

**EPHESIANS 3:1 KJV** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, 2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: 3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

He is talking about the dispensation of the New Testament church. The believers have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given to Paul's-ward. They have heard about how he is vindicated, called, and chosen to bring a message to them. They see how by revelation He made known to the messenger the mystery. It was not made known to the people initially, but to the prophet. As he wrote in a few words not many, because there is another one coming.

"Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ." (Ephesians 3:4).

Paul wants the church to understand the mystery, the revelation and the knowledge received and the mystery that is in Christ. He wrote it in a few words, but the hope is that when you hear it, you will be able to understand what is being discussed. If you look carefully, after chapter 3, Paul followed up with the fourth chapter, which brings the priesthood or headship.

**Ephesians 4** speaks about how He gave unto them gifts (**Ephesians 4:8**).

The gifts, which represent a five-fold ministry, represent headship.

In **Ephesians 5** Paul brings in how they should find their place. The husband must find his place. The wife must find her place. The children must find their place. You must read that yourselves (**Ephesians 5:22-25**).

Paul said that he got this by the Pillar of Fire. He got this by the revelation of Jesus. Nobody taught him this, and this is a great mystery.

**GALATIANS 1:11 KJV** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The church should understand his knowledge. No other age can come to such a knowledge because it was only written in a few words. But there is a man who has promised to come at the end time one who is going to preach what Paul preached and beyond (that is WMB, **Malachi 4:5-6**). He is going to preach what Paul wrote and did not preach. He is going to speak of a great mystery between Christ and the Church (**Ephesians 5:32**).

WMB stated that he preached what Paul preached, that was only under the fourth seal (that gospel). However, to confine WMB's ministry to Paul only, you will miss the greater truths (this gospel).

**Ephesian 3** makes way to set up the five-fold ministry, that they should come and find their place and their calling. If the ministry does not find its place and calling, they will not be able to teach the great mystery that is to be revealed in that time.

I believe if you are not willing to get involved in what is wrong, you will never get it right. That is why we get into trouble. You cannot expect to straighten things out or get things right if you are not willing to touch what is wrong, and we once held there.

When Paul came on the scene, Paul really did not just come as a messenger of the age. The messenger of the age his message followed a church fell away. But Paul really came to rightly divide and to describe the full Word. If the church never fell, Paul would have continued with them. Paul wrote that he knows when he departs, grievous wolves will enter in (**Acts 20:29**). Then Paul wrote that the people would be beguiled in the same manner how the serpent beguiled Eve (**2 Corinthians 11:3**). He was afraid of that. Paul said Satan is an angel of light, and his ministers would be ministers of righteousness (**2 Corinthians 11:14-15**). Paul knew that it was going to come.

Paul also knew that what God revealed to him and was written, would come into full light by a ministry by a five-fold ministry that is ordained to bring the Bride to such a knowledge.

**EPHESIANS 4:13 KJV** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; He has to know that even though he is saying that false ministers would enter in, even though the people know they are going to be deceivers like the serpent, even though he says all of that, he knew that there is going to be a ministry at the end time that is going to bring an understanding.

Now, what Paul taught, you must remember, much of it was misunderstood and then it was lost.

The opening of the Six Seals is to bring back the lost things. It is to reveal the lost thing, to restore back what was lost.

But the Seventh Seal is the hidden thing. It was only written but never really revealed; it never came to full light. That is what we call our Message. That is what we call Seven Thunders. It is a Message to bring a full light and understanding of things that have never really been revealed, not even by any prophet.

**EPHESIANS 4:11 KJV** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

The word **edifying** means to build, building up. It is a metaphor for edification: the act of one who promotes another's growth.

The five-fold ministry must promote the other's growth. The five-fold ministry is symbolized by the messenger of the age. Within him if he does not come, the other five-fold members cannot cause anyone to grow. They will distort whatever growth that they do grow. He is representative of that which the other folds of the ministry, will eventually have the same mind, the same ambition. The messenger of the age sets the mind of the leaders that are going to be able to touch the people and be with the people. So, the message of the age his whole view is to build the age up.

**JEREMIAH 1:10 KJV** See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Sometimes to build up, you must tear down. To really build up what is right. If there is anything that is there you see him start to measure to make sure that everything is right. When you are measuring, you are making sure that what is there lines up so that the others can be built properly. If not, you become critical and judgmental. It could be misunderstood, but it is part of building up. In other words, if the motive is right, if your commission is right, if your calling is right sometimes when we are tearing down, it looks like it is not building up. But really, it is a part of building up.

