapture. He could never have done it without prophetic insight! They had to have it in order to bear the light of Christ for the entire body, as the apostolic head of the

ministry, the highest ministry order in the New Testament. That is why Peter said, ***“Do not forget the commandment, the words spoken before by the holy prophets, and of us the apostles of Jesus Christ”***, referring to the two highest orders, under the Old and New. That is why Paul could declare: ***“For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with A SHOUT, with THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL, and with THE TRUMP OF GOD: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up...*”** Well, that prophecy is not in the Old Testament! You cannot go to any place from Genesis to Malachi, and bring that out. It was fresh! It was new! Who bore it? An apostle of the New Testament, by the Spirit of God! Saints of God, I think that is settled. We will not over flog issues, although it is most material to lay things out bare. We will move on now to Brother Branham's ministry. But church, do not forget, when Christ was going to

constitute the church, before he even started picking men that would form the body of people that will believe something, he started first with the men that would be the ministry order, to carry the truth to the body. He started calling men, not into the fold of prophets or evangelists, but he started calling men, into the fold of apostles. That is why they are the founding fathers of our faith. That is why, prior to the starting of the first church age, the heart of the Judaistic fathers had to be turned to the faith of apostles. And at the end time, our hearts are being turned back to the faith of the apostles. Why? Because they are the guardians of the faith, the founding fathers and inspired writers and preachers of the faith. And that is why the Bible says in Acts 2:42, ***“And they stood steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine”***, because Jesus has said in John chapter 17, ***“Father, I pray not for these alone, but for them that shall believe on me through THEIR WORD.”*** That is, those that shall believe on Christ through

their word, their revelation, because they are going to be the bearers of the revelation faith of Jesus Christ. And let me remind you now. We are being restored back to the same foundation of faith, in order for the same original Ephesian ministry to be projected, so as to prepare an original bride. Then you must also understand that, **It will take apostles of the New Testament at this end time, to take the message of Elijah, and put it in proper Scriptural perspective, and move the bride forward, that is, move the bride on, in the light of truth.** YOU WILL HAVE NOTHING BUT CONFUSION WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF APOSTLES, WHO HOLD A LINE ON TRUTH, TO KEEP IT FREE FROM ERROR AND CONFUSION. Moreover, the church did not start with an abracadabra ministry. If apostles were the way forward then, they are going to be the way forward today, for the revelation of God is one, and the Spirit is one. That is a truth they do not want to hear in the message movement, because they

hate headship! They do not want headship, because of their selfish ambition. That is why! It is okay to believe in a prophet who is dead. That is comfortable. He is not here to challenge the movement on anything. They can interpret his message as they like, and take it twenty five different ways. Nobody can question them for it! They can set up their churches as they want, and do what they like, and be little lords in their systems. Nobody can challenge them. Today, they are even having choirs. In truth, there is no moving forward without the leadership of apostles. That should be quite obvious.

Church, I have gone to that length, to deal sufficiently with the ministry of the New Testament, in relation to the Old, as it bears on this very important message, to make you understand, without any shadow of doubt, that Brother Branham was not a prophet within the New Testament ministry structure. He was not a prophet of the New Testament order! Although he was a prophet in the

New Testament Age of grace, and a prophet of the New Testament faith, he was not a New Testament type prophet. Please note that, for he was strictly an Old Testament type prophet. I have to say that, because if Brother Branham was really a prophet within the confines, or within the parameters of the New Testament type prophetic ministry, he never would have had the kind of ministry he had. And what set him apart were not his miracles! They were wonderful! But evangelists also had those kinds of things! What set him apart from every other man in the ministry, in his day, was the revelation of truth he bore. And that is why they misunderstood his ministry, thinking he went into error by going into teaching! Because a New Testament prophet does not do that! They do not bear the truth for the Universal body! Hence they felt he derailed from his ministry by bearing truth! He should just have remained a prophet, like Agabus and Silas! What kind of prophet? One that would minister to the carnal needs of the people, to edify the body

by his prophetic gift! But do not talk about truth! But well, prophet Isaiah did not even minister to carnal needs, but he bore a revelation! We must not forget that. And John the Baptist did not minister to anybody's carnal needs, but he bore a truth for his day, being an Old Testament order of prophet. So how are we going to consider them as prophets without the miraculous, if the prophetic office is about the miraculous? Because I will also show you Philip the evangelist in Samaria. He overturned the whole city, and set the city on fire! He was a one-man army! He was not an apostle, he was an evangelist! That is why I said, What set Brother Branham apart was not the miraculous. It was more than the miraculous! It is the revelation of truth he bore! And that is a truth that is an absolute for this age. But church, it is a truth we are under obligation to follow, if we will be bride. The only difference is that that truth, is the truth of Christ. That is the difference! That truth is not a truth about him. And it is not dogma. It is the truth of

Christ. And that truth of Christ, brothers and sisters, is continuous, because revelation is continuous, being dynamic. It is alive! That is the only difference.

