

## **Looking To The Unseen**

*“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” (II Corinthians 4:16-18).*

Listen what God’s Prophet said about it:

There’s people setting here tonight that was in wheelchairs a night or two ago. They’re up walking around now. **It depends on what you look at. If you look at your affliction, you’ll never go any farther. But if you look at the promise of God, you’ve got a right to every redemptive blessing that God promised in His Word is yours.** Right. **The Christian always looks at the unseen things.** <sup>[1]</sup> Now, the only way that you’ll ever be able to obtain anything from God is by faith. You all understand that? And we as Christians, we do not look at what we see; we look at what we believe (II Cor. 5:7). See what I mean? We believe it before there’s any natural evidence. <sup>[2]</sup> Every redemptive blessing of God is unseen. Here’s the whole armor of the Christian: love, joy, faith, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. **It’s all unseen forces that works in the heart of a believer** (Gal. 5:22). Amen. That’s right. We look at things we do not see. If we’re the children of Abraham, **then we don’t walk by sight; we walk by faith.** For Abraham walked by faith and called those things which were not as though they were, because God said so (Rom. 4:16-22). <sup>[1]</sup>

**When a man once catches that vision of the invisible God and know that He’s always present** (Matt. 28:20), there’s something that stabilizes that man’s thinking; it stabilizes his actions, and in the time of distress and trouble, it’ll still make him look upward and above the things that are happening around him, **because he’s looking at the Unseen, yet by promise.** <sup>[3]</sup>

Now, today just imagine that His Presence being here today. **The Lord Jesus is in another world, or another dimension, right here today in form of Spirit.** His Spirit is blending in with our spirit. Our eyes can’t see Him, because that they’re physical yet, unless there would something happen that we could see vision. **But He is here just as visible, just as real as He was the day that He spoke to Mary at the grave, or He met Cleopas on his road to Emmaus** (Luke 24:13-35). **His Presence is here. It can be felt with that, felt with that inner charge that’s on the inside of the human body, called the new birth. The soul has been magnetized unto Him.**

**And once in a while, when you let your mind be concentrated on Him, believing on Him, after while something, a reality, you can feel something sweep over your being.** That’s the vindication of His resurrection. It’s not a

“guess so.” It's not “I hope so.” But to every person that's borned again, it's a “know so.” You know it. It's right there. And when you become contact with Him...

I've seen saints say, “Oh, can you... The Presence of the Lord is near.”

You say, “Why, there's something...” Why, certainly. He's right there, right up... He rose from the dead, and He's standing right by you. <sup>[4]</sup>

Now, how Abraham, not only did he see the Unseen... And the reason he believed it, was because God said it. And **if we being dead in Christ, we are Abraham's seed (Gal. 3:29), and if the Spirit that was in Christ dwells in us, it does the same thing.** It takes every Divine promise of God that's in His Bible and **calls it present tense**, and rests itself upon there. <sup>[3]</sup>

**It's the unseen things that's real, lasting.** These things are temporable and perishable. **Yet we put so much emphasis and so much concern about the natural things, and so little about the spiritual thing.** <sup>[5]</sup>

This little woman, she was a Greek, and a Syrophenician (*Matt. 15:21-28*). And she'd heard about the fame of Jesus. Now, **how does faith come? By hearing, hearing of the Word. She'd heard of Him.** And you know, she might've had a lot of things to hinder her by her being a Greek. **Faith cometh by hearing (Rom. 10:17).** We know that. And she had a lot of things to hinder her. But faith finds a source no other knows anything about. **Faith finds this source that no one can explain it. It's something that you know. Others can't see it, but faith sees it. Faith sees that, where the natural eye doesn't see it. But the inside eye sees that thing (Eph. 1:15-18).** <sup>[6]</sup>

For, you see, **faith sees what God wants done.** Oh I hope this goes in. **Faith doesn't look at the present time. Faith doesn't see this here. Faith looks to see what God wants, and works accordingly.** That's what faith does. **It sees what God wants, and what God wants done, and faith operates through that.**

**Faith** is a long range vision. It doesn't lower its sights. It **holds to the target.** Amen. Any good shooter knows that, that it's long range; it's a telescope; it's a binocular that you don't look around here; you don't use binoculars to look to see what time it is. See? You don't use that, but you use binoculars to look away off, and faith does that. **Faith picks up God's Binoculars,** both of them, both sides, the New and Old Testament and sees every promise that He made, and faith sees it out yonder. And faith chooses that, regardless of what the present tense says here.

**He looks at the end.** He doesn't drop his sights down to look this way; he looks out yonder. He keeps the crosshair dead center on the Word. That's what faith does. That's the faith that's in a man that does those things.

