



## The Messenger

God always uses a man or a woman. That was what caused the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees to reject Jesus. They expected God. They looked for God. He was there alright, but He was in human form so they rejected Him.

God told Moses, I have come down to take my people out of Egypt. I send you to do it! God operated through Moses. It was God, but it was God in a man. That was why Korah, Dathan and Abiram were in so much trouble. They saw the man Moses and said you take too much upon yourself Moses, we are all Holy. They saw the man but missed God in the man. And that was in spite of all the miracles.

And it has always been that way. God was in Gideon, in Samson, in Samuel, in David, in Esther, in Ruth. Whenever something had to be done, whenever a type or pattern had to be portrayed God used people. And because of the veil of human flesh most never saw beyond the person to the God inside the person.

It continues through history. Luther, Knox, Calvin, all used by God to lead a reformation, Wesley, Whitfield, Moody, Booth, took God's people to another level, Seymour and others at Azusa Street moved onward and upward again.

Yes there were incredible signs wonders, miracles, but it came through people. God always uses a man or a woman. And it has happened again.

Jesus promised that someone with the spirit of Elijah should come and restore all things. Malachi promises the same thing at the end of the Old Testament, "He will turn the hearts of the children to the fathers." In other words, he will restore.

And Elijah always precedes the coming of Christ. 2000 years ago it was John the Baptist. Just before Armageddon Elijah is one of the two

witnesses to the Jews preaching the Christian message. Neither of these two prophets restores anything, they just prepare the way.

We Christians anticipate a secret visit of Christ in the catching away or the Rapture. But if Jesus is coming then Elijah must first come and he must come with a message of restoration. If this really is the end time then where is Elijah?

God always uses man, and God doesn't change. Elijah will be a man, a prophet and he will preach restoration of the original faith the church fathers had. He will have the ministry of the Son of Man. It will look much like that of Jesus. It isn't Jesus in body form yet it is Christ in a man. Of course, as always, most will reject the man and in doing so will reject God's move for the day.

There have been, and still are, great Christian men. Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, and many others but none have come close to the ministry of William Branham.

Branham used the example of the woman at the well to illustrate the sign of a prophet. Jesus told that woman things only she and God would know. That discerning of the thoughts and intents of the heart are the sign of a prophet. It was the sign God used when He spoke to Abraham confirming he would have a son. Sarah, Abraham's wife, was in the tent behind God laughed within herself. God asked Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh?" Many times Branham gave the names and addresses of complete strangers, told them what their disease or problems were before praying for them. Healings and miracles abounded. Some people were even raised from the dead.

Branham's ministry was the inspiration for others such as Oral Roberts, Tommy Hicks and others who followed in the great American Revivals of the late forties through the mid fifties. He was the beginner of what became the Charismatic move bring the Pentecostal blessings into



mainline churches. But the main impact was his preaching. He opened the Bible as no other preacher or teacher before or since Jesus Christ has done.

Branham's ministry started just as recording machines were becoming available and over 1,100 of his sermons are available today. This is the Message.

William Branham was killed in a car accident by a drunk just before Christmas 1965. But as Revelation 10 verse 7 says "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel (messenger), when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God would be finished as He has declared to His servants the prophets." The mysteries were finished when he began to sound but that recorded voice is still speaking that message today. These are the days of that voice.

Revelation 10 verses 1-6 are all about the mighty angel coming down. The description of this angel matches that of Jesus in Revelation chapter 1. This is the Lord Himself descending with a shout (message) and the voice of the archangel (Jesus) of 1 Thessalonians 4.

Luke 17 verses 26-30 describes the time of Jesus secret coming as being like the time of Noah when people were being married several times, and also like the time of Lot when homosexuality was accepted as normal. Then come the days of the Son of Man, a ministry like that of Jesus.

Even a quick review of Branham's ministry will show he fits the bill.

We must never think of William Branham as Jesus, he was simply the man appointed and called by God to do a job, to fulfil those and other scriptures. But nor should, we fall into Korah's trap of thinking that other men are just as anointed or Holy. No one else has ever had such a ministry. William Branham restored the original Christian faith, revealing the end time secrets and the mystery of God Himself. He is the prophet messenger for our time.

God's Message has been delivered by the messenger sent by God. That

being so it makes sense to find out what he said.