Saints of God, I repeat, when you look at the New Testament ministry, you do not find, since the grace age started, you do not have one prophet, who bore any revelation of truth. They all fed from the apostles, and used the truth the apostles bore, which is the truth of Christ, to feed God's people. And having done that, they went also into their prophetic office, and used their prophetic gift, to confirm the truth of Christ they preached, to edify the saints. You are not hearing me. They are a people who fed under the apostles, and were raised up by the ministry of apostles. And church, they went forth with the revelation they received from the apostles, to minister the truth of Christ to the church of the living God. And after having established the truth, they entered their prophetic office, to vindicate the truth they had borne, by prophetic supernatural ministrations. You see that

in Acts chapter 15 in Antioch. They sent a message to Jerusalem. There were some people that came purportedly from Peter, and it was a lie. And men will lie to accomplish anything. Therefore keep your eyes on the Scriptures. And they came, "*Brother Peter sent us that you must all be circumcised.*" They said that because they wanted to take control over them. When Paul heard it, he and Barnabas withstood it! The contention was so strong, because you always have those weak minds, "*Well, brother, I think you are just being too hard... Brother Paul, you know, I think you are just being too hard... And I think you should be careful... It is not a one man show, you know.*" That is how some people look at it! And nobody in the true ministry preaches one man, because one man cannot do the job! But the issue of truth on ground has nothing to do with one man or twenty one men! It is about truth! Full stop! Paul was inspired by God: "*You have made your stand. Now go to Jerusalem, and see what the stand of the apostles over there will also be on*

this matter, to settle this issue once and for all." So under inspiration, Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem. They set before the apostles the issues that went on, and the apostles stood, and said, "*We never sent anybody. That is a lie.*" By the time they all made their stand, and the apostles stood as one man in the truth, it was a united stand! They did not contradict Paul's stand. It was united! But they also decided, "*Brethren, we will send two of our beloved brothers to go and confirm our stand to the saints in Antioch.*" They sent two prophets, Judas and Silas, to go back with Paul and Barnabas. The Bible says, "**...who, after having read the letter and ministered to them, showing them the truth, also CONFIRMED THEM.**" Now, the question is, How did they confirm them? By stepping into their prophetic office in order to bear a supernatural witness, that they may know without any doubt, and see, that this is the truth! But let us ask ourselves: That truth which they used their prophetic office to

vindicate, that truth which they used their prophetic office gift to bear witness to, where did they get it from? From the apostles! Now, for the first time, we had a man God used at this evening time, to bear a revelation of truth, the truth of Jesus Christ for the bride Universal. That man, who is none other than Malachi 4:6B Elijah, William Branham, is not a New Testament type prophet. He is a prophet of the Old Testament order. As such, he is a prophet whose second you will not find in the Gentile world. He is one of a kind! There is no prophet under the New Testament, in this grace age, that has been used like that, and there will be no other prophet that will be used like that, for the Gentiles. We are going to see that in the Scriptures this morning, because I intend wrapping up my message, The Prophetic Ministry of William Branham, today. So, please give me time.

To start off with, we will ask ourselves: Why will God, at the end of time, go out of the precise order He has set in the New Testament, to use a prophet to bear a truth

for the Universal bride of Christ, a truth which will be the standard? Why did God do that? The answer is also in the Scriptures, because God does not do something for nothing. In other words, He always does something for a divine purpose! When we look at Malachi 4, our popular text, which we know offhand, it tells us from verse 5: **“Behold, I will send you Elijah THE PROPHET before the coming of the great and dreadful day.”** Those are two days. The Great day is one, and the Dreadful day is the other. Those are the two comings of Christ. It is two dispensations in prophetic projection. The first coming is the great day, and the second coming ushers in the dreadful day, the day of the Lord. Verse 6: **“And he”** (the spirit of Elijah) **“shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children.”** Church, listen. He said Elijah **“shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children.”** He did not even say to “THEIR FAITH”, but, to **“the children”**. Remember, Jesus already said, **“Those who will**

believe on me THROUGH THEIR WORD.” Jesus said that because they are going to be the bearers of the truth of Jesus, custodians of the faith of Jesus! So, for you to receive their word, you must first identify them! You are not hearing me! You must first recognize they have something for you! That is why he said, their hearts shall be turned to the children! Why? Because the children have the faith of Jesus! The Judaistic fathers had to humble themselves to sit under the religious children, the apostles, to learn that faith. So therefore, seeing that revelation faith does not come in vacuum, for it comes through vessels ordained of God to bear it, it means this: They will first have to identify those vessels, by their revelation, and sit under them, to receive the truth of Jesus Christ. Malachi 4 therefore gives you first an order of men, a ministry of men, that are the custodians and bearers of the truth of Christ, whom the Judaistic fathers will have to listen to. You are not hearing me. I am

magnifying the office of the children in part A of verse 6 of Malachi chapter 4! The Judaistic fathers had to have their hearts turned to the children! Why? For salvation, they had to sit under their ministry and learn under them, because the religious children in John's hour, are the apostles, who bore the revelation of Jesus! That verse applied in that day, and the prophecy of Elijah, the forerunner of the first dispensation of Christ, was fulfilled by John the Baptist. Now we come to the second part, which ushers in the second coming of Christ, the dreadful day. We are looking at that same anointing, which God released at this end time, upon another man, the only Gentile to bear the Elijah anointing, to usher in the second coming of Christ, for the bride, and he is actually a forerunner of Christ, in his mystical coming. I say that because there is going to be a modern day Moses and Elijah sent to the Jews, to forerun Jesus' physical coming, according to Revelation chapter 11. What does that show you? The three

comings of Christ have a forerunner! You are not hearing me. The three comings of Christ have a forerunner, because Christ is coming thrice! But someone may say, "*I thought it is two comings!*" Yes, there are two physical comings, but in-between the two physical comings, there is a mystical coming, when he comes to take the bride away in the rapture. But, for us Gentiles at this end time, it is that mystical forerunner of Christ who tells the story, and wraps it all up for us, "**...lest he comes and smite the earth with a curse.**" So, consider it again: "**And he shall turn the heart of the fathers**" (the Judaistic fathers) "**to the children**", the children in John's day, being the apostles, who were the religious children in that day. Their hearts have to be turned to their faith because they possess it. "**And the heart of the children**" (That is you and me! That is the bride of Christ at the end time!), "**And the heart of the children**" (Again in the same way) "**to their fathers.**" It says, to their fathers! It is the apostles! Not just apostles of the

