CHAPTER FOUR CONCLUSIONS

Having set forth both the **Scripture and the unusual vindication** of the Prophet-Messenger, it is well to bring the two together and see in them **the marvelous works of God.** Think for a moment on the fact that this man is often self-vindicated. **In other words there have been times when he has given his testimony and asked others to accept him as a man sent from God.** There is not a prophet who appeared on the scene at any time but had to do likewise.

When Moses appeared before Israel he said, "God spoke to me out of a burning bush." He then proceeded to prove it by the two signs he had from God. The immediate reaction was twofold. Some believed and others said, "We weren't there. How do we know that God spoke to you from a cloud of fire?" But Moses was not discouraged. He kept on. Moses knew that God was with him in his calling, for the voice that he was obeying was a Scriptural Voice. A true prophet like Moses will always be one with the Word. The Voice that cried out of the bush spoke the Word of God as it had been given to that great prophet, Abraham. It said, "I remember my promise to my people." So Moses listened and obeyed, and in so doing he brought the promise of God for the people of that generation.

Think of John the Baptist, the greatest prophet, at least up to that time. What was his witness? **John 1:31-34....**

"And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit from heaven descending like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost, and I saw and bare record that this is the Son of God."

Now here was **John with his witness.** He said "God spoke to me and told me what I have just told you." There again we have an immediate reaction that was two-fold. **Some believed and others said,** "We weren't there, so we don't know if there was a voice or not, Furthermore, what sign can you show us?"

Thus it is with William Branham. He speaks of seeing a light appearing over people. That light was actually photographed, and you can see it in this book. Yet very few have actually seen that light. Now whether you accept his testimony or not it's up to you, but remember right now you

have accepted that of John and he did not have the signs following him that most prophets had.

Furthermore, it is with Rev. Branham as it was with Moses, for the pillar of fire is absolutely scriptural. And so is the voice, for it has never deviated from the Word. From him, then, we are bound to hear and learn the promise of God for this age.

William Branham also says that an angel appears to him. He even describes him. Your reaction is up to you. You can believe or disbelieve. But no man has a right to repudiate another, especially if the claimant is on strict, Bible grounds - angelic appearances are positively Biblical. A self-witness is absolutely Scriptural.

God backs up the revelation, As it was with Paul who came with the complete revelation to the Gentiles, God bearing him witness both with diver's signs, and miracles and wonders and gifts of the Holy Ghost, so God has borne witness to William Branham for there has not been one time when the vision failed.

Nor has there been one time when he has said "Thus saith the Lord", that the word in his mouth ever failed. Though one might be censured for the following, yet it ought to be said, 'There are very few scriptural evidences in the Bible to vindicate the revelation ministry of Paul'. That God actually gave him the complete revelation he lays claim to has but little phenomenal proof from God. YET NO ONE DOUBTS, AND NO ONE SHOULD DOUBT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE MAN HIMSELF AND THE REVELATION.

And today, this man, William Branham has had literally thousands of manifested vindications from God, and with his life containing all the other factors that make up the prophetic office, HE OUGHT TO BE RECEIVED FOR WHAT HE IS, - HE MUST BE RECEIVED FOR WHAT HE IS... "Thus saith the Lord" in his mouth by the Holy Ghost is absolutely no different from the "Thus saith the Lord" in the mouth of Paul, for it is the same Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit that spoke in the pillar of fire to Moses is the same Spirit that fell at Pentecost as a cloud of fire, and is the same light exactly that appeared to Paul and blinded him and spoke to him, and that Light or Fire is now with us again and the voice is the SAME VOICE for the SAME SIGNS ARE GIVEN as before, and the prophetic utterance never fails.

It is thus the rankest unbelief for men to come to this Prophet and hear

him reveal without one mistake ever the various ailments and problems that beset the supplicant who comes for prayer, and then turn from that sign and say that he is a prophet only in discerning, but not a prophet in the Word. Oh, faithless one, can you not see that the sign is to attract your attention that you might believe the Word? It is the WORD that counts, and the sign is to lead you to it.

But man runs true to form as ever he did. When Jesus came He attracted them by the miracles of healing, the water turned to wine, the loaves and fishes multiplied. But when He began to teach a word that differed from theirs - when He laid out for them the true doctrines - they turned far from Him. And so it was, that, when Rev. Branham first appeared on the scene, thousands were healed with never a miss. Nothing stood before him. Then he came teaching the Word. God had sent him with a message. But the message differed radically from that of the organized churches' message. For this he was repudiated. But God remains true. He that believes His prophets shall prosper.

