

WILL YOU HEAR THE TRUTH?

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This is a one of those messages that I'm really not excited about preaching. I kept thinking about what else I could preach but it just kept coming back to this. So if we could go to First Timothy this morning.

There are certain things that have taken place over the last two or three years. We know there has been a difference as far as the teaching from certain ones with whom we have walked. That's not something anybody wants but the Lord is watching.

As our brother said this morning: God's in control of everything. There is nothing that takes Him by surprise. The true Bride Church will never be divided. Jesus said *the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* [Matthew 16:18] Amen.

The enemy can come against the church but at the end of the day, the true worshippers of God who worship God *in spirit and in truth* [John 4:24] are going to hear the right voice. Jesus said *my sheep know my voice.* [John 10:27] Amen.

I've said this before: if we were to have a recording of Jesus speaking, I don't believe anyone here would say: oh that's probably the Lord Jesus Christ. It's not his literal physical voice but what it is: he has a *voice on the earth* which is actually *his ministry* that by the Holy Ghost preaches the Word that he would have to be preached. Praise the Lord.

That *Word* will be an attraction to the true believer. It's going to draw them and it's going to pull them because the Spirit that God gave them is the *same Spirit* that wrote this Word in the first place, and is now speaking, making the Word manifest. Praise the Lord.

Now my title this morning is: Will You Hear the Truth? There are a few who will. When I say there are *a few*, right away some will begin to point their finger: oh you're trying to send people off to hell. No we are not. Jesus Christ himself said *wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction.* [Matthew 7:13] He said *but narrow and straight the way that leads to life, and few there be that find it.* [Matthew 7:14]

Those are the words of Jesus Christ. Are they not true today? I have to say: the words of Jesus Christ are true today just as much as they were when he spoke them.

When we look at the ark, there was an open invitation: Noah preached for a hundred years as he built that ark. What do I mean by that? As he would be working on it and as people began to see this great structure, at times he would take a rest and they could ask: what's this about? And he began to preach and the Holy Ghost was there to inspire him.

Noah spent a hundred years building that ark. I believe that as he got about fifty years in, as he looked at the crowd and the people saying *yes we're going to get in that ark with you*, there were probably times he thought: I don't know how this is going to be, it doesn't seem big enough because I know the Lord is going to fill it with animals too.

As time moved along, some of the people died and as time continued, others got distracted by the things of this world. They wanted to enjoy this life and they began to lose attention on the ark. Without any doubt, there were also those who were saying: Noah wants to tell us that we're all going to die but God is not a god who's going to kill everybody. God gives us sunshine every day, He gives us food to eat and water to drink, but this man Noah wants to pronounce judgment and death. And that began to turn others away.

At the end of the day, I believe there were millions on the earth by then, and of all the millions *only eight* got into that ark, just Noah and his family.

I have to say: when the Lord Jesus Christ comes back, don't think the family of God is going to be millions and hundreds of thousands. From what Brother Jackson could see in his day, he said he believed it was *hundreds*. That's not *my* number, that's what Brother Jackson said.

I believe that many won't want to hear what I'm going to speak this morning. I just pray that when something is spoken, inspired by the Spirit, the one who truly has that pull from the Spirit of God will be able to say: amen, I see it! It's going to stand out above all the error and it's going to resonate in their heart.

Let's go ahead and start in First Timothy chapter four verse one. There's a lot in this verse. I probably won't even get down into verse three today.

Paul writes here, he says:

1 Timothy 4:1
Now the Spirit speaketh expressly,

There was some kind of unction on Paul. He was not saying: this is the judgement I give. There's a place where he did that [1Corinthians 7:25] but here he says *the Spirit speaketh expressly*. There was a strong anointing on Paul to speak these words.

I'm going to go ahead and read it, just the first verse.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that *in the latter times*. First of all, if we have been walking with the Lord, we have to know: we are *in the latter times*. That is absolutely the Truth.

