

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 8  
The Mystery of the Kingdom of God

It's likely I'll have many disagree with my teachings on Jesus' kingdom parables, but I urge all to search the Scriptures and the quotes of Brother Branham, for in them we find the rightly divided Word of Truth.

Concerning The Sower and Four Grounds Parable (#1), my conclusion that there are four heart reactions to the gospel comes from Brother Branham's quotes in the Church Age Book and a few live sermons. First, the Church Age Book says there are four classes of people. Jesus' bride is the first class and three other classes follow:

*But indeed she shall be with Him in His throne of judgment, judging the world and even angels. Her name (each of her members) was written in a section of the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. **Secondly, there is another class.** Their names are also in the Book of Life and they will come up in the second resurrection. Such are the foolish virgins and the righteous as are spoken of in Matthew 25. In this class also are those who do not worship the beast or become involved in the antichrist system but die for their faith even though they are not in the bride, not having been born again. But they will come up in the second resurrection and go into eternal life. **Thirdly, there are the borderline Christians such as we saw in Israel coming out of Egypt.** These had their names in the Book of Life and their works written in the books. These having failed to obey God and being void of the Spirit, though even the signs and wonders were amongst them, will have their names removed from the Book of Life. Amongst this group will be the ones like Judas who though entirely void of the Spirit, but are religious, will have manifestation in their lives, and though on the books were not the elected IN HIM. Such also as Balaam will be in that group. **Fourth and finally are the ones whose names have never been or will ever be written on the books.***

*Church Age Book - Sardisean Church Age, Chapter 7*

Brother Branham taught the difference in spiritual quality between Abraham and Lot, saying Abraham was like a dollar and Lot like a penny. He even used quality differences in metals, similar to Paul's teaching in 2 Timothy 2:20:

*All these believers, as we could go on for hours, all these were like a bunch of change out of your pocket, in God's hands. You pull out a bunch of change. There is pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, half of dollars, dollar, all in coins. Now, that's what the world is, in God's hand. There is some people that just can have a penny's worth of it, and God can only use them in a penny way. That's all they can buy. Don't reject them. If they can't believe the real Truth, don't turn them down, don't kick them out and say they're not in It, because God uses pennies sometime.*

***Lot was just a penny, Abraham was a silver dollar, so it taken a hundred Lots to make an Abraham. And so will it take... A hundred carnal believers will***

*never stand in the presence of a genuine Christian that's separated from the carnal things of the world, living in Christ Jesus, where the Word can flow through him.*

*He can only take a penny's worth; that's all he's got. So you see people that say, "I don't believe in healing. I don't believe in these things," just know it's a penny, but just let him alone. See? Just a penny's worth, and so that's all he can buy. Don't stop him; just let him alone. Remember, that's just all the farther he can go.*

*Joseph, he was separated from his brethren.*

*Yeah, I didn't mean that hardly in that way that I said it, see. I mean, if he just, "Well, I belong to this, and that's what we believe." It's just a penny, go ahead, see; just a penny.*

*Say, "Well, the Lord bless you, my brother."*

***See, he is copper; he can never be silver (You see?), so just let it go ahead.***

***God can use him. Oh, He is using it. I'd rather see him down there in a church than to see a barroom standing there on the corner. Wouldn't you? Sure. So just let it alone. God can use it, anyhow; maybe not very much, but He'll use what He can use, as much as they'll let Him use.***

*So that's kind of a rude way to express anything, but I... Well, I hope you get the Truth that I mean in it, what--what it's meant. See?*

*64-0121 - God's Word Calls For a Total Separation From Unbelief*

Regarding The Wheat and Tares Parable (#2), Brother Branham said the 2,000 year Church Age period was the field:

*Now please let us be careful here. This message to the angel of the church which is at Ephesus is not a message to the actual local Ephesian church. It is a message to the AGE. And that age had in it the seed of truth and the seed of error exactly as set forth according to the parable of the wheat and the tares. **The church ages is the field, and in it are wheat and tares.** The false church organized, humanized the government and the Word, and fought the true Christian.*

*An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - 10 - A Resume Of The Ages*

Two of Brother Branham's quotes from the Church Age Book show The Grain of Mustard Seed Parable (#3) is interpreted as the evil-spirited church:

*The very name, Ephesus, has a strange compound meaning, "Aimed at," and "Relaxed." The high aspirations of this age that had begun with the fullness of the Spirit, "the depth of God," whereby they were aiming at the high calling of God, began to give way to a less watchful attitude. A less ardent following of Jesus Christ began to manifest itself as an omen that in the future ages the physical vehicle called the church would sink to the awfulness of the "depth of Satan." It had become relaxed and was drifting. Already the age was backsliding. It had left its first love. **The tiny seed planted in that Ephesian Age would one day grow in the spirit of error until all foul birds of the air would roost in its***

**branches.** So inoffensive to human reasoning would that little plant appear to that New Eve (the New Church) that again she would be deceived by Satan.  
Church Age Book - The Ephesian Church Age, Chapter 3

Now I said a moment ago that the false vine came into full fruition in this age. Her fruit would mature and ripen. That is correct. **This evil-spirited church, full of iniquity, will be revealed as the mustard seed that grew into a tree wherein lodged the fowls of the air.** At her head will be the antichrist, the mystery of iniquity. All this is true.  
Church Age Book - The Laodicean Church Age, Chapter 9

I have no quotes about Jesus' parable of The Leaven Hid in Three Measures of Meal (#4), but a few Brother Branham quotes show how leaven is sin, or man's addition to the Word:

*Thou shall eat **no leavened**, bread in it;...*

**What does that typify in the sacrifice? Don't mix it with any creed, got to be the Word. "No leavened bread." Leaven is the... You know what a leaven is in anything. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump," the whole lump is the Body. You can't put one speck of denomination or creed into Christ. No, sir, it won't work.**

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**"Seven days, eat unleavened bread." No leaven shall be found amongst the Bride, no--no word added, no nothing.**

...

**Now, seven days there shall be no leaven mixed in the Bride, the Church, seven days.**

Now notice. Now as no...

*And there shall be no leavened bread seen in thee in all thy coast seven days;... (The sacrifice here is a type: the Bride coming forth from the Sacrifice which is Christ.)... neither shall there be any thing of the flesh, which thou sacrificed the first day at evening,...*

65-1128M - God's Only Provided Place of Worship

It's notable the black horse rider, or antichrist spirit, mentions three measures of barley (Revelation 6:6) when stripping the world of its wealth, which is similar to the woman hiding leaven in three measures of meal (Matthew 13:33):

*Now, all hope's gone, no hope at all; everything looked dark for the little believers. Now, that's the reason it's called--represented a **dark horse**.*

*His balances or his scales in his hand (You see?), calling out "A measure of wheat for a penny, and **three measures of barley for a penny**." See? Actually that is...*

*Wheat and barley is natural staff of life. That's what bread and stuff's made from. But you see, he was charging for this.*

*What it means, that he was charging his subjects for the kind of the hope of life that he was sending out to them by making... he started in that very time of*

*making them pay for prayer, charging for prayer. They still do it--novenas. "Cause, what was he doing? Capturing the wealth of the world, the scale weighing out a measure of wheat for a penny and three measures of barley for a penny.*

***The rider on a black horse (See?) he was making--stripping his subjects of their money, when the Bible predicts that he holds about the wealth of the world.***

*63-0320 - The Third Seal*

I couldn't find a quote about the Parable #5, The Treasure in a Field, but here's a quote that says the baptism of the Holy Ghost is treasure:

*It's the Baptism of the Holy Ghost in the heart of man, and not in some ecclesiastical move. The Holy Spirit is a treasure of God's love in the heart of man and women to obey. See?*

*65-1127B - Trying To Do God a Service Without It Being God's Will*

Here's two quotes about the Pearl of Great Price (#6) I can move on to the Pearl of Great Price representing receiving Christ or the Holy Ghost:

*I want to have an experience right now, on this Easter morning, that I can say, any time through life, 'Yes, I was sitting in a little old block tabernacle, one beautiful Easter morning. God raised up the curtain. I looked a past. I seen my church didn't mean very much. I seen there was nothing on earth that meant very much to me anymore. **There I sold out everything I had. I bought the Pearl of great price. I accepted Jesus as my Saviour.**' I now raise my hand, Lord God. Be merciful to me. God, I want to look past the curtain of time. Would there be another before closing just now?*