early church, it is also apostles of the end time! Not just apostles of the first church age, it is also apostles of this seventh and final age! Why? It will take them to really put things in order (i.e. in Scriptural perspective)! Truth has never been in vacuum! And the fact that today the Branham movement is in confusion, and you cannot get two pastors to speak the same thing, lets you know their heart has not been restored. If the heart is truly restored, we should say the same thing! How come there is confusion, and no two pastors can say the same thing, except in the camp of those following continuity light for this day? We are definitely not walking in confusion, for we know what we believe, being anchored firmly in the Word of continuity of Scriptural truths. Halleluyah! Their heart will be turned to their fathers. Who are the fathers? You are also looking at the fathers of the end time, because through the fathers of the end time, the message of William Branham would be set in proper Scriptural perspective,

and through it, a unity will be forged. Amen! Yes, it takes their faith, but their faith is not in vacuum! Moreover, it will take their ministry to set true unity in motion, by the truth they bear and uphold! Today they are in confusion in the movement. So, how will unity come? How are we to be truly restored? It takes that apostolic office to set unity in motion! It takes end time fathers! Who are the fathers? Apostles of the end time, because do not forget, we not only have restoration to truth, it is also restoration to the ministry, because it will take the ministry to take that truth, and make it real, and let it have a true meaningful application in the lives of God's people. I say all that to say this: Brother Branham was sent by God to fulfill part B of verse 6 of Malachi 4. We know John the Baptist fulfilled part A of it. That fact alone makes Brother Branham's prophetic ministry different. If all we looked at was just Malachi, it still made Brother Branham's ministry different, for it lets you know Brother Branham characterized the ministry of John the

Baptist at this end time, because they are spoken of in the same Scripture, and in the same context, by the same Spirit. And both are forerunners, and both bear the anointing of Elijah, as preaching prophets, and both are witnessed to by an Old Testament prophet, Malachi! John foreran the first dispensation, and William Branham foreran the second dispensation of Christ's coming. What kind of prophet was John? An Old Testament prophet! But he was not a writing prophet! Moses wrote the first five books! Is that right? Yes! Isaiah wrote the book of Isaiah; Jeremiah wrote the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations (Are you with me?); Ezekiel wrote his book, and Amos wrote his as well. But when you come to John the Baptist, he did not write one verse of Scripture. It was John the apostle that bore the testimony of John the Baptist's ministry in the gospel of St. John. That St. John is not John the Baptist, but John the beloved apostle! So John the Baptist did not write any verse of Scripture, but church, he

bore the truth of God for that day, and that truth was the standard, that whoever will be saved had to embrace it, because he prepared the way for Christ to have an in-road into the hearts of the children of that day. Think about it! He bore the truth of God for his hour of time! So, we can say this: Brother Branham is a type of John the Baptist at this end time. He too was not a writing prophet. He was a preaching prophet. Therefore, he did not write one verse of Scripture, but he bore the revelation of the truth of Jesus Christ, which the apostles of the first church age established. He bore the standard of truth for us at this evening time. Saints of God, One thing is now established: William Branham is a type of John the Baptist, an Old Testament prophet. As such, for him to type a major Old Testament prophet, who bore the truth for the Nation of Israel, Brother Branham could not be a prophet of the New Testament order. He could not! That made Brother Branham different from the New Testament type prophet,

because a New Testament type prophet sits under apostles, and receives the truth from apostles, and he does not have the authority of God, nor the anointing, to bear the truth for the body of ministry! I repeat, he does not have the authority of God, nor the anointing to bear the revelation of truth for the body of ministry. Only apostles do! As a New Testament Ephesian prophetic order, you can see as much visions as you want, you will never catch any truth for the church of the living God! You can go in the Spirit for twenty one days, and when you come from the Spirit encounter, there is not one truth you will catch for the bride to follow! Because the revelatory aspect of the anointing of the Spirit of God is not invested in the New Testament prophets! It is invested strictly in apostles! You must understand this ministry! Think of this: Men went to Zaria, in the northern part of Nigeria, to see a man that went in the spirit for three days. And when he came out, he came out of the so-called anointing, with water as the solution to

every man's problem. And pastors were falling on one another to get some of the water. Yet, these are men in the movement! And John went in the Spirit, and he gave us the last book of the Bible, a revelatory book. But one man, a so-called prophet came with water as the solution for people's business. Gentiles are a foolish people! When you do not have a love for truth, God will give you the spirit of delusion to believe a lie, and you will follow every Jah-jahorah anointing, every Jah-jahorah spirit, every spirit of sorcery.

