

The Token

There was a question asked which needs to be answered for anyone wanting to know when the token was made available. As we discuss the following, you must understand that we were in the time of a dispensational change, and those who came from the Pentecostal church age to the Bride age had a unique time where they crossed between ages.

[QUOTE FROM LETTER]

When did Brother Branham receive the clear understanding of all things, or the token, every word entitled us to the token?

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The Token must be defined before we can talk about when it came. Brother Branham used this term to define what the Holy Ghost is, and that we needed to have it in this age to be ready for the rapture.

The token was typed out from the old testament scriptures when the Isrealites were in Egypt and were about to leave. Moses was about to send the final plague onto the people, and there was a requirement for the believers to place a token over the door of the house to keep the angel of death from entering their home and taking the life of their first born. Brother Branham described it as follows:

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6-2 026 Now, what did God require? The life. And the blood showed that there had to be a life gone, so the blood was the token that the life had been given, that something had died, God's requirement that a life had been given, and the blood had been shed; and the blood stood for the token that the life was gone. The life of the animal that God had spoke should be taken was--the blood stood for the token.

See, the--the--the believing worshipper was identified with his sacrifice by the token.

[END QUOTE]

To have the token displayed showed that there was a life given for you, and that token was on display for the world to see that you have identified with the sacrifice. Jesus has shed his blood for us and was sprinkled seven times (one time for every age) and that life was to come back on the believers in each age. The messenger for each age contained the message of redemption for their day, and the blood was sprinkled for that age, bringing the life onto the believer.

The token for the end time message was to be given to believers before the rapture can take place for it would take that token to make the bride body ready for the journey.

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8-3 035 C The Blood is the Token, and the Token must be applied (See?), or it's not--or even the covenant is not in effect. The blood was a token or an identification, identifying this person has been redeemed.

[END QUOTE]

The token was an identification that you were redeemed. This is an important point, for without the token, you are not even in the plan of redemption. We have called the Spirit of God the Holy Ghost for two thousand years, and we came to this end time and did not know what was needed to be redeemed. Brother Branham had to bring us to the place that we understood that we needed something to be in the body of Christ, and he could not use the term "Holy Ghost" for we all had what we called the Holy Ghost, yet we were full of tradition. So he used the term "Token" in order for us to see that we needed something else other than what we had to make us part of the plan of redemption.

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9-3 037 The lamb was killed in the evening time after being kept up for fourteen days. And then the lamb was killed, and the blood was applied in the evening time. You get it?

The token never come into existence until the evening time. And this is the evening time of the age that we live in. This is the evening time for the--for the church. This is the evening time for me. This is the evening time of my message. I'm dying; I'm going; I'm moving out in the evening time of the Gospel.

[END QUOTE]

In the message "God's Provided Place of Worship" Brother Branham said that the fourteen days represented the two sabbaths or two ages which were to come. One for the Jews, and one for the Gentiles. This shows the importance of the token at the end of a dispensation which would be different from any other time. The token for our day did not even become available until after the fourteen days, or at the evening time. With the evening time message, we have an evening time token which must be applied to bring forth the redemption. This is truly the evening time of the Gospel, for the next step after God deals with the bride, is for Him to return to the Jews.

Brother Branham had to show us that what we needed is different from what we had, for we all thought that we had the Holy Ghost, but in fact, we had the message for another age, and therefore God was not obligated to quicken anything to us, for He only quickens the message for the age that you are living. Each messenger had their message, and it was good for their day, but when God moves more light on the scene, then the bride will follow that light. To see that we needed a token, or something else, it caused the bride to look beyond her Pentecostal experience and search the scriptures to find what God is doing in this day.

By calling the Holy Ghost the Token, it made us look for God in His word rather than in an experience which we already had. We needed something else besides what we already had,

and Brother Branham called to this generation to receive the token starting with his own church:

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28-1 092 Oh. Oh, it should make us be--should make our hearts... Oh, apply it, church. Don't--don't fail. Will you not? Don't--don't--don't let the sun set. Don't--don't--don't--don't--don't rest day or night. Don't take no chance; it won't work, children. It won't work. You must have the Token.

You say, "I believe, yes. I go... Yeah, I believe the message." That's all right, but... That--that's good. But you must have the Token. Do you hear, Branham Tabernacle? You must have the Token displayed. Without it, all your believing's in vain. See? You'll live a good life; you listen to what the Word says; you go to church; you try to live right; that's fine, but that's not it.

[END QUOTE]

The token is no less than the Holy Ghost Himself, and we were so full of traditions and thoughts of what we thought God is, that it took a prophet in this last day, to come and call us to the "True Baptism" which is the token itself. Man has always thought that he was serving God when in fact he was worshipping the thought of service God, and the traditions of men caused them to have a form of worship and in fact, God does not even acknowledge their worship:

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MARK 7:6

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with [their] lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, [as] the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

[END QUOTE]

Jesus had the same problem when he tried to show how that men can worship the true God, but it is done in vain, for they try to worship after tradition. It did not work then, and it will not work now. You must receive the token which is God to you in the hour that you are living in. This comes as you receive the message of your day or the token.

Next we will look at the second part of the question which ask when Brother Branham receive the token.