

Dealing With Issues Over The Pulpit

PROVERBS 27:5 *Open rebuke is better than secret love.*

MARK 8:31-33

31. *And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*
32. *And he spake that saying openly. And **Peter** took him, and began to rebuke him.*
33. *But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.*

I TIMOTHY 1:18-20

18. *This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare;*
19. *Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20. Of whom is **Hymenaeus** and **Alexander**; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.*

II TIMOTHY 2:16-18

16. *But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.*
17. *And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is **Hymenaeus** and **Philetus**;*
18. *Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.*

II TIMOTHY 4:10a

- 10a. *For **Demas** hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;*

II TIMOTHY 4:14-15

14. ***Alexander the coppersmith** did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: 15. Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.*

GALATIANS 2:11-14

11. *But when **Peter** was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.*
12. *For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.*

13. *And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.*

14. *But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?*

III JOHN 1:9 [THE DISCIPLE OF LOVE]

9. *I wrote unto the church: but **Diotrephes**, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.*

10. *Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.*

THINGS THAT ARE TO BE [65-1205]

Someone got after me; **a great, noted minister**, not long ago. Said, "Brother Branham, come. I want to lay hands on you." Said, "You're going to ruin your ministry."

I said, "What?"

Said, "Bawling them people out like that."

I said, "I'm telling the..."

Said, "I believe that." Said, "I'm a Pentecostal, too. I believe that women shouldn't wear short hair, shouldn't wear paints, and these things like that the way they do, paint their faces up." Said, "They shouldn't do that. But," said, "God called you to pray for the sick."

I said, "He called me to preach the Gospel." Yeah.

And he said, "I believe in that. But," said, "you think that?"

I said, "Yeah. Look what you got, all these big programs, televisions, and everything else. I ain't got nothing but God to answer to." That's right. I said, "I don't have nothing but God to answer to."

He said, "I-I-I... You're going to ruin your ministry."

I said, "Any ministry that the Word of God will ruin, ought to be ruined."

WISDOM VERSUS FAITH [62-0401]

Bishop Sheen said, "To try to live with It, was like walking through muddy waters." See? See? How you going to do that? See? Then, if he's right, then the Bible is wrong. The Bible is right; he is wrong. Now what are you going to say? If God's Word is right, it's either Bishop Sheen or--or the Bible. Not only Bishop Sheen, but Rev. So-and-so, and Dr. So-and-so, and So-and-so. I wouldn't have called the man's name, 'less he said it on the radio. So, he said it out on the radio, so I guess I can call his name. Dr. So-and-so and So-and-so, said so-and-so and so-and-so. Now who you going to believe, God or them?

PARADOX [61-1210] I had a word of the Lord to take to **Brother Neville**, about prophesying over everyone comes by this altar here. God told him, really called him down about it. See? Don't do that; you'll shove him out in the flesh and then you'll have a false prophet. See? See, let him do just as the Spirit leads him to do. See?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [54-0515] And maybe **Brother Neville** and I here, we might see things that we don't just--just agree upon. And--and **Mr. Baxter**, one of my closest associates in my meetings... Mr. Baxter, we been together for years, and a real Bible expositor he is, but he doesn't believe in the Millennium.

LOOK AWAY TO JESUS [63-1229E] And he saw it. It was **Brother Joseph Mattsson-Boze**, of Chicago, the hardest fellow I've ever had to break through, with it. And I suppose I've got around three or four thousand natives to baptize now, when I get over in Africa with him, and to be baptized over again.