Saints of God, Brother Branham's prophetic ministry is unlike the New Testament prophets. There has been no prophet in the entire New Testament Age like William Branham. There has been none! Why? Was it because of miracles? No! It is because of the revelation he bore for the entire church Universal! That is why you cannot compare him with the prophets of the New Testament order, because he bore the standard of truth for the ministry, and for the

entire bride Universal, and through his message, the bride Ephesian five fold ministry, is being raised up. But being a major prophet, the Elijah prophet of Malachi 4:6B of the end time, that made him also to be the star messenger to this Laodicean church age, according to Revelation 10:7, the man who bore a message, on the basis of which the message of salvation which we have in Christ, is being wrapped up, even as it is written: ***"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel"*** (The seventh star messenger to this grace age), ***"when he shall begin to sound"*** (That is, when his message shall begin to be published around the whole world), ***"The mystery of God"*** (which is the grafting in of the Gentiles into the same body of Christ with the Jews) ***"Should be finished"*** (or completed), ***"as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."*** He bore as a prophet at this end time, for the Universal body of Christ, what Paul bore as an apostle, for the Universal body of Christ,

in the first church age. But remember, he was not a writing prophet, but a preaching prophet. And as such, you cannot turn every statement he made into, Thus saith the Lord! You cannot, particularly in view of "the fan" of Matthew 3:12. But every truth he presents, must dovetail with the inspired Scriptures, and must be looked at, and received, strictly within the context of the Scriptures. But more than that, Brother Branham also characterized another major prophetic ministry, which we shall now consider.

William Branham characterized two major Biblical ministries. He not only characterized the ministry of John the Baptist, he also characterized the earthly prophetic ministry of Jesus the Christ. No, we do not get that from the writings of Malachi! You have to look in the Gospel of Luke chapter 17! For a background, we will take it from verse 26: **"And as it was in the DAYS"** (plural; note that) **"of Noah, so shall it be also in the days"** (plural) **"of the Son of**

man." What is Jesus speaking of, since Noah is dead? He said, **"As it was in Noah's days, so shall it be in the days"** (plural) **"of the Son of man."** So you are looking at another era of time, with a spiritual setting precisely like Noah's day! The period of time he is talking about is going to be exactly as it was in Noah's day. Let us go on to the next verse: **"They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage"** (They were preoccupied with these things) **"until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded."** And that is precisely what is going on right now! The world is preoccupied with these things! It is like they will build till they drop dead! And they are eating till they drop dead, particularly in America! They are eating themselves to death, literally! **"But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire**

and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all." I am going to verse 30: **"Even thus shall it be in the day..."** (That is a collective day. It stands for days, because he is shedding light on the days of the Son of man he spoke about in verse 26. Are you with me? The plural days he spoke of in verse 26, is what he is representing now as a day. So it is a collective day). **"Even thus shall it be in the day"** (In other words, In the days) **"when the Son of Man IS REVEALED."** You are looking at a period of time, in this prophecy. You are not looking at Christ's physical manifestation. You are looking at a period of time that precedes his second coming. He said they are days when the Son of Man will be revealed. That statement is a prophetic utterance. What does it show? He is looking at this Laodicean age! He is looking at this seventh and final age! **"The Son of man"** is a title of a prophet. The Spirit of the Lord told Ezekiel, **"SON OF MAN, pick up your pen, and write... Son of man, look behind you."**

Ezekiel therefore is a Son of man. But The Son of man, is a title of the Messiah, the Lamb-Prophet. I repeat, The Son of man, is a title of the Messiah, in his prophetic office, the Prophet of prophets, in his first advent as a Lamb, the Lamb of God. But Jesus says, ***“Thus shall it be in the days when the Son of man is revealed.”*** The question is, What does he mean by that? In other words, What does this prophecy imply? It shows that the Laodicean Age, an age which precedes Christ's second coming, will have the spiritual condition of Noah's day. And it will be in this Noahic spiritual setting, that the earthly prophetic ministry of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, will be revealed, or re-expressed, on earth, by the Spirit of God. But the question that follows is this: Just how can Jesus Christ in his prophetic ministry be revealed on earth at this end time? The answer is very simple. It will take a son of man (a prophet), at this end time, to reveal The Son of man, the Prophet of prophets, Jesus the Christ, by the Spirit of God. That lets

you know, verse 30 is giving you a prophecy, that at the ending of the age, in this last church age, when you have the setting of Noah and Lot's spiritual environment, those are the days when the Son of man will be revealed once again on earth, in his prophetic ministry. But Jesus Christ is not coming back a second time to physically manifest his earthly prophetic ministry. It will take a prophet, to reveal the Prophet. In other words, it will take a son of man, through whom the Son of man will be characterized or revealed. What is God's objective? The objective of God is this: Gentiles did not have the privilege of knowing Jesus Christ, in his physical corporal body, when he was here on earth, expressing his prophetic office. His ministry then was strictly to the Jews. He said, ***“I was sent only to the lost of the house of Israel.”*** So we as Gentiles, did not have the privilege of knowing him in his flesh, and having a taste of his earthly ministry. But remember, when he was on earth, he was a

prophet, and he was in fact, The prophet, because the Son of man, is the Lamb of God, for the Lamb of God had to be the prophet, according to the prophecy of Moses. Then it means this, church: It took a son of man, a prophet of the end time, in this Laodicean church age, an age where you have Noah and Lot's spiritual setting, to reveal the Son of man, to the Gentiles.

Therefore, on the strength of Luke 17: 30, Brother Branham also characterized, at this end time, the earthly prophetic ministry of Jesus the Christ. What does that show you? Brother Branham characterized two major Biblical ministries at the end time: John the Baptist, on the strength of Malachi 4:6, and Jesus the Christ, on the strength of Luke 17:30! But church, we must then ask ourselves: If Brother Branham characterized the prophetic office of Jesus the Christ, What kind of prophetic ministry did Jesus have? We need to ask this very material question, in order to truly and fully appreciate the prophetic ministry of

