

one day, Something struck you. What was It? That Life that was down in there, from the beginning.”¹⁰

Some are born with that gene from God in them and others are not born in that way. This genetic stamp is passed down through our lineage, but it was the life that was originally in God and produced Adam. Then Adam passed that life down. Some are born with it by election and others are born without it, also by election. That is why God loved Jacob and hated Esau. It was because of the life that he placed within Jacob. He knew that Jacob would respond the way he did to the birthright because the genetic marker was put in him from the beginning. The Mystery of the Ark is revealed in that it was a hybrid life that was passed down to all the human race.

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

Several years ago, on a quarterly basis, I had written a teaching letter that was translated into Farsi and Urdu. We received many testimonies regarding these articles that were written. Since there are questions to so many subjects and topics as well as a great desire to learn and grow, I have felt the burden and the inspiration to start it up again. Our purpose and desire is to stay with the teachings of brother Branham and show them forth clearly from the Bible. This is my burden and my calling.

The June issue will cover three subjects:

1. The Days of the Son of Man
2. Laying on of Hands
3. The Mystery of the Ark

The Days of the Son of Man

“But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:37

The subject of the coming of the Son of man is a very important one in our day and age. We are living in the end-time, and this is proven as we see many prophecies of the scriptures come together. To illustrate this point think about the war spoken of in Ezekiel 38 and 39. It references a war between Israel and their foes; Moscow, Persia (Iran), Tubal (Turkey), Ethiopia (which would consist of Sudan and Somalia from biblical times), and Libya among others. The pieces of the puzzle are coming together as these nations are starting to align their mutual interests. It is particularly astonishing that we see Russia starting to align its interests with Iran (Persia), as well as Turkey coming into co-operation with Iran. Secondly, another sign of this time as Jesus specified in Matthew 24 is that there are an increase in earthquakes and wars and rumors of wars circulating. It is a time for us to lift up our head for our redemption is drawing nigh.

We are living in the hour of the fulfillment of the coming of the Son of man. One important point to note is that the first “coming” of the Messiah was quite contrary to that which was anticipated by the existing Jewish “church” world.

They did not expect Messiah to come, suffer for our sins, and be raised from the dead. They expected a conqueror not realizing that that aspect of Messiah would come later. They totally missed His coming because of their misinterpreted understanding of it.

their wives and the genetics of Ham, Shem and Japheth the serpent seed nature is passed down to all of the human race. We cannot say that the wives of Ham, Shem and Japheth were impregnated by the Serpent because the Serpent was destroyed. Neither can we say that had a relation with another man. Otherwise we are breaking the Scripture that says, “**And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...**” Acts 17:26. Everyone on the earth came through Noah.

In conclusion, we see that there are no purebred serpent seed on the earth. All are sold under sin, all have fallen short of the glory of God, no one is righteous, no not one. Brother Branham said, “Every one of us are hybrid from the original.”⁹ Those whom Jesus stated, “were of their father the devil” were the weeds sown in the field. They were predestinated to be damned. There was no gene of God placed in them at their birth. Therefore, they could not respond to the word of God.

“Why, talk about the virgin birth, oh, it's not half as mysterious as a physical birth, how it's foreordained, predestinated by God! Now, in the beginning, way back, way years ago before there was a time began, you, if you are a born-again Christian, tonight, you were in God then, your Father. That's why, when you come into this life here and profess Christianity, well, everything going wrong, you've wondered why this is, and all this. It, you wondered at it. But,

⁹ 62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed, Rev - William Marrison Branham

by God with the genetics of God in them, and one or two children who are wicked and refuse to serve the Lord.

Noah and his wife produced two godly sons and one wicked son. Thus, we understand that Noah's wife possessed the genetics that brought forth wickedness in Ham. This serpent's seed nature from the devil is inherited by the whole human race. Remember, a child is the sum total of the DNA of his mother and father. Not just the father. The man possess the sperm, which contains DNA and the woman possessed the egg, which also contains DNA.