I WILL RESTORE [57-0309B]

When we get to a place, if you want to differ with a man... Why, is man that I know that I could see eye to eye with, as close in Scriptures as anybody in the world is **Brother Moore, setting here**. But oh, do we get times when we're a million miles apart. But did that ever touch us? No, sir. Hearing him... With a little wife over yonder, answering the phone so much till she's got almost a nervous breakdown--called last night, crying on the phone. And he loves me well enough... Not because he gives a penny of money, no, sir. But he flies on an old Lockheed plane and everything else, to get over here to be with me, every little bit. I don't believe the night would ever be too dark or the rain would ever fall too hard, but what I'd climb and crawl through the jungles to get to him. It's a love. And yet, we wouldn't agree on Scriptures by a hundred miles on millenniums and so forth like that, or on security of the believer. But that don't make it. I'm even... He's... Even in our difference, I am elected associate pastor to him. I'm so glad that the palmerworm hasn't touched us yet, Brother Moore.

Now, I'm just saying that for an example. And if we could do that between two men, why can't every brother do it?

I WILL RESTORE [57-0309B]

I went to his church here not long ago. And I thought he never would invite me back. Oh, I come to find out, that godly bunch of little saintly women he had there, was bobbing off their hair and wearing lipstick. I tore the thing apart. Sure did. But I thought he wouldn't ask me back. But you know what? There was such anointing of the Holy Spirit around the vine, till that old palmerworm couldn't touch it at all.

IS YOUR LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL [63-0630E]

And I said, "They got a trap set for me. Why, Brother Carlson? Are you afraid to tell me why, you and **Tommy Hicks**?" They dropped their head. I said, "Tommy, why don't you go speak?"

Said, "I couldn't do it."

I said, "I thought you said you'd do me a favor."

I said, "Last night the Lord told me. You're going down there today, and you find out you're not going to get that building. You're going to another building. Doctor Mead will be setting this side. That colored man, his wife, that sings, will be setting right here, and so forth, where they'll all be setting." I said, "There'll be a Buddha priest there." And I said, "Now find out. They got it against me because I preach the water baptism in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. They got it against me 'cause I preach the serpent's seed; and against the evidence, that, every man speaks with tongues has got the Holy Ghost, and things." I said, "Come down and watch God."

THE GODHEAD EXPLAINED [61-0425B] [TO 300 MINISTER IN CHICAGO]

Brother Jagers set there and tried to tell me that that was the Holy Ghost a doing that and said... And then I had in his own paper. I said, "Brother Jagers," now I said, "I am a seventh grade pupil, and you are a Doctor of Divinity and studied to be an attorney. You was raised up in a clean, decent church, the Assemblies of God. Your father helped to found that faith, and you pulling away, that's up to you." But I said, "That's up to any man that wants to do that. I don't draw any lines there, but when it comes to a place that an instrument like you could win thousands of souls to Christ, would build your ministry upon a sensation." I said, "Brother Jagers, you build a column like that, if you haven't got a counterbalance for that, it'll fall after while, and you got to have Scripture for what you are talking about."

He said, "There is Scripture." I said, "Produce it."

He said, "Well, Brother Branham," said, "that's the Holy Ghost doing that."

I said, "Show me the Scripture where It said the Holy Ghost ever made blood come out on somebody, so forth like that. Just show it: oil pour out of them. You said that oil was for Divine healing, and you said that woman's blood would be the salvation of nations." I said, "If that is so, then what happened to the Blood of Jesus Christ? It takes away, and anything that is against It is anti. It is against It"; I said, "it becomes an **antichrist doctrine**."

"Oh," he said, "Brother Branham, you'll learn someday."

I said, "I hope I never learn like that. Now, brother," I said, "I love you, and you're my brother." And I said, "Brother Jagers, you're going to get on a limb after while that you can't get back off of. Come back to your church, and come back and stay with the Gospel." And I said, "Don't build it upon sensations." I said...

For now, he's got--he's baptizing to Eternal Life. You know, every time you baptize, you go back to a young woman or man. Now, that's going to... He ain't going never die, so that is he on the end of the limb right now, them vitamin pills out of the Dead Sea...