William Branham. I will tell you again this morning, even as I have said many times before: Jesus Christ was not a New Testament type prophet. Jesus Christ was an Old Testament prophet! His prophetic order was higher than the New Testament prophet. It was! Why do I say that? Come with me to Galatians chapter 4 and verse 4: ***“But when the fullness of the time was come”*** (That is, when the end of the Law Age came), ***“God sent forth his Son, made of a woman”*** (What does Paul mean? That is, Christ was born of a woman!), ***“made under the law”*** (That means, Christ was born under the law), ***“To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”*** Hold it there. What does that show you? Christ was born by a woman, and he was born under the law, and he lived under the law, and died under the law! What does that show you? He was a prophet, but a prophet of the Old Testament order! Jesus is not a New Testament type prophet, because do not forget, he is the Mediator of the New

Covenant! He is the Messenger of the New Covenant! Malachi chapter 3 verse 1 tells us that! He is the Messenger of the New Covenant! Malachi 3:1B gives it to us! Because verse 1A is John the Baptist's ministry, his forerunner, but verse 1B is Jesus Christ, the Messenger of the Covenant, forerun by John the Baptist! Jesus Christ was not a New Testament order prophet. He was an Old Testament type prophet, because brothers and sisters, he lived under the law! He was born under the law! He lived under the law! He died under the law! That is why he said, *“I have not come to do away with the law: but I have come to fulfill it! Lo, it is written in the volume of your book of me to do your will.”* What book was on ground when he was speaking? The Torah (The law) and the Prophets! Why? He was born under the law! He lived under the law! And he died under the law! Therefore, his prophetic ministry was an Old Testament type prophetic ministry! That plainly tells you this: If there was to be a son of man at the end time, to reveal the Son of

man, if there was to be a prophet at the end time, to reveal the Prophet of prophets, Jesus the Christ, then you must first ask yourself: What kind of prophet was Jesus? Therefore, it will take a person who has the same prophetic ministry type, or the same prophetic order, to reveal the major prophetic ministry of Jesus Christ! It does! If Jesus was not a New Testament type prophet, but an Old Testament prophetic order, a prophet who bore the revelation of truth, the revelation of life, for he bore the New Covenant, being the mediator of it, the messenger of it, then, a New Testament type prophet, who does not bear any revelation of truth, cannot fully characterize the earthly prophetic ministry of Christ. He cannot! As such, when Jesus himself prophesied in Luke 17:30, ***“Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed”***, he is giving us an Old Testament type prophet, at the end time, in this New Testament age, a man whom God will use to characterize the exact prophetic ministry of Jesus the

Christ, who is an Old Testament order prophet. That is why we say, although William Branham is a New Testament prophet, he is not a New Testament type prophet. He is an Old Testament kind of prophet! He belongs to the Old Testament prophetic order, and you should not find that strange, because in Revelation chapter 11, the two witnesses to the Jews, will belong to the Old Testament prophetic order, as they bear the revelation of Christ, for the entire Nation of Israel, in the first half of the Seventieth Week of Daniel. That is an undeniable truth! As such, you have to see that both Malachi and Luke, give you in their prophetic projection, Old Testament prophets! Yes, the New Testament also testify of Brother Branham's ministry, in Matthew 13:52, and in Revelation 10:7. But what Luke 17:30 gives you, does not give you a New Testament prophetic order, an order that are limited in spiritual stature and capacity! It gives you an Old Testament type prophet, because that is the order of prophet

Jesus Christ held. So whoever would characterize his prophetic ministry, had to be an Old Testament type prophet. That is precisely why William Branham, like Jesus the Christ, and like John the Baptist, bore the standard of truth, for the Universal elect bride of this end time. But unlike John the Baptist, he bore an outstanding and an incredible miraculous ministry, raising the dead, deliverance, opening the eyes of the blind, discerning the thoughts of men, because that attribute of his prophetic ministry, was characterizing Jesus the Christ, in his earthly prophetic office, by the Spirit of God. You have to see that! That is why the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson, laid it out, that Brother Branham characterized two major Biblical ministries at this end time: John the Baptist, according to Malachi 4, and Jesus the Christ, according to Luke 17:30. And the prophetic ministry in the two prophecies, are not within the confines of the New Testament prophetic ministry structure, although his ministry is

witnessed to by the New Testament as well. Both Scriptures give us a major prophet, a prophet strictly within the confines of the Old Testament prophetic ministry structure! That is why William Branham bore truths, which no other prophet in the entire New Testament dispensation ever bore, all through the entire grace age. And there will be no prophet like that again, in this grace age, for us Gentiles.

Moreover, when you come to Matthew 13:52, there you see the Scribe Householder at the end time. That is Brother Branham's office. After the dragnet parable of Matthew 13 had served its purpose, a parable which applies in this seventh and final church age, once it had served its purpose, once a lot of attraction had been created, by the open miraculous, and a nucleus of seeds had been affected, he then entered into the main essence of his prophetic office. But that prophetic essence now gives you the office of a Scribe, because he is to bear a revelation. That is why he is the principal Scribe householder, who brings out of his treasure

(the Bible), things Old and New. Why? Because he had to bear the truth of Christ! Saints of God, remember, like Jesus the Christ, and unlike John the Baptist, he bore a miraculous ministry, because Jesus Christ the prophet, could discern the thoughts in the hearts of men! Is that right? Yes! We saw that in display at the well of Jacob in John chapter 4! And so could Brother Branham by the same Spirit of Christ, because it was Christ by his Spirit in him. He could also raise the dead, open the eyes of the blind, make cripples to walk, because that is the kind of prophetic ministry Jesus had. It was the miraculous. That is why you could see Brother Branham's prophetic ministry blossom, in the open miraculous, even though he also characterized John the Baptist's prophetic ministry. But unlike John the Baptist, he also characterized Jesus the Christ, the Lamb of God, who was that kind of prophet. So, from the standpoint of Malachi, Brother Branham was not characterizing Jesus the Christ, but John the Baptist. But from the standpoint of Luke 17:30,

he characterized Jesus the Christ, and that gives you the open miraculous. But more than the miraculous, because the miraculous was expressed merely to give the Gentiles at the end time, a taste of the earthly ministry of Christ, but more than the miraculous, it is the revelation of truth he bore, as the principal Scribe householder, that set him apart from all other healing evangelists of his day. As the Old Testament Prophets bore the revelation of truth, so did he also bear the revelation of truth for the bride of Christ, at this evening time. And that is why God is wrapping up the plan of Gentile salvation on the basis of his voice, according to Revelation 10:7.