Going back to the fall, Cain was the son of the Serpent and Eve. He was born with some godly DNA and some wicked DNA. This hybrid line was then mixed with the sons of God line. Then we come down to Noah and his wife who produced the remainder of the human race. Notice what brother Branham said:

“Now, Noah and his sons which come out, Ham, Shem, and Japheth, come out in the righteous line. How did the seed ever get over? The seed come over in the ark, just like it did in the beginning through the woman, their wives. They carried the seed of Satan through the ark, just as Eve packed the seed of Satan to give birth to Cain, through the woman.”⁸

We find then genetically that Ham was a wicked man. Ham, Shem and Japheth all came from the same parents, so we understand that their genetics populated the rest of the human race, but not merely their own genetics. Their wives also combined their genetics to produce children. So, through

⁸ 58-0928E - The Serpent's Seed, Rev - William Marrion Branham

“Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” Luke 17:30

In Luke 17:30 the coming of Christ is referred to as His revelation. The word revelation means an unveiling, or something hidden is made known. When we are reading the Scriptures that speak of His second coming we should anticipate that it will come differently than the church world anticipates. We must leave it up to God to interpret His own word by bringing it to pass.

“²⁶ And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷ They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸ Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹ But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰ Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” Luke 17:26-30

As the Lord begins to describe His revelation He likens it to “the days of Noah.” For those of us who are familiar with Scripture we will remember that Noah preached and prepared the ark for 120 years until the flood came. Notice it is the days of the Son of man. It is a period of time, not merely a sudden, immediate event that he speaks of. There are aspects of His coming that are sudden and immediate, but we must understand as scripture teaches that the days of the revelation of the Son of man is a period of time prior to the sudden and immediate destruction of man's kingdom.

Jesus says that during the days of Noah they ate, drank and married like nothing was taking place. To the world nothing had changed, but in the spiritual realm, many things had changed. During the days of Noah there was a message being preached to the world to repent and come into the ark. So during the days of the Son of man, which is a period of time prior to the destruction of the earth, there will be a message going forth calling the world to repent.

Next, the Lord likens the days of the Son of man to the days of Lot. What happened during the days of Lot - homosexuality was in a blatant, militant position in Sodom. Lot was there in Sodom and the sins of the city troubled him. During the days of Lot, Abraham was outside of Sodom. Abraham received a visit from three men, one of them being the LORD God and the other two being angels. God spoke to him of his promised son and Sarah laughed in her heart. God spoke to Abraham, having discerned the thoughts of Sarah's heart, saying, "Why did Sarah laugh?" He knew the thoughts of Sarah. Just as God appeared to Abraham during the days of Lot, God will again appear in human flesh to show Himself to those who are called out of Sodom. One group of believers were in Sodom, Lot, and one group was outside of Sodom, Abraham. The same is today. There is a people of God still living in the denominational systems of the world and there is a people of God, elected, and called out of the systems of the world. They have seen and witnessed God appear in human flesh again to discern the thoughts of the heart.

mixture of the human race. The genetics of Cain mixed with the genetics of Adam.

Notice what brother Branham says about genetics. They come from both the father and the mother:

"Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy. Therefore, the boy has got a complex in him, just like from his mother's family, and they are not forgiving, they will not apologize, and that's where that boy stands."⁷

Since we know that Noah and his wife produced three sons and these three sons produced the whole human race we can then conclude that the wife of Noah was either a mix between Adam's and Cain's line or was from Cain's line alone.

"These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." Genesis 6:9

Noah was perfect in his genealogy. He was a pure bred that came from Adam and Eve. He could be deceived, but he had a pure nature without any genetic stain from Cain's line. Noah had three sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth. Shem and Japheth were good boys, but Ham was a wicked sinner before God. God passes the elected DNA of sonship down through the human race. Just as we see now, one family will produce two or three godly children who were predestinated

⁷ 63-0801 - A Paradox, Chicago, IL - V-21 N-3 - William Marrion Branham

¹ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 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. ³ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. ⁴ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. ⁵ And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Genesis 6:1-6

“Notice, Jesus said, "As it was in days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man," when they all tried to marry... Now watch, "The sons of God married the pretty daughters of men," and God never did forgive them for it. 120 Just the same as Balaam's teaching, that he caused the pretty, intellectual, scientific women of Moab to... with their flirty eyes, her paints and powders, her fine perfumes, to entice the sons of God; against their own women that worked and had callouses in their hands, with no makeup on. Enticed them over, and, "Let us marry one another, because we're all the same people." That was a lie! It was a—a lie, and an achievement of the devil, to get the sons of God to marry the—the daughters of men.” ⁶