I can just say one thing this morning: Jesus said it would be *as it was in the days of Lot*. [Luke 17:28] You read about the days of Lot and you read about Sodom and Gomorrah. [Genesis 19]

From 2009 to today, there has been an explosion of the spirit that was prevalent in Sodom and Gomorrah. Absolutely there has been. I'm hearing things today I thought people would never say. I never imagined it. It goes beyond what I read about Sodom and Gomorrah so I never imagined it.

About five years ago I heard something for the first time in my life. I was already in my mid-40s and I thought: that is so crazy it will never make it to first base. Now it's made it to first, second, third and they want a home run. That's the way it is. I'm not going into details, I don't think I need to.

Paul says here:

1 Timothy 4:1

in the latter times

This is not for the first church age. This is not for the Dark Ages. This is not for the Philadelphia Age but this is for the time when God would begin to bring all things to a conclusion.

He began by sending a prophet messenger. His ministry really began to flourish, if I can say it like that, in the 60s. Yes, even in the 50s God used him mightily, but I'm speaking specifically of how God began to lead him in the Word to bring the church back to the faith. Amen. Just as it's written *the heart of the children would be returned to the heart of the fathers*. [Malachi 4:6]

So the *faith* began to be defined as far as that carcass of the revealed Word of God. [Matthew 24:28]

Did God give it all to Brother Branham? No, He did *not* but some would want to argue that He did.

Let's think of it like this: the *carcass* was given. When I go hunting and let's say I get an elk, well yes I have it all but I haven't eaten it all, right? But I can say: I have it. He could too, he said *this is it!* Praise the Lord. And God began to use him to open that up to feed the church. Praise the Lord.

Going back to my example, when I first get that animal, not everybody might like this but I'm telling you: the first things for me are the heart, the liver, and the tenderloins. Those are the first things. The only problem is sometimes we're a good shot and the heart isn't edible.

In the fall we begin to eat but we put the meat in the freezer. Then come springtime we say: we need to keep eating that elk, and we begin to bring more out. And normally even later in the summer and fall we eat some more. It normally takes us about a year, so my point is: God used Brother Branham to begin to draw us into that *faith*.

Now notice Paul did not say: some shall depart from faith. He said *from the faith*. [1Timothy 4:1] Amen. There is only *one faith*. [Ephesians 4:5] Praise the Lord.

When we look at *faith*, we see here Paul is quoting Habakkuk. [Habakkuk 2:4]

The Just shall Live by Faith

→ [Romans 1:17](#)

→ For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: "The just shall **live by faith**."

In other words, God gives you an initial understanding. How does that come? It comes by the Holy Ghost. Then as we are able to digest that Word of God and it becomes a part of who we are, God adds to that and He gives us more faith.

Remember: what does *faith* mean? It means *what you believe*. How does He give us more faith? He reveals more of His Word and if we have the Holy Ghost we can believe what God is showing us.

It says here *the just shall live by faith*. Praise the Lord. That's not just some kind of abstract: well I believe in God. We can find billions of people the world over who say they believe in God. What Paul is speaking about here and what the Lord had Habakkuk to write is that we are going to *live by that revealed Word of God*. Praise the Lord.

When Paul says *some shall depart from the faith* [1Timothy 4:1] again we look at what God began with Brother Branham because that's *the latter times* and we look at what He has done since then as well. This has been going on in some fashion or another since, we can say, about the ending of Brother Branham's ministry.

There were many who said: oh praise the Lord, we believe this end-time message. But then God brought Brother Jackson on the scene with an Apostolic Ministry. He wasn't somebody who didn't know Brother Branham but every chance he got he was listening to Brother Branham. Praise the Lord.

Brother Branham came and hunted on his property. They had personal conversations. Brother Branham thought very highly of Brother Jackson and that's not what really matters but my point is: Brother Jackson was a part of those servants who sat at the feet of Brother Branham.

The same Holy Ghost that inspired Brother Branham and opened the Word to him then began to use Brother Jackson. Not in the exact same ministry, Brother Branham had finished *his* ministry, but it was the same Holy Ghost and it operated the same way. Praise the Lord.