I have to say, as I wrap up my message, you must understand therefore, this morning, that William Branham is not a New Testament type prophet. His prophetic ministry does not fit into the structure of the New Testament prophetic ministry, because of the limited position of a New Testament prophet. Hence, no prophet in the New Testament has the

authority, nor grace, nor anointing, to bear a revelation of truth which the church Universal is to live by. Rather, they receive from apostles the revelation of truth they are to feed the people. That makes the order of prophets in the New Testament, lower than the position they occupied under the Old. As such, for anyone to say that Brother Branham is a New Testament type prophet, is to downgrade his ministry, because there is no prophet like him in the entire New Testament age. And you will not have a second William Branham! Church, William Branham is not an apostle. William Branham is a prophet, a major prophet! The prophetic office of Malachi 4:6B he fulfilled, bearing the Spirit of Elijah, is not an apostle, but a prophet, an Old Testament order prophet! Luke 17:30, which also gives us his ministry, characterizing the prophetic ministry of Jesus Christ, does not give you an apostle either. It gives you a prophet! Then, church, you cannot be sentimental about

these things. You cannot look in the Bible, and say, "Well, we can also call him an apostle... He is the apostle-prophet, or the prophet-apostle to this age." You are just speaking mumbo-jumbo! That has no spiritual meaning! It is Scripturally meaningless and baseless! The same applies to those who go to his quotes, "Paul is the prophet-messenger to the Ephesian age." What does he mean? That is what you should think about! Because I will tell you right now, on the authority of the Scriptures, Paul was not the prophet to the first church age! He was never a prophet! He was an apostle! Period! You can jump down a cliff if you want; still, that is who he is! That is what he called himself! And there is not one verse of Scripture that gives you that he is a prophet! So he cannot be the prophet-star messenger to the first church age! He cannot! He is strictly the apostle-star messenger to the first church age! So if Brother Branham said Paul was the prophet-star messenger to the first church age, the question

you must ask is, What does he mean by saying that? He is just trying to show you that Paul bore the standard of truth for the First Church age, as the principal ministry! Period! But in reality, his ministry was not a prophet, because that is lower than what he was! His ministry was as an apostle! He was in fact The Apostle! That is so, because under the Old, prophets bore the truth, but under the New, they do not bear it. Under the New, apostles bear the truth of Christ, for every other fold of ministry. And so will it be today, because there will still be new truths coming out. And when I say new truths, I am talking of the revelation of truths that are buried in this Bible, that have not been unveiled by any man, nuggets still buried in the pages of the Bible, and not foolish thoughts that carnal preachers can project. And when we finish acquiring the revelation of written truths, when we finish possessing it, we will move from written to unwritten, through the ministry of the thunders, which still gives you seven apostles!

Therefore, church, it is useless for any man to think he can step into Brother Branham's shoes. No man can step in his shoes! There will be no man to do such! His shoes are too big for any other man to wear! You will not have a second William Branham, because he was what he was by an investment of grace, to accomplish something in God's plan of salvation. Why? Because of the two major ministries he characterized: John the Baptist, and Jesus the Christ, who were not New Testament type prophets. That makes him, brothers and sisters, the ultimate earthly ministry for the bride in this last age! You cannot go higher! But there are other ministries! But within the Ephesian five fold ministry, apostles have the last say, because apostles bear the truth of Jesus Christ for the whole world. And we must realize therefore, it is not enough to find a statement of Brother Branham. It is not enough to quote a statement he made. You must take that statement to the Scriptures, and

u n d e r s t a n d t h e statement strictly in the light of the Scriptures. Otherwise, you are only going to kill yourself with it. And that is exactly what they are doing in the movement. They are killing themselves with statements and with quotes. Or how else would you explain it, when preachers in the movement are using quotes to nullify the truth of the Bible. I was in Kondapalli, in South India, last year, and the pastor threw out of the window, the truth of the apostolic ministry of Paul I laid out, because Brother Branham said Paul was a prophet. It is obvious the Branham movement have gone sound asleep with the message of the prophet! Lord have mercy!