The mighty experiences in William Branham's life are too numerous and Biblical to pass by. Take the time that he was baptizing in the Ohio River and 4000 saw the pillar of fire descend. A voice came out of that cloud and spoke to him saying, "As John the Baptist was the forerunner of the first coming of Christ so your MESSAGE (and the world repudiates it) is to forerun the Second Coming of Christ." Compare this with John baptizing in Jordan. John was the prophet. The Word always comes to the prophet. There He (the Word) came manifested in flesh. The forerunner and the King were face to face. Soon the Christ was manifested for what He was and John decreased.

Think now of how this Prophet in 1933 was baptizing in water. He was a prophet, but unknown to be such amongst the people. Now the SAME WORD again comes to the prophet, for the Word always comes to the prophet. The same light that appeared to Paul and was seen by many once more appeared and was seen by many. And as only Paul heard that voice, so only Wm. Branham heard that voice, but he revealed what the voice said. And soon that Manifested Word will return to take His Bride. That is what the message is for. It is to make ready the people of the last day. May those who hear it listen.

When this prophet of God spoke on the Church Ages he asked God for a sign that all that he had taught had truly been taught him by the Spirit. There for fifteen minutes 300 people saw the pillar of fire appear on the wall of the Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Since this man's ministry is that of Elijah to this age, then we can surely

find ample scriptural description. **Examine Elijah's nature.** The nature of Elijah was that of a man of the wilderness. **He was neither sophisticated nor political in his approach** to the age in which he had lived. He was **boldly and bluntly** sold out to God and his speech was not known to go beyond a message from the Lord. **He separated himself from the religious order of the day** which was the school of the prophets and their adherents. He abhorred perverted womanhood and withstood the prophetess (**false religious systems**) of his day. Now then, when this ministry came upon Wm. Branham, we saw the very attitudes and responses in his life as we did in Elijah's.

Bring this down to John the Baptist and again we see the exact nature, attributes and manners of Elijah. With an ear to hear, and an eye to see, it should be the least of difficulties to find this man today who has the Elijah ministry. There is no man living who has all this natural and supernatural vindication as does this man, William Branham, servant of the living God.

To deny that God has raised up a prophet to reveal the mysteries of the ages to this day, and to deny that his voice is the voice of God to this generation is to deny that that voice of Paul was the voice of God to that day. This does NOT make a prophet literally God to the people. But it does clarify Exodus 4:16b "And thou shalt be to him instead of God." Moses was God to Aaron because the Word of God came through Moses to Aaron. Aaron did not have the prophetic office (a gift from God) so he could not himself go to God for revelation. Moses did that. Aaron accepted it.

The same holds today. God has told us in Rev. 10: 7 that it is a PROPHET who is going to declare the mysteries of the ages and reveal thereby the Seven Thunders that were sealed up. THEN WE, TOO, MUST HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD THROUGH A PROPHET THAT WILL BE GOD TO US IN THAT CAPACITY. BUT THERE IS WHERE IT ENDS. You don't go beyond that, but neither do you dare stay short of it.

Though all men, if so inclined, could repudiate his ministry and brand him false, their allegations would summarily crumble when faced with his consecrated and blameless life. No man walked with such power and yet such humility. He invariably esteemed others better than himself.

The needs of others were always placed above his own needs. He never defended himself against an enemy, but committed all to God. He never asked or sought payment when defrauded. It can never be said that he refused to give when he had it in his power to do so. In a day when all men seek to be great, he constantly sought to be small, that God might

receive all the glory. **He never sought** to have large programs. **He did not** enjoy large holdings of property. **He never** appealed for money. **Not once** did he ask to be served, but asked rather how he might serve others. **In times of bitter loss and total dejection, sorrowing and alone,** he worshipped and served his Maker, and loved and honored God's people. If one desires to look for fruit in abundance as a criterion, let him look to this prophet of God with admiration and be stimulated to follow in such footsteps. It was Paul who said, "**Follow me,** as I follow Christ."

Finally, let it be said that if this man is such a man as has been contended, will he not cause **undue attitudes in** some of **those who follow with him?** That is so. **There will be some** who attribute to him what he is not. For them we are sorry. **There will be others** who denounce him and would destroy him. **For those we fear** remembering Miriam and the sons of Aaron and the Princes in Israel who railed against Moses.

To those who would not give him the place that God has chosen him to, we fear the most, for their hearts will no doubt become darker and their ways more adamant until they blaspheme the Holy Ghost. But to those who receive a prophet in the name of a prophet we most signally recall to your minds the Word of God. "YE SHALL RECEIVE A PROPHET'S REWARD," all that his office entails - in short, whatever God chooses to pour through him for the people - all that is yours by faith.

To God Be The Glory! Great Things He Hath Done.