The Little Old Shed and the New Birth

I was asked the following question about Brother Branham and his experience in the "Old cold shed" as far as his new birth.

[QUOTE FROM THE LETTER]

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Im just only sending you quotations(attach files) and question and regarding the understanding of the Prophet about New Birth after the opening the seals and the statement of the prophet in a **Old cold shed experience**, he said,

"It's been there since the very day that God give me the baptism of the Holy Ghost, right here in Jeffersonville, Indiana, when I believed on His Son, Jesus Christ, and accepted Him out here in a little old shed as my personal Savior."

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because <u>some young preacher</u> here in manila use this quotations and they want to prove that Brother Branham received his new birth before the opening of the seals. but what I believed that is there is one coming of the Spirit. in the message of the prophet titled "standing in the Gap" he said that the last message is to bring the things to one faith, one Lord and one baptism. [END QUOTE]

Brother Branham had a history with his walk with God just as each one of us did. Each one came through a background that molded our experience and with the background came a beginning of our walk with God. Brother Branham had a start in his walk and his start began in the little wood shed where he came face to face with God and gave up his own life to accept Christ as his head. If you think back, each one of us did the same thing. My beginning started in the Apostolic Denomination and I surrendered to God my life and started walking after Him. I even thought I had a new birth and claimed speaking in tongues as my birth only to find out later by the message of the hour that you can only be born by the message of your day. At that time, I acknowledged my beginnings in the Apostolic Church, but had to come to this message to truly be born by the incorruptible word of God.

Brother Branham did not deny his "old shed" experience, but recognized that it was a part of his walk with the Lord. It's important to understand that Brother Branham had a progressive ministry and he said himself that he changed as his understanding increased. The changes were many, including what the evidence of the Holy Ghost is, and when we talk about the new birth, it is Christ himself:

The <u>new Birth</u> is Christ, is the revelation. God has revealed to you this great mystery, and that's a new Birth. Now what are you going to do when you get all that group together, where the revelation is perfectly in harmony, and God expressing it through His Word by the same actions, the same things that He did, making the Word manifest! Oh, if the Church only knew its position! It will, one day. Then, the Rapture will go when it know what it is.

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Brother Branham told us that we must move forward with our understanding and not back, for we will be led into all truth which will cause us to lay down many thoughts along the way which were corrected by God. The problem is not that people do not have a birth, but a "genuine new birth" is only shown when you continue to walk in the

light as it is expressed before the believer. Brother Branham stated this about the new birth and laying down the old systems:

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76 We know the old seed is, must, before the new seed can come out of the old seed, it must rot, absolutely. Not die, only, but rot after it's dead. We know that to be true.

77 That's the same thing in new Birth. We never go back, but we go forward when you're born again. And that's why I think, today, we have (so many) not so many, rather, genuine new Births, is because the seed is, maybe, will sympathize with the Word or the person, but they don't want to rot away from the old system that they were in. They don't want to come out of it. They want to stay in the old system, and claim the new Birth, or the Message of the age. We found that under the Luther, Wesley, Pentecostals, and all other ages. They still try to hold on to the old system, and claim This. But the old system age must die, rot, in order bring forth the new one, They still want to cling.

78 Notice. They know the old system is dead, but they just don't want to rot out of it. Now, rot, is when it really is done away with. When a... A claim is made, that they are new Born, but a claim is only a begotten sign. Rotten, brings forth the new birth. Got to rot away from it, just as we did in all ages, through the Wesleyan, and all forth. BIRTH.PAINS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-0124

[END QUOTE]

Brother Branham was just like the rest of us who were in the last church age and had to drop our ideas and come out of the tradition and take up the full word. Revelations 10 brought the full word back and in order for the seed to bring forth, you must take the full seed:

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101 Notice, and in the Pentecostal age. Through the Lutheran age, through the Wesleyan age It's been the same thing through this Pentecostal age. Now notice. But at the opening of the Seven Seals, Revelations 10, the full Word is to be born into manifestation again, and vindicated by the Spirit of God, in the full strength as It was when He was here on earth; manifested in the same way, doing the same things that It did when It was here on earth. Amen! Hebrews 13:8, said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." In Saint Luke 17:30, Jesus said, "In the last days, as it was in the days of Sodom, when the Son of man will be revealing Himself again, it'll be the same thing".

THE.SEED.IS.NOT.HEIR.WITH.THE.SHUCK_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-4 THURSDAY_ 65-0218 [END QUOTE]

With the opening of the Seven Seals (which did not happen until the end time), we now can have the full word birth in full strength. This was needed for the last message which was to bring about a resurrection. It was not even possible until evening time.

So when you are listening to Branham talk about his experience, it will include the old coal shed because that is where he started his walk with God, but you must also include the time after the opening of the seals where he received his clear understanding which is the new birth. We only believe in one coming of the spirit, so you would have to say that God was with him, just like God was with you all of your life, and there was a time that you took serious the call of Christ, but a new birth is a clear understanding, and none of us were able to receive a clear understanding until this day. Including Branham which was our example of how to die to our old thinking and welcome a clear understanding or recognizing our day and its message.