What do I mean by that? When certain things were shown, who showed them? It's the Lord. He's the one who's over the church. Amen. And by the Holy Ghost, when it was time, the Lord *revealed* to Brother Jackson more beautiful truths of this Word.

As far as *how* it was opened to the believer, it was the exact same way. Praise the Lord. It was still: you have to have the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord. You have to have a love for the Word of God. Amen. And when God shines light on the Word, He uses a man to speak it. It's not that we lift the man up, but that's how God has chosen to do it. Praise the Lord.

As I heard this morning and it's very true: thank God that He chose to use man. You may say: well Brother, can a man fail? Yes a man can fail, but thank God He chose to use a man than to have an angel come down and speak to us. We would all be trembling and half of us would be passed out. You don't think so? Read about Daniel [Daniel 10:7-11] read about Zacharias [Luke 1:12] and others when an angel did speak to them. I thank God He's using men. Praise the Lord.

So nothing changed about how God was working but what changed is *who* God was using. In general, the people said: the Word of the Lord only comes to the prophet. I have to say: they're not reading their Bible.

The Word of the Lord came to John: that's the book of Revelation. It's written very much like the book of Daniel. The book of Revelation is not an epistle that shows us how to be better Christians, it is a *prophetic book*. Praise the Lord.

The Word of the Lord also came to Paul. He said himself *this I say unto you by the word of the Lord*. [1Thessalonians 4:15] Amen.

So what is it? It's *a spirit* to turn them away: just look at the man. That's something tangible, something they can say: I recognize who God was using. Instead of saying: will the Spirit reveal something to me from the Word, they say: I know who God's man was. Right there many began to *depart from the faith*. [1Timothy 4:1] That's the truth.

Brother Jackson ministered like fifty years, not fifty years after Brother Branham died because he was already ministering back in 1955, so I believe he ministered forty-nine years. I thank God that we were established in the truth. It was beautiful and it was a great joy.

Did the Branham movement ever come along and see it? They did not. Even though we could say Brother Jackson pleaded with them for all those years after Brother Branham left, they never did come around as a movement to see it. Why not? We have to understand that what they had in the first place was really not the Spirit of God.

If someone can see it because one man says it, but when another man comes along and it's still truth but now they can't see it, they did not receive it by the Spirit. They received it by knowledge that he was God's servant. They believed Brother Branham to be God's prophet so they could accept his teaching but it never was a true revelation. If it had been, when God brought another revelation they should have received that as well. Praise the Lord.

That anointing attracted people and I have to say: it attracted *many* people. But we look at them today, some of them are so wrapped up in the things of this world. Yes they still go to church on Sunday. They still say: Brother Branham was the prophet to this age. And they can still from time to time get a little bit excited if they see something that he prophesied coming to pass.

But where their heart really is, as a movement as a whole, it's *not* in this Word. They thank God for the family He's given them, the job He's given them and all of that. Yes I thank God too but that shouldn't be where my heart is. Amen.

Now let's go back.

Some Will Depart

→ [1 Timothy 4:1](#)

→ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Now let's think about that for a minute. That's a strong word: *seduction*. First I will say this: seduction is not something that happens immediately. If it's immediate that's not seduction but just looking at the natural, *seduction* is something that takes some time.

Maybe someone is going get married, maybe they're already engaged but then there is somebody else who begins to try to find their way in. At the beginning maybe the one who's engaged resists, but a seducer is not going to stop or be happy with just a simple *no*. You have to be very clear: get away, leave me alone. I'm not interested in you, leave me alone. But some, yes they know it's wrong and they'll resist but they never get to the point of saying: get away, leave me alone.

Let's be clear here: Paul is speaking of *seducing spirits*, right? In the context of Paul, I'm not speaking of telling a person: I don't want to hear anything from you, but I'm speaking of the spirit. We're going to see how to deal with that.

Let's go to the book of Genesis.

Genesis 6:1

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them.

We know that the *sons of God* were from the lineage of Seth [Genesis 5] and we know that the *daughters of men* or *the men* were from the lineage of Cain. [Genesis 4:17-24] They had been separate for many years but as it says here *when they began to multiply* finally the two societies began to meet. It says:

Genesis 6:2

That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

Now that's a very condensed verse.

Don't think that the sons of God just thought one day: oh the daughters of men are more beautiful, we'll just take them for a wife. That was not the case at all. In the first place, they were not more beautiful than the daughters of God but it's the way they presented themselves. Just like this world we see today: in a provocative way.

The sons of God did not immediately say: I think I'll marry one of them. They knew it was wrong and they resisted, but over time their resistance was broken down and they began to fall. Once they fell, well they've fallen, right? Then how easy was it to continue that resistance? It no longer was.

Whereas before there could have been a man who told this one *no*, and he told that one *no*, but one day he gives in. Then after a little while it turns around: he would like to take that one too. Can we see the picture? That's the natural, right?

Once one has fallen, they have fallen. Over time it began to be prevalent among all the sons of God that many of them took more than one wife. I'm not saying everyone but as a group they had lost that resistance.

Here it says:

1 Timothy 4:1

some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits,

Now let's go from Brother Jackson's day to our day. The Holy Ghost is still the same Holy Ghost. Amen. The Spirit of God still reveals the Word the same as it always has. There were servants, I'm speaking of ministries that for a time had a *resistance*. I'm not speaking of resisting natural women, I mean there should be that too, but we know a church in the spiritual is represented as a woman, right?

There were servants that maintained a *resistance* when they saw that in other places they were not walking in truth. They resisted partaking of those teachings. They resisted *spiritual fellowship* and I have to say: that's a good thing.

John said *beloved, try the spirits to see whether they're of God or not.* [1John4:1] Amen.

And so false teachings began to come out: the Two Days are over, the penalty to Israel is over, and Israel is going to be revived before the 70th week. As teachings like that began to come on the scene, these servants put up a *resistance*. Praise the Lord. I have to say: that's the way it should be. We want to walk in truth. Amen.

I remember Brother Jackson saying the one thing he hated was confusion. When they take things that have already been made clear and they turn it around, if there's one thing that does, it creates confusion. And it eventually gets people to the point where they say: I don't want to hear any more, just talk to me about Jesus.

There's nothing wrong with talking about Jesus. If we can see it right, Jesus is the one who got us *here* in the first place. And Jesus will lead us on *in the light of truth* if we truly follow him.

Jesus said *where I am, there shall also my servant be.* [John 12:26]

We know Jesus is in heaven but we're not up there in heaven. The ministry is not up there in heaven. There are a few who've gone on but there are still those who are down here, so how can it be that the servant is going to be where Jesus is?

This is speaking of where he is *in His Word*. Where He is *shining the light for today*, his servant will be looking at *that*. Praise the Lord. That's the true meaning of following Jesus.

It's not just telling everybody: I'm not going to look at anybody, I'm only going to look at Jesus Christ. There's a right way to say that but too many times it's being said to take eyes off the ministry, and I have to say: that's an error because Jesus is working *through his ministry*. Praise the Lord. Amen.

1 Timothy 4:1

some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits,

Just in the last few years I've seen assemblies that for a season stood for truth and resisted error, but then there began to be a change. They don't want *this one* to be offended so they go there. And they don't want *that one* to be offended so they go there. And they invite *this one* and they invite *that one*.

Sometimes I've been criticized. Brother Justo has been criticized. And I'm sure others as well. They say: you don't want fellowship. I have to say: I *love* fellowship. I wish we had four conventions every year. I would absolutely love that. But the one thing I can't do, I can't sacrifice truth.

It's nothing against the individual. If they're here in Phoenix and they say: hey, let's go hiking or let's go eat. I'll say *sure* but when they begin to bring a doctrine that runs contrary, I'm not going to subject myself to that spiritual environment. Can we see that? It's nothing against the brother. We love them. That's the truth.

Now all of a sudden, *this one* goes with *that one*, and *that one* goes with *this one*. Where for ten years there was a certain standard, now if we speak of upholding the truth, they don't want to hear it. They say: the Lord will work all that out in time. That's what the denominations have been saying for the last hundred years!

God hasn't worked it out, out there, but He sent *a prophet* to pull people out of that and get them into the Word. Amen. Praise the Lord. He continued that work with Brother Jackson and continued to clarify the beauty of the Truth of God.

The Lord has continued it *in our day* but some have gotten tired of upholding the standard. And now it's *everybody*. I said this to my wife last May: if this spirit or attitude is right about having fellowship with everyone who says they knew Brother Jackson, we need to go back and apologize to that Brother in Norway and we need to get back together with him.

I didn't even know that was like prophecy. A couple months later I got a call: hey, let's have a meeting and get back with this brother. I thought: wow, maybe somebody was listening. But that's *not* the right approach.

Jesus Christ is not coming back for a group of people where everybody has their own pet belief. You know what I mean by that? We can all agree to fellowship but I have to say: why did we listen to Brother Jackson in the first place? We should have just stayed with the Message group. I'm probably saying something prophetic again. Go back and be a part of that.

But there is a people who love the Word of God.

Paul says here:

1 Timothy 4:1
seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

That's a strong word, but I'll say this: anytime there's a teaching that is contrary to the Word of God, it didn't come from heaven. Can we see that? It did not.

Now let's go to the second verse.

1 Timothy 4:2
Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.

The word *lies* is mentioned here and that's why I titled this message Will You Hear the Truth?

There are things being spoken today against the true ministry, to put it bluntly: they are *lies*. You may think the brother really believes it, but still, the spirit behind that *knows* that this is not true.

I slightly touched on one already but I have a few here that I want to look at directly. I'm not going to preach on this every Sunday but here's one of the first ones:

Speaking Lies

→ If you're right in your doctrine, then you're wrong in your spirit.

Oh they don't say that! No, they don't. They say: I'd rather be right in my spirit and wrong in my doctrine than the other way around. But what's the message there? The ones who are claiming to be right in their doctrine are wrong in their spirit.

I will say this morning: Jesus Christ is not coming for a people who's right in their spirit and wrong in their doctrine. He's not coming for a people who's right in their doctrine and wrong in their spirit either. Jesus Christ is coming for a people who's right in their spirit *and* right in their doctrine. Praise the Lord. That people does exist on the earth today.

You don't have to pick: well am I going to be wrong in my spirit or am I going to be wrong in my doctrine? If that was the choice I had, I would pick *right in my spirit* too. Amen.

We can't think that we're at the end just before the coming of the Lord and God doesn't have a people, but He's got some: they're right in their spirit, the others: oh they hate you, they want to send you to hell. They might *know something* but what's it worth? They don't have love.

Do we not hear that out in the world today? If you speak against the perverted lifestyle, they say: oh you don't have love. I have to say: it's *love* that will tell that person *that's sin* and if you don't change it, you are *not* going to have salvation.

Speaking Lies

- These ministers just want to take this one out and that one out. Condemning them to Hell.
- Warning every man.

These ministers, who are *these ministers*? I am one of them. They say: these ministers take this one out and that one out and want to condemn them to hell. That couldn't be further from the truth. Listen to the message. We've spoken of the Judgement Seat of Christ. He's the one who will judge. It's written in Luke 19.

Paul said we are to be *warning every man*. [Colossians 1:28] I don't want to be guilty when one day the Lord looks at someone and says *where's your increase?* and they say: oh I kept this, I've got the contenders, I know what Brother Jackson preached. He'll say: okay but where's your *increase?* And then they are called a *wicked servant*. [Luke 19:22] I don't desire that for any brother.

I have to say: Brother, I love you. You may not believe it, but we have to walk in the light of the Word of God. If we don't, the fact that we are a minister or a pastor, that's not important to God.

Let's go quickly to the book of Hebrews. This is Paul speaking. He says:

Hebrews 12:25
See that ye refuse not him that speaketh.

I just saw two sermons where different ones said: I'm turning that off, I'm turning that off. If you've heard the sermons, you know what I'm talking about. They said: don't need to hear it, turning it off, they want to send us to hell. No. I hope and pray that everyone is going to heaven but at the same time, I have to see the reality of God's Word. Amen.

Hebrews 12:25

For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Who's speaking from heaven? It's *the Lord*. But how? It's *by the Holy Ghost*. How does the Holy Ghost speak? Some say they can just sit at home, pray, and read the Word but that's *not* the way the Lord set it up. He uses *the ministry*. He speaks from heaven, *anointing the ministry* and as we listen, we are receiving what he has spoken from heaven.

When it gets to the point that someone says: I don't want to hear it, I'm turning it off, what are they doing? Not only are they *refusing him that speaks from heaven* but they are also telling others to do the same.

I didn't get to this part yet but Paul spoke of *commanding to abstain from meats*. [1Timothy 4:3]

There is the natural part of that. There are those who have been carried away with the Law: I'm not going to eat pork, I'm not going to eat this. But in Luke 12, I read that if we wait on our Lord, he's going to have meat for us. [Luke 12:37]

Today some are commanding to abstain from the *spiritual meat*. That's far more important than the natural meat.

Speaking Lies

- You have to believe what I say to be saved.
- [1 John 1:7](#)
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- [John 12:26](#)
If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.
- [Hebrews 3:7](#)
Wherefore, as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice,

They claim that we say: you have to believe what we say to be saved. That's *not* our message. The only way you're saved and the only way I'm saved is by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. That's the truth.

At the same time, we know the Pentecostals talk about the evidence of the Holy Ghost. First of all, I will say: it's *not* speaking in tongues. But *in the past* I've heard some of these same brothers say that the evidence is that we believe the truth of God's Word. I have to say *amen* to that.

So *no*, you don't have to believe what the true ministry is saying, that's *not* the entrance to salvation. *Jesus Christ* is the entrance. But there is *a manifestation* and if we truly have been saved, there is going to be an effect on our life. As I said at the beginning, we are going to be *drawn* to truth. And as God has brought more truth since Brother Jackson, we are going to be drawn to that as well. Praise the Lord.

I have to say: yes there is a little time to get right, but I have to be honest with my brothers and sisters, if we *reject* the Word, what did Paul say? *How will we escape?* [Hebrews 12:25] There will be *no escape*. The judgement will fall.

I didn't have time to put it on my PowerPoint but Brother Jackson said the exact same thing: once that Seventh Seal is broken, those who have come against the truth are not going to have any escape at that point.

It won't matter if you went to Faith Assembly, it won't matter if you knew that Brother Branham was a prophet. If you're *not* walking in the light of the Word of God, if you're rejecting it, *he* is going to call account to that. Not me, not any of my ministering brethren, but *the Lord Jesus Christ* is going to call account. I don't want to be in those shoes on that day, nobody does.

So yes *we are warning*. Brother Jackson warned. Brother Branham warned. But we warn today and they say: oh you've got a pope-spirit. They claim that we say: if you don't believe what we say, you're not saved. This is *not* what we're saying.

There's more I wanted to read and I really didn't want to speak on this but it just kept coming back. I'll just leave it as that.

To the true believer, in their heart they're going to be able to say: praise God, that's the truth! But to the unbeliever, they're going to go out, they're going to sit down to eat and say: did you hear what that brother said? Then they're going to start throwing the darts. It's been happening.

I don't do that. I don't take my brothers and sisters out to eat and throw darts at the rest of the ministry. If there's something that has to be addressed, I speak to that person. I've done it, and the times have been few and far between.

Sometimes I feel like maybe I haven't said enough. Sometimes it's been like once or twice a year. It's quick and it's short, and then I ask: does anybody have any questions? If not, I leave it alone.

I'm going to close.