

## A Scriptural Voice Pt2

### I THESSALONIANS 5:16-21

16. Rejoice evermore.
17. Pray without ceasing.
18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
19. Quench not the Spirit.
20. Despise not prophesyings.
21. **Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**

### THE QUEEN OF SHEBA [57-0517]

The Bible said, "*Prove all things and hold fast to that what's good.*" **Prove it by the Bible.**

### IF GOD BE WITH US THEN WHERE IS ALL THE MIRACLES? [61-1231E]

**Prove all things. Test it by the Word.**

### THE SEVENTH SEAL [63-0324E]

I'd pick up books of Dr. Smith, Uriah Smith, and oh, all the writers in there, and read in--and read down in their books. I'd say, "Now, here's the Sixth Seal; here's the Fourth Seal. Now, what does this man say?"

He'd say, "Well, it was this, that, or the other." I'd look over here and get another man. He'd say that it was such-and-such. And it looked like I just... It just didn't work right.

And then I thought, "Well, what is it, Lord?" And I walked up and down the floor awhile. I'd kneel down and pray, go back and pick up the Bible, set down, and read, walk back and forth. And then all of a sudden when I got quiet, here it just unfolded like that. Then I'd grab a pen right quick, and go to writing it down like that, whatever I was seeing and doing, watching it like that till I got it wrote down. Then **I'd take the rest of the day and go down and chase this out and see if it tied all the way down through the Scriptures.** Then it... "*Prove all things.*" See?

And I got this here, and I think, "Now, there's many people had visions. There's many been in revelations." **If it's contrary to the Word, leave it alone.** That's right; **leave it alone.**

### GOD KEEPS HIS WORD PT2 [57-0307]

**Every true servant of God will go back to that Word.**

O LORD JUST ONCE MORE [63-0628M]

**So many people, today, gets caught away in mental illusions, never think to search the Scripture, to see whether it's right or not.**

PROVING HIS WORD [64-0816]

You know, there's a Scripture in the Bible, in First Thessalonians 5:21, where it is written, "*Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.*" When anything is proven, it will either be proven "right" or "wrong." And when there's anything in question, it should be proven until you find out what is right. And then as you find what is right, It said, "Hold fast." In other words, "Grip it, don't turn it loose. Hold it fast!" In other words, "Hold it tight, so that it will not slip." Hold fast to that which is good, after it's been proven "right." And anything that's proven "not right," then turn it loose as quick as you can, get away from it. Don't never hold onto the wrong thing.

**Now, it is possible that staunch Christians, fine people, hold sometimes, hold to the wrong thing, thinking it is right.** But then these things should be proven, whether they are "right" or "wrong." And it's the duty of all of us, as we are expecting to go to Heaven when Jesus comes. And it's the minister's duty, when any question is brought up, that he solves this out, and then proves it before the people, that they might understand, because no one wants to be found "wrong," holding to the wrong thing.

So we have a Scripture (and Jesus said, "*all Scriptures must be fulfilled*") that we should **prove all things**. And then, "hold fast," or, "hold tight, **get a death-grip on it**. And don't turn it loose, hold fast to that which is good."

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH PT1 [53-0325]

Now, you would come to me and say, "Well, Brother Branham, I believe this." Now... "I believe that."

**There's only one way in the world to prove.** Now, I couldn't go by somebody's experience, somebody's church ritual. **There's only one true proof** of the--of what it's all about; **that's God's Word**. Now, if God's Word says a certain thing, then I've got to believe that that is the Truth.

Recently there was a young minister came to me, and he told me of a certain situation, and said he prayed over it. And he said the Lord revealed to him that it was a certain way. And I looked at him a little bit, and I said, "Brother, that's very lovely." I said, "I--I appreciate the Lord doing that for you. But, let me tell you something, it's contrary."

He said, "Well, the vision come from God."

I said, "**It couldn't have, brother, because it was contrary to the Word.**"

Now, we must prove all things by the Scripture. Not what... If It's contrary to my faith, and yet the Scripture says so, the Scripture's right and I'm wrong. See? The Scripture's always right; and the only way you can do anything, is come back to the Scripture. Now, is that true? Now, I--I like to hear you say, "amen" when you believe It. You see? "Amen" means, "so be it." Now, now we cannot...

Someone was asking me the other day, well, even this day, about a certain person that was a--a successful person in a certain thing that they were doing. And said, "Oh, Brother Bill, the Lord must be in that."

I said, "He can't."

"Oh," said, "they're getting souls saved."

I said, "It can't be. Because, if it is, it's contrary to His Word. Then God isn't going to say one thing and then say another thing. He's going to tell one thing all the way through." See, God can't lie. God's infallible, His Words are. In order to be God, He has to be sovereign. You see? And He has...

And now you say, "Well, don't you think if--if God did a certain thing here, even though His Word does say...?"

I said, "No. The Bible said, '*He that takes away or adds to anything that's in this Book, will be taken out of the--of the Book of Life, for him.*'"

So there's the reason. Always, by everything (not by experience, or not by what it looks like), but by what God's Word says. Now, the New Testament, Paul said, "*Though we or an angel from heaven would come and teach any other thing than that which you have heard,*" that's Galatians 1:8, if you want to put it down, "*let him be, unto you, accursed.*"

THE EVENING MESSENGER [63-0116]

How you going to know whether it's evening Light or not? Test it with the Word (not just one Word, all the Word put together), see whether it's right or not.

ABSOLUTE [62-1230M]

You need to meet this living God, where you, not only just a mythical thought in your mind, not some shiver, or some kind of a sensation, but a taught and experience of a real, genuine. The same Jesus that walked in Galilee is living today, and alive forevermore. And He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. An absolute, that you don't have to take what anyone said. You know for yourself, not some sensation.

And if the sensation that you've had, and somebody, it might have been a real Bible sensation, and somebody tried to explain it away from you, saying those things were in

some other day. **Be careful. It is true. Be careful. But there is a way to know. Test it with the Word. That's the blueprint.**

If the house goes up contrary to the blueprint, the contractor will tear it down and rebuild it. But it's got to go to the blueprint.

No matter what your experience is, then, **if something in you tells you that that Bible isn't true, that power of God, apostles, prophets, and teachers, and pastors, and the gifts of the Spirit just isn't the same as It was when It flowed through them apostles at Pentecost, there is something wrong with your absolute. It has to tie to a denominational creed instead to God's Bible.** When, He said, "*Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail.*" **Watch what your absolute is.**

You might be absolutely sure that you're in good fellowship with the pastor. And might be absolutely sure that you're in fellowship with the district presbyter. And might be absolutely sure that you're in fellowship with the bishop or some other great man in your church. But if you're not... Your absolute isn't Jesus Christ.

BIRTH PAINS [65-0124]

**...the claim of the people, that doesn't make it so. It's what God said and proves, that it's Truth.** "*Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good.*"

THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS [63-1124E]

**Test it with the Word.** If the Word said a certain thing, and the church said something different, what would you take?

PROVING HIS WORD [64-0816]

**Now, if you belong to a church that don't believe that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, the same in every way, get away from it.**

THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0214]

**If it doesn't give a Scriptural Voice, then stay away from it, see, it's not God.** Cause, God can't promise This for today, and say, "Well, this is it." See, God cannot do that. God cannot promise something for one day, and say, "No, no, it--it ain't. I--I won't do that. That was for another day." What He promises, He must stay with it, and **the real Scriptural sign is the Scriptural Voice.**