*58-0406S - I Know My Redeemer Liveth*

*I know many of them think that I've lost my mind. Even my good old righteous mother, that died a few years ago. **When I first received the Holy Ghost, there was no one in our country knowed anything about It. And I was just a local, little, young Baptist preacher about twenty years old. But when I received the Holy Ghost, my mother said, "That boy has lost his mind." See? But no matter what mother thought, I had found that Pearl of great price. It might have seemed like that to her, but to me It was real. See, It was. It was the genuine something that— that I had found in God.***

*63-1114 - Influence*

This quote refers to the 7th Parable, The Net Cast Into the Sea:

*Now there is only one thing that we know to do, is to follow the instructions that our Lord left us, **"Preach the Gospel to every creature." He knows who is saved and who is not. We do not that. We just cast the net into the sea, bring forth of all kinds, but God knows who is saved and who is not.** "And no man can come to Him except the Father has drawed him; and all the Father has given Him will*

come.” We know that, see. **So we can’t say this one is a Christian and that one isn’t, because He said, “The kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that took a net and went to the sea and cast it in. When he had taken the net in, he had all kinds of things in there. There would be water spiders, bugs, snakes, and fish, and scavenger fish, and good fish.” And, but, you see, the—the water bugs and things finally crawl back into the water again, but the good fish was kept for the Master. Now we don’t know which is. We just cast the net.**

*But remember, that water bug was a water bug when the net went over him. The influence of the meeting was what caught him. The snake was still a snake, the Gospel net just pulled him in. And the scavenger fish was a scavenger fish, the turtle was a turtle, the crawfish was a crawfish, see. But the real fish was a fish, to begin with. So He knows which is, because He has their names on His Book, put there when the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world.*

*We are here to try to do our part. Now Brother Vick has been over on the corner, casting the net, for many years. Other ministers has been on other corners, casting the net. I come to weave my net with you brethren, so that we can just make a great big cast, and just keep pulling, like fishermen on the corners of the lake. One of these days, the last fish will be taken from the lake. Fishing will be over then. Let us seek out God with all of our hearts, pray and be sincere as we see this hour approaching.*

*63-1113 - The Sign Of This Time*

I wasn’t able to find a quote about the 8th parable, The Unmerciful Servant, but Brother Branham plainly taught Jesus’ words requiring us to forgive others if we want to be saved:

*How many here that's backslidden? "Oh," you say, "I wouldn't admit that, Brother Branham." But, look, if that Dove of meekness is gone from you, brother; there's something wrong. There's something wrong when you can't bear with one another. When you can't forgive every person from the very depths of your heart, no matter what they've done or what they've said, if you can't forgive them from the depths... **Jesus said, "If you don't forgive every man his trespasses from your heart, neither does your Heavenly Father forgive you."***

*56-0805 - The Church and its Condition*

Brother Branham taught The Laborers in the Vineyard (#9) were the believers from the Church Ages, like Martin Luther and John Wesley, and all received the same king of pay as the first hour of the day:

*Now, the seventh angel's Message is to open the mystery of the Seals, calling the eleventh-hour Gentile workers to receive the same pay that the first hour workers got. See?*

*Now, Jesus taught it. He said there was some peoples went into the harvest. They were hired. And when they did, of early morning, they received a--a--a time, a penny for the day. And then at noontime, someone else come in and went to work. And then at the eleventh hour, that's the last hour of the day, **that someone come***

***in and received the same kind of pay that they did at the first hour of the day; last hour.***

*It's so perfectly, how the first-hour messengers with the Word, with the Gospel, with the Truth, they came in at the Day of Pentecost. Then there was a dark age that blocked them out. **Then at the middle of the day, Luther, and Wesley, and them, came in. And then there is to be an evening-time Message, and to receive the same thing that they did at the beginning.** The evening-time Message is to restore back again, to bring back that same thing again.*

*64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day and its Message*

For the 10th parable, The Wicked Husbandman, I couldn't find exact quotes about this parable but found quotes that say the Gentiles would bring forth fruit unto God and then God would graft back in the Jews:

*Now, notice, but the age is coming when the Gentiles will be done with. There was a tree, and the roots was **Jewish**, and it was cut off, and **the Gentile was grafted in the wild olive tree, and it's bringing forth its fruit.** Now, when that Gentile Bride is cut off (that Bride tree I talked about) and is taken up in the Presence of God, God will wipe off them unbelieving Gentiles over here to the side, the sleeping virgin, **and graft again.** He promised to do it.*

*63-0324E - The Seventh Seal*

*God blinded them purposely for you and I. They cannot see, because God blinded them. **And all Israel, true Israel, shall be saved.** What did the Angel say? Glory. "To finish the transgressions of Israel. I've come to tell you that there'll come a time when Israel's transgressions will be finished." **God will cut off that wild branch and graft into that back--that real branch again.***

*61-0730E - The Sixfold Purpose of Gabriel's Visit to Daniel*

The King's Son Parable (#11), is likened unto receiving the garment of the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the following quote:

*Oh, listen to this! **Then if the Wedding Garment is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how are we going to be represented any other way?** If the first church age had to come by the Door, Christ Jesus, be baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ, receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to put on the Wedding Garment, how are we coming any other way? If you come by the Methodist, by the Baptist, or by the Pentecostals, or any other denomination, you will be bound and cast out into outer darkness. You've got to come by Christ Jesus, the Way, the Door, the Truth, the Life. Amen!*

*60-1231 - Revelation Chapter Four, Part 1*

The Parable of the Ten Virgins (#12) is often taught as the wise virgins having the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but here is one memorable quote:

*And many people today will look at **the baptism of the Holy Ghost** and say it's nonsense. But yet they been justified; yet they been sanctified. But they say, "Oh, that's carrying on, that stuff."*

*I know the devil's got all kinds of scarecrows out. That's where you find the good apples, is around where the scarecrow's at. That's right. Just go right on in behind the thing, go to eating apples. See?*

*Now, this... **Then God filled with the Holy Spirit... Then He set His Church out to glorify It.** On the second coming, here comes the Church back, the Bride. Now, watch. See whether they go through the tribulation period. He said, "These virgins, that they come and said, 'Give us of your oil.'"*

*"The Bridegroom comes." The sound went out, "Behold, the Bridegroom is coming. Go ye out to meet Him." **And these virgins, who were virgins, holy, sanctified (Think of it), holy, sanctified people without the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they said, "Give us Oil."***

***And the Church said, "We just have enough for ourself. You go pray up then."** But it's too late then. So the Church went into the wedding, and the others were cast into outer darkness (Is that right?), where there was weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth; and they went through the persecution, suffered, died.*

*54-0103E - Questions and Answers 2*

The 13th parable, The Talents, has quotes and Brother Branham urges us to use our talents for the kingdom of God:

*A fellow that's got money wants to put it to a good investment, of course. A man that has as much as, say, ten thousand dollars, he would like to put it to some investment. Don't keep it in your pocket, 'cause you know thieves will steal it. And so, you don't want to do that.*

*So you want, if you're a good sound businessman, you want to put it to something that'll--it'll draw dividends. **You want to put it to something to usury. You know about the talents in the Bible.** So you must put it to some use that'll draw dividends out of it, some good sound business.*

*62-1124B - Investments*

*And so, it's just somebody crack jokes or sing some song. Well, those fellows no doubt, or women, are good singers, and they're gifted people. **But you know what, God will make them answer for what they do with that talent. That's right. They'd better be using it for the Kingdom of God.** That is true. So let's...*

*Whatever we have, let's use it for the Kingdom of God's sake. Every talent we have, let's put it in the Kingdom of God.*

*53-1204 - At Thy Word*

I wasn't able to find specific quotes about the Parable of The Pounds (#14), but I found quotes that say each person has the same opportunity to be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost:

*Oh, there's people in Eternity tonight, out in hell screaming. If we could walk and pull open the gate like this and let you look down in there, I'd never have to make much of an altar call. They'd be screaming and climbing over one another for the opportunity, but they have passed beyond the veil and beyond mercy now. It's too far. They can't never be redeemed. They're gone forever. They will never, never be redeemed.*

***They had the same opportunity that you have.** You wouldn't want to take their place tonight, would you? So why not take the place at the right-hand of Christ? To set with Him in heavenly places. And with the saints. And with the redeemed of the age, to live in the blessed forever.*

***And you without the baptism of the Holy Spirit, while we sang the third verse of the song, will you come now?** Let's stand while we sing this and everyone remain, if you will. **And I wonder if them who wants the baptism of the Holy Spirit would walk forward for prayer tonight, while we sing the third verse.***

*54-1204 - God Perfecting His Church*

Regarding the 15th Parable, The Seed Cast Into the Ground, Brother Branham didn't address it directly but indirectly taught the Three Works of Grace through the three stages of wheat maturing:

*All these lights are alright. The Church today is that light plus what it has received today. It's to finish the harvest. As we find out, that the Tree itself, or... **The wheat must mature with the Light, raising itself up from a blade to a grain, and from a grain on.** It matures with the Light. Light of other ages only bear record of this age. **The light of Luther bore a record of--of the light of Wesley. Wesley bore light of Pentecost.** It's the same light, only matured on by the Light. If the people could only see it!*

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*Oh, if Luther, Wesley, and all of them, could see that, that yesterday's stuff can only be used as it goes through a process! **When the Holy Ghost reveals the Light, from justification to sanctification, to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and now the last hour of the Coming of Christ;** it's got in it the profile, not of the queen, but of the King of Heaven that represents Himself, as the church has become closer into the minority, like the ministry has to be the same kind of a ministry that He had.*

*64-0125 - Turn on the Light*

The 16th parable, The Great Supper, has quotes supporting the truth that the Jews first rejected the supper and also repeatedly said the highways and hedges ministry was for our time period:

*Remember last night, at the wedding... Or, the other time I preached here. At the wedding supper, they said how they said. "I've made a great feast, and so forth. And all these men, I've bid them, and each one had an excuse. 'I can't do it, because it would ruin our creeds. I can't come, because I have my... I've married a*

wife; she won't let me come. My, I--I got married to a church down here. My mother was Methodist, or Baptist, or a Catholic, or Prote-... I just can't stand for That."

He said, "And you won't come. And you won't taste My supper! But get out there and compel prostitutes and harlots, and drunkards, and whatever there is. Bring them in, and I'll straighten them up. I've made My supper, and My--My guests... **My table is set, and there is going to be somebody there." They didn't come. He was condemning them Jews.**

What about today? "I--I--I belong to the Presbyterian. I--I can't. I'm Methodist, Lutheran. I'm a oneness. I'm a twoness. I'm a this. I can't. I can't." There you are. You won't be there then! That's exactly what He said. All right.

63-0707M - The Indictment

Heavenly Father, take us now, Lord. Let the Great Shepherd, the Great Redeeming Shepherd, the Great Shepherd Who left Glory, knowing that some of the attributes was lost on them great valleys of sin, where the wolves and the--the animals would soon devour that little sheep; but He left the golden corridors, came down into the earth and was made one of us, so He could declare the love of God to us. **There He found them, some of them in denominations, some of them in the house of ill fame, some of them on the streets, blind, some of them in the hedges and highway, but He redeemed every one that the Father had ordained Him to redeem.**

**And He commissioned us, that we would live this part of the Word for our ages. And we see the great reformation of Luther, in that age; and of Wesley; and the Pentecostal. Now we're looking for the Headstone of the City. O God, we know the age and the promise that we are given for this day, how that This is to be restored again. "The evening Light shall ripen the fruit of it. And it shall come to pass that there will be a day that cannot be day or night, can be called, but in the evening time it shall be Light."**

That same glorious Son of God, manifesting Himself in human flesh up here on the earth, making the promise live itself exactly, blinded to the eyes of the Pharisees and Sadducees and Herodians, and so forth.

And today it repeats again, the Word being manifested just like It was. The Word, knowing the secret of the heart, just exactly the way it was, as the Scripture said, which cannot be broken. Help us, God, to realize it.

Help these now who raised their hands. May they buckle up a little tighter; shod themselves with the Gospel of peace; put on the full armor of God; pull the helmet down; take the shield of faith; march forward, from today on. Grant it, Lord.

**Just a little while, we'll be summoned, then the Rapture will come. Just a little bitty group, like Enoch, will be taken up.**

64-0802 - The Future Home of the Heavenly Bridegroom and Earthly Bride