You see, but that's what it is, brother. You start on those little sensations, and you men here that's got these churches, you let something like that come into the city, and you know, the devil is shrewd, and he--he jumps in on those things like that. He fusses at it. And he--he gets people wound up, and he causes confusions in the church and things, but that isn't so.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [62-0527] I don't answer questions out in the services. I tried it one time and got in trouble. They misunderstood me. It was about Mr. Allen, or about the evidence of blood and oil and so forth in hands and face, being the evidence of the Holy Ghost. I said, "Well, I don't know about that," I said, "I never seen anything of it in the Scripture." I said, "But I--I believe that I'd--could preach like this, brother, I wouldn't lay upon sensations, I'd just preach the Gospel," and went on.

I WILL RESTORE [57-0309B]

I got better confidence in a man of God like Billy Graham, than to make a statement like that. The papers makes a lot of statements that's not true. I don't believe Billy said it. But if he did say it, I would say, that one thing would be, like Billy, would be like it is with many of our other evangelists, and with myself--and I hope you read between the lines what I'm saying--sometimes our zeal burns up our wisdom. We try to go too long, too hard; we get wore down. You get to a place you can't think right.

EXPECTATION [54-1206] I walked in, her name was Shane.

SUPER SIGN [62-0624] [RE BRO. LYLE WOOD]

His father was a reader in the Jehovah Witness and a good man. And I'd never seen any of his people. So his brother come down to talk to him, and wondered where that quack preacher was. Said, "He's out there mowing grass in the yard."

I come in with an old tore up hat on, set down and talked to him, and the Holy Spirit came down and said, "You are a... You're a married man. You've left your wife. You have two little boys." And he looked around to Brother Wood back there, as if to say, "Yes, you told him that."

I said, "I know what you said, but he never told you this. You're running around with a woman, and she has got auburn hair. And a couple nights ago you were standing at the door. Somebody knocked on the door. It's a good thing you didn't go when you looked through the window, 'cause the man would've shot your head off with a pistol."

That done it. Then I baptized him. He got the Holy Ghost.

STANDING IN THE GAP [63-0623M]

It's so easy to build a complex. I had an interview the other day with my **Brother Way** sitting here, standing here in front. A good man, but built himself around a complex, another kind of a complex, did the same thing. Brother Way, you can so easily do it; it's you just get a little something in your mind, keep thinking that way. Go back and check it with the Scripture, and see if it's right or not, and then go from there on.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS [64-0122]

Here sits Mr. Way, an Englishman, setting here on the side, right here now, just noticed him setting here. He is come from Indiana. He is an Englishman. His wife is a--a registered nurse. Fine man! One day, I talked to him. I was preaching in the meeting, he resented what I said, in his heart, and, when he did, he dropped dead right in the audience.

THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0214]

About two months ago, in my church, one Sunday morning, there was something, Satan doing something to attract the attention of the people. There was an Englishman there, **by the name of Way**. He lives at my... You want his address, or we can have you to write. He sends tapes of the meeting from overseas. And the man resented what I said, heartily. And I looked down, I seen that horrible spirit upon him.

I had him on private interview, told him. I said, "Mr. Way, you have heart trouble." He even resented that. I said, "Why did you come to me for, then?" So about a month after that, he went to the doctor, and the doctor said, "You got a very bad heart."

So he come to the meeting that morning, and something was said; real hotheaded Englishman, you know, he resented that. His wife, a wonderful Norwegian woman, a nurse, and was sitting there with him. And I said something, and he resented it right quick, you know. And when he did... He was standing to the feet, and they were singing. And when he did, his head went back, his eyes just flipped right straight back, his face turned real dark red, like that desk there. He fell dead, to the floor.

THE MASTERPIECE [64-0705] [RE SIS. BRUCE]

On the interview a few moments ago I was speaking to a person in the room, that's present now. Said, "But, Brother Branham, I have so many things that I--I know that's wrong," and a--a godly little woman.

I said, "But--but, look, sister, you don't look at yourself. It's just what your desire is and what you try to do. And if you really love the Lord, you try to serve Him with all your heart, and then all your mistakes is hid in the Blood of the Lord Jesus." See? See, He made a way.