But church of the living God, I thank God for William Branham. Without him, we would all still be in Babylon. Yet, it was not him, for it was Christ in him. We will not have a second William Branham. But do you know the beauty of everything? Do you know the beauty of it all? It is projected in the same prophetic passage

in Revelation chapter 19 verse 10. When John the beloved apostle saw this angel, after having gone through all those serious prophetic experiences, he fell down at his feet to worship him. And the angel said, **“See thou do it not...Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”** Church, listen to this as I close. There are two major ministries, two highest orders of ministry God used to bear every revelation of truth, and to give every written Scripture: Old Testament prophets, and New Testament apostles. The grace that was invested in the Old Testament prophets, is now invested in the New Testament, in only one fold of the five fold ministry, and that is the ministry of apostles, by the same Spirit of Christ. And do you know what, church? When you look at Revelation 19:1-6, 8-11, by the time this thing is all over, and this message has wrought its purpose in the bride, and the bride is ready for the rapture, saints of God, the anointing on them is going to change, strictly into a prophetic

revelatory one. But who will bear it? It is not prophets; it is apostles, because the bride is going in the rapture under a prophetic anointing! Revelation 10 gives it to you! We are going to heaven under a prophetic revelatory anointing! But who is bearing that revelatory anointing? It is not prophets! You will not see another prophet bear it! It is strictly apostles, showing you that once apostles are brought back, revelatory anointing will remain with the apostles. You are not hearing me! It is showing you, once apostles are brought back, revelatory anointing stays with apostles! And may I tell you this morning, they are already back! It started with the chief apostle, Raymond Jackson! They are already back! Apostles are on ground! We are in the days of John! Church, let me tell you, emphatically, Once God brought back apostles, the anointing that was upon Ezekiel, the anointing that was upon Moses, the anointing that was upon Isaiah, upon Jeremiah, and

upon Daniel, God invests strictly in apostles! Brothers and sisters, at the end of it all, it is that same revelatory anointing apostles are going to bear, as they move strictly into prophetic utterances, to prepare us with unwritten truths, buried only in God's mind, for the rapture. How will they catch the unwritten truths? They will catch and bear it as Seven Thunders! What are Seven Thunders? They are seven apostles known unto God! That being so, and we know it is Scripturally and infallibly so, it is very sad, that the present day ministry of Faith Assembly, Jeffersonville, Indiana, together with the men that stand with them, are now simply waiting for the Seven Thunders, yet they have rejected continuity, and the headship of apostles! I have to ask: How can they be waiting for the Thunders, when the Seven Thunders will be seven apostles?!! Think seriously of it! It is a sad story! But it is obvious they no longer care for truth. Nevertheless, the Seven Thunders will be seven apostles, known

only to God. They will bear strictly unwritten prophetic truth. What does that show you? It shows that the testimony of Jesus Christ, is the Spirit of prophecy! The testimony of the truth of Christ they bear, is by the very same Spirit that is a prophetic Spirit. And that prophetic revelatory anointing, will not wrap up on prophets of the Ephesian order, it will wrap up on apostles, because the highest order in the New Testament, which is the better Covenant, established on better promises, gives you a new ministry order, which gives you first apostles, who bear the truth for the body of ministry. Therefore, all the Spirit of God projection in all the ages, all the anointing expressed in all the ages, all manifestations of the Spirit of God, characterized and expressed in the earth, all through the ages, God wraps up everything, and lays it upon this end time bride. It is going to be upon this end time bride! And all the anointing God has used, expressed through the ministry, all through time, He will

wrap it all up, for it is coming upon apostles, to wrap all these things up. Why? Because ***“...the glory of the latter shall be greater than the former!”*** It is not the men! It is not the men! It is more than the men! It is the Spirit of God, because God has reserved the best for the last! Halleluyah! Halleluyah! WE STARTED OFF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT WITH PROPHETS, AND WE ARE ENDING UP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WITH APOSTLES! EVEN IN THE THUNDERS, WE STILL HAVE APOSTLES! The Bible opened up with the writings of prophet Moses in Genesis, and it closes with the writings of apostle John in the Book of Revelation! Halleluyah! Why? Because the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy! It is the very same Spirit! The order to bear truth only changed, with the change in the Covenant! But who are those that are bearing the testimony of Christ, who will also bear this prophetic anointing? They are apostles, because no prophet will bear any revelation of

truth today, for the ministry! That is why Peter warned the saints in his second epistle, laying out the truth of the two highest ministry orders in the entire Bible. We will close with it, as we want to move to something else after today, God helping us. 2Peter chapter 3, from verse 1: ***“This Second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets.”*** Why? Because they bore a testimony of something! They pointed forward! They spoke of a grace to come, a new age! They spoke of a new Covenant, and with its glory, and grace, and power, and majesty, and splendour. They desired to partake, but they were told, *“It is not for you.”* They were only speaking ahead for the bride! And what a privilege it is to be one of them! Peter warned: ***“I write unto you... That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by THE HOLY PROPHETS”*** (Old Testament Prophets),

“AND OF THE COMMANDMENT OF US THE APOSTLES OF THE LORD AND SAVIOUR: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.” Let us also quickly see 1 Peter chapter 1 verse 9: ***“Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets”*** (That is the prophets of Old), ***“have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us”*** (In the New Testament), ***“they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look***

into.” Church, who are the ones that brought it? The Apostles laid it out, line upon line!

Church, I reaffirm, Brother Branham is not a New Testament order prophet. He is an Old Testament type prophet, and you will not have another one like him, in this grace age. I will tell you now, Every prophet from hereon, every true prophet, God will place under the leadership of apostles, and they will be exactly like Agabus, Judas and Silas. They will bear truth the apostles lay down, and they will run the roads with it, and dress God's people with it, and use their prophetic anointing, to be a blessing to God's people, and for the edification of God's people, confirming the truth they have received, as they present it to the bride of Christ. They will minister exactly like that, or they will not be prophets in this New Testament final move. But remember this, that is not Brother Branham's ministry. You are looking strictly at prophets in the New Testament, prophets within the New Testament ministry structure. Brother Branham is not

part of that order. He does not come within the New Testament ministry structure. He could not have been part of that to bear a revelation! He would have had to come under the headship of apostles, but he did not! Do not forget, his ministry gave birth even to the apostles of the end time! What does that show you? It shows that in order to re-establish the original Ephesian seed ministry which God invested in Christ, God had to reach back to the Old Testament prophetic ministry order, the order God used to lay the foundation for Christ's ministry in the first place, one like John the Baptist, to relay the foundation, for the re-establishment of the apostolic ministry, the highest order of ministry in the New Testament, the beginning fold of the five fold ministry. And from that time, the apostle will take the stage again, right till the rapture! Hence, God used Elijah of Malachi 4:6B, to give us back apostles, for they are the first ministry fold produce of William Branham's ministry, being the first fruit of his own ministry. That is so because

apostles are the end time fathers of the faith, to whom our heart has been turned. Moreover, there is no moving forward without them, and church, there is no making it in the rapture without them, and there is no unity without them, and neither is there perfection without them, because they are the only ones God has ordained to lead the way, for the ministry, because the head of the Ephesian five fold ministry, are apostles. It is not one man. It is plural apostles! But neither can you have two or three apostles, without a lead apostle, and that gives you **"John"**. That is the truth of God's Word they do not want to hear in the message world. Then I ask you, What do you then believe? How can you believe in the five fold ministry, and cut off the pre-eminent office, the pre-eminent fold? Then you do not have a five fold ministry, but a four fold ministry! That is all they want in the movement. At the end of the day, you must realize the Branham movement does not believe the Bible. They do not! You just have to face the reality that these people are not believers!

They are unbelievers! They may say they are in the message; they may say they believe the prophet, they do not believe anything! They are a pack of unbelievers! When you look at it in nitty-gritty Scriptural details, you will see they do not believe anything. And I will tell you, You cannot have a pastor within the Ephesian ministry without apostles. You will not have an evangelist in the original Ephesian ministry without apostles! And neither will you have one prophet or teacher without apostles! The reality of apostles is what they do not want to hear today in the movement, because they do not want headship! They are not following the Lord! They are not looking for salvation! They are not looking for life! They are only hoping people will be foolish enough to believe them, and follow them, to build their empire, and follow their agenda! Saints of God, Walk in the light, and you will not stumble. I warn again: Brother Branham is not a New Testament type prophet. He is an Old Testament type prophet. And church, you will not have a

second of William Branham. There will be no prophet to rise in any part of this globe, to show the way for the bride to follow. There will be no prophet in any part of this globe, to lead the way for the Universal bride, and convey any revelation of truth for anybody in the body of ministry. That is why I said, Let any so-called prophet go in the Spirit for four hundred days, he will not come back with one single jot of truth for the bride of Jesus Christ to follow. God started the Bible with prophets, and He is ending it with apostles. Let us bow our heads in prayer. (Brother Amos prayed. After he prayed, he said the following:)

I appreciate God this morning. I thank God for His grace, I thank God for His truth. Brothers and Sisters, when I look at this Branham movement, I pity the people. They are in a very bad spiritual state. But you cannot tell them. You cannot tell them anything. They know it all; they have it all. For them, it is all in the tapes and Sermon books. But they are all going in circles: Confusion! Confusion! Confusion! They have not

brought unity to anybody, but each man has done his own thing. Each man is a lord unto himself and his followers. Each man has his own interpretation of the message. But we are so grateful for what God has done at this evening time. It is very obvious, if there was not a chief apostle at this evening time, we would still be out there in the movement, in that confused bunch, sound asleep with the tapes and Sermon books. It took Raymond Jackson under God, to give us true understanding. And that is the impact of an apostle. We cannot do without them. Indeed, apostles had to be the first ministry produce of Elijah's ministry. But church, look at Brother Branham. He is only Paul of today in one respect: As Star Messenger. That is all, for he is not an apostle. Neither was Paul a prophet, nor was Jude a prophet, but the testimony of Jesus Christ they bore, is by the same anointing by which the Old Testament prophets bore the truth in that dispensation of time, and it was that same Spirit that empowered the apostles, to bear the truth for their age, and for their

hour, for the New Testament Church. No man bears anything by himself. It is all by the Spirit of God. So what God characterized and expressed in prophets, is what He is characterizing and expressing today in apostles. You have got to see that, ***For the testimony of Jesus, is the Spirit of prophecy!*** That is why an apostle could stand and say, ***"An angel stood beside me, an angel of the Lord, whose servant I am."*** Halleluyah! Because he saw a vision, he saw the angel. And that did not make him a prophet. He is no more a prophet than I am a prophet. And you know I am not a prophet. That is the truth. Brothers and sisters, only the elect lady, the bride, will find their way through this message, which God sent William Branham. God designed the message to be a serious separating factor, a burying ground for anything that is not bride. It is a spiritual maze. But as true bride saints, and with all that has been laid out, we should understand why it had to be a prophet.

That is, we must know why the star messenger to this age had to be a major prophet, an Old Testament type prophet. God simply reached back to the Old prophetic order, the ministry order which laid the foundation for the projection of the New Testament ministry in the first place, to relay the foundation for the re-establishment of the same original pure seed ministry, the highest order of which is apostles. For at harvest

time, it takes the Old prophetic order, to reproduce the same original seed. No other ministry order would do. Hence the prophetic ministry of William Branham. That is why the prophet himself proclaimed at various points in 1963, ***I am laying a foundation for this great person who is to rise on the scene after me; He will take the message on.*** That foundation, laid by this end time prophet, of the Old prophetic order,

gives us apostles back again, the highest order in the New Testament ministry, and after them will follow, every other fold of the Ephesian ministry, giving us back the complete original New Testament mystical ministry of Christ. Every eagle of God should see that, for we must understand why it had to be a prophet, and what his ministry produces, as children of light.

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