**Faith sees what God sees, and reasoning and senses see what the world wants you to see.** Notice, reasoning. "Why, it's only human sense; it's only reason it's this. Well, ain't this just as good." That's just exactly when you use those senses which is contrary to the Word, then that's what the world wants you to see. **But faith don't look at that; faith looks what God said.** <sup>[7]</sup>

**We find out many times that people rely on their symptoms, if they're prayed for. Faith doesn't see that thing. Faith sees what God says. Faith doesn't see any symptoms at all. Faith refuses to see symptoms.** You say, "Well, Bro. Branham, if they are there, shouldn't we say they're there?" "No. No, sir."

You say, "He's the Lord that..." confess, "**He's the High Priest of our confession,**" Hebrews 3, and any of you brethren know that "confess" and "profess" there is the same word. So He's the High Priest of our confession (*Heb. 3:1-2*). **He can't do nothing until first we confess that He's done it** (*Heb. 4:14-16*).<sup>[8]</sup>

If you are a Christian and you say, "Seeing is believing." You can never be a Christian if you believe that. "**For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen**" (*Heb. 11:1-2*). **You cannot be a Christian and have to see the thing. The whole armor of God is supernatural.** Love, joy, peace, faith, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness and the Holy Ghost is all unseen. **And the Christian doesn't look to what he sees with his eyes; he looks to what he sees with his faith. And his faith can only be based upon one thing. That's the Word.** Amen.<sup>[9]</sup>

**But it depends on what you are looking at.** What do you see when you do look? Remember, **you can only see Him as you look at Him through the Word.**<sup>[10]</sup>

So, you see, **you must look at God's promise.** No matter what takes place, **look at God's promise, not how you feel, but what God said. Now, that's Abraham's faith.**<sup>[11]</sup>

**The seed of Abraham doesn't look to any of the natural things; they look to what the Lord said** (*Gal. 3:7-9*). That's the promise. What if Abraham would've looked to the natural, at a woman a hundred years old, ninety she was, and he was a hundred, and had lived with her since she was a little girl and he was a little boy, and no seed? He didn't look at those things. **He said he counted those things as if they were not, for he only looked to what God said.** "I'll bless you, Abraham, and I'll give you a seed by Sarah." (*Gen. 17:15-22*). And he believed it. You don't look to the opposition; **we look at what God said. God said it; that settles it.**<sup>[12]</sup>

**The Christian looks at what he doesn't see natural.** Now, look. **That's the only way you can be a Christian. You got to believe God, who you can't see** (*John 4:24; Heb. 11:6*). **But the things that's unseen is the ones that has the reality: the unseen things.**<sup>[13]</sup>

**It depends on what you are looking at, the Bible. The Christian, looks at the unseen, not what you see here, but what God said.** It's a promise. Don't care what science says or anything, it's what God said.

You know, people talk about symptoms. I think Jonah had the worst case of symptoms I ever knowed of (*Jonah 2:1-8*). Remember, he was in the belly of a whale. But you know what that prophet said? He refused to see the whale's

belly. He said, "They're lying vanities. I won't look at them." He said, "But once more will I look to Your holy temple." For when Solomon dedicated the temple, he prayed, a man, earthly man who later backslid. When he dedicated the temple of God, he prayed, he said, "**Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere and look towards this holy place and pray, then hear from heaven.**" (*I Kings 9:1-3; 8:28-30,35-36*). He had that much confidence in the prayer of Solomon, a man by a earthly temple. <sup>[14]</sup>

And on the bank of the Jordan, when the God came down in the form of a Light, or a dove, **no one seen that but John**. All them people standing around did not see It. No one saw It but John. **He was the only one looking for It**, so God had told him he would see It (*John 1:29-34; Matt. 3:13-17*).

**You only see what you're looking for. If you come here tonight looking for Christ, you'll see Him. If you come to criticize, you'll have plenty on your hand to criticize.** Depends on what you are looking for. <sup>[15]</sup>

Isn't He wonderful? Now, think, we mean that; everything is surrendered. "I'm no more my own thinking. **I'm not going to think like I'd think, Lord. I'm just going to think like You think. And You promised that I was healed** (*Isaiah 53:4-5*); **I think that**. I surrender my thinking. **I won't no more think about my sickness. I won't think about the disease I had. I ain't thinking about nothing but thinking what You said."**

Now, right out in front of you stands a person just like you was a few minutes ago; you were sick down here, **but there's a well person standing there. Jesus Christ is calling to that well person right beyond it**. Now, you just, by faith, as you close your eyes, walk right into that well body, then just keep on walking, just keep on going. <sup>[16]</sup>

You see, **it's your faith; it's never your feelings**. It's never whether it's so; or if my hand isn't straight... That doesn't have one thing to do with it. **It's my faith that does that. Right before us we see the image of a perfect healed person by faith. And then we just make step by step till you step right into that person, and just walk right on with it**. There you are. That's what does it. **Your faith, not your feelings; your faith does it**. But thanks and praise be to God. <sup>[17]</sup>

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