Thus, part of Brother Branham's ministry it was to tear down. You cannot start building on something that is not right. There might be good material it is all right, but it is in the wrong place. Maybe it is not rightly divided.

**2 TIMOTHY 2:15 KJV** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

You must take it out like knocking some of the two-by-fours and two-by-sixes out, but you can reuse it and that is building up.

Edification means the act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, happiness and holiness. The messenger sets the mind for the five-fold ministry, and the five-fold ministry sets the mind for the husbands, and the husband sets the mind for the wife. In other words, the mystery of Christ must be seen not just between a messenger and the age, but between the ministry and the people, the husbands, and then the husband to the wife and the wife to the children. This mystery is an unfolding.

**1 CORINTHIANS 8:1 KJV** Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

Here the word "edify" is the same word. It is to build a house. It is connected to building a house, to restore a building, to rebuild, to repair, to found, establish, to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, virtue, and blessedness.

Sometimes you come from another church. When you come, then the man preaches in such a way that he makes you feel bad because you are holding on to a lot of things that were there. Do not look at it as just being torn down; look at it as part of the Word to rebuild. To rebuild with some alterations.

Many people from the denominations came into by Brother Branham's ministry what he had to do was rebuild. This might sound bad, but Brother Branham really does not have the effect on the individual believer, because that is not really whom he is ought to affect. His real ministry is to affect the ministry. Then *that* ministry is going to preach and break it down, and *that* will really affect you. If the message could come from the messenger, bypass the ministry, and go to you, it would be a waste of time to have church, and tithing, and offerings, and sacrificing, and songs, and praise, and getting together. This error is common across the nominal message churches.

Preachers come up and say, "We say what the prophet says," and what they mean is that they print fifty quotes on a subject and they come back and read every one of them. That is not saying what he said. That is not revelation. It means there are things written in there that he said in such a way that you only want the true five-fold, because there is a false Bride. There is a converted and there is a non-converted in the Message. Just because a man says he is a preacher, does not mean he is converted. You have men preaching a long time and they have the gift to preach.

Look at Ravi Zachariah. He has the gift to preach. All we have to do is give him this material see what he can do with it. Chuck Swindoll see what they can do with it. You see having a gift has nothing to do with conversion. (Matthew 7:22-23).

You cannot bypass the five-fold and give it to the people; the pastor cannot bypass the husband and go straight to the wife. When you see a pastor bypassing the husband and going straight to the wife, you know there is something wrong there. He does not understand how the Word is ordered, and therefore he is out of order. If he is out of order, you guarantee the men and women in his church will be out of order. The deacon sees something with a sister if he is going to say something, he goes to her husband because, he oversees her. You see, you must try to keep the thing in order. We must keep ourselves in the balance of the Word, because once we start misapplying, misrepresenting, and dislocating, we become no better than denominations even though we say we are in the Message. We must leave the order in the way that God set it up, because this order is to glorify God, and if you change your order, you bring dishonour. It is a great mystery.

One more time: love edifies. If the shepherd is not preaching to edify you, then he is not preaching at all. If his motive is not to promote Christian growth and strength within the family, the husband and the wife relation. If he is doing it to establish you in strong relationships, in your strong roles and relationships, then, he is preaching the right thing about Christ. You cannot have a revelation of husband and wife without having a revelation of Christ. We miss it right away. You cannot have a revelation of what it really is to be a son without a revelation of what Christ is because, he is the example of a Son. He is the example of a Husband. He is the example of a Friend. He embodies all the roles.

If the husband and wife role and relationship is not right in certain things, you will have, ten things right and a million things wrong. Then you focus on the ten things right and you let the million things go. You know it is self-justification. You can say, "Well, you know, I work hard and I bring the money home." Well, if that is what it takes to be a husband, Bill Gates is the best husband there has ever been. That puts the poor out. If it means just giving her a house and a car and some children, it means something is wrong. Therefore, if our roles and relationships when it comes to husband and wife are wrong, the unveiling of God has not happened to you clearly. If He is unveiled, He can only be unveiled in natural things; it is a type of the spiritual.

**ROMANS 1:20 KJV** For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

The things that you see are clear evidence of the invisible. Those two laws work together to tell us what we are reflecting. If we know what we ought to reflect, it is because something has been revealed to us to measure our standards. God has been revealed to you. Christ, the mystery of God revealed. When He is revealed, the roles are revealed, and the relationships will follow. All these roles are to reveal God.

Father, your behaviour as a father is to reveal Him and His love; what He will do for His children, how He will sacrifice, how He loves, how He will give everything to redeem His children when they get messed up. Some of us say, "Well look, you know, I am not going to redeem them. They know better." There is a difference between allowing them to learn by chastisement (**Hebrews 12:6**) and withholding your wealth for the wrong reason or holding your time or resources for the wrong reason. Christ, He gave it all. Even though we mess up more than seventy times seven (**Matthew 18:22**), He is willing to forgive and start over again. But even as parents, we are only willing to say, "I am going to go that far. I have had enough of it. That is the end of it." That is not a father's heart. There must be something called "tough love," but you must have the revelation to rightly divide by judging your own heart. You must consider if you are really saying it for the right reason, or if you are saying it to protect yourself and your wealth. "They're not going to bring me down. I am not going to become a beggar because of them." Then your reason must be right. If your reason, your motive for not doing it currently is wrong, then you, then you are not really living for his edification. You are living to protect your resources or your reputation or something.

Fatherhood reflects God. Motherhood reflects God. Wifeness reflects God.

Brother Branham calls the wife, he says she is like a comforter, like the Holy Spirit comforts. She comforts her husband when he comes home. **Like a mother, how she nurtures her children like a hen gathers its brood (Matthew 23:37).**

All these roles of husband, wife, and so forth you say, "Brother, I cannot play my godly role. I want to do it, but you do not know the kind of wife I have. You do not know the kind of husband I have." God does not care about the other person's reaction; He just cares about *your* reaction. You act your role; you get your own Academy Award. The other person can be a terrible supporting actor but then look at your role, your individual role.

If a man has a disobedient wife, if a man has a nagging wife, whatever it is as long as he talks to her lovingly: "Honey, this is what the Word says," and she is "Oh, what about you? What about this? What about that?" Some women do not like to have the man have the last word. She trains herself: "He is not going to get the better of me, and I am not going to let him feel that he got the better of me. I am going to win this."

They make a temporary gain in their mind on things that are earthly and lose out eternally. That is no gain (**Matthew 16:26**). To win just because you want to spite, or are willing to have revenge, or are willing to punish those are temporal things. You are foolish to think you won when measured in the quality of eternal things that you could be building up.

Every one of our roles must be spent to build up. If you are a friend, to build up your friend. If you are a husband, to build up your wife. If you are a wife, to build up your husband. **A woman that tears down her house is a foolish woman (Proverbs 14:1).** Do not burn the house whilst your family is fast asleep.

Let's talk about the man now: the man who tears down his house is a foolish man. You see, that is why He gives the five-fold not to tear down the church, but to build it up, edify it. In our roles when someone in our partnership does something that is not right, or betrays you, or lets you down, or disappoints you, or provokes you, by using the wrong kind of thinking and the wrong response and the wrong word, literally say things to humiliate, shame, demoralize, weaken, and condemn.

God is saying, in the relationship, even if they do that, your response is to edify them to build them up or are you also now going to tear them down to rebuild. If you really do not lie, then as a husband, you are going to be truthful in your role as a husband. If your calling is to be a housewife, you are going to be truthful in the role of a housewife. If you are a preacher, then you are called to be faithful in that role. If you are a thief and you steal, you are going to steal time from your husband. If you are not going to be a good steward to things that you are responsible for then that is stealing. In other words, we normally say, "As long as I do not lie, steal, or cheat, I am okay." Then I am going up to Adoption and being a terrible husband or a terrible wife. When these components are placed within the roles and reflect the right relationship, then you can measure yourself in Adoption. Note the kind of man you are that not just means your gender but how do you play your role are given to you by God. He chooses your gender, He gives you your abilities, and He expects stewardship. He expects you to give an account of how you play your role. Your Father is a good actor, and so are His children. God likes to act, and children are imitators of their parents (Ephesians 5:1).

Therefore, from the time you are born, you are really set up with the ability to mimic your parents naturally, then what you ought to do when you are born again to mimic spiritually. If we are contented: "I am a good man, I do not lie, I do not steal, I do not cheat," it gets us away from really measuring how those components affect our relationships. That is why you cannot be adopted unless you know your position in Christ. The prophet said if you are a housewife, if you do not lie, do not lie as a housewife. Do not steal, do not steal as a housewife, and be a good steward.

Take those components and implement them in the role and calling and position you are called for. Then God can say, "Let's measure him." So, the Body of Christ must be broken down into gender, into roles, and into relationships. Each member has its own place and own abilities.

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13).

When we talk about coming into the knowledge of the Son of God, we normally think that is coming to know that He is the Son. Knowing that how it affects your life. That knowledge, that revelation, must be transferred in some way to make us a pattern of what He is: the kind of Husband He is, the kind of Father, the kind of relationship, the kind of Friend that He is.

But message believers just have a bunch of knowledge here about the quotes and the scriptures, and it does not affect your roles and relationships. That is what has happened to us in the Message. We know so much of what the prophet said of a husband and wife and things like that, but it does not affect our roles. It only makes us selfish to say, "Well wife, I am the head. The prophet said that, and you're a dominated female and you ought to be submissive." Then the wife says, "Oh, you are just abusive. I am not a doormat." They use the Word of God to fight, to score points. Then they say "we believe," but it does not affect their roles and relationships.

These components of morality, or what we call Christian virtues, must be exercised in the roles that we are given to play. The wife's part is important. The husband's role is important. The children's role is important. The pastor's role is important. Everybody's role is important.

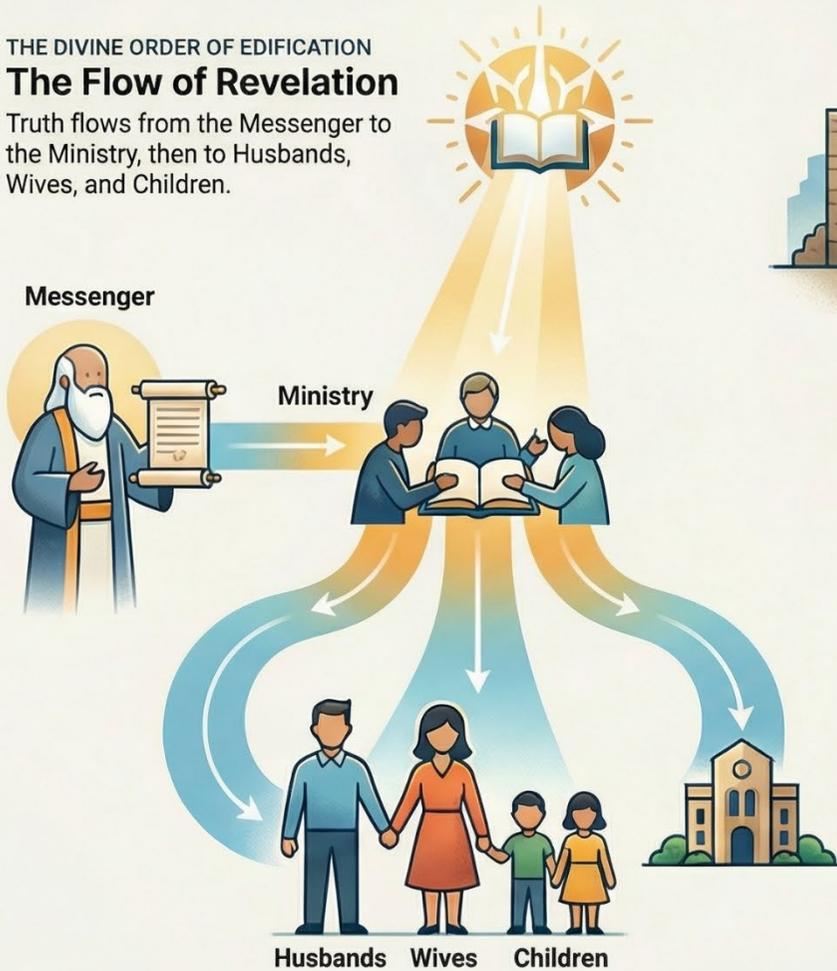
The unveiling of God transforms us and is supposed to bring His glory. You see, behind flesh, it brings His glory that is the unveiling of God. God is revealed in His own Word. In His Word, Paul said it is a great mystery of Christ in the Church. There is a great mystery between Father and Son in Adoption; a great mystery between a husband and wife becoming one. You know that is true. A great mystery of us becoming friends with Him. He laid down His life for His friends ([John 15:13](#)).

All these roles, if He really is revealed to you, He cannot be revealed outside of these roles. We normally think He is just revealed as God. God, in all things, becomes all in all, in all roles that are given to you.

**COLOSSIANS 3:10 KJV** And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

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