

19-0730E: “THE CANONICITY OF THE SILENT CENTURIES: THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCH AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE MOSES-JOSHUA COMMISION, THE 400 YEARS OF SILENCE, AND THE PERIOD AFTER THE DEATH OF THE ELIJAH OF MALACHI 4 [PART 1].”

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Scriptures: Revelation 22:17-19, 8:1; Acts 2:1

SERMON NOTES

We had wonderful month end meetings, and “*The End Time Ruth: From An Incestuous Ancestry Into The House Of God’s Bread*” was an emphasis on “*The Mystery Between The Sixth And Seventh Trumpets: The Calling And Sealing Of The Eleventh Hour Gentile Workers.*” On Friday, we were hearing from God speaking on the subject “*The Shepherd And Bishop Of Our Souls: But You Shall See Me.*” It was an expression of what God is saying to this generation. God has anointed us with the eye salve of Revelation 3:21 so that we can be able to see the divine things of God.

The devil anoints the world not to see God so that they can crucify Him. The Jews crucified Him about 2000 years ago because they were blind and could not see Him. Today the modern church is crucifying Him again. When you reject the Word in your home, at work, and here at church, you are crucifying Jesus again. It is not just the Pastor behind the pulpit speaking to us, but God.

The Cloud of glory that came down in 1963 is evidence that we are not alone and God is directing us from the pulpit. Those that are fighting the Cloud of 1963 are people whose eyes are dimming, they are getting old in spiritual things. We must therefore not take for granted every Word that the Lord is speaking to us, but treasure It.

Our subject tonight is a little bit of a technical subject, that is, it has a lot of details.

Revelation 22:17-19 ~ We are living in an age wherein man is being tempted to add to the Word of God. There is a pressure upon this generation for people to

add to or take away from the Word of God. Every age has its own spirit that controls it and anyone who is not walking in the Light of their day are overtaken by that spirit.

Every location and nation also has its own spirit and only those with the Holy Ghost cannot be influenced by these national spirits. The Holy Spirit is a reward for believing the Word of your day. Now we are in the end time and we are having a global spirit, a Laodicean spirit. Satan has combined all his forces and is attacking because he knows that his time is short. The lid of hell was opened according to Revelation 9 and the same demonic spirits which were in Sodom and in Noah's time are upon the face of the earth controlling the people. The same demons are putting pressure on men and women to add to or take away from the Word. Everyone who is not under the Message of Malachi 4:5 is under the influence of these demons. It is by grace that we are under the Message of Malachi 4:5 and not a part of this rat race.

Canonicity means **authenticity** or **validity**. There are similarities in these three different periods mentioned in the subject of our sermon tonight. There is a connection between these silent centuries and the seventh Seal of Revelation 8:1. *(See Chart 1 at the end of this article.)*

All that was in God was poured into Christ that is why He qualified to be the Prophet of all prophets. All that was in Christ has now been poured into the church in this dispensation of The Son of God, which is God in us, and also the Priesthood dispensation. Son of David is when the King (Son of Man- masculine) will be together with His Bride (Son of God- feminine).

These dispensations were there in shadow form until now when they have become substance. **Judges 17:6~** is set in the time before the dispensation of the

kings (Son of David) when there was no king in Israel. After Israel split into two, the northern kingdom was later taken into captivity by the Assyrians while the Southern kingdom of Judah went into Babylonian captivity for seventy years.

The Book of Ezra then comes in at the end of the Babylonian captivity, with the first group of returnees in chapter 2 led by Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, and the second group in chapter 7 led by Ezra, the priest. Nehemiah led the third group of returnees as we read in Nehemiah chapter 2. King Cyrus was prophesied of by the prophet Isaiah about two hundred years before he came to bring down Babylon and he consciously fulfilled the Scripture which spoke of him.

How authentic is the work that was done during the silent years, is it worthy of our acceptance? This is the question being addressed by this Sermon. The first Greek translation of the Bible was done by the Jews in the Diaspora during the time of the Greek Empire when philosophers and great thinkers like Plato and Aristotle arose. **Acts 2:1-12** ~ This was now under the Roman Empire. The Jews that had remained in the diaspora in Greece and other nations would come to Jerusalem to observe the Lord's feasts such as Passover and Pentecost.

The books of the apocrypha are not authentic because: 1. The Lord Jesus never referred to them. 2. They did not appear in the ancient Hebrew cannons. 3. The Apocrypha was written by Greek philosophers and thinkers (not men of God moved by the Holy Spirit). 4. They are of inferior quality in comparison to the 66 Books of The Bible.