So, children with a sonship nature were deceived by the beauty of the daughters of men, Cain's line. Thus we see the

⁶ 65-0801M - The God Of This Evil Age , Rev - William Marrion Branham

The Truth Made Manifest

For those of us who have accepted the message that God sent to us through William Branham, we can understand through the mighty power that was on display that something special has taken place. You can watch God in action, manifesting Himself through His prophet at this link. <https://youtu.be/WF7kXCyQe04>

It is up to God to explain this through His chosen vessel. God vindicated the doctrine of William Branham in a very special and unique way. That doctrine must and did come from the Bible. The Bible is the absolute and final authority, but God spoke back to vindicate through the sign of the Messiah the ministry of brother Branham. The sign of the Messiah was knowing the thoughts of the heart of the people. Notice various disciples responses to Jesus knowing the secrets of people's lives:

⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! ⁴⁸ Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.” John 1:47-49

¹⁷ The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: ¹⁸ For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. ¹⁹ The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ²⁵ The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh,

which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things." John 4:17-19, 25

These Jewish and Samaritan believers immediately recognized they were speaking with the Messiah when they witnessed Him telling them their secrets. William Branham had the same sign in his ministry. This did not make him the Messiah, but it showed the presence of Jesus Christ in an extremely significant and unique way.

Notice in the following quotation what brother Branham says about his ministry:

"It is now. And I hope I won't have to make this so personal of this own meeting, but that your spirit within you that's give you by God, can read what I'm talking about. The Son of man has already come from glory and is revealing Himself for the past few years to His Church in mercy, showing them His great Presence, doing the same things that He did when He was here on earth, revealing Himself like He did to Abraham. Before the destruction, He has come now in mercy, revealing Himself to the Church. It's being laughed at and scoffed at. The next time He reveals Hisself, it'll be in judgment on the world and the nations that's forgot God and sinned their way of grace--their day of grace, rather, away. Because they have forgotten God. And they're doing the same thing that they did to the Angel of the Lord back there, mocking and making fun of it. But He's here now in mercy."¹

He states in response to the question he poses (will the revelation of the Son of man come sometime in the future?)

¹ 58-0109 THE CALLED OUT- CHICAGO, IL - THURSDAY

"She was not in the original beginning creation. She was in Adam, but not in a female sex, herself, at the beginning. She was the by-product made. 112 Now, there is nothing designed that can deceive, and be deceived, as easy as a woman."⁴

As we see, brother Branham told us that Adam could not be deceived because he was in the original creation, but Eve could be deceived. Therefore, when they produced children, they were not in the serpent nature. But do you think these children could be deceived or not?

"By her beauty and her sex control, her shape that was given to her by Satan, the by-product that Satan did, she is sent to deceive sons of God. And she can sway more of them to hell than any other instrument Satan has got. That's exactly right. 173 I'm talking of the immoral now, not you sisters."⁵

So we see clearly that the sons of God that came through the line of Adam could indeed be deceived like their mother, Eve. They were not filled with wickedness, but with Satan the tempter ruling the world, he used any means possible to deceive the sons of God.

We read that the two seed lines became mixed over time and the result was that wickedness prevailed throughout the entire human race. The whole thing was mixed together. Let's read the word of God.

⁴ 65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce, Rev - William Marrion Branham

⁵ 65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce, Rev - William Marrion Branham

The Mystery of the Ark

After covering the serpent's seed, many people then ask the question about how the serpent's seed carried over the flood during the days of Noah. This is what we call the Mystery of the Ark. The reason for this question is because of the teaching of Jesus in John 8. If you read John 8:39 to 47 you will see the entire context. Jesus tells them that their father is the devil and the Pharisees respond that they were not born of fornication. Based upon this, we can understand that there are serpent's seed still in existence after the flood. The question is very appropriate. How did the serpent's seed carry over the flood? And this is the mystery that the word of God will answer.