1 Corinthians 1:18 ~22 It is foolishness to them because they cannot see Him. The preaching of the Cloud of 1963 is also foolishness to them because they cannot see Him. God refuses to be understood by the wisdom of man. If He had done that, the Greek philosophers and thinkers were going to be number one in

understanding God. The denominations miss God because He hides Himself in simplicity and reveals Himself in the same.

Sign seekers do not go all the way. They gather for themselves teachers who preach to them what their itching ears want to hear. That is why them modern day prophets are manufacturing miracles because their congregations anoint them to preach and teach what they want to hear.

Even in the Message of the Hour these things are creeping in. We see the kiss of Orpah, Absalom, and Judas Iscariot. Kisses of betrayal. Absalom kissed his father king David before leading an uprising against him and causing the people to reject the king.

The Sadducees and Pharisees were denominations that came out of the 400 years of silence, which was also the time of the Grecian empire when Greek philosophy flourished. That is why they would confront the Lord Jesus with philosophical questions.

The apocrypha is a bunch of uninspired books and today after the departure of Malachi 4, the End Time Moses-Joshua Commission, another apocrypha is being written, people writing their own books on top of the Spoken Word. Even on the internet, modern day preachers are writing their own books, millions of them. They are not inspired of the Holy Ghost but of money and the love for women in the time of silence when Malachi 4 is off the scene.

We must check and test everything by the Word in these silent years for another apocrypha is being written. He said, a little while, the world seeth me no more, but ye shall see Me. During these silent years, there is a people that God is speaking to, like Manoah's wife in the Book of Judges 13, Hannah in 1 Samuel 3.

It's not every man that is holding the Spoken Word that believes It; it's not every man that holds the Spoken Word that is preaching It right; it's not every Message church that is striving for the Rapture. It is only the Message of Malachi 4 that we must hold on to and not the teachings of the modern day Greek philosophers and thinkers. The success of this ministry is when every individual is having a relationship with God, knowing what they have believed.

The following are quotations from Brother Branham's sermons to give further insight on our subject.

60-1204M: THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

122 "Oh!" Oh, how Satan hates that, because It exposes him.

Now, the carnal mind looks on, says, "Mind-reading, mental telepathy." They don't know. It's foolish to them.

But to those who know what It is, oh, what a blessing! What is it? A revelation. A revelation of who? Of the man on the pulpit? Of Jesus Christ in this last church age, revealing Himself like He promised He would do. See?

It's a revelation, see, and Satan hates that. My, how he hates it! He's exposed, exposes his plan. Satan hates the Revelation and Genesis, I got wrote down here. That is exactly true.

Now, why does he hate a revelation? Why is he so against revelation? Is because that the entire canon of God's Word and God's Church is solemnly built upon revelation.

It'll never be through a--a school, no matter how many fine seminaries we have. They are way back in the dimmed age. The Bible and the Church is absolutely a revelation.

53-0906E: THE LIVING JESUS CHRIST

E-26 I said, "Pass him by." I said, "Dear God, this man's come by faith. In the Name of Jesus Christ according to Your Word, I lay hands upon him."

I said, "Bring the next one." They started on by. I heard somebody screaming and

hollering. I looked; the old man had the board on his own shoulder waving it at everybody, going along down through there packing his own board, going out. Just simple child-like faith, that's all.

Now, the Indians when they see this power of God moving, or down in Africa, over in the islands, they don't question it. We who's got all the scholarships, we're the ones who question it. We know it all, you see? We've got it all explained out. We know just what it is, what Doctor So-and-so said, and Doctor So-and-so said. But listen. God wants us to believe His Word just like It's written there.

"Whosoever shall add to or take away, the same shall be taken out of--his part of the Book of Life." See? So let's just believe It the way It's written.

We must believe It the way it is written. Like Samuel, the prophet of our day (Malachi 4:5- William Branham) is not too old and though he be dead he still lives.

CHART 1: THE SON OF MAN, ERA OF JUDGES,
AND SON OF DAVID DISPENSATIONS

SON OF GOD	ERA OF THE JUDGES ½ HOUR SILENCE	SON OF DAVID	
PRIESTHOOD		KINGSHIP	
REJECTION		POWER	
CHURCH AGES		REV 8:1	MILLENNIUM
OLD		SILENT CENTURIES 400	NEW
6TH TRUMPET		YEARS	7TH TRUMPET