Let's start with three facts that we definitely understand.

1. The whole human race came from Noah and his wife.
2. Noah was perfect in his generations - he was a pure, yet fallen son of Adam, who was the son of God.
3. Our nature comes from our genetics, passed on to us from our father and mother and from our experiences.

At the time of the fall in the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve did not have a genetic change in them. They did lose their immortality, but they did not become something different. They were dead in sins and trespasses, carrying the death sentence in themselves and passing it on to their children. However, this did not change their basic genetic make-up. Adam could not be deceived, but Eve could be.

“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” 1 Timothy 2:14

that the Son of man, in Spirit form, has already come from heaven and revealed Himself like He did to Abraham in the days of Lot.

This is quite a stunning statement that should grab our attention and make us think twice. We can conclude that the coming of Christ is not merely when He physically comes from the heavens to meet us in the air. He came through the great manifestation and revelation of Christ in the ministry of brother Branham.

[Note: this teaching should not be confused with the false doctrine that there is no more mercy for us or that we are now in the millennial reign of Christ, spiritually speaking. All of those events are still future tense. This is merely telling us how the process of the rapture and future immediate destruction and return of Christ to this earth will start.]

“238 Say, the man sitting right back here, has got that growth on his back. Do you believe that God will take that growth off your back, sir? Do you believe that God will make you well? Young fellow, looking at me, and thought he was going to get passed by. Raise your hand up, sir. That's right. You believe with all your heart, God will take it off for you.

239 Hallelujah! I challenge this whole audience, in the Name of Jesus Christ! If you could, if... Your conscience, don't let it be seared with unbelief, don't let it be frustrated. Can't you see the Son of man, the Son of man in the form of prophetic Message, returning back again in His Church, in prophecy, revealing Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today,

and forever? It's never been done through the age, till this time. See? There is the proof of it.”²

To further illuminate this point, let us read from the sermon the Rapture:

“142 See these things happen, my dear brother, sister. When, God in Heaven knows I could die on this platform right now. You--you just ought to walk around a while. It's just... It's tremendous, when you see God come from the Heaven, stand before groups of men, and stand there, declare Himself just as He ever did. And that's the Truth, and this Bible open. See? Right. We're here.”³

God himself has come down from heaven to stand before groups of men in order to declare Himself. “The main heart of it is the Message. There's what is, what comes from in here. He's trying to get the favor of the people, so they'll set and listen to Him, see, for there's some in there that's ordained to Life.” God comes down to reveal Himself so that He can get our favor so that we'll sit and listen to Him speak to us His secrets.

“³⁷ But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. ³⁸ For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark. ³⁹ And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:37-39

² 65-0425 - God's Provided Place of Whoreship - Los Angeles, CA, V-18 N2
- William Marrion Branham

³ 65-1204 - The Rapture -Yuma, AZ, V-5 N-14 - William Marrion Branham

told the gifting that was in Timothy and perhaps the purpose in that gifting.

This was the common way to ordain a minister. They gathered the elders of the local church and they laid hands upon this minister to show that they recognized his ministry and his gifting and approved of it.

“Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.” 1 Timothy 5:22

Timothy is charged by Paul not to lay hands suddenly on any man. This is speaking of the same process that Timothy went through for the ordination and recognition of his ministry. They laid hands on him. Paul says to not do this quickly or suddenly. Give it time. Make sure they are not a novice, that they are mature enough to handle the ministry and to enter into their calling from God.

Laying on of hands was chosen by God as a means to involve His church in the work He was doing. It is not that our hands contain a power, but it shows that we as believers participate in the power of God. Only God can heal. Not my hands and not even my prayer can heal. Jesus always told those that were healed, “Thy faith hath saved thee.” It is our faith uniting together as we lay hands on someone and pray that brings the results.

In these verses, the Holy Spirit was given to those that the apostles prayed for. The evangelist had preached to the Samaritans and even baptized them in the name of the Lord Jesus, but they did not receive the Spirit yet. So they called upon the apostles to lay hands upon them and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit baptism. This is what we are charged to do each and every time we baptize a new believer in water, and we lay hands upon them to receive the Holy Spirit. It is not as though your hands have power. It is the fact that you as a believer possess the Holy Spirit in your life, and as such, there is a power in your life that God works through.

“Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” 1 Timothy 4:14

This can be a difficult verse to understand. Let’s break it down. First let us understand that a gift is given by God. It is not given by any pastor or apostle. God can only give a gift to a person. This is an empowerment that He places in the life of a believer in order to accomplish a specific purpose for the kingdom of God. The gift is not given by prophecy, but was foretold by a prophet in the church. A prophecy was given over Timothy and the gift was given by God. Here Paul writes that it came with the laying on of the hands of the elders. Now this does not mean that the elders gave the gift. The only thing the elders could do was recognize the gift that was given. This is the process of ordination that takes place in the local church. Timothy was given a gift for ministry by the providence of God and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The elders gathered together to ordain him to the ministry, recognizing the gift that he already possessed. While this took place, a prophecy went over Timothy. In this prophecy it was

Prophecy scholars teach that the coming of the Son of man is a sudden event. But does the Scripture teach us this? Yes and no. As I stated before, certain aspects of it are immediate events, but other aspects of it are not. As it spoke in the seventeenth chapter of Luke, the coming of the Son of man is likened unto the DAYS of Noah. Not the day that Noah entered the ark, but the DAYS of Noah, a period of time prior to the flood.

The flood was the sudden and immediate event (though it took 40 days). The DAYS of Noah was the time period where the sons of God (Adamic line) saw the daughters of men (Cainite line) that they were fair and took unto themselves wives producing hybrid giants. They were eating and drinking in wickedness during that time period. It was a time of unprecedented evil and God said that he regretted making man on the earth for all his ways are evil.

General Principles and Warnings of False Prophets

Let’s examine more closely the words of the Lord Jesus in Luke 17. In them He gives us some clues as to what to look for and what to avoid.

“²⁰ And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹ Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. ²² And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. ²³ And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after

them, nor follow them. ²⁴ For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.” Luke 17:20-24

They are asking when the kingdom of God would come. He informed them that it was in their midst, not with observation, in an outward show and yet that it would be seen openly like lightning shining publicly.

He informs the disciples that they will personally desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, but they would not. He was going to be crucified and ascend to heaven to be seated at the right hand of God. They would die and go off the scene before any of this would take place. So then, what is one of the days of the Son of man that they desired to see? Did they want to eat lunch with him or go fishing? Or were they going to be desirous to see his ministry in action, the discerning of the thoughts, the healings, the miracles, the wisdom of how to handle various situations? While no doubt they desired to simply have fellowship with Jesus, indeed more specifically, they would wish to see His ministry at work in the world.

John Gill writes of this verse 22, “The days of the Messiah”, a phrase frequently used in Jewish writings; that is, when they should be glad to enjoy one such a day in the personal presence of Christ, as they now did; and instead of looking forward for happy days, in a temporal sense, they would look back upon the days they have enjoyed with Christ, when he was in person among them, and wish they had one of those days again; when besides his corporeal presence, and spiritual communion with him, and the advantage of his ministry and miracles, they had much outward peace and comfort.

“And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.” Mark 5:23

This is the first mention of the laying on of hands in the Gospels. Someone that had faith in the power of God working through Jesus Christ asked him to lay hands on his daughter. This shows that this idea was already in existence, for it was not invented by this man, but was something done in Jewish society. In the Old Testament, Elisha laid down on the boy who died. It was through the power of God in the life of the man of God that a person could be healed. And so, this person seeking healing for his daughter simply asked for the laying on of hands.

“¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Mark 16:17-18

Jesus promises that signs will follow them that believe. Notice, he does not merely say only the apostles, but He puts it upon all believers. Now we see that the laying on of hands, from a Spirit-filled believer, will produce healing.

“¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) ¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.” Acts 8:14-17

The application of this type of the days of Noah and the days of Lot as fulfilled in the end-time is:

1. The coming (presence) of the Son of man is an event that takes place over a period of time.
2. A message has come to the church to repent and turn back to Christ, the only place of safety.
3. The presence of the Son of man has been revealed through the ministry of William Branham through the revealing of the secrets of people's hearts.
4. The majority of the church world is continuing on status quo even though God sent a message to them.
5. God will bring the fire down upon this earth in judgment

Laying On Of Hands

I received a question recently about the subject of the laying on of hands. It was both about its accompanying prayer for the sick and for laying of hands on ministers. So we want to look to the Scriptures to set up this subject. The laying on of hands was referred to on many occasions in the Old Testament. It was done by the patriarchs to confer blessing and authority. It was also done by prophets in order to ordain and authorize the leadership and ministry of others. Here, when Moses ordained Joshua, he laid hands upon him. (Read Numbers 27:15-23 and Deuteronomy 34:9) Let's look at various instances through the Bible that show forth the laying on of hands.

Now we read that there will be those claiming to be prophets and the manifestation of Christ, but they were not to be believed. Do not go after or follow those people that are calling you into the desert or the secret chambers, as in Matthew 24:26-27. For the manifestation of the Son of man will be like lightning that shines from one part of heaven, even unto another. What does lightning do when it comes? The skies darken and it becomes difficult to see, especially as you drive across the prairie with wide open spaces. It may be dark, but as the lightning flashes in the distance the world becomes illuminated. So lightning brings illumination and it is also open, public and for all to see for vast distances. The revelation of the Son of man will bring illumination and it will be witnessed worldwide. This is the case with the ministry of brother William Branham. It brought illumination to the secrets hidden in the Bible and was done worldwide with a worldwide impact.

The revelation of the Son of man will...

1. Bring illumination
2. Be witnessed worldwide
3. His ministry manifested again
4. In our midst

What is the Coming?

Let's take a deeper look at the Greek word translated as coming in Matthew 24:37. The word coming in Greek is "parousia" and it means presence. As you saw in the first quote from brother Branham he said, "The Son of man has already come from glory and is revealing ... showing them His

great Presence, doing the same things that He did when He was here on earth, revealing Himself like He did to Abraham.”

The days of Noah are a type of the parousia or presence of the Son of man. As the days of Noah was a period of time before God’s wrath came by water, so is the parousia of the Son of man a period of time prior to God’s wrath being poured out by fire.

Jesus did not say his “presence” or coming would be like the flood only, but that it would be like the days prior to and leading up to the flood. That time period would be when His presence was revealed. Prior to the flood, a message of mercy and deliverance was preached which turned into a message of judgment. During the days of Lot, God appeared to Abraham to reveal the thoughts of Sarah. This was a message of the promised son.

To the world He has not been revealed. Nothing has changed and they continue on “eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage.” This is the time we live in now. They are completely unaware of the presence of the Son of man amongst His people. Even though a message of warning went forth, just as in Noah’s time, they ignored it. The message of His presence is ignored until the fire comes and takes them all away, just as the flood did in Noah’s time.

Before the flood, they were living in pleasure according to the lusts of the flesh and of the mind. Noah came with a message warning that judgment was coming, but they continued on in their pleasure and in their wickedness not knowing that there was impending doom for them.

Conclusion

In this day we have witnessed the presence (KJV says coming) of the Son of man through the mighty works of God in the ministry of William Branham. God vindicated his ministry showing forth His presence through it. A message came forth calling for repentance and the world continued on and said, "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." It is the same as in the days of Noah where they were eating, drinking, marrying and giving in marriage not knowing that doom was near. The message in this day is the same as it was in Noah's day. Noah taught the people that the Ark was the only place of safety. In this day, the Ark is the Word of God, Jesus Christ, and being in Him, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is the only place of safety. We must enter into Christ to be safe from the judgment that is coming.

To reiterate, here is what happened in the days of Noah...

1. Noah had God's message calling the people to enter into the Ark
2. The people were content to go on in status quo not caring for God's message.
3. God brought destruction upon the world

and in the days of Lot...

1. Sodom and Gomorrah were inhabited by militant homosexuals
2. God appeared to Abraham and brought the promise of the coming son
3. Revealed the thoughts of Sarah’s heart
4. Warned Abraham of the impending doom of Sodom and Gomorrah
5. God pulled Lot out of Sodom using two angels
6. God burned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah