



# Preface

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“I take my stand with Paul of old. In the way that's called heresy, so worship I the God of our fathers. I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God unto the salvation to those who believe.” -**William Branham, July 14, 1951**

I remember as a boy of about twelve deciding to seriously read my bible in a systematic way. I started in the New Testament, reading first from the Gospel of Matthew. Over the course of several bed time readings I finished Matthew and began on the Gospel of Mark. In my young mind, I thought I had lost my place. “I’ve already read this,” I thought. As I leafed through the Book of Mark it all seemed familiar and I didn’t know why. No one had ever told me that the four gospels were the records of the same thirty three years of the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, just written from the perspective of four different men. It was not until some time later that I found that out.

While the Gospels narrate the same time period they differ significantly on what events are recorded and the emphasis and detail placed on those events. For example, except for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, the only miracle narrated in all four gospels is the feeding of the five thousand. In the Gospel of John there are no parables recorded. Only Luke records the details of the birth of John and the Angel Gabriel’s visitation to Mary, as well as the nativity scene. There are other differences, and yet at the same time the gospels confirm each other’s authenticity by not contradicting each other, and by having many parallel passages. So I felt inspired that in undertaking to do another “Family Altar” devotional book, I would try to depict the entire life of Jesus Christ (in chronological order) as portrayed in the four Gospels.

By following from Day 1 through to Day 365 you will follow the events of the Lord

Jesus' time on the earth, in the order that they happened. I have listed the parallel scriptures, if any, on the bottom of each page so that you can read the accounts from all the different Gospels in which they are written. It may seem odd that we have started the book on December 13, but that was so that the birth of Christ in the manger would fall on December 25. (While we know that this is not the actual birth day of our Lord, it is the day when the world is thinking about it the most.)

Once again I have exclusively used the recorded sermons of William Branham as the source of all inspirational thoughts.

William Branham was born in 1909 in very humble surroundings. A supernatural sign witnessed by those present at his birth, was the only clue that a servant of God whose ministry would affect millions, was being welcomed into the world. In time, his life and ministry was used of God to bring the "Full Gospel" of Jesus Christ into manifestation and, accompanied by the signs which God gave him, took that supernatural gospel to the world. Though he went to be with Lord in 1965, his voice still resonates with the truth of God's Word to this day.

I am just one of millions of people who believe William Branham to be a prophet to our age. His recorded messages have been an inspiration to me for over twenty years. His unique ministry, with supernatural signs accompanying it, made it very real that Jesus Christ is not dead, but alive. That He is the same "yesterday, today and forever." The works that the Lord did two thousand years ago, He is still doing today. The Words that He spoke are eternal, and are therefore as applicable today as they were the day that they were spoken.

Who could be better to quote pertaining to the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, than someone who showed the world what Jesus is really like, someone who obviously knew our Lord intimately.

William Branham viewed the gospels as “the framework of the gospel.” Everything in the New Testament was confirmed by what was in the gospels. He likened them to the four living creatures around the throne in Revelation chapter 4. Each one having a position in protecting the throne. All together setting a framework for the Pentecostal blessing to be poured out, as recorded in the Book of Acts. Accordingly, let me quote directly from William Branham’s sermon on Revelation Chapter Four (Part 3), preached January 8, 1961.

“Now, I heard a great teacher not long ago, a great man, fine man, met him, shook his hand, a fine brother, he said, "But the Acts of the apostles was just the framework for the church." In other words, he had the framework out here. See? When the Acts of the apostles was inside, and these Gospels are the framework to hold it together and protect it. See how the mind of a man can do anything. I'd thought the same thing if it wasn't for Him. See?

Pentecost wasn't the framework of the Gospel. The four Gospels are the framework to back Pentecost. After they had this framework up, Pentecost become into existence. Is that right? Which was wrote first, the Book of Acts or the [gospels]? The [gospels]. Jesus walked along doing works and predicting what would come, and Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, them four guards come and was writing everything they seen coming to pass, telling it just like it is, how it was going to happen, what was going to take place. Then all at once they framed it around, and here it come. Amen.

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John is the framework, or the guard work that protects the main temple, the throne, the Pentecostal blessing.”

“It's not a man today; it's the Holy Ghost working through a man, or men, that does the work. It's not the man; the man's just a vessel, but the Holy Ghost is the Oil that's in that vessel. See?

And look what they did; look at the signs that they done of Jesus. They were ignorant, unlearned: Peter and John. But they had to take notice to them; they had been with Jesus. They done the things that He did. So you see, the four books, the four Gospels guard the Pentecostal blessing with every Scripture to back up exactly what they said. And now the Acts of the apostles vindicates today with the four Gospels that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”



## The Family Altar : Volume 2

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January 1



*Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. (Matthew 2:16-18)*



How God in His great, wise providence, how that He moves every cog just to hit at the right time. And that gives us faith sometime. When we think, "Oh, everything's all topsy-turvy and there's no way out," don't think that. God's making it work just exactly according to His time program.

And how that in this great time before the coming of the Lord Jesus to the earth, this young couple of Joseph and Mary, being engaged, and something had happened in the life that Joseph saw that Mary was to be mother. And he was thinking on these things, and the Angel of the Lord appeared to him. See, the supernatural begin to work. And said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit." And how that Joseph understood, and then went right on with the marriage. And in those days if there would've been another king, maybe a good hearted king, this could not have happened. But it had to be that murderer, heartless, blood thirsty Herod had to be on the throne. It just had to happen that way. The prophet had said that there would be a cry in Rama, Rachel crying for her children, and would not be comforted, because

they were not. And what the prophet said under inspiration had to happen. And if every precept of God's eternal Word has to happen according to His time schedule, don't worry, Jesus will be here just on time. And the church will be ready just on time. And it has to happen that way.

And there would've never been a taxation of all the people in that day. They had to come up to their home towns to be taxed. And now, Mary was to be mother at any time. But looked like that she couldn't have made that long trip up into Bethlehem. And remember, she didn't have an ambulance to go in, neither a fine coach. She had to set on the back of a little donkey, beating along the hard paths, stumbling over the rocks. But it was the kings orders, no exceptions. They had to go. But the blessed thought is this: no matter whose orders it is, if it's God's program, it'll have to work out right, just has to come right.

And then there was another danger, this little company, just a young man and his little newly married wife, going along the road, many robbers was in the land in those days, like Barabbas and so forth. And what a parade that would've been to them to see just a little man walking along with a little woman to be mother, setting on a little donkey, and with a little stick in his hand for a group of wild, mean men to ride down, and throw her off of there, and do evil.

But you know, if God is leading the way, what difference does it make? God will protect you to your destination. There's no dangers when you're walking with the Lord.

( His Wonders To Perform  
58-0112A )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 2:16-23, Luke 2:39 - 40**



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January 2



*Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers. And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. (Luke 2:41-52)*



Notice the accuracy of His Word, how perfect it is. Did you notice what Mary said? Now, to you dear Catholic people, I have nothing against you. I've nothing against you. It's the system that you're in: and you Protestants, the same thing. It's the systems. "Mary, mother of God"? Find out, a twelve-year-old Boy, of her own Son, had to set her in order. There's not one time in the Bible where Jesus ever called Mary His mother. She wasn't His mother. How could she be a mother of God? She was only a womb that He used to come to the earth, to be manifested to the earth, through

the womb. There's nothing to her at all, not one Scripture ever said, "mother."

Notice how Mary's so wrong, but His Word's so perfect.

When she found Him in the temple, at twelve, discussing with the theologians He astounded them, as a twelve year old Boy, not even in school, or, if it is, we have no record of it. But a twelve year old Lad confounding the sages in the temple, at His wisdom. She said, "Thy father and I have sought Thee with tears." "Thy father," the mother herself, supposingly, said, "Thy father Joseph and I have sought Thee with tears."

What did He say to her? "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" If He'd been about Joseph's business, He'd been making houses, or in a carpenter's shop. But He wasn't Joseph's son. "I'm about My Father's business," correcting these denominations and creeds and things I hear of. See? "I'm about My Father's business." He never admitted Joseph was His father. But Mary did, and He turned back around and straightened her out.

She said, "Your father and I have sought You."

He said, "I'm about My Father's business," showing Joseph wasn't His father. His Words are perfect. See?

( Shalom 64-0112 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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January 3



*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (John 1:6-9)*



It's the simplicity of the Gospel that staggers the people. They try to make it a great intellectual something another, when it's the simpleness. But God takes the very tool of humility and weakness and simplicity to work His works with. That's only a tool in God's hand.

John the Baptist, his message, the forerunner of Christ, so simple it went over top the heads of the people. Listen just a minute. (I hope I'm not holding you too long, you standing around the walls. See?) Look, all the prophets gave witness of the coming of the Messiah. One of them said that the mountains would skip like little rams. Others said, "The leaves would clap their hands." One said, "All the low places will be made high, and the high places will be made low." Oh, my. What a day.

Did you imagine the school of the prophets and the intellectual conception of that? Oh, my, they had everything so classical. But when it happened, out of the wilderness come an old preacher that never had one day of schooling in his life, probably his grammar was so poor. His father was a priest, but God took him away from that (We had it in last Sunday's lesson.), wouldn't let him be mixed up with them denominations, and took him out in the wilderness to train him Himself. That's the kind will stay with the Word of God.

Come out of the wilderness, about thirty years old; I imagine a black beard hanging out around his face, fuzzy; big old piece of sheepskin wrapped around him; stood in mud, up to his knees; said, "I'm the one that was spoke of by the prophet Isaiah." And some of the denominations come out. He said, "Don't think to say in yourself 'We have this and that'; God's able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham." Oh, my. Why? He had THUS SAITH THE LORD. He had the Message; God foretold he was coming. And the reason it come in such simplicity, it went over the top of their heads.

( Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness  
61-1119 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 4



*He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*  
(John 1:10-14)



When you told your wife you'd be home after the service was over, you do that unconsciously. You just go out and get in your car and go on home. Now, you could not do it, unless you have faith you could do it. You'd never move from where your setting, if you didn't have faith you could raise up. But you've done it so much, and you just become so accustomed to those laws, till it's a natural thing.

Now, if we could throw ourself completely to God and to His will and be lost to our own thoughts, and just let the mind of Christ be in us, them same operations of the Spirit would work through us just as the natural things does, just the same thing. Because we were first created for that purpose to control, to rule, and to praise God and to live for God.

Now, Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me and My Words abide in you, you can ask what you will and it shall be given unto you." If ye abide in Me and My Word abide in you. Now, the Father and His Word is inseparable, 'cause the Word is His Son. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." God and His Word is inseparable. You cannot have God without having His Word, and when you have His Word, you have God.

If you want to go back a little farther, just as far as historical, you could see the Word. In the beginning was the Word. But what is the Word? A word is a thought manifested, a thought spoken forth. God, first He perceived the thought and spoke it, and it became a word, and the word became material. So everything that God has spoke in His Word, received into the right channel will materialize that Word for whatever the promise behind it is. God will do it. He's obligated to it. Then, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word abide in you..." Then you have God, the Word in you. And you believe the Word just as you believe God because it is God, and it's inseparable. Then if you have God's Word in you, you have God's Life in you. You have God in you. And whatever God's Word speaks forth out of you, it'll have to come to pass just like it was spoke from God.

Jesus said, "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that will I do." Did you ever realize what that means? Do you realize if we go before God in the Name of Jesus, it's just the same as Jesus Himself praying? It isn't me praying anymore. If I come in His Name, and He recognizes His Name, and Jesus said, "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I do." And then I go to the Father in Jesus' Name, it isn't me praying anymore; it's Jesus. It's His Spirit praying through me. And then I've got to receive what I ask for, because He said it, and it's God's Own Word. It can't do nothing else but produce just what it said.

( The Fundamental Foundation For Faith  
55-0113 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 5



*John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. (John 1:15-18)*



When the old worshiper took a lamb, went to the altar to worship, he laid it on there, put his hands on it, and confessed his sins. They cut its throat, broke the blood cell; the lamb died. Now, he went right away with the same condition he did when he come in. His sins were forgiven, but what he went with the same desire: If he'd stole, shot, committed adultery, whatever it was, he went back with the same desire. Why didn't he go away like he would if he put his hands on the Son of God? The blood cell from that lamb had animal life in it. And that animal life will not coincide with human life; therefore, when the life comes back, it was animal life to the human life, and it couldn't do nothing for him. But when God's Blood Cell was broke, the Spirit of God living in that cell, returns back in the form of the Holy Ghost; that man is free from sin. The very conscious of sin has been condemned. Amen. I believe that with all my heart.

The worshiper once purged has no more desire of sin. The Bible says, "Conscience" which really means "desire." A worshiper once put his hands upon the head of Jesus Christ by faith, and feel that quivering flesh like the man did on the lamb, dying, crying, an innocent one, and with all your heart, believing that Son of God died in your place, and when you make that confession the Holy Spirit, from that Blood cell

that sanctified you, comes into your life, and you are a new creation in Christ Jesus. The Life of God is in you, and He's adopted you, and you are a Son of God. Amen. Don't get scared. "Amen" means "so be it." That won't hurt you.

Notice, the Spirit of God, was in the man. So God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. God is a Spirit. He had no hands till He become Jesus. He had no feet, arms, legs, and so forth, till He become Jesus. No man has seen the Father at any time, but the only Begotten has declared Him. He, God, dwelt in the body of Christ. It ought to be striking. It ought to make man wonder. He could've come down from heaven, right down the corridors of heaven, with a full Angel salute, if He wanted to. He could've been born a full matured man. He could come down with all the pomp and glory of heaven, but He didn't choose that. He come to a stable, born over a manure pile. And little Jehovah crying in a manger, little Jehovah playing as a boy, little Jehovah toiling as a man, He crossed His cast with us.

God become human. When Jesus Christ was borned, God was human on earth, manifesting God, what He was. He toiled and labored, and felt for the teen-ager. He went through every temptation that we go through. God did it, that He might do His own judgment justice. His judgment is got to be justice. If there's no justice, what good does it do to have judgment? And if there's no judgment without penalty, then it's not judgment yet. So he took the penalty of His own judgment, and died as a sinner, to condemn the sin of the world, that we, through His justice, might have reconciliation back to the throne of God in fellowship, like we did in the garden of Eden. If that's not the Gospel, I don't know it.

( Show Us The Father And It Will Satisfy Us  
60-0731 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 6



*In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (Matthew 3:1-3)*



Now, remember, no doubt in the days of John, the days of Jesus, there was great festivals and great speakers in their days, great intellectual men; they drew tens of thousands times thousands of people. What would Caiaphas do if he called a meeting together? He'd bring all Jerusalem; he'd bring all Israel together from pillar to post. Another one said, "Oh, now if Caiaphas says certain-certain things, that'll be great. Oh, do you believe the Scriptures, Rabbi, Reverend, Doctor, Bishop? You believe the Scriptures?"

"Certainly, I believe the Scriptures; I'm a noted scholar." "All right. Now, the Bible said here that there'll come a time that all the mountains will skip like little rams; all the leaves will clap their hands; and all the high places will be brought down and made low; all the low places will be brought up and made high. And it'll be done by the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Do you believe that, Rabbi, Reverend, Doctor, Pastor?"

"Sure, I believe that."

"How will it happen?"

"Oh, God will send a mighty man on earth someday. Oh, he'll be great. He'll be a

voice of one crying in the wilderness; oh, he'll forerun the coming Messiah. And when he comes, there's no doubt in my mind but what he'll come down out of heaven and come down to the temple. He'll come right down here to the temple, and say, 'Now, we're going to take all the Romans and beat them to death. That's all. We're going to beat all the Romans down.' And then he's going to say, 'Come on down, Messiah.' And the Messiah's going to come down, and we're going to mold all of our swords into plowshares and pruninghooks, and there'll be no more wars." Uh-huh, that's their interpretation.

But what happened when it come? What taken place? There was no display of heaven. Why, they never seen. There was one, but they didn't see it. They didn't see it. See? When did all the mountains skip like little rams? When did all the high places come low and the low places high? An old fuzzy-faced preacher come walking out of the wilderness and didn't even know his abc's. According to history he went in the wilderness at nine years old and never appeared again until he was thirty. He lived off of locusts and wild honey. Locusts is grasshoppers, them long grasshoppers.

They eat them all the time. Don't think that's bad, 'cause you can buy them right here in the supermarket if you want them, bumblebees, honeybees, locusts, rattlesnake, whatever you want. See?

So he lived off of locusts and wild honey. What a diet. But he was kept by the power of God.

( Revelation, Chapter Four #2  
61-0101)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:1-3, Luke 3:1-6**





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January 7



*And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. (Matthew 3:4-6)*



John's disciples wasn't baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ; they were baptized unto repentance. Let's turn over to Acts the 19th chapter just a moment, and read this just a minute, so you'll see, my friends, that the Scriptures doesn't contradict itself. Look here:

(Acts 19:1-3) And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?

"Oh," they said, "we been baptized." Said,

"How?" And they said, "Unto John's baptism." He said, "John only baptized unto repentance, saying that you should believe on him who's come, that is, on the Lord Jesus Christ." And when they heard this, they were rebaptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Paul laid his hands upon them, and the Holy Ghost come on them; and they spoke in tongues, and prophesied.

Listen. What if you'd been baptized by John the Baptist, the same man that baptized

Jesus Christ? A holy man, where Jesus said, "There never was a man born of a woman as great as John the Baptist." He's the chief of all the prophets. He led Jesus out in the water and baptized Him right in Jordan. Brother, if I was baptized by him, I'd feel pretty good about it. Is that right? But Paul turns around and says, "That won't work now."

Said, "You've got to be rebaptized again."

"Oh, we've been immersed though, Paul. We was immersed by John right out in the river of Jordan."

He said, "That won't work now. You've got to be baptized again."

"How?"

Said, "John baptized unto repentance. This is for the remission of sins, and no other name under heaven is given among men, only the Name of Jesus Christ." And they had to be baptized again in the Name of Jesus Christ. And not one place in the Bible, or all the history for the first six hundred years after the death of the last apostle, did they ever baptize any other way but in the Name of Jesus Christ.

And go ask any Catholic priest that you want to; ask them who changed that, and see what they tell you. Get the catechism and read it; say, "Sure, some of the Protestants will be saved because they bow to our baptism." They changed it. They say they have the power and authority to do it, and you believe it. That's what they say; that's what they claim; that's what the Protestant church bows to. But Scripturally it's absolutely not one ounce of Scripture about it. They had to be baptized over in the Name of Jesus Christ.

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:4-6**



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January 8



*But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. (Matthew 3:7-12)*



You don't have to tell a sheep, "You've got to manufacture." That's what's the matter with the Pentecostal people today. That's what's the matter with all Christendom. It's trying to manufacture something. A sheep isn't asked to manufacture wool; he bears wool. You bear the fruits of the Spirit. You don't say, "Glory to God, I have to get black in the face; I have to do this; I have to have sensation; I have to dance in the Spirit, and I got it." No, no, uh-uh. Just get borned again and it actually takes place itself. You don't have to say, "Shall I study all night, shall I do this, shall I do that, shall I join this, and shall I make this creed, shall I do these penances?" No, nope.

Just die, that's all, be borned again, and it comes from the inside, takes care of the out. See? Sprinkle a little water, and wash them, just like changing a pig to a lamb, you

can't do it. But if on the inside he's a lamb, then he won't be a pig no more. See? That's rude remarks; but I'm not educated, I just have to make it. You know, I was thinking, read in the life of John the Baptist the other day, what he said, what he called them, "You generation of vipers." Why? He was raised in the wilderness.

See, he knowed what they was. Stomp your foot and they take for cover. "You generation of vipers." Also, "The axe is laid to the root of the tree." Tree, vipers, axes, he talked on what he knowed. That's the way you learn God, by what you know. You see a pig and a lamb, there's no nothing at all. You might wash that little old pig up and do everything you want to, he's still a pig. He's got to be reborn before he can be a lamb.

Tonight they're out here today, and they're going on (Oh, my.), and tomorrow they want to preach: Pentecostal people letting them do that too. Yeah. They want a shortcut to heaven, "Hallelujah, all I have to do is get down here and just don't think of nothing at all, and say, 'Hallelujah, hallelujah, I got on Elijah's garment. I'm going out tomorrow to cast out devils. Hallelujah, hallelujah, I got it.' Praise God, here I go." They want the shortcut to heaven, taking as much of the world as they can take.

You can't take any of it. There's no shortcuts. You come the way of Calvary. You come the way of the brass altar. You come the way of the brazen serpent. You die. You literally die to yourselves, die to the things of the world, and are borned anew. Amen. No world, the things of the world is dead. There's no shortcuts. See? They want to come right quick; they don't want to grow. We grow in the Lord. It takes growth and experience.

( You Must Be Born Again  
61-1231M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:7-8, Luke 3:7-18**



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January 9



*Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. (Matthew 3:13-15)*



Aaron, the high priest, before he could ever be anointed, he had to be washed with water. Therefore, when Jesus, before He could be anointed our High Priest, He was washed with water.

And then not anointing oil poured upon Him to anoint Him, like Aaron was anointed with oil; He was anointed with the Holy Ghost. "For John bare record, seeing the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and going upon Him, and a Voice saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell in." So the Bible said that, "Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost, went about doing good things." See, He was anointed. And before He was anointed, He had to fulfill all righteousness. See, He had to be washed with water before the Anointing come upon Him.

And it's a very beautiful type of us today. As priests unto God, we must be first baptized, confess our sins and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, washing away our sins; and then you shall receive the Anointing, the gift of the Holy Ghost. See, washed first and then anointed for the service. No minister should enter the pulpit without first being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. 'Cause remission of sins is only in Jesus Christ's Name, not another name under heaven given among man. "Repentance and remission of sin must be taught in His Name, beginning at

Jerusalem." That's where the Holy Ghost fell and anointed first. So a minister or any believer must first be washed from His sins in the Name of Jesus Christ; and then anointed with the Holy Ghost to bring forth a testimony for God. And Christ was God's testimony, because God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. Now, He said, "Suffer this to be so, John."

That is right. In other words, "John, you are a mighty man; you're a great, mighty prophet. And your revelation of Me is exactly the Truth. You know Who I am. You know, because your ministry didn't come from man. Your ministry came from God. You never learned it of man. You wasn't taught this in a seminary. But at the age of nine years old, you went into the wilderness, because you were borned a odd, peculiar child. And from your very birth, God begin to deal with you. And even before your birth, the prophet saw you. And you are a light of this day. You know Who I am, because God in the wilderness told you there'd be a sign following Me. And you've already bore witness of it, and you know it. And we know who each other are. We know each other. And it is true that you need to be baptized of Me. But let's suffer that to be so, for, John, if we are the lights of this day, we must fulfill all righteousness. All God's Word must be fulfilled by us for this day, for it is becoming to us; behooving, it's becoming, it's like us. For if we are the true witnesses of God today, John, we are the lights of this age. And if we are the lights of this age, there's so much Scripture that's got to be fulfilled during this age. And it's up to us. (Hallelujah.) It's up to us to see that all God's righteousness is fulfilled." And what is His righteousness? His Word.

( It Becometh Us To Fulfil All Righteousness  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Matthew 3:13-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-23





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January 10



*And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. (Mark 1:12-13)*

*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. (Matthew 4:1)*

*And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. (Luke 4:1-2)*



I said to a bishop not long ago, "Produce me some more Johns. He preached the Holy Ghost, and he had the Holy Ghost." Yes, sir. He didn't draw any punches either. He put it right out the way they belong. And he preached, and he stirred all the regions. Why? He preached Christ. That's right.

Christ preached the way of simplicity will stir the people. It's the power of God. "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me." That's true. Notice closely.

And how Jesus, when He was baptized, let's take a little drama again. I can see Jesus and Lazarus were friends and played together. They knew not each other. And Lazarus, we're taught, was, kind of was a scribe at the temple, and maybe his sisters made tapestries and so forth, and done some needle work. Just in a drama picture now, I can see Jesus and Lazarus playing together. And after while, Lazarus comes back and tells Jesus, "My, there's a mighty prophet standing down on Jordan. He

speaks of One greater than he a coming, Who'll baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. You ought to go down and see him." And little did he know he was talking right then to the Man. You don't know who's setting right next to you today.

And in church, and that fellow's made a mistake. That's one of God's sons or God's daughters. Don't turn him down, help him. That's right. Put a arm around him. You don't know what God could do with him if you just help him a little. That's right. And then, after while, I can see Jesus go with Lazarus down, and was baptized of him in the Jordan. And Jesus went into the wilderness. And when the Father had spoken, had testified of His Son, vindicated Him to be His beloved Son in Who He was well pleased, and out into the wilderness He went to be tempted of the Spirit.

That's just the way it happens. When you get the Holy Ghost, the first thing the devil comes right along for temptations. When you claim your healing, watch the devil come right along to back her and say it's wrong. That's the time to stand, because you don't testify of what you see or feel. You testify of what you believe. That's right. Stay with it.

( Believest Thou This  
50-0716 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 11



*And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:2-11)*



We all know that how God had called Moses and chose him in the early days, how that he was born to be a prophet. And when he came from his mother, she recognized that he was a proper child. Moses, again, a perfect type of the Lord Jesus, born during the time of persecution. How the enemy tried to kill him, just like they tried to kill the Lord Jesus. When Jesus was born, the Roman Empire issued forth a issue to kill all the children from two years old. And Moses, when he was born, saw he was a proper child, his parents hid him like Joseph and Mary hid Jesus. Everything, he was born to be a deliverer, and to be a prophet, to be a priest; and so

was Jesus, just in every way. But when the law was given Moses failed. He came down and struck the rock that was in his hand, and threw it down and broke the Commandments, because of a weakness he had, which was temper. And he broke the Commandments and went back, showing that priesthood, Levitical priesthood, would be broken.

And in his temptation, he was forty days in the wilderness, and Jesus was in the wilderness forty days. And when He come out, Satan tempted Him at His weakness spot, hunger (forty day fast.) When he met Moses, he could overthrow him, but when he met Jesus, he found out that there was something more than Moses there.

He said, "If Thou be the Son of God, perform a miracle here before me. Let me see you do it; I'll believe You. Make bread here out of these stones. If You're the Son of God, You can do it." Jesus knew that He only did what the Father showed him. He said, "It is written: Man shall not live by bread alone; ever Word that proceeded out of the mouth of God."

Continually on Satan battled at Him, and even used the Scriptures, and Jesus come back, "And it's also written." And Jesus defeated Satan without using any Divine gift that He had, showing that the weakest of Christians can defeat Satan on the Word of God. And that's the reason that I try to get before the person: nothing in the individual, the preacher, it's in Christ, and Christ is in His Word.

( What Is That In Your Hand  
55-1120 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 4:3-13**



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January 12



*And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. (John 1:19-28)*



When the forerunner, John the Baptist, came the voice of one crying in the wilderness, why, the Bible said all the high places will be brought down, and all the low places would be lifted up, and all these things would take place. The mountains will skip like little rams, and the leaves would clap their hands. Why they was expecting a shaking of this man coming down out of the corridors of heaven, all dressed in fine linen, and crowns upon His head, or something.

What happened? God sent them an old preacher down on the wilderness with a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him looked like a fuzzy worm, his face all full of beard. "Oh, away with such a fellow as that, eating locust and wild honey. We don't want

nothing to do with that. How could that forerun the Messiah?" But it was God's way of forerunning the Messiah.

We've got to receive it in the way that God said it, God is pleased with it. That's His way. He's all wisdom. He's all powerful. He's omnipotent, omnipresent, oh, He's God, the I AM. Not the "I was" or "will be." But "I AM," forever the same. He's God, and He does things in mysterious ways. But He does it for His own glory. He does it because that it's best to do it that way. We must receive it the way that He sends it. I'm sure that all of our charts and calendars, and so forth, that we have drawn up: Jesus coming on a cloud; the next one has got Him on a white horse, and all like that; it'll be altogether different when He comes. It won't be the way that we've got it, and many will fail to see it.

Many will fail to see this day that we're living in. Many fails to see the sign of the coming Messiah right now. Many Jesus said, when He spoke in Luke, I believe it was. And He said, *"As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. As it was in the days of Noah..."* Did you notice how He said the morals of the people in the days of Noah? *"Eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage."* But when he said, "Sodom." He just left it off. That was the fire that burnt Sodom. It's the fire that catches the earth today.

( The Unchangeable God  
60-0326 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 13



*The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (John 1:29-34)*



You see why we have so much confusion, one believing this and the other one believing that? Because the spiritual revealed Truth has to come through God alone. The Word's hid from the eyes of the wise and prudent. God said so. And He reveals it to babes such as will learn. So be a baby, humble yourself, and say, "Oh, God, here I am. Just make Yourself known to me. I love You." God will reveal Hisself to you; He will make Hisself known. You see it? Notice.

Then when John saw Jesus coming, just an ordinary man, not any different in stature perhaps than the average man. He walked right through the crowd and nobody knowed Him, went right through the pool of Bethesda and all around. Sometimes they'd get to fussing with Him, the Pharisees; He'd just walk right out of the crowd. And they couldn't tell Him from anybody else; they all wore beards and robes; so they all looked alike, no different.

As a little history of it, maybe true, maybe not, I can't say. But said he was preaching on that day about eleven o'clock and debating with the priest across the river. Anyhow, we know he was at the river baptizing. And he turned and looked, and here come Jesus walking down the hill, coming to the bank of the Jordan. And when John looked, quickly he knew Him. He said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world." Do you get it? "Behold" means "to look up to." "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." Over in the book of John he said, "I knew Him not (He was like any other man.), but He that told me in the wilderness to go baptize with water, said upon Whom thou shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on, the same shall baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire." Amen. Get it? "Upon whom thou shall see:" revelation.

John bare record, seeing the Spirit of God. John was anointed; John was given the privilege to introduce Him. John was the only one that knew anything about it. For it was given to John alone. And he bare record, said, "I saw the Spirit of God descending like a Dove. And it went upon Him, and a Voice speaking from this Dove, saying "This is My beloved Son, in whom I'm well pleased," hear ye Him. Oh, my, there you are: spiritual revealed truth. Nobody else saw it, or the Scripture doesn't declare it if they did. But John bare record. It was revealed to John, as it was revealed to Abel, as it was revealed to Peter, as it is revealed to every believer here tonight. Something that you can't, you can't explain it. John couldn't go on all the diagnosis, and say, "This is the way it was, and this is the way it was." He said, "I saw the Spirit of God. That settles it. And God told me in the wilderness upon Whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining, the same is He that'll baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire, so I know it's Him." Amen. That it settles it.

( The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints  
55-0501E -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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January 14



*The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. (John 1:43-46)*



Oh, if this group tonight, of you people here from Concord, in this great capital, of one of the most beautiful states in the union, if you could have that enthusiasm about Christ. He didn't wait, say, "I'm glad to see you," nothing about it; he said, "Come, see Who we found, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph."

That enthusiasm, the church today has lost it's enthusiasm. Why? Because it's got out of the Vine. It's no more being energized by the Spirit, wells of water bubbling up into Everlasting Life. They've lost that zeal. Something's missing. God remains the same; Christ remains the same; but His Church has disassociated itself with His connection, the Vine, the Spirit. And then, when they seen this take place, what do you think happened when he said, "Come, see Who we have found, Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph"?

And this orthodox man, very fine man, principal and every way, he said, "Now, just a minute, Philip, you must have went off on the deep end somewhere. What good thing could come out of Nazareth? If you think that's the Messiah, if the Messiah would come, He'd come to the temple." That's what you Catholic thinks; He would go to

Rome. You Presbyterians thinks He'd go to your bishop. You Pentecostals think He'd go to the state presbyter. But He goes to wherever He wants to go; that's His business.

"Oh, He would have to come to my denomination, if He comes." That's what Nathanael thought, "Could any good thing come from Nazareth, a little place like that? If the Messiah would come, He'd come to His great temple in Jerusalem. Caiaphas, the high priest would be sounding out the alarm everywhere."

You see? The way He represented Himself that day wasn't to them kind of people, and it's the same today. He remains the same, His attitude. Spirit doesn't change. People changes from one spirit to another, but Spirit remains the same. Those stiff orthodox teachers, they still remain today. Those humble flexible people, that was willing to bow in the Presence of God, they're here yet today, and the Holy Spirit is here, and the spirit of the devil's here. You're possessed with one or the other, not both of them, one or the other. Can't serve two masters at once, the Scripture says. Now notice, what did he say? "Could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?" I think he gave him the best answer that any man could give him, said, "Come, see."

Don't set at home and criticize; don't just say, "Well, maybe it's all right." Come, find out for yourself. That's the way to do it. Come, set down, listen yourself. Search the Scriptures.

( We Would See Jesus  
58-0523 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 1:35-51**



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January 15



*And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. (John 2:1-11)*



One time, as a little boy I used to think that Christ loved me and God hated me, because that Christ died for me; but God had something against me. But I come to find out that Christ is the very heart of God. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but would have Eternal Life."

Now, He come first to conquer. And the thing that the devil had put in the world was hatred. And He come to conquer hatred. When we win our battles, and so forth, in the

world's battles, it's always leaves continually a hatred; because, battles of that sort is of the enemy. But Christ come with love to conquer hatred, to love those who were unlovable. He come with a different weapon. And He humbled Himself, made a little lower than the Angels, to suffer death, and to give an example. And when He was here on earth, He walked among men.

He proved His weapons of warfare when He healed the sick. When He took five little biscuits and two pieces of fishes and fed five thousand people, He proved that He had the power over every atomic that there was. Not only did He grow fish, but He growed cooked fish. Not only did He grow wheat in those biscuits, but He growed cooked wheat in those biscuits. It showed that He was that great and mighty Conqueror. Not only did He get the water from the well, but He made that water, wine, from the well. He proved He had power to conquer. And He loved, and His weapon was love.

( The Great And Mighty Conqueror  
57-0421S )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 16



*After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and they continued there not many days. And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up. (John 2:12-17)*



Brother, I know no creed but Christ, no law but love, and no book but the Bible. That's what we need. That's what the churches need. But the people don't want it. So they got the church so wrapped up in these denominations till they can take a trustee board or a deacon board and turn a good pastor any way they want to. But they can't turn God, that's one thing sure, God's going to remain God. They won't welcome Him. They welcome their friends and their politicians, and so forth, but they won't welcome Christ.

They'd rather have Santa Claus anytime. The world's took over; Santa Claus has took over. Well, you know, little children don't even know no more what Christmas means.

They don't know what Easter means; it's an Easter bunny, some kind of a rabbit or a little yellow-colored chicken, or something. What's God, the resurrection, got to do

with a chicken, the dirtiest bird there is? What's any more filthier than a chicken? And they put it in there to take the place of Christ. What's any more of a myth than Santa Claus? Never was such a thing. Telling children lies, you'll be responsible for it at the day of the judgment. Yes.

No wonder people don't know what to do. They just don't want the real thing. They'll take anything artificial, but they don't want the real thing. They don't want the gifts of God. Oh, my. Certainly. They don't want Jesus; that's one thing. I got wrote down here one reason they didn't want Him, is because that when He went into their temple, and He found their filth in the temple, He turned over the tables and run the money-changers out. He cleaned it up.

And if they would ever let the Holy Ghost get into one of these big churches around here, He'd clean it up. So they can't accept it. You see? It'd make them quit gambling, make them stop them rock-and-roll parties, putting their picture in the paper, as beatniks, like a Methodist preacher did down here in Howard Park, Clarksville. Got a brother setting here now, if he didn't comb his hair down for him. Any man, servant of God, put his picture in the paper, have a beatnik party of a thing in the church. If John Wesley known that, he'd turn over in his grave.

Why? They turned down the Christ that John Wesley knew (That's right.) and accepted a beatnik. They got a beatnik religion. They got beatnik children, beatnik papa, beatnik mama, beatnik President, and just a-rolling on, and so just keeps on going. Oh, what a disgrace. Why? They refuse the real.

( God's Wrapped Gift  
60-1225 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 17



*Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said. (John 2:18-22)*



When Jesus was on earth, Jesus was certain of the Father's Word. He said, "You destroy this temple, and I'll raise it up again in three days." Not, "I'll try to, maybe it will, perhaps it'll work." He was certain.

Why? David said so. "I'll not suffer My holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell." He knowed corruption set in in three days; somewhere within that three days, He'd rise again. He believed the Father's Word. "Destroy this temple, and I'll raise it up again in three days." "I will,"; not "I'll try to." When Martha come to Him and said, "Our brother Lazarus, Lord, if You'd have been here, he would've not have died. But even now, whatever you ask God, God will do it." He said, "I'm the Resurrection and the Life, saith God. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

She said, "Yea, Lord. I think so, Lord. I'm pretty sure. They tell me that You're just a Beelzebub. They tell me You read people's minds." Huh-uh, it wouldn't have

happened. "Yea, Lord, I believe. (Glory to God.) I believe that You are the Son of God that was to come into the world." Uh, oh, something's got to happen. Listen, that's positive. That's positive. When two straight ultimatums meet, something has to happen. Oh, yes. Oh, sure it does. Said, "I believe that You are the Son of God that was to come into the world."

What did Jesus say to her? What did He say? "Well, I tell you what, where have you buried him? I'll go down and try and see what I can do about it." Huh-uh. "I'll go down and ask the Father and see what He will do." Oh, no. Huh-uh, He didn't say that. He said, "I'll go and wake him." There's nothing uncertain about that. "I'll go awake him." "I will" not "I will try." "I will." He knowed exactly what God had showed Him, and He knowed it was going to happen. "I'll go and wake Him." No uncertain sound in that (No, sir.), not a bit of uncertainty about that. Oh, "Destroy this body, I'll raise it up in three days." Jesus said, "If you be in Me and My Word in you, you can ask what you will, and it'll be done to you." "Maybe it'll be done to you"? No, no, there's no uncertainty about that. "I will. It will be done. It shall be done."

( **The Uncertain Sound**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**







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January 18



*Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 2:23-3:8)*



Let's turn to the grand old Book of Saint John, just where I have been reading from tonight. In the 1st chapter of Saint John, we find He was choosing His disciples. And we find that there was one chosen by the name of Philip. And Philip, after he got converted, was all enthused. And any man, when he finds Jesus and gets saved, there is a enthusiasm. Oh, I wish I could get that to many great men like Jack Schuller and Billy Graham, and those great evangelists who God's a using. The people who profess to come are too starchy; they seem to just say, "Well, yes, I believe." And that is an

intellectual conception. But that won't work. You've got to be borned again. And when you're born, there's an enthusiasm rises with that birth, and sets the soul afire, and takes all the differences away, and the isms, and comes straight to Calvary and recognizes Christ, with a burning love and zeal for the lost and fallen world.

When a man is converted, his eyes are set towards Calvary. If he's just a little bit nervous, if you don't watch him, he will go over on the fanatic side. If he's just a little scholarly, he will go over on the starchy side. But right in the middle of the road is the sane, sensible, borned again, Spirit led, endowed Church of the living God, going straight down the road to Christ. That's the real coming from both the sides. One went one way and one went the other, shows fanaticism, or either scholarly and too stiff to bow. They know more about the Word than they know about the Author.

To know the Word's not Life, but to know Him is Life: to know Him. You don't have to be a scholar; you have to be a submitted person. And when you submit yourself to Christ, Christ is obligated to fill that vacancy that you've poured out on the altar to Him. He's obligated to His Word to do it, and He will not fail you.

( We Would See Jesus  
57-0516 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. (John 3:9-13)*



To be borned of the Spirit is to believe and behave yourself in the Spirit, is to understand and believe with your heart that Jesus is Christ and this is His Word, that no other words can be added to it or taken away from it without your name taken out of the Book of Life. Whew. That was a strong one. If you add one thing to it in your tradition, or take one thing from it, well, Christ said Himself, "Your name shall be rubbed off the Book of Life." Now, find organization, denomination in the Bible. You'll run from it. All right.

Regardless of the flesh, denomination teaching is contrary to the Bible. Yeah. Born again means a new birth from above, birth from above. Then we are active in the things from above. Oh, my. For it is Himself acting in His Word through you, His branch, to the Vine.

That's the reason Jesus said, "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not." Oh, certainly. He said, "No man has ascended up to heaven but He that come down from heaven." Watch Him fix Nicodemus here. You know, they thought, Him being a

Man, He couldn't be God. And there He said, "No man has ascended up to heaven but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is now in heaven." That was too much for him. How could He the Son of man come down from heaven, come down from heaven, was the same that ascended up to heaven, and the same One that's standing here on top of this house talking to Nicodemus, is now in heaven? Well, he ought to have seen that it was God. He's omnipresent, everywhere. See? But he in his traditions didn't know that. He wasn't spiritual-minded. The carnal mind just couldn't catch it. He says, "Who does man say I the Son of man am?" "Some says, well, 'He's the Son of David.'"

He said, "Then why did David in the Spirit call Him Lord, say, 'The Lord said unto my Lord, "Sit Thou on My right hand till I make Thy foes a footstool"'?" How that He is both Root and Offspring of David; He was before David; He was David; and after David. See? He is the Root and Offspring of David. The Bible said so, both Root and Offspring of David. How could He be his son then? How could He be his Lord? The Bible said, "From henceforth they asked Him nothing." I guess it was a good thing too.

( Why I'm Against Organized Religion  
62-1111E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)*



Jesus, when He was here on earth, He said, talking to Nicodemus here, He said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up." Why? In the same manner, for the same thing, the same purpose, to do the same work. Many times this puzzles people when they see the serpent representing Jesus. The serpent represented Jesus in this much; did you notice the serpent was dead? There was no life in it. Jesus died. Like Cain when he slew Abel, Abel died on the altar with his sacrifice; after Abel offered his sacrifice and killed his sacrifice for his sin, then he died on the same altar with his sacrifice. In order to be born again, you have to die on the altar with your Sacrifice, just as dead as He was. And you're born again. The serpent had no life in it.

And you say, "Why was it brass?" Brass represents judgment, Divine judgment. Did you notice in the Bible, in the Old Testament, the altar was made out of brass, where the sacrifice was burnt? Brass speaks of judgment. Like Elijah, in his days, he went to look at the skies to see if any rain was coming after his prayer, and he said, "The sky looks like brass." What was it? Divine judgment upon a unbelieving people, a unbelieving nation who had forsaken God. It was Divine judgment, brassy. And the serpent itself, its form represented sin already judged, for the serpent was judged in the garden of Eden. And he was the serpent judged.

And when we look at Christ, you see the penalty. The only One, God Himself made flesh, God coming to the earth, and took on Him the sin of all of us, and the judgment and wrath of Almighty God was poured out upon His body, and there it was riven at the cross. That's the real judgment. He tread the winepress of the wrath of God alone. Alone He walked the road. Alone He died with not no help from an Angel, from a man, from His Church, from His mother, from His brethren, from His Father. And forsaken by God, man, and nature, He died alone to show us that even nature itself can't help us in the hour of death, no friend, no priest, no pope, no pastor. It's death. But there was One Who took it for us.

No life in the serpent, it was absolutely crystallized. That was the penalty. He died until the earth got ashamed of itself. He died till the stars got ashamed. He suffered until the sun wouldn't shine. He suffered till the moon turned off its light. He suffered till even the elements of the earth was so black and dark until the midnight so dark you could feel it. Wasn't nothing, no one's ever suffered like that or could suffer like that; there's no mortal could go through it. But He suffered it. God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all and passed His judgments upon Him, and He tread the winepress of the wrath of God alone with no help.

There was nothing to help Him. God placed the penalty. Everything was under that penalty and nothing could help Him, 'cause we're all guilty. There's no high priest could've come helped Him. There was nothing could help Him, no pope, no Angel. Everything stood back and watched it. That was the greatest moments was ever in the history of the world. He died until there's not one drop of life left in Him, become like the brass serpent, just a crystallized ornament hanging on the cross.

( You Must Be Born Again  
61-1231M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)*



Sometime ago a little girl went off to college and she come back bringing a little girl with her, a little feist. And when she got back, she was getting off the train, and there her old mother was standing out there. And the little girl that she had with her said, "Who is that old miserable-looking wretch?" And the girl was ashamed. "Oh," she said, "I don't know."

And when she got off the train, the little, old mother run up said, "Darling, I'm so glad to see..." Turned her back. And the conductor was standing there. He said, "Mary, I'm going to ask you a question." Said, "How can you get so indifferent since you've been away to the college? Is that what you learn in your intellectuals?"

And I'm afraid that's what we've learned in all of our substituting intellectuals in the stead of love. That's right. Said, "Mary, it is true." Said, "I'm an old man too. I know how your mother's ugly today. The reason your mother is ugly, one day you were up in a upper room, and she was hanging clothes in the back yard." And said, "While she was hanging clothes back there, fire caught the house, and somebody run and told her. And you were in a little room penned off in the blazes. Everyone hollered, 'Stay out, stay out!' But she wouldn't do it. She jerked her apron from her, and through the flames she went, and she grabbed you and wrapped you up in her clothing. And she

come through, and she was burned and scarred, and that's what makes her ugly today. And the reason you're pretty is because that she's ugly. She become ugly so you could become pretty. And you mean to tell me that you'd be ashamed of your own mother?" And I think today, brother, when it taken one thing, not an intellectual being, but it taken the love of God to send Christ to the cross and to die there in disgrace and shame. And you mean to tell me that the Pentecostal church or any other church will turn down the real love of God. "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's the power of God to salvation." If you're rather say, "Holy-roller." Let us act like that as long as the love of God's down in my heart. Certainly, doesn't matter.

Oh, brother, God gave the Holy Spirit, God's Love to control the church, not smart, educated, but love. Gifts goes in the church, but it don't control the church. Love controls the church. "God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son." His love constrained Him to do it. And when a love is constrained, then sovereign grace projects its object. May I say that again: When Divine love is projected, grace produces its object. And God loved the world so much till sovereign grace projected a Saviour to the world. Yes, indeed. And when you love God so much, sovereign grace will project to you the baptism of the Holy Ghost to make you live, and love, and to be a real Christian.

( **Why Some People Can't Keep The Victory**  
57-0324 )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : John 3:16-21**





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*Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease. (John 3:25-30)*



Isaiah 9:6, the prophet said, "Unto us a Son is born, a Child is given: and His Name shall be called Counsellor, Prince of Peace. The Mighty God, Everlasting Father; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and of His Kingdom there'll be no end." We know that we was to have a Child born in that day, a virgin should conceive and bring a Child. And it didn't come through any of their systems; therefore, they didn't want nothing to do with it. They rejected it. But the anointed Word, God Emmanuel made flesh among them, stood there. He said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of sin (unbelief)? Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are They that testify of Me." He was thoroughly identified that He was the Messiah, the Messiah to take place in that day.

And the systems had messed the people's mind up in so many systematic rules, and so forth, till they had made the Word of God of no effect. They couldn't see He was the Messiah. And as it did it then, so has it done it again. That's right. The systematics of

the world, the mechanics, has got the pistons where the exhaust pipe ought to be in their big mechanics. And therefore how can it run? It can't do it. It wasn't built that way. The Church cannot run without the power of God through the Word. And the Holy Ghost will only confirm the Word of God, for that's what it's to do. The anointing is to confirm the Word.

And Jesus was the Anointed One, the Word made flesh. That's the reason He walked out into the water there; He was the Word coming to the prophet. He was baptized by the prophet. And the prophet standing there raised up and said, "I must decrease; He shall increase." We find that that's God's way of doing it.

But did they receive it? They should've knowed it. They stood and watched the acts of God. They seen the Word fulfilled. They knowed the Scriptures said it, but they couldn't believe it'd come like that. It had to come either to the Pharisees or the Sadducees. If it come to the Pharisees, the Sadducees would not have received it. Vice versa, the Sadducees wouldn't receive it, because they said the Pharisees would have it. And that's just the way it is today, our systems, and the whole thing was rotten and polluted. Oh, my. The hour that we're now living, blinded world, walking in darkness, stooped in the systems of this world, like sheep without a shepherd. When they've had the Word of the living God vindicated before them, and walked right away blindly, and leave it, how can you expect anything else?

( The World Is Again Falling Apart  
63-1127 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 3:22-30**



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*He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:31-36)*



Now, we're going to give a little illustration here just for a moment. For instance, we were all little boys and girls and we were standing tonight, and there was a great circus in the city. And it just happened to be that some of you brethren were stronger, bigger shoulders and could lift a bigger weight than I could. Well now, if there is a weight to be lifted, you better lift it. But perhaps God made me just a little taller than you. That don't make me any more human than you, don't make me any more a child of God than you. "Who taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" See? Not what you do, what God has done. See, I'm not much of a legalist. I believe that it's sovereign grace of God. Well, now perhaps there's a carnival coming by or a circus, and we all want to see that circus. Well, we haven't got the money to go in. We can't see it. So maybe on my tiptoes, I can look through a little knothole up here and tell you all what's going on. Now, remember I'm drawing a illustration. "Well," you say, "Brother Branham, what is it out there? What do you see now?" Well, I get my fingers up as high as I can, stand on my tiptoes just as high up as I can. I say, "I see an elephant." Come down, I'm just give out. You say, "What else you

see, Brother Branham?" Well, I get up high again. Just reach up.

"I see a giraffe." It's just making me weak. Now, that's a illustration of what a gift is. Now, a gift of a seer, or to give visions, that comes from God alone.

Visions, the first thing I remember as a little baby boy was a vision. I wasn't eighteen months old when I told my mother where we'd live at, and everything else. See? That's right. And spent my life near New Albany. And we was hundreds of miles from there; that's where I've lived for about forty years.

When Jesus was here on earth, all the power that was in God was in Him, for He was God manifested in flesh, God made human in the body of His Son, Christ Jesus, tabernacled here. For the Bible said God was in Christ. The Father was in His Son representing His love to the people here on earth. See? Now, very simple. Now, notice. Now, that gift that was in Jesus was like the whole ocean out here, all the waters in the world, in comparison, with this little gift, just a spoonful out of that ocean.

Now, God gave Him the Spirit without measure. He gives it to you and I by measure. He measured me out a spoonful. But when He measured it out to His Son, He measured the whole oceans. See what I mean?

But notice, the same chemicals that's in this spoon is in the whole ocean. And all the chemicals in the ocean, a measure of them is in this spoon. It's the same kind. See, it'll do the same thing. It'll do the same works. It'll produce the same Life. Don't you believe that? That's what makes us Christians.

( The Darkest Hour, Then Jesus Comes Along  
55-1114 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 24



*But Herod the tetrarch, being reprov'd by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison. (Luke 3:19-20)*



When that Jezebel rose on the scene, there was a man rose up against it. God brought a man; we don't even know where he come from. He had no background of ministry; he never was no priest or nothing. He come forth an old rugged woodsman by the name of Elijah, and he laid the axe to the root of the tree, and they hated him. Not only that, but his whole congregation hated him. And one time he thought he stood alone. [God] said, "No, I've got seven thousand yet that's right with you." That was that elected group. There's always that group. Said, "Don't fear, Elijah. I know you think you're run out because the denominations run you up there on top the hill," but said, "but I got seven thousand that believes the same thing you're preaching. I've got them."

Then after his day, Rome took over, and then it become a time it was a woman's world again. All the fashions of the women, how they come out in their bonnets and things and God raised up another one with the same Spirit on him, the Spirit of Elijah. Is that right?

And He said, "The axe is laid to the root of the tree." And there was a little old feisty woman in there left her husband and married his brother Herod; Herodias And she was a painted up clown of that day: danced. She taught her girl how to dance, yeah, the daughter by her foster father, his brother. That was the daughter of the woman. And then she taught her to dance, and she became a real strip tease dancer, after her

mother. And she thought she could marry four or five times, do anything she wanted to. Here come Herod out. They were all Jews now remember. They're church people. Here come Herod out and his church to hear this prophet, that the people believed was a prophet. He walked right straight into both their faces and said, "It's not lawful for you to have her." And did that make her blow up.

Now, some ordinary man would said, "How do you do, Herodias? We're sure glad to have you in our congregation today," but not John.

Jesus said, "Who'd you go to see when ye went out to see John? Did you go to see one that's all dressed up like a priest? No, that kind kisses the baby and buries the dead." He said, "What did you go to see? A reed that's shaken by any wind?" (They say, "Come over here, John. We'll pay you more if you preach to us, and we're the biggest organization." Not John, no, he never went to see that.) Said, "What did you go to see then, when you went to hear and see John? A prophet?" He said, "And I say to you, more than a prophet. If you can receive it. This is he who the prophet spoke of was coming. 'I'll send My messenger before My face, and he will prepare the way for the Lord.'" He was a messenger of the covenant. He said, "There's not been a man that's borned of a woman as great as he is." See, that's the kind of a man that God raised up for that day, Elijah, a backwoodsman: John, the same thing. See, the Spirit of Elijah was upon John. And he says when it comes a woman's day again, that Spirit will rise again, before the coming of the Lord when the earth will be burnt and the righteous will walk out upon the ashes of the wicked, like ashes under their feet. He promised it again in these days.

( Souls That Are In Prison Now  
63-1110M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 4:12, John 4:1-2



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*He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (John 4:3-7)*



Jesus had need to go up to Samaria. And while He set down by the well, and sent His disciples away, I imagine, a beautiful woman also came out to the well. And she was a Samaritan, and she went to draw water. She started away. And Jesus told her, said, "Bring Me a drink." How many knows that? And what did He do then? He caught a conversation with her, to pack, this conversation. And He said, "Bring Me a drink." She said, "The well's deep, and You have nothing to draw with. It's not customary for you Jews to ask Samaritans such. We have no dealings with one another."

He said, "But if you knew Who you were speaking to, you'd ask Me for water, and I'd give you water you don't come to draw." What was He doing? He was contacting her spirit. He just seen the woman stand there, so He talked to her. And she said, "The well's deep, and You have nothing to draw with," and on like that. Finally, they got talking about worshipping in the mountain, and one at Jerusalem. And Jesus told her, after while, when He found where her trouble was. He said, "Go, get your husband and come here." She said, "I don't have any husband."

He said, "That's right; you got five, and the one you've got now is not your husband." How many knows that's the Scripture? Now, watch what that Samaritan said. Now, I'm going to tie two Scriptures together now. What did Nathanael say as soon as Jesus told Nathanael where he was, and he was an honest man? What did he say? "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel." How many knows that Saint John says that in the 1st chapter? All right. That's what that Jew thought when he seen that sign done: Jesus seeing him before he come to the meeting.

And then when this Samaritan woman come to Jesus, Jesus said to her, talked to her a little bit and told her where her trouble was, and she said, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a (what?) prophet. We know, we Samaritans, we know that when the Messiah cometh, (You believe Jesus was the Messiah?), when Messiah cometh, He will do these things. He will tell us all things." But she couldn't understand Who He was. He said, "I'm He that speaks to you." And upon that, she left the water pot and said, "Come, see a Man that told me the things I done. Isn't this the very Messiah?" If that was the sign of Messiah in that day, it's the sign of the Messiah today. How many would believe that? Now, here it is.

( We Would See Jesus  
May 16, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 4:3-24**





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*The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. (John 4:25-30)*



And as soon as that light struck that seed, they was at life, like that. Look at those theologians standing around there, when they seen Him discerning the thoughts that was in their hearts. They'd seen a lot of carnal impersonations before, and they said, "This man's Beelzebub, a fortuneteller." That was theologians. Jesus said, "You're of your father the devil, and his works you do." But when a little prostitute walked down there to the well in Samaria and Jesus said to her, "Go get your husband," she said, "I have none." Said, "You told the truth. You've had five; and the one you're living with is not yours." She said, "Sir, I perceive that You're a prophet. We know when Messiah cometh He'll do these things." He said, "I'm He that speaks to you." What was it? That Light struck that little predestinated seed, and quickly it come to life. How much different from them theologians, all indoctrinated. She run into the city, said, "Come see a Man that's told me the things I done. Isn't that the very Messianic sign that we're to look for?"

And the doctors of divinity stood around and said, "That guy's Beelzebub." See, they couldn't explain it. They had no way to explain it. So they had to answer to their congregation, give them some kind of a radical idea of their own.

The same thing has arrived again, and men won't believe; people won't believe; churches won't believe. No wonder. You can't be disappointed in it, because the Bible said they wouldn't do it. But it's you individuals, you that's ordained to life. Look upon the fields now and see what hour we're living in. Come to life. Let the life that was in Christ come in you, the mind.

You said, "Oh, I think. I think this." You ain't got no thought coming. You let the thoughts that was in Christ be in you, and that's the Word. That's right. Think the thoughts that He thought.

( **The World Is Falling Apart**  
**63-0412M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : John 4:39-44**



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*In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours. (John 4:31-38)*



We think of Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth. His first years of His ministry, oh, the tinsel was hanging everywhere. The second year of His ministry, they had begin to accuse Him and call Him Beelzebub and so forth. The third year they killed Him.

That's the way it goes always. The first years of the Pentecostal church, it was wonderful. Right away there was a persecution come in the second year and scattered them everywhere. The third and fourth years they begin to find people, just a little bitty groups: like there was five men besides four or five woman; that was a church.

See how it is? It's always that way. Just God sends out a great gospel net, and He throws it. The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man who went to the sea and threw in a net. And when he drew the net in, he had everything that wallowed in the sea. He

had it in the net. He had fish; he had turtles; he had water spiders; he had serpents; he had everything.

Now, it's not our business as preachers to say, "This is fish, and this is that." We just pull the gospel net, and then it isn't long when you see a revival go on, many people get saved and praise the Lord. But see, some of those are fish, and some of them are, we'd say, turtles. It isn't very long till you'd say, "Well, I didn't believe there was anything to it after all." And here he goes running right on back into the puddle again.

The old water spider, you know. Plop, plop, plop: "Told you that wasn't right after all." Well, he goes back to the water. And the serpent will start hissing and saying, "I don't like the way they do this things, sss-sss." Right on back to the water it goes. But there's some fish in there too. God knows. They're fish by nature; he's a spider by nature; he's a serpent by nature. And God is the One Who does the election and the calling. And it's just our business to preach the Gospel. Is that right? God does the calling. One plants, another one waters, and God takes the increase.

( Testimony  
September 2, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee; (Matthew 4:12)*

*From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)*



Saul of Tarsus, a murderer, who held the coat of the murderers and give witness to the death of Stephen, the martyr. He had letters in his pockets to go down to the head councils of the churches, and arrest the people that were making too much noise, shouting and praising God. He was a great man in the sight of the Pharisees. He was a Pharisee of the Pharisee. But one day he was on his road to Damascus, and he met God. A Light shined around him, and from that time on, he was no more Saul of Tarsus, but he was Paul, the humble one, the meek one, because he met God and it changed him.

There was a leper laying at the gate. All the remedies of the medicine could not heal him. His putrified sores had gotten so great, till his hands was beyond raising up anymore. And his feet, he could hardly drag them. His case was hopeless. But he met God one day coming out the gate, and he fell down, and worshipped, and said, "If Thou will, Thou can make me clean." And He said, "I will, be thou clean." And from that time, he didn't have no more leprosy, because he met God.

There was a blind man setting by the side of the road. And he could not see the daylight from dark. There was nothing could help him. One day Someone come walking out of the city of Jericho. And from that time, he could see. His sight come

to him. The sight of light had broke into his eyes and he could see again, because from that time, when he met Jesus, he was a different man. He had his sight. When a person meets God, something happens definitely.

There was a young man one time, no doubt a good citizen of the country. But spells come on him. And he was so bad, till the prison house couldn't hold him. And they bound him with chains, and he had a legion of devils in him, that he could break the chains and free himself. And the devils drove him to a graveyard where he stayed in there, and took the slabs, and get so mean he'd cut his own self. Oh, he was a terrible fellow. When those spells would leave him, no doubt he'd think, "What am I doing here?" And about that time, the devils would come to him again and cut him and tear him.

But one day, he met Jesus. And from that time on, the maniac of Gadara had his right mind, clothed, setting at His feet. He could go back home as a gentleman. He could return to civilization. He could go back to his loved ones. He could say, "From that time, I've been changed." Yes.

One day yonder on Calvary, when God and death met face to face, when life and death come together Christ, pulled the stinger out of death. And since that time, death hasn't had no stinger in it. I'm so glad of that. Death and God met together. Death hasn't been the same. It ain't got no stinger to it now. The Christian believer can walk right into it's face and say, "Oh, death, where is your stinger? Grave, where is your victory?" Why? They both met God. They haven't been the same since then. No man can be the same. Nothing can be the same when it once meets God. You'll never be the same.

( And From That Time  
December 31, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:14-15, Luke 4:14-15, John 4:45**



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January 29



*So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee. (John 4:46-54)*



Now, notice. "When he heard..." Notice that 3rd verse there in the 47th verse. "When he heard Jesus was come back into the country," where He had performed a miracle, "he come to Him for his son, for his son was near death." Get it? He knew He could do it, for He'd already performed one miracle there. Well, if He performed one miracle, would cause that nobleman to believe that His Word would heal his son, then why can't we believe when He performs hundreds of miracles here before us. You see what I mean? Notice. How many was here the morning that that woman passed away there on the [prayer line.] This Mrs. Hattie Waldrop, is that lady here, is Mrs. Hattie in here tonight? Mrs. Waldrop? Well, here she is right here. That passed out here with a cancer of the heart, colon, and liver. She's a living, isn't she. My, very



much, aren't you, sister. There you are. Her doctor's got the X-Rays here and so forth.

Now, here we are coming back tonight in the same city where the lady, that was laying here dead with cancer, is alive tonight. And this is the second miracle. See? Oh, my, the second. It's dozens upon top of dozens of them that's performed. Is that right?

Now, watch. The nobleman, he couldn't bring his son. But he just come to Him. And he said, "Now, You come down to pray for my son." Now, watch, faith cometh by hearing. He heard that He done it.

Now, how many's heard that Jesus healed in the last meeting here? Let's see your hands. How many knows He healed in the last meeting here? Now, here's the proof of it here. How many was healed in the last meeting here, let's see your hands? Now, there you are. Now, you can't deny it. Well now, if one miracle was done in Cana, caused a man to come down and believe on Christ, how many more in Arizona ought to come tonight (Is that right?) and believe, because look how many more's been healed.

( **The Angel Of God**  
**March 4, 1948** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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January 30



*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. (Luke 4:16-21)*



When He had read the Scriptures, He set down, handed the priest back the Book, and set down. And all the eyes of the congregation was upon Him, and precious words proceeded from His mouth and He said, "This day this Scripture is fulfilled."

"This day this Scripture is fulfilled." How accurate is the Scripture. If you'll notice this, in Isaiah 61:1-2 is where our Lord was reading from: Isaiah 61:1-2. But in the middle of the second verse of Isaiah 61, He stopped where it said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to preach the acceptable year." Then He stopped. Why? The other part, to bring judgment, it didn't apply to His first coming, but His second coming. See, it didn't apply there; how the Scriptures never make a mistake. They're always perfect. Jesus stopped just where the Scripture stopped, 'cause that was exactly what

was to be vindicated in His day, that first coming. The second coming He will bring judgment upon the earth, but not then. He was to preach the acceptable year. Notice, the Messiah standing in the platform to identify Himself with the Word of promise for that age. How strange; the Messiah standing up before the church.

And look at these precious words, when He says here, "To preach the acceptable year..." The acceptable year, as we all know as Bible readers, was the year of Jubilee, that when all slaves and prisoners, as they been taken prisoners, and they had to give a son to pay a debt, or a daughter to pay a debt, and they were in bondage. No matter how long they'd been in bondage or how long they was supposed to stay there, when the year come of the Jubilee, when the trumpet sounded, every man could go free if he wanted to go free. You're free; you was no more a slave.

But if you desired to remain a slave, then you had to be taken down to the temple, stood by the temple post, and they took a awl and bored a hole in your ear. And then you had to serve that slave master the rest of your days.

What a perfect example it is of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When it's preached, the acceptable time and the time of Jubilee, anybody, no matter who you are, what color you are, what denomination you belong to, how far you've stooped in sin, or what's wrong with you, you can go free when you hear God's Gospel trumpet sound out. You are free. But if you turn your back upon the Message and refuse to hear it, notice, you were bored in the ear with an awl. That means to say, that you have crossed the line between grace and judgment and you will never hear the Gospel again. You'll never get any further; you must be a slave to the system you're in the rest of your days, if you refuse to hear the acceptable year.

( **This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled**  
**February 19, 1965** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



## **Parallel Scriptures : Luke 4:22-30**



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January 31



*And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. (Matthew 4:13-16)*



Now, when Adam and Eve, our first father and mother, started walking out of the garden of Eden, why, cloudily, the sin hanging over their brows, and the clouds of darkness hanging around them after they had received the word of their Eternal destination. They walked out, with those bloody sheepskins around them, they had some little ray of hope, that some time, there was coming a redeemer. They had a ray of hope.

It was cloudy and dark, because tears of regret was falling down their cheeks from their sins. And they were sorry of their sins, but they knew that somewhere there'd be a redemption, because He said, "I'll put enmity between her seed and the serpent's seed." So many people, in quoting the 23rd Psalm, say, like this, say, "Yea, though I walk through the dark valleys of the shadows of death..." It doesn't say dark valley; it said, "Through the valley of the shadow..." And if it's dark, there'd be no shadow. It takes a certain amount of light to make shadow. So death, after the very beginning, never had a complete darkness; it was a shadow. So there had to be a certain percent of light. And when Adam and Eve was walking out of the garden of Eden, the shadows of redemption was before them.

In the Mosaic laws in the ceremonies in the sacrifices, and so forth, was also a foreshadow of the coming of the perfect sacrifice, the perfect plan of God's redemption. And when they foresaw those things through the bleeding sacrifice of the animals that they were slaying, as a go-between or a covering for their sins, in that shadow, they foresaw the coming of the Lord Jesus. And it was that way, until finally, at last, the Dayspring from on high sprang forth, and those who set in the regions of the shadows of death saw a great light. When God Himself was made manifest here on earth, to take away sin, then they seen full redemption through God Himself.

( Job  
February 23, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 4:31**



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February 1



*And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22)*



Now, Jesus, when He was here on earth, He didn't claim to be great. He was just a Man, an ordinary Man. If you'd see Him on the street, He didn't look any different than anyone else. He walked right among men; they didn't even know Who He was. He didn't dress different. He just walked along as a humble Man. No great big man; He was probably a little thin fellow. The Bible said, "There's no beauty we should desire Him." So He just walked along and lived among men: eat, and drink, and slept with them. And where was He with? The poorest of poor, the fishermen down on the river.

I'd imagine Peter, with that old greasy fishing apron around him like that, and Jesus said, "You're Simon, so follow Me and you'll become fishers of men." I'd rather hear that than anything I know of: just, "Follow Me."

Oh, you say, "Now, wait a minute. You haven't got your degree." He don't need no degree. He just wants to follow Christ. That's right. That's right. "Just follow Me." He wouldn't even know his own name if it was laying before him. The Bible said he was

ignorant and unlearned. Not only unlearned, but he was ignorant: both ignorant and unlearned. But when he passed through the gate called "Beautiful," and he said to that man, "Look on me," he said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, I'll give you. In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk."

Somebody in the church begin to play the part of a hypocrite, and they come into the line one night, a certain, certain thing, he said, "Why did the devil put in your heart to lie to God?" The man fell dead: Ananias. Sapphira come in, the same thing again.

And then those people looked to that old fisherman, and you know what they did? If he'd have had some great degree to go by, he'd have had something to glory in, but God took nothing and made something out of it. That's the way God does: just takes the nothing to make something.

And when you can become nothing in your own sight, you're becoming something in God's sight then. And always remember this, friends, the way up is down. "He that exalts himself shall be abased, but he that humbled himself shall be exalted."

So just love Him with all your heart and forget all you ever knowed about all other things but Jesus Christ. Just go ahead and love Him and work for Him; serve Him. If He wants you to be the doormat, well, you just be the doormat. It's whatever He wants you to do, you do it.

( A Greater Witness  
53-1115E -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 1:16-20, Luke 5:1-11





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February 2



*And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. (Mark 1:23-28)*



Nobody could say that them priests wasn't holy men in the days of Jesus. Is that right? They were holy men, good men, righteous men, scholars of the Scripture. But while they were in there arguing what kind of buttons they must have on their coat, some Magi's was coming to worship the Christ, that had already been born. Is that right?

Now listen, when His public ministry come, they said, "He is a devil, Beelzebub, the chief of the fortunetellers, the best medium there is. He knows their faults. And He knows all these things. He is a devil." Is that right? Who says, that's the Scripture? Say, "Amen." But the strange thing was that devils turned around and said, "No, He's not. He's the Son of God." Hallelujah. God will make the devil testify, His enemy, that He's the Son of God." That devil said, "I know who You are, You holy One of Israel. I know You are; Thou art the holy One of Israel." And the preachers, them holy men, said, "He's a devil. He's a devil."

The devil said, "He's the holy One of Israel." I seen it. I seen when Paul and Barnabas went up there to preach one time. The preacher said, "Them guys are impostors. They are devils. They alarm people. Don't listen to them. They turn the world up-side-down. They're wrong." And the little old fortuneteller followed them down the street saying, "They are men of God, to tell us the way of Life." Preachers saying they are devils, and the devil saying they tell the way of Life. Hallelujah (Don't think I'm excited.)

Now it's got to a place till you can't listen to nobody. You got to listen to God. Let every man's word be a lie. I know more about that now than I ever knowed in my life. It don't make any difference what people say; it's what God says. If it compares with the Word, then it's so. If the goods is there to produce it, 'cause God testifies of His gift. You listen to the preacher, sometime, you get yourself in trouble, some of them anyhow. Notice. There they was all muddled up in their doctrine.

And devils out here, fortunetellers was the only ones that was recognizing Him to be what He was, and recognizing the apostles to be what they were, men of God. Fortunetellers and devils. So Paul turned around and rebuked that spirit of divination from the woman; she couldn't tell no more fortunes. He didn't need the devil to testify who he was. He knowed who he was. He was God's saint. He didn't need the devils help. But the devil was telling the truth about him anyhow. Jesus told that devil, said, "Hold your peace, but come out of him." Yes, sir. He didn't need the devils help.

( Early Spiritual Experiences  
52-0713A )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:21-28, Luke 4:32-37**



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February 3



*And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them. (Matthew 8:14-15)*



We only have to preach the Gospel as it's laid here. John said, "The axe was laid to the root of the tree." Let the chips fly wherever they wish to. That's right. He must cut the trees and things.

But look, in [Nicea] they organized the first church. And they got together and organized the first church, which was called the universal church, or the Catholic church in Rome. And the Catholic says that he is the "mother church." And that's exactly the truth. It's the mother church of organization. Correctly. It's the first time in all the world's history that ever there was a church organized; never was, from the dawn of time.

Through the days of Israel, they were not an organization. They were a race not an organization. And Jesus Christ never did organize a church. None of the apostles ever organized a church. And no time down through, after three or four generations after them, did they ever organize a church. I want you to bring the history and put your finger, show me where it's at. I've read Josephus and all the most outstanding historians we have in the world today, that I know of, 'cause I must be sure. I make this statements before thousands of people; you've got to be able to back up and prove what you're talking about. That's right. There never was an organization.

And Saint Peter never founded the Catholic church. I want one history or one bit of

Scripture. Saint Peter was a married man. You said he was a pope. He couldn't have been a pope. Peter was a married man. The Bible said, "His wife's mother laid sick of a fever, and Jesus healed her." And as far as I know, Saint Peter was never in Rome. And there's no history that ever shows he was in Rome. And that's a error.

But they organized and set together a church called the universal church. There they made a universal prayer. They had perfect harmony; everybody had to be together, everybody say the same thing. The same prayer was said.

And they made up a bunch of Scripture, taking them from the Bible, many of them, and making others. There is not purgatory mentioned one time in all the sacred Books of the Bible; no "Hail Marys," nothing like that. It's always contrary, against it, everywhere in the Scripture. Never was it at any time. And if you find any place, you've got the privilege of coming tomorrow night and correcting me. It's not there, nowhere; bring your priest or pastor. There is no place in the Scripture where it's ever mentioned.

The only little book of the Maccabees that was added into this, (which is not inspired) the things that was took out of this; this Bible is the only One. It's been recognized by the early founders, or any of the early church historians, or any time of the Orthodox Jew, and never recognized nothing but this Bible that we have today.

( **The Mark Of The Beast**  
**May 13, 1954** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39**



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February 4



*When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Matthew 8:16-17)*



One of the fundamental reasons that we see no more going on in the Church, first thing I think is because there's not enough travail of soul to bring the person in contact with his Maker. And another thing is this: is the person who does find God, doesn't realize who He is after he's found God. See? If you only realized that you're setting now with Christ Jesus, that many of the people are trying to post it off to some other great age and all healing over in the millennium and so forth. And all the miracles over in the millennium.

What are we going to need miracles in the millennium, when we're supernatural beings? See? How are we going to need those things. Now, the Bible said, "Now are we the sons of God. Now" is now a present tense. "Now are we the sons." Not we will be, we are now. We are this morning; we are this very hour. "Now are we the sons of God, seated together, set together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus now." Right this very minute we're seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Every man, by one spirit we're all baptized into one Body, become members of this Body by Holy Spirit baptism. And now, we're seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, free from judgment. We can never go to the judgment. How can you be judged twice?

God judged Jesus Christ, and He put our judgment upon Christ, and Christ paid our judgment at Calvary. If we're in Christ, we're secured in Christ. How do we get into Christ? "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body." Is that right? We're into that body of Jesus Christ, and while we're in there, we've accepted His punishment in our stead: He, knowing no sin yet was made sin for us. And then He bore our sickness. He bore our sins. And we come into Him, we are free from these judgments.

God cannot justly judge me or you the second time if He's already accepted us in Christ Jesus, and punished His Own Son for us. How can He punish us then when He's already had Christ has paid our price? If I go down to the pawn shop and I've got something. That's just like the human life, the devil put us in a pawn shop. That's right. Devil put us in a pawn shop because of transgression. But if you've got something pawned and you go down and get that out of pawn, and get a receipt for it, you have a right to take it out.

If I had my watch in pawn, and you went down and took it out for me, there's no need of me going trying to pay it again. I can't pay it again, because it's already paid. Oh, when I think of that, something on the inside of me, under this fifth rib on the left side, leaps higher than the skies.

Because I know the devil had me in the pawn shop one time, because of sin and transgression, but Jesus Christ took me out of the pawn shop and redeemed me back to God. That makes me His Son this morning. And it is not here yet appear what I shall be in the final end. But I know I'll have a body like His Own glorious body, for I shall see Him as He is, free from sickness, free from sin.

( What Think Ye Of Christ  
53-1213M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 1:32-34, Luke 4:40-41**



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February 5



*And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils. (Mark 1:35-39)*



I'm a married man, have a family, and I really love my home, what little I get to be in my home. They've moved me up to the new parsonage, at the church's parsonage seven years ago, when they built it. And I have never eaten one time in the parsonage without the shades, the Venetian blinds turned down in the kitchen, the people standing on the porch, in the yard, and around like that. I've got two children that's almost neurotics from just all hours of the night up going, when I'm at home. People coming, see if it was just like from here at Binghamton, it wouldn't make much difference; but it's the whole world. You see? They gather in there.

I just heard from my wife, and they're setting in those hotels and motels there from all over the country everywhere, want to know what day, what time Friday morning I'll arrive. You see?

And, you can imagine what it'll be. And then through the holidays people coming out. And we put in the papers not to do it, but people are sick. Could you imagine you could feel at ease and a little baby laying out in the yard, maybe, in a car crying, some old poor sick mother there, that maybe a little word of prayer would change the



whole situation? The only way to do, is just, the brethren get me, and I just keep me away from home. That's the only thing. I have to get off somewhere to kinda get if off my mind. It's not good for you, you keep that up.

Jesus told His apostle's we got to come apart into the desert. And when you're out there, and you got to do something just to keep it off your mind, you'd be thinking about it anyhow. And the prayer of the people has such an effect. You believe that? Certainly.

( Expectation  
December 6, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 4:23-25, Luke 4:42-44**



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February 6



*And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter. (Mark 1:40-45)*



Let me more say today, my brother or sister, in this present day, when crises, and when cancer is eating the world up, and diseases of all kind, the same historical God that cleansed the leper, healed the sick, and raised the dead, is the same God today. He's waiting anxiously for His people to call Him on the scene of action.

One Who could forgive a heart for committing adultery seven times in a day, He Who could cleanse the vilest sinner and make them white as a lily, that same God of history lives today to clean every blackened heart of sin and unbelief. There was a man had a boy with epilepsy, one day, and he took him to the church. And the disciples danced, and hollered around him for awhile, and could do no good, but there was still a God of history that lived. He was determined to find Him. Seeing them coming off the mountain, he run to Him and said, "Lord, have mercy on me. A devil's

took my child, and he pines away and falls into the fire."

Jesus said, "I can, if you believe." If you believe what? If you believe, that the God of history still lives today. And He was called on the scene, and the epilepsy left the child. That same God lives today. When the churches has failed, when politics has failed, when everything else has failed, and man has failed, and everything's failed, God can't fail. He's the God of this old black-backed Bible. His promise is just as true as they ever was, and it's time that His people called on Him, raise Him up from history, for it is written, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever."

He's a historical God and He's a present-time God. And in the last days He said, "I'll pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. And signs and wonders shall follow them that believe. For in My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. If they take up serpents or drink deadly things, it would not harm them. And if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover."

That was a historical God that give the promise, and we're the people today, of His pasture. We're the sheep of His fold, and He's waiting on us to stand and call Him on the scene. Watch Him go into movement. Watch Him do the supreme. Watch Him do the thing that man will wonder and scratch their heads and not understand it. He's the historical God and a present day God. He's waiting to be called out of history.

( **Lifting Him Up Out Of History**  
October 1, 1958 )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 8:2-4, Luke 5:12-16**



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February 7



*And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. (Matthew 9:2-8)*



Oh, one time, man saw that, a bunch of Galilean, perhaps fishermen, and they had a poor old man that was so sick he couldn't hardly get out of his bed, and they tried to get him to the Word. And they could find no room, for there were many hungering for God. And the house was piled up, the little cottage, fisherman's shack down on the river. They had a few tilings on top. And to get this man before the Word, they didn't think of the price it would cost them. They tore up the roof, anything, just so they could come in contact with the Word. And as soon as He, the Word, saw the cot come, going down, He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee, son. Take up your bed and go on home." Why? He was in contact with the Word. See, he believed it.

Now, if he had said, "But, you know, I've been laying here all these years, I can't do that." It would've done him no good. But when he contacted the Word, he received

the Word, gladly received the Word. "I believe it. I know that it's so. I know He is the Word." Therefore, as soon as he contacted the Word, he picked up his couch and went walking on. The Pharisee said, "This Man's blaspheming. He's forgiving sins."

Said, "Which is easier to say, 'Thy sins be forgiven thee,' or, 'Take up the bed and walk'?" See? Oh, my. They failed to see Who He was. He was the Word.

What a comfort to those Galileans. How they believed Him, how they loved Him. Now, one day they seen Him go to Calvary. They heard Him saying, "A little while, and the world seeth Me no more. The Son of man, must go up to Jerusalem, and be put into the hands of sinful men, crucified, die." How could they stand it? Their hearts was broken. They were depressed. They was all in gloom. How could they ever give Him up? Because the word that the prophets had spoken, the words that the sages, and all the great holy men back to the end, in the beginning of the world, had spoke of that Word, and here it was among them.

But then look what a promise He made. "I will not leave you comfortless. I will not leave you comfortless. I'll pray the Father, and He'll send you another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, and He will abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it knoweth Him not. It seeth Him not, now, neither does it know Him. But you know Him. You know Him because He is with you, and He shall be in you."

There it is. And how long's He going to abide? Forever. Then what is the Word of God? What is our comfort today? It's when we receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the power of the living God living in us. And that's with the Word of the living God, we stand; that Word's made flesh and dwelt among us.

( The Comforter : 61-1001E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26**



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*And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him. (Luke 5:27-28)*



Years ago as a kid, as you all are, here, cattle ranch above here, above Phoenix, I was reading a paper about a prospector. Then there was no roads through here then, just little sand paths. They still do a lot of prospecting in here, you know. But this prospector had come in, and he'd found a lot of money. And he struck a lot of gold. And on his road in he stayed in a cabin he'd found. And he had a dog with him, and the dog tied up on the outside. And that night there'd been an outlaw following him to get this gold. He'd picked it up in old Spanish mines, and he was coming in with it. And the dog started barking. And the man didn't want to be bothered with that dog. He said, "Shut up." He said, "Tomorrow I'll take this in to the city." And the morals of the story was this. "And I'll have it weighed up. And I'll be a rich man. And I'll buy great cars. And I'll have all kinds of women and big parties. And I'll be a rich man, because I've already struck the claim. I've got the gold here, much of it."

And while he was trying to go to sleep the dog kept barking, because the dog seen the outlaw coming up, slipping up, waiting for the prospector to go to sleep. And he raised up again and screamed at the dog again, said, "Shut up." And the poor dog whined and tried to warn his master that danger was lurking.

And the next time when the dog started barking, the prospector had a shotgun, He didn't want to be bothered, so he just raised up and shot the dog. And the prospector

was killed that night by the outlaw. All of his fancy dreams done him no good. Why? He stilled the voice that was warning him. You kids would never be able to do anything wrong, after being raised the way you are, unless you'd feel something tell you not to do it. Now, don't never still that voice that's warning you. And always remember, accept that Voice that said, "Follow Me." And you'll always come out right. I believe you will. I got confidence in you. But just always remember that Jesus, that voice, is alive in the earth tonight.

( Come, Follow Me  
June 1, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 9:9, Mark 2:13-14**





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*And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Luke 5:29-32)*



We know the devil has an impersonator for every real thing that God has. That's right. They always have. They had Jannes and Jambres, and they had Moses and Aaron. That's right. They had Simon the sorcerer. They had Philip who done the healing. See? They've always had the pro and con. They always will have, till Jesus comes, and then all of the negative will be taken away.

Dance, that first originated in the Bible. The devil got a hold of it, and caused separation of families. Certainly, all the things that you see, singing, first originated in the praises of God. Now, look out here at all the old, dirty, slander, what you call boogie-woogie or ever that kind of nonsense, and carry on. I never heard of such in my life. A Christian spirit couldn't listen to such stuff as that and stay right.

But what good does it do? The devil is singing, sure. But look what it is, look what it's declaring, evil. And fortuneteller, and everything's charging you dollars, and taking your money to go around and do a few things, and it's about half right, and half of the other's not, and everything like that, and don't declare Christ, and don't speak of resurrection, and don't call sinners to repentance.

It's nothing to it but a bunch of nonsense about some dead person, and they're interceding, sure, with the dead that's down underneath, the souls that's in prison, that repented not, and all the lost down in there. Tell you about some old man that died years ago. That witch is setting there under that; that's all he knows about; that's all he can speak about. That's what the medium speaks of. But the Spirit of God speaks of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the second coming of Christ, Divine healing, and things that's got value to it. So don't be superstitious, my brother. Be men, conduct yourself as Christians.

( Come, Let Us Reason Together  
October 4, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 9:10-13, Mark 2:15-17



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February 10



*And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles. (Mark 2:18-22)*



Did you ever know that that little cherry tree, or little apple tree, when you set it out, when it's no bigger than about one half inch tall, that every bushel of apples that you'll ever collect off that tree, is in it right then. If isn't, where does it come from? Who hangs it on there? It's already in it. The only thing that little tree does, you just set it out and water it. And it has to drink, and drink, until it gets so much, it just goes to pushing up, drinks more than its lotted portion. And it swells out. And it pushes out limbs. It pushes out buds, then it pushes out leaves, then blossoms, and then apples. Then it pushes again; it pushes again, just keeps drinking, drinking, drinking, till it just pushes out.

And that's what the Christian does. When you're planted in Christ Jesus, everything that you have need of in earth's journey is in you when you receive the Holy Spirit. And the only thing you have to do is drink, drink, and push out, push out. Just drink

till you can't drink no more. If you have need of Divine healing, go to God's Word and drink from it, until you push out. If you need more of God, just keep drinking, pushing out. And Christ is the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. And if you're planted in Him, the only thing you have to do, is drink of His goodness and push out whatever you have need of in this earth's journey. It's all drinking, resting, peace. It's not what you struggle and strive and pull at, you defeat the very purpose that you're representing when you do that. God's not One you have to beg, and cry, and plead, and fast, and starve, and everything like that to get to. Certainly not. I'm not degrading a fast.

But here not long ago, a man wrote a book on fasting. My, women come into the meeting, and men, who'd went on those fasts that were insane. They went just because the book said to fast forty days. Some of them with false plates, and their teeth would drop out. And their eyes would sink back. And women to be mothers, their little ones as you understand, they would completely go mentally out, and be taken to the institutions. Many, many of them, come in that condition. I believe in fasting. Certainly. But when you fast, you don't hunger. Jesus after He had got through fasting, the Bible said, He was hungry. God puts a fast on you. You don't put it on yourself. He certainly captured the women, the man did that wrote the book, when he said, put a picture of a woman there, she looked twenty years younger, said, after the fast. You ought to see her then, just about a year later what she looked like, after that. See? Certainly. You don't do that. You don't do things by works. It's by grace.

( The Inter-Veil  
January 21, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 9:14-17, Luke 5:33-39**



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February 11



*After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. (John 5:1-9)*



I know that God can do things that's not written in this Bible. He's done it all through the ages. He does things that He has got writ in His Word. What if the people wanted to be real fundamental and tell Moses, when he lifted up the brass serpent for Divine healing, what'd he say? "Now, let me go back to the writings and find out if it was ever predicted that they'd raise up a brass serpent." They couldn't find it. But God did it anyhow. You believe it?

What if the man at the pool of Bethesda, where an Angel came down and troubled the waters, what if some guy wanted to be so fundamental that he'd say, "Now, wait a minute; let me look in the Holy Scriptures and find out if there'd ever be an Angel

come down on water and trouble the water." They couldn't have proved it by the Bible. But God did it anyhow. Is that right?

What about when they laid in the shadow of Peter and was made well? That was after a great deal of the writing of the New Testament. What if they'd have ever said, "Let me see if it's written in the Word, that they'll lay in the shadows of a man and be healed." They couldn't have proved it. But God did it anyhow. Is that right?

How about in Acts 19 when Paul taken handkerchiefs off of his body, and aprons, and sent it to the sick? What if somebody would say, "Now, that's not written in the Bible." But God did it anyhow. See? That's right.

So God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. But to me, the basic of all of it has to come first from the Scripture. God's Eternal Word, that's the basis of salvation. That's the basis of Divine healing.

( The Inter-Veil  
January 21, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 12



*The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day. (John 5:10-16)*



That was my first study, was Seventh-day Advent. That's right. Was Seventh-day Advent, what I studied first. And when they come and told me that the Saturday was the seventh day, brother, that was according to the Jewish calendar. And the Roman calendar didn't fix it up, and Saturday really was to be Sunday. Well, they had me sold on something that I thought was right. And as long as I was reading their literature I was right in for it a hundred percent, but one day I got ahold of a Bible and I seen that was different then. See?

Now, Saturday is the sabbath day according to the cycle of the week. Now, we don't know. It's been changed, and we got so many changes you'd never know just which was. Now, the Jews claim that it's right now about 1970 something according to their cycle, their calendar. The Roman calendar takes it 1953. And they have another calendar that takes it somewhere else. But that's what makes it proof of Christianity;

it's all based back to the birth of Christ. You see, that's where we take it.

Now, but now as a seventh day, now, there's a lot of Pentecostal people that's sabbatarians, keeps the Saturday sabbath. Now, they say, "There is no Word in the Bible for you to keep Sunday as a day." Now, I'll say the same thing about the sabbath in the New Testament. See? Now, Saturday was the sabbath day that was given to the Jews. Now, it was only given in a space.

Now, this may raise another question to fire back at it. But now notice. When God rested on the seventh day, then the seventh day was not observed, as far I know into the Scripture, on until nearly fifteen hundred years. And in the wilderness, God gave Israel the seventh day for a sign.

And God rested the seventh day, His memorial rest day. I'm saying that like that on the benefit of this might be a Seventh-day Adventist brother or sister (See?), and they have a lovely church. And now notice, I just would differ with them a little bit on this question.

Now, God hallowed the seventh day. Six days was man. Seventh day was God's rest day, which was a type, a type of the millennium. Now notice this how it blends in. Now, when Jesus came to the earth, what crucified Jesus was that He didn't keep the sabbath day; the only two accusations they had against Jesus was that He broke the sabbath day and made Himself God. And He said He was Lord of the sabbath. He was also God's Sabbath and He was God. So they had no way of accusing Him.

( Questions And Answers On Genesis  
July 29, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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February 13



*But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.*  
(John 5:17-20)



If you'd send to your pastor, and he didn't come and pray for you when you were sick, well, you'd say, "The old hypocrite, I will go over and join Jones' church, or somebody." That's the reason your pastor can't do nothing for you. You've got to have faith in him, and confidence in him as a man of God, and know that all things work together for good to them that love God. That's right. Now, your pastor didn't tell me to say that either. But I know this: you've got to have confidence in the man you're dealing with, or it won't do you any good to do any dealing. That's true. You've got to believe your pastor. He's a good God saved man, preaching the Gospel, stand behind him with everything you got. If He isn't, go somewhere were they do do it. That's right. Now, that clears it up for both sides. Now, remember this. If he preaches the Gospel, stay with him, help him, 'cause he's man sent from God, ordained of God to feed your soul.

And now, when they sent for Jesus, He went on. I believe that Jesus then knew what was going to happen, Why, if you'll take when He passed by the pool of Bethesda,

looky there, there laid a great multitude of people.

When the Bible speaks a great multitude, probably mean ten thousand at the least, of lame, halt, blind, withered, blind, halt, dumb, waiting for the moving of the waters, for God sent an Angel down certain seasons. Is that right? Then healing came with the Angel, didn't it? Wasn't the water, but the Angel. What if the water said, "What a great water I am." No, it wasn't the water; it was the Angel. 'Cause when the Angel was gone, it was just water (Is that right?) just the water.

And Jesus passed by this pool and seen all that great multitude, and He healed one man. He wasn't crippled; he had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. And He healed him, and walked away, and left every one of those cripples laying there. Is that true? Saint John, the 5th chapter. Looked like that His compassionate heart would've went out and healed them all. He probably would.

But watch the 19th verse of the same chapter when the Jews was questioning. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son." Is that right? God had to show Him first. So He didn't say He was a Divine healer. He waited for God to show Him a vision of what was going to happen, then he went and done it.

Isn't that just the same way He's working today? What God says, then it's going to be that way. But you can't say nothing till God says it first. I heard someone say, "Oh, it's hocus-pocus." If you think it's hocus-pocus, then what do you think about Jesus Christ? That's right. He said, "The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." He had to wait for God to show Him, and then He went and done it. Well, He done nothing unless God showed Him first.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**July 16, 1950** )

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 14



*For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. (John 5:21-23)*



One time an old shepherd by the name of Moses, he was herding sheep one day, packing in his hand an old dry stick, and God spoke to him by the burning bush and Moses turned away to see. And God got an audience with him and told him He was going to send him down in Egypt to take over Egypt, bring his people out.

Now, what a strange thing for God to take a man at eighty years old, backslidden, running from God, and at eighty years old, to send down into Egypt to overcome a big nation like that. It would be like sending one man into Russia now to take over. Egypt was the best fortified nation in the world. Their great units of chariots, and spear men, and horsemen, and bowmen, and sling men, had the whole world shaking at its feet. And yet, God goes to this old man with long white beard and hair, and said, "Go down, Moses, and take over."

How ridiculous that would sound to reason. You cannot reason God. You can't reason out God. God's not to be reasoned; He's to be obeyed. What God says do, don't reason with Him, just do it. Reason's to be nonsense, in that state. Moses said,

"What can I do about going?" Give him a sign.

He said, "What is that in your hand?"

Now, Moses had less than the boy [with five loaves and two fish]. The boy had some food; Moses had a dry stick in his hand. In Moses' hand it was nothing else but a stick that he'd picked up, perhaps, on the desert. But once, when that hand of faith taken a hold of that stick, it become God's judgment rod to the world. That dry stick became the judgment rod. Remember, Moses stretched that rod. He stretched the rod over the sea; he stretched it in the air. It was God's judgment rod.

Those Egyptians could've ever get that rod from Moses, they'd had had the Israelites whipped. And that's what takes today, as the rod was in Moses' hand, so is the Name of Jesus Christ in the Church hand. If the Church will hold that Name of Jesus, esteem it and honor it, and quit using it in slang, and so forth, and use it in power and reverence, it'll conquer every enemy that God's got on earth. "In My Name they shall cast out devils; in My Name they shall lay hands on the sick," all these things in His Name.

It sounds ridiculous to the world, but could you imagine, how ridiculous that scene sound, before we leave it. There was Moses, an old man eighty years old, going down into Egypt, could you imagine, with this old stick in his hand, his wife with two children, one on each hip, setting astraddle of a mule. Here he goes, his head back, smiling, just a rejoicing. Somebody said, "Moses, where you going?"

"I'm going down to Egypt to take over." A one man invasion, going to Egypt. Could you imagine such a thing as that? The world would look and said, "Ridiculous." But the great thing about it, he did it. Why? God said so. No matter how ridiculous it seems and how little, that stick in Moses' hand of faith, with the Word of God behind it, was more than all the armies Pharaoh could produce.

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 15



*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. (John 5:24)*



Here not long ago, I was preaching in a Methodist church, one night, and I thought the Lord was firing me up good. And I was just preaching away, and I said, "You don't go to hell because you get drunk. You don't go to hell because you commit adultery. You don't go to hell because you smoke cigarettes, things like that."

Some little old Methodist mother had just as much as she could stand, you know. She was setting there. And jumps up to her feet (a great nice church) and said, "Reverend Branham, I resent that. What do you go to hell for?"

I said, "Because you believe not." That's right.

The Bible said, "He that believeth not is condemned already."

Jesus said, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me has Everlasting Life and shall not come into condemnation, but's already passed from death to Life."

You can't believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and live the same life that you once lived. That's right. That makes it pretty strong. That's not skim milk by a long ways, but it's good for you. You can't believe with all your heart, that He is the Son of God, and accept Him as your personal Saviour, and live the life you once lived in sin.

Because He said, "You passed from death to Life, and will not coming into condemnation: but you passed from death to Life." Saint John 5:24. Do you believe that's the truth? Jesus Christ said so.

So then, you see, the only thing that condemns you is your unbelief. And if we can't have faith enough to believe God for little things that we see taking place, here, and try to muddle it all up, and say, "It's psychology. It's mental telepathy, or something like that." How in the world are you going in the resurrection? Figure that out. When your body will probably be not over a spoonful of ashes. But God will raise it up.

( Faith In The Son Of God  
July 15, 1952 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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February 16



*Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:25-29)*



Now, as I said, in the dark age of 1500, the Catholic hierarchy, when they united church and state together, that was the "post-millennium." They thought that they were absolutely in the millennium, because the church had received its vicar, one like Christ to set on a throne. And it was united with the church and state; all had become well, and that the great millennium was on. They still believe that. But that's an error, because the millennium can't come, can't be issued in without the coming of Christ.

Christ brings in the millennium; He's the Son of prosperity. And when He comes, then will be a thousand years. And when it is, there'll be the rapture of the church will go up, and then the return of Christ. And remember now, what's the next thing we're looking for? The rapture of the church. Now, don't get the rapture of the church and the white throne judgment mixed up. Because the rapture of church, there is no judgment (See?); you done met it right down here. That's right. For they which are in Christ are free from judgment. Jesus said, "He that heareth My Words and believeth

on Him that sent Me has Eternal Life and shall never come into the judgment, but has passed from death unto Life."

How do we do that? We come into Christ and are baptized into one body (I Corinthians 12), one body. We're baptized into the body of Jesus Christ, and God has already judged that body. He could not stand us in judgment again, because He's already judged that body. And by the permission and grace of Christ He brings us into Himself: I Corinthians 12. By one Spirit we're all baptized into that one body, and free from all judgments, 'cause He's done stood the judgments. Oh, aren't you so thankful for Him. He took the judgments for us: no more judgment. But those who refuse to come into Him, that body, the mystical body. How do we get into it? By shaking hands? No. By letter? No. By some sort of baptism, water? No. By one Spirit, Holy Spirit, we are all baptized into that body.

( The Ten Virgins, And The Hundred And Forty-Four Thousand Jews  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 17



*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. (John 5:30-38)*



Now, when Jesus was here on earth, He was an ordinary man, and He called Himself God. They said, "When You make Yourself equal with God we know you're mad (And the word 'mad' there, of course, we understand means 'crazy.')

and you're crazy. You are a Samaritan. You've got a devil," and so forth. But Jesus said, "Search the Scriptures, for in Them you think you have Eternal Life, and they are they that testify of Me. They are they that bear witness of Me." "Testify" is "to bear witness."

When you go to a trial to be a witness, you're testifying for somebody. See? And Jesus said, "The Scriptures are They that bear record of Me." Then He was God's Word expressed in human flesh. You see it? God's promise made flesh to express itself, that's what Christ was, the Word of God expressed in human form. The Word was

made flesh and dwelt among us. Again He said to them, "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. But though you don't believe Me, believe the works." See, that's God expressing Himself through the flesh. He was God made flesh, the Word, living Word. That's the reason Christians, I think it's so real tonight, that we should live the right kind of a life, because you see, there's many people won't take time to read the Bible, but they'll read you. See, you are a written epistle of God, a real, true, born again Christian is the Word expressed again, because you're written epistles of God, read of all men.

What type of person should we to be if we know that our lives is an open, living Bible to the unbeliever, to express God in our own life? Notice. Now, we see He was the Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Now, we find out that in Hebrews (you're writing it down), Hebrews 4:12, the Bible said that the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the asunder and marrow of the bone, and a Discerner of the thoughts that's in the heart. The Word of God discerns the thoughts that's in your heart. Therefore, God tonight, being the Word, knows exactly what you're even thinking about this very minute. So should not our thoughts be pure, clean, holy, always thinking the best?

( We Would See Jesus  
July 27, 1962 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 18



*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? (John 5:39-47)*



Isaiah 9:6, the prophet said, "Unto us a Son is born, a Child is given: and His Name shall be called Counsellor, Prince of Peace. The Mighty God, Everlasting Father; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and of His Kingdom there'll be no end."

We know that we was to have a Child born in that day, a virgin should conceive and bring a Child. And it didn't come through any of their systems; therefore, they didn't want nothing to do with it. They rejected it. But the anointed Word, God Emmanuel made flesh among them, stood there. He said,

"Which one of you can accuse Me of sin (unbelief)? Search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are They that testify of Me." He was thoroughly identified that He was the Messiah, the Messiah to take place in that day. And the systems had messed the people's mind up in so many systematic rules, and so

forth, till they had made the Word of God of no effect. They couldn't see He was the Messiah.

And as it did it then, so has it done it again. That's right. The systematics of the world, the mechanics, has got the pistons where the exhaust pipe ought to be in their big mechanics. And therefore how can it run? It can't do it. It wasn't built that way. The Church cannot run without the power of God through the Word. And the Holy Ghost will only confirm the Word of God, for that's what it's to do. The anointing is to confirm the Word.

And Jesus was the Anointed One, the Word made flesh. That's the reason He walked out into the water there; He was the Word coming to the prophet. He was baptized by the prophet. And the prophet standing there raised up and said, "I must decrease; He shall increase." We find that that's God's way of doing it.

But did they receive it? They should've knowed it. They stood and watched the acts of God. They seen the Word fulfilled. They knowed the Scriptures said it, but they couldn't believe it'd come like that. It had to come either to the Pharisees or the Sadducees. If it come to the Pharisees, the Sadducees would not have received it. Vice versa, the Sadducees wouldn't receive it, because they said the Pharisees would have it. And that's just the way it is today, our systems, and the whole thing was rotten and polluted. Oh, my. The hour that we're now living, blinded world, walking in darkness, stooped in the systems of this world, like sheep without a shepherd. When they've had the Word of the living God vindicated before them, and walked right away blindly, and leave it, how can you expect anything else? Amen. There we are.

( **The World Is Again Falling Apart**  
**November 27, 1963** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 19



*At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him; How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple. But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.*  
(Matthew 12:1-8)



The question is, "Can they be in the rapture?" Divorced, each one of them divorced, each one of them has a living companion, then they married again, both of them married again. This woman has a living husband; this man has a living wife. And now, they've got children and so forth and want to come to God. Can they go in the rapture? That'll be up to the heavenly Father. I couldn't answer that. See? I saw one thing. The Bible said that they shall be called an adulterer. And the Bible said also, "An adulterer will not enter the Kingdom of heaven." That's all I can say. I know, that just kills me to say that, but I can't say but what the Word says. I must stay with that. I hope that that's all wrong.

I'm not advising you. Please, let me just give you a little Scripture. If you're living



happy with your husband, living happy with your wife, please remain that way. Will you just, because I told you that, don't leave them little children without a home and things like that. God has made restitutions in places for people that did things wrong. You remember, Jesus said of David when he was hungry, he entered into the temple of God and eat the shewbread, which is only lawful for the priest, and is found blameless. The priest also blaspheme the Sabbath upon the Sabbath day and are found blameless, and a greater than the Sabbath was here. See? Let's just leave it up to God, and go ahead, and just live for Christ now.

Let's see, there might be a chance of you getting in. Two wrongs will never righten one. Just go on and live the way you are if you're happy together. You might have the wrong companion. I'll say this one thing: if you've got the wrong companion in this life, you'll never have it in the other one. All wrongs will be made right.

( Questions And Answers #2  
64-0823E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 2:23-28, Luke 6:1-5**



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February 20



*And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. (Matthew 12:9-13)*



I said to the people, "I'm getting to a spot I need more faith." That's what I'm home for now is to get a new burst of faith.

Got so, look like, when you pray for people, you apologize, "Mr. Devil, would you please move over and let me?" Nothing. Faith's got muscles and hair on its chest. When it speaks, everything else shuts up. Don't go in, "Mr. Devil, you move out." "Get out of here. I'm a son of God, commissioned of God. Leave them alone." That moves. You have no apology to the devil, nothing to do with him, not ashamed of the Word of God, not ashamed of your commission, not ashamed of who we are.

The only shame that I am, is I'm a Branham; that's my earthly birth. I'm ashamed of my failures. But as His servant, I'm not ashamed. I'm not ashamed of His Word. Whether it's denominations, kings, potentates, or whatever it might be; just ready to give an answer, God calls for it.

Moses walked up before Pharaoh. He wasn't ashamed to tell him that they would not

compromise and take his so-many days out in the wilderness.

He said, "Some of the women stay back and your children."

Said, "We'll all go. Not even one hoof will be left behind; we'll take our cattle and all."

He wasn't ashamed. Why? He'd come into the Light of deliverance.

That's the reason a man or a woman, sick or anything, once comes into the Presence of God, and knows that God's healed them, you're stepping into the Light of deliverance. You don't compromise on anything.

Deliverance was in his heart, for he'd met the God Who said, "I am the God of Abraham, Who give Abraham the promise. And the time of redemption, of deliverance, is at hand. I'm sending you down there to take them out." What's to apologize about that?

( Ashamed  
July 11, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 3:1-6, Luke 6:6-11**



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February 21



*Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him. But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; And charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.*  
(Matthew 12:14-21)



I suppose He had not much of this world's education, for we have no record of Him ever going to school, no record in the Scripture, or the history that He ever went to school. But He had an education, of course. But where He got it, we don't know. And now, we have Paul's record of where he went to school, and others, but we have no record where Jesus went to school. He was just an ordinary man, talked an ordinary language, the language that you use at the street where everybody, the common people would hear.

And so then, there was nothing outstanding about His looks and so forth that you could make Him what He was. What He was is not by outward appearance. For He was a man outward, but inward He was God, Emmanuel. Father God was in Him, reconciling the world to Himself. So there He brought the Christian faith.

Now, we'll notice Him. What made Him different? As a speaker I guess He wasn't so

forceful and get out in the street and like we do, and scream, because the Bible said, "His voice was not heard in the street. And a bruised reed and a smoking flax," and so forth as the prophet said it would be. So there was just something about His talk that caught the heart of people though. He didn't have to be so forceful about it in an outward demonstration, but there was something down in His talk that fascinated the hearts of people. How I've often liked to hear great ministers to speak, and I love to hear them. But I've often wondered how He was felt standing there that day when Jesus stretched forth His arms and said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest." Oh, I'd loved to have heard that.

I'd liked to have heard Him when He was setting on the rock, perhaps, on the mount there where He gave His sermon on the mount, and listen at Him. Said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; they shall see God. Blessed are you when men shall persecute you, and make all manner of fun of you, falsely for My Names sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven. For so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." See?

Oh, I'd have loved to have heard Him preach that. Brother Bosworth said I probably could never hear that, but I do have the hopes of hearing this: "Well, done, my good and faithful servant." If I could only hear that, that's all, that'll satisfy me, right.

( Earnestly Contend For The Faith  
55-0123E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 3:7-12**



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February 22



*And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils: And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder: And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite, And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house. (Mark 3:13-19)*



That's one of the sweetest words that I ever heard. "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake." Do you know He had a right to have a home? He was a human. You know He had a right to have a wife? He was a man. He had a right to all these things, but He said, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake. I sanctify Myself."

I was talking to a little preacher yesterday: going to preach for him in a few nights up here on the highway. And I asked him about a certain thing, he said, "Yes, Brother Branham, but the most of my people doesn't believe in that."

I said, "Most all of them are legalists?"

"Yes."

Brother doesn't believe that. But he said, "For their sake..." Oh, I wanted to hug his neck. "For their sake (see), I sanctify myself for their sake."

Oh, Jesus was training twelve men, that through those twelve men was to take the Gospel to the world. And He said, "For their sake I sanctify Myself." Make yourself

for your neighbor's sake, for somebody else's sake. "Don't use your liberty for a cloak," said Paul, "but sanctify yourself." Behave yourself in the neighborhood, like a real Christian ought to. If you meet your enemy, sanctify yourself for his sake, not knowing what you might do.

( Adoption #3  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:12-16**



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February 23



*And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-3)*



I am showing you a real investment to make. Put your life, your time, your money, your talent, put everything you've got in Christ. God guaranteed it to us by raising Him up again. We'll rise in the last days. He promised it. What more could you look forward to? Tell me any investment you could make would pay off like that.

Tell me what you could invest in this morning and make ten million dollars, and tomorrow be a corpse? What good would it do you? What profit a man if he gained the whole world and lose his soul? What if you're popular, and called So-and-so, and Deacon, Presbyter Dr., Bishop, Elder, Pope, or whatever you might be called? That's praises of men.

I'd rather be called a holy-roller by the people, and had be a son of God in my heart, with the new birth and the Spirit of Christ dwelling in me, and Him proving it by the vindication of His Word and making me live. "The life that I once lived I don't live no more," Paul said. And yet he was a teacher and a scholar. But he changed his life, when he met Christ, and made his investment in Christ. He was a different man from then on.

Oh, increased in goods. Certainly [the Rich Young Ruler] did. You know what? Jesus told him, if you notice here, He said, "Go, sell what you have, and give it to the poor. And come follow Me. Take up your cross and follow Me, and you'll have riches in



heaven." See? What an investment to make, but he chose not to do it.

Now, so has the Laodicea church age chose the same thing: not to do it. And remember, when he got so awful rich (as the church has today), the poor laid at his gate, and only got the crumbs that he swept off to the dogs: Lazarus, the poor in spirit. Jesus said in Matthew 5, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs in the Kingdom of heaven." We don't want to take that place, that ruttid place, that way away place of being poor in the spirit. We don't want that. We want somebody to praise us and be big somebody.

As some brother said awhile ago, sure sealed it good, when he said, "How can you have faith, when you have respect one to another, or desire the praises one of another?" Don't care what anybody says. You want the praises of God, the respect of God on you. He will only respect you as you keep His Word. All right.

( Investments  
62-1124B -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham




**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:17-20**




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February 24

 *Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)*



 Jeremiah said, "If you will turn to God, give your heart to God, turn your hearts back, and keep His commandments and all of His statutes, and do these things that's right, then don't fear the king of Babylon."

You know what the people said when they heard the witness of God? They said, "Thou prophesieth falsely. We're going into Egypt."

When they got down there, Jeremiah come and took two stones, and laid them in the slime pit, said, "My servant, King Nebuchadnezzar, will come right on down here. He'll take it anyhow. You'll die by the sword anyhow."

Brother, there's no way in this day at all to escape this damnation that waits people, outside of an old fashion, Holy-Ghost-sent repentance.

I have nothing against my brethren. And I'm speaking of myself, but we are evangelists. Billy Graham's a great evangelist; Oral Roberts, a great evangelist. They are great men. We appreciate them. But we don't need evangelists. What is it? Organizing politics, getting the Methodists, and Baptists, and all the Pentecostal groups together to cooperate and show how big we can be, and how many we can draw out. We don't need that.

We need a waiting on God till the Holy Ghost comes with power and a deliverance.

We need salvationists, not evangelists. We need salvation. "We can take this mountain. "Who is that mountain before us, Zerubbabel, it will be like a plain," God said. "Remain in the land." That's right.

What we need today is, not a revival, a breaking out of salvation like in the days of the Welsh revival, when the people in the shops fell under conviction, crying, the bootleg joints and pleasure places closed up, and went to weeping and praying, that's what we need today. Not gather a hundred and fifty thousand, like they did the other day, some of them saying, "Hail Mary," and the other one saying something else, a little prayer; and go out and get a sociable drink, and go back. That's not a day of prayer. We need a day of weeping, and mourning, and waiting until God sends the Holy Ghost, His Witness, not an empty shell, not an empty denomination, but Deity tabernacled in men.

( The Testimony Of A True Witness  
November 5, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:21**



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February 25



*Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew*

*5:5)*



What they going to do? Reap what they sowed, sure, when you see sin running in the streets. How many on this Sunday night, how many adulteries will be committed in this city tonight? How many women will break their marriage vow in this little hole in the ground here called Jeffersonville? How many abortion cases you think are recorded in Chicago in thirty days? Between twenty-five and thirty thousand per month, besides the ones that's not turned in. How much whiskey is drank in the city of Chicago? What do you think happens in Los Angeles in one night? How many times has the Lord's Name been taken in vain in the city of Jeffersonville today? Is it better now, or was it better when George Rogers Clark came down on the raft?

You see, we have absolutely polluted the earth with our filth, and God will destroy those that destroys the world. God said so. I always thought there's something down in me like to get up in the mountains and look the way God fixed it. I hate Florida where they've got them artificial palm trees. Oh, my. I'd rather see the crocodile switching his tail back in the wilderness than to see all that there put-on and stuff that they do in our Hollywood and all that there glamour and bunch of drunks. Oh, my. I just think, "Someday, someday..." Yeah.

But remember, the Bible has told us in Matthew the 5th chapter that the meek shall inherit the earth. That's right. The meek and humble will inherit the earth. Jesus said,

"Blessed are the meek (the simple ones that just don't try to be some great big something); they shall inherit the earth." Jesus said so. Yes. Now, they've polluted it, and God will destroy them, but the meek will inherit the earth after it's been purified.

( **The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals**  
**63-0317E** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 26



*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. (Matthew 5:6)*



Jesus said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." It's a blessing to even thirst. But the devil has tried to make you think of something else. But the thirst was given you by God.

Listen. How dare you take that blessed holy thirst that God gave you to thirst after Him and try to satisfy it with the things of the world, with television programs, with drinking, with big speers. The devil has perverted instruments of his own and taken that thirst that God give you to thirst for Him, and making you thirst after the things of the world. And every thirst that you have should be for Him. Certainly. That's life. You say, "Now, I know the Bible better than you do, Brother Branham." You don't have life by knowing the Bible. You don't have life by joining church. You don't have life by being baptized. You don't have life by knowing your catechism. You don't have your life by being a minister. To know Him is Life, not to know the catechism or your church rules, but to know Him is Life.

And that thirst that God give you, isn't to be spent on a church either. The devil if he can't make you go to dances, and drink, and live immoral, and those things, he's perverted it to make you join church. And that's still perverted, because joining church doesn't give you life.

But the only way you can have Life is to take that thirst and satisfy it by the drinking at the Fountain that never runs dry, that beautiful Holy Spirit that rains from God out

of heaven. That's the way you find Life is to know Him; not know His Book, but to know Him; not to know your church, but to know Him; not to thirst to satisfy the pastor, but to satisfy the Lord. That's that holy thirst. That's what it's in you for. And would you quench that with things of the world. It's death. It's perverted. Did not the Bible say, "If you love the world or the things of the world, it's because of the love of God's not even in you."? That great holy thirst. You can't satisfy it by joining the church. There's no satisfaction in joining the church. You're trying to sear your conscience and fill your heart with lust. Come out in the open; confess your sins, and thirst for God's righteousness. "Because Thy lovekindness is better to me than life, my lips shall praise Thee." Think of it.

( **The Greatest Gift In The Bible**  
**57-0811A** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**




**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:21**




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February 27

 *Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. (Matthew 5:7)*



 If I live one more hour, I'll outlive a many sixteen-year-old person. I'll outlive a many five-year-old person. Age is nothing. We're just set here for a purpose, to do something.

Well now, many of these little pretty-faced mothers setting here, some of them sixty or seventy years old, would say, "Well, what have I done, Brother Branham?" You've raised your children. You've done what you were supposed to do. Maybe some old Dad setting here say, "Well, I've harrowed the fields; I've done this. I never preached." But you did just what God sent for you to do. There's a place for you. Speaking to an old doctor yesterday, one of my doctor friends, buddies, eighty-something years old, and his sister-in-law is here at the church tonight, and she's been just a teeny-teeny bit worried about him. And I went to see him. And as soon as I begin to talk to him, he brightened up, told me about a hunting trip he taken many years ago up in Colorado, the very same country I hunt at. (Just as brilliant and bright.) And I said, "Doctor, how long you been practicing?"

He said, "When you were nursing. And many a time," he said, "I've practiced taking my buggy; I put my saddle bags over my horse. I took the little satchel and I've walked."

And I said, "Yes, down along the creek banks, two o'clock in the morning with your flashlight, trying to find a house where a little child had a tummy ache or a mother in



labor pains." "That's right."

And I said, "You know, doctor, I believe, across this dividing line here between mortal and immortality, God has a place for good old doctors that's served like that."

Great tears come in his eyes, and he started crying; he reached up his feeble hands and said, "Brother, I hope so." Across the land, God judges a man's soul, what he is. Then I give him this satisfying Scripture. Many times, plowing through those dark muddy fields at night, trying to help somebody, maybe never get a penny for it, but it's all right. I said, "Jesus said in the Scripture, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.'" And that is true.

( Adoption #1  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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February 28

 *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)*



 What you are somewhere else is what you reflect here. What you are, what your celestial or terrestrial body is up yonder, what your celestial body is somewhere else is what you're reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here. If you're still vulgar minded and so forth in the spirit land, you're vulgar minded here. If you still got malice, envy, and strife, you're in the spirit land with that, it reflects back here. But if your whole innermost being has become cleansed and purged, it shows that you've got a body out yonder waiting, that's been cleansed and purged, and it's reacting back in the flesh. Don't you see? See, there it is. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See?

Now, in this time, the end time, how that this carnal comparison, impersonations of Christianity will all mingle up into one big Babylon just like it did back there. And they were carried away into Babylon. Is that right? And the Bible said, "The Angel of the Lord called and said, 'Come out of Babylon, My people.'" Confusion, it's "I'm a Baptist. I'm a Methodist. I'm a Presbyterian," all that's just confusion. There's no salvation in it at all.

Now, don't say that I'm saying the Baptist people hasn't got salvation, the Methodist people. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the church and its political power, its politics. And of politically speaking, because you're Methodist, or Baptist, or Presbyterian, or Catholic, has nothing to do with it. God don't even recognize it, and

it's in Babylon today. And God's calling out a Church out of all of them, pulling out the pure in heart, making His Church. How beautiful.

And notice, I could state something here that would shock, but listen, now. Watch what taken place in Babylon, when the force was brought on to the true worshippers? Remember, just a little handful, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and Daniel, of the true worshippers that went down into captivity. When God called them to really show their colors, what they were, they were forced into worship of an idol. Is that right? Idolatry, they was forced into worship an idol, and they had to bow before an idol. And if they didn't do it, they were persecuted.

Oh, what a picture you could pull out of Daniel, Revelation, tying those together and show by the Scripture that the Church is coming into the same type of persecution before She's called out. That's the way the Gentile Church was brought in; that's the way the Gentile Church will be taken out. As she come in so shall she go.

( Questions And Answers #1  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 29

## Note:

No Reading for February 29, Echoing or Repeating of February 28.



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*Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Matthew*



What you are somewhere else is what you reflect here. What you are, what your celestial or terrestrial body is up yonder, what your celestial body is somewhere else is what you're reflecting back here. In the spirit land, what you are, is what you are here. If you're still vulgar minded and so forth in the spirit land, you're vulgar minded here. If you still got malice, envy, and strife, you're in the spirit land with that, it reflects back here. But if your whole innermost being has become cleansed and purged, it shows that you've got a body out yonder waiting, that's been cleansed and purged, and it's reacting back in the flesh. Don't you see? See, there it is. "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." See?

Now, in this time, the end time, how that this carnal comparison, impersonations of Christianity will all mingle up into one big Babylon just like it did back there. And they were carried away into Babylon. Is that right? And the Bible said, "The Angel of the Lord called and said, 'Come out of Babylon, My people.'" Confusion, it's "I'm a Baptist. I'm a Methodist. I'm a Presbyterian," all that's just confusion. There's no salvation in it at all.

Now, don't say that I'm saying the Baptist people hasn't got salvation, the Methodist people. I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about the church and its political power,

its politics. And of politically speaking, because you're Methodist, or Baptist, or Presbyterian, or Catholic, has nothing to do with it. God don't even recognize it, and it's in Babylon today. And God's calling out a Church out of all of them, pulling out the pure in heart, making His Church. How beautiful.

And notice, I could state something here that would shock, but listen, now. Watch what taken place in Babylon, when the force was brought on to the true worshippers? Remember, just a little handful, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and Daniel, of the true worshippers that went down into captivity. When God called them to really show their colors, what they were, they were forced into worship of an idol. Is that right? Idolatry, they was forced into worship an idol, and they had to bow before an idol. And if they didn't do it, they were persecuted.

Oh, what a picture you could pull out of Daniel, Revelation, tying those together and show by the Scripture that the Church is coming into the same type of persecution before She's called out. That's the way the Gentile Church was brought in; that's the way the Gentile Church will be taken out. As she come in so shall she go.

( Questions And Answers #1  
January 3, 1954 - Morning )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 1



*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

*(Matthew 5:9)*



John, the revelator, he had a certain sound to his voice. He loved the Lord. He laid on His bosom. He had fellowship with Jesus. He lived to be nearly a hundred years old. He done miracles and signs and saw visions.

And when they did, they said, "He's a witch." So they took him over and boiled him, twenty-four hours in a big pot of grease. You know what? That hidden power come out. That hidden power, that was in his heart, enshrouded him all around. And when they looked in the pot of grease, that blessing was on John. And they brought him out of the grease, without even a smell of grease on him. And they said, "He's a witch. He's a fortuneteller. He's Beelzebub."

Every man or woman that's ever tried to live for God is accused of ungodly things. "He's a witch. He bewitched the grease." He had so much power of God in Him, not witchery, but what was it? The hidden power of God that was in him. He looked like a man. He eat like a man. He slept like a man. He cried like a man. He was a man. But God was in His man. The blessing was in the man.

"Blessed is the man," said David. No uncertainty to him. That man knows what he's talking about. I don't care what the world says, what you say about him, try to make him mad, he won't get mad. I don't care how much you talk about him, he won't pay no attention to it. He will go on, 'cause he's got a blessing in here. He will pray for you. That's right. You might do anything in the world; he never pay no attention to it.

Won't back-bite his neighbors, and go around and stir up trouble. He will be a peacemaker. He will do everything he can, for he's a child of God. Blessed is that man. Yes.

( **The Uncertain Sound**  
**July 31, 1955** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 2



*Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. (Matthew 5:10-12)*



When I stood down there in the Saint Angelo catacombs, and looked laying there, oh, along, for a mile or more, on the ground, graves, where they have to bury their dead. And right on the corner was the little bitty graves, that was the children, where they put the children in the corner. And there was a little church there, where they had to hide away.

I went down into the old Roman cathedral where they burnt them to the stake, fed them to lions. I walked out there in the middle of that place and stood there. I looked around. I hadn't seen it yet. All the bricks was falling in there at the great places where the lions comes out. I walked right about where I thought maybe the lion pit was, where the Christians died. I raised up my hands; stood there. I said, "O Jesus, I'm such an unworthy creature, to think that my brothers sealed their testimony there, by the mouth of lions, and so forth, for the cause of Jesus Christ."

I happened to stand, look behind me, was somebody hoisted up the old rugged cross, standing there yonder. I begin to hum in my heart, "On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame."

The whole world is drenched with the blood of the martyrs of the Lord Jesus Christ. I



thought, "What a little old thing that we are." Thinking about taking a little missionary trip, maybe have to stand a little persecution, somebody laugh at you. I'm becoming a football, that people kick me around a whole lot. That don't make any difference. They kicked around men before me. They did things like that, and called this, that, or the other.

I've got a Gospel to preach of our Lord that I love. I got a goal to make. And when I come to the end of road, I want to come with every one of you, saying this, "I have fought a good fight."

No doubt, I'll be standing at the pulpit, when my face will turn pale, my lips will seal, and I've always wanted to go across the pulpit like that, home to glory. Some of these days I'll preach my last sermon. I'll make my last altar call. I'll pray for the last sick person. I want to die with a Bible in my hand, calling on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Fight a good fight; finish the course.

( Jubilee Year  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:22-23**



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March 3



*But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. (Luke 6:24-26)*



Let me have this handful of people in here tonight, fully considered to Christ, and their lives dedicated to Christ. God can do more with this handful of people here, than you could do with the whole World Council of Churches towards the Kingdom of God. One man surrendered into His hands fully, that's all God needs.

But, you see, we're not willing to lay still and let Him beat this side, that side, knock this out, and knock that out, and knock this idea out, and that, and let Jesus Christ be reflected in us. We see too many movies; we got too many televisions; we got too many other worldly amusements, until the church has lost its taste to the people. It's because the Holy Spirit moves out and something else moves in. That's right, friends.

I hear the testimonies of the old fashion Pentecostals, how they had prayer meetings all night long. Our fathers and mothers forty, fifty, years ago, pray all night long. The people hated them on the street. And we think today if everybody don't pat us on the shoulder, why, there's something wrong with us. "Woe unto you when all men speak well of you." He was despised and rejected of men, and we're His image. Amen. What we need today is some real genuine prayer meetings, some cleaning up, all the way from the pulpit to the janitor, the whole house to be cleaned up of God, beat up, reflect the Image of the Beater, the Gospel preached in the power of the resurrection

of Christ. That's right.

This little social gospel that we got along, and pat this one on the shoulder, and make this one a deacon, and that one a presbyter, or something or other like that, both politics. Was that exactly what happened in Nicaea, Rome? We want to get away from that stuff. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Pentecostals and all, we must move out of that.

Politics don't belong in church, the Holy Ghost is to take the church over, and not a politic vote of who's who. God placed in the church some apostles, some prophets, and some teachers, and evangelists, and pastors. Not man voted them in there. God placed them in there by the calling of the Holy Spirit, prayer meetings, and laying on of hands, and staying before God.

But today we have socialized our religion to a place till it's almost like politics itself that we play it in all of our denominations. One can't point to the other one. We're all guilty. In there you find some genuine men and genuine women. But the trouble what I'm thinking about, we're getting too much on the minority side the genuine people that wants to believe, and wants the power of God.

( **The Identified Masterpiece Of God**  
**December 5, 1964** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 4



*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*  
(Matthew 5:13-16)



I believe and think, that any man that's got an experience with God (or a woman) is bound to get a little emotional. I just believe it. That's right. But you know what? They've adopted emotionalism for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They just get a lot of noise and there's nothing in it. You live just as holy as you live noisy then you'll be all right. Emotions is certainly all right. Bodily exercise profiteth little, but enticing spirits has got over into the holiness group of people and it's got them to just resting upon because they can shout, or because they can dance, because they can make emotions.

That old fellow down there, the chief of all them prophets (the preacher), he was so sure that he was right that he made himself a pair of horns, and danced all around, and made a big commotion: he was going to push the other Syrian army out of the country. But it was a lie. God's Word said different. Amen. See? You can be emotional right, if you got the right kind of emotion behind it, the right kind of emotion moving your emotion.

David danced before the Lord, and his wife laughed at him; and God looked down out of heaven and said, "David, you're a man after My own heart." But his motives was right. His life was right behind it.

So just because we can be emotional, don't mean that we're saved. Because we go to church don't mean we're saved. Don't believe those enticing spirits. A real Spirit of God, a real Word of God is the Truth of God which is the Seed of God will produce God in your life. You'd be godly, saintly, holy.

Amongst a lot of people we find, where emotions and so forth, there becomes tattlings, and backbitings, and all kind of ungodly things. Brother, that's sulfuric acid in the church; it's demon power. Spirit of men and women who get among one another and try to push off and say, "This one's not right, and this one's not right, and that's not right." If you'll chase it down, nine times out of ten, it's the very person making the stir that's not right. Amen. God hates discord among brethren. Be reverent. Be holy. Love God. Stand by Him. And as long as you know your life is divvying up with the Bible with purity of heart, purity of thought, love towards your brother, trying your best to upbuild the Kingdom of God and doing those things, dressing right, living right, talking right, going to right places; then you can have all the emotions you want to, and everybody will believe it.

Jesus said, "You're the salt of the earth, if the salt lost its savour, it's henceforth good for nothing but to be cast out and trod under the foot of man." If you're just salt alone, it's no good. But if you got the savour in it, you'd be salty and the world will be thirsty. You get salty; they'll be thirsty. Oh, my.

( Enticing Spirits  
July 24, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 5



*Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:17-20)*



Jesus wasn't just an ordinary man. Jesus was God. He was nothing short of God. Not just a prophet, yet He was a prophet; He was the God-Prophet. He was the House in which all of God dwelt. In Him was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily,

God coming down to become man to die. God could not die as a Spirit, because He could not die. He's eternal, and He could not die. But God could make Himself in such a way that He could feel pain, and He could feel and suffer. God could not suffer, as the eternal Spirit, but when He become man, He could suffer, and feel the pain and the temptations that man went through like Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and everyone since. He had to become that in order to fulfill His Own law to take upon Himself His Own law. He could not been the second person. He could not been the third person. He could been nothing else but the Person. See? He had to be.

If I had the jurisdiction of this congregation, this morning, in the same measure that He has the earth, and I would say, "If anyone looks at the post, he must die." And this

young Catholic woman setting here would look at the post. Well, I'd say, "After all, she's just a newcomer among this; let her die the death." But yet I feel sorry for the lady. I'd say, "Then let this man here die in her place"? No, that wouldn't be right. Well, I'd say, "My son, Billy Paul, I'll let Billy Paul die in her place"? That's still not just. Because the suffering is upon somebody else, and leaving me secluded from it. But the only way I can be just, as God is just, would be take her place. I've got to take her place.

Therefore, God had to be manifested in the flesh, in order to suffer death, the only way He could die, and through that He brought redemption.

( Investments  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 6



*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing. (Matthew 5:21-26)*



Aren't we happy tonight that we have a God Who can give us some of His blessing, Who can give us the good things that we desire. What if we didn't have any heavenly Father? You know, I was telling the boys awhile ago coming over, I said about how we must be happy all the time. God don't want you to be sad. You know what ill temper does? And that old temper, that's one of the awfulest old things. And it's about sixty percent of the cause of all sickness is temper. Yes, sir, them tantrums you fly loose, remember, you just developing a cancer, ulcer, or something like, when you do it. When you get all stewed up about somebody, "I won't go back there any more. Wait till I give them a piece of my mind." All right. Remember, you're the one's going to pay for it. Just keep happy.



The little story, said there was a little robin one morning, setting up on a limb, whistling over to his little mate. The little mate flew down by him and said, "You know, I'm so worried this morning about one thing."

Said, "What?" Said, "We robins never worry."

Said, "I just wonder if those poor creatures, the human beings, that frown on their faces, they walk, I wonder, maybe they haven't got a heavenly Father that watches over them like we have, us robins."

That's about it. You never heard of one of them having high blood pressure, did you? No. No, you don't hear no ambulance ringing for them, or so forth (You see?), they live in God's true provided way. It's always us that makes things wrong.

We're the one who knows science, you know; we're the smart folks. The birds don't change. You know the birds still build their nests just like they did in the garden of Eden; they never change. See? We're the ones who change. The Jewish brother, (Now, if there's a Jew here I don't mean this; I'm a Jew too), so you know, he said, "Well, the trouble is the people." See? He said, "The bird fly down in the road to get a bug. The car runs over him." Said, "It's the people." So that's right too. The bird had a right to the bug, but the people invented a automobile and run over him. You see, he said, "It's the people." And that's wrong. We're the one who upsets the world. God made it wonderful and beautiful for us. But we upset it by our ways. We're so scientific, you know; everything must be just this way, way we think it.

( The Infallibility Of God's Spoken Word  
April 4, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 7



*Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28)*



How could David take Uriah's wife, the beautiful Bathsheba, when he had five hundred of his own? But seen her taking a bath, and there's the negligence. Now, she just forgot to pull the shades down when she was taking her bath, and knowed that king made a trip there, by there, every day, down over that wall.

That's what's the matter. I don't think women today so neglect, they just simply go out naked, that's all, in the streets, little old clothes on. It's a disgrace, and then wonder why men blow and whistle. Why, they do that to make them whistle and carry on. They know that; they got sense enough to know that.

They do it just because they want to. It's in their heart. You tell them they're immoral; they might dispute that. But they might not be immoral; they might be as pure as a lily, when it comes sexually. But remember, there's a spirit on them that's anointing of the devil, sending some man's soul to hell. Remember, the Bible said, "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her in his heart already." And remember, sister, you'll answer for committing adultery though you never done it actually in all your life, but that sinner that looked at you the way you dressed, be guilty of adultery. You'll answer at the day of judgment for committing adultery.

Bathsheba done wrong just like Eve done wrong, but Adam was included in it. I think

we're always hollering about women too. You sons of God, men, I know you're the stronger bunch, that's right, the stronger sex. You're over the women; that's true; so act like it. Don't overpower them, try to take some little girl and ruin her life. But be a son of God; tell her she's in the wrong, and stand like a son of God. She's your sister. Yes, sir. What we try to do, what so-called sons of God today, belong to churches, take every little girl out they can. Remember, because that there's a immoral woman made because some married man ruined her too. So the pot can't call kettle black; so just remember, it's sin that does it all. And we're all subject to death and should die for it.

Now, that was David's passions. He had five hundred wives, but when he seen Uriah's wife, instead of taking one of his five hundred wives to appease or satisfy his passions, he went took this other man's wife, then he killed Uriah when she become a mother. David didn't know what he was doing, why, David was ready to pronounce judgment. That's the way we are. We can always judge the other fellow, but when it comes to us, oh, that's different.

David said, "The man will pay with his life."

That old prophet, them eyes narrowed down; he said,

"David, surely you'll not die." Watch grace then go to work right quick. The Spirit struck the prophet, saved David's life. Grace, "Surely you'll not die, but the sword will not leave your house till it's thoroughly purged your heart, for you are that rich man."

Oh, it was different then, wasn't it?

If it hadn't been for grace, where would we all be? Is that right? Certainly.

( The Message Of Grace  
August 27, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 5:27-32**



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March 8



*Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil. (Matthew 5:33-37)*



A little boy, that I knew of in a certain city, who was clamoring around in an attic and he found in this old attic, or garret, an old trunk, and digging down into the trunk, he found in there a little yellow postage stamp. It was yellow from age. And he taken it over to his stamp collecting friend, and he said, "How much will you give me for this stamp?" Well, he was expecting five or ten cents, with perhaps an ice cream cone in his mind. He looked it over, the collector, and he knew it was a valuable stamp, so he said, "I'll give you a dollar bill for it." Well, that was a good quick sale for the little lad. He collected the dollar; the stamp collector taken the stamp. And down the street he went for his ice cream.

And the stamp collector begins to work on the stamp. A few weeks later, he sold it for five hundred dollars. And then a little after that, it was sold for about three thousand dollars. And now, they say it's worth a quarter of a million dollars. You see? It wasn't the little yellow paper, because you wouldn't even have picked it up if it was on the street. But what made it so valuable, was what was wrote on that little yellow paper.

And that's the way with this tonight; it's just a piece of paper, not very valuable paper, but it's what's wrote on it that's so much value, because it is the Word of God. And all heavens and earth will pass away, but that Word shall never pass away.

A man is just as good as his word. You're just as good as your word. I'm just as good as my word. If I can't take your word, I want no dealings with you. I want you to be the same to me, and we must be the same to God. If He can't keep His Word, then I want to know Who is God, that can keep His Word. So He said, "Have faith in God."

( **Have Faith In God**  
**August 27, 1961** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 9



*Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. (Matthew 5:38-42)*



The world's just built up on pressure. It's going to blow up one of these days. The world built full of pressure, and the doctors don't know what to do about it. The psychiatrists has got psychiatrists doctoring them. That's right. They don't have the answer, but God does. God has the answer to all of this.

In the Old Testament when a man had did something wrong (now, it was tooth for a tooth and eye for eye) and if this man did something wrong, he had a place of escape. I believe Joshua had built houses of refuge. And if the people did something wrong, and they were subject to be killed, but they had a place of refuge where this man could run to, this city of refuge. And he was safe if his pursuers didn't overtake him before he got there. But if the pursuers overtook him, they killed him in the way.

But if he got there, and if he had did this crime not willingly and could plead his case, and show that he was sorry that he did it, then he could be brought into this city of refuge, and the pursuers could not enter the city. No, he was safe. What a feeling that must've been, to know that you did something that was wrong, and you know it was wrong, but there is a place where you won't have to worry no more: go into this place

and are safe.

Now, if the man willfully did it, well, then he couldn't come in. If he'd have willfully committed a murder, his trial was tried at the gate.

Just like I'd give a type of it, if a man's done wrong, and sorry that he's sinned, there is a place of refuge. But if he just don't care, then there's no place for him, 'cause he won't accept it. He's done mean, and he wanted to. No chance for them, and that's the same as it is today. And then, the thing was, if he had did wrong he must want a place of refuge; he must want to be there.

And that's a very good type of the church today and the people. A man's got to want a place of refuge. You've got to feel your need of it. But if you think you want to fight your own battles, go ahead. See? But you're sure to be caught by your pursuers.

( Letting Off Pressure  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:27-30**





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March 10



*Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matthew 5:43-48)*



There's one thing that we're forgetting friends, is our Pentecostal courtesy. See? Parking in lots. Sometimes I've noticed our Pentecostal brethren, when you could really pull in and give somebody else a chance to park by the side of you, just drive in it anyway; cause somebody, really makes what we call "a boo-boo" on the road, you fly loose and tear down. Listen, that's not the way to be a Pentecostal Christian. See? Let's consider the next man. If he's wrong, let him be wrong. If you pattern after him, then you're wrong. See? Let's think of the other fellow. And just try to do right, and think right.

I've got a slogan: "Do right; it's your duty to God. Think right; that's your duty to yourself. And you've got to come out right." And if you'll try to practice the right thing, it'll grow around you just like a vine; it'll hug you into it. And if you can't love your enemy just as much as you love those who love you, there's something wrong somewhere. See?

Now, just think: "It's my duty to love my enemy."

You've got to really love him.

I was sponsored by a group of people just recently, fine people, nothing against them, their ideas is their ideas. I draw no lines. But this group of people, seventy-two churches sponsored, and they have a way of they baptize by immersing, in a way that the others do not believe in baptizing that way. So this one district presbyter called me and said, "Brother Branham, you had a man on the platform last night that was baptized wrong."

I said, "Well, maybe he was."

And he said, "Well, we're just going to draw a little line.

You're too compromising."

I said, "Just a minute. That brother had the Holy Ghost, didn't he?"

He said, "Well, he could not have his sins remitted, because he wasn't baptized for the remission of his sins."

I said, "But God give him the Holy Ghost. So if God accepted him like that, I do that too."

And listen, I would rather be Scripturally wrong, and have the right kind of a spirit, than be Scripturally right and have the wrong kind of spirit. It's what is in that displays itself. See? Your life proves what you are.

This man said, "We're drawing a little ring, and we're drawing you out of our circle."

I said, "Then I'm going to draw a little ring, and draw you back in again." See? So that's it, bring you right back. You can't put me out, 'cause God put me in.

( From That Time  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:31-36**



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March 11



*Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. (Matthew 6:1-4)*



The other night the Lord give me a message on resting. The whole Christian principle is based upon rest. I woke up about ten o'clock in the night. I didn't have no audience to preach to, and so I just, well, I went over and woke up my wife and preached to her till one o'clock in the morning about resting: good audience. But I was burning in my heart, resting. I said, "Why are we troubled? 'Let not your hearts be troubled,' He said. We're just resting. 'Come to Me and ye shall find rest. Take My yoke upon you, learn of Me,' finding rest."

Then, I said when you once come to Christ, once believe Him, once accept Him, enter into the rest, all the things of the world seems to die away. You've got rest then, rest to your soul. And you enter into that state, and there you are. You're resting then with Christ.

Now, as Elijah laid upon the bed and was resting, then the Spirit came to him and said, "Go, ask this Shunammite woman what we could do for her for all this kindness." Now, if you want to find a favor from God, be a favor to God. Come to

Him. If you're a sinner and you want to be healed, come first and give your life to Him. Come first if you're just a church member and want to be a Christian, come first to Christ, then you can be a church member after that.

So, see, Elijah found a place to rest, and then the Spirit come on him; He said, "Go, see what we could do for this woman." And he said, "Could I speak to the chief captain, could I speak to the king? In other words, they have me down to see them. I've pray for them or so forth, and I'm acquainted with them. Could I speak to them?"

She said, "No, I just dwell among my people. I'm a Gentile, so not very much to me."

See now, a lot of people, when you do something for the Lord, you want to, oh, you want to sound a trumpet about it. See? "You know what caused that church to have those nice windows, you know what caused this? You know, I was the one done that."

Keep it to yourself when you do. Jesus said so. "When you do your alms, don't sound a trumpet before men, 'cause you'll be reward of them. But keep it in your heart, 'He Who seeth in secret will openly reward you."

( Inspiration  
January 28, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 12



*And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. (Matthew 6:5-8)*



You know there's something about getting alone to yourself. Many people never pray until they come to church. Many people thinks that the only place to pray is at church, but the Bible said for men to pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands. And then when we get by ourself, we'll usually pray different than what we would if we pray it in church. It's the secret prayer that Jesus spoke of, saying, "Enter ye into a secret closet, and close the door, and when you have did so, pray to your Father Who sees in secret; and He that seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

And when we're praying like that, there seems to be something to the prayer that takes all the hypocrisy out of it. It seems like that we get in a better connection with God, to get alone. And there's been many times in my life, as perhaps in your life, that you just have to get alone once in a while with Jesus. I've took my car and drove down the road and just studying. After I got to the highway where it was free, or off on some country road, till I would become so filled with His mercies and goodness, till I'd just stopped the car and held the wheel and wept like a baby. That being alone.

Many times I've climbed up into the mountains. Where every man thought (was with me), I was going hunting. Go up there, and set down on a rock, and just look up to the sky until looked like that my whole innermost being become filled with something that you could just feel. Oh, everything of the world seemed to pass away. Oh, for those precious hours alone with God.

And it's there that when the greatest revelation and inspiration comes, is when we're alone with God. We'd take more time on that, I'm sure, that we would live a better life, more victorious life in Christ.

( **Blind Bartimaeus**  
**March 1, 1957** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 13



*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:9-15)*



Man and women who live in [the Shekinah] are misunderstood. You see it? They become peculiar. They don't hear the things of the world, or if they do they don't pay attention to them. They just move on. God never put that in there for nothing. God never come for just any haphazard way. Prayer is not a "perhaps". Prayer is a sincere thing. Prayer is talking to God. Prayer is not get down, shut your eyes, and thinking about your washing or your work you're doing, say, "Lord, help me and John, and heal Miss Jones and so forth." That's not prayer. That's repeating some words. But prayer is to come into an atmosphere where you realize that you're in the Presence of God and you're moving to then in the deepest of sincerity. First you say a little worship, "O Jehovah, how I love You." You see it? Then after the worship of prayer, then you come with a sincere heart asking.

"If ye abide in Me," not go out from behind the curtains in the world today and run around and try to get back in the curtains tonight. "If ye abide in Me, My words abide in you." Otherwise, if you're like Aaron's rod that's pulled up to the Shekinah Glory by the golden pot of manna where you can eat it any time, and your soul is refreshed



and blooming and yielding. Abiding. "If ye abide in Me, My words abide in you, then ask what you will, it'll be given to you."

You see the failures of the church, the Pentecostal church, the Methodists, the Baptists, and all? It's a failing to that abiding grace of God. Tonight you'll shout and clap your hands, and dance in the aisles, speak in tongues. That's gifts. Gifts is no good unless you're abiding in the Shekinah Glory. See? Those things are fine. I have nothing to say against them; they're of God. Shouting and blessing God is wonderful.

Speaking in tongues, or interpretation of tongues, it's the same, and all these other things, gifts of healing, prophecies, and all these things are marvelous, but they're no good, they're not fruitful, they can't yield the right, unless you're living in the Presence of the Shekinah, the atmosphere around you is godly. That's the reason that men and women are not permitted to these things, because you'd go out here and call a blessing over something God had cursed or curse something God had blessed. It's a abiding Presence to know the will of God. Then don't look what the world's going to say about you. It's what God thinks about you. Then you're living in His Presence.

( The Supernatural  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 14



*Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)*



A man said to me the other day, said, "I think you're just a fine man, Mr. Branham, but I believe you're sincerely wrong. You're all out of the will. Do you know you'll be condemned at the end?"

And I said, "Look I want to tell you something. I'm going to say that you would be right, just to say for the argument's sake. If I am wrong, which I don't believe I am; but if I was wrong, and I knowed right now that I was going to live to be a hundred years old, and He was going to condemn me at the end of the road, and tell me, 'You don't deserve to come into My heaven, William Branham. Get out into outer darkness.' You know what? I'd serve Him every day of my life until I went anyhow. For I have received so much of His unmerited blessings, that He's more than life to me."

All that I am, all that I ever could hope to be, I have derived from His grace and mercy. I was wretched, miserable, poor, blind, but by grace He has healed me, and I am strong and healthy by the grace of God. I have good eyesight. I have eat, drink, have whatever I have need of. He never promised to supply my wants: my needs.

And if I am cast away at that day, I cannot see where I would be, but if I knew that I was wrong, and God has chose me to be wrong, I would want to stay wrong, because that I want to do His will. I love Him till I want His will to be done. Now, that's a big statement, but I hope you get it in the spirit I said it in. See? I want to do His will. I

ask Him for something some time, He shakes His head "no," I just rejoice so much about that as I can if He said, "yes." Because we always ought to ask, "Thy will be done." His no's, if that's His will, it's a whole lot better than His yeses, if it's His will to do it. That's when you really love Him.

( **The God Who Is Rich In Mercy**  
**January 19, 1965** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 15



*Give us this day our daily bread. (Matthew 6:11)*



Now, we find people in this day, longing, pulling, running here and there, seeking, grabbing, changing churches, changing papers and different denominations, and so forth. What's the matter? They're hungering for Something, but they don't seem to be able to find what they're hungering for. There's got to be that thing somewhere.

Now, some today seek God through their creeds. Some people think through their creeds they'll just go through a certain creed that finds God. Some thinks joining certain denominations finds God.

Well, Jesus found that same thing when He come to the earth. He found the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and whatmore, the different orders, or organizations and creeds of that day. What did He say to them? "By your traditions you have made the commandments of God of non-effect." See? I think that searching God through creed or through denomination, only thing it does, it gets it so mysteriously fixed up, and then you find out that it comes right back and denies the Word, comes right back and makes the commandments of God of non-effect. For instance, you try to find God in saying the Apostles' Creed. And then you come back to find Mark 16 to be made a reality to you, "these signs shall follow them that believe"; why, they'll tell you right quick, "Well, them days of miracles is past." Then what does it do? It takes the commandments of God and makes them of non-effect (See?); they're not effective,

the commandments of God.

His commandment is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Now, the Gospel came not by Word only, but through manifestation of the Word, demonstrations of the Holy Spirit making the Word live. See, it's the Spirit taking the Word. The Word was a thought. And a word is a thought expressed. See? Now, it was God's thoughts, what He was going to do, then He expressed it on the Word.

And now when the Holy Spirit gets ahold of the Word, it brings it to pass and manifests it, to make it a reality. No Scripture but what is given by inspiration, and every Word of God is perfect and correct, and it will be fulfilled. Every Word must be fulfilled. "Heavens and earth will pass away," said Jesus, "but My Word shall not fail." Every Word of it must be fulfilled.

Now, then when God does that, and we find our creeds then, if we say certain creeds or certain things that we belong to, and I have nothing against that, that's all right, it's just like eating watermelon. As the colored man said when he eat a slice of it. He said, "What'd you think about it, Mose?" He said, "It was good, but surely there's some more of it." So it wasn't enough to satisfy.

A creed's all right, but it just doesn't satisfy till you get down to the Word. "And man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That's what man shall live by. The Word of God is a man's spiritual daily Bread, is the Word of God made manifest.

( We Would See Jesus  
July 4, 1962 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 16



*And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (Matthew 6:12-15)*



There is so many people today who says that the Holy Spirit is not real today. While tens of thousands of them, and millions, are saying it's not so, there's that many enjoying the blessings of it. Mostly are poor people, people who's been dejected and rejected by the world, people who's been thrown out of churches because that they believed God to be God; but they have been filled with His Spirit. They are one in purpose; they're one in heart. Who are those people? Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Catholic, Jehovah Witness, orthodox Jew, all together, they become one. Not one to a creed, not one to a denomination, that's the working of the devil through intellectual conceptions, but the working of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God in you. And God sets on the throne of your heart in His control room, controlling your emotions, and controlling your powers, controlling your conceptions, and making you one with Him in fellowship and in love. And God fills you with love. He fills you with power. He fills you with the Spirit. He fills you with His own Divine Nature, and He changes your carnal nature into His Nature. Then, in this, you become a new creation in Christ.

Then the love; you go out and seemingly the birds sing different. Everything's different. You have no enemies; they all look sweet. You can forgive everything

that's ever been done. The bitterest of enemy, you could pray for him on the street, put your arm around him and lift him up; no matter what creed, what denomination he belongs to, he's a creature who Christ died for. That's what God wants you filled with. That's the filling. That's the Kingdom. That's what we're one in.

( **Raising Jairus' Daughter**  
**December 21, 1958** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 17



*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (Matthew 6:13)*



I was thinking of this, that death is associated not with life. Life and death cannot exist at the same time. And the trees has to have the sap go out of them before that the leaf can die on the tree. So therefore, death is associated, I would think in the realms of a human being, death is associated with sin. Because before we had any sin, we had no death at all. But where there is death, then there is sin; and where there is sin, there is death; 'cause death is the results of sin.

And then, the soul that sinneth, it shall die. But when we're borned again of the Spirit of God, we have Eternal Life and not associated anywhere with death. See? Death cannot associate with Life. Life cannot associate with death.

And talking in the room yesterday where some young Christians was, I said, "If you were standing out here on the road and a car was coming down the road at ninety miles an hour out of control, you would get off that highway as quick as you could. You'd jump, slide, do anything, get out of the way of that car." And that's the way that sin should be to a Christian, because sin is associated with death. And as soon as you see sin in any form, jump from it, get away from it. I don't care what you have to do, get away from the very appearance of evil. Because remember, to associate with sin is death, just the same as standing there and let that car strike you.

Don't just wait and see what it'll do; get out of the way of it. The very appearance of evil, shun it quickly. When you see a temptation coming up, and sin, you know, if it's



something wrong, that death is lurking after you. See? Then get away from it just as quick as you would get away from an automobile approaching at ninety miles an hour. See? You'd want to get away from it right quick, out of the way. Jump, slide, run any way, just get away from it.

And how that we know that we have Life, is because that we hate sin. And we hate sin so bad, that we know that death's associated there, and we shun the very appearance of it. Any way we can get away from it, we jump, run, anything that we can do to keep away from sin, because sin has death in it. And we sure don't want to associate anything in death. We want to keep away from that.

( Questions And Answers  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 18



*Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. (Matthew 6:16-18)*



I noticed up in Michigan; you people up here can brag a lot, because you have a lot of fruit. We get grapes from Michigan. We get cherries from Michigan, the big beans, and all kinds. Beautiful. I think there's not a place in the world grows them any better than Michigan. And now, you ought to understand what your fruit trees are. Did you ever know that that little cherry tree, or little apple tree, when you set it out, when it's no bigger than about one half inch tall, that every bushel of apples that you'll ever collect off that tree, is in it right then. If isn't, where does it come from? Who hangs it on there? It's already in it. The only thing that little tree does, you just set it out and water it. And it has to drink, and drink, until it gets so much, it just goes to pushing up, drinks more than its lotted portion. And it swells out. And it pushes out limbs. It pushes out buds, then it pushes out leaves, then blossoms, and then apples. Then it pushes again; it pushes again, just keeps drinking, drinking, drinking, till it just pushes out.

And that's what the Christian does. When you're planted in Christ Jesus, everything that you have need of in earth's journey is in you when you receive the Holy Spirit. And the only thing you have to do is drink, drink, and push out, push out. Just drink

till you can't drink no more. If you have need of Divine healing, go to God's Word and drink from it, until you push out. If you need more of God, just keep drinking, pushing out. And Christ is the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. And if you're planted in Him, the only thing you have to do, is drink of His goodness and push out whatever you have need of in this earth's journey. It's all drinking, resting, peace. It's not what you struggle and strive and pull at, you defeat the very purpose that you're representing when you do that.

God's not One you have to beg, and cry, and plead, and fast, and starve, and everything like that to get to. Certainly not.

I'm not degrading a fast, but here not long ago, a man wrote a book on fasting. My, women come into the meeting, and men, who'd went on those fasts that were insane. They went just because the book said to fast forty days. Some of them with false plates, and their teeth would drop out. And their eyes would sink back. And women to be mothers, their little ones as you understand, they would completely go mentally out, and be taken to the institutions. Many, many of them, come in that condition. I believe in fasting. Certainly. But when you fast, you don't hunger. Jesus after He had got through fasting, the Bible said, He was hungry. God puts a fast on you. You don't put it on yourself. He certainly captured the women, the man did that wrote the book, when he said, put a picture of a woman there, she looked twenty years younger, said, after the fast. You ought to seen her then, just about a year later what she looked like, after that. See? Certainly. You don't do that. You don't do things by works. It's by grace. God in sovereign grace.

( The Inter-Veil  
January 21, 1951 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 19



*Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)*



Yesterday, or two days ago, going out to Kentucky, up in Kentucky with my good friend, Brother Banks Wood, there was a woman policeman standing out there, and he said, "Boy, we better slow down," said, "she's rough."

And I said, "Yeah, that's right." I said, "When a nation gets to a place where millions are [un]employed, and they have to take women and make policemen and stand them out there, and cab drivers and things like that, it's one of the great stains on our nation." She's got just about as much business out there as a rabbit's got in a kettle of grease. See? It just is not her place. And I said, "That used to bother me so bad, but now I begin to remember, why, no wonder, this is not our kingdom; we're not of this world."

Why our women wear their hair short, and makeups, and rock-and-roll's, and all this stuff? Why people go to ordinary churches and things, think that's all right. Why? They are Americans; they are Americans, got American spirit. We're not Americans; we're Christians. Our spirit is of another Kingdom. If our spirit was of this kingdom then we would worship with these things, then we'd worship all these vulgar songs and worship all this rock-and-roll. "Wherever your heart is, there your treasures is."

And our treasures is above. So therefore, we're going to a Kingdom.

This is not our home; we're just sojourning here trying to bring other citizens out of the darkness. And go into a city, maybe hold a city-wide campaign, just plow away for a week or ten days, for one precious soul out there, one, just one setting out there.

You might say, "The meeting was a great success; five thousand came to the altar." There might not be one of them saved, not a one of them. See? You might think there, "Only two people came to the altar"; but one of them might be a jewel. We just seining the creeks. God picks out the fish; He knows which is fish and which is not.

So see, we're just preaching. And remember, you're doing the same thing in this Tabernacle. But remember always this, "My sheep know My voice." And the Voice of God is His Word.

( Revelation, Chapter Four #3  
January 8, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 20



*The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23)*



Yesterday morning we were lying in bed a little late, and the children didn't have to go to school, and we got to speaking about different things, and how, "What was hatred?"

I said, "Hatred had a beginning so it has to have an end. Love had no beginning, so it has no end. Hatred is forever. Love is eternal. Hatred begins and hatred will end. Love never did begin and it never will end (See?); it's eternal.

And when a man loves a woman and marries her because she's just pretty, there'll be an end to that. But when a man finds a woman that he loves, he don't know why but he loves her, and she finds the man that she loves, no matter what he looks like, he loves her, she loves him. That's an eternal mate in glory. Death nor nothing else can ever separate them. Because they are from eternity, and they stepped out into space of time, and will return back to eternity. Eternity has dropped down in a body called time, then it goes right back up into eternity again. It cannot perish.

A woman that's beautiful, that beauty will fade. You give it a few years. Maybe today she's twisting down the street, some little half-dressed woman sending more souls to hell than all the barrooms in the country. But she'll twist herself down the street thinking she's something, as the Bible said, "They'd have stretched out necks,

walking, mincing (that means twisting) as they go in the last days." Fulfilling the Scriptures and doesn't know it, just stand in the yard with immoral clothes on, men looking at her. She may be as virtuous to her husband or boyfriend as she can be, but at the day of the judgment, she'll answer for committing adultery with hundreds of men. A spirit on them and they don't know it. The Bible said, "Naked, blind, and don't know it." The miserable part is, "Don't know it."

But did you know that well formed little figure that God has given that girl, may be rotten by this time next Sunday? That tall, dark and handsome man may be nothing but just a pile of rubbish by next Sunday? That all perishes. But that on the inside, God, love, lives for eternity. So watch the inside. Keep your eyes on the goal.

( **The Kinsman Redeemer**  
**October 2, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 21



*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. (Matthew 6:24-29)*



Don't never try to take the other fellow's place. God made you a certain thing, and you stay that. Sure. You stay just what you are. Don't try to impersonate the other. That's what always ruins the gifts that God sends to the world. We find so many carnal impersonations, and we find someone who tries to copy after the other one.

Like they said at the lady ministers, when Mrs. McPherson was living, and every woman minister wore those wings just like she did, or ever what it was, and had their Bible the same way. And everything that she did, they did. We notice we got so many Billy Graham's today. But you see, God never made but one Billy Graham. That's all. And you're just as important as Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, or any of those famous men. You're just as important until you get out of your place, and then you're no good at all, you're a hindrance to these men, and you're a hindrance to yourself and the



Kingdom of God. Stay in your position. See? Stay what God made you (See?) and then you'll operate right.

As Paul, it's not nothing new, Paul taught the same thing, said, "If the hand shall say to the eye, 'because I'm not of the eye,' or the ear say to the nose, 'I'll no more be an ear, because I'm not the nose,'" or something. You, you can't do that. See, it all fitly sets together and moves as one great unit.

And we mustn't try to impersonate anyone. Just be what you are, and that's the way God made you, You never fashioned yourself. And, remember, as much as we ministers would like to take Billy Graham's place, we cannot do it; neither can Billy Graham take our place. See? We, each one has something to do.

A common little fellow here that may be a janitor, the little woman that may be a housewife, the greatest minister on the face of the earth today could not take your place. You, God had a purpose in making you what you are, and you just serve God in that way that He made you. See? And I think, if we'd just do that, the wheels would roll a lot easier. Yes, it would, if we would do that, not get lifted up.

( **Influence**  
**November 14, 1963** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 22



*Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Matthew 6:30-34)*



What about Elijah when he come down off of Mount Carmel? Been up there for a long time, and he met a poor old widow woman, she was an alien, a Gentile. And when he met her down there, she was picking up some sticks in the yard. And God told him to go down there to that widows house. What a place for the preacher to go. Here he goes down there to the widow's house, and what she did? She had two sticks. Said, "What are you doing?"

Said, "Picking up some sticks. I got just enough meal to make a couple of corn cakes. That's all I got left. It's three years since we had any rain, then I'm going to make these corn cakes, and me and my boy's going to eat them and die." He said, "Make me one first." Hallelujah. Oh, I know I'm a little bit crazy, but I'm on the Lord's side anyhow. Said, "Make me one first, for THUS SAITH THE LORD..." There you are. What is it? "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," not the Kingdom of God or a little noise, not the Kingdom of God and a little emotion, not

the Kingdom of God and a little this or that, but God in His righteousness and all these other things will be added to you.

Now, that widow heard that. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the Word." She said, "That's the Word of the Lord for that's a holy man of God. That's God's prophet, and I know it's the truth and that's the Word of God." Now, she didn't run across to ask the neighbors how to do it. She didn't want to go to tell the neighbor said, "Well, what do you think? The preacher's over to my house saying this.

Susie, what do you think about this?" She went ahead and begin to dump out. She let go of what she had that she might get more. That's what the world needs today is a good old fashion letting go of what you got. Hallelujah. She dumped out so she could get filled up. She dumped all the oil she had, and all the meal she had, to the preacher, to the Kingdom of God. And when she dumped it all in there, God come down and filled up the meal barrel and filled up the oil jug.

She dumped it again in the preachers face and He come back, filled it up again. Every time she dumped, He filled. I'll say today if man will dump out all this nonsense of carrying on and impersonating Christianity and let the Holy Ghost take its place, there'll be a revival will start on Eighth and Penn Street that'll sweep the whole country. Quit the nonsense. Get back to the Word of God.

( **Enticing Spirits**  
**July 24, 1955** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 23



*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. (Matthew 7:1-5)*



Some time ago John Sproule, a friend of mine was at Alsace Lorraine, France, and they was taking him out through a garden, he and his wife, and was showing them the statues and so forth; and there was a statue of Christ. John stood and looked at it, and he said, "Brother Branham, I looked, and it just didn't look right. I didn't see why they put a statue like that as a shrine to Christ."

He said, "There was no suffering, no pity, just an old piece of rock, looked like hanging there, hewed out on the cross," and said, "The guide said to me, 'Kind, sir, you're perhaps criticizing the statue?'"

He said, "Yes, I am." He said, "You're just not looking at it right." He said, "You see, there's an altar down below it." He said, "Now, you go and kneel down at that altar, and then you look up, and then come back and tell me what you think."

So he went down and knelt, he said, at the altar, raised his head up and said his heart almost failed. There was the suffering. There was the agony of Christ. The sculptor had cut out into the face of the cruel suffering that He did, and it made a difference. It

turned the critic into tears.

That's the way it is with God's Word. God's Word is not supposed to be learned like a newspaper story. It's not supposed to be tried to figure out. It's to get down, look up to it, saying, "God, be merciful to me and give me faith to believe Your Word. I accept now the Blood of the Lord Jesus for my sins."

Then it'll look a lot different. It'll make critics believe in Divine healing. It'll make those without the Holy Spirit, never been borned again, knows nothing about God or the new birth, become a seeker of the Holy Ghost and not to be an argue. It'll put a love in his heart when he looks through the Blood of Christ to the Word to say, "Yes, God. You died to make that Word real to me." It'll change your whole attitude. It'll make you a different person.

( Fellowship  
February 12, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:37-42**



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March 24



*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you. (Matthew 7:6)*



Paul speaks of it. According to the election, there will be one hundred and forty-four thousand (according to the election) that will believe the message out of literally millions that'll be [in Israel]. There were millions in Palestine at the days of the prophecy of Elijah, and seven thousand was saved out of millions. Now, according to the election, where millions of Jews are gathering into their homeland (it's become a nation) there'll be millions in there, but only one hundred and forty-four thousand elected ones will be taken. They will hear the message.

Same thing it is in the Gentile church. There is a Bride, and She is elected, and he will be called according to the election. Notice, this all types the Church perfectly, the elected believers; others do not believe. You can just tell it. You tell a man a truth and let it be proven by the Word and then vindicated, "I don't believe it."

Don't fool with it no more. Jesus said not to. Said, "It's just like casting pearls before swine." See? Said, "Just leave them alone. They'll turn and tramp you under their feet." They'll make fun of you. Just walk away and leave them if the blind leads the blind...

A man come to me. He'd been arguing all around everywhere against Divine healing. And he come up, and he said, "I don't believe your Divine healing."

I said, "My, I guess it wouldn't be any good 'cause I ain't got any, but God's is perfect."

He said, "There is no such a thing."

I said, "You're too late to say that, Buddy. Yeah, you done waited too long for that. You might've argued a few years ago, but there's another age on now: there's millions to testify.

See?" I said, "You're too late now, fellow, to say that."

He said, "Well, I don't believe it. I don't care what you do."

I said, "Certainly not. You can't." See?

He said, "Smite me blind." Said, "If you got the Holy Ghost like Paul, smite me blind."

I said, "How can I do it when you are already blind?" I said, "Your father has blinded you to the Truth." I said, "You're already blind."

And he said, "I wouldn't believe; I don't care what you could do, how much evidence you can prove or anything like that; I still don't believe it."

I said, "Certainly, it wasn't for unbelievers; it was only for believers."

What was it? See, you know right then the election's off. Just don't fool with it at all. Jesus did the same thing. He said, "Let them alone. If the blind lead the blind, won't they all fall in the ditch?" But when He come to a little prostitute, it struck fire. What was it? It was an elected seed laying there that seen it right now.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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March 25



*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? (Matthew 7:7-11)*



I've got a little slogan that I say it quite a bit; it might be good for you to take it. "A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins." Just think of it: "A winner never quits, and a quitter can't win." You must hold on. And before you even start, be dead sure you're right. And then be persistent. Let nothing move you. Go on. I've had quite a bit of experience of that, and you know it. But I know this one thing; when you're dead sure that you're in the will of God, when you're dead sure you're centered in Calvary, nothing's going to move you. You're there.

This little woman, she was a Greek, and a Syrophenician. 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. 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. Now, she had a need of Jesus. First thing you have to do if you're

going to find Christ, you've got to know that you've got a need of Him. When you think that you just don't need Him, then you'll never find Him, 'cause you won't search Him diligently.

Did you notice that Scripture where it says, "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it'll be opened." Actually that's just not knock like [a single knock] and it'll be opened. Not just say, "Well, I went out, Lord. Here I am. You want me?" No, that's not it. He that seeketh, he that knocketh: continuation. It has to compare with the rest of the Scriptures, like the unjust judge and the widow. She constantly knocked on his door. She was persistent. If he turned her away today, tomorrow she was on his hands again.

That's the way you want to get God. Be on His hands every morning, every night, every day, all the time constantly. Just keep seeking, keep asking, keep knocking. Just don't knock a little while, and get tired, and go away. Just keep standing there. "Lord, I'm here, and I'm not going to leave. I'm on your hands now. I'm going to stay right here. You getting tired listening? I'm having a great time knocking, 'cause I know You're coming." Amen. That's when something happens. He has to get you off of His hands, so He comes out to answer you.

( Perseverance  
January 13, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 26



*Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)*

*And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. (Luke 6:31)*



One day a couple ministers, collars turned around, little mustache, they come up to Rhodesia. A little old green pilot flew me into one of them tropical storms, then went a two-mile, I was like high in the air, flipping around. We didn't know whether was upside-down; the plane turning over and over and over. We didn't know whether it was going down or up. And finally it throwed us above the storm. And I was so sick at my stomach when we got off.

Couple of those ministers, Pentecostal ministers, got in a car and was driving me on down to Pretoria. I come down from Southern Rhodesia; and I got down there and I was sick anyhow. And Brother Baxter setting there, sick, and Billy Paul, sick. And here we was driving right down through the compound; that's where the colored people that does something has to leave their tribe, some tribal sin, and they come in there. And they won't let them come in the city, so they just live under tin or anything they can, very dirty and things, it's true.

And there they went down through there, and I seen a sign there, said, "Twenty miles an hour." And them men was going sixty-five miles an hour. Them poor old mothers running out there grabbing them little babies, little tots, naked, out there in the street, and from about two years old up to five or six: grabbing them little fellows, and screaming. He come pretty near killing four of them at one time.

I tapped him on the shoulder, I said, "Hey. What's the matter with you?"

He turned around, said, "What did you say?"

I said, "I said, 'What's the matter?' Slow that thing down."

Said, "We got orders to get through there on time."

I said, "I give you orders to stop it. Don't you have no feeling for them people?"

"What people?"

I said, "Them little babies out there you nearly run over."

Said, "That's Kafirs."

I said, "Shame on you! Call yourself a Christian?" I said, "Don't you know that mother thought as much of her baby, if you'd have killed it, as your mother would've thought of you?" I said, "She may be ignorant and unlearned, but a mother's love cries out for her baby. You ain't got no business for doing a thing like that. And you call yourself [a Christian]." I said, "Another thing, that sign said twenty miles an hour; my Bible said, 'Give Caesar what's Caesar's.'" And he ducked his head. I said, "You slow it down to twenty miles an hour and treat them people like they were your brother." I said, "Shame on you, anything like that." Oh, my, they blowed up like frogs eating buckshot. But it didn't make any difference; I got my word in, my punch. And when we went around them people knew that I was for them, to bring them the message of the Gospel.

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 27



*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*  
(Matthew 7:13-14)



I'd liken that generation to this today when we got millions joining churches, we've got tens of thousands. And God comes down to live in His church again, and to do the same things that He did there to make Himself the same yesterday, today, and forever, and people turn their backs from it constantly, some to be popular, some to keep from making a choice. It's forced to the people. You have to make a choice. You can't stand neutral. You've got to say "yes" or "no." You'll never leave that door the same person you come in. You can't do it. You got a choice to make. Make it for Christ this morning. They thought everything that belonged to the church would be saved. Jesus said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, and but few there'll be that'll find it."

Let me warn you this morning, church, be careful. It takes time today in our self-righteous, self-sufficient generation of hypocrisy that we're living in, an hour that when men and women stand in the churches and in the pews, and sing the anthems of God, and walk out of that church, and smoke cigarettes, and drink whiskey, and go to dances, and live for the world, and tell dirty, smutty jokes, and call themselves Christians. And men and women can walk from the pulpit or from the church, and from the place of the power of the resurrection, where that same Messianic sign is moving among them, and not be a new creature in Christ, there's something wrong.

When the papers can blast it; and from coast to coast, back and forth, from the frozen regions of the north to the tropical jungles of the south, God sends it, and people constantly turn their back upon it. Then what can we say? What can we do? We turn back to the Scriptures where He said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, and but few there'll be that'll find it."

( **Strait Is The Gate**  
**59-0301M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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March 28



*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*  
(Matthew 7:15-20)



Someone asked me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, if that Holy Spirit is so great," said, "I've seen people who's stood in the meeting, and shouted, and praised God, their tears running down their cheeks; and they would come out and do things like sinners, and go to sinful places, and live in sin."

Said, "Was that the Holy Spirit making those people shout?"

I said, "Yes."

Said, "Oh, do you mean the Holy Spirit would fall on a person like that?"

I said, "Yes."

Jesus said, "A sower went forth and sowed some seeds. And a enemy came behind him and sowed some tares. And the husbandman said, 'Shall I go pull up the tares?'"  
Said, "If you do, you'll pull up the wheat. Let them both grow together. And at that day, I'll send the Angels, and they'll gather all the tares and burn them, and the wheat



will be taken to the garner."

Hebrews 6 says that it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, made partakers of the heavenly gift (partakers of the Holy Spirit in heavenly calling), tasted the good Word of God and power of the world to come; if they shall fall away, to renew themselves again to repentance; seeing that they crucify themselves afresh the Son of God, and count the Blood wherewith they was sanctified an unholy thing. (Listen closely now.) For the rain cometh oft upon the earth to dress it, prepare it. But the thistles and thorns are to be burned.

Notice. In this same wheat field that was sowed, in there is briars, creepers, stink weed, everything, all growing together with the wheat. And when the drought is on, the creeper is just as thirsty for water as the wheat is. The water is sent for the wheat. But the creeper's just as glad to get the water as the wheat. And by their fruit you shall know them.

In the meeting the Holy Ghost falls over the building.

But those who live godly in Christ Jesus are the people that'll be taken into the garner. And the tares, not for us to judge, but, will be burned at the end. You see what I mean?

Then don't judge a person because they shout, or 'cause they could praise the Lord. Judge them by the life they live. And if they're not living the right kind of life, don't turn them down; pray for them. That's the way to do it. And convert them from a nettle weed to a stalk of wheat. Amen.

( The Angel Of The Lord  
51-0414 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:43-45**



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March 29



*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23)*



You say, "Well, Brother Branham, wait a minute. Bless God, I've seen them go out there and heal the sick." Oh, sure; so have I. "Oh, I've seen them speak in tongues." Yes, sir. So have I. And I've never believed, and there's no one can prove it by God's Word, that the initial evidence of the Holy Ghost is speaking in tongue. I want the man to come do it. I've challenged that all along. I believe in speaking in tongues. Yes, sir; but I've seen devils speak in tongues, witches and wizards speak in tongues and interpret it, denying there was such a thing as Jesus Christ. I've seen men speak in tongues living with another man's wife. Stand and look me right in the face and a vision before him, call him out to one side and made him a witness to it. And you call that the Holy Spirit?

Oh, yes. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, don't you believe the Holy Ghost speaks in tongues?" Yes, sir, but give it the Word test. See, Jannes and Jambres worked miracles. That's right, didn't they? Yes, sir, Jannes and Jambres. When Moses went down to Egypt, everything that Moses done in the way of a sign, Jannes and Jambres, them two witches, could produce the same thing: two devils. Moses would say, "Fleas."

They said, "Fleas."

Moses said, "A stick on the ground."

They said, "A stick on the ground."

"A serpent."

"A serpent."

That's right. They could work miracles. The Bible said that in the last days that devils would rise working miracles and would deceive the people. Awful hard, brother, but you must know the Truth.

Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'Lord, Lord, have not I did this, and did that, and did that, and so forth, in Your Name?'"

He'd say, "Depart from Me, you worker of iniquity." What is iniquity? Something that you know that's wrong, and you do it anyhow; and you know that God's Word is right. Why do you play the hypocrite? Because of your organization and pick a little bit here and won't take the rest of it. "You worker of iniquity," He said, "depart from Me; I never even knew you."

( The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 30



*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. (Matthew 7:24-27)*



Listen, we've got off of the Foundation of the Word and on the foundation of a denomination. How long could I stay on that? Another three hours. Off of the Foundation of the Word onto the foundation of worldly pleasures, worldliness, immoral creeping into the church, off of the Word onto creeds. That would take me three weeks to preach that through halfway, then four comments right there. Off of the Word onto a denomination. As soon as the church denominates, it's off the Word right then. There ain't but one thing: come right back where it left off and go again; come back onto the Word. That's right. "Repent" means to turn back, about face; you're going the wrong way. All right.

Denomination, a foundation, of pleasure, foundation of worldliness, foundation of creeds, and all that together hatched out a immoral corruption, spiritual corruption.

[Amos] being a true prophet, he would see in us just exactly what he seen in them. If he was standing here on this platform today, and I'd say, "Brother Amos, great prophet of God, you fearless one, come here and take my place." He'd preach this

Word. He'd have to; he's a prophet. All right. He would preach it just exactly the way it's written, just what we're saying now. All right. He'd see in them what he seen in us: immoral decay.

Just look, friends. How many here in this present church here now, sees that the world's in immoral decay? Why, we know it is. Well, what's the matter? It's off the Word. That's right. All right.

Amos never blamed the government. Did you notice him here (when you read it when you go home?) He never blamed the government; he blamed the church for electing such a government. You politicians! Let me let that grind in you awhile, here and across the world where it'll go. The church elected such a thing as Jeroboam. Wonder if we haven't done about the same thing? Let's say it's a good government. Government can't build a house on a rock when the people elect house on a sand. Can it? Don't say, "Our government, our government"; it's you the nation; it's the people.

( The Way Of A True Prophet Of God  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 6:46-49**



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March 31



*And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. (Matthew 7:28-8:1)*



Let me say this, not sacrilegious, but let me say that about the message that I'm preaching: If God don't vindicate this to be the Truth, then it's not; but if the Word vindicates I'm telling you the Truth, then believe the Word. They are what testify of whether I'm telling the Truth or not. They are the testimony; They testify for the ministry He gave me. He promised this in the last days. Here it is. He said what it would do. Here it is. We're going right into it now. You see whether it's the Truth or not.

Let God do the testifying. If the works, the things that I'm preaching don't testify back that it's the Truth, then it's not the Truth; but if the Word speaks of this, and here it is, then what are you going to do about it?

Jesus said, "I know you; you think you know Moses. You might know history of Moses, but you don't his God; for I was before Moses. I was the One that talked to Moses. I'm the I AM; I'm the Word." They couldn't see it, 'cause they're of their father the devil. Their denominations wouldn't let them see it. That didn't stop the Word from going on just the same. It fell on some, and from that come a bride in that generation. Jesus could say, "The Father that sent Me is with Me, and the works that I do testify, because I do the same things the Scriptures said I would do."

Jews knew their historical God: same now. Yes. Why did they know the historical God, is because they had the historical seed. Why did they not receive Him? Because it was hybrid with denomination. Jesus knew Who sent Him, for He that sent Him was in Him, and there was no denomination tied to Him. Amen. Oh, brother. "Tell me what school did He come from?" they say. "Where'd He get this wisdom? Where was this learning come from?" They couldn't find a school that He ever went to, and yet at twelve years old He confounded the Scribes and the Pharisees. Oh, my. That spoke of it.

Why didn't they say something to Him as a kid? It was God's Word. They couldn't withstand that. No wonder the people were astonished at His doctrine. Did you ever read that? Mark 1:22; if you want to put it down. The people was astonished at His doctrine because He talked like Somebody that had authority. He knowed what He was talking about.

( Painted-Face Jezebel  
March 18, 1962 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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April 1



*And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour. (Matthew 8:5-13)*



E-18 ...Now, Brother Roberts and those great gallant men... You say, "How do you place their ministry to yours?"

They're using Scripture, "By laying on of hands." Now, that's true; that is a Bible doctrine. How many knows that? "They shall lay hands on the sick; they shall recover." But if you'll just bear with me a moment, I want to show you that wasn't a Gentile commission. No, sir.

E-19 Jairus said, "Come lay Your hands on my daughter, and she'll--she'll be healed."

Jewish--Jews always was laying on hands; everything is laying on hands. But watch the Gentile; it wasn't so.

"I'm not worthy that You come under my roof. Just speak the word and my servant will live."

And He turned around and said, "I never seen faith like that in Israel."

There it is. We're supposed to be on a higher level than that was. We're living on the closer of the--of the world's end than we were then. The Gentile way is to believe the Word.

That's exactly right--to recognize... Look at that Gentile.

E-20 He said, "I'm a man under authority." He was a centurion, which means that he had a hundred men under him, a Roman centurion. And he--he said, "I'm a man under authority. And I say to this man, 'Go.' and he goes; this man, 'Comes.' and he comes. He has to; he's under my authority. And I didn't even thought myself worthy to come to You, none of my nation. I sent a Jew to You." And said, "I... Only thing You have to do is just speak the word."

What did he recognize there? That every sin, and every disease, and every thing else was under His authority. "Just say 'Go' and it will go."

See what he did? Now, that's what I'm trying to get the American people to see. That it doesn't... You don't have to wait for a special time, for a certain evangelist to come through and to--to pray for you. Your pastor is sufficient. If the pastor isn't there, your neighbor's sufficient. If the neighbor isn't there, your husband or wife is sufficient. And if there's none of them there, just raise up your hands; He's sufficient always. Just wherever you are, believe it; believe it. It's a finished work.

( The Queen Of Sheba  
60-0710 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:1-10**



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April 2



*And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about. (Luke 7:11-17)*



24-3 ...He said, "I am the Light of the world." Tell me a priest could say that. Tell me a denomination can say that. Tell me a creed that could say that. That's Wonderful.

"I am the Truth." Oh, my. Our creeds are a million miles from Truth. The creed cannot make God manifest. The creed cannot... Just like Elijah said on top of Mount Carmel, "If God be God, let Him answer." The creed won't do it. No, sir. But God will do it. Who is God? The Word, the Word made manifest. He'll do it.

"I am the Light of the world. I am the Truth that's in the world. I am the Way." No other way but Him. That's all. Don't go through a creed, "Come to Me." See? "I am the Way, the Light, the Truth." All that He was, them's Wonderful words that He

said. "I am the Way. I am the Truth. I am the Light. I am the--I am the First. I am the Last. I am the Beginning. I am the End. I'm He that was, which is, and shall come. I'm the Root and Offspring of David. I'm the Morning Star. I'm Alpha to Omega. I'm All. I and My Father are One. He dwells in Me; I'm Him; He's Me."

They said, "You being a man make yourself God?"

Oh, like He said to the Pharisees one time, "You do err not knowing the Word of God, neither the power of God. You do err by not knowing Him." Certainly.

Wonderful words, Wonderful.

25-2 Let's think about wonderful works one time. What did He do? What was He that Isaiah said He'd be Wonderful? When he got calling Him all the names he could: Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, all this, he said, "He's just Wonderful." Wonderful words... Now we're going to talk about Wonderful works for a minute.

What works did He do that was wonderful? One day there was a funeral procession coming from Nain. A widow with her only son, dead, laying on a bier, stiffened out, corpse, embalmed, going down to the grave to be buried... He had traveled all the way from Nazareth, His feet sore, dusty, tired, weary. And He heard that crying; He looked. Coming down the road, there come a little widow, wailing. Her boy, her only son laid on that stretcher, dead. Worked out there that he passed by where Jesus was. And death and Life can't come together, you know. One's got to go. He said, "Stop the bier," walked over and touched the boy; and the life that--that was in the boy, that had been gone maybe two days, returned back. I can just see the shroud begin to move, see the people begin to look; and a man that was dead, raised up on his feet, walked over, and put his arms around his mother, perhaps. That's the works of God. Wonderful, wasn't it? Sure was.

( **Sirs, We Would See Jesus**  
**61-1224** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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April 3



*Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*  
(Matthew 11:2-6)



12 ...if I ever preached anything that was inspired, in my life, it's The Seven Seals. And so I know we're at the end time.

13 And the last name goes on that Book, or, the last name that's redeemed, that was put on that Book, that settles it, He comes to claim what He redeemed. And it might be a strange time. Did you ever think: people will go right on preaching, the church will go right on even thinking they're getting people saved. It's too late then, it's all over, see, and the Message will go to the totally lost; just like it did in the days of Noah, seven days in the ark. It did in the days of Sodom. Jesus Himself, His--His third stage of His ministry, He went and preached to souls that were Eternally lost, that were in prison, that repented not, the long-suffering in the days of Noah. And we don't know what time these things might happen.

14 And let's be warned. Don't just stand around, let's do something about it. If we're not right with God, let's get right with God.

One time, I think, in the 11th chapter of Matthew, I believe it is, about the 6th verse, or something, I'm not sure of that. It's the 11th chapter, I'm pretty sure. John's disciples was sent by John, one time, to see the Lord Jesus, to ask Him if He really was the One, or should they look for another. He said, "Go show John the things that happens. Tell him, 'Blessed is he who is not offended in Me.'"

16 And then when they crossed the hill, and Jesus perhaps watched them, He said, "What did you go out to see?" And they... Said, "Did you go to see some kind of a man dressed in fine clothes?" He said, "They're in kings' palaces. And a reed shaken by a wind?" He said, "Did you go to see a prophet?" Said, "I say unto you, and more than a prophet. If you can receive it, this is he who the prophet spoke of, Malachi 3, 'And I'll send My messenger before My face.'"

17 The disciples asked one time about this question. They said, "Why does the scribes say, the teachers of the Scripture, that, 'Elias must first come before these, all these things happen'?" Now remember, He was talking to the disciples, not to the Pharisees. The disciples, they said, "Why did scribes say that, 'Elias must first come'?"

18 He said, "Elias is already come, and they did to him what they listed, and you didn't know it."

19 What if someday you would find out, we'd hit a tribulation period or something, you say, "Well, I thought the Rapture was to come first"? See? And the voice would speak back and tell you, "The Rapture is already, and you didn't know it."

20 "As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls were saved by water, so will it be at the Coming of the Son of man." People go right on, just thinking they're just doing the right thing, and it'll all be over. O God, have mercy on us! Let's, let's check up, right now in these next few nights, see where we're at.



~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:18-23**



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April 4



*And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 11:7-15)*



284 ...God takes the very tool of humility and weakness and simplicity to work His works with. That's only a tool in God's hand.

John the Baptist, his message, the forerunner of Christ, so simple it went over top the heads of the people. Listen just a minute. (I hope I'm not holding you too long, you standing around the walls. See?) Look. John, when... All the prophets gave witness of the coming of the Messiah. One of them said that the mountains would skip like little rams. Others said, "The leaves would clap their hands." One said, "All the low places will be made high, and the high places will be made low." Oh, my. What a day.

286 Did you imagine the school of the prophets and the intellectual conception of

that? Oh, my, they had everything so classical. But when it happened, out of the wilderness come an old preacher that never had one day of schooling in his life, probably his grammar was so poor. His father was a priest, but God took him away from that (We had it in last Sunday's lesson.), wouldn't let him be mixed up with them denominations, and took him out in the wilderness to train him Hissself. That's the kind--that's the kind will stay with the Word of God.

287 Come out of the wilderness, about thirty years old; I imagine a black beard hanging out around his face, fuzzy; big old piece of sheepskin wrapped around him; stood in mud, up to his knees; said, "I'm the one that was spoke of by the prophet Isaiah." And some of the denominations come out; he said, "Don't think to say in yourself 'We have this and that'; God's able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham." Oh, my. Why? He had THUS SAITH THE LORD. He had the Message; God foretold he was coming. And the reason it come in such simplicity, it went over the top of their heads.

288 When Jesus come, He said, "What'd you go out to see, a intellectual speaker that can be changed from the Methodist to a Baptist, and from a Baptist to a Presbyterian, from a Presbyterian to a Pentecostal, and a Pentecostal to something else? Did you go out to see a reed shaken with any wind? Not John." Said, "Did you go out to see then a man that's clothed in fine linen?" He said, "They're at king's palaces, that kind of minister." He said, "What'd you go out to see, a prophet?" He said, "More than a prophet."

( Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness  
61-1119 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:24-30**



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April 5



*But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children. (Matthew 11:16-19)*



E-39 ...And that's the reason they didn't recognize Jesus. because their traditions had twisted away and got some... They thought the Messiah would come, and no doubt they built a temple, and said, "He will come down the corridors of heaven. They'll beat the Angelic band, and He will come in like that." And what was He, born in a manger, in a--a--a barn where cows and animals was, in a little box of straw, and was supposed to be a illegitimate birth, His mother and father not married. All... Oh, my. The devil painted an--an awful picture for Him.

E-40 And they said, "A man like that? No. What school did he come from? Where did he get his education? Why, his daddy was a carpenter, and then say he's the Son of God." See, they couldn't believe that. But yet, He was so phenomena until they couldn't deny it was there. And then they just said, "Oh, he's of the devil." And that's the same thing today. They'll class it the same way, because wisdom is justified of her children. Did you know...

As I made a remark last night, I felt it sweep over the audience; it kind of had a funny

feeling when it returned. But when I said, "Education has been the mark of antichrist all through the ages."... Education is the worst enemy the Gospel ever had.

E-41 Listen. I'm off the subject, but just a moment. Let's just take the lineage. There was Cain and Seth. Abel was killed, and Cain was brought in his place: death, resurrection of Christ. And Cain's children were all smart, intelligent, scientists, all down through to the days of Noah. And Seth's children were humble farmers, sheep raisers, peasants all the way through. It's always been that way. See?

When Jesus come, the Pharisees, and Sadducees, and educators, look where they were at. Religious? Oh, holy? My, you couldn't put a finger on their life. But you see, they were unbelievers. Anything that doubts one punctuation of God's Word is an unbeliever. I don't care how religious you are; Satan's religious too. You've got to believe the Word. And if you got the Holy Ghost, the Holy Ghost will punctuate every Word with a--every sentence with an "Amen." See? It'll never take from it. It'll believe it.

( A Greater Than Solomon Is Here  
62-0725 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:31-35**



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April 6



*Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. (Matthew 11:20-24)*



And I truly believe that every Word of God, every promise that He made, is true. And it's to anybody who will accept it. And now, there's some who try to accept it and cannot. There's others who can accept it. And some get it without half trying. We have to preach the Gospel that healing's to all, yet we know it's not. It is to all if they can receive it, but we know that they all cannot receive it. I just want to be as honest with you as I know how to be.

We have to preach salvation the same way, that salvation is for all, but we know that all cannot receive it. All men cannot see these things. Jesus said, "Blessed are your eyes that can see, your understanding, for there's many that cannot understand it." And Divine healing is for people who believe. But you cannot believe until Something is within you to make you believe.

And then if the works had been done, Jesus said, in Sodom and Gomorrah, that had

been done in the cities of Capernaum and those cities that He had passed through, He said they'd been standing till this day.

And I'll say: If the works, the mighty works that's been done in Phoenix would've been done in Sodom, it'd have remained until this day, and would not have been in the bottom of the Dead Sea.

Now, it's because that all men grasp for it, all that's sick. But if they'd just stop a minute and try to consider what the Word means. Faith is by hearing the Word, the Word of promise. If you don't have a promise, then you venture out upon your own faith. But if you can take a promise of God, that's God's promise to you.

The woman that touched His garment had no promise of that. But her faith without a promise got her healing. Now, if she could get her healing by her faith without a promise in what she was doing, how much more ought we to get our healing by faith in a promise that God is manifesting and vindicating before us, and has brought it to us by His Word, come around and confirmed His Word.

Look at these little babies I just dedicated: both of them a miracle from God, passed medical understanding. See? Just think of the things that's been done.

Now, is God a respect of person? Certainly not. If He heals one, He'll heal the other. There's only one thing you have to do, is to appropriate that faith. And that faith is something that you know, not something you plunder at, guess at. You know it. Something happened.

( His Unfailing Words Of Promise  
January 20, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:31-35**







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April 7



*At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. (Matthew 11:25-27)*



See, the Bible is written on words, but the Bible is a love story to the Church. When I preached here, not long ago, a few years ago, on Abraham and Sarah turning back to be a young boy and girl again from when they was a hundred years old, a preacher laughed at me and sent word, and that same preacher wrote a book on it not long ago, and passed it out across the country. God did turn Abraham and Sarah back to a young boy and girl. I can prove that by the Bible.

But you see, the Bible, you'll never learn it in a seminary. That might sound awful flat, but the Bible said, God said, "He has hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and will reveal it to babes such as will learn." Is that right? He will reveal it to babes. You don't have to be smart to understand the Bible. You have to have a humble heart.

The Bible is God's love story to His Church, that's hid from all the scholarships in the world. It's only knowed by one scholarship; that's through kneeinology, if you ever had any of it. You know what I mean? Down on your knees.

Now, the Bible here, you have to read between the lines to make it right. Now, my wife setting back there, when she writes me a letter, you see, I'm really in love with

my wife, and so when she writes me a letter, I'll be away overseas or something, she'll say, "Dear Billy, here I sit tonight; I've just got the children to bed, and the phone has been ringing on average about every five minutes. I'm very tired.

Now, what she's saying in the letter is one thing. But I'm in love with her, so I know what she really means. You see? So that's because I'm in love with her. I understand her. Now, the Bible says one thing, but if you're really in love with the Author, you understand what He means. You see, He reveals it to His sweetheart. Don't you love to be His sweetheart? Sure. You love Him and the Holy Spirit's right there, say, "Now, the wise and prudent would think it this way but just read right on, I'll show you what I mean." See? And the first thing you know, there's the whole picture. You just read it awhile and then set down and cry, and get up and walk around the floor, and cry. That's where you're really getting something from God. Amen.

( **The Darkest Hour, Then Jesus Comes Along**  
November 14, 1955 )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:31-35**



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April 8



*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)*



Many time people thinks when a ministry becomes supernatural, they think that person ought to wear a robe, clothes, and touch me not, and you know. When a person acts like that, they're trying to be something that they're not. God uses men, just ordinary men. When you see a person like that, to me it's a stuffed shirt (See?), somebody trying to be something they're not: "Holier than thou art, not touch me." Oh, God can't use that; you know that.

I'll say this one thing: some of the finest old hearts that I ever shook a hand beat under an old blue patched shirt (That's right.), real pair of steel gray eyes, look you in the face and say, "Preacher, I believe it." Brother, you can depend on that. Mark it down. Callous from plow handles or something, that's right. You don't have to have on a tuxedo coat and your collar turned around to be a Christ-fearing Christian. No. It's not what you wear; it's what you are inside, what makes you, not how smart you are but how much you are on the inside. To us there's none of us any good. If there's any goodness about us, "There's only one good and that's God," Christ said.

But I'd like to go to a testimony meeting. And just set down and get me a seat and hear the apostles testify. Oh, I've always thought, I'd love to do that. Now, I've always thought I'd like to hear Jesus when He stretched forth His loving arms and said,

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Oh, you know they claim, if a voice has ever spoke (you know it more than I do), a voice, it never dies. It lives on, like radium, goes on, and on, and on, like a pebble dropping in the water. The little waves carry on and on for miles, vibrations till you cannot see them with your natural eye. But they're carrying on and on and on.

And when you speak, that's where you get on electronics and the radio that air wave, it goes on. It never dies. I'd thought I'd like to live till science maybe could pick up that voice of His. They claim that someday, if they keep going on, they'll be able to do it, pick up His literal voice, when He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest."

Well, I may not live to that day. Frankly, I don't think the world will stand that long. We're so close to the end time. But I would like to be with you to preach to you awhile on those things. But I've tried to make our little messages just simple in drama, 'cause I'm tired. And then you'd understand it better. But I may not live to hear that, but there's one thing I do want to hear and I believe I'll hear it. "It was well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord." That's what I'm expecting to hear someday. I'm sure He won't disappoint me.

( It Is I  
May 17, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 9



*And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. (Luke 7:36)*



Oh, my, I can imagine that Pharisee, great fellow, great man in his city, walking around a few days before upon his fine Egyptian made carpet and his great perfumed dining room, rubbing his big chubby hands together in his roly-poly condition, just fat, said, "Why didn't I think of that before? Hah-hah-hah-hah. Why certainly, that's what I want. That's it. I tell you what; for my big entertainment I'm fixing to have; I should've thought of that a long time ago. Hah-hah-hah. You know this here fellow, Jesus of Nazareth's on all the poor peoples tongue. And I tell you what, if I would've just of have Him over here at my banquet, I'd have had the gapers standing around everywhere looking at Him. That's all I have to do, and you know what? I'd be the most popular person in the city. I would add more to my popularity. Oh, I should've thought of that before."

So he starts the boy on the road to find Him. "What do you think Doctor Jones will say? That Pharisee Jones, he hates Jesus of Nazareth. He believes He's a devil. And won't that be fine for Lawyer So-and-so, when I have them here? 'Course all the celebrity of the town will come to my meeting, certainly. Because they know that I can feed them well." Certainly, this was a rich Pharisee. He had plenty; he could do whatever he wanted to. He got all the cuts of the meat, up at the temple. He was in on the cuts of the meat. He was also in on all the tithings and offerings and everything come in. He had plenty.

Well, what it would take to spread a party like that, would feed a common family in Palestine two years. But oh, he was a big fellow in the city. Doctor Simon Pharisee, look what a fellow. I can see him walking back and forth and say, "Certainly, oh, my, I will have sent out my invitations right away. Well, you know what, so that all the people can see me, I will have it on the outside where it's cool, out a past the veranda. I got a place out there, a grape arbor, where the beautiful grapes are hanging down and they're just now their very ripest and the aroma of the grapes are so beautiful. And I will have it all out there. and I will take my special big table and set it out there. And I will have Doctor Jones, and I will have Doctor so-and-so, and Doctor so-and-so, and Doctor so-and-so, and all the city will know that I am a great man, that my degree did me well, and I am a great man. I, I, I, I, I, I," that's all you can hear. "I did this; I will be better off; I will do this." I, I, I and no place for Christ.

Isn't that a picture today? I will do so-and-so. I will join the church; I will do this; I will do that. God have mercy on us. There he was, oh, he was a great fellow, and going to be made greater just to have Jesus down there for entertainment. He didn't believe Him to be a prophet, although Jesus was. And he didn't believe Him to be the Son of God, though He was. But he thought, "If I can have that fellow over there, we will all have some fun." So he sends for Him.

Jesus never, never breaks a promise. Days has passed by; lots has taken place. And it comes time for this meeting or his dinner to be set, And Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us go now, plumb across Palestine to southern Palestine, take on our road, because that we don't want to be late." Jesus never breaks a promise. He's always keeps His promise. Regardless of what it is, He will keep it.

( Pride  
55-0807A )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 10



*And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. (Luke 7:37-38)*



Oh, sure, the celebrity were there. All the society of the city was there. She looked like she was out of her head. Maybe she was, but she was at the feet of Jesus. Hallelujah. People may act like their crazy but what difference does it make if you're at the feet of Jesus. What do I care what they think? She was at Jesus' feet. She was kissing it. And Pharisee, oh, my, he was ready to blow up.

Then Jesus turns and He looks. Oh, I can just see those eyes as He turns that sacred head. He know the thoughts of Pharisee. He said, Simon, I've got something to talk to you about." (Oh, you Pharisee, one of these days that's coming to you.) "I've got something to talk to you about. You invited Me here, and you never give Me any water for My feet. And you never anointed My head when I come in, neither did you kiss Me welcome. But this poor sinner, ever since I been setting here, she's done nothing but wash My feet with her tears, wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kiss My feet, ever since I been in here."

Oh, Pharisee changed a little bit. He looked over. Now, the woman's scared. Oh, what's He going to say? Is He going to condemn her? Did He jerk His foot back and say, "Don't do that?" No. Jesus don't do things that way. No, no. He never pulled His

foot back. Oh, no, sir. He set right still and watched her. She was doing for Him what they ought to have done. And you be careful calling somebody a holy-roller who's doing what you ought to have done. Don't you think you're just a little better than they are now. Now, look. There was Pharisee, the bishop of the church, with all the pastors and elders standing around, thought themselves too good to touch this holy-roller. But this poor little woman standing there now, what's she going to receive. Oh, she knowed that she loved Him. Something happened. Had she done wrong? No. He said one day, "Whosoever will, let him come." They wouldn't do it, so she wanted to do it.

If these big starchies won't worship God, God will pull out you poor people. He will get you to do it, somebody. He will call the sinners and harlots from the street to do it. Somebody's going to worship God.

There, look at the little woman. She's startled. Her big brown eyes, as beautiful as they was, looked up. Then He turns, after looking at Pharisee, grease all over her face; her tears had washed down her face; her hairs were hanging in streaks; there she was. What's He going to do? What's He going to do? And then He said, "Simon, I come at your invitation; you invited Me. You never washed My feet. You never give Me anointing oil for My hands and My neck. And you never kissed Me welcome. But this poor sinner has constantly kissed My feet."

Then He turns and looked at the little woman. He said, "And, verily, I say unto you. Verily I say unto you, her sins which were many, are all taken away."

Oh, brother, I'm not a baby, but when I think; I'd rather have Him to say that to me than to make me the archbishop or the pope of Rome. "Your sins which were many, has all been washed away. Go in peace."



~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 7:37-50**



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April 11



*And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him, And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance. (Luke 8:1-3)*



Mary Magdalene, she'd knew His power. She knew there was something about Him was different from anyone else. She had seven devils cast out of her.

Everybody that's ever been free from the devil by the power of Jesus Christ, knows where they're standing. No one can ever come in His great Divine Presence, and ever be the same person anymore. You're changed. There's something happens to you. Oh, you can stand off, and psychology, and imagine this, and accept this, a certain thing, and some theories, or something like that. But we don't believe in theology. We believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And when you come into His Presence, there's something that happens in your life, that changes you. And you're never the same anymore, a man that's ever been in the Presence of Christ.

So she had seven devils cast out of her: pride and envy, and she thought she was so pretty and there was no one like her. But when Jesus spoke and said, "Be thou clean," all that left her. She become a new person. She wasn't so pretty any more in her own sight. But she wrapped herself in the robe of meekness and gentleness, and followed the Master. She loved Him.

( Go, Tell My Disciples  
53-0405S )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 12



*Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. (Matthew 12:22-30)*



I'm here as your brother; I do not claim one power to heal. If I did, I'd be a liar. I have no power to heal. And I say with my honest heart; I don't believe there's any person that's got power to heal. No, sir. Jesus gave His apostles power to heal one time, did He? And they failed, and couldn't do a miracle, or couldn't even heal a sick person with all that power. How many knows that? Sure, they failed. They brought the epileptic son; they'd been down there screaming, and crying, laying hands on, and casting the devil out. And the devil just laid there and looked at them. Sure. Jesus said, "How long will I suffer you, bring him here." That's right.

And they failed after ten days before that they'd been given power to heal the sick and

cast out devils. They done some, yes, but with that power given to them, special power. But God never promised that to you, Church, that special power He give the apostles, but He promised if your faith would mount up, and He'd called you, that you could see these things. Then you should believe.

Now, the only thing that any man can do towards your healing, if he's a doctor, he might set your bone, but he can't heal it. What if you went to the doctors office, say, "Hey, doc, I was cranking my car, and I broke my arm. Say, heal it for me right quick; I got to go out and finish cranking that car."

I thought you said the doctor was a healer. He isn't. There's only one Healer; that's God. The devil's no healer; the devil can't heal at all. Shows mental weakness when you think that. Jesus said, "How can Satan cast out Satan?" If he could, his kingdom would to be divided; and he couldn't stand. He firmly said that Satan could not cast out Satan. So he can't do it. Satan can't heal.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
56-0225 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 3:19-27**



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April 13



*Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. (Matthew 12:31-32)*



One day He was casting out devils. They come up to Him and said that He was Beelzebub and He was of the devil. And Jesus said, "How can you, you hypocrites say good things? When out of the abundance of the heart speaketh the mouth. How can you do it?" And He said, "All manner of blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men. Whosoever shall blaspheme against the Son of man shall be forgiven him. But whosoever blasphemeth (or speaketh) against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven him in this world or the world to come." Because they said He cast out devils through Beelzebub, the prince of the devil. Do you see it?

He was standing there doing the work of God, presenting the Gospel in the very manifestation, that God spoke by His prophet said He would do it. And when the Pharisees, the scholars, come along, they actually believed that. But because that they wouldn't be popular, why, they couldn't accept it. Nicodemus expressed it for the whole group of them.

Said, "We know You're a Teacher comes from God. For no man could do these things except God be with him." We know it. The Pharisees. And then they said, "Oh, He's a devil." They tried to black it out after they had received and knowed that He was the

Messiah. But to be popular and to stay in their own church ranks, they despised Him, and cast Him out, and called Him a devil. He said, "You might do that to the Son of man, 'cause the Atonement hasn't been made; the blood cell isn't broken. But when that comes, and the Holy Ghost comes and you do such a thing as that, there's no forgiveness in this world or the world to come."

Then Paul comes around and picks it up here in the Gospel, over in the book of Hebrews, and said, "He that disbelieves wilfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." Brother, and the message that's been preached across this United States. If you spurn love, there's only one thing left; that's judgment. No wonder you're shivering and quivering because of atomic bombs. No wonder we see this great civilization that we live in a crumbling and falling. It's because they have blasphemed and walked over the principles of the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And they set up great big, cold formal churches. Walk into them, the spiritual thermometer goes seventy below zero. Somebody say, "Amen," they stretch their neck around like it was a gander somewhere dying, and look around. And they don't know no more about God than a rabbit knows about snowshoes. And they get out there and claim to be something with a D.D.D. LL., Ph.D. on the back of their name. Why brother, that don't mean you're any closer to God. I'd rather have an old plow boy couldn't say his ABC's, teaching my children the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ, than all the D.D.'s in the world that knows nothing about God. Nothing to your theology.

( God Perfecting His Church  
December 4, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 3:28-30**







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April 14



*Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matthew 12:33-34)*



The greatest thing that I find against the church tonight is fear; everybody's scared to death about something. What are you scared about? If a man's borned again, he should be happy, carefree, just like these fellows singing up here, and the brother testifying back there, just free. There ain't nothing can harm you. Nothing present, nothing future, nothing can separate us from the love of God that's in Christ.

God has promised, He's called, by election. He set His church in order. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except the Father draws him." You never come to God because that you wanted to; you come because Christ called you. God called you. "And he that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out. I'll give him Everlasting Life," not just lasting for a week, one revival to another, but Everlasting Eternal Life, "and will raise him up at the last day." Oh, my. If that doesn't take the wind out of Satan's sails, I don't know what does.

Say, "How do you know?"

I said, "Jesus said so, **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**"

Jesus said so, that settles it. If He said it, I believe it. He said, in John 5:24, (pet subject to me,) "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has

Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto Life."

Say, "That's pretty easy, Brother Branham."

No man, no man can believe Jesus to be the Christ, in his heart, and will be the same man that he was before. Can't do it. No, sir.

As I said last night. Drinking, smoking, gambling, all those things isn't sin. Gambling isn't sin, smoking isn't sin; drinking isn't sin; swearing isn't sin; it's a attribute of sin. Because you're a sinner, that's the reason you do it. If you was a Christian, you wouldn't do it. He said, "He that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not in him, even in him." So now, you never did see a halfway Christian. I asked someone the other night; I said, "Are you a Christian, brother?"

Said, "I'm a pretty good Christian."

I said, "No, you're not."

There is no pretty good Christian. How many ever seen a drunk-sober man? Nobody. How many ever seen a black-white bird? Nobody. You never seen a sinner-saint. You're either born again or you're not born again. You're either on one side of the fence. And now if you are born again, you have Everlasting Life, and there's nothing within you, all the old things has passed away, and there's just the fountain. Bitter and sweet water don't come from the same fountain. See? The tree is known by the fruit it bears. "By their fruits you shall know them."

( Israel And The Church #4  
March 28, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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April 15



*A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Matthew 12:35-37)*



Jesus said, "Let your yes be yes and your no be no, for anything more than this will come to sin." You're not supposed even to joke and cutup with one another. God will make you give an account for every idle word that you speak. Did you know that? The Bible said that you'll have to give an account for every idle word. So what kind of a people ought we to be? People that's frank, stern, loving, kind, and never a bunch of nonsense, always going along.

Look, you take a fellow that'll start today, I've noticed it on myself, and being of my own nature, an Irishman; I'm always a lot of wind about me anyhow, to cutup and carry on. And every so often even my wife say, "Now, Bill..."

I say, "That's right, honey."

I tell the kids around there. I cutup with them or something, say, "Well now, you know, there was three great men come out of Kentucky."

"Who was that?"

"Well, Abraham Lincoln."

"Yeah."

"Daniel Boone."

"Uh-huh."

"And your father." Something like that.

And she'll say, "Now, Bill, there you go again." Now I have to go off in the closet somewhere and say, "Lord, forgive me; I didn't mean to say it. Do something to me; make me quit that." See?

( 54-0103E Questions And Answers #2  
January 23, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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April 16



*Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. (Matthew 12:38-41)*



And Jesus said that a wicked and adulterous generation will seek after a sign. Did you notice that? And they will receive it. He promised that they would receive their sign. He said, "As Jonas was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights, so will the Son of man be in the heart of the earth." Now, this is a wicked and an adulterous generation. We know it. And what was the sign they was going to receive? The sign of the resurrection. Jesus is not dead, but He's raised again.

Again, great commercial cities given over to the enemy, over to the devil, and marrying, giving in marriage, and adultery, and perversion, and all kinds of filth that's in the earth today; and unbelieving Christians, form of godliness, heady, high-minded, intellectual age. The prophet spoke of it. The Holy Ghost said specifically that in the last days there would come an intellectual age. Men would be lovers of their own self, proud, blasphemers, disobedient, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good. You say, "Them communists, Brother Branham." No, sir. They're church members having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. From

such [turn away]. Forgetting the sign of Jonas, for Jesus Christ is with His people tonight, performing and doing the same thing that He did before He was crucified. And He raised again, and is living with us. You don't understand who that is you're setting with out there. That's a son and daughter of God.

Maybe it's a good thing we don't understand it, the way we do. Oh, why, we are assembled in heavenly places, watching His Urim Thummim of this last day reflecting His Presence as He's ready to come; He's making His appearance in the form of the Holy Spirit to hone out His church to get it ready to be received. Amen. We're so happy to know it.

( Behold, A Greater Than Solomon Is Here  
62-0612 -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 17



*The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. (Matthew 12:42)*



So then, He said, "And also, the queen of the south shall rise in the day of judgment with this generation and shall condemn it: for she came from the utmost parts of the known world in that day, to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, I say unto you that a greater than Solomon is here." Anyone knows that when God sends His gift to the world, and the church receives it, then it is a golden jubilee for that people in that age. But if they turn it down, it's chaos for that age.

Look, the Jews received Solomon, and it was the golden age. Anyone knows that. It was almost a millennium for Israel. And they turned Christ down, and the temple was burned, and they were scattered to the four winds of the world. When God sends a gift, and His Church rallies around it, then that church and people is blessed. If they turn it down, they are turned down with it.

Now notice in the days of Solomon, God had set him up and give him a great gift of discernment. Oh, what a powerful discernment he had. And all Israel rallied around that discernment. And they all believed it with one accord. Oh, I'd like to ask, to my good friends here, tonight, Brother Tommy Hicks and many of these men here, who has international ministries: What would happen if all of the people that called by the Name of the Lord, if every one of them would rally around the great gift of God today, the Holy Spirit, what would take place? What would take place if every borned



again Christian in Texas, rallied around the gift of God? Texas would be the most popular place in all the world. What a millennium it would be if we'd all rally around the gifts of God. But they don't. And now, they all did in Solomon's days, and his great fame was knowed throughout all the world. There was no wars; they were afraid of them.

If America would've rallied around Jesus Christ, you would never have to worry about Russia coming in or nothing else coming in. They wouldn't have to expend all of our money and times making hydrogen bombs and trying to fly over to the moon with another tower of Babel. God's got the program right here for us and got His power. But we turn it down. We try to make one ourselves. See? It'll never work.

( **The Queen Of The South**  
**June 13, 1958** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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April 18



*When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (Matthew 12:43-45)*



You are filled with something. You might be filled with doubt. Your poor hearts may be running over with doubt. I hope not. Your hearts may be full of frets and worry. And it might be that your hearts are full of trouble. And it might be that you're full of religion, intellectual, fine perfumed theology, belonging to the great churches that's been in existence for years, setting back just as confidence as you can be. Brother, let me say to you; you might bring members to that church until you get old and die, and you'll never do nothing but build another tower to Babel. Certainly.

You can be full of foolishness; you can be full of nonsense; you can be full of anything; but you can't stay empty. The Bible says you can't. The Bible said, "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he walks in dry places, searching rest. And then he comes back with seven other devils more worse than he was, and the last estate of that man is eight times worse than it was at the beginning."

That's what happens to these meetings, when people go forth in revivals and men are just led to an intellectual conception. He goes off and joins some church, and lets it go at that, satisfied. "That's all right. There's nothing to all this other nonsense. We

should not have it." The pastor says, "Oh, that's all, that was way back in another age." And the first thing you know, that devil returns back with seven other devils, and he becomes a religious devil. Then he's really filled; then he's got pride and jealousy. And he's even angry with the very God that wrote the Bible; he looks down there, and say, "'These things that I do, shall you also.' That was for the disciples."

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel," said Jesus, His last commission to the church. "These signs shall follow them that believe." How far? "All the world." Who to? "Every creature." These signs shall follow some of them? The Scripture says, "Shall follow them," all of them that believe. "In My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. If they shall take up serpents or drink deadly things, it shall not harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." That's what Jesus said.

"These signs shall follow believers," not negative thinkers, not intellectual church members, but borned again believers who's come from the intellectual to the heart where God takes throne in His control room, to control your emotions, to control your faith, to control your character. God wants to fill you. Why does He want to fill you? What does He want to fill you with? He wants to fill you with Himself, the Holy Spirit, filled with the Holy Ghost.

( The Unity Of One God In The One Church  
58-1221E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 19



*While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. (Matthew 12:46-50)*



The virgin birth was a paradox. I do not believe that Jesus was any part of Mary. That was not His mother. It was a woman that God used for that purpose, a incubator to bear His Child. If the seed of the woman, which, she is the egg and the man has the haemoglobin (If that's right, doctor), the blood. The life lays in the blood cell.

And a hen can lay an egg. But if she hasn't been with the male bird, it'll never hatch. I've often said this, and I say it again: It's coming springtime. The birds will all be building their nests. An old mother bird can get on her nest and shuffle them eggs, and stay on there so loyal until she nearly starves to death. She gets so poor she can't fly off the nest. Them eggs will never hatch, if she hasn't been with the mate.

Now, brother, nothing wrong with Episcopalians, Methodists, or Baptists. But what have we got? As long as it's an organization, let it be Pentecostal, if those people hasn't contacted the Mate, Jesus Christ, you got nothing but a nest full of rotten eggs. They'll lay right there and rot. I don't care how many Ph.D's, LL.D's, double L.D's, or

whatevmore you put to them in seminaries, that's only of the world. We've got to find the germ of Life, God's spoken Eternal Life. "Except a man be borned again..."

What you got? You make deacons out of them, bishops, and everything else. You got nothing but a bunch of rotten eggs. The only thing to do is clean out the nest and start over again. Right. It'll never be able to do it until we get started. You want a paradox? You want Life? You have to bring Life into it. That's right.

If that baby's body (which the flesh comes from the egg), and if that baby's body was flesh of Mary, then what? Then Mary had to have some kind of a sensation. You see where you put God doing? God created both egg and blood cell. And He wasn't Jew; neither was He Gentile. He was God, God in the form of sinful flesh. That's the reason "I'll not let My Holy One see corruption, neither leave His soul in hell." He was the manifestation: God, to come into a tabernacle that He created Himself.

Jesus never did in all the Scripture call her mother. He called her "woman"; not mother, "woman".

Said, "Thy mother's outside seeking Thee."

He said, "Who is My mother?" Looked at His disciples, said, "The one that does the will of My Father is my mother."

That's right. So you see, it was completely virgin birth, both sides, virgin birth. A paradox cannot be explained.

( A Paradox  
62-0128A -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 3:31-35, Luke 8:19-21**





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April 20



*The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:1-9)*



Everything that we do or say must be based upon the Word of God. Because no man can have faith unless it comes from the Word of God. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. Now, if I told you that a certain certain thing would take place, that might be so; it might do that. And if I tell you something seems impossible, that it'll happen, it could happen.

But when God has promised this thing, then you can have confidence that God keeps His Word. There's where my faith is built on, nothing less then the eternal Word of the eternal God. And God is no better than His Word; I'm no better than my word; and you're no better than your word. If I can't take your word, then there's no need of me saying I have confidence in you, because I could not. And if you can't take my word, there's no need of you telling me you have confidence, because you can't. Then

if we can't take God's Word, we can't have confidence. But when God has said it, and you believe it with all your heart, that it's applied to you, it has to happen.

And may I go on record just now saying this: That I believe that the right mental attitude toward any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can take the right attitude toward that promise. For the promise is a seed. A seed goes into the ground, and if it's a germitized seed (got life in it) it'll bring forth its kind, if it's put in the proper place. If a seed is put into the ground...

And Jesus said "The Word of God was a Seed a man sowed." He was the Man that sowed it. And then, if the Word of God is the Seed, and the Seed's put in proper condition, in a heart full of faith, it'll make every promise live, bring forth what it promised.

( **Sirs, We Would See Jesus**  
**January 9, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:1-9, Luke 8:4-8**





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April 21



*And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. (Matthew 13:10-13)*



The disciples, He just begin to tell them. Jesus was a hard Man to understand. The disciples said, "Tell us plainly." Even, no one seemed to understand Him. He talked like he twisted, and parables and everything. That's the way the Word of God is written too, that the wise and prudent will not understand it, but He will reveal it to babes, such as will learn. See? Don't you think that you can go get a Bachelor degree or something another, and come out and teach the Word of God. That don't have nothing to do with it.

I know people that's got D.D.'s, and D.D.'s and everything else, and know no more about God than a rabbit could know how to put on snow shoes. I ain't saying that for a joke either. But that's right. Don't know no more about God, than a Hottentot knows about Egyptian knight. But they don't know God. The only thing they know to say, "Well, we studied it out this way. This Greek word means that. You have to know the translator's idea." I take it for what it says right there. I believe it. That's the way it's written; that's the way it's in my heart. That's the way I believe it and that's the way God reveals it back, and the results it produces.

It's a faith. It ain't how many Greek words you know, how much scholars you are, it isn't a scholarship you got. God's not even known by genealogy. God is knowed by kneelingology.

( **Thou Knowest All Things**  
**July 16, 1952** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:10-12, Luke 8:9-10**



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April 22



*And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. (Matthew 13:14-17)*



Now, the church life is at the end, the normal church. Now, this may stick just a little bit. But the church carnal, the Esau church, she's come to her end. What she doing? Heading up in the federation of churches, which will finally join with Catholicism to fight Communism. Pope John is calling for all the churches to come back, and they will. And they'll unite themselves together, just exactly what **THUS SAITH THE LORD**.

You say, "Wait a minute, Brother Branham, you're getting off the line." If I am, God wrote His Bible off the line. You have to be Micaiah on this case.

Morris Cerullo said to me the other night, said, "Who is the antichrist, Brother Branham? The Jew's the antichrist."

I said, "Morris. And you a Jew?"

He said, "They're the greatest God-haters there is."

I said, "Morris, don't. Tell me in the Scripture where the antichrist come out of Jerusalem. The antichrist come out of Rome, not out of Palestine."

He said, "Well, look, they're God-haters."

"Yes, didn't God say He blinded their eyes so we could have a day of seeing? But our day will be over soon."

He said, "Oh, Brother Branham, I never thought of that." See, there you are.

See, we're at the end. The carnal world, the carnal church is at it end. Watch how it's heading up in the federation of churches, the United Brethren went into them, the Pentecostal is into them. All the rest of them organize themselves. See, you was down in them Canaanites, all the way down through those Esau spirits, very religious, and confederated themselves with the world, not spiritual understanding, not able to overcome, not elected of God to be called out and separated.

Oh, if I could only make it known, if I could only push it down some way. They don't see it. They got eyes and they can't see, ears and can't hear. Oh, why we so dull in the Spirit? Now, listen to this. Everything's at the end.

( Hearing, Recognizing, Acting On The Word Of God  
February 21, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:10-12, Luke 8:9-10**



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*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (Matthew 13:18-23)*



Now, the Gospel, commonly believed, is the Word of God, and that is true in one sense. But the Word of God is not Gospel alone. The Word of God is the Seed that produces the Gospel. Jesus said a sower went forth and sowed seed. And some fell onto the stony places, and some fell by the wayside, and the fowls of the air devoured them. Some fell upon thorny thistle ground; some went over and brought a hundredfold.

Now, the seed, you people here who are a farmers, every seed will produce if it's in the right kind of a ground. And every Divine promise of God in the Bible will produce if it's met in the right kind of a heart. It'll produce the promise. If you have need of salvation, believe that He saves you and accept His sacrificial death, and you shall receive what you've asked for. If you're weary and gloomy and feel like that

everyone's against you, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." That's a seed. Accept it. And if you're sick, "He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we're healed." "Accept it. It's a seed: will produce.

When you sow a seed, you don't dig it up every morning to see if it's come to pass. If you do, your seed will never come up. You got to plant it, commit it to the earth, and let it alone. It's up to nature, God, to water it and to see that it produces. Is that true?

So that's the way you do the Word of God. Accept it in a good heart, already fertilized, and all the creepers, and the rocky places, and the stony doubts taken away, and in good rich soil of faith, and believe it, commit it to God, and walk away, testifying that you have received what God has promised you. And He's the High Priest of your confession, to make right anything that you confessed that He has done.

( **The Church Of The Living God**  
**July 27, 1951** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:13-20, Luke 8:11-18**



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April 24



*Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. (Matthew 13:24-30)*



Many are thinking of the antichrist being Russia. Get it out of your minds. Never. The antichrist is religious. Jesus said, "The two spirits would be so close, it'd deceive the very elect if possible." Don't worry about Russia. They're just a bunch of atheists. Yes, but the antichrist sets right by you. That's the deceiver.

Remember, just the time that Jesus Christ come on the scene, the antichrist come on, Judas. About time Jesus revealed Hisself as the Son of God, Judas revealed hisself. Just the time Jesus went away, Judas went away. Just the time the Holy Ghost come, the antichrist spirit come. And they were brothers in the same church. Amen. Oh, I love the Word. Look. It sets Life in you. Notice, that's God's Word.

Now when Cain offered his sacrifice, religious, bowed down in worship, and as far as

fundamentally, he was just as fundamental in his religion as Abel was. Talk about fundamentalism, God requires worship. Cain worshipped. God requires sacrifice. Cain give a sacrifice. But he did it in the wrong way. Now we're going to start with this 'cause I see my time's going to move quickly.

Now, let's start with these two vines right here. I can take anything, that you wish to, that's on earth today, and show it to you in Genesis. And she's coming to the seed now. That's why we got so much confusion. It's putting out otherwise. See? Like a grain of wheat started with a grain, but it ends up with many grains. That's where all these isms come from, all this nonsense come from, where all this adultery come from, where all this immorality come from. It began in Genesis, in the beginning. And it's been stocked like a garden. And the true wheat's come up among the weeds and the cockleburs. But it's been wheat all along.

You always talk about how bad the world is, how wicked the world is. That's true. But look how great the church is getting all the time. We fail to look at that side. Jesus said, "Let them grow together." When the world's getting wickeder and wickeder and wickeder, the Church is getting more powerful and powerful all the time.

When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God will raise up a standard against it. Hallelujah. Let's go. Glory. The winds are blowing; set your sails. Hallelujah. Move right on into the face of the storm. What do you care? Who's the Captain? He will take care of it. Now, "Don't fear, I'm always there."

( The End Time  
54-0307A )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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April 25



*And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If any man have ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath. (Mark 4:21-25)*



If God tempered this Bride together with that Spirit, then it tempers the individual together with that Spirit. See? Then you are born into that Kingdom, and then the very Life that was in this Church is in that Church, and that, that, that, that. And the very Life that was in the hull, the Vine, Jesus, is in the member that He's put forth. Glory. "With the same things that I do, the works that I do, shall you do also." There's the true member of the Body of Christ; no kind of a name tacked onto it. The very works of that individual proves where he come from. There's Life testifies what he is.

"What body do you belong to?"

"The Body of Christ."

"Well, where did you join it?"

"I didn't; I was born in it. I was borned in it."

You don't have to tell them. They know what's happened. "How can you light a candle and put a bushel over it?" He said. See? No, no.

When you're born into that Kingdom of God, then the Life, the very Life that was in Jesus, then you're interested in souls. Then you don't have to beg people to come to the altar. You don't have to beg for somebody to come seek with those that are at the altar. The things just automatically flow, because it's sealed up in you. You are a unit of God. You're sealed with the Holy Ghost.

Now, do you know what the Holy Ghost means? It don't mean, "I jumped up and shouted, and I had a strange feeling." Them's all right. I've jumped up and shouted and had strange feelings. "I spoke in tongues." I believe the Holy Ghost speaks in tongues. Sure. "I've interpreted." Yes, sir. I believe that too.

But that ain't it. That isn't what I'm talking about. There can be a leak up here somewhere. There can be a leak here in your patience.

Let somebody smite you on one side of the face. Do you turn the other one? But you say, "That dirty hypocrite!" Then there's a leak somewhere sprung. We better leave that alone. All right.

But you know what I mean? But when you're sealed into the Body of Christ, then you're Spirit-filled, and you're a son of God.

( **Blasphemous Names**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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April 26



*And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (Mark 4:26-29)*



The first corn of wheat, the Bridegroom, had to fall into the earth in order to rise again. So did the first Bride that was born at Pentecost had to go through that Dark Ages like any other seed, be buried. They had to die. They must do it. But it started sprouting again in Luther in the first reformation. It didn't look like the seed that went in, but it was the Light of that day. The stalk then went on into the tassel, Wesley. And from the tassel it went into Pentecost, the shuck.

A man that's raised wheat, you go out and see that wheat form in there, it looks just exactly like the grain. But if you'll take a tweezer and set down and take that wheat and open it up, there's no grain there at all. It's just a shuck. And then what? It's formed there to hold the grain. See? And then, the first thing you know, the life left the stalk to go into the tassel, left the tassel go into the shuck; it leaves the shuck and goes into the wheat: three stages of it. And then forms the Wheat outside of the three stages: Luther, Wesley, Pentecost. Just exactly. You can't interrupt nature.

Now, look, every three years after a message has went forth sent from God, they organize. This has been twenty years, and there's no organization. It won't, see. Now,

the shuck has to pull away, give the Wheat a chance to lay before the Son to ripen on the Message, coming right back into the church again, forming the Body of Jesus Christ just like the first original One that went into the ground.

Now, to see the Eternal Life. The stalk back here carried the Life. Certainly, it did. But, you see, when it become the stalk and it was finished, the organization, the Life went right on into Wesley. And watch each one of them. Why, a big blade don't look like the grain. But when the little pollen comes, the pollen of the tassel, it looks a whole lot like the grain. But when it comes down to that shuck, it's almost there.

Didn't Jesus say in the last days (Matthew 24:24) the two would be so close it would deceive the very genes, predestinated, the Elected One, if it was possible? Almost like the real thing (See?), so in the last days. Now, you see, it's wheat time now. It's getting harvest time. This is not Luther's age; this is not Pentecost age; this is the Bride age.

As Moses called a nation out of a nation, Christ today is calling a church out of a church, the same thing in type, taking them to the glorious eternal promised land.

( Leadership  
December 7, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 27



*Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. (Matthew 13:31-32)*



Now we got so much today under the emotions and so forth, that and things. I have nothing to say against it, that's up between the individual and God. But to me, every word, every action has to come from this Bible. It has to be God's Word, then I know it's true, if God, the Bible backs it up and says it's true, with a promise, then it's the Truth. It's somebody that's found faith, that stands there on that Word and makes it live again. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." When we see that in the promise of God, then we can be perseverant. We can really believe, stay there because it's God's promise. Stay right with it no matter how long it takes it; it'll bring it out.

You know, He spoke one time of the seed of a mustard, or faith as a grain of mustard seed, the smallest. A mustard seed is among the smallest seeds that there is in the earth today. But what is it? It won't mix with nothing. Mustard seed won't mix with no other. You can take kale and spinach, and make rape and so forth, and you can bring different substance by mixing seeds. But mustard don't mix, they tell me, that you can't mix it with nothing. It's mustard, and it remains mustard.

And when a man takes a Word of God, no matter how little that faith is, but if it won't

mix with any unbelief, it'll bring him out to the light. Some of us have great faith that'll just perform miracles. Some has faith just to hold on till it happens.

But if it's genuine faith, once ahold of it, there's nothing going to shake you from it. It ain't going to mix. Then that person is persistent. He has perseverance. No matter how many people says the days of miracles is past, he doesn't believe it. He holds on, because he's met the conditions and sunk that Word into a heart of faith that believes it. There he stays.

( **Perseverance**  
**62-0218 -2** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:30-32**



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April 28



*Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world. (Matthew 13:33-35)*



Where is the all-night prayer meetings we used to have? What's happened to it? Where's that deep sincerity and pressing on with God? What's the matter? We've been cut away from it. We just laid it, little by little.

Sin is so enticing. Oh, it's glamor. And it's got a very appetizing appeal, sin has. It's so innocent. Why, it looks so innocent. Don't you listen to it.

After while, when Joshua took the land, God told him, "Utterly destroy everything there is there. Don't leave nothing." Why, could you imagine some of them Israelite women picking up a little baby? "Oh, isn't it cute? Look at it ain't even got teeth yet."

Joshua said, "Kill it."

The mother said, "Oh, I'm a mother. I can't kill that baby."

"You must. Hand it here."

Why? It might look cute now, but it'll grow up and be just like its daddy. You can't baby sin. It's got to be handled, not with gloves on, but bare-handed. We want to be nice. Everybody does. But what is nice? We want to be humble. What is humility?

We want to be full of compassion. What is compassion?

Jesus, a man full of compassion, passed through two or three thousand people, water-head babies, crippled, blind, halt, withered. He had compassion. What did He do?

Walked over where the Father showed Him, a man that had maybe prostate trouble, or something, and healed him and walked away, and left the rest of them: a Man full of compassion.

Now, our English words turn the people around. See? That's human sympathy; that's not compassion. There's a lot of difference between sympathy and compassion.

They're two different words altogether. And we use them the same. Now, the Word doesn't use any compassion; it's got to be obeyed. Stay with that Word, no matter how bad it cuts. How would you think it'd destroy babies, and innocent women, and things like that, so-called? One little leaven leavens the whole lump. That's the same thing started back there with Eve. It looked awful cunning.

"Why, you'll be wise. Surely you'll not die. He's too good. He wouldn't kill you. But surely you'll not die." But God said you would die. That started the whole thing, right there. See? You've got to stay with that Word, regardless. Don't presume; believe. Don't reason. Knowledge has reasonings. Faith has no reason. Faith just holds onto it.

( Presuming  
April 8, 1962 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:33-34**





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April 29



*Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Matthew 13:36-43)*



Someone asked me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, if that Holy Spirit is so great, I've seen people who's stood in the meeting, and shouted, and praised God, their tears running down their cheeks; and they would come out and do things like sinners, and go to sinful places, and live in sin." Said, "Was that the Holy Spirit making those people shout?"

I said, "Yes."

Said, "Oh, do you mean the Holy Spirit would fall on a person like that?"

I said, "Yes."

Jesus said, "A sower went forth and sowed some seeds. And a enemy came behind

him and sowed some tares. And the husbandman said, 'Shall I go pull up the tares?'" Said, "If you do, you'll pull up the wheat. Let them both grow together. And at that day, I'll send the Angels, and they'll gather all the tares and burn them, and the wheat will be taken to the garner." Hebrews 6 says that it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, made partakers of the heavenly gift (partakers of the Holy Spirit in heavenly calling), tasted the good Word of God and power of the world to come; if they shall fall away, to renew themselves again to repentance; seeing that they crucify themselves afresh the Son of God, and count the Blood wherewith they was sanctified an unholy thing. For... (Listen closely now.)... For the rain cometh oft upon the earth to dress it, prepare it. But the thistles and thorns are to be burned.

Notice. In this same wheat field that was sowed, in there is briars, creepers, stink weed, everything, all growing together with the wheat. And when the drought is on, the creeper is just as thirsty for water as the wheat is. The water is sent for the wheat. But the creeper's just as glad to get the water as the wheat. And by their fruit you shall know them.

In the meeting the Holy Ghost falls over the building. But those who live godly in Christ Jesus are the people that'll be taken into the garner. And the tares, not for us to judge but, will be burned at the end. You see what I mean?

Then don't judge a person because they shout, or 'cause they could praise the Lord. Judge them by the life they live. And if they're not living the right kind of life, don't turn them down; pray for them. That's the way to do it. And convert them from a nettle weed to a stalk of wheat. Amen.

( The Angel Of The Lord  
April 14, 1951 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 30



*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. (Matthew 13:44-46)*



You can never get a true look at Jesus Christ and ever remain the same. There's something about Him that's different from all other men. When you ever hear Him speak, you'll be like the Roman soldier, "Never a man spoke like this." The priest spoke of something. Man's still got the same nature. We have it today. Man is always praising God for what He did do, and looking forward for what He will do, and ignoring what He is doing. That's just the nature of man. It's always been that nature. But a man once look at Jesus Christ, he'll never be the same, he'd see Him manifested.

That's the reason when you're sealed with the Holy Ghost, the seal is on both sides of the paper, both coming and going. They can see the walk, the talk, the Life of Christ reflecting in His people. That was His purpose of death, that the church might continue His work. But we've conglomerated it up in a bunch of everything.

Now we notice, as He started going on, walking down the street, Zacchaeus raises his leaf a little higher. He wants to get a real good look at Him as He passes. Now, he's all covered over, camouflaged real good. And after while he has to raise like this to look. Jesus was coming right beneath him. Just as He passed by, Jesus stopped,

looked up, said, "Zacchaeus, make haste. Come down out of the tree. I'm going home with you for dinner today." What a difference. He knew that was a Prophet that the Lord God had raised up, not only knowed He was in the tree, but knowed what his name was.

The Bible said, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the sunder the marrow of the bone, and a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among them. And we beheld Him, the only Begotten of the Father." There He was, the Word of God manifested to this Zacchaeus. Down out of the tree he come, quickly, to repent.

Zacchaeus, businessman here tonight, remember you cannot hide under fig leaves. He knows just exactly where you're setting. He knows you. He knows who you are. He knows your name, He knows why you're here. He knows all about it. That's right. And we who have met Him, and know Him, and become His disciples, we know what He is and what He does for the people. We know that He remains the same.

Zacchaeus come down in a penitent attitude. He said, "Lord, if I have cheated any man, I'll pay it back. I'll take my money; I'll give to the poor." See, he'd already found that Pearl of great price. He'd found something that was more than his business. Something in all men tries to achieve something. But if you lose Eternal Life, what all your achievement done for you? The greatest treasure that a man can find is to find release.

( Zacchaeus, The Businessman  
January 21, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 1



*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:47-50)*



Look at our Lord Jesus. When He came on earth, He was a young Prophet of Galilee. He went into the synagogues, everyone loved Him. He healed the sick. That was His first part of His ministry, the first stage. The second stage was prophecy, where He begin to rebuke the Pharisees and Sadducees of His day, tell them what they were and how they were blind and couldn't see it, and who He was, and so forth, you know, and what was going to happen to them. On this He was condemned, and on these basis He was crucified, but they could not stop the message. You can stop the messenger, but not the message. And the Bible said that He ascended into hell and preached to the souls that were in prison, that were sometime disobedient, and there His last message was to the doomed.

Be awful to think, now, that some of these days that people would be going on preaching just like they did in the days of Noah; they'd be going on just the same, but to a doomed world that's already the doors is closed. We don't know what time that might happen. So if you're not a Christian tonight, think of it real hard. Give it a serious thought.

Now, there's only one thing that we know to do, is to follow the instructions that our Lord left us, "Preach the Gospel to every creature." He knows who is saved and who is not. We do not. We just cast the net into the sea, bring forth of all kinds, but God knows who is saved and who is not. "And no man can come to Him except the Father has drawed him; and all the Father has given Him will come." We know that. So we can't say this one is a Christian and that one isn't, because He said, "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that took a net and went to the sea and cast it in." When he had taken the net in, he had all kinds of things in there. There would be water spiders, bugs, snakes, and fish, and scavenger fish, and good fish." The water bugs and things finally crawl back into the water again, but the good fish was kept for the Master. Now, we don't know which is. We just cast the net.

But you remember, that water bug was a water bug when the net went over him. The influence of the meeting was what caught him. The snake was still a snake; the Gospel net just pulled him in. And the scavenger fish was a scavenger fish; the turtle was a turtle; the crawfish was a crawfish. See? But the real fish was a fish to begin with. See? So He knows which is, because He has their names on His Book, put there when the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world.

( **The Sign Of This Time**  
November 13, 1963 )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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May 2



*Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old. And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. (Matthew 13:51-53)*



And remember, the child, no matter what would ever take place, it was borned a child; it will always be a child. And when a man is borned of the Holy Ghost, he becomes a child of God, for it is actually a second birth, a regeneration, that creates something in the man that wasn't there to begin with. When every man is borned into the household of faith, he becomes a child. Then the Holy Spirit follows this man and brings word to God how he is progressing.

Now, after this child become of age, now he's still a child, but if the child was reckless, and never paid any attention, and wasn't so interested in the Father's work, that child never become adopted to that family. But if he was a correct child, a good child, and loved the work of his father, and was interested, and tried to do all he could to progress his father's work, then the tutor brought that word to the father, and there was what's called the placing of the son or as Paul gives it over in Galatians, "the adoption." That we was predestinated unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, the adoption.

Now, the same son that was born into a family could be adopted into the same family, or placed in the same family, or give a position in the family that he was borned into.

And I do believe that that is the work of the Holy Spirit today among the church, is trying to place in the church positionally apostles, teachers, prophets, and so forth. And we've seen many false alarms and so forth moving amongst the people, which only indicated that the real genuine adoption was at hand. I believe it. God has to place into the church. That's the business of God, not of man.

Now, when this boy became of age, and when he was ready then for his adoption, and the tutor had told the Father that this boy was eligible for adoption, he was taken out into a public place, and there he was robed with a robe (an honor robe, perhaps purple, or some color of royalty), and was set up, and the whole city, all the people around about, seen the Father adopt his own son into the family. And then when he was adopted into the family, already a son, already a child, already a heir of grace, but placed in the family, you get it. Now, when he was placed in the family and given his position, then that boy's name on a check was just as good as his father's name on the check.

Now, I believe that that is the time that the church has arrived at today, that the next great move in the church is for God, after we've seen the false alarms, but now, God will place in His church correctly, apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, not man-made seminary boughten, but God will place into the church. Not theology run-overs and overnights, but God will place in the church, as God has chosen, as the Holy Ghost has tutored this church and raised it up. And in there God will adopt into the position His sons.

( A Hidden Life  
55-1006A )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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May 3



*Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead. (Matthew 8:18-22)*



I have no programs at all. I have nothing, no programs. We have books, but them books, we buy them from somebody else to bring them to the meeting. I have no radio, no television, no nothing else. I'm not under obligation to nothing or nobody but God. 'Cause I can go to a church, little or big. I don't have to have any certain amount of money; there's nothing designated. I'm fifty-one years old, been preaching thirty-one years and never took a offering in my life. That's right. No money hooked into it at all. People give me little things so I can live by, and help support the ministry, which is appreciated. That goes into a foundation at my church. Myself, I get one hundred dollars a week for my living. And outside of that, well, that's all I have. And that's all I need.

And I don't believe that the Gospel of Christ was ever made to commercialize. I believe that, it's not to be done. And I do not believe that servants of Christ should try to be showmen. I believe they're supposed to be humble, take the place of Christ, His life in us, represents Him to the public.

Now, we find out that He said, "The foxes have holes and dens, and the birds have nests; but the Son of God doesn't have a place to lay His head." He didn't have to be that way. I think the sweetest word in the Bible, one of them, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sakes." He had a right to a wife; He had a right to a home. He had a right to the pleasures of life, like we have, the comforts of life at least. But He was sanctifying Himself because He was training twelve men that would stir the world with the Gospel. And if He could do that, how much more ought we to sanctify ourself.

( The Queen Of Sheba  
February 19, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 4



*And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him! (Matthew 8:23-27)*



Now, a minister with a gift of Divine healing, he'd come in here, many gifts rests in that minister. He comes in here to the building. He takes the Word of God. He's a master-explainer. He can stand and explain it like Mr. Roberts or Tommy Osborn, or some of those brethren like that who is masterpieces on the Scripture, wonderful men. They've all been right here in Chicago and preached to you. And you know they are. Master men on explaining the Word. That's gifts of healing.

Now, that's the way they try to make you see Him. That's their gift they have to prove to you that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. They believe it with all their heart. And they prove it by the Word that it's right.

Now, I'm not a gifted person of that type. My gift is seeing visions. Then when you see something that God has did, something that the Father has made manifest as a spiritual gift, a knowledge that God comes down and anoints, makes them preach the Word. Then God comes down in anointing of another gift, and he will know things, and foreshow things, and tell things that was, and what will be. What's that to do?

Does that heal you? No. It brings your faith up to Jesus Christ Who has already healed you. That's it. Then you believe it and go away saying, "Praise the Lord, I'm healed."

Now, Jesus crossing in the boat, crossing this sea. I can just imagine how that was. He preached all day, and that night a big storm come up on the sea and liked to sunk the little boat, and weary and tired but never afraid. I like that.

Jesus didn't have to go out and fast all day, and pray all day, and then, say, "Now, I wonder if I've got faith enough to do this." He was unconscious of the faith that He had. Any men or women that ever make real warriors in the Kingdom of God is perfectly unconscious to their faith. You keep trying to test your faith. "Wonder if I've got faith enough to do this? Have I got faith..." Don't test your faith. God said so, do it anyhow. God said so. Have you ever tested your faith whether you had enough faith to come to the meeting or not tonight? Did you test your faith to see if you had enough faith to eat your supper tonight? Do you think you'll have to fast awhile and test your faith to see if you got enough faith to drive your car home? Certainly not. It's just automatically you believe it.

And that's the way you believe healing. Believe anything God said. Just don't fight at it, and shake at it, and rebuke the devil every minute. Just accept it and go on. That's it. There's nothing to be alarmed about. God said so and that settled it. So we just go ahead, knowing it's going to happen. Just forget about it. God said it, that proves it, I believe it, that settles it. That's all you have to do.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
55-0116E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25**





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May 5



*And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts. (Matthew 8:28-34)*



Jesus laying in the back of the boat, and He was asleep, and He raised up to still the waters. Now, look, He's crossing that stormy sea. He come all the way across that stormy sea, through that dark, dismal, rainy, stormy night, when, perhaps, ten thousand devils of the sea swore they'd drowned Him. And there He was out there in that little, old boat bouncing around like that through the night, tired and weary. He come all the way over to Gadara for one purpose. There was one person needed help. That was a maniac of Gadara, a crazy man. He come all the way across the stormy sea. It took Him all night to help one person.

He'd come all the way from glory tonight to manifest Hissself to heal any person that's

in here. That's the loving heart of the Lord Jesus.

And when this maniac met Him, he run out there, I suppose, like he was going to kill Him. But He seen that boy was so completely surrendered to Satan till the devil used his tongue. You believe the devil can use your tongue? Certainly he does: Make you say things that you don't want to say, make you lie, steal, make you tell things that's not right, say bad words that God don't want you to say. The devil gets complete control of you.

Well, then if he gets all the way control of you, you don't know what you're going to say. You become a mad man. Do you believe your tongue can be used for Jesus Christ? Certainly it can. Then you sing the Gospel, preach the Gospel, and speak good things, and talk good things, and say good words. Then you can become so completely surrendered to the Holy Spirit till He can speak a language that you know nothing about. That's right. He can.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
55-0116E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 5:1-20, Luke 8:26-39**



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May 6



*And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city. While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. (Matthew 9:1,18-19)*



Now, Divine healing is nothing that anyone can do. Divine healing is a act of faith in a finished work, that Christ finished at Calvary. No man has power to heal. Not even Jesus had power to heal. We all know that. He said, "It's not Me that doeth the works, it's My Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." So the Son of God had not power to heal at random, or in His ownself: "The Son can do nothing in Himself," He said. And if He did not take credit for healing the sick, then how much more should any man of this day, or any other day, abstain from honors from people saying that He heals the sick. It's absolutely an error. If I could heal you, I could save you. Because it's in the same atonement that the finished work was completed at Calvary by our blessed Lord. And it's your personal faith in the finished work of Christ at Calvary, that brings both salvation and healing.

I might say in here, "How many people's been healed for five years?" Several hands would go up. "How many's been healed, or been saved for twenty five years?" Many hands would go up. "How many's been saved for a year?" Hands would go up. Now, one way that was right, and another way it was wrong.

You wasn't healed twenty five years, one year ago. But you were healed and saved



nineteen hundred years ago. When Jesus died at Calvary, He finished the sin question and the sick question. For there where He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we were healed, and the complete thing was finished at that time.

And then, you, your personal faith in that finished work draws the remuneration from what He did for you at Calvary. So you were saved two thousand years ago, but accepted your salvation twenty five years ago, hour ago, five minutes ago. You were healed two thousand years ago, you can accept it right now.

So my ministry has never been very effective in the United States, because that the people has been trained the old Jewish tradition of laying hands on the sick. That never was to the Gentiles. And the American people are taught that: lay hands on the sick. When Jairus' daughter was dead, Jairus said to Jesus, he being a Jew, "Come, lay Your hand on my daughter and she'll live." But when the Gentile son was sick, he said, "I'm not worthy that You'd come under my roof, just speak the Word and my servant," rather, "shall live." Jesus turned to the Jews and said, "I don't find faith like that in Israel."

See, the Gentile way is to accept His Word. And this is the Word of God. And I believe that every bit of this is God's Word. And I do believe that God can do things that He hasn't written in the Word. There's plenty in there for me to deal with, just what He promised. Now, I do not want anything less or anything more, but I want all His promises, because He died that I might have them. So healing is one of His promises.

( Can We See Jesus  
58-0619E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 5:21-24, Luke 8:40-42**





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May 7



*And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour. (Matthew 9:20-22)*



There's only one Mediator between God and man, that's a Man, Christ Jesus (That's correct.), no goddess, no saint, Christ.

Now, if He's raised from the dead, He will do the same thing that He did. If His body will submit themselves, you'll see the Holy Spirit come into His body and do the same thing.

It no matter how much of the gift God would give me, if you haven't got faith to believe that God sent that, it'll never work. Look at the Roman put a rag around His face and hit Him on the head with a stick and said, "If you're a prophet, tell us who hit you." See; critical. Jesus never opened His mouth, never said a word.

But the woman touched His garment, just barely touched Him. A Roman hit Him, but the woman just touched Him and went over. Because she believed Him. He turned and said, "You're faith has made you whole." There you are. That's the difference. You've got to approach Him right.

Now, if He shall come at the beginning of this convention and prove Himself alive. Now, you say, "Brother Branham, if He was standing on the platform tonight, you

think He'd heal me?" He couldn't. He's already done it. He can't do it twice. He's done it and left the rest to you. If you believe it, you're healed. If you don't, you're not. That's all. If He was standing here, He could do no more about it. He couldn't save you unless you believed it.

Then what did He promise to do? "I'll show Myself alive in the church until I come again. The things that I done here, so shall you do till I come again." Then if He proves Hisself alive, what do you think about Him? It's your faith, not nothing I could do for you, but what He has already done for you and you just accept it. Oh, I pray that God will let that get in this group tonight.

.If that will come into this group tonight, there will not be a feeble person among us in twenty minutes from now. That's right. There won't be a feeble person in our midst. Why can't this be another Pentecost? Why can't this convention turn into really something that'll shake the nation? Amen. He wants to do it. It's just because we won't let Him do it. Oh, how He wants to take this convention into His arms and say, "Children, I want to work with you. I want to work through you." He's trying to press His way into you.

Just like all the water in the world put up in a four foot barrel, four foot across, how many tens of thousands of miles high that would be. What a pressure it would be trying to get through. That's like the Holy Spirit trying to get into the church, trying to find a little crevice somewhere to bring Himself into, to bless you, and to make you grow and to live. And yet we stay dry, hard. I don't know about that.

( Faith Once Delivered To The Saints  
June 10, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48**





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May 8



*And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land. (Matthew 9:23-26)*



We'll notice over at the other shore, there's a little fellow by the name of Jairus. And he was a nice little man. I believe that Jairus was a secret believer. He didn't want people to know about it.

There's a lot of people like that in Phoenix tonight, that they'd be right here in this meeting if the pastor wouldn't put them out of church Sunday, for coming. That's right. They believe it. But they're afraid.

Jairus believed too, but he was afraid. He believed. And when he heard about Jesus, the things that was done, He was different from any other man. He knowed that was God's Servant, God's Son. He knowed He had to be more than a man.

And he believed the ministry, though he was all bound up with a organization that he couldn't move. For they'd strictly said that any man that hears this fanatic just might as well take your church papers and go on. Because you're going to be put out of the synagogue, considered a heretic.

So you know, anybody that's deep sincere like Jairus, sometimes God has to work things around to make them to be a believer and come out and confess some things.

Don't you believe that? He does.

He had one little daughter, and she was about twelve years old. She took sick. As most all men would do, they called the doctor, I guess. And the doctor looked the child over and said, "Well, perhaps I'll give her a round of medicine." And the next day he come back, and the child was worse and grew worse all the time. I'd imagine Jairus, way back down in the gable end of his soul, he thought, "Wonder where Jesus is? If I have to have Him, you know."

That's the way a lot of people think though. That's right. "I really believe it, but for my social prestige, I just can't confess it like that." The world's full of them tonight. Looking to men, scared of men. "Don't fear men who can kill the body, but fear Him who can kill both body and soul." Don't care what the people says.

There is a many peoples in town and found tonight riding around in big nice Cadillac cars and things, up-to-date in what's called in the social ranks of the world, would love to be enjoying the experience of some of these poor dear people setting in here tonight, maybe don't even know where their meal will come from tomorrow. They'd like to do it, but for their social standing.

See what a curse money is and riches. No wonder Jesus said, "Scarcely a rich man can enter the gates of heaven." Like the camel going through the eye of the needle, has to unload his burdens and get on his knees and crawl under. He can get there, but he has to unload first.

( The Resurrection Of Jairus' Daughter  
March 2, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 5:35-43, Luke 8:49-56**







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May 9



*And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. (Matthew 9:27-31)*



I've been privileged in my ministry to stand by the grave of many great founders of religion, great founders such as Mohammed and many of the other outstanding religions of the world. But every one of them has a marked place where their founder died and is buried and lays there to this day. And as yet, in the natural I have never had the privilege to stand by that open tomb where Christ was laid and the grave could not hold Him. For He was the One Who said, "I lay My life down; no man takes it from Me. I lay it down and I take it up again."

And it's the only religion in the world that can be proved to be correct, is the Christian religion. Our Lord, not only did He die for His people, but He rose again for their justification. And He's ascended on high tonight and sets on the throne of God, and His Spirit lives in His Church with His people, doing the very same things that He did when He was here on earth, carrying on His ministry.

And after this morning, the Holy Spirit so beautifully coming down and bathing us in His great beauty, I was just inspired to speak them words and say that, "Some

glorious day that all of the gifts that's in the Church, will just be set aside on the mantle, as it was. And the Holy Spirit Himself will just take the Church in such a control of Divine love until the sick will be healed, the blind will see, the lame will walk, without being hands laid on them. It'll just be one great unity."

And when we stood this morning in the age and the time that we are, and seen that man walk, or packed up here with his head bowed down between his knees, and with a spinal condition that had stooped him over like this, and drawed him down, and while sitting there, begin to rock back and forth in that back. Then to see that man go back and set down after coming through the prayer line, and to know that he had made the statement and said for many years he'd real hard of hearing in his ears, and to see the Lord Jesus open those ears so perfectly, till he could hear the lowest of whispers, going back and setting down and putting his hands over his ears and crying, a business man, a man who drove hundreds of miles to get here.

Then after that at the platform, the testimonies of those children coming here, the people who had been in serious condition of all kinds of diseases, from across the country, giving testimony of their conditions and how they were dying with cancer and different things, and here they are normally healed. That's just one of the vindications of His continuing Messiahship. It's a vindication that Christianity is the truth.

There's no other religion is truth but Christianity. And it is through Christ is the Truth. And the religion of Christ did not die with Christ; it might've died with Him, but it raised with Him also. And He tonight still proves His great Messiahship.

( Then Jesus Came  
57-0407E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 10



*As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (Matthew 9:32-35)*



Oh, I like His fearless way. Don't you? Never a time that He was ever a bit upset, He knowed He walked perfectly in the will of God. When the storms a raging, the little old boat about ready to sink, He walked out just as cool as He could be, put His foot up on the brail of the boat. And looked up, said, "Peace," to the Father, "Peace." Looked out upon the ocean, said, "Be still," walked back and laid down. The waves was just as calm. That was Him: never scared; never excited; never fussy. They said, "Oh, we know who He is, Beelzebub. We know He does this by the prince of the devils."

He said, "If Satan cast out Satan, then his kingdom's divided. And if I, by the finger of God, cast out devils, who does your children cast them out by? You be the judge." Just as cool as He could be. Why, faith was just a subconscious to Him. He just walked on, 'cause He knowed He was doing perfectly the will of God.

When He healed the sick, what did the Bible say, the reason He healed the sick? "He healed the sick, that it might be fulfilled." Why? See? Why? It's easy to believe anything God says.

If God says, "Tomorrow, that there's going to be so hot that everybody could go swimming," it wouldn't be hard for me to get a swimming suit ready. If He said, "It's going to pour down rain tomorrow all day long," it's easy for me to take an umbrella with me. Is that right? If God says, "It's going to be a good season next year, and all the crops are going to grow everywhere," I'd just plant anything with good faith. See? Is that right? If God says He's going to give us a great meeting tonight, I'd come without even a text in my mind. He's going to do it anyhow. Is that right? God said so. That settles it.

If you're suffering, just nearly ready to die, and God said, "I am the Lord that healeth Thee." That don't waver you a bit; just go on. God said so. See? That's just that unconscious faith like. You see? Just go right on believing it. God said so, and that just settles it.

( **Divine Healing**  
**54-1219M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 5:35-43, Luke 8:49-56**



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May 11



*And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief. (Matthew 13:54-58)*



Now, over in the old country in Germany and around the other parts of the world, oh, my, why, first meeting night, you can expect anywhere from thirty, to fifty, a hundred, and two hundred thousand people at one gathering. Thousands are healed at one time. Just soon as they see something happen, that settles it; they're ready. But in America we've got too much teaching; we got too much different teaching.

Like the other day there was a great conference went on here. I don't know whether many of you know about it or not, among some church people who had visit all the meetings of the healing services and so forth, so they was met at conference and was going to draw up their conclusions of what they come to, and one of them said, "What do you think about Mr. Allen?"

"The biggest radic' I ever seen," said the group.

Said, "What do you think about Oral Roberts?"

Said, "Mass psychology."

Said, "What about William Branham?"

Said, "A polished soothsayer."

That was the truth. How can you expect to do much around there? See, Jesus Himself couldn't work in an audience like that. You've got to believe it; that's all. And when He went to His own country, there was many mighty works that He could not do because of their unbelief.

( Faith In Action  
October 3, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:1-6**



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May 12



*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. (Matthew 9:36-38)*



Just previous of this chapter, we find one place there, where the Son of God spend so much time in prayer. And if Jesus had to spend much time in prayer to stay in fellowship with the Spirit that was in Him, how much more do you and I have to spend in prayer? Much time in prayer. If you only knew what time in prayer meant. Sometimes when you're in prayer, God changes the complete destination of different things that's going to happen. Do you believe that? Might be something fixing to happen, and your prayer could change the whole situation.

Well, you say, "If God knows it's going to happen, what would my prayer do?"

You remember when He stood there looking out upon the harvest, He was the Lord of the harvest. He said, "The harvest is ripe and laborers are but few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send laborers into His harvest." In other words, "Pray to Me that I will send laborers into My harvest, which I'm just telling you it's such a needy thing."

But part of it lays in human beings. Do you believe that? The Kingdom of God lays within the human being. Now, Jesus said in one place, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." The vine can't bear fruit; the branches in the vine bears fruit. God cannot

bear fruit of Hissself, it's got to take the Church. Is that right? He's got to take you branches to bear fruit. And when you branches are yielded to the vine, then fruit comes forth. See what I mean? God wants your hands; He wants your eyes; He wants your tongue, wants your lips, wants your ears, wants your hands and feet so He can bring forth fruit through you. Now, Jesus put much time in prayer. One day there He told His disciples; He said, "Now, cross over to the other side." He sent them away while He went up in the mountain to pray.

.While He was up there alone, a storm coming up. I believe, I don't know, but I believe if I'd been the disciples, I'd said, "I know He told us to go over, but I believe I'll just wait till He comes and goes along." I'd like for Him to be along in these cases, don't you? So we see Him now going up into the mountain to pray.

The disciples thrust out into the sea and picked up their oars, and their little ship's sail went up, and away they started, oaring across to the other side where Jesus was to meet them on the other side. Then going in the absence of the Holy Spirit, or Christ then in visible form, on the road over trouble set in. And usually, if you start anywhere without Christ, trouble's on its road. Just as soon as the devil sees you out of fellowship with Christ, right then he will set out for you as hard as he can. Just as soon as he sees you away from prayer, away from consecration, Satan will catch you right then if he possibly can.

( The Healing Of Jairus' Daughter  
55-0227E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:1-6**





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May 13



*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. (Matthew 10:1-4)*



While you're listening, one of the most outstanding Scriptures that I can think of, when Jesus said, "Father (think of it), Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." Think of it. "Father, for their sake I sanctify Myself." What was He doing? Setting the example; He was a Lamb. What did He do? He had a right to a home; He was a Man. He had a right to be married; He was a Man. He had a right to good clothes; He was a Man. But He sanctified Himself; He forfeited. He could've come down the corridors of glory, a full statured man, with an Angelic band. Sure. But He sanctified Himself.

He could've at least been born in a nice clean bed somewhere, but He was born in a manger over a manure pile, in a borrowed manger. But He sanctified Himself. Why? He was the Lamb. See, friends, we got back to assembly line religions and so forth and all these things, we're getting away from the real things. Humble yourself. Keep humble: "Lord, sanctify me."

Jesus was training some men that was going to take the gospel to all the world, twelve men. So He lived a sanctified life, and forfeited every worldly pleasure for their sake.

We ought to forfeit our worldly dressing, and our worldly pleasures, and things like that, for the sake of the people we're trying to lead to God, the outside world. Let the Dove come in tonight. Sanctify yourself, that the Dove of real faith will come in and take His abode.

( **Lamb And Dove**  
**August 5, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:7, Luke 9:1-2**



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May 14



*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city. (Matthew 10:5-15)*



Now, we find out that God gave Moses signs to prove claims and callings. And every true sign, every true sign that's sent from God has a voice behind it. Now, don't fail; this is my last lesson on this. See? Now, we have signs that's not from God. Satan can almost impersonate anything that there is. But a true sign sent from God has the voice of God behind it.

God said to Moses, "If they won't believe the voice of the first sign, then do this other sign before them. And then, if they won't hear that, just take water and pour it upon the ground." And that was the sign that they'd be drenched there in their own blood. Notice. And just same as He said, "Dust the dust from your feet. It'd be more

tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah that day, than it will be for that city that rejects you."

Now, we're not playing church. This is church. Christ is the church. We're in Christ, the mystical body of Christ. We're borned into it; you can't join it. I've been with the Branham family for almost fifty-five years, and they never did ask me to join the family. I was borned a Branham. That's the way you're a Christian; you're borned a Christian. Not joined into it, you're borned in it.

Everybody's afraid of the birth. They have some nice clean way of taking a little hand, or signing a little card, or a salt-shake with some water in it. That's not the birth. A birth is a hard thing. A birth is an awful thing. I don't care if it's in a pigpen, or a barn stall, or in a pink decorated hospital room, a birth is a mess.

And it makes a mess out of you. You don't want to give up. You don't want this, that, or the other. But the tears'll wash the paint off your face and make you a different person. If you're borned again, it'll make a mess out of you. But you'll come forth a new creature. They don't want that. They want some easy way, you know. And there is no easy way. As the song, he said, "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few." You don't want to be a hotbed plant.

( The Voice Of The Sign  
64-0321E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**



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May 15



*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; (Matthew 10:16-17)*



The Bible said Stephen was a man full, full of what? Full of power, full of faith, full of love, full of the Holy Ghost. That's what made him what he was, is because he was filled with the Holy Ghost. And he was a real advertising board for Christ. When he stood there that morning at the Sanhedrin court, and they accused him. They said, "This man..." and what all he was doing. And he stood alone, just him alone, out before the great Sanhedrin court, maybe two or three thousand Jews or five thousand, standing there with a pointing finger. The Bible said when he walked out there, that his face looked like an Angel.

That doesn't mean he had a light shining from his face; an Angel would be a messenger that knowed what he was talking about. Stephen walked out there, not afraid of death. He wasn't afraid of nothing. Because he knowed what he was talking about. And Paul said, "I know Who I have believed, and I'm persuaded He's able to keep that which I've committed to Him."

But Stephen walked out there before that Sanhedrin court, like a sheep among a pack of wolves, was hounding for his blood. And they accused him and pointed a accusing finger at him. What did he do? He said, "Men and brethren, God of glory appeared to our father, Abraham, when he was yet in Mesopotamia, before he was called out." Went ahead and brought down all the history of Abraham, and how that through him

would bring in the Gentiles. And when he got down to a certain place, look at him, full of the Holy Ghost. And they couldn't wait till they could get their hands on him. He said, "You stiff-necked, uncircumcised in heart and ears. You always resist the Holy Ghost. Like your fathers did, so do you."

He was God's advertisement board. And when they stoned him to death, threw him outside the city and beat him to death with stones, when he was dying, he raised his head to heaven and asked forgiveness for those who were stoning him, the same as Jesus did at the cross.

Then God saw his little advertisement board being taken down. Stephen looked up to heaven and said, "Behold, I see heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." And he fell asleep in the arms of God. He was an advertisement board for a hungry world.

You say, "Well, how many were there? You said there was maybe five thousand. How many of them got saved?" There was one. He never accepted it right then, but years later. There was one held the coat, Saul, that young Pharisee, standing there, consulted and gave witness to his death. But when he saw that advertisement of the power of the resurrected Christ in that little fellow, it never got away from him. That same man Paul, that one standing there that morning, led tens of thousands of souls to Christ. Because one man was willing to give his life to be an advertising board for Jesus Christ. What ought we to do today?

( Let Your Light So Shine Before Men  
September 3, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**



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May 16



*And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. (Matthew 10:18-20)*



I was preaching a funeral service today, and cutting it strong; someone asked me, said, "I think most of the people were sinners, hadn't accepted Christ." I thought maybe I'd cut it a little too strong.

And when I was going out in the undertaker's car, he reached over and patted me on the shoulder, said, "Preacher, I want to comment you."

I thought, "Oh-oh."

He said, "That's the way I think that it should be preached." He said, "I don't like wishy-washy religion." I thought, "Boy, there's hopes for you." That's right. That's right, where you really put it where it belongs. That's exactly right.

Then these children of Israel, these, Shadrach and Meshach and Abednego. God's witnesses. God has never, at any time, been without a witness on earth. He's always had at least one man He could put His hands on, say, "That's My witness." It's come down to one man, one time; and Job was His only witness, and Abraham in the land; but God had a witness. Somebody's going to witness for God somewhere.

Now, after while, we want to find out what a witness really is, of this day. All right. Notice these men, as they went down there, they refused to eat the king's meat, drink his wine, and they refused to bow to his image. They were a genuine true witness of God. Then there's sometimes a penalty goes with a witness. Sometimes when you witness for God, you have to suffer a little bit.

You remember when mother told you that you couldn't stay around home, as long as you read the Bible and carried on? Or, some of the neighbors said, or the children said, at school you was a fanatic, or something, because you was a true witness? Remember, on the job, how all the men laughed at you because you was a real witness? See? How on the streets you were made fun of, when you give a testimony? But that's a genuine sign of a real, true witness. God wants witnesses.

Now, some people say, "I testify in church." That's good. But, brother, let your Light shine in the dark places, where it's really needed, out in the hedges and the highways, in the barrooms, out, down on the street. Everywhere you're at, let your Light shine as a witness. Amen.

( Witnesses  
53-0405E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**





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May 17



*And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (Matthew 10:21-22)*



What we got off is on our theology. Oh, my. "You know, Dr. So-and-so, he's such a classic man. Oh, do you know he speaks in two or three different languages. He does all this, that, and the other. You know what? He pastored the great so-and-so church one time." Now, isn't that something. "Oh, you ought to hear how he says, 'Amen.' It's the most beautiful.

I read a piece in the paper the other day, about that long, where it said that a certain bishop of a certain church, prayed the prettiest prayer to the certain denomination that was ever prayed." That's who he prayed to, the denomination, not to Christ. That's right. Took about a half of page of paper to write his prayer out. He prayed it to the denomination, a pretty prayer. Oh, my.

And that's coming into Pentecost too. "Oh, yes, we're getting the place so pretty, do things so pretty, and look so pretty." Sure, we get just like the rest of them. Time to shake yourself. Come out of it. That's right.

What about the Blood? Don't be like Cain's offering. Keep the Blood over you; I don't care how ugly, and raw, and broken language, and everything else it is; keep the Blood. That's what we need. Keep under the Blood. We notice, this classical. Yes, God gave him a chance.

He said, "Now, if you'll do well, it'll be all right; you'll be accepted. But if you don't do well, then sin lies at the door. Now, you seen that I have accepted this plan here. And I have not accepted yours. But now, if you'll do well, he will come over here and fellowship here. 'These signs shall follow them that believe.' And if you see I have accepted that doctrine, My Bible, I have kept My Word, I have confirmed it amongst the people, now if you'll do well, come on over with them. Let's have fellowship one with another."

But what did Cain do? Just exactly what they do today. He sought out a way to put him out of order. That's right. Brother, someday don't you worry: if you're a real true Christian, your hide will be for sale. Don't you worry about that. And right now you're hated among all people for His Name's sake, despised and rejected. And [God] said, "Now, if you'll do well..." But he didn't do well. But he slew his brother.

( **Father, The Hour Has Come**  
**56-1002A** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**



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May 18



*But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household? (Matthew 10:23-25)*



One time John Wesley, I was reading an article on him, and it said that he was coming down a little pathway. And he was kind of a protesting the Anglican church of their sin and the things that they was doing. And they called him a crazy man. "And all that lived godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions." You'd be despised and rejected. "And if they've called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call His disciples."

And there was one of these officials of the Anglican church, great huge man, saw John coming, and he was a small man. So this big fellow just blocked hisself right in the way. Mr. Wesley walked up close to him. And he couldn't get around him; he said, "Pardon me, sir. Would you step aside, so I can go by?" This man said, "I never get out of the way for a fool." Mr. Wesley politely tipped his hat, stepped around him, and said, "I always do." So I think that just about settles it. He always does.

Now, these differences has always been since Cain and Abel, Cain and Abel, the first human beings that produced life on earth. Adam and Eve brought forth two, one of one kind and one of another. There was Cain and Abel. There was Esau and Jacob.

All along down the line, there's always been that, the two spirits warring against one and another in the churches. We've had plenty of it.

And it always come to a place where there had to be a time of separation. Abraham and Lot started out to find the city whose Builder and Maker was God. Lot was a carnal character. And it finally come to a place that Abraham and Lot had to be separated before Abraham could ever obtain the promise. They had to separate, one from the other.

And so is it tonight; you've got to separate yourself from the things of the world. You've got to walk with Christians. I'm a great believer in Christians fellowshiping with Christians. Yes, sir. You cannot walk together unless you're agreed. And you agree first with Christ. And every man agrees in Christ, will agree with you.

( **Hearing, Receiving, And Acting**  
**June 7, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**



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May 19



*Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:26-28)*



Think of it. How great God is and what simplicity He works in. Surely if the uneducated can understand it, the educated should. If the slaves in the slime pits of Egypt could understand that that was a prophet from God and the hour was at hand, how much more ought the Pharaoh's palace to know it. But that's the kind that doesn't know it. That's the kind that misses it always.

And that Moses stood looking through those windows at those children of Israel passing by. To Pharaoh they were slaves and dogs; to Moses they were the elect of God. The Bible said that Moses chose, made his own choosing, to suffer the reproach of Christ, esteeming it greater riches than the pleasures of sin, for he had recompense unto the reward.

Moses knew that them wasn't mud daubers; them were a people with a promise. Himself, he knew who he was. He couldn't tell them; they've got to recognize it themselves. He knew himself what his work was to be done. He knew that God had raised him up for this purpose, but he couldn't tell them. And as long as they were blind to it, he never did reveal himself openly until they recognized it. Then they seen that sign, and they knowed it.

He said, "I'll give Israel a sign. Take this stick; turn it into a snake. If they won't listen to that, then put your hand in your bosom, pull it out; heal yourself of leprosy, then they'll believe it. And then if they won't hear it, take waters out of the Nile down there, pour it upon the dry land, and all the waters will become blood." That was a national sign. Them that's ready to receive it will believe it when they see the sign of God moving. But the nation has to have something different. So He give it all a sign.

God used a man, a humble man, a prophet to be a sign of the end of that national condition down there. God, send us another one; raise us up another one. And if the people of God would go to praying for such, He'd raise him up. It's the people's got to get that burden. They've got to wake up. They've got to realize. They've got to know what day we're living in and what the situation is around us before they ever wake up. You go right on living just like you always did: "Got to build a new home next year. I got to get a better car than the Joneses. I got to do this..."

Oh, so much on this, that's all right, but you must realize, brother, that all this stuff will perish. Jesus, said, "Don't fear him who can kill the body (Russia's atomic bomb)... Don't fear him who could turn this body into volcanic dust in a few minutes, but fear Him who can turn the body that way and cast the soul into hell." That's it.

( A True Sign That's Overlooked  
November 12, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**



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May 20



*Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29-31)*



That's the way we find everything in life; it changes. I've only found one thing that doesn't change; that's God; He doesn't change. I found Him around thirty years ago. I was running from Him when I come to Phoenix. But there's no need of running from Him; He knows where you are.

But He has never changed and never failed to remain the same loving, sweet Saviour that I found. The only thing in me, it just seems like He gets more dear to me each day as it goes by.

Because I'm getting just a little closer to Him. My life's running out, and I'm not the little boy I was a few years ago. But there's one great hopes that I have, that someday to return back to that again, only with immortal life never to die.

Some time ago, I was combing what few hairs I had left. My wife said to me; she said, "Billy, you're almost bald-headed."

I said, "Yes, it was caused to start with from a barber putting carbolic acid on my hair; it all come out and then it never did come back right." I said, "But, honey, I want to tell you; I haven't lost one of them."

She said, "Pray, tell me where they're at?"

I said, "Well, I'll answer you if you'll answer me."

She said, "All right."

I said, "Where were they before I got them? There were bound to be a substance somewhere. And wherever they were before I received them, they are there waiting for me to come to them." That is exactly right. Not one hair of our head but what's numbered, God knows all about it.

I sit out awhile ago looking out to Camelback Mountain and remembered as a little boy I rode a horse out there. I used to work up here above Wickenburg, went up with them to bring cattle down. And I often wondered how, if I could ever see a time that I could ever be that seventeen, eighteen year old boy again, but God's Word teaches that I will be. There's nothing that God loses; He'll raise it up again at the last day. He promised that; Jesus did.

.And then knowing that this life no matter whatever happens in this life, all of our homes, our big city, our fine nation, this fine state of Arizona will fade and go away someday. All of our homes in this valley will be dust again. But our souls has immortality when we're borned again of the Spirit of God. God promised to raise us up again at the last day through His Son Jesus Christ, and then we would be young forever. We'd never have to be sick no more, never have no more heartaches or sorrows. And what a time that will be.

( Conferences  
February 28, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:8-11, Luke 9:3-5**







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May 21



*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 10:32-33)*



Now, you wasn't saved ten years ago, or two years ago, or three years ago. I wasn't saved seventeen years ago. I was saved two thousand years ago. But I accepted it seventeen years ago.

Now, Jesus didn't come down and die just for me, or die just for you. He settled the sin question. But it'll never do us any good until we accept it. It's your accepting of Him as your personal Saviour. And it's by faith that you receive it and believe it.

Now, in Hebrews 3:1, the Bible said that He's the High Priest of our confession. Now, He's setting at the right-hand of the Father to make intercessions for us upon our confession.

Now, remember, it isn't how much you cry; it isn't how much you repent; it isn't how loud you can cry to God; it isn't how sincere you can be; it's how much faith that you have when you come to Him. He doesn't save you on the merits of your prayer. He doesn't save you upon the merits of your righteousness. He saves you upon the merits of your faith. It's by faith are you saved, and that through grace.

Now, you come to the altar realizing that you're a sinner and you are sorry for your sins. You repent of what you've done. And you can stay there and cry for week in and out. And it would never save you until you believe in your heart that you are saved. Is

that right? Then you confess it.

Now, He can't do nothing for you until you confess it. Is that right? For He is the High Priest of (conjunction)--of your confession. "You confess Me before men, I'll confess you before the Father." Is that right? "What you say I done down here for you, that's what I say the Father that I have done for you." He's the High Priest. You get that young man? The High Priest of your confessions.

Now, here He is setting here to make intercessions on my confession, and I have a right to confess that He's done anything for me that's in the redemptive blessings. There you are.

What was the redemptive blessings? "He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, with His stripes we're healed." Is that right? That's every believer's possession. That's mine.

( **The Manifestation Of The Spirit**  
**July 17, 1951** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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May 22



*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.*  
(Matthew 10:34-39)



Now, we all know of Abraham, how that God called him out of the land of Chaldea and the city of Ur and told him to separate himself from his associates.

God calls men or women; He calls a separation. Now, that's what's the trouble with the churches today; they don't want to separate themselves from the old carnal unbelievers. That's why we can't go any further. We just get in that one carnal flow, and we say, "Oh, Jim's a good guy if he does drink. And I go with him to the pool room, but I don't play pool. I go with her over to the party; they tell dirty jokes and so forth, but I don't tell any."

Come out from among them. That's right. Separate yourself. "Touch not the unclean things, and I will receive you," saith the Lord. Be not yoked up with unbelievers, unequally yoked together. Don't you do it. Separate yourself.

And God called Abraham to separate himself from all of his kindred and to walk with Him. Brother, sometimes it means leaving a church. It meant that to Paul; he had to

leave his church; meant that to many. Sometimes it means to leave home. Sometimes it means to leave father, mother and forsake all. I don't mean to say it does every time, but sometimes it does. It means that you've got to take everything between you and God, and walk with Him alone. Oh, that blessed, sweet communion, that fellowship that you have when you separate yourselves from the things of the world and the carnal believers who's making fun of you, and walk alone with Christ.

How many times that I've thanked God. He said, "I'll give you fathers and mothers in this present world. I'll give you friends and associates. And I'll never leave you; neither will I forsake you. Though the whole world turns its back on you, I'll go with you to the end of the way."

What a blessed privilege that man has that challenge to follow the Lord Jesus, to separate himself from all his carnal associates to follow the Lord. And if any person seems not to behave themselves rightly and to present themselves as Christians but love the carnal things, it's best for you to hunt another partner right away. That's right. And if no one will walk with you, there's One Who promised to walk with you: that's the blessed Lord Jesus. He will walk with you.

( Hebrews, Chapter Seven #1  
57-0915E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 23



*He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. (Matthew 10:40-42)*



Not long ago I went over to see the Vatican. I was having a meeting there for two nights right in Rome. And the next day in the stone's throw of the Vatican, they taken me over to see something strange. It was a great church, and down beneath they had like a planting place. And when the monks died, they taken them there and planted them, like you would seeds in the ground, and let them stay there until the meat fell from the bones. Then they take the bone and polish it up and make light fixtures, and make places, and put the skulls on the corner. And it's just lined and packed up, oh, high as this ceiling, just all kinds of bones of the monks; had many there then, turning back to the dust. And to see the superstition of the people. They had rubbed those bones until they was almost rubbed them in two. God doesn't dwell in bones. God dwells in Spirit in mankind, the impulse of the heart as it beats through man. God has servants. You say, "Well, what about when they laid the man on Elijah's bones, and he came to?" Well, that just happened to be a time that this, not exactly a coincidence, and yet it was too.

Because there was an alien army coming after these people, and they didn't put him in there purposely. They just threw him in there, and God raised him up right quick

when he struck Elijah's bones, in order to run away the army. Not anything in the bones; Elijah was in glory. So God dwells in human beings. Amen. Now, the only way people will see Jesus when they see Him in you. You are written epistles. If Christ's Spirit dwells in you and brings your conduct into subjection to His Spirit, and makes you act like Him, and talk like Him, walk like Him, live like Him. See? People see Jesus in you. There's the old song, "Let others see Jesus in you."

And so, this woman had seen God in Elijah. And she said, "I think it's nice now if we do something for this servant of God. God will respect it." Why, she was just a few hundred years ahead of time. Jesus said, "If you give one of My disciples a cup of cold water, at the judgment it won't be forgotten." We fail to see the power that God has placed in His people. God is in His people. You believe that? God was with His people one time, when He walked on earth. But now, God is in His people. "A little while, the world sees Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I (personal pronoun, now) will be with and in you to the end of the world."

God dwells, moves, works in mankind. Hallelujah. God doesn't work through orders. He doesn't work through organizations. He works through individuals. God works in man. God doesn't do the work today. He energizes or projects His Spirit into men to do so. He said, "I am the Vine." The vine don't bear fruit. "Ye are the branches."

And as David duPlessis said to me today at noon, "If these lazy Pentecostal people would get up and do something instead of trying to take a ringside seat and watch God do it, the church would be moving on." I think that's right. Get up and move. God's expecting you. You are the branches. Your hands is His hands. Your lips is His lips. Your thoughts is His thoughts.

( Elisha The Prophet  
56-1002E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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May 24



*And they went out, and preached that men should repent. And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them. (Mark 6:12-13)*



Now, they've give me some handkerchiefs here to pray over. I noticed on one, said, "Brother Branham, please anoint." Now, that is just fine. Now, I know many brethren anoint the handkerchiefs, which that's good. And anything that God will bless, I'm certainly for it, aren't you? But now, I never anoint them; I just kinda use the Scripture by it. Now, in the Scripture I don't believe they anointed the handkerchiefs, but the Bible said, where you're getting the Scripture for it, is Acts the 19th chapter, where that they taken from the body of Paul, handkerchiefs and aprons. Wasn't nothing about anointing them. But 'course, that's all right, if they anoint them, but I don't have any anointing oil.

Now, I believe in anointing the sick with oil, just certainly. The Bible said so. The handkerchiefs, the way I do them, is just pray over them. And, oh, it's been such a great success. We just had such a wonderful time in praying for the handkerchiefs. And the Lord has blessed in such a marvelous way.

Now, here not long ago, just a little testimony, I'd like to say about praying over handkerchiefs. I've sent out (Oh, I would be afraid to say the number.) thousands times thousands, and multiplied thousands around the world. And I got a cute little letter that come from a German translator. I have a little temporary offices in, oh, eight or ten different nations. And they get the letter and translate it, and then send it

to me and say what they want, and I send it back. So it was real cute.

There was a little German woman had been in a wheelchair with arthritis for a number of years. And they had translated my book, in German. And I believe the man's right here in the meeting, that did that, or he was down at the Christian Business Men's breakfast the other morning. Thank you, sir.

And so she had been reading that book. And she sent to me for a handkerchief. Of course, handkerchiefs cost about ten, fifteen cents a piece, and sending out thousands a week, I can't afford to buy them, because I don't have any capital to work on, so I just buy, great spools of ribbon. And that just reminds me, I've got to try to find some while I'm here in Los Angeles. We're just out in our country; we just bought it all up. And sometimes for hundreds of yards of ribbon; I just set and pray over them and cut them off, and send them to the people.

And this little German woman, after receiving it, (in the instructions we send, and we have a prayer group all around the world. People get up sometime, two, three o'clock in the morning, to get in that prayer group to go to praying,) she pinned the handkerchief on her underneath garment, or the little cloth, and put she put her hand over her heart, and she said, "Now, you old devil, you get out of here," raised up out of her wheelchair and went on about her business. Just how cute that was. In sounding that way would make us think that, but such a simple faith.

( The Calling Of Abraham  
November 16, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 9:6, Matthew 11:1**



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May 25



*At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus. (Matthew 14:1-12)*



And there was a little old feisty woman in there left her husband and married his brother, Herod: Herodias. And she was a painted up clown of that day: danced. She taught her girl how to dance, yeah, the daughter by his brother. That was the daughter of the woman. And then she taught her to dance, and she became a real strip tease dancer, after her mother. And she thought she could marry four or five times, do anything she wanted to. Here come Herod out. They were all Jews now remember. They're church people.

Here come Herod out and his church to hear this prophet, that the people believed was

a prophet. He walked right straight into both their faces and said, "It's not lawful for you to have her." And did that make her blow up. See? Now, some ordinary man would said, "How do you do, Herodias? We're sure glad to have you in our congregation today," but not John.

Jesus said, "Who'd you go to see when ye went out to see John? Did you go to see one that's all dressed up like a priest? No, that kind kisses the baby and buries the dead." He said, "What did you go to see? A reed that's shaken by any wind?" They say, "Come over here, John. We'll pay you more if you preach to us, and we're the biggest organization." Not John, no, he never went to see that.

Said, "What did you go to see then, when you went to hear and see John? A prophet?" He said, "And I say to you, more than a prophet. If you can receive it. This is he who the prophet spoke of was coming. 'I'll send My messenger before My face, and he will prepare the way for the Lord.'"

He was a messenger of the covenant. He said, "There's not been a man that's borned of a woman as great as he is." See? That's the kind of a man that God raised up for that day, Elijah, a backwoodsman: John, the same thing. See? The Spirit of Elijah was upon John. And he says when it comes a woman's day again, that Spirit will rise again, before the coming of the Lord when the earth will be burnt and the righteous will walk out upon the ashes of the wicked.

( Souls That Are In Prison Now  
63-1110M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:14-30, Luke 9:7-10**



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May 26



*When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. (Matthew 14:13-21)*



Do you notice, the very things that Jesus did, He expect His Church to do the same things that He did. For He said, "The things that I do shall you also." Now, He said, "You give them bread."

They said, "Oh, it'd take more pennies, perhaps, then they could gather together to feed such a multitude." And He said, "Have you any bread among you?" And they said, "We have a little boy here that has his, a few loaves and fishes, about five loaves and two fishes," or something like that.

And He said, "Well, bring them here." Now, if you notice, in order to do something

Jesus taken something to do something with. Now, in order to bring faith in this building tonight for healing, Jesus has to take something to do something with. The first thing He has to get, is get somebody here that's got faith to be healed, and that'll strike into the audience.

I noticed last evening, when the man that was blind was brought up on the platform and received his sight, that struck fire right away. See? The deaf woman that come, while I was yet holding her hand and asking the evil to leave her, she begin quivering all over; she said, "I can hear you, I can hear you." Quickly, it struck fire. And by the time I was leaving, the whole building seemed to be illuminated with God's Presence. Jesus taken what faith the blind man had, or what faith the woman had that was deaf, and started with that, building faith. See what I mean? He takes something to do something with.

Now, in order for Him to get something, someone had to surrender something. That was the little boy: he had to surrender his lunch. Now, to the little lad, the lunch in the little boy's hand wasn't very much; he could only partially feed himself, perhaps. But once placed in the hands of Jesus, it fed five thousand.

Now, maybe your faith is not very much, but, what little faith you got, if you'll put it in His hands, it might cause a revival to break out in all Chicago here. See you've got to have something to do something with. And what you've got in your hand, in your hand it's not much, but in God's hand, it's wonderful what He can do with such little.

( It Is I, Be Not Afraid  
54-0720E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 6:31-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-13



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May 27



*And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. (Matthew 14:22-23)*



We find one place there, where the Son of God spend so much time in prayer. And if Jesus had to spend much time in prayer to stay in fellowship with the Spirit that was in Him, how much more do you and I have to spend in prayer? Much time in prayer. If you only knew what time in prayer meant. Sometimes when you're in prayer, God changes the complete destination of different things that's going to happen. Do you believe that? Might be something fixing to happen, and your prayer could change the whole situation.

Well, you say, "If God knows it's going to happen, what would my prayer do?"

You remember when He stood there looking out upon the harvest. He was the Lord of the harvest. He said, "The harvest is ripe and laborers are but few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He will send laborers into His harvest." In other words, "Pray to Me that I will send laborers into My harvest, which I'm just telling you it's such a needy thing."

But part of it lays in human beings. Do you believe that? The Kingdom of God lays within the human being. Now, Jesus said in one place, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." The vine can't bear fruit; the branches in the vine bears fruit. God cannot bear fruit of Himself, it's got to take the Church. Is that right? He's got to take you

branches to bear fruit. And when you branches are yielded to the vine, then fruit comes forth. See what I mean? God wants your hands; He wants your eyes; He wants your tongue, wants your lips, wants your ears, wants your hands and feet so He can bring forth fruit through you.

Now, Jesus put much time in prayer. One day there He told His disciples; He said, "Now, cross over to the other side." He sent them away while He went up in the mountain to pray. While He was up there alone, a storm coming up. I believe, I don't know, but I believe if I'd been the disciples, I'd said, "I know He told us to go over, but I believe I'll just wait till He comes and goes along." I'd like for Him to be along in these cases, don't you?

So we see Him now going up into the mountain to pray. The disciples thrust out into the sea and picked up their oars, and their little ship's sail went up, and away they started, oaring across to the other side where Jesus was to meet them on the other side. Then going in the absence of the Holy Spirit, or Christ then in visible form, on the road over trouble set in. And usually, if you start anywhere without Christ, trouble's on its road. Just as soon as the devil sees you out of fellowship with Christ, right then he will set out for you as hard as he can. Just as soon as he sees you away from prayer, away from consecration, Satan will catch you right then if he possibly can.

( The Healing Of Jairus' Daughter  
55-0227E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:45-46, John 6:14-17**





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May 28



*But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. (Matthew 14:24-33)*



Salvation, Jesus Christ, and the power of healing, the power of God is no great mystery. It's something just right next to you. Why, my, it's just as simple as one, two, three. Just believe God. That's all there is to it. It's just that simple.

You tell your little girl you're going to get her something. She just believes it. That's all. Watch children when you get in the pulpit. Watch and see if everyone of them isn't healed, because they just believe it. That's all. Watch them when they're called to the platform out there. No matter what's wrong with them when they're called out. Watch them jump to their feet no matter if they're crippled, blind, whatever it is. Watch them receive it right now. But the elderly ones will set around and say, "Now, wait. I can't move. I haven't moved this foot for a long time." A child won't think of

that; he will just jump to his feet right now.

He will do. But we try to figure it all out. We got to figure it out. What if Peter stopped that night to figure out? "Now, Lord, You told me to walk on the water. Now, let me see now. I'm strictly a scientist, and I know their formula of water. It's H<sub>2</sub>O. Why, no man can walk on hydrogen and oxygen.

There's no need of me trying that. Well, You asked me something impossible." Then Peter never would've walked on the water. He never figured out how it was, he just took God at His Word and went walking on. That's what we got to do, not try to figure it out how God is a doing these things. Just accept it and go on.

What if Moses turned aside to see the burning bush. He'd said, "Wait till me take some of them leaves off. I'm going to take them down to the laboratory to find out why the chemical of this leaf that it doesn't burn. Why, he'd have never approached God. But he took off his shoes and come humbly, set down, and God spoke to him right out of the burning bush. That's the way you've got to approach God, humbly, taking His Word, no matter what it looks like. There God just said so. I believe it, and that settled it.

( **The Faith That Was Once Delivered To The Saints**  
53-1129A )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:47-52, John 6:18-21**



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May 29



*And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole. (Matthew 14:34-36)*



Peter said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's afar off." Them in Shreveport, Louisiana, if you want to say it that way, or the uttermost parts of the world. Wherever the Gospel is preached, and God is calling people, the Holy Ghost is still the same for them. That's the Word. "Even as many as the Lord our God shall call..." That's the Word.

Then step out in the open and start walking. Amen. Step out of the little old theology you're wrapped around tonight and say, "God, I want the Holy Ghost. I don't care what anybody says."

Peter said, "Lord, if it's You."

You say, "I'm afraid I'll make a mistake."

Well, you'll sure make a mistake setting where you are. That's right. I have a lot of respect for Peter when he stepped out of that boat, and he did make a mistake.

He started to look around and said, "See, I got it, boys, I got it." And he started sinking. It ain't nothing you have to go around bragging about. It's something you want to run along and testify about and tell the world that Jesus Christ. Amen.

Don't brag on yourself. Brag on Him. Put Deity to Him where it belongs for His power and praise to Him, not on some preacher or upon anything else. Don't think that you're something great. It's God's mercy that called you to it. That's right.

Here he starts walking, walk on the waters, just as soon as he heard the Word. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. See, Peter heard the Word. That's right.

Martha heard that Jesus was coming. She went to Him and got the resurrection of her brother. See? It's according to your faith. The priest that packed the ark. Faith for them was sticking their foot in the water; as soon as their foot hit the water, the Jordan opened up. Their faith was touch the water. A blind man one time, the Word told him to wash in the pool of Siloam with spit over his eyes. Jesus spit in some ground and made a patty cake out of it, from spit.

What would the health authorities say about that in Shreveport today? Standing there talking to him and spit on the ground and kept talking to him spit on the ground. Then when He got done, rubbed it up in His hands like that and put plaster over his eyes and said, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam and come see." Amen.

To find a pool of Divine God. Hallelujah. To find the Holy Ghost is to find Life, find healing, find joy, find peace, find Christ tonight. Amen.

Where your faith lays; whatever you believe. It's according to your faith.

( Raising Jairus' Daughter  
July 31, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Mark 6:53-56**



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May 30



*The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone; (Howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks:) When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. (John 6:22-29)*



Faith is what? The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you don't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear. It's another sense, that's called faith. The senses of the body declares five senses. The soul declares two: faith and unbelief. Now, if your faith says tonight that you're going to be healed, and you know it, and your faith declares it just the same as your sight says that that's white, it's finished. You've got it. You see what I mean? "It is the evidence of things not seen." People who have faith are not afraid. It's said that cowards die ten thousands deaths when a hero never dies, somebody who's got faith and believes.

It's just like this. What if I'm standing starving to death, and you come to me and say, "Mr. Branham, what could I do to save your life?"

I'd say, "If I had one loaf of bread, my life would be saved."

You'd say, "All right, Mr. Branham, a loaf of bread cost twenty-five cents."

"Yes, sir."

"Here is your twenty five cents." Now, the twenty five cents is not the bread, but it's the purchase power of the bread. And as soon as I get the twenty-five cents in my hands, I can be just as happy about my life being saved as I could eating the bread; because I've got the purchase power of the loaf of bread.

And when you believe that God sent Jesus to heal you and you have accepted it, you're just as happy before you quit hurting as you are after. I mean you're just as happy while you are aching and hurting as you are after you quit hurting, more so. If I had the twenty-five cents, it wouldn't mean that I got the bread. But I know as long as I get to the grocery, I'm going to get the bread.

Now, I may have to go a long time. I may have to go through briar patches and over gates and down over across the mountains and through the valleys, but all the time I'm rejoicing, holding my twenty-five cents. I'll get the bread because I've got the purchase power. Now, that's what faith is. Faith is something you can show and prove that you've got it. It's just not an imaginary mind worked up in a mental state; it's something that you have in your possession. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you don't see, taste, feel, smell, hear.

( Tested Faith Produces Goods  
May 18, 1958 )

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**







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May 31



*They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*  
(John 6:30-35)



Now, God promised He'd supply all their needs, not their wants, now, their needs. So they come out with just a little bit of bread, enough to last them for about one day. God doesn't want you to hang on to the things you once had, hang on to your old habits, and things that you once had. Cut loose of them. God will give you something else better. That's right. Did you ever try?

He will.

You say, "Well, I just couldn't." Yes, you can; you just let loose one time and let God. Just let loose and let Him show what He can do about it.

And then when they looked, the next morning when they got up, there was something supernatural had happened. They were hungry (breakfast time), and they had waffles with honey the next morning for breakfast. That's right. Said they had a little wafers that taste like honey, wafers already cooked, and sent down with honey on them.

Brother, you can't beat that. That's good for any breakfast. Yes, sir. Waffles and honey. They'd smack their lips on it. And it was a type.

That was Christ, that came down from glory, humiliating Himself in the form of the Bread of Life, Life-giving for the journey. And it never ceased to fall until they went into the millennium. Amen. That right?

That same manna fell constantly every day except Sunday, every day the same, until they went into the millennium, the type, over into the promised land. And that's where all the Hebrew prophets, through the years have looked forward to the millennium. And the same Holy Ghost, which was a type that fell on the day of Pentecost, will continue the same until the millennium sets in. Men will still have the Holy Ghost, and the same things will take place, all the way through (That's right.) until the millennium age.

Christ, the Bread of Life, come down from heaven, humiliating Himself, giving His Life, that through His Life, you might have journeying mercy. Where did that come from? Out of that Pillar of Fire. That's where it dropped out of. He was up there. That was Christ, Himself, the Logos, the Angel of the covenant, that Moses forsook Egypt, not knowing where he was going, but he was on his road; the children of Israel followed it.

( **Water From The Rock**  
**February 24, 1955** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 1



*But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. (John 6:36-40)*



146 God will not be defeated, no matter what takes place. He will never be defeated. Then, women began to bring men on the earth. And God, through Eternal grace, seen who would be saved, and He called you. "No man can come to Me, except My Father calls him, first." "Not him that willeth, or him that runneth, but God that showeth mercy."

147 You say, "Well, I sought God. I sought God." No, you never. God sought you. That's the way it was in beginning.

148 It wasn't Adam saying, "O Father, Father, I've sinned. Where are You?"

149 It was Father saying, "O Adam, Adam, where are you?" That's the nature of man. That's the strain of man. That's what he's made of.

150 "And no man can come to Me except the Father draws him. And all that the Father gives Me..." Hallelujah! "All that come, I'll give them Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up at the last day." What a blessed, what a blessed promise, of a God of

Heaven! Where we get to tonight, where, "He swore by Himself." There's none greater. You take an oath by someone greater than you. There no one greater, so God took an oath to Himself. We're getting into it, how He did it and when He did it; and took an oath to Himself, that He would raise us up and make us His own heritage.

151 Oh, how perfect and solid we can stand, this morning! How you can look, if death is staring you right in the face, you could say like Paul, "Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." There you are. Why?

152 "Oh, you did so-and-so."

153 "I know it, but I'm covered by His Blood." Hallelujah!

154 "By one Spirit, we were all baptized into one Body." You Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, whatever you are, we were baptized into one Body. We have fellowship, and we're citizens of the Kingdom of God, professing, that, "We are not of this world."

155 My little girl come, other day, said, "Daddy, this little girl did so-and-so. And they did so-and-so. We went over to the house. They did so-and-so." I said... Said, "Why don't we do that?"

156 I said, "Honey, we are not of that world. They live in a world to theirselves."

157 Said, "Don't we all walk on the same ground."

158 I said, "Of the world, honey. We're not of them people."

159 The Bible said, "Come out of them, be ye separated," saith God. See, you're not of that. And when that new Nature comes into you, you don't have to be pulled out.

You don't want to go back, like Lot's wife. You're just born, out of it. And you're in another dimension.

( Hebrews, Chapter Five And Six #1  
57-0908M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 2



*The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. (John 6:41-51)*



And I don't want to disagree with the scholars, but many hold that the promised land represents heaven. It could not represent heaven. It could not, because they had wars, and troubles, and frustrations, and everything in the promised land. It does not represent the promised land.

But you notice, just before they entered the promised land, all of the differences that had rose up among them. One of the great things was Korah. He didn't want this one man leadership. Dathan, and how they come up before Moses and tried to tell him that "the message had to mean this," and put a different interpretation to it, their own

ideas of what it was. And they every one perished, every one. Jesus said, "There wasn't none of them but what perished."

They said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness for the space of forty years," Saint John 6. Jesus said, "And they are every one dead." "Dead" means "eternally separated." They're all dead, yet they enjoyed hearing the message, yet they enjoyed the manna that fell. Not another manna, the genuine manna.

( A Paradox  
January 17, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 3



*The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. (John 6:52-59)*



We find out the only way that He can reveal is to come into you. He is the Word, and the Word in you, then the Holy Spirit reveals Christ through the Word after He gets in you. He is in you. You must take His Word.

Say, "Well, my church don't believe that."

All right. He'll never get in. See? When you refuse the Word, you're refusing Him.

"Well, my church believes in doing it this way." But the Bible says do it this way. This is the way. Take it like it's written there. Not what somebody else has added to it; what God said about it. And then He can reveal it to you. But He's got to get into you first. Then, and only, can He reveal it. Don't stand and look at it and try to figure it out like the Pharisees said. They stood and looked at Him there and said, "This man's Beelzebub." They couldn't figure it out. They had to give it a name. They said,



"This man does this by the spirit of the devil. He's a Beelzebub, a fortuneteller. Why, don't have nothing to do with this fellow. He was born in sin. He don't have our fellowship cards. He doesn't belong to us. We don't even know where He went to school. And He has no education. Why, well, where did this man come from? Now, He says the Son of man that's going to ascend up, that descended down, is borned right here. He's crazy. Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man, drink his blood? He's a cannibal." And He did that just to make them say those things. They had to do it.

And so is the Holy Ghost today, putting forth His Word in manifestation that men might condemn it, that God might put His judgment upon the earth as He promised He'd do. He hardened the heart of Pharaoh. Hallelujah. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He changes not. He's God. His system of doing things shows Himself mighty with His Word to manifest it. He don't have to tell you all about it. You don't have to figure it out. You can't figure out God. You got to accept it. Just invite Him in, and see what happens.

( When Their Eyes Were Opened, They Knew Him  
February 12, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 4



*Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. (John 6:60-65)*



One time I was talking to a very famous man here in the city, that holds a great standing of Christianity, and he said, "I tried to read the Book of Revelations one night." Said, "John must've had a big bait of hot pepper and had a nightmare." See, a Book of mystery, but while to the true believer, it's the revelation of God being revealed in the age we're living in.

"My words are Spirit and Life." Jesus said that. Again, "The Word is the Seed that a sower sowed." We know what that's true. It's God in Word form, and it can only be interpreted by Himself. The human mind is not capable to interpret the mind of God. How can a little finite mind interpret the infinite Mind, when we can't even interpret one another's mind.

And you notice, He is the only One can interpret it, and He interprets it to whom He will. It didn't say: mortals of old as they strode across the earth in sundry times and

divers manners. God in sundry times and divers manners revealed Himself to His prophets. See?

And notice; to whom He will reveal it. And He so designed that He could hide Himself in the Scriptures to the smartest theologian there is. Oh, my. He can just hide Himself, set right there in the Scripture, and you look all day long and never see it, look a lifetime and never see it. He can just hide Himself setting there.

Now, please, everywhere, let that soak in, that God in the Word can hide Himself so in the Word, that there isn't a theologian or a school in the world could ever find Him. And yet He's setting right there. You say, "Is that right, Brother Branham?" How about the Pharisees and Sadducees? How about in every age? He's done it. Sure. He's done so in every age.

( **Christ Is Revealed In His Own Word**  
**65-0822M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 5



*From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve. (John 6:66-71)*



He chose twelve, and one of them was a devil, He said. So He turned to them. And there's no one could explain what He had just said. "How are they going to eat His flesh and drink His Blood? And how did He come down when He was borned right here on earth?" See? They couldn't understand it. And then He turned to the apostles and He said, "Do you want to go also?"

And that's when the Apostle Peter made that great statement, "Lord, to whom would we go? For we are satisfied. We know assuredly that You and You alone have the Word of Life at this hour. (See?) And we're satisfied of that." See, they could not explain it.

You can't explain faith. It's something that you believe, and it's so solid that there's nothing else will take its place.

Therefore, they knowed that the Word that was written for that age that they were living in, the Messianic age, that He fit that place exactly. And what could they do to go back in them cold, formal churches that they come out of? Said, "Where would we

go to? We are fully persuaded that You have the Word of Life."

And they couldn't explain it, but they believed it. See? And Jesus said that to weed down His crowd, till He could get the group together. And out of all those people, only eleven of them then understood actually who He was. They knowed that He was God and God alone.

( **The Unveiling Of God**  
**64-0614M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 6



*Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (Matthew 15:1-9)*



What a tragedy it is to see the churches in this condition. Not that I have anything against churches, but you see what I mean. Now, no sorrow, just the ritualistic form. And yet, Israel was using the Word and commandment of God. And the churches today take the things out of the Bible. But there's no sincerity with it.

And when Israel begin to take the Word and commandments of God, and make it a ritual, that displeased Jehovah, the Giver of it. It was about that time when they made God's Word a ritual, that that mighty prophet Isaiah appeared on the scene. Read it, Isaiah 1. He was sent to Israel. They hated him and finally sawed him to pieces.

But what did he do? He stripped them. He said, "Your solemn feasts God has

refused." He said, "It's become a stink in His nostrils." What was it? The feast that God ordained for them, the new moons, and the Sabbaths, and the offerings of sin offerings, and so forth that God had given to Israel, they had made a tradition out of it. That's right.

Oh, church, do you see what makes a minister's heart break? When the Pentecost that He gave us, we've made a tradition out of it. The sincerity has faded from the church. Oh, I don't say all of it, thank God. Wasn't all of it gone then, but the majority; the sincerity is gone. People can't listen to it no more. They don't want to hear it. They'd rather get somebody that's got more polish. They don't want it. Well, just as it was then, so is it now.

But God sent them Isaiah, and he pulled no punches. And he told them what they had done. Read Isaiah 1, when you go home. Listen at that prophet preach that. He told them that it was a stink. In other words, God didn't want their stinking sacrifice. What had they done? They had polluted their sacrifice. They had polluted it, because they entered with it without sincerity. They wasn't getting any results.

He said, "Your traditions..." Coming with their traditions had taken the power out of His commandments. Now, today, our tradition is taking the power out of our worship by our own traditions. And we say, "That means Methodists and Baptists." That's Pentecostals. That's all of us together.

( All Things  
62-1124E -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 7:1-7**



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June 7



*And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. (Matthew 15:10-11)*

*Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man. (Matthew 15:15-20)*



We are assembled in "heavenly [places]," it means that the position of the believer. That if I'm prayed up, you're prayed up, or the church is prayed up, and we're ready for the message, and we have assembled ourselves together as saints, called out, baptized with the Holy Ghost, filled with God's blessings, called, elected, set together in heavenly places now, we are heavenlies in our souls. Our spirits has brought us into a heavenly atmosphere. Oh, brother. There you are: a heavenly atmosphere. Oh, what could happen tonight? What could happen tonight if we would be setting here in a heavenly atmosphere, and the Holy Spirit moving over every heart that's been regenerated and become a new creature in Christ Jesus? All sins under the Blood, in perfect worship, with our hands up to God and our hearts lifted, setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, worshipping together in the heavenly places.



Did you ever set in one? Oh, I've set till I would weep for joy and say, "God, never let me leave here": just heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Blessing us with what? Divine healing, foreknowledge, revelation, visions, powers, tongues, interpretations, wisdom, knowledge, all the heavenly blessings, and joy unspeakable and full of glory, every heart filled with the Spirit, walking together, setting together in heavenly places, not one evil thought among us, not one cigarette smoked, not one short dress, not one this, that, or the other, not one evil thought, nobody got anything against one another, everybody speaking in love and harmony, everybody with one accord in one place, "then suddenly there come from heaven a sound like a rushing mighty wind."

( Adoption #1  
60-0515E -2 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 7:8-23**



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June 8



*Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. (Matthew 15:12-14)*



Man is not surviving by military power. Man survives by the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, not by military power, by sputniks and so forth. We survive and live by the power of Jesus Christ.

Notice, how they do it? Look here at Nimrod. He wanted to unite the people under one and build a tower. What was it type of? Jacob's ladder from earth to glory.

What about the Catholic? They want to unite the whole world under one: Catholicism. What about the Protestant? He wants to unite them all under one, under the federation of churches, just as wrong and black as the Catholics are. It's the same old lying devil. It's true. That's a fatal mistake.

What do they want? They want them all to be a federation of churches, "We're all under one head, as long as I can be ruler." Catholics want them all under one head, pope to be the ruler. Russia wants them all under one head so communism can be the ruler. U.N. wants them all under one head, so we the United States can kind of be the boss because we're the biggest nation.

It's all the same devil, and every nation in the world is controlled by the devil; so the

Bible says. Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

I stood up over the grounds of the pharaohs and the caesars and have to dig twenty feet down to find their, where their thrones set. Every earthly throne will fall; every nation will fall; every building will crumble; every manmade creed will die; but Christ will remain forever and forever.

Why unite under something like that? It's lost to begin with. But all of them wants united under that.

Now, you can't stand neutral. You just can't do it. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks in dry places. The man goes down and gets saved. He's taken back to a church. Well, now to be sure that he doesn't get straying away under some other church, they indoctrinate him. "Now, if you're going to be in this church, you've got to follow our creeds. You've got to keep all this other stuff out of your mind." Don't tell me. I know.

"You got to follow our denomination. You must be baptized by, pour a little water on top your head or some way." Some of them baptize three times, face forward, sometimes three times backward. What difference does it make anyhow? But you fall out and fuss about it. Shows it's manmade. It's got to fall. For every plant that my heavenly Father hasn't planted, will be rooted up. It's got to be.

But "Upon this rock..." What rock? The spiritual revelation of Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell can't prevail against it."

( **United Under One Head**  
**March 26, 1958** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



## **Parallel Scriptures : Mark 7:8-23**



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June 9



*Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour. (Matthew 15:21-28)*



Listen to that rebuke. "I'm not sent to your race." Oh, my. Then a lot of them would've got up and said, "Well, I guess He wasn't sent to us. Guess I'll go away." See, Jesus knowed she had that kind of faith. See? And another thing He said, "Your race is only a bunch of dogs." Whew. My. Don't talk like that to the modern Pentecostals. Oh. You say that, they say, "Well, I'll just leave this bunch and go join the Assemblies. And the Assemblies say it to me, I'll go to the others, and the others, and the others. You see?" But not that woman. She had faith. Said, "I wasn't sent to you. I wasn't sent to your race. And besides, you're nothing but a bunch of dogs. It's not meet for Me to take the children's bread here, and cast it to you bunch of dogs." Oh, my.

But that don't stop faith. Faith's still there. It's just as fresh as it ever was. What does

faith admit? The truth. She said, "That's the truth, Lord." Oh, my. See how little you can get, not how big you can get. Faith makes you little. Notice, still she was perseverant.

Yet, He wouldn't pay no attention to her. He ignored her. And finally she got in His way, and He couldn't get around her, and then He told her, said, "I'm not sent to you, to your race. And your race is nothing but a bunch of dogs. And I'm not going to take the children's bread. It's not right for me to take the children's bread, healing to this group, and give it over to you dogs."

And she said, "That's the truth, Lord." Faith will always admit the Word is Truth. Amen. See? If you got real faith, and the Bible tells you that you're doing wrong, you'll admit that you're wrong. You won't say, "Now, wait a minute here, I belong to... No, no, that's not faith. That's where you're right or wrong is by the Word. That's right.

( Perseverance  
63-1116E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 7:24-30**



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June 10



*And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel. (Matthew 15:29-31)*



Not long ago, I was coming to a mountain. I had been riding, chasing a bear, and it got night. And I got off my horse and started leading him. And I come into a place where the fire had burnt down a great thicket. The big old trees was standing there, all the bark burnt off of them. The moon had come out and was shining against them. It looked horrible, looked like a grave yard. The wind was a blowing, and they'd go so mournful as the wind blowed through these trees, old stiff trees, and the wind blowing, going, "Uummm," going back and forth.

And the Lord said to me, "Stop, I want to show you."

And I did. And I looked at the trees. And I thought,

"Well, what's the wind blowing for? Well, what makes the trees act like that?"

And He said to me, "Those trees represent the churches of this day, great, tall, spires. They say, 'Yes, we were once great churches,' but they haven't got no life in them. What the palmerworm has left, the caterpillar eaten. What the caterpillar left, the cankerworm eaten."

And I thought, "Well, what's this." I said, "What does the wind mean?"

He said, "That's the Holy Spirit that come on Pentecost, come like a rushing mighty wind."

And I thought, "What's He blowing against he trees for."

And they kept making a mournful noise.

He said, "Yes, once they were great churches. But what the Lutheran left, the Calvinist eaten. What the Calvinist left, the Anglican eaten. And what the Anglican left, the Methodist eaten. What the Methodist left, the Baptist eaten."

They took all the joy out of the church, called all the Life out of it, saying, "The days of miracles is past." What they got left? A great big old standing spire. And every time the Holy Ghost comes down, they say, "Oooh, don't go out to that thing, because the days of miracle is past." See, they're dead. They can't bend; they ain't got any Life in them.

I said, "Lord, well, what do You send the wind for?" But He said, "You remember, Joel said, 'I will restore unto you.'"

Then I looked down, and here was a bunch of little bushes about this tall. When the wind hit them, they just frolicked, just having a big time. They were glorifying God. But these big stiff ones, say, "Oooh." I said, "What a picture." That's true.

And I thought, "Well, what's He shaking the trees for anyhow? What do you make them little trees?"

He said, "I'm bringing up another church. They did have it, but all the parasites has



eaten it up with their theology. But I'll bring up another one. (Hallelujah.) I'll bring up another one that'll bow to My Spirit."

( I Will Restore  
55-0626E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 7:31-37**



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June 11



*Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala, (Matthew 15:32-39)*



We have no record of Jesus ever going to any school or graduating from any seminaries. Yet there's been more seminaries erected in His Name for religious causes than been for any other thing that's ever been in the world. We never had any record of ever going to school. But yet there's been more schools erected in His Name than there is of any other kind of a name there is under the heavens. We never had note of Him writing a book, yet there's been more books wrote about Him than all the rest of the literature that's been written. And today, His Bible is the most popular Book that there is in all the world amongst all the literature.

But, you see, in the day of the visitation, they cried,

"Who is He?"

See, God takes something that seems like it's nothing to make something out of it. That's what makes Him God. And when they seen Him come riding into that gate, some of them said, "He's a great Man."

They say that today. Their schools of theology that teaches today that Jesus was a great Man, that He was a good Man. Some of them even say that He was a Prophet. Now, if He was only a Prophet or a good man, we're in our sins. He was more than a prophet. He was more than a good man. Yet He was a good Man. Yet He was a God-prophet. But He was more than that. He was God manifested in the flesh to take away sin.

And as He come riding in, lots of the people said, "He's a Healer. Oh, we seen Him open the eyes of the blind. We seen Him make the crippled man to walk. We seen Him offer prayer and the fever left a child." But then those type were only following Him for the loaves and the fishes.

And that's the way the crowds are today, many. If there's a healer, why they follow him, and he's just an oasis. If they get sick, they run to say, "Oh, will you please pray for me that the Lord Jesus will make me well?" And as soon as they come out of the hospital or the sick bed, right back out into the world they go, like a dog to its vomit or a hog to its wallow, as the Scripture says. Just follow him for what good they can get out of Him. They use him just for a totem pole, or something that they can get from Him and don't expect to serve Him. That crowd still goes on today.

( Who Is This  
59-0510E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:1-10**



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June 12



*The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed. (Matthew 16:1-4)*



We know that God's way of doing things was always sending a prophet to vindicate His message: never has failed. Never will fail. God cannot change His way. What His first decision is, it must ever remain that way. What He says is true. God never did deal in great groups. He always deals with an individual. That's how He's taken a people out of the Gentiles for His Name: just an individual, one here and there for His Name. He deals with an individual, not by groups.

And we find that the reason they believed this, that a prophet must be a identified witness of God. For when he said anything, and it come to pass; and he said again, and it come to pass; and whatever he said, God vindicated to be true, then He said, "Hear him, for I am with him."

Now we find that Moses, who they claimed to believe in, had told them that, "The Lord your God shall raise up a prophet liken unto me, and to him the people must hear. And all that didn't believe this prophet would be cut off from the people." We find that to be true. "He came to His own; His own received Him not. But as many as

did receive Him, to them gave them the power to become sons of God."

How we find these Pharisees looking right, and Sadducees, upon exactly what the promise of God said that He would do. And there they was still seeking a sign, not knowing that that was the true Messianic sign that He was to give. Philip understood it, when He told him where he was the day before. He understood that was the Messiah, said, "Thou art the Christ, and You're the King of Israel." And so he recognized that because he was given to that.

Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him. And all the Father has given Me will come to Me."

No matter how much we try to get in any other way, it's got to be God. "It's not him that willeth, or him that runneth; it's God that showeth mercy." God is the One that does the choosing. "You haven't chose Me," said Jesus, "I chose you."

( A Greater Than Solomon Is Here Now  
March 6, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:11-13**



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June 13



*And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. (Matthew 16:5-12)*



In other words like this: "If you seen God provide and do a miracle, then can't He do a miracle again? See? In other words, like this: If He saved you from a life of sin, can He not heal your body? Don't you remember when you was a sinner how He lifted up your soul in faith to believe? Can't He likewise do something great for you again? Can't He do the miracle or anything else for you? The five baskets?

Like when they crossed over the Red Sea, God opened up the way like that and made the Red Sea open like that, and walked through, he come right on the other side; and as soon as he got without water, they started murmuring. Is that right? As soon as they got without bread they started crying out, "We don't have no bread." See? Said, "Didn't you consider the miracle back there at the Red Sea? " When they all got in a

spot by the Red Sea, "Oh," they said, "we ought to have died. Here comes the Egyptians right on us now. Here it is; what are we going to do?"

Said, "Who smote the earth with plagues down there? Who kept the sun shining in Goshen?" See? We must remember those things; remember God is God. Hallelujah. Any of it, He's still God. He certainly can do anything.

( Questions And Answers  
61-1015M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:14-21**





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June 14



*And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town. (Mark 8:22-26)*



Now, friends, there's only way in the world that you can be healed, and that's only faith in God. Now, no matter how much that God will permit me, by my own faith, to take the spirit from you, unless you go forth and believe God, and serve God, and trust God, it'll come right back to you again. Did not Jesus say, "Go and sin no more, or a worse thing than this will come upon you?" Don't never come in a prayer line unless you expecting to serve God the rest of your days. That's right. Always. Don't never live a sinful life, because you'll be worse, way worse. God has promised that you will be worse off than you was at the first time. And especially this afternoon, to you who shall come in this miracle line, don't you dare to come, 'less you promise God, with all your heart and mean it, that you will serve Him the rest of your days.

Now, Jesus told Satan there, "It's written that you shouldn't tempt the Lord." Or as some of the writers put it different, make a showing of God's power.

Now, remember, in the Bible, there was many people who passed by Jesus, that He

never even had no compassion on them. If He did, He didn't show it. It was where He was led to stop. Is that right?

For instance, the man at the pool under the five porches. Being that the crowds of impotent people laying there, and here come Jesus walking through. And there laid one man who had been laying there many years. He just raised that man up, and told him to take his bed and go home, and never even said nothing to the rest of the crowd. Is that right? One man, He took him by the hand and led him out of the crowd, plumb out of the city, prayed for him. Of course, he begin to see men like trees. Might've stood there a hour or two longer praying for him, for all I know. But anyhow, when He got through praying, his sight came to him. See, wherever He was led.

Look at the man at the gate Beautiful that Peter healed, and John, passing through the gate. Jesus went right through that gate month after month while He was at Jerusalem. Why, didn't He heal that man? He'd been laying there forty years, or he'd been carried to the gate there to beg alms, I guess. That's what he'd been living on for many years.

Now, notice. God only heals not to show His power, not on the merits of your Christianity. He doesn't heal you because you're a Christian. But when He does heal you, He wants you to be a Christian from that time on. But He doesn't heal because you'd be made well, "I'll go up there; I'll be healed, because I'm a Christian." No, God heals on your faith, your faith. If you're a sinner, and know nothing about God, and never have been a Christian, if you'll promise Him that you will be a Christian, and will come, and you have faith enough for it to be done, it will be done, right then.

( The Children Of Israel  
November 23, 1947 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 15



*When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (Matthew 16:13-20)*



I was talking to a priest the other day that was interviewing. He said, "We begin at Pentecost."

I said, "That's exactly the truth, but why did you get away for? How did you ever come to lose?" I said, "What they taught back there, if that was the first pope, Peter was, then why don't you today?"

Said, "Well, we have remissions of sins. Jesus said,

'Whosoever's sins you remit, they're remitted.'"

I said, "That's true." I said, "Then remit them the way the first pope did on the day of

Pentecost." I said, "I am the old fashion Catholic." I said, "What was it? In the second church age they got what they call the deeds, Jesus said, of the Nicolaitanes. "Nico," "conquer the laity." And in the third age then, the Smyrnaean, the marriage age. And then come the Thyatira, and they made a great big organization, and leveled her down, and stamped out everything. And that little bunch of true believers of Pentecost was stamped down."

He said, "Why, it proves that the Catholic church is a great church. Look at the great storms she's withered." I said, "With the state and everything else behind her, and all the dignitaries, that's no mystery. How did the Pentecostal revive it with everything against them but God?" Amen. But we still stand with the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Why do you want to take a substitute when the skies are full of genuine Pentecostal power? Why would I take a handshake or some dried eye profession, when the Holy Ghost fills the room and ready to fill your heart with the real genuine Pentecost? Why would we take some substitute for it? Let me have Christ.

( **But It Wasn't So From The Beginning**  
**April 11, 1961** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:27-30, Luke 9:18-21**



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June 16



*From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (Matthew 16:21-23)*



God could not suffer in Spirit. He had to become flesh to feel the pain of sickness, to feel the temptation of lust, to feel the temptation of want, to feel the temptation of hunger, to feel the power of death, that He might take it upon Himself to stand in the Presence of the great Spirit Jehovah (the Spirit, not the man, the Spirit), to make intercessions to this life. And Jesus took that in order to make intercessions for us, for He knows how it feels. When you get sick, He knows how you feel. When you're tempted, He knows how you feel.

Now, did you ever notice when we vote for a president, every farmer will vote for a president that's been a farmer, for he knows the hard part of a farmer's life. See? He wants some man who understands.

And before God could ever understand, Him being that great holiness, how He could ever understand, after by His holiness He condemned man and the only way He'll ever know how to justify a man is to become man.

And God overshadowed the virgin and she brought forth a body; not Jewish blood,

not Gentile blood, but His Own Blood, God's created Blood, no sex at all in it at all, no sexual desire. And this Blood Cell, created in the womb of this woman, brought forth the Son. And when He was baptized by John the Baptist, John said, "I bear record, seeing the Spirit of God like a dove a-coming down and abiding upon Him."

No wonder Jesus could say that "all powers in heaven and earth is given into My hand." God and man became One; heavens and earth embraced each other; and He was the One Who could give reconciliation for our sins. That's the reason that in His Name healing takes place. He knows your pains. Did you ever hear this little, old song?

Jesus knows the pain you feel, He can save and He can heal,

Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there. (That's right. He knows)

When our body's wracked with pain, and our health we can't regain,

Just remember God in heaven answers prayer; Jesus knows the pain you feel, He can save and He can heal,

Just take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

That's all He asks: "Just leave it there." Why? He's our High Priest standing here that knows how you feel. And He knows how to reconcile you back to grace and how to bring you back to your health. He knows all about it, He suffered. When you haven't got a place to lay your head, He had the same. When you got one change of clothes, He had the same. When you're made fun of, persecuted, He had the same.

( Hebrews, Chapter Two #3  
August 28, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:31-33, Luke 9:22**





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June 17



*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. (Matthew 16:24-27)*



We notice the evangelist comes to the platform today, and my, he's all puffed out, and tells a whole lot of jokes before he starts to preaching, and things like that, and carries on and acts like a clown in the pulpit. When it comes time to make an altar call, the people don't even see any sincerity to make an altar call by. That's right. That's the reason the world's got in a lukewarm condition today, that it's in.

I wonder today. It's just, the church, we've tried to send our boys to school to learn psychology, and so forth like that, to know how to put over a program, to get in the pulpit and the message is so enticing, that it'll catch the people and catch their attention. And many great psychologists go out as teachers like that, and dramatize, and put on a whole lot of something. We're always telling of the beauty and the attraction of the church. But we fail to tell them, "He that will follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." I wonder if we haven't made the beauty of the church too pretty for the fellow that comes in.

For instance, the Baptist church today has got a slogan, "A million more in '44,"

taking in members by the thousands, and the tens of thousands, unconverted, just people who walk in and join the church. And it's an indebtedness to the Church of Jesus Christ, to take such members in. They still drink. They still smoke. They still gamble. They still lie. They come to the church, expecting to be entertained by a bunch of Hollywood evangelists that gets up, put on a lot of glamour, and a lot of big instruments setting up-and-down on the platform, when they ought to have an old fashion, God-first, crying out, altar call down there; where men and women don't come to glamorize, or to run up and act a clown, but to get down to the altar and realize that the death of Jesus Christ there, that died for them, that they're getting back sincere with God again.

I wonder if we're not living in that kind of a time, when we take great evangelists, like many that's crossing the lands today, of great, known evangelists who has studied psychology and attract the people to the church. But after you once get them into the church, then what you going to do to them? What's going to happen after they get into the church? Just join the church, and go back with the same sin and the same desire that they come into the church with. They go back the same way. And that's the reason today the world looks on, said, "Well, if that man got religion, if this person got religion."

I'm afraid we've made it too easy. I think, joy, certainly, I believe that all joys lays in Jesus Christ. That's right. I believe it's joyful and happy. But remember, brother, it's the way of agony and suffering and the cross. You must realize that too. That's right. I wonder if we haven't painted a little too smooth.

( The Invasion Of The United States  
May 9, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:23-27**





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*Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead. (Matthew 16:28-17:9)*



Now, what God was fixing to show here on Mount Transfiguration, He was fixing to do just like He had them do in the Old Testament: placing of a son.

Now, when a son was born into the family, he was a son at birth. And there's where you Pentecostal people jumped the fence. You thought that when you were born again that settled it. That only was the beginning. That's right. You are a son, surely, when you're born. But when this son was born, he wasn't heir of all things yet. He had to go through the testings and trials to find out if he was the right type of son to fall

heir to all things. And listen, God's Word said, that every son that cometh to God must first be tried and chastened, child-trained, before he could be adopted into the family.

Now, this father taken the son and turned him over to a raiser, a tutor, school teacher, otherwise. And this school teacher had to bring word to the father just how that child was progressing, if he was slothful, or if he was dilatory, or if he was a bright, intelligent, wide awake, young man.

Now, the father had to find the man the right kind of a tutor. And that's a beautiful type of the church, that when we become sons of God, borned into the Kingdom of God, the Father sent to us the best Tutor that He could find: the Holy Spirit. Now, He never sent us an archbishop to be our tutor, or general overseer, or a district man. There's where we've made our mistake. The church is governed by the Holy Spirit. That's God's government for His church.

( **Hear Ye Him**  
**August 7, 1957** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:1-9, Luke 9:27-36**



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June 19



*And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (Matthew 17:10-13)*



You know one day the Bible had foretold of a great coming prophet that was going to gather Israel together. And when He come, you know He passed right through the people and they didn't know it? And then one day Jesus was speaking to His disciples, said, "The Son of man's going up to Jerusalem..." and so forth.

They said, "Why did the scribes (otherwise, the writers of the Scriptures), why did the scribes say that Elias must first come and restore all things?"

He said, "I say unto you, truly Elias will first come. But I say that Elias is already come and you didn't know it." See? He went right through. They didn't know it: likewise the Son of man. They understood He spoke of John the Baptist. Now see, he was just a crank down on the river somewhere, a wild man trying to drown people in water, so forth, a real strange message. But that was God's forerunner. And it went through, and they didn't even know.

Jesus came. I guess one third of the Jews never heard of John. I guess when Jesus was on earth, not too many of the Jews, and one hundredth of the population of the earth ever knew He was here. He was come and gone.

You Catholic people, as well as you try to claim St. Patrick, anybody who knowed St. Patrick, he was about as much Catholic, Roman Catholic, as I am. But look at Joan of Arc, that sainted little girl who saw visions, and so forth. What did you do? You burned her to the stake for a witch. She was gone before you knowed she was a saint. See?

You know what? Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man," wherein eight souls were saved by water. What if today the rapture came, and He took two from Tucson, and one from Phoenix, and around the world, as a universal rapture will be, and the ones that rises from the dead will go to meet Him in the air and steal away, a mysterious thing? And then one of these days judgment drops upon the earth.

You say, "Well, wasn't there supposed to be a rapture first?" It's already come, and you knew it not. Think how many people will disappear in the world today and there won't even be a word. You'll know nothing about it. There'll be five hundred people in the world today will come up missing, and you won't know nothing about it. We're living in a terrific time. Let us have our lamps trimmed.

I don't say it'll be that way. I'm saying: what if it was? Then the judgment strikes and the rapture's gone. See? He's already come, and you knew it not.

( A Door In A Door  
February 23, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:10-13**



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*And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. (Matthew 17:14-21)*



Jesus had given His church, in Matthew the 10th chapter, power against unclean spirits. He sent them out to cast out devils, to heal the sick, raise the dead. "As freely as you receive, freely give." And we find them right away absolutely defeated on an epilepsy case. They couldn't understand. They had a boy down there, and they was probably screaming and crying and shaking him, and jumping around trying to cast the devil out of him. Jesus came to where they were, and the father of the child run to Him and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son; he's variously vexed with a devil." And said, "I brought him to Your disciples and they couldn't do nothing for him."

He said, "Oh, faithless, generation how long will I suffer you? Bring him here to Me."



See, He lived on a different heights. When that demon saw Jesus, he throwed that boy into a spell like he never had before, fell on the ground and frothed and kicked his feet and straightened out. And they said, "He's dead." See? That's the way the devil does.

Jesus picked him up, said, "He's all right. Just take him on." Notice, then the disciples come and said, "Why couldn't we cast him out?"

Now, He never said, "Because you haven't got the power." Now, you unbelievers in Divine healing, I can show you in the Bible, chapter and verse, where God gave His power to the church to remain throughout the age. I want you to show me where He took it back away from the church. It's not in there. You might find it in the almanac, but you don't find it here; this is God's Word. See?

Now, I want you to watch a minute. The disciples said,

"Why couldn't we cast him out?"

He said, "Not because you don't have power, but because of your unbelief." The church today, the professors, the believers, the borned again, has the power to do these things, but they haven't got faith enough to put it in action. That's right.

( Hear Ye Him  
December 15, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:14 - 29, Luke 9:37 - 43**



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June 21



*And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: And they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry. (Matthew 17:22-23)*



Many ways we make covenants. Here in America when we make a covenant, why, we just go out and make an agreement and reach over and shake one another's hands, and say, "That's it, boy. Seal her. Here we are. All right." We shake on it. That's the way we make a covenant.

Down in Japan they got a funny way of making a covenant. They go out and make their agreement; then they get a little salt and throw it on one another. That's the way they make a covenant, throwing salt on one another.

But in the time of Abraham, the way they made a covenant, the way God made a covenant, they took an animal and split it apart. And they took a piece of paper and wrote on this piece of paper, whatever their agreement was. And they tore this piece of paper apart, and one man took one part, and the other man took the other part. And they took an oath over the dead body of this sacrifice, that if either of those broke that covenant, let them be as this dead animal was below them. And when they come together again, to make this covenant right, these two pieces of paper had to dovetail right straight together letter by letter, for it would be the same piece of paper.

Now, here's what God did for us in Christ. God manifested in flesh, took His own Son up to Calvary, and there He killed His own Son on Calvary's cross to make a covenant with the human race. And when He did, He nailed Him to the cross, the

dead sacrifice, it was, and pulled out of Him the Holy Spirit. "Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit," Blood running from His side, and hands and feet. And God pulled out the Spirit from Him, and shoved the body down in the grave, raised it up on the third day, and set it on His right hand, and sent the rest of the agreement back to the Church, which was the same Holy Ghost that was upon Christ come upon the Church. And the only way in the world we'll ever be able to make it at the day of the judgment is for that same Holy Spirit, that was upon Jesus Christ to have to dovetail, as His Wife through the Body. Amen. That's the covenant that God wrote to the Church. He tore Christ apart, soul and body.

He said to the woman, "Can you be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

She said, "Yes."

He said, "And you will."

The same Holy Spirit that was upon Jesus Christ was tore out of His body to take the Life out of it, to shed the Blood for remission of sins, and God raised His body and set it on His own throne, on His right side and sent back the same Holy Ghost that was upon Christ to be on the Church in a double portion.

( The Calling Of Abraham  
November 16, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:30-32, Luke 9:43-45**



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June 22



*And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee. (Matthew 17:24-27)*



When I think that I'm forty-eight years old, nearly fifty, and my youthful days are gone and so forth; to know that since a little boy that I had this blessed Promise, and have declared it to my brothers and sisters; and to see the literally thousands of those that's come out of darkness; to know that we are going to our eternal home, to the blessed. And if this earthly tabernacle be dissolved before I get through preaching, there's one waiting yonder for us. Hallelujah. To know that there's dozens of people setting here that if they should leave this life right now, before we could get their body to the undertaker, they would be in that glorious body yonder, rejoicing with the saints of God already in the Presence of God, to live forever, with the perfect (absolutely) vindication that it's so. Amen.

Oh, that would make the Presbyterian shout. Did Sunday, didn't it? Them people were Presbyterian. Certainly it would, to think, no wonder people get emotionally. Why if you get emotionally from batting a ball or throwing one in a basket, how much more

will it making you emotionally, to know that you've passed from death to Life; that you're a new Creation in Christ. You know it by the way your spirit leads you away from malice, and guile, and enmity, and all the things of the world; and your heart sets centered on Christ. That's your motives. That's all that you think of in your mind, on your heart, all day and night. When you go to bed at night, and put your hands behind you like this, and just lay there and praise Him till you go to sleep. Wake up, of a morning, still praising Him. Amen. Oh, my.

I've tried to praise Him of a morning; we've been getting up about four o'clock, Brother Wood and I, going out early in the morning to go squirrel hunting. I praise Him under every tree, I believe, I come to. I can't see a tree without praising Him; think, He growed that tree. See a little old grasshopper fly up, He knows that grasshopper. Oh, you say, "Nonsense, Brother Bill." Oh, no, it isn't. He knows where every squirrel is. He knows where every butterfly is.

Why, at one time, He needed some money, and He said, "Peter, there's a fish awhile ago swallowed a coin (just enough, as much as we need). Go cast a hook in, I'll send him over there. Take that coin out of his mouth, 'cause he can't use it himself. Go pay him our tithing and tribute." Amen.

( Hebrews, Chapter Two #3  
August 28, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 23



*At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (Matthew 18:1-6)*



Sometime ago in New Albany, while I was standing there talking to a sinner, leading him to Christ, a big old rough-handed man in the garage. A man was a friend of mine, his son-in-law run the garage next door. I was standing there preaching at a dinner hour, eating a sandwich and talking to him about God. Through the daytime I'd find somewhere where I could go at dinner time and try to win a soul to Christ. He said, "Mr. Branham," he said. I was just a boy preacher myself. He said, "Mr. Branham, my mother had that kind of religion, that heartfelt religion." And the tears was running down his cheeks.

I said, "How long she been gone?"

Said, "Years. She always prayed for me."

I said, "The God that heard her prayers is trying to answer them right now for her."

And this man walked in there, he said, "Hello." He was drunk. Said, "Hey, Billy, listen." Said, "Anytime you want to come over to my garage, you come," but said, "don't bring that old holy-roller religion of yours over there."

I turned and looked at him, I said, "Anywhere Christ is not welcome, I'll not be."

And so he turned around and said, "Aw, get next to yourself, boy."

And I just heard in my heart a Voice say, "You reap what you sow. It'd be better for you that a millstone was hanged at your neck and drowned in the depths of the sea." And his own son-in-law, that very same afternoon, run over him with a two-ton Chevrolet truck loaded down and mashed him down in the ground.

See, you've got to respect God. God demands respects.

( Respects  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:33 - 37, Luke 9:46 - 48**



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*And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. (Mark 9:38-41)*



When Solomon built the temple, they was cut out from all over the world. But when they come together, there wasn't a buzz of a saw nor the sound of a hammer. Every block, no matter, if this one might've been cut like Oneness, and this one Twoness, and this one Threeness, and this one Fiveness, or whatever it was. But when they come together, they went dovetail one with the other. That's right. And there wasn't any arguing; there wasn't any buzzing; there wasn't any fussing; they just went together and made the temple of God. That's right. And I believe that God is cutting out everywhere borned again children of God, and going to bring them together. I may not live to see it, but I hope I do.

You remember, there's young people setting here. Someday those denominational barriers, and ideas that fanatics has got out there, and scooped around, and separated the people, will be taken away; and God will bring His Church together and take it home. Just as certain as anything in the world. They're going to come; that's prophecy. Remember that. I spoke that in the Name of the Lord. Now, you can put that down upon the book. Now, that was true.



I didn't know I [was] going to say that. Now, that's right. That's how God will bring His Church together. You can depend on that.

And as long as you argue and fuss with one another, you're in the kindergarten. God will just keep you there, till you learn enough to get out of it. That's all. Amen. Well, praise the Lord. All right. That's right. Get out. Have faith. Step out on the Word of God.

The disciples come, said, "We seen one casting out devils and we forbid him." There starts your denomination again.

Said, "Forbid him not." Amen. Be one with him; that's all. Go join up. If they won't join up, don't forbid him; go on. That's the way to do.

( **The Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me**  
**April 13, 1951** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 25



*Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 18:7-10)*



Any minister knows what Monday morning is after a hard day on Sunday. Compare that; you preacher's wives you know how your husband is on Monday morning after he's preached hard two or three times Sunday. He's so worn out. What do you think about poor little old Elijah? There he was, no one to comfort him, and he stopped under this juniper tree. And he knelt down, and looked up to God and said, "Lord I'm so tired and so weary. Why don't You just take my life and let me go. My fathers all went, so let me go."

Men who deal in the supernatural, who stay in the Presence of God, and when you see God's program turned down, and you preach it, and you try your best, and do everything that God tells you to do, and still they walk away from it, it's heartbreaking. God Almighty has done enough here in Angelus Temple this last week, till it had Los Angeles set afire. No wonder He said, "It'll be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of the judgment."

And the poor little fellow, skinny, laying there and his gray hair hanging over his shoulders. God said, "My servant needs some rest." God's mercy to his servant, He just laid him down on the bunch of weeds and he went to sleep.

I'd imagine there was ten thousand Angels watching him sleep. There's one assurance the believer has, though the world turned him down, yet God loves him. The world may call you holy-roller; they may call you fanatic; but if you're true to God there's one sure thing: God loves you, and His Angels are encamped about those who fear Him.

I'd imagine on every limb, all around through the place, was swarms of Angels. And God came down, and He said, "My poor little tired servant. He's so nervous and tore up, he don't know what to do. I want to pick out the Angel standing here that's got the softest hands. Don't you scare him; walk over and stroke his brow right easy. And I want the best cook among you, and go up there, and get all the vitamins that you can find, and put in this corn meal. The world's turned him down, but I'm going to treat him right." Hallelujah! (That means "praise our God." Don't get scared of that.) "Bring forth the best that we got; cook him a corn cake and set him down some water." And this soft-handed Angel went over and stroked the little servant of God on the brow.

Remember, if you've done your best, God's still got those Angels in order. He loves you just the same as He loved Elijah.

( What Hearest Thou, Elijah  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 9:42-50**



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June 26



*For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. (Matthew 18:11-14)*



For myself, if I had a choice to make, I want it to be like He was. He came to be a Shepherd, and He was a Shepherd. A shepherd is one who goes after his sheep.

A famous picture, I don't think we have it on our walls here. But I've set in my room and looked at it. I just can't call the artist's name at this time. But when he lost that little black sheep, and he leaves the ninety and nine and goes to look for it, what does he do? He strays through the wilderness. He cuts his self with briars. He pulls through the dangers. Prowls all through the night, until finally, way down on the side of the mountain, hanging by a little bush, risking his own life, he reaches and takes the little fellow out of its fallen condition. Then he brings it back to himself. And another artist painted a picture of him bringing it home.

Now, it looks like that the shepherd would just stick his arm under the sheep and start bringing it like that. But did you notice how the Spirit caught the artist's brush. He didn't put it under his arm, he put it over his shoulder.

Now, I want you to see the care of the Shepherd. Now, Jesus, when He was casting out devils, He said He done it with the finger of God. Now, if a devil's bothering you,

the only thing that takes of God, he's just so insignificant till He just takes His finger and casts it away.

Where is the strongest part of a man? Across his shoulders. You notice how a man, always his shoulders is the biggest. Where can he pack his greatest load? Across his shoulders. Where is he the most surest of? When the load's across his shoulders.

So He takes the sheep, lays it around over His shoulders, and gently walks back with it. All the powers of God wrapped up in that little lost fellow bringing him back. But a devil's so easy, He just casts it out with His finger. He's a Shepherd.

( **Images Of Christ**  
**May 25, 1959** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 27



*Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:15-20)*



When Jesus was God made flesh, the Fullness of God was in Him. He had the Spirit without measure. We have it by measure. Now, what if you go out to here pick up a spoonful of water out of the ocean. Well, that what Jesus had, the whole ocean; but you and I have got a spoonful. That's the difference. You'd never miss it. He don't have to have us, but we have to have Him. But if you took that spoonful of water and took it down to the laboratory, the same chemicals that's in the entire ocean is in that spoonful.

And when God on the day of Pentecost, when He come down like a rushing wind, did you notice He was a Pillar of Fire, but did you notice He separated Himself from that Pillar of Fire, divided Himself amongst His people, and cloven tongues of fire set upon each of them: God separating Himself to His Church. No wonder He spoke,

"Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst. If two will agree upon anything, and ask, I'll give it to you." See? What is that? When the little fire here and a little fire here, each one of you is a part of God, when we come together, it's the body of Christ uniting. God separating Himself giving part to me, and part to you, and part to the next fellow, so we can all live and have Eternal Life.

( **Be Not Afraid**  
**February 24, 1961** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 28



*Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven. (Matthew 18:21-22)*



What is red? Red is one sign of danger. Red is a sign of redemption. And you look at red through red, what color is it? White. It's correct. So when the red Blood was shed to cover red sin, God looking through the red Blood, look at red sin, it becomes white. The believer can't sin. Certainly not. The Seed of God, the blessings of God, remains on him. God can't see nothing but the Blood of His own Son. No matter what it is in His Church, what it is, God don't see it, because Jesus is making intercessions constantly, the High Priest. No way for him to sin when such a Sacrifice is laying there for him like that. Certainly not. And now, if you say, "Well, that gives me a good chance." Then that shows you're not right.

You'll appreciate that; you'll love it (if you're a real Christian) to a place that sin would haunt you till you couldn't do it. "For the Seed of God remains in him, and he cannot sin." The Bible said, "Once purged by the Blood of Jesus, has no more desire of sin..." If you have a desire, your heart's not right with God.

Now, you will do wrong, but you don't do it willfully. See, you're trapped, and anything you're trapped into, or do something that you don't mean to do it, it's not sin yet; you'll repent the minute you see that you're wrong. You'll turn quickly and say, "I didn't mean, didn't see that." You can say that all through life. A man don't want to be; that's the reason that we are so stupid and so in dark down here on earth, that



there's a Blood atonement for us all the time to keep us covered, 'cause the first mistake we make... Now, there's your legalist idea. "Oh, you know what? That woman was sanctified, but, bless God, she done wrong, I know she's backslid." That's wrong. She's not backslid. She made a mistake. If she did it willfully, then she wasn't right to begin with.

If she didn't mean to do it, and she walks before the holy Church of God and confesses it, and say, "I'm wrong, and you forgive me," you're duty bound to do it. You don't do it in your heart, then you ought to went to the altar yourself. True. There's the real holiness in the church. There's genuine holiness, the holiness not of you, but of Christ.

I have no holiness to present to Him. But I'm trusting in His grace, and I have it in my heart. I've unmerited it, nothing I could do to deserve it, but by grace He called me and invited me to come. And I look to Him, and He took the desire away from me. I make thousands of mistakes even each month in each year.

Certainly, I do. But when I see I'm wrong, I say, "God, I didn't mean to do it. You know my heart. I didn't mean to do that. I was trapped into that. I didn't mean to do it. You forgive me, Lord." If I done wrong to my brother, I say, "Brother, forgive me; I didn't mean to do that." Certainly, God knows my heart. Oh, there you are. There's the Blood sacrifice. There's the power of the Gospel, that holy church moving on. Not because something you done, it's something you had nothing to do with. There's the atonement.

( Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 29



*Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (Matthew 18:23-35)*



If you've had little squabbles and little things, what difference does it make. You're going to die one of these days. What day? Maybe today. You don't know; an hour from now you may be in hell or you may be in heaven. But you've got to choose now. If there's anything in your life that isn't right, you choose, now.

You say, "Well, if I can just get even with her; if I can get even with him..." No matter what they've done, choose life. Choose life, for Jesus said, "If from your heart, you don't forgive every person their transgressions, neither does your heavenly Father forgive you." So just get that close. If there's one ought in your heart against any person, sinner or saint, you're in danger of hell fire.

Now, lift up your eyes. What do you see, your enemy or do you see your Saviour? What are you looking at this morning? If you're sick and your doctor says that you can't get well, lift up your eyes to the cross, where He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we were healed. Don't look at what the doctor says; He's working in science. Faith works in the realm of spirit and God. Let us think of these things.

( By Faith, Moses  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 30



*After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. For neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. (John 7:1-9)*



You're the salt of the earth. "If the salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?" That's right, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good work," see what you do and glorify the Father, what's in heaven. Hungering, signboards, reflecting, wonderful. Yes, sir.

Now, also we don't want to do this: we don't want to make a quick sale out of it. Just say, "Well, I got the glory last night, hallelujah." You can't do that. That's a quick sale. If we do that, the product's not much good. If he just lives good, say, "Now, I know one time, I lived good for two weeks after I was converted. I lived two weeks, such perfect life." That's a quick sale.

That's like this Hadicol we just had, nothing but a bunch of vitamins wrapped up together, and it didn't last but a little while. It finally went up. You ought to be an

everyday Christian, every hour Christian, every year Christian, not a quick sale. But let your light so shine. If you walk up to a man and ask him to receive Christ, he laughs in your face, don't go off and say, "Well, there's nothing to it, or he would accepted it." No, no. That's a Hadicol sale. We're not selling Hadicol. We're selling the Gospel, the power of the living God, Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. If the world hates you, they hated Christ before they hated you.

For this one cause drove Him to the cross. But we're His representatives; we're His billboards. We advertise Him. You don't have to have a lot of fancy stuff. A lot of Dr., Ph. D., L.L.D., the great sanctified church of so-and-so and so-and-so, that founded way back in so-and-so and so-and-so. We have so-and-so and so-and-so." Make them hungry. Amen. A clean billboard with Christ wrote across your life, then men will see your good works and glorify the Father which is in heaven. That's it. Don't be smutted up with the trash of the world. Don't try to advertise yourself like somebody said, "Well, I belong to so-and-so, this big church. It's the biggest church in the city."

We got a person here in our neighborhood, up there. They left the little church up here on the highway to go to a bigger church, because they said a better class of people went there, a better class of people. See, they don't know, their brain becomes dusty. It's smudged up with the things of the world. A better class of people? What is the best class a people? A people that's borned of the Spirit of God, if they been so poor, they don't know where their next meal is coming from. That's the only class of people that's worth anything; they're the people that's borned again.

( Let Your Light So Shine Before Men  
September 3, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 1



*And it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan; And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there. (Matthew 19:1-2)*



I think it's come to a time that when we've got to know how we stand. How can you do anything unless you got faith in what you're doing? You've got to have faith. And that's my purpose of doing this with the church here, is to give the believers faith and confidence in what they are standing for, because it is the Word of the Lord. Then as long as through the Scripture it's sovereignly placed from Genesis into Revelations, back and forth, and up and down, not a way for the devil to move in there anywhere, then you got perfect confidence, you know where you're standing.

Same thing would be with our sister here that's in the wheelchair, or maybe others that are sick and afflicted. If you can have perfect understanding that it's God's good pleasure to make you well, there isn't enough devils in the country to keep you sick. See? That's right. When you understand that it's God's good pleasure to make you well, that He has did it for you, and you understand then how that you are to go do a certain thing. It's like this. If you were hungry and starving to death, and you had supreme confidence in me as a truthful person, and I told you where there was a thousand dollars laying, how you'd get to it, what road you go, exactly where to go to, and you understand exactly where the money is laying then would you start rejoicing right then, just the same as you had the money, if you believe me.

So, you see, before you're ever feel any different or anything else, you can be just as

happy over your healing in saying you got it, because you're positive sure you got it, because you got confidence in the One that promised it to you. See, see? Your confidence is that He cannot lie, and He's told you exactly where it was laying at, and then you got confidence that you've got it already, because that is your faith which is the earnest of your redemption.

In other words, you're trying to be redeemed from sickness, and your faith is the earnest of your healing. As long as something says in your heart, "I'm the Lord that heals you," that's just as good; that's all you need. You can start just as happy, no matter what happens. If you don't get it, if you get worse, you're still just as happy as you was if you was perfectly well, because you've got that assurance that it's over.

( Revelation, Chapter Five #2  
June 18, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:1, John 7:10**



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July 2



*And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village. (Luke 9:51-56)*



When you come and find Christ in your heart, there's no place you can stop. You just keep moving on, just needing that, needing this thing, that thing. It's "The love of God, how rich and pure, how fathomless and strong. It shall forevermore endure, the saints and angels song."

People trying to measure God's love, one of them wrote.

If we with ink the ocean fill,

And was the skies of parchment made;

Every stalk on earth a quill,

And every man a scribe by trade;



To write the love of God above

Would drain the ocean dry;

And could the scroll contain the whole,

Though stretched from sky to sky.

What the love of God is. So that's what we believe in: love one another.

John, after he returned from the Isle of Patmos out in the Aegean Sea, only thing he could say was, "Little children, love one another." He found there was something real. And that was the disciple that wanted to call fire down on the city, and burn them up 'cause they wouldn't give him nothing to eat. But how Christ got a hold of him and let Him know, "You don't know what kind of a spirit you are," he said, "trying to destroy life. We come to save life." That's what we have to have, is love for one another.

In my ministry since I've seen you, I've been practically over the world: several trips overseas, seven or eight trips amongst heathens and everywhere. And I find this: that the most forceful thing I can think of is love. If I'm praying for a person, if I can't have the feeling of that person upon my heart, it never works.

When I think, what if I was standing in their place, what if that was my baby, what if that was my mother, my wife, my sister, my brother? When You feel the way for them, then something begins to move out. Compassion goes out and catches the patient, brings them back.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
January 18, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 3



*And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:57-62)*



Now, get this close, friends. The hardest thing that God has ever had to deal with His people, is to get one mortal to believe another. That's the hardest thing God ever has done. Well, they couldn't believe Jesus was the Son of God.

They believed God. But He said Him being a man makes Himself equal with God. How could He, a poor peasant, how could He be? A man born in a manger, a background like He had, from a poor family, raised up, one garment on Him, and lived the way He did, not even a place to lay His head. The foxes has dens, and the birds of the air has nests, but the Son of man has no [where to lay his head.] How could that Man be the Son of God? How could He be what He claimed to be? But He was, wasn't He? He was.

Now they believe it. But it was too late for them now. Their destination is sealed away, those who rejected Him. And God sends those things that people might be

simple and humble. And listen, friends; more simpler you can be, more God can deal with you.

I'm not against education. Educations are all right. But people get so highly educated, till they think they know more about it than God does. And then they miss the goal.

You've got to forget all you ever knowed in your own knowledge to know Christ. Well, you just come child-like and accept Him. That's all. That's the way you accept God. And more simple you can get, more humble, and get away from yourself, your own ideas, just take God's Word for what it's worth, and believe it. And it's by faith that these things are come, not what you can figure out. You'll never be able. There's never been a man on the world, no saint, nor no one has ever figured God out. You can't. So don't think that you can do something that they cannot do, 'cause it can't be. That's right. You just believe Him. That's what He wants you to do, not try to figure Him out.

( Moses  
January 10, 1950 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 4



*Then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. (John 7:11-13)*



I scream today, as it was, the great prophet of long ago, Amos, when he come down into that city, said, "I'm not a prophet, nor a son of a prophet. But if the lion roars, who can but fear." He said, "When God speaks, who can but prophecy." He predicted judgment upon that generation and said, "The very God that you claim to serve will destroy you."

You put this, it's on tape, and you remember. These people now that's gathering all this great big harvest of World Council of Churches. And you're going to have to go into it. You can't stay out of it. You're either going to be individually get out of it, or you're going into it. There ain't going to be no middle ground. It'll be the mark of the beast. No man could buy or sell, except he that has the mark, or has got the discrepancy. Now, stay out of it. Get out of it. Flee it. Stay away from it. The God that they claim they're serving will destroy them.

Said, "Well, Jesus prayed that we should all be one." Then He also said, "How can you walk together, two walk together, 'less they be agreed?" He said One like He and the Father are One. And the Father was the Word, and He was the Word made manifest. He was One with the Father, because He was the manifestation of God's promised Word. And so is it today, or any other day. Yes, sir. That God is One, He

wants us to be one.

How can this be one, this one denying the virgin birth, and this don't, deny Divine healing, and this, that, all of them in a mess like that? Some of them even don't even believe He was a Son of God: believe He was the son of Joseph, called the Son of God. Certainly. The twin brother to the Lutherans, Zwinglies, believe that, that He was absolutely just a good man. The Christian Science said He was a prophet, just an ordinary man, He wasn't Divine. Why, if He wasn't Divine, He's the greatest deceiver the world ever had. He was God or He was nothing. He was Divine. He was Deity Himself made flesh among us, in the Person of the Son of God. Certainly, that's what He was.

( The Seed Of Discrepancy  
January 18, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 5



*Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. (John 7:14-18)*



They took every chance they could to get rid of Him. His birth was in question; they put that before the people. They couldn't understand how He was borned a virgin birth and Joseph, his father (supposed to be), a carpenter, and He was born before Joseph and Mary was married. They throwed that before the people. Yes, sir. What am I saying now? They're black-marking Him. See?

"Look at him. Where did he come from? Look at his mother, no more than a street prostitute, had this baby. And after the baby was born (she's already pregnant) the baby was to be born, then Joseph married to hide it and then come around with some kind. Why, it's the work of the devil, can't you see? It's that kind of a birth." They throwed that before the people, and not reading in the Bible, Isaiah 9:6, "A virgin shall conceive." See, what was it? They got away from the Word. That's it. They throwed black figures at His authority.

"Gentlemen, don't you know we are Moses' disciples? Don't you know we're servants of Christ? Don't you know we search the Scriptures daily, and we have not one thing?

They said the Messiah would come to His temple. Not one word of him coming to a temple. Where's he at? What school did he come from? Ask any of the brethren (both Methodist and Baptist and Presbyterian) you know, Pharisees, Sadducees and so forth. What fellowship card does he pack? Where's his authority even to preach? He hasn't been ordained; he hasn't even got a right to preach."

He said, "My ordination comes from God. My works vindicate what I am. (That's right.) I don't have to have your papers."

See what I mean? They throwed that. His doctrine, why, they called Him Beelzebub. His doctrine, they couldn't understand. "Why, He disagrees with all of the traditions of the fathers. He even disagrees with the Pharisees; he disagrees with the Sadducees; he disagrees with the whole group of them. Now, where's he get his doctrine?" From the Bible, of course. "Well," you say, "well, how do I know that that's right?" God backed it up.

That's what the blind man said, "It's a strange thing if you're so right and He's so wrong, yet He can take the power of God and open my eyes, and you never have seen it done yet even. Amen. (There's a strange thing. Oh, my. I like to take sides with Him, don't you? Sure.) You say you're Moses' disciples, and you're so right and He's so wrong, then let me see you do the things He's doing." Amen.

They denounced Him and all of His claims. They say, " His claims is wrong of being a Messiah. How could he be a Messiah and not come to the church? How could it be a Messiah? And here we are the cream of Israel." But the cream had soured. See? Oh, yes, sir, had flies in it. So they had to skim that off.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
June 1, 1962 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





## **Parallel Scriptures : John 7:14-31**



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July 6



*The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles? What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come? (John 7:32-36)*



I truly believe that we're on the verge of one of the most mightiest things that ever struck the earth since the days of Jesus. But now, it'll be so humble. See? See, what man calls mighty, God calls abomination. But what man calls foolish, God calls mighty. See? But now watch it; it'll be so humble that you'll miss it if you've not got the Token there to examine it. You see? See?

Who would ever thought that the mountains was skipping like little rams and the leaves were clapping their hands, when a prophet came forth from the wilderness, that was spoken by Isaiah 1,200 or 712 years before, with whiskers all over his face, and a piece of sheepskin, not even a pulpit to preach in, excommunicated from all the churches, and standing on the bank of the Jordan screaming, "Repent!" And called the people a bunch of vipers, snakes. But that's what God said, that when He come the mountains would skip like little rams. See? The humble saw it and was glad.

How could they understand that that great Messiah, that was prophesied from the very

beginning of the Book, in Genesis, that He would come, a Saviour. All sacrifices, and all prophets, and everything had pointed to Him. And then, when He come, supposedly to be a illegitimate birth, a father that was not even married to His mother, supposedly. See? And the woman was found pregnant with the Baby before they was even married. And born in a little, well, it says a stable in the Bible. But a stable in them days was a cave back in the wall. I met such a place out in Arizona one time hunting. There was a stable back under a cliff of rocks. And that's the way Jesus was born, back in this little cliff stable on a manger of hay and straw, in a cow barn (See?) where stock was.

And was raised up as a carpenter's Helper; and how could That be the mighty Jehovah. But it was, see it was. Very odd sort of a Person, but oh, when He was just a boy, He astounded the priests by knowing that Word. Why? He was the Word, see, He was the Word. He never wrote a book. He never wrote a word. The only word He ever wrote, I guess, He erased it out, in the sand, when a woman had been taken in adultery. He never wrote a word. Why? He was the Word. See? He was the Word. He didn't have to write it; His life lived it. He was the Word. "If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not." See? "If I don't do exactly what the Word said I would do, then I'm not the Word." That's what He meant. He is the Word.

( Desperations  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 7



*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (John 7:37-39)*



I'm telling you, no other fount that I know but that Fountain. It cleansed me when I was dirty. It keeps me cleansed, because I want to live right at it, drink this fresh Water that's fills my soul with joy. I can be ever so down and feel that I can't hardly go another round, can't go nowhere else, then I can kneel down and put my finger on a promise and say, "Lord God, Thou art my Strength; Thou art my Satisfaction; Thou art my All in All." I can begin to feel something bubbling up way inside of me there, I come out of it.

As I past fifty years old, I'll wake up of a morning, you know how it is; you can't hardly get that one foot out of the bed. My, you can't hardly do it, and somebody at the door knocking or Billy telling me there's an emergency somewhere and I've got to go, and I think, "How can I do?" Try to put one foot out; I think, "Thou art the Fountain filled with my strength!" Amen.

"My strength and my help cometh from the Lord. Thou art my Artesian Well; Thou art my Youth." "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with the wings like an eagle. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." "Lord God, this is my duty to go. I'm called to the post of duty,"

and the first thing you know, something begins to gurgle up inside of me.

( Broken Cisterns  
64-0726E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 8



*Many of the people therefore, when they heard this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was? So there was a division among the people because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. (John 7:40-44)*



Being brought into the Presence of God and see when God made a promise, and God is obligated to that promise, and when He brings that promise to pass, then people are afraid to face up to the responsibility of coping with the Message of the hour. We find that everywhere.

How about you Lutherans? How many people was afraid to face up to Luther's truth when he come forth with justification? Look what it cost you, maybe your own life to come out and confess Jesus Christ and become a Lutheran.

Look at you Methodists, how it used to be you all were called holy-rollers; I guess you knew that. And they'd get under the Spirit and jerk back and forth. And they said they had the jerks. No, that ain't Pentecostals; that was Methodists long years ago. And they jerked, and shook, and fell under the power of God. And they threw water in their faces and fanned them with fans, thought they'd passed out. And now, you were considered a bunch of holy-rollers. But your mothers and fathers had to either accept it, face up to the truth and facts, or turned her down.

What about you Pentecostals that received the restoration of the gifts? When the

baptism of the Holy Ghost come out with speaking in tongues and the gifts of the Spirit coming back in the church, why the Methodists wanted to kick you out, and they did do it. But you had to face up to it. It's something you had to do.

What about the issue when it come out about the baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ and you saw it was the truth? You have to face up to it or do something about it. You've got a responsibility; everybody has. And you must face up to these things. All right.

And when you see then in this day now when the Word of God has made these promises of things that we see happening now, then we've got the responsibility to either face up to it or get away from it. You just can't stay neutral; you've got to do something about it. Some move's got to be made. You can't come in that church door and go out the same person you come in. You're either further away or closer to God every time you come in or go out there.

Oh, how easy it is for people to shirk these things. And I want us to think of these when we start into the official services tomorrow night, that I want you to notice when something is confronted, if there's a question about it, there's got to be an answer.

( A Man Running From The Presence Of The Lord  
February 17, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 9



*Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. And every man went unto his own house. (John 7:45-53)*



If you'd ask me, "Preacher, what you stand up there crowing about? Why don't you tell us what you think about Him?" Oh, most happily will I do it. Yes, sir. Let me tell you what I think about Him. I think, in His birth He was Wonderful, though He came through by the way of a stable door and went out through capital punishment, yet there's never been a birth, through potentates, kings, whatever it might be; there's never been a birth to compare with it and never will be. He was a virgin born Son of the living God.

When He was in His wisdom, He was matchless. There was no one could match His wisdom. And as a preacher, "Never a man spake like this," said the man who come to see Him. That's right. As a Healer, He was Divine. Hallelujah. Yes, sir. In His death, He was my Redeemer here.

Living He loved me, Dying He saved me; Buried, He carried my sins far away;.



Hallelujah. Yes, sir. When He was here on earth, He looked like God; He acted like God; He said He was God; He lived like God; He preached like God; He died like God; He reigns like God; He proved He was God. Hallelujah. That's Who He was. That's what I think about Him.

Every man that's ever amounted to a hill of beans in this life, has been a man who trusted Him and knowed He was the Son of the living God, the incarnated Jehovah here on earth. Yes, sir.

Down from His glory, ever living story,

My Lord and Saviour came, and Jesus was His Name. (Look. He was:) Born in a manger, to His own a stranger,

The God of sorrow, tears, and agony.

How God condescending and brought Himself down into a form of flesh to redeem mankind, and to heal mankind, and to make the life pleasure while we were living here, to take us into glory. Why, every man that's ever lived that amounted to anything believes that with all their heart.

( What Think Ye Of Christ  
March 21, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 10



*Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*  
(John 8:1-11)



There never was a life ever lived like His, because He was the God manifested in the flesh when He was born. He was the expression of what God the Father is. And God the Father being love, then Jesus was the full expression of love. He was love from the very first time that His little baby hands stroked the pretty cheeks of His mother. He was love.

And I think today that that's where many is failing to recognize that He was love.

"God is love, and they that love are born of God."

"God so loved the world, that is, the unlovable, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but would have Everlasting Life."

He expressed His love when He was here on earth in so many different ways, till it is undisputable that He was the most loving creature that ever lived. And I think in His life here He was expressing God. And the only way that God can be expressed to the people is through love.

And well did He do this when He caught one of the most vilest women that there was of His day, perhaps. They found her just guilty, and no way out, when she was found in adultery. And they drug her up before Him and said, "What do You say do for her?"

And when He turned to her and said, "I don't condemn thee. Go and sin no more." Instead of being throwing her out to the streets, to be drug out like a bunch of wolves over her to stone her and take her life, His tender, kind, loving heart stooped way down into the sin that she was in, said, "I don't condemn thee. Just go and don't sin no more."

( Living, Dying, Buried, Rising, Coming  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 11



*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12)*



Many people has referred to this as the Christian dispensation, but it isn't. This is the Holy Spirit dispensation. The Christian dispensation lasted three years and six months. The law lasted for several hundred years. And then, the Christian dispensation was what bridged or keystoneed the New and Old Testament together.

And many times over in the Bible we see, and many times referred to, the Acts Of The Apostles, it's called. I always like to refer to it as the Acts Of The Holy Spirit in the Apostles. Because the apostles were just men, but it was the Holy Spirit in the apostles, bringing forth His move.

And the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ that has descended upon the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus in His going away. It is to give the Gospel Light in a lesser Light than it was when Christ was here.

Like the moon and the sun, the moon comes up to give a light in the absence of the sun, until it can rise again. Then the moon goes out. And the sun is such a brighter light that it puts out the moonlight. But what is the moonlight? It's a reflection of the sun on the moon. And that is like Christ. When He was here, He was the Light of the world. He went away and shining back on His Church to reflect His Light into this world today for a Light to walk in until He returns, and then all in all will be given unto Him. And He will sit on the throne of King David and reign forever and forever.

( At Kadesh-Barnea  
May 27, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 12



*The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true. Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of myself, yet my record is true: for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go. Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man laid hands on him; for his hour was not yet come. (John 8:13-20)*



Somebody said the other day, said, "Brother Branham, you can't explain the trinity." Said, "Just go down and get yourself an insane institution and crawl in it."

I said, "No, sir. I cannot explain it, but the heavenly God Who dwells here knows all things, and would reveal it to us as we have need to know." Amen.

I believe it with all my heart. I know it's so. It dovetails right in with the Scripture and makes it plain. God is in His Son. God is in His people.

Then look what He done back yonder. Look what He done in the days of His Sonship. Now, look what He's doing here in the Holy Ghost dispensation, how He has raised up and among the people. He's showing the same signs and wonders, quickening the dead. Is that right? Raising the dead, that physically died, raising them back to life

again. Read the little book there and get your statements. I seen three of it in my own humble ministry. The doctors have laid them out dead, and gone, passed on, and by a vision God would show it, and here they'd come right back around and living today. Write and ask them and see if that's right.

Jesus Christ only raised three in His entire life, to show that a witness of three is to be established. Is that right? In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established. Then God is living in His people today, because back there when Jesus came into Jerusalem, there was a great joy and the people begin to holler, "Hosanna, Hosanna, to Him that cometh in the Name of the Lord."

And the old priests, and Pharisees, and all said, "Make them hold their peace. They make me nervous."

I was preaching here not long ago, and there's a little woman just screaming and shouting top of her voice, and there was a man that's a Sunday school teacher in a Baptist church in Jeffersonville, said, "Billy, I was enjoying your service till that woman got to screaming and crying." He said, "How in the world can you preach when people are hollering like that?" I said, "I can't preach 'less they do holler like that." I don't know where I'm standing. Don't know how they're receiving it.

( Lord, Show Us The Father And It Sufficeth Us  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 13



*Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. (John 8:21-24)*



Sin is unbelief. The reason the people are in the conditions today, and all kinds of diseases springing up that they don't know nothing about, is because the way they live. And they live in unbelief. God sends His mercy and His messengers across the land, preaching Divine healing, and people laugh in the face of it and say there's nothing to it. He will send the Holy Spirit to take sin from a man, and they'll class them as a bunch of idiots. Then God's going to ask you, "Why did you do it?" And we're going to have to answer on that day for the attitude that we took towards His Holy Spirit and His promises.

Sin is unbelief. Any man that disbelieves is a sinner. He might sing like an archangel in a church. He might be even a deacon in a church or something else. But if the man does not believe God's Word, he is a sinner. "He that believeth not is condemned already."

And just look at the critical world today against the powers and the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Think of our nation today: how critical, how sin is waiting in on every hand. And yet, we go to church. Oh, we're very religious people in going to church. And so



was Israel. "But there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death." Now, we've got a truth that Jesus Christ saves from all sin, that the Blood of Jesus Christ sanctifies the believer, fills the believer with the Holy Spirit. There's plenty of Toxin, but the people's refusing to take it. And that's the reason we got things the way we have now.

I meet people all the time that tell me, "Brother Branham, I just can't keep from smoking." I met a little woman here not long ago, and she was in a restaurant. And the poor little thing looked like she had TB to begin with, because the advertisement told her that she would be thin if she smoked. Do you only realize that that's death on you does that? Do you realize that you're killing yourself by doing it? She said, "I just can't help it. I have to do it." No she doesn't. The reason she does it, is because she refuses the Toxin. There is a Balm for that. A man told me, a Christian (supposed to be), that he had such a habit that he couldn't turn his head from women.

I said, "It's your own fault."

He said, "I just can't keep from it."

I said, "You refuse the Toxin." That's all.

God can sanctify that spirit of yours in such a fix and such a condition. Say, "Well, just look at them on the street."

I said, "I don't care what they are, you don't have to look at them. If God gives you the Holy Ghost, you'll look for something better than that, something higher, something greater than that." It's because they refuse to take the Toxin.

( Balm In Gilead  
November 24, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 14



*Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:25-32)*



God loves the Truth. And the Truth shall set you free. God wants you to know the Truth. Christ is the Truth, the Holy Ghost feeds on the truth... And if the Holy Ghost is in you, He feeds on the Word of God, and not on televisions, and "True Story" magazines and love books. That's you people calling yourselves Christians wrap yourself up in.

Just looky here. In less than three months time every teen-age kid in the country from five years old to eighteen knowed who David Crockett was. All out on the street singing, "Davy Crockett." Some kind of fiction story, nonsense: killed a bear when he was three years old. How crazy. But the kids will wear coonskin caps and everything else and guns on their side. Oh, a ten-cent store is just full of it, everywhere else. Nonsense. And you Christians, with the message of God, if the world could put that

over and sell a lot of nonsense and stuff to kids, how much more ought the Christians to put over the program of the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Ghost, the resurrection, and Eternal Life, the coming of the Lord. There's thousands of kids tonight in America could tell you all about Davy Crockett and don't know a word about Jesus Christ.

What's the matter? That's why they're staying at home, stuck they're head in a television instead of the Bible. Got nothing against the television, if it's used for God's program, all right. It was God's way in the first way. Who made the airwaves and so forth? But the devil just took it and perverted it, is all it was.

Hollywood got a hold, anything they get a hold of is rotten 'cause they can't come for nothing else. I read in a crime magazines where those most famous women out on the street of prostitution at fifty dollars a night, living with men and things all up and down the coast, and then run out there and some other four or five husbands. And you little girls want to pattern yourselves after that? When the man out there that's supposed to be such movie actors and so forth, when they live with women so much till the natural course of life is changing, and they become perverted. And saying you want to pattern yourselves after that?

Look yonder at Calvary where a Man hung on the cross and died. The only real Example that was ever put in the world for human beings to live by is the Man Christ Jesus.

( The Arrow Of God's Deliverance Shot From A Bow  
August 1, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 15



*They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (John 8:33-47)*



Now, see what He done to them Jews? When He met them, they were ordained to Life recognized it. Don't miss it church. Those that were ordained to Life recognized it and believed it. But those who did not believe it was turned away to

perdition. Did not Jesus say to those holy sanctified men, who knowed the Scriptures from A to Z, or claimed to, He said, "You're of your father the devil." That's exactly right.

So don't place sin on smoking, drinking, gambling; that's not sin; that's the attributes of unbelief. Sin is unbelief. You might never touched a cigarette, drank, or never done anything evil in your life; if you disbelieve God's Word, you're still a sinner. Sin is unbelief. There's only two spirits; one believes and the other does not believe. We have based all of our thoughts upon some kind of a holy act, something we've want to do, and something that we've done. "I give Jones' some coal, I got a right to a heaven." You haven't got no right to heaven, till you've believe God, accept it by the basis of faith upon the shed Blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God. Have no rights, for no other way, no matter...

You might be a staunch member, Pentecostal to the core, Methodist, Baptist, or Catholic to the core; makes no difference what church you belong to. If you've solemnly believed on Jesus Christ, and accepted Him as your personal Saviour, and your faith's in Him. I don't care what church you go to, you're saved by faith. There's no holy church; there's no holy people. It's the Holy Spirit in the people, what makes it holy. A holy God that lives amongst people, what makes the holiness. Not something that I do, something that you do, or something that we would've done, but it's what God has done for us, through Christ Jesus. That's the Bible.

( **Sirs, We Would See Jesus**  
**April 9, 1961** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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July 16



*Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death. Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: it is my Father that honoureth me; of whom ye say, that he is your God: Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by. (John 8:48-59)*



How many has seen that picture of the Angel of the Lord? Has Gene, Leo, they got it in here? Is it? How many has seen it? Let's see your hands. How many believes it's the same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel? Do you believe Jesus has turned to a Pillar of Fire now? I just want to see how well you was taught. Let me show you.

How many knows that He was the Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire that led the

children of Israel, raise your hand? All right. "Before Abraham was, I AM." Then God was made manifest in the flesh. Do you believe God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself? All right. He said, "I came from God, and I go to God." Is that right? "I came from God; I go to God." Then if He came from a Pillar of Fire, He returned back to the Pillar of Fire.

You say, "Preacher, that's not Scripture." No, that means you don't know your Scriptures. When Paul was on his road to Damascus, what struck him down? A big Light, that even blinded his eyes. Those who stood by didn't see the Light, but Paul saw it. It was so real to him till it blinded his eyes. And He said, "Saul, Saul, it's hard for you to kick against the pricks." He said, "Lord, Who are You?" What did He say?

"I'm Jesus," the Light, "I come from God: I return to God." Is that right?

When Peter was in prison, and the Angel of the Lord came in, what was it? A Light, the Pillar of Fire. Now watch, when the Jewish age closed, it closed with it. This is the closing of the Gentile age. Here is that same Pillar of Fire that the scientific world has got a picture of it. They got it in Germany, coming down, when it was anointing, going back. They got it in Switzerland. They got it in America. It hangs down there in Religious Hall of Art in Washington D.C., copyrighted, as the only supernatural Being was ever photographed in all the world.

( Can We See Jesus  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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*After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. (Luke 10:1-9)*



He said, "Now, I want you to go into all the world, and preach the Gospel (all the world), and preach the Gospel to every creature." Is that right? He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name they shall cast out devils; they'll speak with new tongues; they'll take up serpents; they'll drink deadly things; if they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." And when He did that, He give them their last commission.

What was the first commission He ever give to His apostles? You like me to read it to you? It's found in the 10th chapter of Matthew. Jesus commissioned His disciples. He said, "Go out, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; as freely as you have received, freely give." Matthew the 10th chapter. Is that right?

That's His first commission to His apostles.

That wasn't only the apostles now. They chose seventy. That right? Seventy had been chosen. And He give the whole seventy, sent them by two's, two and two. He said, "Heal the sick; cleanse the lepers; raise the dead; cast out devils; as freely you receive, freely give. Don't take no money, and a whole lot of changes of clothes and a big suitcase," said, "just take off." Said "For the laborer is worthy of his hire. Don't muzzle the ox that tramps out the corn." Said, "Go ahead." And then they went out and preached. That was His first commission.

Then, His last commission was, "Go ye into all the world—" Now, if His first commission was to heal the sick and cast out devils, how you going to try to cut off the last commission, which is really more important than the first commission? The first commission was given before Jesus was ever glorified, before the Atonement was ever made. And if Divine healing was the other side of the Atonement, and the Atonement speaking of Divine healing, how can we deny it on this side of the Atonement? Can't do it. Can't do it. It just isn't to be denied. It's the Word of God.

( **The Token**  
**December 19, 1954** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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*But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me. (Luke 10:10-16)*



When a man ever meets God upon them sacred sands of that secret place of retreat, no devils in hell can ever take that away from him. For he knows he talked face-to-face with God. They can explain anything they want to, but you were there when it happened, and you know what you speak of.

And Elijah knew that his God was real. And so he had brought it to a showdown, but then when the people had turned down the supernatural sign, "Oh, there was nothing to it. The lightning might've struck." Jezebel made her threats, and all of her gang. They didn't want to give up their social societies. And little old Elijah's heart was broke.

Any minister knows what Monday morning is after a hard day on Sunday. Compare

that; you preacher's wives you know how your husband is on Monday morning after he's preached hard two or three times Sunday. He's so worn out. What do you think about poor little old Elijah? There he was, no one to comfort him, and he stopped under this juniper tree. And he knelt down, and looked up to God and said, "Lord I'm so tired and so weary. Why don't You just take my life and let me go. My fathers all went, so let me go."

Men who deal in the supernatural, who stay in the Presence of God, and when you see God's program turned down, and you preach it, and you try your best, and do everything that God tells you to do, and still they walk away from it, it's heartbreaking. God Almighty has done enough here in Angelus Temple this last week, till it had Los Angeles set afire. No wonder He said, "It'll be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of the judgment."

And the poor little fellow, skinny, laying there and his gray hair hanging over his shoulders. God said, "My servant needs some rest." God's mercy to his servant, He just laid him down on the bunch of weeds and he went to sleep.

I'd imagine there was ten thousand Angels watching him sleep. There's one assurance the believer has, though the world turned him down, yet God loves him. The world may call you holy-roller; they may call you fanatic; but if you're true to God there's one sure thing: God loves you, and His Angels are encamped about those who fear Him.

( What Hearest Thou, Elijah  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 19



*And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. (Luke 10:17-20)*



If you'll notice, how beautiful, when Judas came in the form, which was Satan, son of Satan, he came into the world, and he went right straight to the church, the first thing, and joined the church, and became a member of the church of the living God. Amen. And Judas went out with the rest of them and preached the Gospel. And came back with them, rejoicing, because the devils was subject unto him,[Luke 10.] And Jesus said, "Rejoice not because the devils is subject unto you, but rejoice because your name's written in the book."

Judas was with them. So he came up with Christ, set in the fellowship with the believers, and when it come to the time for him really to be born again and receive the Holy Spirit, there's were he showed his colors.

I hope I don't hurt no one, but look, today luke-warm, borderline believers will come right up to the Holy Spirit, and then say, "I don't believe in such stuff." You see it? Come right on up, them believers, just like Cain, they can come as far as their leader Judas comes, be very fundamental in doctrine, but when it comes to the place of the separation, God draws a line. Man must be borned again. You've got to be. But when

it comes to being born again and receiving the experience, then men say, "Oh, that's fanaticism; there's nothing to it."

And that's the reason they can't believe in the supernatural. That's the reason they can't believe in Divine healing and the working of the Spirit. They believe the Scriptures, and the way of mental thinking. They believe it intellectually, but they can't believe it from their heart until the Holy Spirit comes in and takes over in the human heart. My, that's really the truth.

And when a man ever crosses that line and borned again of the Spirit of God, he becomes a son of God. And then he believes what God says to be the truth. And he says, "All the Word's inspired."

Borderline, halfway, watch that religious spirit. You say,

"Brother Branham, do you mean to tell me that the antichrist spirit, will be a religious spirit?"

Jesus said, "It'd be so close, like the real thing, till it would deceive the very elect, if possible." Matthew 24. That throws a little different light to it, doesn't it? It's a religious spirit, a spirit that can shout, a spirit that can dance in the spirit, a spirit that can cast out devils, a spirit that can do all kinds of miracles, and still not be borned of the Spirit of God. Jesus said, "In that day (Listen at this.) many will come to Me and say, 'Lord, have I not cast out devils in Your Name? In Your Name haven't I done many mighty works?' And I will confess unto them: depart from Me, you workers of iniquity, I didn't even know you."

( The Seal Of The Antichrist  
March 11, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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July 20



*In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him. And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them. (Luke 10:21-24)*



He said, "I've hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and revealed it to babes, such as will learn." Babies! Just make yourself humble. Get off all you great, big education. It's too bad we ever got in to it, isn't it? That's right. Here, a few weeks ago, it is, I was standing by a great church, great, master church. And they were telling me, and he said, "Look at this fellow over here. He's a latter day rain. And oh, looky there. He's got all the people all pulled up, and everything like that." And it was a full gospel church. And I said, "You know what happened?"

"Oh," he said, "Look, he's a latter day rain."

I said, "So was you in the beginning. Luther was a latter day rain to the Catholic. Wesley was a latter day rain to the Lutheran. Pentecost was a latter day rain to the Methodists. It was all kinda latter day rains. Isn't that right? You know what's the matter? You're church gets all cold and formal, God moves out of it, lets you set



there, starts somewhere else. That's right. Now, I'm not a latter day rain; I'm just your brother. I don't care whether you're first rain, second rain, middle rain, all rain, or no rain, it don't make any difference to me. I love you just the same, and we are brothers.

He said, "Well," (all this big church) said, "Our best members went over there."

I said, "They did?" I said, "What'd they go for?" I said,

"That man came over and pull them away?"

"No."

I said, "Well, what'd they go for? You said they's your best members." I said, "'Cause they were hungry. If you'd quit teaching so much theology and calling each one, "Doctor, Ph.D., D.D.D., and get God back in the Church, get some little old boy with a pair of overalls on, and long hair, go to preaching the Gospel, it'd be different." Now, that's right. I don't care if he don't know his ABC's, or split peas from coffee. Let me tell you, brother, as long as he knows Jesus Christ, he may talk through his nose, and holler "hit" and "hain't," but as long as he's got God with him, something will happen in your church, I'll tell you that. I'd rather have that, than all the Ph.D.s and everything else; that's psychology. I want to know God in the power of His resurrection. That's right.

He said, "I guess you're about right."

I said, "You're not far from the kingdom now." Amen.

( Jehovah-Jireh  
February 22, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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July 21



*And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. (Luke 10:25-28)*



Now, there's two different kinds of love: there's human love, which in a Greek word is a Phileo love. And then Agapao love is the high love or Divine love.

Now, you take like the phileo love, when we have that, love, a mother for her baby will drive her right straight to a flaming fire to save that baby's life. It'll make a man, for his sweetheart, lay down his life anytime. See, what I mean? That's just human love.

I believe somewhere in the Bible it said, "Could a mother forget her little suckling babe?" Said, "You may, but I can never forget you, for you're engraved on the palms of My hand." So how could God ever forsake us, or anything, as long as He loves us like that?

I tell you what you do, church members. Now, there's some member goes to your church, I know I'm talking to Protestant and Catholic, and I'm talking to Calvinist and Arminian, but that's neither pro nor con. You do this: If you want to be a real outstanding person in your church, wherever church you go to, you just fall in love with God with all your heart; and when you do that, you will fall in love with every

member of your church, and every member of everybody else's church with all your heart.

Now, you can't bluff that. Now, there's something about it that people know. If there's anything I can contribute the success of my meetings to, earthly speaking, is to know that people have a conscious to know that I truly love people. I just love people. And they know that. And you can't fool them on that, if you are making out, or pretending.

Just like Christianity, if you're just pretending to be a Christian, you will never make a go of it. No, sir. It's absolutely got to be there. That's all. Love will do it.

( **Do You Now Believe**  
**June 10, 1955** )





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July 22



*But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise. (Luke 10:29-37)*



Now, I want to say this, that every person that's been converted this week, every person that's been converted here this week, now, look at this bunch of ministers, they stand for the same thing that I do. We haven't one difference at all. We're absolutely the same. We believe in the full Gospel, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, all these things. All these ministers here, we're all just exactly the same. And we want you to join their church so you can continue on. Now, the good Samaritan has come by, poured oil in the wound. But he's took you now, and he wants you to go to one of the inns here, the closest to you. He's done paid the pastor to take care of you, so he's paid; he received the Holy Ghost, got blessings of God, and health, and

revelation; he can just feed your soul. So you come now and join one of the churches, and it'll be the best thing that you can do to keep your spirit fed and moving on. God be with you.

Now, we do not claim to be anything more than your brother. Now, if the rapture come today, and God would take those worthy ones home first, I'd be the last one to leave the platform. That's right. I was borned out of season. When you, a lot of you Pentecostal ministers here older than I, years ago was out here on the street preaching when the persecution was hard; you were paving the way that I'm running over. You were telling the people that these things would happen. You had to cut through all kinds of bushes and things, over all kind of rock piles. See? I'm just a baby. And you're the ones; you're the brethren who's brought this. You're the brothers and sisters that done these things. See? You only spoke it to the people, and told them that it would come. You laid the foundation. One lays a foundation; the other one's a carpenter; one's a plumber; one's an electrician. The house of God is being erected. See? And now as we go on, and each one has his place. And now, we want you people to honor and respect our brethren and these churches. And let the Kingdom of God grow and increase constantly is our prayer.

( Let Us See God  
November 29, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 23



*And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. (John 9:1-12)*



I stood there yesterday and looked at that swimming pool just below us. And I wondered, when a man, who's a Sunday school teacher, said to me, "That oughtn't to be in the Bible, where Jesus spit." Said, "It's against the sanitation rules when Jesus spit and took His spittle."

He was standing, talking, the original Greek said, "He was spitting on the ground."

Talking to this man, and spitting on the ground. When He got through, He took His

hand, reached down, picked up the spittle with the dirt and rubbed it on his eyes, and washed it on his eyes, and said, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (sent) and your eyes will come open." And he went and washed; his eyes come open.

So this fellow said to me, "That would not work today. That's against the sanitation rule, health rules." And then that same man take his family, wife and all those children down there to that swimming pool where all those women and men, and in that water at times of the month that they shouldn't be in, and all that. They never go into the restrooms sometimes, and all them dirty bodies and filth in there, and them spurting it through their mouth, and eyes, and things like that. And then say that Jesus spitting on the ground and making a man to see?

I brought a little boy from there the other day, he said, "I swallowed some of that water," said, "I'm sick as a horse. I'm going home." The little fellow may be sitting here now, who lives in a trailer about two or three blocks down the street, where I took him, said, "I'll never go in there again."

But yet that's called modern civilization. See where you get to? The old saying of "gag at a gnat and swallowed a camel."

( **The End-Time Evangelism**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**







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July 24



*Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. (Luke 10:38-42)*



I read a story sometime ago. I think it was a fiction story. And most all ministers, I guess, have read Dr. Ingraham's book of "The Prince of the House of David." It's a great book. I think it's absolutely out of print. I'd like to have it in print, so I could put it among the people. And in there, I was reading a little article on this Lazarus, and upon Jesus, and Mary, and Martha, that's the sisters of Lazarus. And I was reading in there that where Jesus lived, I believe, with Martha and Mary. They were both lovely Hebrew girls. And Lazarus was learning or training to be a scribe at the temple, making letters of the law for the priests.

And Jesus had great fellowship, especially with Lazarus. When we read in the book that where he did come to their home, and Martha was a little dilatory about listening to His words, but she had to get the dinner ready and set the table, but Mary set at His feet. And Jesus said that Mary has chosen the better thing. And then, we were told that Lazarus was the one that brought Jesus to John, in the story of Dr. Ingraham's book, on the Prince of the House of David. However, that might not have been true, I

do not know, but just for the background of it, but He was supposed to have been living with them.

Now we've been learning this last week, that Jesus said in Saint John 5:19, "The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing: that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh and the Son worketh hitherto." See: what He sees the Father doing.

So to make this really the right story, the Father, God, must have spoke His Son, Jesus, and said, "Your friend, Lazarus, is going to die, but it's going to be for the good, so You leave the home. Go away, 'cause it'll ask of You to pray for him or make him well, and I don't want You to do that." If you'll watch the story as we go along, you'll see it heaps up to that very truth of that. So, Jesus, just without any warning or anything, walked away from the house and went somewhere else, didn't return that night. And He went to some other city. And as soon as Jesus left the home, then trouble set in.

And when Jesus leaves your home, trouble is on its road. Just remember, when He leaves your home, trouble is on the way. When you get social societies and everything operating in your church so perfectly, like some great big sixteen cylinder Rickenbacker, and you leave Jesus out of it, when Jesus goes from your church, trouble's on the road. Yes, sir, when Jesus leaves a denomination, that they lay Him aside and say, "Well, now we just don't believe that these things could be just exactly right," and you adopt something else, trouble's on its road. Just remember that.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**April 2, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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July 25



*And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. (Luke 11:1-4)*



The little boy, one time down South, who was kneeling in a row where he had been plowing, and as a clergyman passed by and heard the little fellow repeating the alphabet, A, B, C, D, so forth. And he was on his knees, so the clergyman was very much disturbed. So he heard the little boy repeat the alphabet and then say, "Amen."

And as he got up, why, the clergyman spoke to him and said, "Sonny, I am the servant of the Lord, and I heard you praying. But you were only saying the alphabet. And I don't understand why that you were just saying the alphabet."

He said, "Sir, I can't pray." He said, "I have never prayed, but I had a praying mother and father, which is done gone on to heaven." And said, "Mother, she died when I was such a little boy, but I remember hearing her, when she was in trouble, she went to the Lord and she prayed. And she died when I was so young; she couldn't teach me to pray, and I have been given into the hands of an unkind person who beats me and mistreats me. And I thought maybe after I had learned my abc's, if I could take all the

words and say all the letters, maybe He could put it together and understand what I meant."

That's the prayer of sincerity. Certainly He could put them together. It's not how we pray in our lips; it's the motive of our heart is what God hears. He sometimes don't hear our lips; He hears our intention, the motive of our heart.

( The Impersonation Of Christianity  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 26



*And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? (Luke 11:5-13)*



Now, let the audience now, everybody bow your head. Each one of you now in your heart just talk to God like you'd talk to me; like you'd come up and if you've done something wrong, say, "I'm sorry, Brother Branham. I did this, will you forgive me for it? I'll make a promise to you, Brother Branham; I'll never do that against you again." Now just change from my name, from me, to your Lord Jesus Christ.

And if you need healing, like if you'd come say, "Brother Branham, I am broke; I didn't have any supper tonight, and, yeah, I know if you had a dollar you would give it to me." Now, see, you don't have to say to God, "If You've got healing power." He

has it. See? You'd have to say to me, "If you've got it." But to Him you don't have to say, "If You have." He has. See? So you say, like, "Brother Branham, would you give me a dollar? I need something to eat." Why, of course I would; you know that. If I had it I'd give it to you anytime. I would have a horrible heart if I didn't. And me, being a cruel, sinful man, and would be that good-hearted to somebody like you, what would God do? "If you being evil know how to give good gifts, how much more will your heavenly Father give them the Spirit, that ask for it." If you'd ask for a fish, would He give you a serpent? Ask for bread, would He give you a stone? Certainly not.

Why, if you'd just ask Him in that way, with faith believing that, you would get it from Him a million times quicker than you'd get anything from me. And you know I'd help you; I'd do anything I could. Any of these brothers would; we'd dig every penny out of our pocket to help you. We'd do anything we could. But this is something you've got to believe by faith. Now, you believe that you'll receive it while we pray, and you pray, and the audience pray, and I believe God will come down and honor our prayer. And the very minute that you feel that you have it, that God's going to answer your prayer, then you made a covenant, "Lord, I did wrong; I won't do it no more. I'll raise my hand; I promise You I won't." God will take you at your word. And you just believe it that way and it'll all be over. Then just raise up your hands and thank Him, "Lord, I've made my vow. And I know that it's Yours, and You promised to answer it, and You can't fail."

( The Evening Messenger  
January 16, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 27



*And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. (Luke 11:14-20)*



Now, [Egypt] had plague after plague; God had performed all kinds of miracles and signs. Oh, how I'd like to ride on that a little while. God, just at the eve of deliverance, begin to show signs and wonders and miracles. See? God is always a living tense. He told Moses, "I AM. (Not "I was" or "I will be.") I AM" now, present tense. And He's the same I AM tonight, not "I was back there"; "I AM." The Angel of the Covenant, still the same yesterday, today and forever, the same Angel.

Notice now, here is the last.

They'd had fleas; they'd had flies; they'd had boils. And I want you to notice, they had impersonators, Jambres and Jannes, trying to withstand them, done the same things that they was doing, until it went so long. In other words they was preaching the Gospel; they were going along try to imitate like Moses and Aaron. But I want you to

notice another thing. If you that's going to read now, where we left last night, from the 6th to the 12th chapter. These magicians, they could bring the things, but they couldn't take them away. You notice?

Who was that guy the other day, trying to penknife the Bible, in saying, "The devil could perform miracles of healing"? That's wrong.

God said, "I'm the Lord thy God Who heals all of your diseases."

Jesus said, "If a house be divided against itself, if Satan cast out Satan, then his kingdom's divided." Don't you underestimate the devil. That's right. He's too smart for that. Satan ain't going to cast himself out. He's just got you confused; that's all. No, sir, Satan can't cast out Satan.

Me cast myself out? Why, I know better than that.

Notice, and don't you underestimate Jesus Christ, either, 'cause He's the power over all powers. Don't be afraid of Satan, as long as you're in Him. But if you're not in Him, you better tremble. But if you're in Him, not even death itself can harm you. You're free from all fear. Oh, when I think of that, I want to shout: "Hallelujah."

( Israel And The Church #3  
March 27, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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July 28



*When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. (Luke 11:21-26)*



A fellow by the name of Dr. Church, a Methodist; I never met him. He wrote a book, and he said, "Here's the reason I don't believe in William Branham." He said, "I met a man here sometime ago, that come from one of his meetings, that had prostate trouble. He went over there, and William Branham told him, and prayed for him, and said, 'THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed.' I met the man a year later, and I ask him, 'What about that?' He said, 'Well, Mr. Church, I was healed for about six or eight months, and you know the thing come back on me again.' So that showed that William Branham is false." And the same man, over a camp meeting every year, get that bunch of Nazarenes and Pilgrim Holiness up there, that backslid during the year and claim that they were saved at the altar. That's right.

Brother, healing is just as long as faith holds out and so is salvation. You can be saved tonight and lost next week. And you can be healed tonight and crippled again tomorrow, sick again tomorrow. The doctor can go over here, and put a patient in the

hospital, put him under a oxygen tent, and give him penicillin for pneumonia, and day after tomorrow pronounce him sound and well, and next Wednesday he could die of pneumonia. Is that right? That wasn't a sign he wasn't healed, certainly not.

The Bible said, "When the unclean spirit's gone out of a man, he walks in dry places, seeking rest and the first thing you know, he goes and gets seven other devils, and comes back, enters in by force." If the good man of the house isn't standing there to war him out, he will come in and be worse than he was the first place. So if you accept your salvation, put the barriers of the Blood of Jesus Christ before the door. They can't step in that.

And then when you're healed, accept your healing, put the Blood of Jesus always before you. That's not your feelings; it's not your theology. The only thing it is, is your faith set in Jesus Christ upon the finished work at Calvary, knowing this, that you, yourself, has died with your sacrifice as we taught yesterday. That's the reason of the blood of the lamb could not bring the faith to the man, that killed the nature of his sin, because the animal life out of the blood could not return back to the man. But in a case of Jesus Christ, when He died, which He was a virgin born Son of God. And the Holy Spirit was wrapped in that virgin's cell, and when it was broke, when we come through that Blood, and accept Him as our Sacrifice, the Spirit that was in the Blood there, which is the Holy Ghost, comes back to the man, and brings Him into the Kingdom of God. And he's a new creature in Christ Jesus. That's the reason he could believe in healing; he can believe in anything God says, because he's a part of God. He becomes a son of God, or a daughter of God.

( Separation From Unbelief  
February 28, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 29



*And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. (Luke 11:27-28)*



Satan offered to forfeit this kingdom to [Jesus.] He did. Satan said, "See these kingdoms of the world? These are mine. I do with them whatever I want to. I'll forfeit them to you." But you remember, he was trying to get Him to forfeit it without the cross. If He did we'd be lost. He could've took the kingdoms, but He must come back; He was tempted to do it now. That's a hard thing. He was tempted to take His liberty and be the King of the earth without the cross. But if He did, His subjects would've died. Satan would've gladly made that proposition with Him. But He said, "Get behind Me, Satan."

He didn't do it. He come, and suffered, and took the hard rugged route. He took the route of persecution; He took the route of death. Are we this morning willing to take that same route that He taken? Are we willing to die? Are we willing to give ourselves up to God, forfeit all the world and the things to serve for Him? See?

Now, He failed to do it, to forfeit it, Satan offered it to Him, but He didn't do it.

Though Jesus was tempted, He overcome for us. He endured all temptations for me and for you. See, He could've took it right then. But what did He take the other route for? So that we could come be with Him. And if He paid such a price as that, then how little would we be not to take it, when remember, there's nothing here anyhow.

If you live a hundred years, what are you going to come to? Mental, and your mind gone, and all crippled up, and old, and shaky. That's where you're going. And that's the end of it. You come now. Overcome the thing. How do you do it? By the Word. What the Word says, you do it. Walk humble; live before Jesus.

He endured all things for you and I. He is our Example how to overcome our evil generation as He overcome His evil generation.

Remember, when He come to the earth there was just as much unbelief or more than there is at any time. It didn't bother Him a bit. When they called Him a devil instead of God, when they called Him everything that could be done, it didn't bother Him a bit. He had one objective: mind the Father; keep the Word. The Word is God.

(How Can I Overcome  
63-0825M)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light. (Luke 11:29-36)*



Satan can copy any kind of a gift, any kind of a manifestation, but he can't love. God is love. that's right. See? Satan can't love. You see a man humble, and loving, and good to his neighbors, and a good citizen, a good fellow, and a good man, and a Christian man, full of love and humility; you watch that man. See? That's right. He's good charitable, long-suffering, you can talk about him, it's all right, he forgives you, don't make any difference to him. There, that's the real man; keep your eye on him. See? That man bears, he's an example.

But no matter how much he shouts in church, and how much he does this, that, or the other, and still hasn't got that, Paul says, "Though I speak with tongues of men and angels; though I have all these other things; and have enough faith to move mountains, and understand all the mysteries of God. And I've been through all the seminaries, and know it all, up and down one side and the other; and have not charity, it profit me nothing."

Not long ago, my little girl called me, when I was here the other time. It kind of give me a thought. She said, "Daddy, I want you to come home."

And I said, "Honey, from Texas I sent you a little doll." She's just four years old. I said, "I sent you a little doll, honey." She said, "I got it Daddy." And she said, "I want you to come home, daddy."

And I said, "Well, honey, I sent you a little rabbit from down Chattanooga."

She said, "I got it, daddy." But she said, "I want you to come home." See?

And I said, "Well, honey, daddy—"

She said, "Daddy, I love you, and I love the gifts that you give me, but I want daddy." That's it. All these gifts are wonderful, but I want Father. I love these gifts, the hearing and the manifestations, the praising God, and shouting, and healing, and speaking with tongues, and the interpretation of tongues, and all the different gifts. I love to set and watch them. I have not them, but I love to watch them in operation in the Church. But after all that, I want Jesus. I want it. His gifts are fine, but I want the Giver in here. See? That's right.

( Faith Is The Substance  
May 8, 1951 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 31



*And as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner. And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you. (Luke 11:37-41)*



In the ark, there was the dove and the crow in the ark. Both of them birds, both of them could fly. You know the crow is a hypocrite. He is, he's just a dirty hypocrite. Now, a crow can set down over there on a old dead horse, and just eat, and caw, and flop his wings, and have a big time. That poor little dove can't get near it. Why? It hasn't got any gall. See? It couldn't digest it. If it'd eat that it would die. But the crow can set there and eat dead horse a half a day, go out in the field and come home and eat dinner with wheat, with the dove. He's an old hypocrite, is all. Did you ever notice, a dove has no gall of bitterness. Neither does anyone that's baptized with the Holy Ghost. All the bitterness is gone away. They were both in the same ark, like the hypocrite and the real believer in the same church, same denomination setting together, same pew, setting together.

I want you to notice another thing. Oh, I like to talk about nature. The dove, did you know you don't catch the dove taking a bath. Why? He don't have to. He's got a oil inside of him that goes out through his feathers and keeps himself clean all the time. That's the way a real church; it don't have to be bathing up and going back about this,



that, or the other. But they got an oil, holy oil on the inside, every believer, that keeps him clean from the things of the world. Oh, if we could just preach on the Lamb and Dove some time. The Holy Ghost inside the believer keeps him clean. Not from the outside what he washes off, but it comes from the inside out. Amen.

A lot of people say, "I have to go up and make confession today, I have to say so and so, and I have to go make a confession. I have to do this." But you know, the Holy Spirit inside just works the oil out all the time, the atonement, keeping the believer clean. "For there is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit."

( **The Mark Of The Beast And The Seal Of God #1**  
**February 16, 1961** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 1



*But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them. (Luke 11:42-44)*



Pay tithes to an individual? It depends on who the individual is. See? That's right. In Hebrews 7, the first time tithings was talked about, when Abraham, returning from the slaughter of the kings met Melchisedec, he paid Him a tithe. That was Melchisedec, the King of Salem, which is King of Peace, and King of Righteousness, which was nobody but God Himself. See?

But when you pay tithings, really, where you owe tithings is where you get your food. "Bring ye all your tithings into My storehouse, saith the Lord. (That right?) And prove Me wherein saith God, that if I'll not open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that you would not have room enough to receive it." I challenge any man or woman that's not a tithe payer to accept that.

I could stand here till in the morning, telling you just what happened when I seen that, and what condition I was in. But just as loyal as I ever could, I paid tithes. And when I took my own money from the church here or from my campaigns, I'd give a tenth. Then I'd give it out to the ministers, and give the rest of it to ministers. Then when I couldn't do that, then the thing I did, I kept ten percent and give God ninety. And

then, when the law told me I couldn't do that, and if I did, it was going to be charged to it, then I had to take and bypass it into foreign missions and so forth, and then just take a wage out of that of a hundred dollars a week; and I pay my tithes from that.

Yes, sir. I believe in paying tithes. It's one of God's blessings that's proven to be a blessing. You say, "That's of the Old Testament." It is of the New Testament too.

Yes, sir.

( August 23, 1964 )



God will provide the works. If you'll just walk in grace, you'll be more at work than you are right now with the Ladies Aid Society and all this other nonsense that's been added into the church. Soup suppers to pay the preacher, where'd you ever get such a thing as that Scripture? Tithes pays the preacher. He's to live by the tithes of the people. But we had to get something else to do. We have to have our part into it. And then if they can't make it up, there's another society will do it, another society.

God's way is right. Tithes and offerings goes to Levi, which was the minister. If everybody would pay their tithes you wouldn't have to have any soup suppers. See, you adopted something else and leave the tithings off. Say it's an Old Testament argument. I'd like for you to prove it to me. That's right. You can't do it by God's Word; it's a New Testament order too. God makes one order, it can never be changed. It has to remain that way.

( Questions And Answers #2  
64-0823E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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August 2



*Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also. And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered. And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him. (Luke 11:45-54)*



God takes those people when they are nobodies, they'll yield to Him. D. L. Moody of Chicago, he was of Boston; he was a shoe cobbler; a little, bitty fellow, insufficient, didn't depend upon himself. Now, you take these great schools that they got, the Moody School up there, if Dwight Moody could raise up again and see that school, the first thing Dwight Moody would do is get rid of that school. )

If Martin Luther could raise up, the first thing he'd do is get rid of the Lutheran

organization. John Wesley would do the same. These men never founded those organizations; it was the men that followed them that did it. )

Paul never organized a church, because he said himself, "After my departing, many of your own crowds will raise up among you, speaking perverse things." It was after Paul's death, and a hundred or two years after that, that they formed the Catholic church, the first organization. Men raised up. It was after Moody's death that they had the Moody School; after Wesley's death that they formed the Wesley church; after Luther's death that they formed the Lutheran church. God sends heroes; and they build [tombs.] )

No wonder Jesus said, "You whited walls." He said, "You garnish the prophets tombs, and you're the one that put them in there." That's right. )

These great men raised up; then they'd build a memorial to them. I think, just like David, "Served God well in his own generation." So that's the way to do it. Let the organizations and things afterwards keep away from you. )

Moody, little old shoe cobbler, he was weak. He was an example of weakness. He had no education at all, and his grammar was so poor it was horrible. A man came to him once time and said, "Mr. Moody," said, "your grammar's the poorest I ever heard in my life." )

He said, "I'm winning souls with my ignorance, what do you do with your education?" I think that was a good answer.

( Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness  
November 19, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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August 3



*And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. (Luke 12:11-12)*



Little Stephen, as I mentioned him a few minutes ago, when he went through there like a tornado. He wasn't a preacher. He was just a deacon, but he testified everywhere of the resurrection. He had met God. Try to stop him? Well, it was like trying to put a burning house, fire out of it, on a windy day, in a dry time. Why, every time the wind blew, it just set another fire. They jerked him up before the Sanhedrin Council. Can you realize what that is? That's like the Ecumenical Council. All religions head up, in under the Ecumenical Council. All of them headed up there under the Sanhedrin Council. Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, whatever they were, they had to come into that council. And they snatched him up, just not one organization, but the big council snatched him up. "We'll scare the liver out of him."

When he walked up that morning, the Bible said his face looked like an Angel. He said, "Men and brethren, let me speak to you. Our fathers dwelled in Mesopotamia before they came to Charran," and so forth. He still went and give the Scriptures. Then when he got all wound up, the Spirit come upon him; he said, "You stiff-necked, uncircumcised of heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Ghost; like your fathers did, so do you." He wasn't ashamed of the Gospel, wasn't ashamed of the Word. He wasn't embarrassed before any Sanhedrin Council. No. Paul said before Agrippa. Being a Jew, taught under Gamaliel, a great dignitary he was; but one day,

on the road down to Damascus, he come in Presence contact with God. A Angel came down from heaven in a form of a Pillar of Fire, a Light that struck him on the ground. Raised up, and said, "Lord,

Who are You?"

And He said, "I'm Jesus."

Stand before Agrippa, he repeated the story again. He said, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it's the power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believes." Sure. Now, friends, we come on down with men down through the age, but we're past time. But let me say this. A man who has once come in contact with God, which is the Word, and the Word has been made plain and manifested to him, there's no shameness about that. You're not embarrassed. Doesn't embarrass me to say I believe every Word of God. Doesn't embarrass me when the Lord says to say anything, you go say it and do it. Don't embarrass me to say that I've been filled with the Holy Ghost. Don't embarrass me to say that I've spoke with other tongues. Don't embarrass me to say that our Lord has showed me visions. Don't embarrass me to say He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

"When you're brought before rulers and kings, for My Name's sake, take no thought what you shall say, for it'll be given to you in that hour. It's not you that speaketh, but My Father that dwelleth in you. But whosoever is ashamed of Me and My Word in this generation, him will I be ashamed of before My Father and the holy Angels." God help us not to be ashamed, but help us to be a living testimony.

( Ashamed  
July 11, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Luke 12:1-12**





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August 4



*And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:13-21)*



Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause. Take your choice, but then don't never disfellowship the other man because he don't belong with your group. See? Discern his spirit and see if he's got the same purpose in heart, then you got fellowship one with another. You're working for one great cause. That's the cause of Christ. I think that that is absolutely true.

Now, if we will notice the motives and objectives of the Old Testament prophets, them men had one objective, and that was Jesus Christ. They had one thing that their

whole theme of the Old Testament was built around the coming Messiah. They did not go out and do things just for money or for fame. They had one thing, they were anointed with the Spirit of God, and they predicted the coming Messiah. And those men were so anointed with the Spirit until they sometimes acted like the Spirit that was within them, they spoke seemingly of themselves. Watch how the Spirit of God made them men act.

We'll take, for instance, Moses, the great prophet, how that that man had no selfish objectives at all. He could've been the king of Egypt. He could've had the world under his feet. But because that he was a prophet at heart, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer the persecution and the trials of Christ, esteeming the treasures of heaven greater treasures than them of Egypt. He forsook and denied himself of the worldly fame, of the luxury and the things that life offers. He had to look beyond that. See, he could've been that.

Just take the minister today: if he has the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and he knows that if he preaches that Word, it's going to cut his fame down; it's going to put him in a little bitty church somewhere, or maybe out on the street. But he knows that something in his heart is burning. He sees the coming of the Lord. He doesn't care whether that he has a big church or a little church. He doesn't care whether he has today's food or not no food. He doesn't care whether he has good clothes or doesn't have good clothes, He's only mindful of one thing, and that's the very Life within him crying out. He's trying to achieve something for the glory of God, and that man, in doing so, will act the very Life of the Spirit that's in him.

( Discernment Of Spirit  
March 8, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 5



*And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Luke 12:22-31)*



The Scripture says that. Who, taking thought, can add one cubit to his stature? You are because God has made you. Here some time ago, a woman come to a meeting. She was at home; something struck her. She had arthritis; she was drawed up. Something struck her, that the Lord was going to heal her. She knew it positive. She wasn't guessing at it; she knew it was so.

So when she got a cab, and stepped out of the stretcher into the cab, brought her to the place. While in the meeting that night, not even prayed for, but when she seen the Spirit of God working, moving, she said, "That's it, Lord Jesus; that's what I've

looked forward to. Thank You." And when she got out of the cab, the cab said, "Madam, should I come back after the service and pick you up?"

Said, "I won't need you; I'm going to walk home."

And while the service was going on, the Lord straightened those crippled legs, and she got right up and walked home. 'Course it was noised abroad. Another woman said, "You know, I'm going to do the same thing."

She takes a cab and goes up, tells the cab to leave. But the cab had to come back and get her. She was trying to mimic somebody else's faith. And you can't do that. The devil knows better than that; you can't fool him. You've got to have what you profess to have.

( What Visions Are  
April 21, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 6



*Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. (Luke 12:32-36)*



I'm so glad that even just little insignificant things in the Bible mean so much. I believe that it was Jesus that said this, that, "You pass over the little things and do the weightier matters of the law." And sometimes it's the little things that holds the big things together. But, all in all, the great cogs is turning just exactly the way God ordained them to cog. Turn here, there'll never be one miss its place. God has foreordained all things, and it must hit just exactly to that place.

And when we get faith like that, and begin to think of, "Who is behind all this? What is the main spring that's turning this great economy of God's?" We find it's the Holy Spirit. Not left into the hands of man to do things; but in the hands of the Holy Spirit. And He is the main spring, that if He can get the rest of the instruments, it'll work just perfectly and keep exactly God's time.

And then we see that and we wonder in our mind then, if we look at great things and how that we would have them; and then it gives us a lot of consolation today to think, that maybe if we are a little group of people, maybe if we are insignificant to the

world and to the bigger churches of denominations, yet God uses those little simple things sometime.

For it is also written in the Scriptures, "Fear not, little flock, it's your Father's good will to give you the Kingdom." What a consolation, that I know that just as sure as Jesus had to be borned in little Bethlehem, so will the little flock be the one that the Father will give the Kingdom to, because it's written. And all Scripture is given by inspiration, and the Scriptures cannot be broken. They must be fulfilled. So it gives us that hope to know that it'll be a little flock that will receive the Kingdom, a little faithful flock of believers. I'm trusting to be in that little flock.

( **Why Little Bethlehem**  
**December 28, 1958** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 7



*And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. (Luke 12:42-48)*



We need the love of God. That controls the whole thing. Now, your watch is all right; your organ springs is all right. Your little second-hands is all right; all your little gifts and everything is all right. But, brother, let's get the Mainspring back in it. Oh, my.

Now, watch, when love goes to work. You know what happens? The Methodists said, "Come on, Baptists, let's rock together." All right. "Come on Presbyterians, you Pentecostals, let's all join together and have a real city-wide revival." There you are. Then the Spring's beginning to control. The Holy Spirit's begin moving. Then the Baptists won't fuss at you for speaking in tongues, and neither will you get out of

order with it. And the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, all together, will all operate in one great big unit of the church of the living God. And she'll keep exactly time with the Bible. Absolutely. Oh, the signs of the time. We're living in the last day.

She's got to keep time with this Bible. And you know every once in a while, if that talk happens to be getting just a little bit dry, God will give you a drop of oil from heaven. And He will just oil it all up, and she'll run just fine after that. Yes, sir. If you'll do it. Now, notice. A new heart, a new spirit, and then I'll put My Spirit within you. Now, and you'll keep all my statutes and all my judgments. When that mainspring begins to tick, when the Stone that's rejected, when the love of God is brought back amongst the people of God, then you're going to see the church of God all fellowshiping with one another without any friction at all.

Now, you remember when the servants in the Bible, they said, "Our Lord delays his coming." They begin to devour one another and bite and fuss and stew. And the Lord come and caught them that way. They had lamps but no oil in them. See? And when they did, they were cast out into outer darkness. Brother, why take a substitute, when the genuine's here at hand? Why would you take something different when the real thing is here at hand?

Then when you get that Mainspring working within you, Christ, the love of God, in your heart, working within you, then it will begin to express these kind of a tick: Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, faith, mercy. Oh, my. It'll just tick right with those.

( Why Some People Can't Keep The Victory  
March 24, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 12:37-48**







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August 8



*I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. (Luke 12:49-53)*



God never changes His method. You change; I change; time changes; the world changes; but God doesn't change, He's perfect. He doesn't change. And the way He does anything the first time, He does it every time the same way.

He saved man one time because he repented. That's the way he will save man again. He healed one man because he had faith. He'll heal the next one on the same basis. He never changes His way, because (See?) He's sovereign and He's eternal. He's infinite, omnipresent, omniscient. He's God. And therefore He don't have to ask anybody for wisdom. He don't have to wait till He learns more. He don't need a new degree. He's perfect. And whatever degree, and whatever thing He makes first, His first decision remains the same forever. It can never be changed. Oh, how glad I am.

And when He made His first masterpiece, He put him behind the Word. When He made His second Masterpiece, He was the Word. Amen. He was the Word, not behind the Word; but He was the Word. God never changes His plan. That's exactly

what He started off to do His first church with, the Word. Now, God, the Word, in the beginning He was independent from everything else, all other people. Now, I don't mean to say this to be different. God is a segregationist. You know that? You talk about integration; God's a segregationist. He certainly does. He separates His people from the world. He separated Israel, His nation. He's trying to separate His church from the world, but the church wants to go on with the world. But His people is still segregated, segregated to Him. Who's He? The Word.

How can a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, and a man have the baptism of the Holy Spirit and deny the Word? How can the Holy Spirit in you deny its own Word that was set forth for you? I can't understand it. It's got to agree with the Word, and if your spirit in you won't punctuate every one of God's promises with "Amen." there's something wrong.

( The Identified Masterpiece Of God  
December 5, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 9



*And he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right? When thou goest with thine adversary to the magistrate, as thou art in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite. (Luke 12:54-59)*



The hour has come at the end time now. We're in the shadows of the coming of the Lord, and the church can't discern it. We're living in the later hour than you think. If Paul could arise from the dead tonight in Middletown, you talk about a burning fire. They'd have him in jail before daylight as a maniac or a wild man. That man filled with the Holy Ghost and see things going the way they are and knowing that the time is at hand, there would be revival, or they'd have to come to jail to hear him. That's right.

Now, all Jesus said, and the Bible speaks that in the last day just before the coming of the Lord, there shall be great signs and wonders taking place in the earth. And you know the church is so dead in theology and all kinds of schoolings, and trainings, and educational programs, till it can't discern those things. Did not Jesus say to the church in His day, "You can discern the face of the sky, but the signs of the time you cannot discern; for if you would've known Me, you would've knowed My day." The hour of

the deliverance of the church, and they can't discern it.

Something's wrong. I'm talking about the entire church: everybody that calls themselves Christians. God can start moving, and spiritual things happening, people getting saved and filled with the Holy Spirit; many thousands who call themselves Christians will pull back from it and say, "Oh, that's holy-rollers." You haven't got spiritual discernment, for everything the Holy Ghost does is written in the Bible. Judge all things by the Scripture.

That's how we discern to see if our discernment is right. If the Bible said, "Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever," I believe it. If Jesus said, "The things that I do shall you do also," I believe it. And if the Bible said that the Holy Ghost is for every generation, as many as the Lord our God shall call, I don't believe a handshake takes its place. I believe it's the same Holy Ghost that fell then, showing the same signs, the same wonders.

The best witness that we have, that we got the Holy Ghost, is when our spirit bears record with the Word.

( **Discerning The Body Of The Lord**  
**August 12, 1959** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 10



*There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (Luke 13:1-5)*



Jonah the prophet was a sign. His sign was when the whale spit him out upon the bank. That was a sign. Them people were heathens, fished for a living. And they seen the whale god come in, the god of the sea, and take the prophet and spit him out upon the bank to give the message. And down the bank he went. There it was the sign. Now, the voice was, "Repent or perish." Before God struck that nation to tear it to pieces and sink it beneath the sea, He sent a prophet with His Word. He gave a sign, a supernatural sign.

Remember, that sign even lasts till this day. Jesus referred to it. He said, "As the prophet Jonas was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights, so must the Son of man be. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after signs," and they'll get it, the sign of the resurrection. If we ever was in a wicked and adulterous generation, it's now. And Jesus said it would be. "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man." Then we're in a wicked and an adulterous generation. And they're going to get the sign of the resurrected Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus said so. That's right.

Jonah come forth; he was a prophet. The Lord sent him. He tried to bypass it, like Moses. You can't bypass the issue. Many men want to pat you on the back and say, "Come into our group. Come into our group." There's no group; God's the only One you're under. "Come to us."

He bypassed, he went, started to Tarshish. God put him in a whale and sent him right back. And he went in there, and that was the sign. And the voice of the sign was to repent or perish. They followed the voice, because they believed the sign. And they didn't perish. That's the only way it was, because they believed the sign and heard the voice.

That's the only way that the members of the churches of this day will fail to go into the judgment, is when they believe the sign and hear the voice of God. The voice was "Repent or perish."

( **The Voice Of The Sign**  
**February 14, 1964** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 11



*He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. (Luke 13:6-9)*



Those Pharisees read the same Bible that the apostles read, but they didn't have faith to put into practice what they read. Every denomination today reads the same Bible. But what I want to see, somebody's got faith enough, that'll step out and take the word of it. Amen. That's what we need, somebody to practice what they believe.

Faith without works is dead. Doesn't do you any good to have faith. You say, "I believe that's the Bible." Well, if it is the Bible, it's got promises. And if you believe that's true, well, the only thing you have to do is to let your faith loose with it. Practice what you believe. Every bit's a seed.

I was walking through your city today. I see you've got many fruit trees; that's very nice. Look at that fruit tree just a moment. That little fruit tree, when it was just a little bitty thing, no bigger than that, every apple that was ever on the tree, and ever would be on the tree, was on it when it was that big. If it wasn't, where did it come from?. Where'd the apples come from? You plant it, and it has to drink. It drinks water. And it drinks more and more. And more it drinks, it pushes out leaves, pushes out branches, pushes out blossoms, pushes out apples. And that's the way a Christian



is. When you're planted in Christ, the only thing you have to do is go to drinking. It gets it's vitamin out of water. And the Christian gets his vitamin from the Word. Then you drink, drink more, and spread out, push out.

Push out salvation. Push out through the Holy spirit. Push out, till that crippled arm comes straight. Just keeps drinking. Drink. Planted by the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. Jesus Christ is the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. Drink till you can't drink no more. Drink until you become drunken, that you forget all your theology and believe God. And drink till you're well. And then just keep on drinking.

( **Blind Bartimaeus**  
**August 18, 1955** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 12



*And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him. (Luke 13:10-17)*



Up here at Cadle Tabernacle, when we had that meeting, that crippled boy that come in there and was prayed for, many of you was there to see him. They brought him back in that emergency room. Billy led me to him. They had him on the platform for three or four nights, there in the building.

He didn't get a prayer card, so they put him in the emergency room. I went in there and prayed for him, looked at him. He said, "Mr. Branham, can you tell me some consolation?"

I said, "Yes, sir, son. Polio got you this way."

He said, "That's right."

I said, "Your name is such-and-such. You come from a certain place."

"That's right," he said, "what about my healing?"

I said, "By His stripes you were healed."

He went home, testifying, giving God praise. And he brought such a reproach, they claim, in the neighborhood, until one Sunday a group of ministers come in, and set down by him, and said, "You must stop doing that. You're bringing a reproach upon the cause."

And the young man setting there, said, "Mister, if you were setting where I am, if you were in the chair that I am setting in, you wouldn't try to rob me of the last hope I got in Christ." Said, "By His stripes I am healed." And setting there, paralysed feet, hands, body, back, and no more than he said that, and out of the chair he went, glorifying God.

What? His natural senses said he'll set there; the doctor said he'll be there as long as he lives. But the sixth sense said, "By His stripes I am healed." And he wouldn't have nothing to do with it. It's casting away everything contrary to what God said. That's what the sixth sense is for.

( A Super Sense  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 13:18-21**





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August 13



*And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. (Luke 13:22-24)*



Nothing can go wrong. After all, it's not our Bible; it's His. It's not our wisdom; it's His. And the only one thing we have to do is put our faith and trust there, and set still and see the glory of God. See how it moves around to its place, and every wheel move in it. It may be scattered from side to side, but it'll move right into its right place when God speaks the Word. He knew the end from the beginning. He knew who He was going to choose. He knew Elisha would take Elijah's place before the world was ever formed. Everything has to work just exactly right.

And we're worried about our loved ones and so forth, will they ever come in? Their names, if they were written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, they'll work right in there; that's the only thing it could do. We give witness and shine the light; God does the one that brings it to them.

Now, notice in Elijah. Then after he threw his robe on [Elisha] and tried it on him, in other words, Elijah the prophet, who had the mantle of God on his shoulders, he came down and laid it across Elisha, the farmer, to see if it would fit him. And it taken about ten years to get altered to fit that mantle. You know, God usually puts us in the shop and trims us up. Now, He didn't alter His robe to fit Elisha; He altered Elisha to fit the robe. And that's what He does today. He alters us to fit the robe, not the robe to

fit us. Sometimes we want to make the robe fit us. But we can't do that. You've got to be altered yourself for the robe. It's God's robe and He made it perfect. And He's got to bring us into that realm to make the robe fit us.

So we can't be perfect ourself; we know we can't. There's no way for us to be, and yet He said for us to be. So, but what He did, He made appropriation for us, the Lord Jesus Christ and His righteousness. That's where the perfection comes of ignoring our own holiness, of which we have none, and our own thoughts which ought not to be, but we rest solemnly upon the finished work of the Lord Jesus. God sent Him to the earth, and it was in Him that we rest.

Notice, all these years, as far as we know, he just had that one baptism of the robe going over him. But through the years God had molded the man's character into a place to where, after he was called, that he would fit into the robe and be the servant of the Lord. And then when Elijah passed through and throwed it on him, and they started up towards Gilgal, and many of the other places, they went on to the school of prophets, on their road, journeying on. And finally Elijah was trying to get Elisha to turn back. Did you notice it? Trying to get him to turn back, said otherwise, "maybe the road's a little too steep for you, son. Maybe it's a little too narrow for you to walk." You know where Elijah was, was straightness. And wherever God's true servant preaches the Gospel, it's a straight, unadulterated Gospel, where it's preached.

( A Secondhanded Robe  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 13:25-30**



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August 14



*Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth. (John 9:35-41)*



This old boy standing there could see said, "Now, this is a marvelous thing." See, he's about to get the people beat down, these Pharisees was, making them afraid. See? But he'd done took sides with Jesus. See? So he said, "This is a marvelous thing." (Let me break it down in some of the words he might've said.) "Now, you fellows around here has been running all the religious end of this for hundreds of years, and you speak of a coming Messiah and something that's going to take place just in the shadows of time, when the Deliverer is coming to see us. And you tell us that when He comes what all He's going to do.

And here, you, the spiritual leaders, the high priests and priests of this community, standing here together before these people, and trying to blacken His Name, trying to say something evil against Him, and the Man come and opened my blinded eyes. I was born blind. Here's my father and mother giving witness that I was born blind, been setting right here among you for all these years, born blind. And that has never

happened since the world began. And here a Man can come and perform a miracle that hasn't been done since the world began, and you, the spiritual leaders, and don't know nothing about it?" Said, "I say this is a marvelous thing." He took sides with Jesus. See? He was permitted to be blind so the works of God could be manifested (See?), because he came on the side of the Lord Jesus. He took sides with Him.

Now, he put a stinger to them. You know what they did? They said, "Now, we know you were borned in sin, try to teach us." And shoved him out of the church, knocked him out, pushed him out, throwed him out. But as soon as he was throwed out, did you notice? Jesus found him again. Amen, amen. Jesus found him again. So don't worry if they throw you out. He'll find you again. See? All right. And He said to him, "Does thou believe on the Son of God?"

He said, "Lord, Who is He?" He didn't even know, but the only thing that he knowed, that where he was blind, he could then see.

I know this one thing, brethren. They might call this fanaticism and whatever they want to, but wherein I was once a sinner, I've come into grace now. Something has happened to me. See? This one thing I now know by trusting His Word, by believing Him. I've been kicked out of every organization under the face of heavens. There's none of them that will receive me anymore. You know that. Some of their good men will accept, but every organization, it's thumbs down on me. That's right. But He's found me; He'll find me somewhere or another. That's right. Come along like that.

And so it'll be all right, because we want to take sides with Jesus, and the only way you can take sides with Jesus is taking sides on what He said, believing His Word. So let's take sides with Him. The blind man gave them a real testimony.

( Taking Sides With Jesus  
November 25, 1956 )



~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 9:13-41**



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August 15



*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them. (John 10:1-6)*



A young fellow come to me not long ago. He was a Pentecostal. He'd been to many of these meetings. And he his wife is a staunch Lutheran. She said, "Well, I guess you all went down and shouted last night." Said, "I guess you were all speaking in tongues and doing all this last night."

He got out on the floor and said, "God, I cast the devil out of her. I cast the devil out of her." Almost a divorce case. A fine man, he come to me, and he said, "Brother Branham, we're going to have a divorce, I guess." He said, "I just can't get that devil to move out of her."

I said, "Brother, you're going at it the wrong way." I said, "When she starts like that, say, 'All right dear, bless your heart, honey.' And be real kind to her. Just see how much you can do for her."

He said, "Brother Branham, well, how will I ever get the devil out of her."

I said, "You do as I say, and just keep praying in your heart." See, I said, "God will take care of the rest of it."

He called me up about two or three weeks later and said, "My home's revolutionized." He said, "My wife is a different person." I said, "Which is the most powerful? Screaming, and kicking, and stomping; or fill your heart full of love?" God is love. God so loved the world.

Ever since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wound supply,

Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.

That's right.

A man called me said, "This woman's got at least three devils." He said, "One of them is named Jeff, and the other one's named Seth, and he didn't call the other anything." And intelligent people setting there supporting that meeting by the hundreds and hundreds and hundreds. He said, "One of them is green, the other one's blue, and the other one's pink." Oh I hollered, "God. O God is it gone wrong? Don't let that happen, God. Those people that were struggling so hard to try to get to the Kingdom of God, and they flock by the hundreds to listen to such tommyrot." You know why? They've never been inside the veil. That's one sure thing. If they ever get in there, they'd know different from that. "My sheep know My voice. A stranger they'll not follow." Yes, sir.

( Why Are People So Tossed About  
January 1, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 16



*Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. (John 10:7-18)*



Oh, if Christians now who will fall away, and run back, and run out, and run in and out, and then you think, "Well, I can't make it." You couldn't make it in the first place. It's not your place to make it. God's already made it for you in Christ. The price is fully paid. The only thing you have to do is to accept God's provided way and stand in it, no matter what takes place. Don't move; rest. The Shepherd's watching over His sheep. He knows even a sparrow. How much more does He know about you?

I noticed another thing, if you'd excuse me for getting off my line of talk a moment, while I was thinking about shepherds. You know a shepherd in them eastern countries has more respect than anybody else. Going down through the streets, all at once the whistle, the cars, and everything, I wonder what's taking place. We was in a little old British Jeep, and the first thing you know, it was a shepherd crossing the street with his sheep, and all the traffic held up, give him the right of way.

That's the way our Shepherd is. Amen. He gets the right of way. He will lead His sheep. Nothing's going to harm or bother them. Up on the mountain I noticed there was a lot of shepherds up there, and they was herding different kinds of animals. There was some donkeys they were herding, and some of them were camels, and some were just goats. I said, "Why, a shepherd means just a herder."

"Yes," he said, "that's right, Brother Branham.

A shepherd is a grazeman or a herder." But he said, "You know the strange thing that the shepherd is attached more to his sheep than anything else." He said, "Now, they both eat the same food, the same grass, but when nighttime comes, the mules, the goats, are all left out, and the shepherd calls his sheep and takes them into the sheepfold.

I thought, "O God, that's what I want to be, a sheep. Nighttime's going to fall one of these days. Just the sheep's going in." God calling, if you're just a church member, if you know no more than just joining church, or if you don't know Christ by an experience. "Oh," you say, "I know our creed. I know my catechism." To know the catechism isn't life. To know Christ is Life. Not to know your creeds, not to know your doctrine of your church, but to know Him. Him alone is Life: to know Him.

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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*There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind? And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. (John 10:19-23)*



We find out that these believers that's so-called believers, but in forms of religion, and they failed to see the identified Truth of the Word of God, because it's against what they believe. See, it don't make any difference what you believe, how loyal you are, how religious you are, that doesn't have one thing to do to it. Sincerity, why that don't have nothing to do with it. I've seen people so sincere. I seen the heathens burn their children, feed them to the crocodiles: mothers with their babies. That's more than a Christian would do. See? Sincerely they believe, sincerely, but they're sincerely wrong.

People say, "Well, this church has stood—. You're sincerely wrong if it's contrary to the Word. "Well, now look, I don't believe in such things." Well, the Bible said it was so though. See? "I don't believe that we have to do this." I don't care what you think you don't have to do; God said it must be done. "These signs shall follow them." How far? To all the world. Who? To every creature. See? It shall be, not shall be, it's going to be. And this Message of the hour that we're now enjoying, the Presence of God, the latter day, the evening time when the Lights are shining, and the things is being opened up, and the Word vindicated and proved to be the Truth; both prophesied, comes to pass, all through scientific and everything proved that it is Jesus Christ the



same yesterday, and forever; and a man walk out on that, he's an unbeliever. He's beyond hopes. He's numb by the power of Satan, so there's no hopes for him. He's beyond hopes.

Now, that is what? The believer; now the unbeliever; now the third class we're speaking about is the make-believer. That's the boy, the make-believer. Now, remember, in there stood all three. Now, we find out they do just exactly like their father does, Judas. There was Peter, and the rest of the apostles: believers. There was the seventy: unbelievers. And there was Judas hung right on; he was a make-believer. What do they do? This is the kind that holds on until they can find something, a fault in it. They're looking every time to find a loophole, see how it's done, see if it's a trick, if it's a gimmick. They're waiting to be sold out. They're looking for that. The unbeliever, he don't even wait around; he's condemned it and walked out. The believer, no matter what happens, he believes it anyhow, for it's the Word. There's your three classes.

( **Three Kinds Of Believers**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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*Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. (John 10:24-30)*



Now, there's nothing seemingly any better than life. What could we estimate this morning would be better than life? But David says, "Thy lovingkindness is better to me than life." Now, we wonder then the word "life" must have a compound meaning to it, must mean more than one thing. Life itself means an existence. So then, if Thy lovingkindness is better than life, then what could be any better? Because God alone has Eternal Life. God alone has Eternal Life. If we can get that straight now, it will be easy for us to see the great picture God sets before us. How that someday that everything that isn't of God will vanish and perish and go away.

Now, everything that had a beginning has an end. There's nothing that ever began but what has an end. But something that had no beginning has no end. And God alone is the only One that had a never beginning. He had no beginning of days nor ending of years. And therefore, we have to become a part of God by birth to live, have an eternal existence.

Then sin and suffering and everything must come to a place where it has no existence, because it had a beginning. There was a time when there was no sickness, no sin, no sorrow, no death. And then it come by perversion. So all the perversion must end back, and all that had the beginning has to end so that the Eternal can ever exist. Do you see what I mean?

That's the reason it's totally impossible for any persons to ever be saved outside of the new birth, because men are born again of the Spirit of God and become a part of God. Their existence is eternal as God is eternal. "They can never perish," Jesus said. "No one can pluck them from My hand. They are of the Father Divine, and there's no one can take them or separate them, for they are a part of God."

Now, we're none of us scholars. I'm a very very poorly educated person. But sometimes when I hit words like that, I search it down to find out, just take that one word. I have friends, and Bible teachers who can take the Greek, or the Hebrew and just run it anywhere through the Scripture. But I have to take it just word by word and search it out. And I find out that when He said, "I give unto them Eternal Life," comes from the word, Greek word Zoe. And Zoe is God's own Life. And then as sure as we are partaker of Zoe, we exist eternally like God exists eternally. Therefore, by partaking part of God, we become eternally blessed and saved forever and forever, without end, without beginning. We become a part of God.

( Life  
June 2, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him. (John 10:31-38)*



Now, we are faced in a day that is prophesied to us, that brotherly love would become a strange thing among people. And it's to my humble belief that that is the greatest of all the gifts that there is in God's Bible. If the Lord Jesus should stand on the platform tonight, and look me in the face, and say, "I'm going to give you your choice: You can be a great person, a great minister; I'll give you a gift of preaching the Gospel, or I'll give you the gift of teaching the Word, or I'll give you the gift of Divine healing; I'll give you the gift of prophecy; or I'll make you a prophet, or any of the fine gifts of faith. Any of the gifts that's in the Bible, I'll give them every one to you, but then I will withhold love from you, or either I'll give you love and withhold the gift from you."

I'd say, "Lord take all the gifts and let me have the love." See? For no matter how many gifts we got, they will never do us any good, except the love of God is the

motive behind the gift. We must have love.

And as I see this great day appearing, that we're now living in, where the selfishness and indifference amongst people, human beings tribes of the earth, it grieves my heart. And I would think of it in a different way, if He hadn't have already said that this day would be here, where they would be against each other, and the things that take place. And love would be a strange thing in these days.

Now, did you realize, that you being a person as you are, that you're not altogether flesh? You're spirit and flesh. Not only that, but Jesus said that the Bible said, that we are in a miniature way, gods. Jesus said that. He said, if that was prophets and so forth of the Old Testament, that Jesus was referring to, said, "It's written in your law, that ye are gods. And if he called them gods, who the Word of God come to, then why not Himself, being the Son of God, when He makes Himself equal with God?" Now, in an amateur way we are creators.

Now, did you ever see someone that you just love to be around? Sure you have. There's people that you meet and associate with, that you just love to be around. There's an air about them that you just love to associate with them. And then, there's fine people that you know of, that's very fine people, and yet there's just something about them that you just don't feel at home around them somehow. You don't want to hurt their feelings; they're your friends. You love them but there's just a difference between them and this other person. Well, what it is, we create that atmosphere around us.

( Divine Love And Sovereign Grace  
August 14, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 10:39-42**





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*The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee. And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. (Luke 13:31-35)*



Jesus went over into Gadara, and there was a man over there had two thousand devils in him, and they said, "What have we to do with thee? Why do you come here? Leave our lands; we don't want you here." They wanted to be left alone. The people felt better at home with the devils, than they did with Jesus, so they said, "Go on out of our land; we don't want You over here." Poor old Legion, he was the only one of them that wanted help. He always comes to those who wants Him.

He comes to those who needs Him. So he was the only one was helped. I've often thought, when I get to heaven, I want to see how much weight his testimony give on hog raisers over in Gadara. If it was going to cost them a herd of hogs, they didn't want no revival. If it's going to cost people anything, they don't want nothing to do with it. That's the way it is today. If it's going to cost you your bunco parties, big times, your cigars, your dirty jokes, all the filth and things of the world. The reason

they don't want it, it'll cost them something, your big society name with a lot of glitter on it. But it'll give you a name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, that fadeth not away. So you must take your choice; you're a free moral agent. Oh, receive God's Christmas Gift is my prayer for you.

Yes, they don't want it, because it does something to them. Or did the government, the government didn't want Him. Herod didn't want Him. No, sir. Because why? He was going to change his program. And the government don't want Him today. We're supposed to be a Christian nation. Why, the U.N. don't want Him. They'll take every other idea in the world besides His, but never offer prayer. There's no prayer at them sessions. They just go in there and "dog eat dog," as the old expression is from the street. They don't want Christ. He'd have to change their program; therefore, they don't want Him. They didn't want Him then; they don't want Him now.

The churches didn't want Him, because He disagreed with their creed. He told them that they were, said, "You generation of vipers, you whited walls." He called them everything that could be taught of. Told old Herod, said, "Go tell that fox." And what's dirtier than a fox? What's more stinking and lowdown than a dirty old fox? Jesus said, "That's what he is." So He called black "black," and white "white." He called wrong "wrong," and right "right." So they didn't want that. The churches today don't want a pastor filled with the Holy Ghost that'll really boil out, and tell you what's right and wrong. They don't want it. They'd fire him, right quick. Deacon board get together and turn him away, get another one will talk about their creeds.

Brother, I know no creed but Christ, no law but love, and no book but the Bible. That's what we need. That's what the churches need.

( God's Wrapped Gift  
December 25, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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*And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him. And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day? And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go; And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day? And they could not answer him again to these things. (Luke 14:1-6)*



The Pharisees and leaders of His day always tried to belittle Him before the people. That was just a way that the devil had of working. All the Pharisees and the teachers of His day constantly tried to belittle Jesus. All the throw-off that they could give to Him, they done it. They watched Him constantly to find where they could find a fault, and they never spoke of His good things; they were always finding something that they could belittle Him about and say, "You see, looky here. If he was a man of God, he wouldn't do it this a-way," or, "If he was a man of God, he wouldn't do it that way." They were trying to cast a shadow upon Him to get the people to disbelieve Him. That's the work of the devil, and that old scheme has never ceased. There's many times that a minister will make a mistake.

And if he comes into a neighborhood, a precious brother who's trying to do what's right and to lead the people right, everything that the devil can point to the unbeliever or the so-called Christian in that neighborhood to throw off on that man, he'll do it. You know, the real Christian way is to hide everything you can from a brother. Don't

tell his bad things; just tell his good things. Just tell what you know about him that's good. If anything's bad, let it alone. The poor fellow's got enough against him anyhow. Don't try to take a pole and shove a man further into the ditch. The Christian attitude is to pick him up and take him out of the ditch. See? Don't never try to shove him down; he's down already. Try to help him up. But too many of us today, too many people today, I might say, try to do that. If they could just get something another that they could say that was real bad. Now, for instance, if one of you brethren would make a mistake and do something wrong, which you're subject to do it; I am too, every one of us. But as we go along, let's remember we're brothers; we are brothers. And if we've got any fighting, let's fight with one another. Bring it together. Bring it before our brethren and settle it.

Now, they used to in the Branham family, if one of the little ones done something, they was going to tell Bill about it, 'cause I was the biggest. And I had to stand there and see which was right and wrong. Well, my decision was that if they, which one was right and wrong. If they still didn't believe it, then they got around behind my back and fought it out. But they were still brothers. You see? They'd fight in the back yard with one another and fight in the front yard for one another. So that's the way it was, we're still brothers.

( **Taking Sides With Jesus**  
**June 1, 1962** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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*And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (Luke 14:7-11)*



Now, Jesus, when He was here on earth, He didn't claim to be great. He was just a Man, an ordinary Man. If you'd see Him on the street, He didn't look any different than anyone else. He walked right among men; they didn't even know Who He was. He didn't dress different. He just walked along as a humble Man. No great big man; He was probably a little thin fellow. The Bible said, "There's no beauty we should desire Him." So He just walked along and lived among men: eat, and drink, and slept with them. And where was He with? The poorest of poor, the fishermen down on the river.

I'd imagine Peter, with that old greasy fishing apron around him like that, and Jesus said, "You're Simon, so follow Me and you'll become fishers of men." I'd rather hear that than anything I know of: just, "Follow Me."

Oh, you say, "Now, wait a minute. You haven't got your degree." He don't need no

degree. He just wants to follow Christ. That's right. That's right. "Just follow Me." He wouldn't even know his own name if it was laying before him. The Bible said he was ignorant and unlearned. Not only unlearned, but he was ignorant: both ignorant and unlearned. But when he passed through the gate called "Beautiful," and he said to that man, "Look on me," he said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, I'll give you. In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk."

Somebody in the church begin to play the part of a hypocrite, and they come into the line one night, a certain, certain thing, he said, "Why did the devil put in your heart to lie to God?" The man fell dead: Ananias. Sapphira come in, the same thing again.

And then those people looked to that old fisherman, and you know what they did? If he'd have had some great degree to go by, he'd have had something to glory in, but God took nothing and made something out of it. That's the way God does: just takes the nothing to make something. And when you can become nothing in your own sight, you're becoming something in God's sight then. And always remember this, friends, the way up is down. "He that exalts himself shall be abased, but he that humbled himself shall be exalted."

So just love Him with all your heart and forget all you ever knew about all other things but Jesus Christ. Just go ahead and love Him and work for Him; serve Him. If He wants you to be the doormat, well, you just be the doormat. It's whatever He wants you to do, you do it.

( A Greater Witness  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. (Luke 14:12-14)*



As I said this morning, my whole makeup is grace. A lot of people say, "Now, you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours. Yeah, you do something for me, and I'll do something for you." That's not grace. Grace is, if your back is itching, I'll scratch it anyhow, whether you scratch mine or not; you slap me on the face, and say, "my back needs itching, needs scratching," I'll scratch it. See? That's it; do something. I don't believe in works; I believe that works is love. Works is the manifestation that grace has taken place.

I don't live true to my wife because I believe she'd divorce me if I didn't; I live true to her because I love her. I don't preach the Gospel, 'cause I think I'd go to hell if I didn't; I preach the Gospel because I love Him. Certainly. You think I'd cross those stormy seas, and them planes diving back and forth, and lightning flashing around, and everything else, and everybody screaming, and "Hail Mary's" a going on through the plane, and everything. Them people a-swinging in them safety belts, and the pilot saying, "Enough gas to last fifteen minutes longer, don't know where we're at." Do you think I'd do that just for the fun of doing it? Huh. You think I'd get back out there in the jungles where German soldiers had to put their arms around me like this each

night and take me in and out of the meeting, until the Holy Spirit begin to perform miracles, communists setting with night scopes, to shoot me a mile away. You think I'd do that just for the fun of it? Because something in me, love. They're humans that Christ died for.

Paul said, "I'm not only willing to go up to Jerusalem, but I'm going up there to be crucified. I'm going up to die. I'm going up there to die for the cause of the Lord." It's something, love that constrains you, that makes you. That's exactly right. If I'd preach the Gospel for money, if it would've been, I wouldn't have been twenty thousand dollars tonight in debt. I wouldn't been that in debt. No, sir. Because I'd have kept some of the millions that had been given to me. One man, one man sent an FBI agent with a million-five-hundred-thousand dollar money draft. And I said, "Take it back." Not for money, it isn't money. I don't preach the Gospel for money, not for that.

It's because of the love. The thing I want to do, is, when I cross that last breath yonder, which may be in five minutes from now; it may be in two hours from now; it may be fifty years from now. I don't know when it'll be. But when it does, I do arrive there, I want to see the splendor of youth running, hollering, "My darling brother, my brother." That's what's in my heart. That's why.

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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 24



*And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper. (Luke 14:15-24)*



When God sends the Holy Ghost and knocks at a man's door, and he deliberately turns it down, sometime he's going to turn it for his last time. And then you won't be a privileged character. You can set in a church and listen to the Gospel and agree with the Gospel. You might do so much as say, "I know it's right," but never put a finger on it to help it yourself. See? You just listen to it, 'cause you say, "I believe it's right." That's just sympathizing with it. I could say, "I believe that's ten thousand dollars." That don't mean I got it. See? I could say, "That's good cold water," but refuse to drink it. You know what I mean? And this is Eternal Life. And



to refuse to do it, one day you'll cross the line between judgment and mercy, and then you won't have the privilege to come and receive it.

To you people who come here (I'm not responsible for those who other ministers are speaking to), but if it's right, you owe your life to it. What more could you ever find that would be more of a benefit to you than to know that you can have Eternal Life? What if I was giving away capsules here, scientifically proven that this capsule would make you live a thousand years? Well, I'd have to get a militia out here and swarm them away from the place. You wouldn't have to make an altar call for it, you'd just have to beat them away from it; to live a thousand years. And yet scientifically proven that the eternal God, all of His power of His resurrections, which promised you Eternal Life, and Satan will put his legions out there and keep you away from it. See? Yet you can look, and sensible enough to look in the face of it and see it's right, but then turn it down. See? Some kind of an excuse: "It's too hot. I'm too tired. I will tomorrow." Just some kind of an excuse, that's all they do. By rejecting the day of visitation, it separates you from God.

( Is Your Life Worthy Of The Gospel  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 25



*And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:25-33)*



I believe that all gifts are foreordained, the foreknowledge of God. You believe that? I believe it. I believe there's nothing that you work yourself up to, or anything that one person could give to another. I do not believe in that. I don't say it couldn't be so. My belief wouldn't change God's program. But I can't see it in the Scriptures.

To base it in all that I preach, and believe, I must have something behind it, in other words, to make faith out of it. And it must come from the Word of God, which is the basic of all faith. Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word. And therefore, I believe that all great gifts were foreordained of God to come into the world.

For instance, Jesus Himself. He was foreordained of God to come into the world. Do you believe that? He was the woman's Seed that was to bruise the serpent's head. And his heel was to bruise the head.

I believe that Moses was foreordained of God. Do you believe that? When he was borned, he was a proper child. And he was raised up in Pharaoh's palace with his foot on the throne to become the heir, even Pharaoh's son, to fall heir to the throne. But he was ordained of God. If he'd been an ordinary man, he'd a went ahead and took those great honors. But he was ordained of God for another purpose.

I believe that John the Baptist, I believe it was seven hundred and twelve years before he was born, he was seen by the prophet Isaiah, and said he was the voice of one crying in the wilderness. He was ordained of God.

Jeremiah, before he was even brought from his mother's womb, God said He knew him, sanctified him, and ordained him a prophet over the nations, before he ever come from his mother's womb. Is that right?

I believe that those things are ordained. I think where it is today, we, more or less, get worked up in a little enthusiasm, and sometimes brings more reproach than it does good. Don't you think so? Don't never say nothing.

Like, I seen young man come in and say, "Oh, the Lord's called me to preach. Got converted last night. The Lord called me to preach." You'd better wait, young fellow. Find out whether God's really called it. There's a plant, you know, that's planted at one time. And when the hot sun come out, it withered down. Set down and before you build the house, count the cost and see if you're able first 'fore you do it.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**January 15, 1950** )

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 26



*Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (Luke 14:34-35)*



Here one time they was having a ladies,' some kind of a church party upstairs. I happened to have something to do at the basement of this house. And I tell you; I've heard some awful things when I was a sinner. But that woman's meeting, I never heard any worse jokes in all my life. Could you imagine, a person that's called a Christian, would let such filth flow from them? You can't get sweet and good water out of the same cistern. You put a bucket into the well, and it comes out full of wiggle-tails, we call them. When you put the bucket down again, it'll bring out the same thing. The cistern needs a scouring out and a filling up with good water.

That's what's the matter with the church today, universally speaking, that she needs a scouring out, and a filling up with God's holy waters from heaven. Her heart's become a cesspool of anything that comes along. She's got lovers of all kinds. The Bible said she'd have lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are right.

See a woman that tries to live right, a man that tries to live right, he becomes a holy-roller, she becomes a fanatic or some old fashion something. She's a castaway. She's despised and rejected by the people of this world. That's right.

But did you ever notice what the real church is supposed to do? In the Old Testament, when they had the sacrifice they killed one bird, and put the blood of one upon the

other, the dead mate. And it flew across the earth spreading the blood of the dead mate. When the church becomes the real bride of Jesus Christ, she'll carry the Blood of Jesus Christ with her, sprinkling it upon the ground, calling, "Holy, holy, holy, unto the Lord." Her atmosphere, every bit of her will be of God. Her whole makeup will be of God. You can't expect nothing else.

That's why people come to church too, not to play cards, and play poker, dance in the basement, have soup suppers, and things like that. That's for the world. And we'll never be able to compare with them, and shame on us for trying it. We should preach the Holy Ghost, and power, and the resurrection of Christ. We've got something they haven't got. Let us live it, not try to copy after them. Live what we know is right; live in Christ. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto Me. Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its savour, then it's good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trod under the feet of men."

( The Marriage Of The Lamb  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 27



*Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. (Luke 15:1-10)*



When the Great Shepherd was smitten, the great Sheep Prophet when He was smitten back there, He said, "It is finished." And that minute, as soon as this Shepherd was smitten, it was over. Sin is settled; there was no more sin. They were clean; the penalty was paid. The believers whose names were written in the Book of Life, predestinated from the foundation of the world, it was finished that very minute that Jesus said it was finished. He, that Great Shepherd, had come for His sheep. It was finished; God's right hand was pulled from His bosom, smitten. Then on Easter He returned it (Amen.), raised it up again to His bosom, and extended it down to you

and I in the form of His Word, to redeem us back to the original garden from which sin took us from. The hidden secret of His great heart was revealed by a Prophet Shepherd. It was revealed by a Shepherd, Prophet Shepherd.

No wonder the mountains jumped and shouted on that day. No wonder the sun hid its face and screamed for joy. No wonder all nature broke loose; the wind shook the trees until they shook and shook, and joyed, and jumped. They'd seen the Prophet Shepherd, on the mountain, redeem every name on the Book of Life. And they seen that their own nature was redeemed. They screamed and jumped. And the world went into an earthquake. And the mountains rent, and the rocks fell out. And the sun went down. And everything taken place. Like any meeting, when the Shepherd reveals to you that it's finished.

I've seen jumping spells and joy spells, but there was nobody hurt. The mountains rung out, and the sun went down, and everything took place, but there was nobody hurt. And I've seen meetings where the power of God was revealed to the people that they were free from the world and the things of the world, and the joy of the Lord filled the congregation. They stood, and screamed, and cried, and shouted to the top of their voice for the glory of God. I never did see anything disorderly; they was always right in order; because they had recognized that their name that had been written on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. The great Prophet Shepherd had brought them the message, and they were delivered: the Prophet Shepherd. No matter what the other ecclesiastical realms said about it, they knew what had happened.

( Why It Had To Be Shepherd  
December 21, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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August 28



*And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. (Luke 15:11-19)*



A French soldier— They got a bunch of soldiers in from the army, and they had this amnesia, it's from shock on the battle. And they had a program. And they called up, and let people who had missing loved ones to call, and see if they could identify these boys. No hope for them, maybe one or two out of it caught it. And then they took the rest of them; they was going to put them in a sanitarium, where they'd have to stay the rest of their life. They was going up the hillside, train pulling, and they stopped at a station, let the boys get out and stretch their legs. And the guards got out on the hill to watch them, because with amnesia, why, they had to watch them.

So they watched one young fellow there. He got out and begin to look around at that water tank, looked all around over the hill. He rubbed his face, and studied, and he

looked again; he seen that water tank. He looked all around at the station, and he started walking.

Instead of the guard stopping him, he followed him. He went up over the hill, down a little path, turned to the right, went up over another little hill and come to a little log cabin. He looked. Coming out on a porch, an old man with a cane in his hand come out, throwed his arms around him, said, "My son, I knowed you would return. They told me you were dead, but I knowed you would return." And the boy come to himself. His amnesia left him. He could identify who he was. He knowed that was his father.

Oh, soldier of the cross that's been shocked with so much training, so many shocks of denomination, and creed, and things of the world, why don't you just step off for a few minutes, and go looking around at the Bible? Might wander around, and you might find yourself identified here in the Word as a believer. One of these days, you might not know Him. You may come to yourself, like the prodigal son did, and find yourself. You might find your identification in the words of God.

( Spiritual Amnesia - 64-0411 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 29



*And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:20-32)*



I remember when I was a way out yonder one time. Something come after me. Amen. It wasn't because that I wanted to come, but 'cause Something come after me. Because before the foundation of the world, God predestinated (Hallelujah.) that we would be His, to His honor and glory. Listen. Those who He foreknew, He has what?

Called. That right? Did He call you? Yeah. Why did He call you? Foreknew you. Those who He foreknew, He called; those who He has called, He has justified. Is that right? And those who He has justified, He hath glorified. Amen. That's what the Bible said. Those who He foreknew, He called: every generation. Those who He called, He has already glorified. What? Now let me read the Scripture here. All right. "Having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself according to His Own pleasure— To the praises of His glory—."

Do you get it? To the praises of His glory. That He could set there in the eternal ages that is to roll on, and His children would scream, "Abba, Father. Abba, Father." And the Angels say, "What they talking about? What are they talking about?"

So beautifully displayed in the prodigal son. I was lost. "This is my son. He was lost and now he's found. He was dead, and he's alive again. Bring forth the fatted calf, the best robe, a ring and put it on his finger." No wonder when the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy, when they seen the plan of salvation, God putting your name on the Book before the foundation of the world.

( Why It Had To Be Shepherd  
May 18, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 30



*And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations. He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (Luke 16:1-13)*



Let's take Nimrod. Nimrod thought the same thing. After the flood he was

conscious that there was a God Who would judge the wicked, for they had just come out of that flood. And he knew that it was sin that caused God to destroy the world. Therefore, knowing that sin again would make God do the same thing, he tried to achieve something to make a tower, that men could run up in heaven if it got bad here on earth, and live in heaven; and then come back down on earth, and sin, and go back up into heaven again.

Now, that's been the idea of men all along the road, trying to sin and live in earth and be in heaven at the same time. You cannot do it. You can't do it. Jesus said you can't serve God and mammon. That's the reason we believe tonight in a total abstaining from sin, getting away from it. It's poison. Do not fool around it. Don't in-tolerate in it at all. Have nothing at all to do with it. Don't see how close you can come to it without sinning; see how far you can stay away from it. Anything that looks sinful, stay away from it. Don't have anything to do with it at all.

( An Ensign  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 31



*And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. (Luke 16:14-17)*



When God gets ready to do something, He always has a witness of it. I'm so glad today that we can look around before the coming of the Lord and see the witnesses of His appearing, seeing the signs in the church of the near approaching of the Lord Jesus Christ, seeing it word by word fulfilled. Even the last sign that was to be given to the Church before the appearing of the Lord Jesus, it's working in the Church right now.

Remember, He said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

Look what the sinners was doing in Sodom. Look what the Angel of the Lord did when He come down to bear record of it. Watch what the three angels did, all three of them. Look at the world today in its sin. Look at the church today in its condition like Lot. Look at the called-out church having a struggle like Abraham was. The man or woman today that tries to live for God has a struggle to keep on going. You have to press into the Kingdom of God.

Oh, it's a pity. But let us look at it. Notice, down there was the sinner. Look what the

sin was. Men had so defiled themselves until they had no more common use for the wife. Look at the world today. So much sin has crept into the church and into the nation till it's honeycombed with sin. That's right. I know this sounds old fashion. A minister taking me not long ago aside and said, "Brother Branham, do you know why your ministry is not the greatest ministry in America today?" And I said, "I don't care what it is in America; I want to know what it is on the books of Heaven, what it is there." He said, "Well, I'll tell you. It's because that you rebuke the people in such a way." Said, "You bawl them out, and it hurts them. If you'd just stop doing that, then," he said, "your ministry would grow and so forth."

I said, "Sir, let me tell you something. When it comes to a place that I have to compromise on the Word of God, then I'll stop and leave the field and let God call somebody else to do it." How can you hold your peace? If you go to be honest, be honest. I said, "You called me a prophet, I don't call it. You said yourself that. You was the one that said it. And then if the Lord anoints me for something, how could I hold my peace then? How can you do it? Somebody's got to cry out against it"

( **Hear Ye Him**  
**July 29, 1953** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**







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September 1



*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. (Matthew 19:3-9)*



You know when He came to the earth in His first visitation, He found that the teachers of His day was teaching things that wasn't so. I wonder if He returned tonight if He wouldn't find about the same, teaching things that wasn't so. Did you notice He said, "It wasn't so from the beginning." Now, God, as we have taught Him that He is infinite.

God is infinite. We all believe that. And when God says anything, it must forever be that way. Don't never lose that precious treasure from your heart. That when God says anything He cannot alter it; He cannot improve it; it's perfectly spoke; and it will be forever that way. If God is eternal and infinite, His Word is just like He is.

So therefore, Jesus referred back on this subject. As we know they were teaching, giving people, men rights to divorce their wives and so forth. And Jesus said, "From the beginning it wasn't so."

They said, "Moses told us that we might have a writing of a divorce if we wish to put our wife away." Jesus said, "Moses did it because of the hardness of your hearts. But it wasn't so from the beginning. Because God said at the beginning, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father, his mother, and all, and cleave to his wife.'"

So when God said that at the beginning, it can never be changed by anything. Therefore, you can rest assure, that if you believe this Word to be God's Word, whatever God says it is absolutely perfect and can never be changed. Jesus said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away."

( From The Beginning It Wasn't So  
November 25, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18**



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September 2



*His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. (Matthew 19:10-12)*



The world worships women, but women was the devil's instrument in the beginning. And an unjust one today is the best instrument he's got. She'll send more preachers to hell than all the bootleg joints there is in the world. Let a little flapper with a cigarette in the corner of her mouth, and her hair all cuticured up like that, and great big long eyelashes that blink up-and-down, brother, a little kind of nice-looking physique on her, watch what she'll do. Preacher, you'd better cover yourself up with the Blood of Jesus Christ. That's right. Now, don't tell me. You're man. I've seen too much of it. Now, watch here. The best thing to do is keep your mind centered on Jesus Christ and let your thoughts be pure.

Like Paul said over in there, said, "And we know that we have the power to lead a sister. I have power to do it," but said "I won't do it." See, he wouldn't do it. He said, "I know that the ministry should not muzzle the ox that treads out the corn." You know, preachers think because they're preachers that they're somebody bigger than one of the lay members of the church. You're no bigger, and you're no more in the sight of God than that drunkard that was converted a hour ago.

That's one thing the reformation never purged, was these things. I know I sign my name "Reverend." That's exactly right; that's just a custom thing of the day, but it shouldn't be done. "Reverend," and "Bishop," and "Doctor," and all those things are manmade titles, and they're nonsense. In the Bible they were "Peter," "James," "Paul," "John," and all the rest of them. Paul said, "Now, here, I know I preach the Gospel, that's my duty." I'm a preacher, and he's a preacher; Brother Neville's a preacher, that's our duties to be a preacher. Well, that's just what we're supposed to do. "But let me do something," Paul said, "that's beyond that."

"Now, I've got a right to take up money," Paul said, "but I'm going to make tents just to show you I can sacrifice." He said, "Marriage is honorable among all; the bed's undefiled. It's good for a man to be married." He said, "I got a right to be married. Now, I could be married; I got a legal right to be married. But I just won't get married; I want to do another sacrifice to the Lord." See? Then he said, "Every man knows his calling. Some's eunuch for the Word of God's sake, and so forth."

We want to do something beyond our duty. And if you really born again of the Spirit of God and say, "That's my duty to go to church, I guess I'll have to go." Oh, my. Well, I want to do more than that; I want to win some souls for Christ. I want to do something. I want to visit the sick or do something for Him. It's my duty to preach funerals; it's my duty to preach the Gospel; it's my duty to pray for the sick. Let me do something else; let me get out and do something where God will honor me by it.

( Questions And Answers On Genesis  
July 29, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:2-12, Luke 16:18**



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September 3



*There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (Luke 16:19-23)*



Lazarus, a poor in spirit, lay there with not even enough medicine to take care of himself, and the dogs licked his sore. But one night, they both died. And when they did, the Bible said that the poor in spirit was carried by Angel pallbearers to the bosoms of Abraham, the one had invest, made Him his investment in Eternal Life. He didn't live for what he had here. For his popularity, he had none. He was a beggar at the gate. He had nothing. He had no money. He had nothing. He had no friends. But, yet, he was a believer. He'd made his investment. And he died on the street, with the dogs licking his sores. And the Bible said, that Angels packed him into the bosoms of Abraham.

And the same night, the rich, old ruler now, he'd had a great prosperous life, and he died. Now, he paid off in dividends too. Some intellectual preacher come along, perhaps with his collar turned around, and maybe in all of his priestly garb. And they half-mast the flag, and the flowers couldn't be held in this ballroom here. And, oh, what a great to-do and they had, and all the business. Maybe the president of the bank association, and all of them come, and was pallbearers for him. And maybe the

intellectual minister stood up and said, "Our precious brother, how many times has he wrote checks for the widows, and how many times has he paid in our great organization and sponsored our program." And maybe the businessmen might've got up and made a talk. He got his reward. That's right. His investment paid off like that. But from the world he was a great man.

But because that he rejected the investment that Jesus gave him, the Bible said, "In hell he lifted up his eyes." And he saw the man who had made the investment otherwise, safely in the bosoms of Abraham, comforted, walking around, fine.

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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 4



*And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (Luke 16:24-31)*



And he cried. Now, watch. You say, was he a Jew. Yeah. "Father Abraham, I pray thee, send Lazarus, the poor in spirit, that made the investment. I turned it down. But send Lazarus with just a little water; these flames are tormenting me." He said, "Son, you had the opportunity." He did. Jesus presented it. "Sell what you got, and come, follow Me. Make your investment in this. Take up your cross." But it was too great.

He said, "Now, he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, there's a great gulf fixed between you and he, that no man has ever crossed or ever will." That knocks purgatory and all these doctrines to pieces. That was Jesus Christ that said

that. Don't wait too long, mister. My precious, wayward brother, fallen from Christ, don't wait too long to make this investment. He might've intended someday to do it, but as the old southern saying is, "Hell itself is paved with good intentions." See, the intentions doesn't do it. Read the prescription on the bottle, but then take the medicine if you want the results. Make your investment. Sign your name in His Blood over your heart.

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September 5



*Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him. (Luke 17:1-4)*



Sometime ago in New Albany, while I was standing there talking to a sinner, leading him to Christ, a big old rough-handed man in the garage. A man was a friend of mine, his son-in-law run the garage next door. I was standing there preaching at a dinner hour, eating a sandwich and talking to him about God. Through the daytime I'd find somewhere where I could go at dinner time and try to win a soul to Christ. He said, "Mr. Branham," he said. I was just a boy preacher myself. He said, "Mr. Branham," said, "my mother had that kind of religion, that heartfelt religion." And the tears was running down his cheeks.

I said, "How long she been gone?"

Said, "Years. She always prayed for me."

I said, "The God that heard her prayers is trying to answer them right now for her."

And this man walked in there, he said, "Hello." He was drunk. Said, "Hey, Billy, listen. Anytime you want to come over to my garage, you come," but said, "don't

bring that old holy-roller religion of yours over there."

I turned and looked at him, I said, "Anywhere Christ is not welcome, I'll not be."

And so he turned around and said, "Aw, get next to yourself, boy."

And I just heard in my heart a Voice say, "You reap what you sow. It'd be better for you that a millstone was hanged at your neck and drowned in the depths of the sea."  
And his own son-in-law, that very same afternoon, run over him with a two-ton Chevrolet truck loaded down and mashed him down in the ground. See, you've got to respect God. You've got to. God demands respects"

( Respects  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 6



*And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do. (Luke 17:5-10)*



To see these young women coming, weeping, life before them. They're at the crossroad. They're a victim of circumstances. Do you realize, old men, when we were boys, our boys has got ten times the temptation that we had? Sister, do you realize that your daughter has ten times the temptation you had when you was a girl? What will her daughter have? Look at the things, the pictures the devil's a painting. Oh, how we need to pray.

Now, we'll go back to you again. Brother, do you realize we don't pray half as much as our fathers did? Pastor, do you know we don't put as much time on our knees as the pastors before us did? Women, do you realize you don't instruct your daughter and pray with her at night like your mother did you? Then what about it? Who's guilty? We're guilty. There's no way around it; we're guilty. I'm guilty. I'm guilty of not doing the job of God like I should do. I'm confessing it that I'm wrong. I'm asking

God to be merciful to me.

I look out here and see the opportunities I've missed because of petty things, little old insufficient things that didn't mean nothing. I'm ashamed of myself as a Gospel minister before you. I repent before God and ask God to forgive me and the church to forgive me for being so dilatory about the work of God. By the grace of God, and by the help of God, I'll not listen to what everyone trying to tell you something to do. They got a program; they got something for you to do. Nonsense. I know God's program; it's written out here in the Bible. And I'm ashamed of myself as a minister of the Gospel. One million souls won, I ought to have ten million souls won. I'm a way behind.

What about you? How many souls you won since you've been to Christ? Christianity just goes from one to another. How many souls you won since you've been a Christian? If you're not winning souls, you're guilty. You're barren; you've brought shame on the church and the Gospel. How many people you get out for Wednesday night prayer meeting? If you're not doing it, you ought to be ashamed of yourself before Christ. You're guilty, and your place is at the altar. I invite you to come with me for repentance.

( A Blushing Prophet  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 7



*And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. (John 11:19-21)*



Here He comes to the city now. There's Martha and Mary setting there. Dark, my, all hopes is gone. Lazarus was rotten out in the grave. That's just words that all of you can understand. Just simply laying there, and you can say, "deteriorating" if you want to, but he's rotten.

One night, I said I've got so sick I puked. And all them commenced to laughing. I said, "I'm just as sick when I'm puking as you are when you're vomiting, so what's the difference." I said, "It's just the same."

Don't try to put on a whole lot of stuff, be just who you are. That's what's the matter with people today. They're trying to get too starchy. It's the truth. Amen. I mean that, don't you? Amen. I believe it's the truth.

The Gospel's got to a thing it's all padded up, educated up. They put them out here in these seminaries, or cemeteries, or whatever it is. (all the same, both dead places.) A seminary preacher reminds me of a incubator chicken. A little incubator chicken just chirps, and chirps, and chirps, and ain't got no mammy. He's mechanically turned out. Puts me in a mind of a incubator preacher too. That's right. Hold on. I love old fashion God saved Holy Ghost people and Holy Ghost action. True. It responds. That's true.

Notice, quickly. Now, as we see Him come into this city, Martha was setting there. She'd been very much dilatory through her days, seeming to be. But now, one time faith caught with her. Somebody come and said, "The Master's coming into the city." Oh, my, I can see her quickly. The darkest hour she'd ever seen, just the very darkest of hour that little home had ever seen. Oh, their loved one was dead. Four days had passed. Their faith in their Master that drawed them out of the church to follow Him.

Ever who followed Jesus was renounced to come back into church. You know that's right. He was a fanatic, they claimed to be. And ever who followed Him was put out of the church.

They'd left the church and everything to follow Him. And now, He'd gone and left them when their brother died. I can hear some of them say, "Now, if there's anything to Him, why didn't He heal His friend."

I can hear them say, "Aw, there you are. See, He slipped off to get out of that." See?

And there the darkest of hour that they ever seen. And then Jesus come along. Oh, my. Darkest of hour, then Jesus comes along. He usually comes along at the darkest of hours.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**January 15, 1950** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : John 11:1-44**



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September 8



*Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things Jesus had done. Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad. Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. (John 11:45-54)*



Recognize the day that you're living and the sign of the time. See where everything's at: Israel, where the church, where the immoral, where the Bride's standing. What's left, next thing? Taking up of the Bride. 'Course, every church is looking for a great thing. The Pentecosts say, "Glory to God. There'll come a day that they're going to do this and they're going to do that." See, they are professors. They do believe.

Like one time Caiaphas said, "Isn't it right that one man should die and not the whole

nation perish?" He was high priest, the Bible said, the reason he said that. He prophesied, not knowing what he was saying. But did he realize the real truth of it, that he was sacrificing the very God that he claimed to be the high priest of? So is it today. They're looking yonder somewhere for a great time to come.

Why, I go in the Business Men's conventions and them, they say, "Glory to God." Them preachers get up and just stir the crowd, and saying, "There's coming a great revival. The hand of the Lord's going to be upon the earth." And how the people are going forth, running like and don't realize that's under the Trumpets for Israel. Why do they do it? It's because that they are Christian professors and don't realize. Neither did Caiaphas realize what he was doing. And they don't realize that they're rejecting the very Message that's sent to them. Amen.

( Recognizing Your Day And Its Message  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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September 9



*And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. (Luke 17:11-19)*



Their schools of theology that teaches today that Jesus was a great man, that He was a good man. Some of them even say that He was a Prophet. Now, if He was only a Prophet or a good man, we're in our sins. He was more than a prophet. He was more than a good man. Yet He was a good man. Yet He was a God-prophet. But He was more than that. He was God manifested in the flesh to take away sin.

And as He come riding in, lots of the people said, "He's a Healer. Oh, we seen Him open the eyes of the blind. We seen Him make the crippled man to walk. We seen Him offer prayer and the fever left a child." But then those type were only following Him for the loaves and the fishes.

And that's the way the crowds are today, many. If there's a healer, why they follow

him, and he's just an oasis. If they get sick, they run to say, "Oh, will you please pray for me that the Lord Jesus will make me well?" And as soon as they come out of the hospital or the sick bed, right back out into the world they go, like a dog to its vomit or a hog to its wallow, as the Scripture says. Just follow him for what good they can get out of Him. They use him just for a totem pole, or something that they can get from Him and don't expect to serve Him. That crowd still goes on today.

There were ten lepers healed, and one returned to give Him praise. One of them returned to give Him praise, and the rest of them went ahead ungrateful.

And if the people in America that's been healed by the power of God would turn their hearts to God, there'd be a revival strike this nation that would close every bootleg joint. Package stores and whiskey stores would be plumb out of the picture. The churches would be full; the theatres would be empty on Sunday night. And there'd be a revival break out through this nation.

( Who Is This  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 10



*And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them. For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day. But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it. I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together. (Luke 17:20-37)*



Remember, as long as they were associated together, the church natural and the church spiritual, they never did get the blessing. Jacob was never blessed until he separated himself from Esau. And Abraham was never blessed until he separated himself from Lot.

Lot had his own little prayer meetings in his church down there, taught his sons and daughters, and them. But he lived such a life, till when they went talking about the end of the time, they laughed at him.

Same thing today. You talk about Divine healing and the power of God, and so forth, they laugh at it. It's the same spirit. That's the two great spirits, religious, who's got the world in grip; the believer and the unbeliever, the believer and the make-believer, the one impersonating the other one. Did you notice Jesus in His speaking of the coming, second coming, He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, they'd be eating, drinking, marrying, and given in marriage." But when He spoke of the days of Lot, He never said nothing about it. "As the days of Lot," that's for revelation.

Watch what happened in the days of Lot. There was Lot down there in Sodom, well settled down, intellectually, had become one of the big men of the city, the judge, set in the gates and judged the people. His wife belonged to all the societies there was of the city, and his daughters, and all of them; married amongst the celebrity, intellectual, highly educated, smart, witty. And Abraham lived in a tent under an oak tree. But one day they both got a visitation.

( Hearing, Recognizing, Acting On The Word Of God  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 11



*And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? (Luke 18:1-8)*



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.

Now, she had a need of Jesus. First thing you have to do if you're going to find Christ, you've got to know that you've got a need of Him. When you think that you just don't need Him, then you'll never find Him, 'cause you won't search Him diligently.

Did you notice that Scripture where it says, "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it'll be opened." Actually that's just not knock like [knock] and it'll be opened. Not just say, "Well, I went out, Lord. Here I am. You want me?" No, that's not it. He that seeketh, he that knocketh: continuation. It has to compare with the rest of the Scriptures, like the unjust judge and the widow. She constantly knocked on his door. She was

persistent. If he turned her away today, tomorrow she was on his hands again.

That's the way you want to get God. Be on His hands every morning, every night, every day, all the time constantly. Just keep seeking, keep asking, keep knocking. Just don't knock a little while, and get tired, and go away. Just keep standing there. "Lord, I'm here, and I'm not going to leave. I'm on your hands now. I'm going to stay right here. You getting tired listening? I'm having a great time knocking, 'cause I know You're coming." Amen. That's when something happens. He has to get you off of His hands (See?), so He comes out to answer you. Now, faith finds this.

His Word is a sword. The Bible says in Hebrews 4:12 that the Word of God's sharper than a two-edged sword. Now, there's only one thing that can hold this sword. That's the hand of faith. The hand of faith is the only thing that can yield this sword of the Word. Now, you might have a weak arm, just enough to pick it up for justification, you're so weak. Maybe that's all you can cut through. But this sword of the Word will cut free every promise that God made in it, if they got a good strong arm of faith holding it there.

"I believe God for my healing."

"I believe God for my baptism."

God made the promise, and faith holds this Sword. It'll cut her out of the rock yonder. Every promise of God can be cut free by the Word of God, for it is a sword.

( Perseverance  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 12



*And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*  
(Luke 18:9-14)



Now, God specified the kind of wood that Noah was to build that ark out of. And it was called gopher wood. One day, I happened to look up and thought, "Well, what kind of a wood would that be?" So I begin to look back into the dictionaries and so forth to find out what gopher wood meant. And then I find out what it was, and it was a real soft wood, real soft and tender wood. Well, I thought, "Say, where could that apply to the believer?" The ark is built as the Church. The ark was the Church. And I said, "Oh, I see it, God." It's built out of believers, not cold and indifferent, hard, but soft and a pliable to the hands of God. That's what the ark was built out of. Oh, I said, "Praise the Lord." That's good.

Tender-hearted, willing to admit your wrong, say, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."  
Then God can take that and move and place it in the ark.

Then Satan come along, said, "But, you better read a little more, and find out what that was." The soft wood has open pores. And it's just real soft, and that kind of a gopher wood, if you'd put it in the water, in a few minutes it would be water-logged, the ship would. If you made an ark out of gopher wood, and pitched it out there in the water, it's so open, the pores so open, making the wood soft, till the waters would soak right into it, and the ship would sink just in a little bit. But I noticed then, that God told Noah to pitch this ark.

Put pitch in it, on the inside, and on the outside: both sides. Well then, I seen what pitch was made out of. It was a pine tree, hard tree, that was cut down, a evergreen tree, ever alive tree. And it was cut down, and they beat the tree with a beating iron until they beat the rosin out of it. And then they put the rosin in a pot, and boiled it until it got real, real hot, and this hot rosin was poured upon this gopher wood, and it opened, just soaked it in. And when it become full of this rosin, once full of that rosin, it settled, and set up. It was harder than steel.

And I thought, "That's it, Lord. Get a good open hearted person and pour in the pitch, which was the Holy Ghost, into the believer with the Holy Ghost and fire, until they're so soaked full, they're not theirselves anymore." Then she can blunt the waves. Bump against the logs, and knock them out of the way, keep going on. Hallelujah. The only thing that can stand the judgments today is a born again Christian, filled with the Holy Ghost. God het the Spirit of God, and poured it out upon them, and soaked His whole being full. Amen. I like that.

Then he can really shove out into the devil's territory without looking right or left. Amen. That's what the believer is. He's soft-hearted and God just pours him full of Divine love, that he can brace the Divine judgments that's sent of God.



**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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September 13



*Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence. (Matthew 19:13-15)*



If a person must have the Holy Ghost to be converted and to go in the rapture, what will be the state of children that have died before the years of accountability? And when will they rise?

Now, my brother, sister, I cannot tell you that. There's no Scripture on it in the Bible as I can find anywhere. But I can express my thoughts. Now, this'll strengthen you that believes in grace of God. You see, the person wants to know (which is a very good question. See?) what will happen to a baby, that if he has to have the Holy Ghost in order to go in the rapture. As I have said, that's right. That's according to the Bible. That's the teaching of the Scripture. Not to go to heaven, because the Holy Ghost filled people is the first resurrection the Elect and the rest of the dead live not for a thousand years. After the millennium, then the second resurrection, the great white throne judgment. See? That's exactly Bible order.

But this person wants to know what about these babies. In other words, did they have the Holy Ghost before they were born? Did they receive it? Now, that I cannot tell you. But now, let us say like this. We know that babies that die, regardless of their parent, they are saved. Now, I disagree with the school of prophets on that. They said if it died with a parent that was sinful, that that baby would go to hell, rot away;

there'd be no more to it. Well, John said when Jesus come, "Behold the Lamb of God that take away the sin of the world." And if that baby was a human being, which would have to come under the judgments of God, and Jesus died to take away the sin, all sin was expelled before God when Jesus died for that purpose. Your sins were forgiven. My sins were forgiven. And the only way that you can ever be forgiven is to accept His pardon. Now, the baby cannot accept its pardon, so it hasn't done nothing. It hasn't done nothing at all. So it is absolutely freely to go to heaven.

But you will say, "Will they go in the rapture?" Now, this is my own word; this is my thought now. I can't prove this by the Bible. But look. If God before the foundation of the world knew every human being would ever be on earth, do you believe that? He knowed every gnat, every flea, every fly; He knowed everything that would ever be on the earth. If He snowed that.

Look. Let's take for instance, Moses. When Moses was born, he was a prophet. God told Jeremiah, "Before you was even formed in your mother's womb, before you was ever formed in her womb, I knew you, and sanctified you, and ordained you a prophet to the nations, John the Baptist, 712 years before he was born, Isaiah saw him in a vision, said, "He's the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

The predestination or the foreknowledge of God knows all about the little babies (See?), what they were to do. And He knowed they would die. He knowed. Nothing can happen without God knowing about it.

( Questions And Answers On The Holy Ghost  
December 19, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17**



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September 14



*And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. (Matthew 19:16-22)*



Now, we realize that everything that has a beginning has an end. And there's only one thing that never had a beginning, and that was God. And when the Bible speaks there (I don't think I'm misquoting it, before a Greek scholar, and a Greek man.), the word "Zoe" means "God's own Life." Then if we have Eternal Life, the Greek word "Zoe" means that we have part of God's own Life, because we become a part of Him. We are a son and daughter of His. Then we have Eternal Life, and that doesn't die. You have Eternal Life.

There's only one form of Eternal Life, and that's God. God is eternal. He never did begin, He never can end. And the only way we can be eternal with Him is to come part of Him. The only way I become a Branham was because I become part of a Branham. Only way I become the human race is be one of them. And the only way

that I can be a son of God is become part of God. Then I have to be borned of His Spirit. Amen. That's it. Sell all your denominational creeds and invest in Eternal Life.

Businessmen, businesswomen, you see through the Scripture, many others have been running through your mind, as you know, I have a way of knowing it, of other things. Sell all your creeds, and all your denominations, and come find Life. You're invited this morning to come. Don't turn away like he did. He was a very foolish businessman. So don't be like him. Be like Paul. Sell all your popularity out. He said, "I never come to you with the great swelling words of my education, 'cause if I did..." Then you'd trust in his ability, in his education. "But I come to you in the power and manifestations of the Holy Ghost, that your faith might rest in Christ."

May I say it this way: I didn't come representing an organization. I didn't come as a scholar. My words are chopped up. Many of you good people who got education might not even understand, it's so chopped up. But I come to you in the power of the Spirit, in the demonstration of the Holy Ghost which God vindicating His Word, that your faith will not rest in what man does, but what God has promised.

( Investments  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:18-23**



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September 15



*Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:23-26)*



Sometime ago, I talked to an old man down at Corydon, Indiana. He told me about when the capitol was in Corydon, and how he said how he went in a ox cart down to hear the governor speak. And he and the governor was the only two that had two piece suit on. Said that he raised the sheep and sheared them, and washed their wool, his sisters spun it and made him a coat to go with his trousers. And the old fellow setting there, then of about eighty-five or ninety years old, pulled his beard like that, and he

said, "Billy, that's when Amerikee was Amerikee."

I looked at the old fellow, and I thought, "Boy, a lot of these young ones wouldn't believe it, but you're telling the truth."

What happened to Israel after all this godly background? They begin to get carefree. They begin to get to a place where they, well, they didn't care what went on. They begin to go get slack in their worship to God, although they held a form of religion just like we have. They had a form of godliness. But they begin to get free with their people, and they begin to bring in different heresies in their church. The worship of

Balaam begin to creep in, and Israel become pleasure mad, drunk, and such things as that, and finally brought in a leader who didn't know God: Ahab, who succeeded his father. And his father was a ungodly man, rich man, but an ungodly man. And he done all the sins, more than anyone before him ever done. But Israel in their drunken stupor, they put a man in like that, and put him on the throne to be a ruler over them. They thought it was all right, just like a lot of Americans do today, "He's a good politician, so what difference does it make? It won't make any difference, because he's a good politician."

A lot of Americans, too many of them has sold out their birthrights as an American, and say, "What difference does it make, as long as you can get a few extra dollars from the government and live?" They sold out to their belly, and to the lusts and crave of a sinful world, and forgot the very thing that we landed on Plymouth Rock for. They forgot our heritage and went and sold out to the pleasure-mad crowds. As it was in the days of Israel, so has it been; America's took that same road, right down the same path: pleasure.

( Jezebel Religion  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 10:23-27, Luke 18:24-27



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*Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. (Matthew 19:27-30)*



The old colored man, here sometime ago, he'd got saved in an old camp meeting, and so he went back over to where the old colored folks down in the south used to go down there to hymn singings at night.

So the next morning he was telling all the slaves that he was free. Yep. So the boss heard him say that, so he said, "What's this, Sambo? You said you was free?"

"Yep."

Said, "Come on over to the office, and I want to talk to you awhile."

So he went over to the office and he said, "Sam, I heard you said you was free." Said, "You know you're my slave." And he said, "Yes, sir, boss. I know that," but said, "last night the Lord Jesus set me free from the penalty of sin and death." He said, "I'm free, boss. The Lord saved me."



He said, "You really mean that?"

He said, "Yes, sir. I do."

And he said, "If you wasn't a slave what would you do?" He said, "I'd spend the rest of my time telling my brethren."

Said, "All right. If you go with me down to court this morning, I'm going to sign the ticket, the emancipation proclamation. I'm going to set you free to preach the Gospel to your brethren."

After he preached for many years, his death come to him. He was laying sick to die, and a lot of his white brethren come in to look at him. So they looked at him, and he was laying like he was in a coma.

After while he woke up, and looked around, and seen them all, and said, "Well, haven't I went over yet?" He said, "I was dreaming or something that I just got in the door. They said to me, 'Now, Sam, come on. I want you to put on your robe and your crown.' Said, 'Don't talk to me about robes and crown.' Said, 'Just let me stand and look at Him a thousand years now.'" I think that's just about the way we all feel, isn't it? We don't want no crowns, no great things. Only thing I want to do is just look at Him. That's all. If I could just look at His face, that would pay me for every effort, just to look upon Him, and see Him. So I'm trusting, believing, hoping, trying my best to someday I'll get to see Him.

( Led By The Spirit Of God  
July 23, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:28-31, Luke 18:28-30**





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*For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive. (Matthew 20:1-7)*



Now, what is the Seal of the living God? Oh, if that ain't a big dispute in the world today. Some say it's keeping the sabbath day, and some says it's for doing this and that. But the Bible said the Holy Spirit is the Seal of God. Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." See? All right. It's the Holy Spirit.

Then what come? Now, look. Oh, when I think of this, my heart jumps. Now, He said, "Hold the four winds until (in other words) we seal the servants of our God in their forehead (The servants, the Jews)." John turned and said, "I seen a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed away." Now, the winds all started in, and they would've covered the earth and the battle of Armageddon would've took place in the First World War.

Jesus talked about the people that. He said, "Some come in at one hour, and another hour, and there was eleventh-hour people, the eleventh-hour people." Now, you who are spiritual, read between the lines, 'cause I got to jump here and hurry. Now, look. "Come in, the eleventh-hour people." Now, the first come in and received a penny, and the next come in and received a penny, and the eleventh-hour people got the same penny that they did at the first. Is that right?

Now, watch, the Jew is the milepost we're following him now. Now, when the First World War come, it took every Jew; they scattered to all the nations. Like the first Scripture that today was asked, how He would scattered them among all nations; there they all are. And here come the winds coming into Jerusalem, everywhere, a world war.

And He said, "Hold. Stop it, until we have seal the servants of our God." Other words, "We're ganging them in from all the nations, everywhere, bringing them in, 'cause we got to get them right in here to seal that hundred and forty-four thousand. Hold it."

And the World War I stopped on the eleventh month of the year, the eleventh day in the month, the eleventh hour in the day, that the eleventh-hour people could come in, the last call for the Jew. And he's going to receive the same baptism of the Holy Ghost that they got back at the beginning back yonder at Pentecost, be baptized the same way, and everything, the eleventh-hour people moving in.

( Questions And Answers #1  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 20:1-16**



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September 18



*And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again. (Matthew 20:17-19)*



Now, you trinitarian brethren, I'm not wanting to hurt you, but how in the name of the good Word of God could you ever place Jesus being a separate person from God Himself? If Jesus could take another person and make Him go and die to redeem this person here, He would be an unjust being. There's only one way that God could ever do it, would be take the place Himself. And God became flesh that He might taste the pains of death, to take the sting and death away from us, that we might be redeemed by His own. That's why He will be so worshipped.

Jesus was a man, sure He was. He was a man, m-a-n, borned in the virgin Mary. But the Spirit that was in Him was God without measure. In Him dwelled the fulness of the Godhead bodily. He was Jehovah-Jireh; He was Jehovah-Rapha; He was

Jehovah-Manasses; He was Jehovah, our Shield, our Buckler, our Healer; He was Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End; He was the First, the Last; He Was, Which Is, and Shall Come; the Root and Offspring of David, the Morning Star, why, He was All-in-all. In Him dwelt the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And death always had a stinger, that it stung people.

"Ah" the devil says, "I got you, because you listened to me. Sting you, I'll put you in

the grave. That sheep's blood can't help you any, that's just an animal's blood." But God, in His wisdom, knewed that there would be a Lamb coming, slain from the foundation of the world. Yes, sir. And He waited for that time, for the fulness of time to come.

But one day when this Lamb come, this Man, Satan was even fooled. He looked around Him; he said, "If thou be the son of God, do this. If thou be the son of God, perform a miracle and let me see you do it. Let me see you do it. Uh-huh, I'll tie a rag around His face, smite you. If you're a prophet, tell us who hit you. Hmm. I don't believe you're the guy. If you are, tell us straightly: you are, or you aren't." See, all like that. "Oh, tell us you are." He opened not His mouth. Oh, oh, did He pull the wool over his eyes then.

He looked around to the disciple and said, "I could speak to My Father and He'd send Me a twelve legions of Angels." Pilate didn't hear that, you know. If thou be... If thou be... Oh, that ain't him. Why, look at him bleeding. Hey, some of you soldiers go over there and spit in his face. Spit, mocked Him, pulled handfuls of beard out of His face. "Oh, he ain't, naw, that ain't him. I'll anchor my stinger in him, boy. I'll get him up there. I got you now." When He last cry,

"Eli, Eli. My God, My God,"

That was a man.

"Why hast Thou forsaken Me?"

In the Garden of Gethsemane, the anointing left Him, you know, He had to die as a sinner. He died a sinner, you know that; not His sins, but mine and yours. That's where that love come in, how He took mine. Oh, hallelujah, how He took mine.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 10:32-34, Luke 18:31-34



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*Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. (Matthew 20:20-23)*



Jesus never failed. He did just exactly what He was commissioned to do. And He come to establish a Kingdom, and He did it. The Kingdom of God comes into the heart by the power of the Holy Ghost. Brings God's Spirit upon anointed church to perform signs and wonders as He did, to prove that Messiah is King of His Kingdom. Amen. I feel like shouting a little bit myself now.

Oh, when there's so many people with a card out, "Come join us, come join this, and come join this," and, "We got the biggest; we got this; we got the most expensive." What difference does that make? All of that is folly and will perish. But the Kingdom of God is established in the heart and soul of a man by a revelation of Jesus Christ. And He said, "Upon this rock I'll build My church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it." Upon this revelation, and to have a revelation you become a believer, and believing, these signs shall follow them that believe.



You see what Messiah is? Messiah is the Kingdom of God, anointed ones, them anointed with the same Spirit He was anointed with. One said to him one day, "Will my sons set at the right and left hand?"

He said, "Can you drink the cup that I drink? Can you be baptized with the baptism that I'm baptized with?" She said, "Yea."

And He said, "You will. But the Kingdom, to sit right and left hand is not Mine to give."

So it showed that we could drink the same cup of persecution, be called Beelzebub or whatever it might be, and still be baptized with the same Spirit He's baptized with. So if He was called Messiah, which He was, because He was anointed with that Holy Spirit. And any church that's anointed with the same Holy Spirit is a Messiahette, a littler, smaller, god. And someday when this body is resurrected, I hope beforehand that God can get a hold of a bunch of people that'll manifest His power in every dimension that it's supposed to be in.

( The Messiah  
January 17, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:35-40**



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*And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:24-28)*



I've had the privilege in my life, of meeting great men. And it's remarkable to notice just how vice versa things can be. I've met men that was great men, and then I've met men that thought they were great men. And there's certainly a lot of difference in them. A great man will always not be a stuffed shirt, but he will try to make you think that you're the great man and he's nothing.

And the man that isn't nothing and trying to be great, it's just the other way. And that's the reason I know that Jesus was the Son of God. He came to the earth without even having a place to be born. He had to borrow a womb. He had to borrow a manger. He had to come in through a borrowed womb, and went out through a borrowed grave. "The foxes has dens, and the birds of the air has nests, but the Son of man has not where to lay His head." Yet, the King of glory, the God of heaven made flesh and dwelt among us, that's what made Him big. That's what made Him what He was, by His humility.

Humility, the way down is always the way up. "He that will humble himself, God will

exalt. He that exalteth himself shall be abased." The way down is the way up for the believer, humble himself before God.

Jesus met with men of all walks of life. He met in great circles. One time He was with thousands, five hundred at once, twelve at once, three at once, and even will come to one. That makes Him great, because not even one person can ever call on Him but what He will be right there at their side. That's what makes Him God is because of His humility.

( **Hear Ye Him**  
**August 6, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 10:41-45**



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September 21



*And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way. (Mark 10:46-52)*



Action, your faith put in action. What good's it going to do you to read of a historical God if He isn't the same God today? What good's it going to do to read about old George Washington if he's dead and gone? It's just a history fact. But Jesus raised from the dead, and He's the same today.

What good does it do to paint fire to a freezing man? Show him a picture of a nice big warm fire and the man's a freezing; that's something that was. That's what people are trying to keep you alive by today. No wonder we got a failure in America of religion. No wonder the magazine says the spiritual on-go is a burst. Is because that they failed to represent the right thing to them. They're trying to teach them of a historical God. But what we need today is a God resurrected from the dead and on hand right now to

do whatever He promised He would do to confirm His Word. And we need delegates out there in the audience who's willing to rest their soul on any Word that God said and put it to action. Amen.

That's what we need today. That's what we need is men and women who stand up to the forefront there and call the devil a liar, and say, "Jesus Christ stripped you and robbed you of every right you had, and I'm in Christ Jesus, and the world belongs to me." Amen. Right.

What good does it do to have a bird to have wings as long as you've got him in a cage? He can't fly, he don't need no wings. If you got him in a cage. That's the way a lot of these people are. They're in a cage, taught the days of miracles is past, "Oh, there's a God, oh, yes we believe that Jesus was His Son; I've accepted Him as personal Saviour. But I tell you all those things is back there in the old days, they're past. The days of miracles is past." What good's your wings going to do you? What good's your faith going to do you, if you can't turn it loose? What good's your faith going to do if you can't put it in action? Certainly, if I believe Jesus lives today, I'll put it in action. Amen.

He lives today; He's the same Jesus; certainly He is. If the blind Bartimaeus could trust Him, I can to. If the woman with the blood issue could touch His garment, I can to. For He's open and willing; He's begging and accepting. "Whosoever will, let him come and drink from the Waters of Life freely." What we need today's a revival of that type.

( Faith In Action  
October 3, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 20:29-34, Luke 18:35-43**





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September 22



*And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. (Luke 19:1-5)*



You can never get a true look at Jesus Christ and ever remain the same. There's something about Him that's different from all other men. When you ever hear Him speak, you'll be like the Roman soldier, "Never a man spoke like this." The priest spoke of something. Man's still got the same nature. We have it today. Man is always praising God for what He did do, and looking forward for what He will do, and ignoring what He is doing. That's just the nature of man. It's always been that nature. But a man once look Jesus Christ, he'll never be the same, can see Him manifested.

That's the reason when you're sealed with the Holy Ghost, the seal is on both sides of the paper, both coming and going. They can see the walk, the talk, the Life of Christ reflecting in His people. That was His purpose of death, that the church might continue His work. But we've conglomerated it up in a bunch of everything.

Now we notice, as He started going on, walking down the street, Zacchaeus raises his leaf a little higher. He wants to get a real good look at Him as He passes. Now, he's

all covered over, camouflaged real good. And after while he has to raise like this to look. Jesus was coming right beneath him. Just as He passed by, Jesus stopped, looked up, said, "Zacchaeus, make haste. Come down out of the tree. I'm going home with you for dinner today." What a difference. He knew that was a Prophet that the Lord God had raised up, not only knowed He was in the tree, but knowed what his name was.

The Bible said, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the sunder the marrow of the bone, and a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among them. And we beheld Him, the only Begotten of the Father."

There He was, the Word of God manifested to this Zacchaeus. Down out of the tree he come, quickly, to repent. Zacchaeus, businessman here tonight, remember you cannot hide under fig leaves. He knows just exactly where you're setting. He knows you. He knows who you are. He knows your name, He knows why you're here. He knows all about it. That's right. And we who have met Him, and know Him, and become His disciples, we know what He is and what He does for the people. We know that He remains the same.

Zacchaeus come down in a penitent attitude. He said, "Lord, if I have cheated any man, I'll pay it back. I'll take my money; I'll give to the poor." See, he'd already found that Pearl of great price. He'd found something that was more than his business. Something in all men tries to achieve something. But if you lose Eternal Life, what all your achievement done for you? The greatest treasure that a man can find is to find release.

( **Zacchaeus, The Businessman**  
**January 21, 1963** )



~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 19:1-10**



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*And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. (Luke 19:11-14)*



Notice. Because that He made Himself God (and He was God.): "and we will not have him rule over us." But now, the same old cry comes again. "That Bible was written by man," they say. "We don't have to live by that." That's God's Word; it's God Himself.

I was talking to a man yesterday, said, "Well, some man might've wrote that Bible."

I said, "Yes, there was. We know Him as God." It was wrote in four thousand years apart almost, the Scriptures, back from Job, all the way to the New Testament, and wrote hundreds and hundreds of years apart, and was wrote by different men, and them not knowing the other, in different parts of the country, and not one word of it will condemn the other. I dare anybody to come under the Blood of Jesus Christ and claim any promise in There. God's obligated to take care of it. But they won't do it. They'll come, say, "Oh, Lord, I want to do something. Give me a great gift. Hallelujah, Lord. Glory to God. I believe I got it. Hallelujah." It'll never work. You might bring forth a lot of psychology, but it won't work. God's got to recognize that

repentance; God's got to do that. We could say a lot along that line, but I hope you're understanding.

Look. But now they won't have the Word rule over them. I say, "Every one of you return back; you're baptized wrong. You're baptized in the Catholic church."

"Who are you to tell us that?" It's not me; it's the Word. "But I tell you; we believe— " I don't care what you believe; it's what the Bible says. "Well, we don't have to live by that." You do do it, or you're under the judgment of this Bible, for, "Whosoever shall take one word out of it or add one to it, the same will be taken out of, the part, of the Book of Life"; let him be minister, clergyman, or whoever he is. You've got to come under the rulership of this Word, for it is God. The Bible says it's God. "We won't have it rule over us." They take their creeds, and denominations, and their little petty things that they believe in and has been adopted by councils of men, and take it instead of God's Word.

( **The Indictment**  
**63-0707M** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 19:11-28**



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September 24



*Then Jesus six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. (John 12:1-8)*



A minister was telling me not long ago, said he was leaving the city in his car, and they was poor people, like really Holy Ghost preachers usually are. So he had his stuff packed up in the back of the car, and he was moving out. His name was Vance, Levi Vance. He'd been healed of a cancer. He was setting on a curb; the hospital had turned him out to die. And a kind woman come along and told him, if he'd come up and be prayed for, he'd be healed."

He said, "I'm a Jew." Said, "I don't care what you are, Jesus was too." And 'course she told him a little error. She said, "The blood of a Jew that saved us." It wasn't the blood of a Jew. It was the Blood of God that saved us, not the blood of a Jew. He wasn't no man's Blood. He was the creative Blood of Jehovah God, Who created the Blood cell. He wasn't neither Jew not Gentile by Blood. He was God. God's Blood

saved us.

He went home and he begin to pray over it, think about what to do. And he was studying about it and he heard about the meeting. And he looked around towards the bathroom, there hung a light, hanging there, and a voice spoke, said, "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him."

He was prayed for that night in the city where he was. He went home. They thought they had the Salvation Army on the back of the streetcar. He had his hat on his cane, going up and down the aisles, just a screaming at the top of his voice. And, my, he really was a minister.

He said that when he was leaving the city, his wife said,

"Levi, I want a drink."

Said, "Well," said, "all right. You want me to stop here."

Said, "No, wait till you get to the next hydrant."

Said, "Honey, here's a hydrant."

Said, "Well, wait. We'll find another one." Come on, till after awhile they got out of town. She got so thirsty, she couldn't hardly stand it. Happened to look way back out in a field, where there was a bunch of cows, there was a pump. Said, "You've got to stop." So he stopped and grabbed the cup. And 'fore he could get the car stopped hardly, nearly, she was out and across the fence. She was really wanting a drink then, got to pressing. Whenever you really get to pressing, that's when God comes on the scene, the desperate hour.

( Witnesses  
March 3, 1954 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** John 11:55-12:11, Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9



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September 25



*And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. (Matthew 21:1-11)*



I'm going into the wilderness, and I mean to stay there, because I way down in my soul, I feel that I need a closer walk with God than what I'm on. I try to walk right before Him. But I want a closer walk with Him. While the Branham Tabernacle's having a revival, I want one myself. I just don't want it to happen in the building; I want it to happen in me. I want a closer walk. I want more of the Holy Spirit in me to reflect Christ in me. I want to be like Him. I know that every true Christian wants to be like Him. That's my heart's desire: to be like Jesus. Well, He is the example of what I want to be. And look. It'll take the Holy Ghost to do that. That's the only thing

can do it.

I'm not interested in seminaries, and what somebody's got to tell me. I don't care about kissing crucifix, or pulling through your heart, or saying prayers to the dead. I'm interested in one thing; that's more of the Holy Spirit to take over William Branham. I'm not interested in joining a greater church than what I belong to. I belong to the real Church of the living God, the Firstborn. I was borned into it. And I want more of the Holy Ghost in my life to reflect Christ, Who I love. I don't care what plane or level I have to come onto to get it. I don't care if I have to go here, go there, be called fanatic, holy-roller, or whatever it may be, I want more of His life to be reflected. I'm not interested in the plane I have to come on; I'm interested in the Holy Ghost, so I can be more of a servant like He was. He was the Lord's Servant.

Never come to be ministered to, but to minister to. He took the place of a servant. And if the King of heaven could do that, and we're the members of His body, let's all be likewise. Not be different, but humble ourselves in His Presence. No matter what the world's got to say or the intellectual people; think nothing about that. Just receive more of the Holy Ghost and be like Jesus: humble, meekly, lowly. Take His place, and He will take yours at the judgment.

( Images Of Christ  
May 25, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-44, John 12:12-19





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September 26



*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. (John 12:20-25)*



People refuse the new birth. They don't like the thoughts of being borned again. And some of the modern teachers teach, the new birth is to walk up and take fellowship with the church; that's the new birth. That's wrong.

The new birth is a birth, just what it says it is. It's being borned again. Any man knows that any birth is a mess. Let it be in a barnyard, let it be on a hay stack, let it be in a decorated hospital room. Wherever it is, it's a mess, any birth. And the new birth is no difference. It's a mess. When a man is borned again, He makes him do things he wouldn't think he was going to do. It might make you squall, and boo-hoo, and carry on. It might make you do things that you didn't think you would do, but it brings new life. That's the main thing, is new life.

I don't care what level I have to meet it on; I want new birth and new life. I don't care we're classed as a holy-roller or whatever it is; I want new life. And new life can only come when death comes to the believer or the unbeliever.

Now, we take a grain of corn, put it in the ground. It may be a pretty grain of corn, all polished up, looks real nice. But as long as it remains in that condition, that's all it'll ever be, a pretty grain of corn. Sometimes we join church, lot of pretty things in it, and so forth. Maybe we try to pretty ourself up to go to church, get a new something another to wear to church. Is that all church means to you? Then I'm persuaded you need a new birth. It's exactly right. That grain of corn will never produce any new life until the old grain rots away from it.

And a person at the altar can't get down there, and kneel down, and get up, and say, "Well, I've got new birth." You have to stay there until all of your thoughts of your own self and all your worldly things has rottened away from you: dead, and rotten, and gone from you. Then new birth takes place. Oh, you might slobber and jabber, and slobber like a horse eating clover. But you'll come up from there in a new condition with a new birth, and something in you that's alive, and made you something different than what you was.

When new birth comes in, it cannot come until there's a death first. And people don't want to die. They don't want the simple leadings of the Holy Spirit. They want to take their own thinking of it. You can't think your thoughts. You got to think His thoughts. "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you." Amen. He thinks God's thoughts, brings God's blessings, God's power to you. And it'll make a mess out of you, as far as the world is concerned, but it'll bring new life. It'll bring resurrecting life. It'll bring new thoughts. It'll bring a new person. It'll bring a new faith. It'll bring you from death unto life.

( **Balm In Gilead**  
**November 24, 1959** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : John 12:20-36**





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September 27



*And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever. And his disciples heard it. (Mark 11:12-14)*



In the Church of the living God this morning lays the power to heal all sickness. In the Church of the living God lays power to overcome all temptation. In the possession of the Church of the living God this morning lays the power to change sin and throw it away, and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. In the Church of Jesus Christ "Whatsoever you desire, ask in My Name and it shall be given to you. A little while and the world (not seed, the unregenerated seed) will see Me no more. Yet you'll see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." What? The Royal Seed. "The works that I do, shall you do also. I'll verify Myself that I'm with you, for these signs shall follow them that believe." He shall possess the seed of his enemy. His seed shall possess the gate of his enemy. No matter what the gate is, if it's sickness, temptations, sin, whatever gate it is, it's conquered. And the seed of Abraham possess it.

Aren't you happy this morning to know that we stand now more than a conqueror, more than a conqueror. Oh, there's nothing to fight about. The fight's over; the whistle's blowed; the flag's rose; and in the midst of every sin pile, every midst of every sick room, is the old rugged cross planted by the Blood of Jesus Christ, a Conqueror. Only thing we do is believe, look and live. "I'll be with you;" I'll prove.

People come in the last days, and say, 'Oh, well, that was.' But I'll be with you, and the very things that I did here on earth, I'll be in you doing the very same thing. Then you'll know. They'll see Me. My people will see Me.

The seed of Abraham will see Me. They'll know Me; they'll recognize Me. The others will call Me Beelzebub just like they have done, but you shall know Me, for I'll be with you. You'll see Me, see with your eyes. You'll see Me, for I'll be with you, even to the end of the world. The very same things that I do, he that believeth on Me the works that I do shall he do also."

( Possessing The Enemy's Gates  
November 8, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 21:18-19**



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September 28



*And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves. And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine. (Mark 11:15-18)*



There you are. Let down the bars somewhere, and you're feeding in that blessed holy place in your heart. You've brought the unclean vessel of the devil into there where the vessels of the Lord should've been, where the fruits of righteousness ought to be with peace, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness. It's selfishness, greed, denominational barriers, fighting one another, and that's the reason you're wearing earrings and short hair and manicure over your face and all kinds of things like that. That's the reason. That's what done it.

Where we at now? You know it's the Truth. What we need today is not a new church. What we need today is not a new evangelist. What we need today is the old time Saint Paul's revival and the Holy Ghost, and a house cleaning all the way from the pulpit to the janitor. That's right. Swept out! Cleaned out! Somebody stand up there will tell you the truth whether it cuts or whether it doesn't. That's right. God's Word, sharper than a two-edged sword, a discernor of the thoughts of the mind, Hebrews 4 says so.

But what happened? Then the devil tries to satisfy that thirst for you. "Well, John's got a better job. Bless God. We've went and left that old holy-roller church and we went over to this one." See where you went?

All right then. Here's another thing. The devil try to satisfy it with television, with drinking, with gambling, with wearing ungodly clothes, selfishness.

And I went into a church here not long ago. They wanted me to hold a revival. And the preacher actually had to let loose after about twenty minutes of sermon and let all the deacons go out and smoke cigarettes. Brother, there we had a revival one night, and the next night I was throwed out. But they heard about it anyhow. The blood's off of my hands. What do you think Christ would do if He was on earth today? He'd break more than a couple of ropes together to beat them out: "Make My house a den of thieves."

( Life  
May 19, 1958 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 21:12-13, Luke 19:45-48



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September 29



*And when even was come, he went out of the city. And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:19-26)*



There is so many people today who says that the Holy Spirit is not real today. While tens of thousands of them, and millions, are saying it's not so, there's that many enjoying the blessings of it. Mostly are poor people, people who's been dejected and rejected by the world, people who's been throwed out of churches because that they believed God to be God; but they have been filled with His Spirit. They are one in purpose; they're one in heart. Who are those people? Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterian, Catholic, Jehovah Witness, orthodox Jew, all together, they become one. Not one to a creed, not one to a denomination, that's the working of the devil through intellectual conceptions, but the working of the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God in you. And God sets on the throne of your heart in His control room, controlling your emotions, and controlling your powers, controlling your conceptions, and



making you one with Him in fellowship and in love. And God fills you with love. He fills you with power. He fills you with the Spirit. He fills you with His own Divine Nature, and He changes your carnal nature into His Nature. Then, in this, you become a new creation in Christ.

Then the love, you go out and seemingly the birds sing different, everything's different. You have no enemies; they all look sweet. You can forgive everything that's ever been done. The bitterest of enemy, you could pray for him on the street, put your arm around him and lift him up; no matter what creed, what denomination he belongs to, he's a creature who Christ died for. That's what God wants you filled with. That's the filling. That's the Kingdom. That's what we're one in.

( The Unity Of One God In The One Church  
58-1221E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 21:14-17,19-22**



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September 30



*And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders, And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things. (Mark 11:27-33)*



I wasn't saved twenty years ago; I was saved nineteen hundred years ago. But twenty years ago I received it and accepted it. If it hadn't, the first sin I done, God would've wiped me off the face of the earth; 'cause He said He would, and He has to keep His promise. I was healed nineteen hundred years ago, but I've got to accept it.

And the only thing that kept me from being saved when I was twelve years old, because a spirit hung over me, a devil, saying, "Wait a little while longer." That's the reason you wasn't saved when you become the age of accountability. A spirit, you got with a crowd, and that hovered over you and kept hanging over you. You wanted to do right. But there's not a man that's got his right mind but what wants to do right, but there's something won't let you do right. Is that right? That's the devil. Hallelujah. Christ paid your healing and your salvation.

Now, here it is. You get ready. He commissioned His Church to cast them devils out. There you are. "In My Name they shall cast out devils. You ain't going to heal nobody, but you're going to cast the devil away from them so they can accept the healing I've already done." That's right.

Preachers stood on the platform and preached the Gospel, devils scatter. The man come to the altar under conviction, say, "I want to get saved." He never saved the man; he cast out the devil (That's right.), and the man got saved. He come, accepted his salvation.

The same thing by Divine healing. You sick people here this morning, believe that, and have been born again, and are sons and daughters of God, Christ has already healed you. The only thing keeps you from being well this morning is a spirit hanging over you that won't fully let you go out yonder and believe God's promise that He's done it. That's right. Now, that's my commission. That's what God gave me; it's what He give every Gospel preacher who'll believe Him: the power and authority to break that spirit.

( **Believing God**  
**February 24, 1952** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 21:23-27, Luke 20:1-8**



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October 1



*But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him. (Matthew 21:28-32)*



What if your heart was far enough away from God till you didn't even have a desire to do what was right. Then you're in a bad shape. See, you can grieve His Spirit too many times and it'll go away, you never have no more desire no more. God keeps talking to you, you say, "Well, I really ought to. The next revival I'll straighten up; before I die I'll make it right. I intend to really be filled with the Holy Ghost 'fore I die. I want to be living a sweet consecrated life, hid away with God. And when He knocks at my heart's door I want to be just ready to open my arms and say, 'Yes, Lord Jesus.'" Well, why don't you do it now?

You know at that time you might not be able to do it. I'm forty-six years old, and I've been in the ministry twenty-three years, and I've seen some horrible sights, and many times over the world, to watch and see people dying in all kind of a state. And I've watched them who thought they were real genuine Christians, but when they come time to die, oh, my, that camera turned, and they see them things coming up, that they

had had a form of godliness and denied the power, and got away from God. They hadn't lived that life at all. And they scream and holler. And hypos can't stop it. That's right.

So be sure, friends; don't play with this; this is the Gospel. See? Don't just say, "Well, I believe I'll join church." There's thousands of people joins churches that'll never be in heaven. I preached here some time ago on the disappointments at the judgment. I said the bootlegger, and the gambler, and the prostitute, and so forth, they won't be surprised; they know what's coming to them. But what's going to be the surprise, is those fellow who thinks he's right and not. That's when you see your name is not on the Book; that's when it's going to be hard, when you think that you are a Christian, when you're not. "There's a way that seemeth right." You believe intellectually that you are right. You've done the things that you thought was right; you've been good; you've been kind. Naaman was the same type. Many others of the Scripture we could call now.

That isn't it friends, what I'm trying to say, the church of today: Instead of wallowing around out there in justification and laying here on the altar, they ought to be in here consecrated. The time of miracles is at hand. The time of healings, the time of great things is at hand. But where is the church to receive it? See what I mean? We play with it. We tamper with it. And just petty around with it, and never get right into it.

Oh brother, real predominating faith walks right in and takes its place.

( **Hidden Life With Christ**  
**56-0213** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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October 2



*Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet. (Matthew 21:42-46)*



Now, notice this, when God so desired to introduce His Son to the world, He presented Him as a Lamb, a beast, a animal. Could you imagine that? That God speaking of His Son, and introduce Him as a Lamb, a sheep, young sheep? Wonder why He did that?

And God, when He introduced Himself to the world, was in the form of a Dove, a bird, the Fowl of heaven. Now, here's to my opinion. The lamb is the most meekest and gentlest of all the beasts there is on earth. There's nothing any more gentler than a lamb.

And God likened us unto His sheep. The reason, one thing, I've raised sheep and they're not self-sustaining. They cannot take care of themselves. If a sheep gets lost, he's just done, that's all. He can never find his way back. He's totally helpless and lost. And he will stand right there and bleat till the wolf takes him or he will die

standing there. He's lost and he's all turned around. He doesn't know which way to go; he can't guide himself.

And that's just exactly what the human race is. We are absolutely, totally lost and we're not sufficient in ourselves. We've got to have the Shepherd to lead us and to guide us. We are lost without it.

We cannot save ourselves. No matter how good your program may be. No matter what kind of a motive you have towards that program, what is your alternatives, or how great your church is, that's all fine, nothing against it; but without the Shepherd, you're lost and you're only fighting the wind. True.

You must have the Shepherd.

And the church is wonderful, every denomination. But without the Shepherd of the flock, you're just building your church in vain. You're rejecting the very Cornerstone.

The builders, when they built the old church, they hauled it down to Joppa by ox cart and floated it in in different ways and the cedars of Lebanon. And when they went to put the temple together, they found a freak stone. It didn't look right. So they kicked it out over into the weed pile. And they went laying the block. But they kept laying, and they couldn't find a stone to fit this place. And finally, come to find out that the very stone they had rejected was the chief cornerstone.

And friends, today we have some of the smartest and the best scholars in our pulpits that we've ever had. We have some of the finest buildings that the church has ever known of having. We've got some of the richest people in the church that we've ever known to have. And yet, friends, we wonder why God's program doesn't go on? They've rejected the chief Cornerstone, Christ.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 21:33-46, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19





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October 3



*And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. (Matthew 22:1-10)*



Now, what a beautiful thing it is that God is setting a day that when He is going to have a great supper set, to a celebration for His Son the Lord Jesus Who has pleased Him in every way. And God the Father is inviting those who He chooses. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father invites him first." That right? "No man can come to Me except he has an invitation from My Father." See, the King has to give the invitation. And you tonight that's had that invitation, how happy you ought to be.

I tell you, I'm not a politician, but I think that Eisenhower's been one of the greatest

presidents since Lincoln. I like him. He's a real gentleman. If President Eisenhower would invite some people to come to a great dinner that he was going to give, or a great supper, oh you would swell out. You'd want everybody to know. You would, by no means, turn that back and write, "Void, wrong address," and send it back. Why, you wouldn't do that. You'd be, as the old street expression is, if you'll excuse it, "crowing about it," showing everybody. "See, the President invited me." Well sure, you ought to be happy about it.

How much more should you be "crowing about it," as we call it, if God invited you to the wedding supper of His Son.

How much more have you got to be thankful for. Now, Mr. Eisenhower, a great a man as he is, it would be an honor to set at the table with Eisenhower. But how much greater honor would it be to set with the Son of God. What a honor that would be, the wedding supper of His son.

How I would like to tell everybody that I had been invited to Eisenhower's supper. Why, I'd be happy. But how much more happier am I to know I'm invited to God's Son's supper. Amen. The wedding supper of His Son. And going to have a part of it too when we get there, going to be included in it. Our name's already on the register. Watch? "Those who He foreknew, He has justified: those who he has justified, he hath (already, past tense) glorified." That's what the Scripture says.

What you scared about then, see, if your name is written there? Seek out your own salvation. But if it's written there you'll be there, don't worry. Be sure it's there though.

( A Wedding Supper  
October 6, 1956 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 4



*And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:11-14)*



And in the parable of the one who climbed up and was at the wedding supper without a garment on, was found guilty, and bound and cast out into outer darkness. Only one Way coming to the wedding supper. I believe I preached on it here not long ago. When a man gets married in the old country, he has to give the invitations himself; he has to furnish the robes himself.

So when he met this man there, him setting at the supper table. (How many remembers the parable? Sure, you that read the Bible,) and he found a man at the supper table without a wedding garment on.

What is it? The Bridegroom stands at the door and all comes up with an invitation. "No man can come to the Father except by Me. All the Father has given Me, or invited, will come to Me." Here they come, give their invitation, the bridegroom, so that everybody will look alike. That's one thing about good, old-time, Holy Ghost religion, it makes them all look alike. Whether they're rich or poor, bond or free, black or white, male or female, they're all one in Christ Jesus. And the bridegroom stood at the door and received the invitation, put the robe around this fellow, so the

rich and poor all looked alike. That's the way it is in the Kingdom of God; there's no big guys and little guys; they're all one guy, all one in Christ.

Now, what do you think when the Bridegroom come back and found a man setting there without a wedding garment on? Said, "Friend, how'd you get in here?" And he stood speechless; it showed that he come some other way besides the Door. He come in a window; he come in a back door. And He called him a friend: showed he was a church member, "Friend, how did you get in here without a garment on?" Now, Jesus said this Himself. And He calls in the porter; He said, "Bind him foot and hand." And he was cast out into outer darkness where there'll be weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. That's Christ's own Words. Right, "He was cast out." Because it proved, without the wedding garment, he come some other way besides the Door. If he'd have come by the Door, he would receive the wedding garment.

Oh, listen to this. Then if the wedding garment is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, how are we going to be represented any other way? If the first church age had to come by the Door, Christ Jesus, be baptized into the Name of Jesus Christ, receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, to put on the wedding garment, how we coming any other way? If you come by the Methodists, by the Baptists, or by the Pentecostals, or any other denomination, you will be bound and cast out into outer darkness. You've got to come by Christ Jesus, the Way, the Door, the Truth, the Life. Amen.

( Revelation, Chapter Four #1  
December 31, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 5



*Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. When they had heard these words, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way. (Matthew 22:15-22)*



This great day that we're living where there is so much pressure, everything seems to be pressurized. Such a hard time, everybody's hurrying just as fast as they can go, down the street at ninety miles an hour through every speed zone. If it's twenty, they go ninety anyhow. Shouldn't do that, Christians shouldn't. They must give Caesar what's Caesar's; God, what's God's. But here we go, just as hard as we can.

And we're so nervous. I don't believe real Christians do this, but many of them just light one cigarette after another. What's the matter? You think that helps you? It only makes you more nervous. But you do it. The doctors will write articles, and put them in the magazines, and said, "Cancer by the carload," telling you how danger it is to smoke them. But you do it anyhow. What's the matter? You're trying to let off the

pressure. We find people drink. Get out, run around, carouse around, and then try to drink it off. I guess they think that's the thing they should do. That don't let off the pressure; that builds up the pressure, going at the wrong thing, wrong way.

Then they'll go out and do everything they can, whether it's right or wrong, and sin and try to hide from it, and think you're doing something great. What you trying to do? You're trying to hide from something. You know you're wrong. No man can do wrong but what he knows he's doing wrong. Very nature in him, though he be a fallen man, he's a fallen son of God.

There's something in him that tells him that it's wrong.

No man can run with another man's wife without he knows it's wrong. No man can get drunk 'less he knows it's wrong. No woman can wear immoral clothes but what she knows it's wrong. You can't do those things. But what do you do? You're trying to let off a pressure, all twisted up, wound up. It's just simply a neurotic age that we're living in. It's the time that we're living: pressure.

( Letting Off The Pressure  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 12:13-17, Luke 20:20-26**



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October 6



*The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him, Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother: Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine. (Matthew 22:23-33)*



You know, time just gets away from us, doesn't it? We just don't have time look like anymore to do things. And time is not waiting for no one. So we must work while we can, because the hour's coming when this generation will go, and there'll be another generation coming, if there is another generation. Truthfully, I say it with all my heart, I don't know when He's coming; none of us does; but truly I don't believe there will be another generation. I believe Christ will come in this generation. I'm don't know what time now; it may be tonight, or it may be ten years from now, or twenty, but I believe He'll be in this generation. I'm believing that. If He doesn't, I want to live just like He was anyhow; 'cause I know that it may be my last day or



your last day.

And then, remember, if we go before He comes, we will be raised before the others are changed. "The trumpet of the Lord shall sound, the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which alive and remain shall be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, and be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air." Look at the order of the resurrection. See, God knows that we long to see our loved ones. And if we got there to meet Him first, we'd be looking around to see if mother or dad and the rest of them was there. But see how, the Holy Spirit in His wisdom? We meet one another first, and then when we get there and sing "Amazing Grace," that's when there's going to be a time of worship. You think I act funny now, watch me up there. It's going to be a wonderful time for me and all of us when we get there.

( **Jehovah-Jireh #1**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 12:18-27, Luke 20:27-40**



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October 7



*But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:34-40)*



I was telling my wife the other day how much I loved her. So, I don't guess she wants me to talk about this. But I do it in private so I guess I can do it in public right now. I was telling her how much I loved her, and how I always have loved her since the first beginning.

I said, "It don't make any difference..."

"Oh, Bill." She said, talking about how fat she was getting and her hair turning gray.

I said, "Honey, you could be that wide and no hair, I'd still love you just the same." See? Because it has to be something there that you have to meet that you love somebody.

This is for you young girls that's not married (See?), and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or whether she's pretty or not pretty. That doesn't matter.

But you love them just the same. Now, you'd better watch, kinda hold around close there, because you're getting close to home there.

A marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be successful. They'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say.

Friends, a conversion, outside of the same thing, won't last either. It won't. When you go to church, and you say, "Well, I'm going to join church, and I'm going to be baptized." If that isn't coming from a heart of love to God yonder, it'll never go nowhere. All you'll do is join church and be baptized.

But when you're converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband. You accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith. I don't know, just something about you, you just got something that anchors you there.

( Thy House  
August 8, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 12:28-34**



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October 8



*While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions. (Matthew 22:41-46)*



There came a sound (not from a seminary) but from heaven, like a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were setting. And that big Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel, the ancient Israel, through Israel separated itself, and tongues of fire set upon each of them, God dividing Himself in the Church: one to be prophet, one to be apostle, one to speak with tongues, the other to do something else, God dividing Himself.

One God worked in three offices: one God called the Fatherhood. The same God lived in a Man called Jesus, called the Son. Now, He is in His Church called the Holy Ghost. Divided Himself in His universal Body. Hallelujah. The mystical Body of Jesus Christ that's borned of the Spirit of God. Therefore as it was said by our rabbi brother this morning, our beloved one, about unity together. We are not divided. The devil tries to divide us by his mechanical divisiveness by saying, "I belong to the Assemblies. I belong to the Oneness. I belong to this. I belong to that." But we are not divided. God gives them the Holy Ghost who obeys Him and both sides has received the Holy Ghost; who obeyed Him? We are not divided: all one Body are we. That's

our conference purpose. We are not divided. We are one Body.

The Holy Ghost, God dividing Himself, making sons and daughters, setting upon, that Pillar of Fire divided itself, and a Tongue of Fire set upon each one of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and begin to speak with other tongues as the Spirit of God give them utterance.

There were dwelling in Jerusalem bishops, archbishops, popes, and so forth, great men, all nations under heaven, and when the counsel come together, and they said, "Why, these men are all full of new wine."

Peter stood up in the midst of them and said, "These are not drunk, as you suppose they are, seeing this is the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken of by the prophet, Joel. (Joel 2:28) "And it shall come to pass in the last days. (Last days plural, two days, last two thousand years) saith God, 'I'll pour out My Spirit upon all flesh (Jew, Gentile, Greek, bond, or free, male or female) I'll pour out My Spirit upon all flesh and they shall prophesy, My sons and daughters. I'll show signs in the heavens above and in the earth below, Pillars of Fire and vapors of smoke.'"

"Let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, for David said the Lord said unto my lord, 'Set thou on my right hand. I'll make the enemies footstool. Moreover my flesh shall rest in hope because I'll not leave my soul in hell. Neither will he suffer His holy One to see corruption.' Let me speak to you of the patriarch David, for he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us this day. David is both dead and buried (and told them of what they'd done), but said, 'This same Jesus who you have crucified by wicked hands, God has made Him both Lord and Christ.'" Amen.

( Conference  
November 25, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 12:35-37, Luke 20:41-44**



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October 9



*Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matthew 23:1-12)*



That's what I've always said to these Full Gospel Business Men, "Don't you never try to be preachers." The preachers has a hard enough time to keep the thing straight. And then we're doing a very poor job out of it and then especially take a businessman that's not even called to the work at all. See, when you do that, you're stepping beyond your boundaries.

And you might take a lesson for this. There's many people out, even in the pulpit tonight, preaching, that oughtn't to be there, because it's more of a meal ticket, or to be popular amongst the people, or to have a little more than someone else has got, or

have a few praise for somebody patting you on the back, or something. See, sometimes they become a priest.

Jesus said, "You devour widows' houses, and desire the high seats, and for a showing, make long prayers." He said, "You'll just receive that much more damnation for it." See? We mustn't never get to that place. We must always remember that God wants us to be humble. The way up is down. Humble yourself, and you're exalted. And if you exalt yourself, you will be brought to abased.

Now, we find out that [Uzziah] tried to take the place of a minister, which he was not qualified. Yet, God blessed him, he was a great man. He had strengthened his kingdom against all the nations of the world. They were bringing in glory and giving it to him, and sheep and cattle. And he had herdsmen, and vineyard dressers, and, oh, everything. He was living in luxury, then he begin to come puffed up.

We find out that even a church, a local church can be humble and have a little place serving the Lord with trueness of heart; and let them get just a little better, somebody help them and they get a fine church, or they'll try to make it a little better than the one down on the corner, and then the congregation walks around with their chest out. See, we must remember, that's the wrong thing.

God told Israel, "I found you in the field, you were bloody," and the condition it was in, "and then when you become fed up, and got prettied up, then it..." she turned her back on God, and played the part of a prostitute, and invited everybody to see her. And we see that God isn't pleased with that at all.

( Influence  
63-0803E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 12:38-40, Luke 20:45-47**



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October 10



*But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. (Matthew 23:13-15)*



Our American people, for instance, in Hollywood, when I get over there, you find so many people over there that's a actors. They stay before the camera so much, till when they get on the street, they're acting some person or personality of some day gone by. And they get on the street; they find themselves still acting: Pharisee. And it's not only in Hollywood. We have it in Jeffersonville. You're looking at too many televisions. That's what's the matter. That's right. That's right. Actors, Pharisee, trying to act like something that you're not, putting on. You don't only find it around on the streets. You find it in the pulpit. You get fellows go in the pulpit; they get a pulpit voice, "Well, I tell you, brethren," a pulpit voice, acting. Pharisee, hypocrite: talk like you do on the street. Don't try to put on something. I hate to see anybody trying to put on something.

A lot of the sisters, sometimes, you know, they, like the men, they put on; go up to their house and hear them say, "John, get over there in the corner. I told you you wasn't going."

"Yes, my dear."

The phone rings. "Oh, hello..." Pharisee, you actor; quit acting like that. Be yourself. Act normal, natural; people will think more of you. Don't try to act like somebody else; you're not. Just be yourself.

But all that put on, Pharisee, acting like somebody else when you're not. I don't like that. You never know how to take a fellow like that. You don't know where you're standing with him. He don't know where he's standing himself, 'cause he's one in his heart, and something else in his mouth; so he's an actor. I just don't like it. It just seems to be too much of something that's not right, putting on. But American people let the little girls go out here and see some of these women from Hollywood, put on some kind of a vulgar dress. First thing you know, here she is out on the street, same thing on: actors, Pharisee. That's right.

Then you see somebody, a minister, go across the country with a ministry. You find out, here comes some Pharisee actors, putting on, impersonation. It lays in every walk of life: actors. It's too bad. Why don't you just be yourself? God will think more of you. Everybody knows what you are anyhow. You're life speaks what you are, so don't act.

( The Unwelcomed Christ  
September 11, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 11



*Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (Matthew 23:16-23)*



There's one thing to teach something, there's another thing for God to confirm it and say it's the truth. There's one thing to say something; it's another thing to do something. It's not hearers; it's doers. "Show me your faith without your works, and I'll show you my faith," said Paul, "by my works." If you believe it, you'll act upon it. That's it. And then your faith becomes works and God can go with you then. "We know that you're a teacher come from God," we Pharisees. "Well, why don't you come and join with me then. Why don't you believe me?"

"Well, of course, we have regulation. And our regulation is a tradition of the elders which says if you don't belong to the Sanhedrin or the denomination here at

Jerusalem, why, we'll all be excommunicated. And therefore we can't accept it." And yet, was willing to admit that no man could do the things that He did except God be with Him. Why? God is proving His Gospel. God's always did it.

Now, my clergy brethren and Sunday school teachers, let us reason for a minute. Did you know religion is one thing and salvation is another? Did you know it come up from Genesis? Do you realize that Cain was a religious man, just as religious as Abel was? He came before the Lord. He realized that he was mortal: he had to die. And he built an altar unto the Lord, a church. He brought in and made a sacrifice to the Lord. He paid his tithings and his offerings, as it were, to the Lord. And besides that, he knelt down and worshipped the Lord.

So if belonging to church, and supporting the church, and bringing in your tithes and offering, and kneeling down and worshipping, is all that God requires a man to do, then He would be unjust to condemn Cain, because Cain done every bit of the religion that Abel did. But the only way that Abel was just, it was a spiritual revelation that it wasn't by works, it was by faith. "Not him that worketh, but him that believeth." And not apples, and peaches, and pears, or the fruits of the land that brought us out of the garden of Eden, but it was the blood.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
August 6, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 12



*Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (Matthew 23:24-28)*



Did you ever take the crow and the dove? In the ark they both sit on the same roost. One could fly just the same place as the other, but the crow was satisfied when she turned loose, went out and fly from one old dead carcass to another where the bugs and things was eating, there she'd eat on that; it was all right. But the dove couldn't find no rest for her feet. She had to come back. She couldn't stand that old stink.

You know, a crow is one of the biggest hypocrites there is. You take a dove, will fly down in a field of wheat and eat wheat. A crow can fly on an old dead carcass and eat his belly full and come over here and eat wheat too. But the dove cannot come from the wheat field to the dead carcass. No, sir. Anything sickening is a hypocrite. I'd rather be an infidel anytime. But an old hypocrite will go to church, and stick their nose up in the air, and act like they're somebody, take off for the things of the world and say, "Well, my pastor's broader minded than your narrow minded pastor." You poor, decrepit I don't know what. You need an old fashion pastor that'll shake your

hair for you, that'll tell you the truth.

Jezebel hated her pastor. Her pastor was Elijah, but he told her what was going to happen. She had to listen anyhow. She wouldn't accept him as the pastor, but God sent him as the pastor. He was God's pastor.

Now, watch what happened. The crow, reason he can eat, he can digest anything. But the dove is made up different. It's a different makeup. A dove doesn't have any gall. It couldn't digest it. And a borned again Christian cannot eat the things of the world. He doesn't have any gall anymore. It would kill him. You won't see the dove eating dinner with the crow as long as he's on that dead carcass.

"Oh, I just went with them down to the pool room. I didn't think there was any harm." The Holy Ghost teaches you better than that. And then the devil wants to satisfy that. You say, "I'm religious. I joined a church." That don't have one thing to do with it. The devil tries to satisfy that thirst that you have in your heart for God to let you join a church. That's as big a lie as he could get you to believe. Joining church don't have one thing to do with it. You could join every church in this town and go to hell like a martin to its box. You could belong to every one of them.

Except you're borned again, except something's happened here that changes your whole appetites of the things of the world. All your love and devotion, everything's give to Christ. Then's when you're coming along. You can tell when your spirit bears record with His Spirit, your life copes with it.

( Life  
May 19, 1958 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 13



*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (Matthew 23:29-33)*



Now, look in the days of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Why didn't those people recognize John, when the Bible plainly said by Isaiah, "There will be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord'"? Their last prophet they had, which was Malachi 3, said, "Behold, I send My messenger before My face to prepare the way." Why didn't they see it? Because they was looking upon something that had been done, basing their thoughts upon some message that had went forth beforehand, and failed to see the present manifestation of God in the day they were living.

And Christians, everywhere, that's exactly where the world stands tonight. Without contradiction, that's the truth. Christians, everywhere, are trying to look back to some code of ethics that Mr. Luther wrote, or Mr. Wesley, Sankey, Finney, Knox, Calvin, which none of us can speak evil of, but that was in a day past.

The Pharisees looked back to see what Moses said, and they said, "We have Moses. We don't know whence Thou comest."



But remember, when Moses was here, they didn't know whence he cometh. See? No wonder Jesus said to them, "You garnish the tombs of the prophets, and you are the one that put them in there." A message goes through, the people see it, they make fun of it (the world does). And then after the messenger is finished and the message is done, then they build a denomination upon the message. And there they die right there, never come to life again.

Look just a moment, to some of you people, and especially I speak to you Catholic people. Do you realize, have you ever read the actual history, the history of the Roman Catholic church? How that on your martyrology, since Saint Augustine of Hippo, how many million innocent people that the church put to death? I forget, can't call the exact number, but it's up in the millions, since Saint Augustine of Hippo, Africa, made it a declaration that it was absolutely the will of God to put anybody to death that protests the Roman Catholic church. Do you realize that in that, that Saint Patrick was never recognized till after his death, as a Roman Catholic? He protested the pope and all of his doings, and the Catholic church itself killed tens of thousands of his children. Did you know that the Catholic church burnt Joan of Arc, that little sainted woman, to the stake. Said she was a witch. Two hundred years later, dug up the bodies of the priests, when they found out that it was wrong, and cast them into the sea, without burying them in the sacred ground, to do penance.

Don't let the day pass over your head and be foolish.

( Events Made Clear By Prophecy  
65-0801E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 14



*Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. (Matthew 23:34-39)*



Now, before judgment can strike, mercy comes first. If you spurn mercy there's only one thing left; that's judgment. Judgment follows mercy after its been spurned. They spurned Christ; judgment followed. They spurned the prophets; judgment followed. And as much as it hurts me, as an American citizen, I must say that this nation has spurned mercy. So it's ready for God's Divine judgment. Look what's gone through this nation, all kinds of things, great man like I just spoke of a few minutes ago, Charles Fuller, Billy Graham, Jack Schuller, Oral Roberts, Tommy Hicks, T. L. Osborn; great men has crossed this nation shaking it; and it continually wades in sin, blindly moving right on. Some of them will be influenced by the ministry of these great men and will come in and join church and go right out and live the same way they always lived. When you profess the Name of Jesus Christ, abstain from all sin. "Let every man that names the Name of Jesus Christ," the Scripture says,

"depart from sin." But what do we do?

What is sin? Unbelief. There's only one sin, unbelief. You commit adultery, you smoke cigarettes, you curse, you drink, because you're an unbeliever. If you was a believer you wouldn't do that. Them things are attributes of unbelief. A true believer is soundly, solid based on Christ, and there's nothing will shake him. But because that you're wavering, pulling off to one side, that's the reason you have these things happen in your life. True unadulterated faith will hold you safely against the cross. It will.

Now, He upbraided them and told them, because that they did this, He begin to say (And I'm coming down to my text now.), that the queen of the south should rise and condemn the generation. They had told Him that He was Beelzebub just a few verses behind this. And He'd rebuked them for their unbelief. He had told them that they'd had a day that they'd spurned.

He said once, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you as a hen does her brood, but you would not." Now, you're left. And I believe that the great Holy Spirit in the hearts of men and women in America who are Christians, can feel it crying, "Great America, America, how oft would I have given you a revival. How oft I would've gathered you together, but you would not. You love the things of the world more than you love the things of God, so there you are." Then there's nothing left but Divine judgment will have to fall, separation from God.

( The Queen Of Sheba  
February 19, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 15



*But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him. Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. (John 12:37-43)*



We must believe God. We must take Him at His word. We must not try to figure things out, but just whatever God says, the real true Spirit of God will punctuate every Word of God with an "Amen." The Holy Spirit wrote the Word. And if the Holy Spirit wrote the Word, and the Holy Spirit's in you, how can it say, "Well, that was for another age." How can it, when it says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever," and you try to place it off in some age back there, or some age to come?

Man is still the same. He's always thanking God for what He has done, looking forward for what He will do, and ignoring what He's doing. That's exactly man always. And he does the same thing today. That's a man. And you've got to get out of that.

You've got to let the mind that was in Christ be in you.

God dealing with man has always been in humility. He never does deal with men in great big theological terms. Tell me one time He ever did. He never does. He makes Hisself simple.

And man wants to make it complicated. He makes Hisself great by making Hisself humble.

Now, when a man gets a little bit of education, or a few degrees, he knows so much till you can't tell him nothing. But if be could just keep on getting great enough till he could make hisself little, till he knows nothing, then it'd be all right. But he can't get that big. See? He just can't get that big. And God is that big. He's so big till He can make Hisself humble. But we can't get big enough to make ourself humble. That's the difference. And so God hides Himself in humility and simplicity. And man-wisdom of the world looks right over the top of it. No wonder Isaiah said, "Who has believed our report? To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

Jesus said, "I thank Thee, Father of heaven, of earth, that You have hid this from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and will reveal it to babes such as will learn." Humility, simplicity, just watch how God makes Hisself simple.

( **God Hiding Himself In Simplicity**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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October 16



*Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. (John 12:44-50)*



They [Babylon] had the best scientists in the world. They had the best armies in the world. They had the best chariots in the world, the best trained men that there was. They was supreme. They were far above any of the rest of the nations. And really, the rest of the nations kindly looked up to them or bowed to them.

And when a nation gets in that condition, then they think they can just do what they want to and get by with it. But remember, no matter how high the walls is, God looks down from the heavens. And God hates sin. He loves the sinner, but He hates his works, sin.

And in this great city they had become very wicked.

They thought, "Well, we can just do anything that we wish to, because there's nothing can bother us. If that isn't just about the picture of our nation today, just spurning

God. Now, they spurned God's mercy back there also.

They had a prophet in that city by the name of Daniel.

And you could imagine a man of God seeing sin and devicedness as it was. He screamed out against it, but they just laughed at him as if to think, "That old fellow don't know what he's talking about." And so is it today, that our peoples of this day has become so unconcerned about God, till we feel that we can just live any way we want to and get by with it. But you can't do it; you'll never be able to do it. God will judge sin. Someone said to me sometime ago, said, "Preacher, our foundation of America was founded upon the reverence and the respects of our forefathers. They were religious men, therefore, God will protect this nation forever."

He will have no more respects for us than He did for Israel. Israel was His called and chosen people. And when they sowed, they reaped what they sowed. And that goes for individuals. No matter how holy, or church we claim to belong to, or how good we try to live, God is obligated to His Word, to judge us according to what He has said.

And I've made this statement. If this nation escapes judgment, God will be obligated to raise up Sodom and Gomorrah and apologize for sinking them and burning them up, for we are just as wicked as Sodom and Gomorrah ever was. And if He sunk Sodom and Gomorrah and burnt them up because of their sin, and He doesn't deal the same way with us, then He would be unjust and owe them an apology. God doesn't have to apologize to nobody or nothing. Sin will be judged, and it'll be punished, just as sure as there's a God Who can make judgment. And God's judgment is Holy, God is holy. And therefore, His judgments and His works must be just and holy, because it becomes a holy God for His works and His judgment.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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October 17



*And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living. (Mark 12:41-44)*



I make my salary from my church: one hundred dollars a week is what I get from my church. But the meeting has to be supported. And then the people along this time, you've got families and children. Many has been asking me, "Soon as you leave here, will you come to our church? You got a little time now." I'm going back to my Tabernacle for a little revival for them, just for them, on teaching how to receive the Holy Spirit and so forth. See, we're a Baptist background there, and so we want to get into the real thing with them.

So the reason I don't, because if I go into another meeting, mothers and daddies will take from their pocket to support the meeting, and maybe the little fellows would miss something at Christmas, and that'd make me feel awful bad. See? So I'll come back after Christmas, and then we'll start from there again. But just before Christmas, I like to leave it just everything.

And I wish I was financially able so that you wouldn't even have to never mention an offering. I did that one time by a great check that somebody was going to give me,

more than I thought that should be given, but I wouldn't accept it. And so the brother said, "Well, I'll tell you what I'll do, I'll just take the check, if you'll come and go to a meeting we won't take up one offering or anything."

I said, "That's fine; I'll do that." Said then, I did that and it was not a success. People has to have something in the meeting. See, it's their meeting. And they'd meet me on the street and ask me, "What's the matter with this meeting? We haven't got no part into it; they don't even take up an offering." So an offering is part of worship. That's right. I know more that than ever since the other day when I was going to give Hattie Wright back that twenty dollars that she'd pledged towards the new Tabernacle in Jeffersonville; the Lord said, "Just let her alone." And a few minutes later I see why He said let her alone.

I just made a promise in my heart I was never going to try to stop anybody that wanted to give something towards the Kingdom of God. I've did it a many times, turned it down just as fast as I could. And I've realized that I have robbed people by doing that, because God had a program for that or He wouldn't have put it. I don't believe in begging, no, sir. I don't believe in begging people, but just tell the people and let it be like that. God takes care of the rest of it. Don't you believe that? Sure, He does. He puts it upon the people's heart. But many times I think He's put it upon their hearts to do something, and then I've turned around and conflicted with that by saying, "No, I wouldn't take it, no, sir, won't do it." And I think about Jesus with that little widow putting in all her living, three pennies, and thousands of dollars the rich man had put in. But He never stopped her; He let her go right on, 'cause He knew what He was going to do for her.

( Jehovah Of Miracles  
November 26, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Luke 21:1-4**



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October 18



*And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:1-3)*



They asked Him three questions, and He answers them as they asked Him: three questions. See? First, "When will there be time one stone won't be left upon another?" and, "What will be the sign of Your coming?" and, "What is the end of the world?" Three questions, and He answers three questions. Great students today place that first question when He said, "Pray that your flight be not in the wintertime, nor on the sabbath day," they place that to a future date of the coming of the Lord at the end of the world.

That taken place in A.D. 70, when the great Roman soldier, or great army, Titus and his group come up there, the great general of Rome, besieged the walls as Jesus had foretold them. "And see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then let him which is in the field don't come back into the city again."

And some people try to support their doctrine upon that, that people will still be living in the sabbath hours, keeping the sabbath days, when He comes. Well, if the coming is universal, you couldn't be keeping the sabbath; for one side it's the sabbath day, and the next day is a day apast the sabbath. See, so it isn't. The sabbath keeping was

for a people in the wilderness, not for the universal church. See? And all these different things, they take those Scriptures without having the Holy Spirit to divide them rightly and show what they are.

But here's what Jesus was speaking to my most humble opinion, was that He said, that this generation, in other words, the generation that saw the fig tree putting forth his buds. See, He said here, "And when the fig tree is begin, is tender and putteth forth his branches, you say summer is nigh." Likewise (See?), when you see all these things, know the time, when you see all these three questions fulfilled, the time is at the door. That generation that sees the fig tree. And the fig tree is always Israel. And when Israel goes back to her homeland and becomes a nation, that generation will not pass away until these things are all fulfilled.

( His Unfailing Words Of Promise  
January 20, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:1-4, Luke 21:5-7**



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October 19



*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (Matthew 24:4-5)*

And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (Mark 13:5-6)

And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. (Luke 21:8)



We believe there's coming a day that when God will judge the world by Jesus Christ. Now, there has to be some standard, somewhere, that He has to judge by.

Well, because so many people today would say, even people say they are, "Christ," and, "I am Christ," and, "I am of Christ," and, "This denomination is of Christ, or, this denomination." It would be a bit confusing if there wasn't some standard.

Now, if I go ask the Catholic people in the building here tonight, "What do you think God will judge the world by?" They'd say, "Why, the standard of the Catholic church." I might ask about maybe some other denomination. Why, it would say, "Why, the standard of our church." They might not right out confess it, but our actions prove that's what we think. But then which church would be right? See, we wouldn't know where to go. And then it isn't by any certain group, any church, any

denomination. It's going to be by His Word. See, that's the standard.

See? For He had said in Saint John the 1st chapter, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," the same yesterday, today, and forever. So this is one thing that He can judge the world by, that all of us will have to answer to: this Book. And so I trust that God will open this Book this week to us in evangelistic messages, and in interpretations that He will give Himself of His Word, just the way it's written, and interpret it to us, and then show Himself alive here with us, to do that.

Now, there's many things that we can say. And men can say anything, I guess, they desire to say. But to God to say it, that makes it right. And then if God says it, and then comes back and proves that He did say it, then there's no question there.

( Sir, We Would See Jesus  
November 12, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 20



*And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (Matthew 24:6-7)*



They said, "What will be the sign of the coming of the end of the world?" And Jesus begin to speak to them, "The time will come when there will not be stone left upon the other. You shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, pestilence, earthquakes in divers places."

And the other day over in California, up in Oakland, when it was our privilege to be there in a meeting, and it was the first time that my wife had ever been in an earthquake. I was setting in the barber shop, the room shook just a little. And the radio quickly announced, "A earthquake was on." Said, "They're looking for another one in about eight minutes." And I thought, "Oh, what if this is the last one?"

I hurried from the barber shop, met my wife who was waiting on the street, walked into a little drugstore to get some little picture cards to send back to our loved ones. And while we were there, one of the most mysterious, funny feelings that man could ever feel, the whole earth begin to rock. The bottles begin to fall from the shelf, the flues begin to fall off the building, and into the street, overrun, the people screaming and crying as the plaster fell from the walls. And the big buildings with thirty and forty stories, rocked together until the smoke or dust from the mortar went up like great mushroom. And people begin to scream and run; I said, "That is the finger of



Almighty God, saying, "The handwriting's on the wall."

Jesus said, "When you hear of earthquakes in divers places." The earth split open down the highway for a long ways, about five foot, and went way down hundreds of feet in the earth. One place, the entire highway dropped in. And I thought as that split open, I could just almost see the finger of Almighty God, saying, "And there shall be earthquakes in divers places." While the day was going on, eight different earthquakes rocked that city. And beer joints stayed open, and drunks swarmed into the streets. And women walked the streets, half-dressed, and everything as if nothing had ever happened. People are so earthbound today till I don't know what it will take to shake this country. They just seem to be so unconcerned. They don't notice.

And one man even made a remark, as I heard him with my own eye, said, "Did you see what I did? I shook my fist. I am the superman."

And I thought, "Such blasphemy." I never thought so much of that as blasphemy as I did right here in our own city, as I was going out the highway last evening to Georgetown, as you cross the sections out here just before you hit the new highway coming forth. There was a great sign sticking up there, and it said, "He is risen, has Life." And the very next sign, them two alone, said, "Where there is Budweiser beer, there is life." I thought, "Such blasphemy." That's all there is to it. And the Bible said that, "Before the second coming of Christ, that men should be blasphemers, walking in their own ungodly lusts, truce-breakers and false accusers." How the world has become in such a delusion.

( The Second Coming Of The Lord  
April 17, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:7-8, Luke 21:9-10**





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October 21



*All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (Matthew 24:8-14)*



Look at the advancement in the scientific world. Now, I say this, not to scandalize, neither do I say it to hurt feelings; I only say it because it's the truth. But those kind of works comes from the other side. The sons of Cain become great builders and great scientists, to temper iron and metals, and build; and the great scientific world was a very religious world but come from Cain.

But the lineage that come from Seth were poor, humble peasant type who believed God. And when the prophet preached, they received it. When the supernatural was done, they received it. And when deliverance was offered, they received it, and the other side perished in the judgments of the Lord God.

They thought because they were smart, that they could just live with any woman they wished to. Because they were smart, they could drink and it was nobody's business. But God hates sin, and He will not let it go unjudged. And the very thing that destroyed the unbeliever, took the believer to safety. It was the waters of judgment

that destroyed the unbeliever, and it was the same waters that packed Noah to safety. And it's the Gospel message that will destroy the unbeliever, that'll take the Church in the rapture before the judgment ever strikes. They will be safely carried through.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And when this is done, then the end time shall be. When the Gospel has reached the world, our blessed Saviour said, "Then the end shall be." Now, He never said when you've passed tracts over the world, or when you sent Bibles over the world, or when you have sent missionaries over the world, but when this Gospel has been preached. What is the Gospel then? Paul said, "The Gospel came to us not in Word only, but through the power and the demonstrations of the Holy Spirit," the Holy Spirit making the Word manifest. For if you follow the very next verse, when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," to manifest Himself the same yesterday, today, and forever.

( The Called-Out  
January 9, 1958 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:9-13, Luke 21:10-19**



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October 22



*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Matthew 24:15-21)*



Now, you have to notice they asked Jesus three different questions in Matthew 24. He answered each one. That's the reason you get up to the Seventh Day Adventist with that, "Pray that your flight be not on the Sabbath day or wintertime." He was asked of them, "When will these things be? What will be the sign of the coming, end of the world?" And three different questions they asked Him. And He explained it just as they asked Him there. And it taken place; history shows it's right.

What difference would it make if your flight now, running from the city, would be on the Sabbath day? Then the gates of the city was closed on the Sabbath day. Showed it wasn't universal, 'cause be summertime in one place and winter another. "Pray that your flight not be in the wintertime, or on the Sabbath day." They were warned, said, "Let them that's in Jerusalem, flee unto Judaea." Judaea was snowbound in the wintertime. "Pray that your flight be not in the wintertime, neither on the Sabbath day."

But when Titus came up, and they seen. Jesus told them, when you see Jerusalem compassed about with armies, let him that's in the field, don't return to get his coat. But head for the hills of Judaea just as hard as you can go. Get out of there, because they're going to blaspheme the Holy Ghost. And if they blaspheme the Holy Ghost, they take the mark of the beast, and there's nothing but destruction left. Those Jews, when they seen trouble coming, they said, "Now, we will gather into the city, into the house of the Lord and pray." Doesn't that sound very religious, very sweet. Oh, Satan can make it look just so real. Sure.

But remember, Josephus said that those people that were cannibals, said, "there's a bunch that follow Jesus of Nazareth who went around healing the sick." Said, "Pilate killed Him, and they stole His body away, and set it out somewhere, and cut it up and eat it." They were cannibals. What they were doing, were taking communion, the body of the Lord. See? And he said, "None of them is lost, because they hit out for Judaea just as the Scripture told them to do, like Jesus had told them to do it." But those Jews, they all went into Jerusalem, and they said, "Now, we'll gather to the house of the Lord, and great Jehovah Who's always been with us, will come down, and He will drive away the armies of Titus; that's what He will do." But that did they do? They had sinned against the Holy Ghost. They'd make fun of the power of the Holy Ghost in operation.

( The Mark Of The Beast And The Seal Of God #1  
February 16, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:14-19, Luke 21:20-24**



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October 23



*And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. (Matthew 24:22)*

*And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. (Mark 13:20)*



Now, I do not like to call people's names, but I'm going to have to call somebody's name now. But I pray for the young man, and I pray all the time for him. But he is a instrument in the hands of the devil, and that is this man Elvis Presley. The people are gone boogie-woogie or rock-and-roll wild. The American people has gone. And they're trying by that same spirit, to get the thing into the church.

I like church music played like church music and not rock-and-roll in the church. But when they get these spirits, there's something behind this, and the devil puts hisself out a challenger. And it happens to be that this poor backslidden Pentecostal boy said, "The way he learned his maneuvers of jerking and shaking, he caught it and learned it in the church." He is a member of the First Assemblies of God of Memphis, Tennessee. His pastor's a friend of mine. And he is the devil's instrument of deluding and polluting the minds of these teen-agers. They just left a place in Canada, I think they sent fourteen young people to the insane asylum a few days after he was there. And all over the country.

But the people have gone wild, frantically. The reason they do that is because they don't know anything better. Oh, how I wish that they knowed the Lord Jesus. I do not condemn; I feel sorry for the mortal. And now, would not that even be appropriate in

the day that we live, that when things are going the way they are, and the idol of America is the hollywood glamor girl, when she sets the pace of all America. When they have her come out with her immoral dressings on and practically every woman in America will fashion after her.

Oh, how it came to me not long ago standing in Rome, when the newspapers give a headline of this woman that they had in the paper the other day was going to have a baby in Hollywood, a Roman. And they said in the paper, the newspaper, which my friend of Baron Von Blomberg could speak seven different languages and read the paper plainly, he said, "She may be a American goddess, but she's here a Roman prostitute."

What a disgrace. Now, they have to have things like that. That has to happen to cope with the spirit of the day. That's the reason that this church is coming in with the worship of Mary, of other women, and things. It's that same spirit under a religious head. And that's the reason they have to get your mind off the unadulterated Word of God to produce that program. Sure. Do you see the twist that we're in? Do you see the American youth, what condition it's in? That's men and women of tomorrow. No wonder Jesus said, "Except these days be shortened, no flesh would be saved."

( **God Keeps His Word**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**







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October 24



*Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. (Matthew 24:23-28)*



Notice, church is so carnal, feeds itself on worldly a-carrion, dead things of the world, just like the vulture does. Church politics, they don't let the Holy Ghost send a man to a church; they have to have a politics and see if the denomination's going to receive him or not. That's right. They like the world. They dress like the world. They look like the world. They act like the world. They're vultures like the world. They're lazy, soft, compromisers. That's all there is to it. Did you ever see a eagle compromise? No, sir. There's no compromising in him.

Neither does a genuine Christian. He ain't soft. He'll hunt till he finds it. Amen. Yes, sir. He'll find his meat. He wants fresh manna. He'll get down there an dig till he finds it. He'll fly higher and higher. If it's not in this valley, he'll raise a little higher. The higher you go, the more you can see. So it's time for the eagles of this day to get to flying higher; dig into God's promises, not live on vulture food that's been killed years ago. Get out of it.

Politics, voting in, voting out, saying this, that, or the other. And the Holy Spirit has no more right-of-way in the church than nothing. No more prayer meetings, no more agonizing with God to fulfill His Word. No more believing that the Word is still the same yesterday, today, and forever, they just vulturize down, got a denomination, put their name on the book, got lazy and soft, and sets back there gloating on some kind of dead a-carrion. And then supposed to be at least a hawk that's a similar brother to the eagle, the prophet that brought the true Word and manifested it.

Relies on half rotten, manmade theology. Where does he get it at? In some manmade Sunday school program sheet some educator killed for him back in some seminary, tell him that, "The days of miracles is passed; there was no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost; all this is nonsense." You mean to tell me that an eagle would eat that? He couldn't do it. No, sir. Neither will a Christian eat on that dead a-carrion from old denominational doctrines and things. They want the Word of God fresh, the promise of the hour.

God promised rabbits in the days of Luther. He promised other things in the days of others. But now He's promised us a full square meal, the full seven course menu, for all the Seven Seals are opened and everything is ready for the Word of God, for those who can receive.

( The Seed Is Not Heir With The Shuck  
February 18, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:21-23**



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October 25



*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*

*(Matthew 24:29-35)*



Now, God spoke of this day. And this day is one of the most outstanding days that the world has ever seen. It is one of the greatest times to preach the Gospel that the world has ever knowed.

Now, in the Old Testament there was about three ways of knowing the will of God. Of course, one the them was the written law; the next was by a prophet; the next was by a dreamer. And when a prophet prophesied or a dreamer dreamed, they let that speak before the Urim Thummim, and that was the breastplate that was on Aaron's breast. And in there was stones that represented each tribe. And if that prophet was right, or that dreamer was right, there come a sacred light over that breastplate, and was called Urim Thummim. And no matter how real it seemed, I want you to get it, no matter

how real it seemed, if those lights didn't flash on the Urim Thummim, God had refused the message. Any Bible scholar knows that.

The Urim Thummim has been done away with, 'cause that priesthood ended. But God's Urim Thummim today is God's Word. The Word is His Urim Thummim. Woe unto him that'll add or take away anything from this Book. This is God's eternal truth. And in the day where there's people saying, "Oh, we don't need the Bible. It's been translated fifteen times or more; how do we know its right?" Till heavens and earth passed away, God's Word will never pass away. Every doctrine and everything else of the Bible, that we have in the church, must be based upon the Word of God, must come from the Word. Not just one place, but from Genesis to Revelation it must say the same thing, 'cause we cannot base our thoughts upon one little Scripture. For the Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established." You could take one Scripture, fix it around. I can say in the Scripture, "Judas hung himself. You go do likewise." But that wouldn't be rightly dividing the Scripture. See, that was pertaining to Judas and not to you.

And now, we're starting tonight on two or three nights, if the Lord permits on, "God Keeps His Word." He's got to keep His Word. In order to be God, He has to stand behind everything He said in His Word. And that's exactly where my faith rests, is upon the spoken Word of God.

( Keeps His Word #1  
March 6, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 13:24-31, Luke 21:25-33



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October 26



*But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (Matthew 24:36-39)*



Now, I want you to notice a minute. When God made Adam and Eve and made the creation and everything, it was beautiful. Why, Adam had control of the powers of God. He could speak anything; it would obey him just exactly like it would God. He'd had a perfect fellowship with God, walked with Him, and talked with Him, and communed with Him. He had a fellowship.

Then when Eve sinned and they went out of the garden of Eden, they come on down and on down. And the world begin unfolding. And as it unfolded more and more, the first thing you know cities begin to build. That's one great sign of the end time. Our little city of Jeffersonville has raised from about fourteen thousand, just a little old river city, from fourteen thousand to around thirty something thousand in the last few years. They're tearing out all the farms and everything else and making housing projects. What's the matter? It's a sign of the end time. That's right.

In that day we find out that they begin to work with copper. They begin to work with metal. Look at today, even making ships and planes and everything else, metal workers. Great intelligence, a great time of school, great educational program just

before the end of the world. And Jesus Christ, when He was here on earth, said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man." Look at the world. I was talking to Mrs. Wood and Mr. Wood today while we were eating dinner, upon the divorce cases and things of the United States. We have the highest rate of divorces than all the world put together. We have more divorces.

Men, the Bible said would be marrying giving in marriage, eating, drinking, the morals and so forth that they'd have, how that they, marrying and giving in marriage, the Reno, Nevadas. Men go out and live with her, marry a girl, and take her for his wife, live with her for a few days. He don't like her; he kicks her off without the courts. Ungodly people give him a divorce and a license to marrying another. but God says that's wrong. That's right. But they do it.

Our civilization is crumbling. We see that. It's a sign, a post that we're at the end time.

( **The Junction Time**  
**January 22, 1956** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:32-33, Luke 21:34-36**



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October 27



*Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 24:40-51)*



Watch, "it'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one. There'll be two in the bed; I'll take one and leave one," showing that the coming of the Lord will not be just at any certain corner, but it'll be universal. One will be in the field working: daytime, the other one in the bed sleeping on the other side of the world. It'll be a universal rapture. And it'll come with the shout, with the voice of the Archangel. And the trump of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise. And she will be caught away secretly. Oh, I love that. The great Bridegroom coming, and the bride that got Herself ready, waiting for that secret moment that she doesn't even know

herself, but she's ready and dressed, and waiting for it.

We see sign posts in the world that she's ready for judgment. We see signs and wonders in the church, great things taking place. What kind of people should we be? Ready at the moment, for we don't know when He's coming. "Be ye also ready for you know not what minute or hour your Lord does come." Be ready, for you can't get ready then. For He said you could not.

How many of you, all perhaps, have read of the virgins? Some were wise and some were foolish. "Virgin" means "purity." They were all good people, everyone of them virgin, sanctified vessels of God. But those who had oil in their lamps went in. And the others was left out. They were all virgins, everyone people that you couldn't put your finger on for anything wrong. They everyone believed in the coming of the Lord. They were ready to go meet Him, but some of them let their oil go out.

Don't let that be your case. Keep oil in your lamp. Oil is the Spirit, the Holy Spirit. Never let it drain from you. When you feel your love dying away, your sincerity to Christ, and to the cause, quickly go to Him Who has the Fountain of Oil and buy for yourself a filling of the Holy Spirit.

Our nation gone, morally corrupted and ruined, our politics corrupted and gone, our leaders, O God, what could we do about it? You can put a good man in, and he comes out a crook. There's only One we can bring now, that's the Lord Jesus. Let's make ready for His coming.

( The Sudden, Secret Going Away Of The Church  
October 12, 1958 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 13:34-37**







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October 28



*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. (Matthew 25:1-13)*



Watch the ten virgins that went out. All of them virgins. Five of them were foolish; five had oil in their lamps. What is the Oil? The Holy Spirit. See? That's right. They were all virgins, lived good, clean lives.

You say, "Well, brother, I don't go to dances; I don't go to shows." That's just the moral things. Unless there has been a supernatural, not because you shouted, not because you spoke with tongues, not because you jumped up-and-down, not because you did this; but something supernatural has happened in here that's changed you and put you a sealed love in God. You're anchored. That's right.

"Why, you don't believe?" I believe in shouting; I believe in all these things, but that isn't the answer. The Methodists thought when they shouted they had it, but they found out they were wrong. A lot of them shouted and didn't have it. The Pentecost come along; they spoke in tongues; they said "We got her," but they found out they were wrong.

Many of them spoke in tongues had nothing. "Though I speak with tongue of men and Angels, and have not love, it profit me nothing." They didn't have it. That's right. That's the reason the whole world was deceived by it, and do the other thing. That isn't the answer. Not any fleshly demonstration or emotion, but something has happened in here that's changed your whole opinion, changed your whole nature, you are converted. Not you, but Christ has come into you and converted you. Your nature's dead of the old man, and you're borned again, and you're a new man.

( Israel And The Church #1  
March 25, 1953 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 29



*For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. (Matthew 25:14-23)*



When we come there to that great wedding supper, and we look across the table at one another, O God, just to slip a little handshake over while the tears of joy rolls down our cheeks. The King come out in His beauty and wipe all the tears from our eyes then and say, "Don't cry. It's all over now. There'll never be no more healing campaigns up here: no more tired restless nights, no more wheelchairs, graves, sickness." Oh, for that great day. And then You'll say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord." Oh, I long to hear that at that day, Father.

And now while we're here together, and all of us longing the same thing, make us true stewards. May we shape our lives by self control, that we'll know by the help of the Holy Spirit to have a full confidence that Jesus will say, "Well done, My good and faithful servant." at that day.

May we be upright, honest and true. May we be the kind of a Christian that would be a credit to any community. Grant it, Lord. May we be men and women such as You could lay Your hands upon and say, "My servant. Behold, this is My servant in whom I am delighted. I can send them; they'll go. They know how to speak and when to speak. And I can be with them." O Father, grant that blessing to every one of us.

( Testimony  
May 9, 1951 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 25:14-30**



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October 30



*Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. (Matthew 25:37-40)*



I just heard this told; I believe it. One hot afternoon down in Georgia, he was visiting with a druggist. The old druggist was a fine old Christian brother, full of the Spirit of God. And he said, "Come in and set down, and let's have a coke." They was setting there drinking their coke. He said, "I want to say something to you, and you perhaps will not believe this." "Well, let's hear it first," said the minister.

He said, "I have always tried to do my best for God." (He was a deacon in a church.) "I've always tried to live to my calling and do that which was right. I've never cheated anybody. I've always testified for my Lord everywhere I could. My drugs here, I've tried to carry the very highest class that could be bought. I've never overcharged anybody. I've tried to do everything was right, that I knowed how to do to serve the Lord." He said, "I'm going to tell you what happened. My son, who's studying to be a druggist too, to follow me, he was in the front of the building there one day. It was during the time of the depression. A little lady walked in to the door. You could see what her trouble was.

And she was to be a mother. And her husband, and both of them, poorly dressed, they

give the prescription over to my son, to have it filled, for the woman was in need of this certain thing that the doctor had prescribed for her. He said, 'This will be so much, such-and-such,' when the to-be father asked 'How much will it be?' 'So-and-so.' He said, 'Sir, I will not be able to get the prescription filled, because that I haven't any money.'"

""Well," he said, "my son said, 'Go right down the street there, just a half a block, or a block, and turn left, and you'll see where the place is where they have charity. And you go there to the county, and they will perhaps give you the money to have an order, that they'll pay for this prescription because the lady has to have the medicine right away.' He went out of the place." And said he listened to his son. "And something said, 'Oh, no, don't do that. That woman needs that.'" Said, he happened to think, ""That long line of people down there, it's hard for a well man to stand in the line, let alone a mother in that condition.' I said to my son, 'Go, call them; tell them to come back.' And I rushed to the door, and said, 'Come back. Come back.' They come back.

And I said to my son, 'Fill that. There's no charge.'" And said, "My son give me the prescription, and I went over and had it filled, and filled it up the best that I could, and brought it out to give to the lady, and tell her that. There would be no charges on this. That was all right, 'cause she was in need of it real bad, and I'd get by without the money for it." "I just started to lay the medicine in her hand. And when I did, I looked at the hand; it was scarred. I looked up, and I was putting it in Jesus' hand. I learned then that the Scriptures, what it meant, 'Insomuch as you've done unto the least of these, My little ones.'"

( Paradox  
December 10, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



## **Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 25:31-46**





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October 31



*And in the day time he was teaching in the temple; and at night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him. Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him; for they feared the people. Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray him unto them in the absence of the multitude. (Luke 21:37-22:6)*



Now, the make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can, but down in his heart he's trying to see how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the hypocrite. That's a Judas. That's exactly. Hangs around, becomes part of the group, he was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart— You remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus.

After the seventy left, and the believers made their stand, and He turned around to the believers; He said, "There's still something in you," for He said, "I've chose twelve, and one of you's a devil." Jesus knowed from the beginning. Why? He was the Word. He knowed the secret of the heart. How hard it was.

Stop a minute, think deep, long, straight. How hard it must've been on Him, walking right there, and a man calling Him, "Brother," and knowed all the time that that was the deceiver that was going to try to upset Him, and sell Him for thirty pieces of silver. How hard it was to hold it in His bosom, and His friend walking along there. He even said, "Friend (called Judas His friend), have not I been with you all this time?" and knowing in His heart, and couldn't say it. He knowed from the beginning who it was that would betray Him.

There's that make-believer that's just waiting. He'll sing like that, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know I heard somebody say so-and-so times." See, just long with ears.

A real believer don't hear nothing but the Word. That's all. He watches the Word. He ain't looking for no loopholes; he ain't looking for no gimmicks. He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer.

( **Three Kinds Of Believers**  
63-1124E )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16, Mark 14:1-2, 10-11



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November 1



*Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he shall shew you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover. (Luke 22:7-13)*



I noticed each one speaking of a fellowship. Now, what does man, and what do we come together, as we have many times, to fellowship together. What makes these breakfasts so impressive, as Brother duPlessis said a few moments ago? I'll agree with him, it's one of the most impressive times of my life, is to get with this bunch of mixed-up people of different denominations, and come together, and eat and fellowship, fellowship first.

And we notice eating is implied in fellowship. What do we have a breakfast? Why, don't we just meet and talk? But there's something about eating that brings a fellowship.

And now did you notice Jesus in the closing of His life's journey? He wanted a little time of fellowship with the disciples, so He called them apart, and set a table, and broke bread, and blessed it, and had eating. And the last supper was a fellowship with

His disciples, just before He crossed over into the other land to be our High Priest.

And I think today, as I look around and see rich men, poor men, all fellowshiping together, there's something about it we have on one common ground, that is Christian fellowship. And each man, maybe like the Brother that was talking that the Lord had blessed him with so much money. And the other people, maybe you think you don't have that much money, and you don't want to give your testimony, but God has give you something, it's like what Brother duPlessis said, that He hasn't give this man. It's altogether different.

( Fellowship  
60-0611B )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 26:17-19, Mark 14:12-16



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November 2



*And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. (Matthew 26:26-29)*



I would like to say this on communion. The reason today that the Catholic Church and the Protestant church can't merge together is on this very subject. The Catholic takes it as a mass, and he's hoping by some merit, legalistic, that he has done, and by keeping this order, that he will be forgiven of his sins. The Protestant takes it with thanksgiving that his sins is forgiven, because he has obeyed a commandment.

Now, the bread, the Catholic says that it is the literal body and this is the Scripture that they use from I Corinthians 11, Jesus said, "Take and eat: this is my body." The Protestant says it represents the body; the Catholic says it is the body, and that the priest has been given power of God to turn the wafer into the literal body of Christ.

Now, if you notice, Jesus' body had not yet been offered when He said, "This is My body." He broke the bread and said, "Take and eat. This is My body." His body had not yet been broken. So their own Scripture, their own thing they're using, brings condemnation upon their own doctrine. See? Jesus took the bread, and broke it, and give it to them, said, "This is My body: take and eat." And here He was standing here

in His body.

It hadn't never been broken yet. Anyhow, the Scriptures won't lie. They'll keep themselves clear at all times.

( **Ordination  
62-1104E** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, John 13:1



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November 3



*And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. (John 13:2-17)*



You hear where the church, yet (we do at our church) observe feet washing. Now, they say it's traditional, but yet it's commandment. They say they did it then as a tradition, and they did. But Jesus left it as an example. And then if He did, it's a

commandment.

The lowest paid man on the job was what they called the foot wash man. He was really just a flunky. He made the least money of any of them, because at the home he only washed the guests' feet when they come in.

Then I think of our Lord. Sometimes we think that we're somebody; when the God of heaven changed His cast from God to become man, and He took the position, not of the king, but a foot wash flunky to wash His disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded. Then if we don't have the highest honor when we're entertained, or going to be entertained-- We have to be noticed by everybody. Then I think about our Lord, how He give us example of taking the lowest place there was, to wash the feet of the guests.

( One Of The Meanest Men In Town  
61-0429B )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 22:24-27**





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November 4



*I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. (John 13:18-32)*



What if we tonight could call His arch enemy, Judas Iscariot? The very name Judas just makes us shiver. Now, the word "Judas" is not such a bad name, not up till that time, perhaps many little Jewish boys was named Judas. I don't know, but

perhaps come from the name of Judah, the tribe. But it was what Judas did that makes people fear and shake at the name of Judas.

What makes the name of Jesus so sacred? There was many little boys named Jesus. But it was what Jesus did and what He was, what makes His Name so reverent tonight, that all the family in heaven is named after Him. Not so much of what your name is, but what you are with your name.

Judas, if we could go down through the regions of the lost and the damned, if we could go to that wearisome place called hell, and could call that deceiving spirit of Judas Iscariot to this platform tonight, and would say, "Judas, what think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?"

I could imagine you could hear thirty pieces of silver rattle across the platform, and he'd say, "I have betrayed innocent Blood."

( What Think Ye Of Christ  
57-0303E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 26:20-25, Mark 14:17-21, Luke 22:21-23



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November 5



*Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough. (Luke 22:28-38)*



Jesus brought God to human lives. God was made human. When Jesus was born, God became man, that He might become fellowship with man and in man. To what? Achieve one purpose; that is, to bring to man what God is; not what a church is, but what God is. Jesus came that He might present God to man. And man didn't want it.

The Holy Spirit comes today in like manner to present God to man; but man wants to go to church. It drowns his thinking. He cannot fathom it. And we must learn that

God is not known by intellectual conception. God is known by the new birth, by the Holy Ghost, not by any other way. Jesus, the Bible has plainly quoted us that, "No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost." And if you've never received the Holy Ghost, you don't know that He is the Christ, for that's the only way He reveals Himself.

You're not converted until you receive the Holy Ghost. The Bible said so. After Peter had both been saved and sanctified, give power to cast out unclean spirits, and to preach the Gospel, Jesus plainly told him he was not converted, until he received the Holy Ghost. And He said, "After you're converted, then strengthen your brethren." That was on the night of the betrayal, that he was not yet converted. And no man is truly converted until he's been changed, and died to himself, and the Holy Spirit has control of that person. They don't want to do it.

Now, the Holy Spirit will not misbehave itself in one person, and behave itself in another. It'll make each person come into its character (See?), because it's a Spirit that leads you. It makes you subject to its nature. You don't bring it subject to your nature; it makes you subject to its nature. And the Holy Spirit makes you live and love to do it. Oh, how you love to give up the things of the world, when the Holy Spirit comes in. How it cleanses you and washes you, and puts a desire in you to follow Him, and a thirst, and a hunger for more of it, just bathing yourself. He brings realities.

( The Unfailing Realities Of The Living God  
June 26, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 26:31-35, Mark 14:27-31, John 13:33-38



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November 6



*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. (John 14:1-4)*



Every man in his own heart has ideas and so forth that he believes and holds sacred into his heart, his secrets between him and God, that no one else knows about but him and God alone. You know that. Every one of you believers know that. Just the believer and his Maker, alone.

I've never believed that heaven was a place where there's a bunch of buildings, where there's a bunch of houses up there made with mortar, daubed up with paper, paint on the wall. I've never believed that a supernatural being would have to live in a literal house. I believe, when Jesus spoke in John 14 said, "In My Father's house is many mansions," He meant, "a body, a dwelling place." For the Scriptures verify the same thing, they say, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." You see it?

Mortal beings is the only one who lives in mortal habitations. Immortal beings live in immortal habitations. And the place that we go into until we return back, is not a place of brick, mortar, and clay, or precious stones, or jewels. It's a place, a condition, that we move out of this dimension that we live, into another dimension. And it's a house, a tabernacle, a dwelling place.

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up in three days." And they thought He was speaking of the Solomon's temple, but He was speaking of His own body.

And He's gone to prepare a place for every believer, that the very moment we step out of these mortal regions, we don't go out into myth or some supernatural spirit, but we go into a tabernacle, a dwelling place. And that might be right here in this building this morning in a place that no other radio activity, or nothing can touch. It's there solely fixed by God alone.

Listen. Moses had been dead for eight hundred years.

Elijah had been translated for around six or seven hundred years. And there they stood on Mount Transfiguration, both of them in their mortal looks, talking to Jesus just before He went to Calvary. See what I mean? Then what am I trying to say, that we are looking at some mythical something, a way off out yonder, a hundred million years?

I got a revelation the other day, standing up there on Mount Palomar at the observatory, and seeing the time, the space over to Mars, and to the last continents and so forth, and light traveling at so many thousands miles per second. If an Angel started from the farthest star, and coming here, it would take him billions times billions times billions of years to get here. If he started from Mars and come here, flying at the speed of light. It would take him billions of years to get here.

I cannot believe that there is a house way out yonder. But I believe that that house that God was speaking of is right present here now, that that's the place where the mortal beings, when we cease to be mortal here, we step into immortality yonder, into a place.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham

( Fellowship By Redemption  
April 3, 1955 )





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November 7



*Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (John 14:5-14)*



Now, Divine healing is nothing that anyone can do. Divine healing is a act of faith in a finished work, that Christ finished at Calvary. No man has power to heal. Not even Jesus had power to heal. We all know that. He said, "It's not Me that doeth the works, it's My Father that dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." So if the Son of God had not power to heal at random, or in His ownself, "The Son can do nothing in Himself," He said. And if He did not take credit for healing the sick, then how much more should any man of this day, or any other day, abstain from honors from people saying that He heals the sick. It's absolutely an error. If I could heal you, I could save



you. Because it's in the same atonement that the finished work was completed at Calvary by our blessed Lord. And it's your personal faith in the finished work of Christ at Calvary, that brings both salvation and healing.

I might say in here, "How many people's been healed for five years?" Several hands would go up. "How many's been saved for twenty five years?" Many hands would go up. "How many's been saved for a year?" Hands would go up. Now, one way that was right, and another way it was wrong. You wasn't healed twenty five years, one year ago. But you were healed and saved nineteen hundred years ago. When Jesus died at Calvary, He finished the sin question and the sick question. For there where He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we were healed, and the complete thing was finished at that time.

And then, you, your personal faith in that finished work draws the remuneration from what He did for you at Calvary. So you were saved two thousand years ago, but accepted your salvation twenty five years ago, hour ago, five minutes ago. You were healed two thousand years ago, you can accept it right now.

( Can We See Jesus  
58-0619E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 8



*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. (John 14:15-24)*



I got a little wife setting back there. She's ten years younger than me, and as gray as I am. The reason is because she's stood between me and the outside world. If I was going overseas, wouldn't this be some sort of a family to live in, if I'd gather my family around me and I'd say: "Looky here, Mrs. Branham; you want to realize that you're Mrs. William Branham. Thou shalt not have any other husbands while I'm gone. Don't you make eyes at any other man," and all these things. "Don't you flirt at all. If you do, when I come back I'm going to divorce you."

And she'd turn around and say, "Now, my good man, I want to tell you something

also. Thou shalt not take out any other woman while you're gone. Thou shalt not do this and that. If you do, just consider yourself divorced when you come home."

Now, wouldn't that be a loving family? Uh-huh. See? No. If I really love her, though I believe if I did make a mistake and slip and do something wrong, I believe she'd forgive me for it because she loves me. And if she did, I believe I'd forgive her for it; certainly, because I love her. But if I love her like that, as long as I love her like that she has no worry. Though she would forgive me, I wouldn't hurt her for nothing. I'd feel the guiltiest guy in the world; I couldn't wait for the minute I'd tell her about what I done, because I love her. Well, if I love her with phileo love like that, how much greater would my agapao love be to Jesus Christ?

Though I might smoke a cigarette, I never in my life; but though I would, He might forgive me for it; I believe He would. If I took a drink, I never in my life, but I believe He'd forgive me for it. And I love Him too much. God, help me; I don't want to do anything like that (See?), because I love Him. That stuff is gone from me, because when He changed me from a crow to a dove it made a difference; my appetite and things left me; then sin is not imputed to me, because I don't aim to do it; it's not in me to do it.

( On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove  
65-1128E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 9



*These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence. (John 14:25-31)*



He's the only successful and secured Happiness and Peace. That's a reason we come to Him. Oh, I know you can laugh like an idiot, or you can get out here and laugh till you go into hysterics at some joke that some movie star popped off or something. Or somebody, he might get a little till much to drink and laugh like he was some loon. But that don't bring peace. There is no other peace and no other happiness like coming to Jesus Christ.

I've seen people put on. I've seen young women try to brush their selves around with their new frocks on and act like they were happy; they're not. They're only building a painted fire; you can't warm by a painted fire. You've seen young men that try to think his muscles was so big that you could drive a nail down and never touch him,

and a knife would bend its blade on them; just give him a few years, and he's turned back old and wrinkled. There's no eternal happiness outside of Christ.

Looky here, I'll put any of you here tonight in perfect health, your family in perfect health, all around you. What about mama that's not here? How do you know your dad's not dying now? How do you know that one of your children didn't get killed a few minutes ago away from here? How do you know that something else hasn't happened? How do you know you're going out of this building tonight? You may drop in a heart attack; you don't know. So there's no eternal happiness outside of Christ; that's the reason we must come to Him. You can have whiskey; you can have pleasure; you could have the things of the world, but they are not successful happiness. Nothing can give peace like Him; He gives a peace.

"Oh," you say, "I got peace."

If you've ever got real peace, you've got Jesus. If you haven't got Jesus, you don't even know what peace means, until you come to Him. I've seen people: Kings, potentates, great men, athletes, movie stars, and all that; they're not peaceful.

Look at them; watch their eyes a few minutes; they're neurotics. See? No man, no woman, no child, no one can have peace outside of Jesus Christ. "My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth I unto you..." See? Not as the world gives you peace, but He has eternal peace, a resting peace. If you live, if you die, no matter if the rain comes or the sun shines, you got peace any how.

( To Whom Shall We Go  
June 4, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 26:30, Mark 14:26, Luke 22:39





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November 10



*I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. (John 15:1-8)*



God gave Jesus His Spirit without measure. In Him dwelled the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He was God manifested in the flesh. The Bible said that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. But when He give out His Spirit to we adopted sons, He gives us a bucket-full out of that ocean. He had all the Fullness of the Godhead; we just have a portion of it as a gift of the Holy Spirit.

But if I took one bucket-full of water out of the ocean, or even a teaspoonful of it, out of the ocean, the same chemicals that's in the entire ocean, would be in that spoonful. Be just less in quantity, not less in quality. So the same Holy Spirit that was in Christ is in His Church. Now, this is to strengthen that for you. He said, "I am the Vine; ye are the branches." Now, the vine does not bear fruit. The vine only purges the branch and the branch bears fruit.

Therefore, the only way Jesus could speak tonight, would be through my lips or your lips, my hands or your hands, my life or your life. "I am the Vine; ye are the branches." He doesn't bear fruit any more, He just purges His Church and it bears fruit. Now, what kind of a fruit would it bear? If the life that was in Him is in His Church, it'll bear the same kind of Life that He bore when He was here. Do you understand?

Notice, if you went to a grape vine, you'd expect to find grapes. And down south, I don't know whether you have it here, we have pumpkins down there. And you go to a pumpkin vine, you expect to get pumpkins, if it's a good fertile vine. Watermelons, you'd get watermelons off of a watermelon vine. And if we come to the Vine, Christ, His Church, what do we find? Fussing, feeling, arguments over theology, hatred, malice, strife. And we call that the works of God. The Scripture says that is not so. "This will all men when You're My disciples, when you've got love one for the other." The love of God in His Church, making every member a part of Him, then upon that love and that foundation, you build your church.

( Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever  
May 15, 1958 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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November 11



*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. (John 15:9-17)*



We should love one another. Oh, my. We should be so in love. Don't never speak evil against one another. If somebody makes a mistake, pray for him, right quick. We are together in this with God. We are brothers and sisters. Oh, live godly. Live like daughters of God. Live like sons of God. Live sweet, kind, humble. Let no evil come in your mind in your thinking; just dismiss it. If it knocks on the door, take it away, just show your Token. Just keep walking. "I'm under the Blood." Remember, there's a lot of them come by, them women, that night, and say, "Hey, girlie, Lily, some of you, come on out; we're going to a party tonight."

"Huh uh, I'm under the Blood. I'm under the Token to stay here. My love is to my Maker. Death is in the land tonight." And death is in the land today. Judgment is

waiting; she's pending. Atomic, and hydrogens, and all kinds of disaster is waiting for the nations. And God is moving His church. We been keeping the Lamb up now for quite awhile, watching, seeing what He's doing, watching His nature and everything, but now the Token's got to be applied. It's got to be applied. It's the only thing. "Except a man be born of the Spirit and of water, He will in no wise enter in."

You should love one another. Believers should separate themselves from the world. Don't just take it now, lightly. And then, you people that's listening to this on tape, you women, you men, you listen a minute. If you ever believed me, you believe it now. It's time to quit fussing with one another. Believe the message of the Bible. Believe Jesus Christ; and love, and honor, and respect one another. Men respect your wives; you respect your home. Bring your home together, because, you remember, this Lamb was for the home, not just one. The whole home too had to be brought; everything had to be brought in. We should love each other, and believers should separate themselves from the world. Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do.

( Token  
63-0901M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 12



*If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. (John 15:18-27)*



It is a great hour that we're living, a great day that we're living. And God has sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins. He died in our stead. He was the innocent One that became guilty, that we guilty might be innocent. The story is this. Think of it as you measure your own corruptible life in His Presence. Jesus became you that you through His grace might become Him.

You who were going to hell, He took your place, that you might set in heaven with Him at His place. You who were a son of the devil by nature, He took the sin of your

nature that you might become a son of God and set in the heavenlies with Him. That's the story. And He did not leave us without witness.

He said, "A little while, the world will see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me for I (and 'I' is a personal pronoun), I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world. And the things that I do shall you do also. More than this shall you do, for I go to My Father. He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also."

Now, "I will not leave you comfortless. I'll pray the Father. He will send you the Holy Spirit of truth." And the Holy Spirit when He come was to bear witness of Jesus. Now, if that isn't true, then God promised something that He wasn't able to do.

But in this great atheistic, infidelic, skeptical age that we're living, I'm so happy that I can challenge the world to the fact, that in the midst of all kinds of heathen gods, and everything else, and idols, and worldly living, there is a real, resurrected, living Jesus Christ, Who's just as real tonight as He was when He walked on Galilee. He hasn't failed. He will not fail. And this great Jesus is in our midst now. And He will declare Himself to be alive. He is declaring Himself to be alive. He's omnipresent, omnipotent, infinite God Who cannot fail.

( The Queen Of The South  
June 14, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 13



*These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. (John 16:1-4)*



So we find out, that in every revival that's ever been born in the world, it produces twins. That's right. Every revival has twins. They have a bunch in there that's carnal believers and a bunch of spiritual believers. Every revival produces that: an Esau and Jacob.

And as they go along, first thing you know, the carnal begins to think, "Well, these guys are getting off of the deep end. I better separate myself from them." They go back to the intellectual part. They want a pastor that'll speak to them of pleasant things. They don't want that Spirit-filled pastor, that'll obey the Holy Spirit from the platform, just preach the Word just like it is. As John said, "Lay the axe to the root of the tree and let the chips fall where it will." Most of the churches today will vote that out of their pulpit. That's right. It'll come a separation, always does that. It did it in the Methodist age; it did it in the Baptist age; it did it in the Pentecostal age; it'll do it in every age.

One time John Wesley, I was reading an article on him, and it said that he was coming down a little pathway. And he was kind of a protesting the Anglican church of their

sin and the things that they was doing. And they called him a crazy man. "And all that lived godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions." You'd be despised and rejected. "And if they've called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call His disciples."

And there was one of these officials of the Anglican church, great huge man, saw John coming, and he was a small man. So this big fellow just blocked himself right in the way. Mr. Wesley walked up close to him. And he couldn't get around him; he said, "Pardon me, sir. Would you step aside, so I can go by?"

This man said, "I never get out of the way for a fool." Mr. Wesley politely tipped his hat, stepped around him, and said, "I always do." So I think that just about settles it.

( **Hearing, Receiving, And Acting**  
**June 7, 1960** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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November 14



*Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. (John 16:20-22)*



I believe that Jesus here was speaking of, as He said, "You will have sorrow, but your sorrow shall be turned to joy," speaking to His disciples here, knowing that the birth of Christianity was coming into existence.

And now, the old has to die in order that the new is born. Anything that gives birth has to have pains of distress, and they certainly was going to go through the pain of distress and anguish to get from the law unto grace.

Normal natural birth types the spiritual birth. All things of the natural is types of the spiritual. And we find out if we look out here on the ground and see a tree in the earth growing, it's struggling for life. That goes to show that there is a tree somewhere that doesn't die, because it's crying out for something. We find people, no matter how old, how sick, what condition, they're crying out to live because it shows there is a life somewhere where we live forever. Notice, how perfect.

Now, in I John 5:7 it said, "There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost; these three are One. There are three that bear record in

earth; that's the water, Blood, and Spirit, and they agree in one." Now, notice, the first three are one; the second three are earthly which agree in one. Cannot have the Father without the Son; you cannot have the Son without having the Holy Ghost. But you can have the water without the Blood and the Blood without the Spirit.

I think through our ages has proved this to be true. Water, Blood, Spirit: justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That makes the antetype which takes away from the natural birth. Look when a woman or anything in travail for birth, the first thing comes to pass: the breaking of the water (a normal birth); second thing is the blood; and then comes the life: water, blood, spirit. And that constitutes the normal, natural birth.

And so is it in the spiritual realm. It's water: justification by faith, believing on God, receiving Him as your personal Saviour, and being baptized; second is sanctification of the Spirit, that God cleanses the spirit from all elements of the world and the desire of the world; and then the Holy Spirit comes in and gives new birth and fills up that sanctified vessel.

For instance like this: now, I told you what you don't believe lay aside and then take the pie. Notice. Now, a glass is laying out in the chicken yard. You don't just pick that up and put it on your table and fill it up with water or milk. No. By picking it up is justification. Cleansing it is sanctification, 'cause the Greek word "sanctify" is a compound word which means "cleansed and set aside for service (not in service; for service)." Then when you fill it, it is put in service.

( Birth Pains  
January 24, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 16:5-28**







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November 15



*His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. (John 16:29-33)*



Why does God let troubles come? God harnesses trouble, puts bits in its mouth, and makes it obey Him, and those troubles bring us into a closer fellowship with God. There had been no rainbow until the flood came. But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights in a storm and the little ark pitching up and down in the water, it was after the flood was over that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise. After he'd went through the tribulation, then he saw the promise. That's the way you see the promise, after you've gone through the tribulation.

I've liked that poem, or psalm:

Must I be carried home to Heaven on a flowerly bed of ease,

While others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?

We ask for comfort and peace; God gives us the best He could give us: trials and

tribulations. That's better than comfort and peace. Our comforts is just beyond the river.

It wasn't until the Hebrew children was forced into the fiery furnace, on one of their most outstanding trials, that they seen One like the Son of God stand among them. Their troubles produced the Son of God standing among them in the breezes to wave away the heat wave. But not until they went into the fire did that Comforter appear.

It was Daniel who had purposed in his heart that he'd not defile himself with the things of the world, and was forced through a trial, whether he'd pray to God or go to a lions' den. But it was after the heat was put on, and he was throwed into a lions' den, that after that, he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the midst of him, keeping away, that great Pillar of Fire standing between him and the lions. And the lions could not get him, because he'd went through the trials and temptations and troubles. He knew that his God was able to deliver him from that.

It was Abraham, after he'd seen the ground get barren, and the drought come, and Lot separate himself and go down to live deliciously into the world; it was after he had heard the whines and cries of his herdsman, with no grass for his cattle, but he maintained in the land that God gave him and told him to sojourn in. And as on that day, after he'd been tried till his patience was at the end; it was on that day that when after the trial was over, he spoke face to face with Elohim under the oak that day. It was after he'd suffered his trials, after he'd went through the troubles that he'd been through, that God appeared to him in the form of a Man, and set there and told him he was married and his wife's name was Sarah, and said she laughed at Him in the tent behind. It was there that Abraham called Him Elohim. It was after the trial and tribulation.

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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November 16



*I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*  
(John 17:9-17)



I have went in the churches, and I say this with reverence now. I find that many times in the churches, I believe people get one another's spirit in the stead of the Holy Spirit. You go into a church and watch, where the pastor maybe jerks his head, the whole congregation will do it. You go into the church where the pastor says he's got oil running from his hands. The first thing you know, the whole company believes that, and they have it. Go into a church where there's a lot of dancing and jumping and running around. I'm not condemning these things; I'm just speaking from an observation to present a point to you. If you'll get a pastor that's very emotional, the whole congregation will be emotional. You get a pastor that's starch and stiff, and the whole congregation will be starchy and stiff. I believe you receive

each other's spirit.

Take a good man and a bad woman and put them together; one will go to the other. It'll either become a bad man or a good woman. Two cannot walk together except they be agreed. And may I say this with reverence, and with my Bible: with all my heart, I have tried with all that is within me, to never be a fusser, because the vision the morning that I laid the cornerstone said, "Preach the Word; do the work of an evangelist; make full proof of your ministry. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but will heap to themselves together, having teachers, with itching ears and shall be turned from the truth unto fables." What is the truth? Thy Word is Truth: John 17, "Sanctify them Father, through the Truth: Thy Word is the Truth."

Now, if I am guilty, I pray, God, forgive me. But I tried with all my heart to present the Word to the people, that the Spirit that would follow, when I stand at the judgment would not be the spirit of some fantastic, a frog jumping out of people, or bugs flying, or so forth, or oil dropping from hands, but would be the Spirit that's in the Word of the living God, that's wrote in this Bible with the Bible experience.

( God Keeps His Word  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : John 17:1-17**



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November 17



*As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them. (John 17:18-26)*



Now, think of Jehovah doing a thing like that. Here he was. The devil looked at Him, said, "I wonder if that really is the Son of God? I wonder, is that just an ordinary prophet or is that the Son of God?" He said, "If Thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be turned to bread." See, he was really an intellectual boy. He really knowed what he was talking about.

But Jesus said, "It is written."

Now, he taken Him up and kept trying to find out. One day he got Him in the gentile

courts. And he kept wondering, "Could that be?" See? God really pulled the wool over Satan's eyes when that super Sign came. He didn't know what He was. "How could Jehovah be borned in a manger? How could Jehovah cry like a baby and wear swaddling's cloth." Why sure.

Jesus was self-sacrifice of God. I think the sweetest Scripture there is in all the Bible is this Scripture: "Father, I sanctify Myself because of them." He was a man. He could've had a wife. He was a man. He could've had a home, a place to lay His head. He'd had rights to that. He was a man. He could've had good clothes. He was a man. But what did He say, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake."

What was He doing? He was training up twelve disciples that were going to preach the Gospel in all the world. He put an example. And brethren, as ministers, I tell you it pays us, not to get too much of the world's goods and things hanging around us. You preachers I'm talking to. Sanctify yourself for them that you're going to lead. That's what we need today, is a complete consecrated, sanctified life of ministers, that walk upright before God, does not entangle with the things of the world. Keep away from it. "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sake." Not because He had to do it, but He did it for their sake.

( Fellowship  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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November 18



*Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. (Matthew 26:36-46)*



A man said to me the other day, said, "I think you're just a fine man, Mr. Branham, but I believe you're sincerely wrong. You're all out of the will. Do you know you'll be condemned at the end?"

And I said, "Look I want to tell you something. I'm going to say that you would be right, just to say for the argument's sake. If I am wrong, which I don't believe I am; but if I was wrong, and I knew right now that I was going to live to be a hundred

years old, and He was going to condemn me at the end of the road, and tell me, 'You don't deserve to come into My heaven, William Branham. Get out into outer darkness.' You know what? I'd serve Him every day of my life until I went anyhow. For I have received so much of His unmerited blessings, that He's more than life to me."

All that I am, all that I ever could hope to be, I have derived from His grace and mercy. I was wretched, miserable, poor, blind, but by grace He has healed me, and I am strong and healthy by the grace of God. I have good eyesight. I have eat, drink, have whatever I have need of. He never promised to supply my wants: my needs.

And if I am cast away at that day, I cannot see where I would be, but if I knew that I was wrong, and God has chose me to be wrong, I would want to stay wrong, and because that I want to do His will. I love Him till I want His will to be done. Now, that's a big statement, but I hope you get it in the way, the spirit, I said it in. See? I want to do His will. I ask Him for something some time, He shakes His head "no," I just rejoice so much about that as I can if He said, "yes." Because we always ought to ask, "Thy will be done." His no's, if that's His will, it's a whole lot better than His yeses, if it's His will to do it. That's when you really love Him.

( The God Who Is Rich In Mercy  
January 19, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 14:32-42, Luke 22:40-46, John 18:1



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November 19



*And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. (Matthew 26:47-56)*



Now, the make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can, but down in his heart he's trying to see how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that part of the hypocrite. That's a Judas. That's exactly. Hangs around, becomes part of the group, he was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for this, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart, you remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus.

After the seventy left, and the believers made their stand, and He turned around to the believers; He said, "There's still something in you," for He said, "I've chose twelve, and one of you's a devil." Jesus knowed from the beginning. Why? He was the Word. He knowed the secret of the heart. How hard it was.

Stop a minute, think deep, long, straight. How hard it must've been on Him, walking right there, and a man calling Him, "Brother," and knowed all the time that that was the deceiver that was going to try to upset Him, and sell Him for thirty pieces of silver. How hard it was to hold it in His bosom, and His friend walking along there. He even said, "Friend (called Judas His friend), have not I been with you all this time?" and knowing in His heart, and couldn't say it. He knowed from the beginning who it was that would betray Him.

There's that make-believer that's just waiting. He'll sing like that, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know I heard somebody say so-and-so times." See? Just long with ears. A real believer don't hear nothing but the Word. That's all. He watches the Word. He ain't looking for no loopholes; he ain't looking for no gimmicks. He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer.

( **Three Kinds Of Believers**  
63-1124E )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 14:43-52, Luke 22:47-53, John 18:2-12



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November 20



*And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; But found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands, Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? (Matthew 26:57-68)*



Did you ever notice in the Scripture, Jesus was led away. Did you ever wonder why He wasn't born in a house and in a cradle like a little baby is? He was born in a barn, a stable. Lambs are not born in cradles; they're born in stables. He was the Lamb of God.

Abel led his lamb, and Christ was led away, the Lamb being led to the slaughter. And as Abel sacrificed in type the lamb at the altar and the beating of its neck, its little blood, as its veins pushing out and the blood spraying over its little body and its white wool becoming bathed red, and it bleating, bleating, bleating, as it got weaker, until it finally stopped quivering and died, it typified the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary, wounded, His locks full of blood dripping over His body, and crying in a language that could only be interpreted by spiritual interpretation, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" He died speaking in tongues, Jesus did. He was a Lamb speaking a language like Abel's lamb. The crucifier of the lamb, Abel, could not understand what his lamb was saying. And neither could the crucifiers understand what the Lamb of God was saying. But by interpretation it was, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" All in types, that lasted through the years.

And in the Old Testament if a man done anything wrong he had to come under the blood to be justified again, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. How beautiful, how striking that comes to us today. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. No matter what church you belong to, what denomination, what organization, how good a father or mother you had, it's a individual affair. That every man or woman today in order to be saved, doesn't have to study theology; they don't have to learn any certain kind of prayers. The only thing they have to do is accept the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that's been prepared. Then through the shedding of blood sins are remitted.

( Law  
January 15, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 14: 53-65, Luke 22:54, 63-71, John 18:13-14, 19-24



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November 21



*Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. (Matthew 26:69-75)*



Jesus counts character, not members. You know that? He counts characters. God has always tried to get one man in His hand. That's all He needs is one man, and He'll do His work. Through the years just think: He could only find one righteous man in the time of Noah. In the time of Moses He only found one righteous man.

Look at Samson. See, God can only use what you surrender to Him. Samson was a big strong man; he had a lot of strength. Samson surrendered his strength to God, but he wouldn't give his heart. He give his heart to Delilah. See? And that's the way with the people today. Oh, brother, they'll reach down and pay off debts, and things like that, and build a bigger denomination, and so forth like that, but when it comes to giving their heart, they won't do it. That's right.

Peter had a sword. He pulled that sword was going to cut the high priest's ears off, and

things like that; he did it. But when it come to real Christian courage, he didn't have it. He backed up and denied Him. Is that right? He could cut the high priest's ear off with his sword, sure, he knowed how to handle it. But when it come to the squeeze and time to stand on the Word of God, he didn't have the courage, and even denied he knowed Jesus.

That's where it is today. We got courage to build buildings and put millions of dollars in them. We got courage to put pipe organs, and plush seats, and everything, and go out and proselyte from place to place, and make the Methodists come Baptists, and so forth, back and forth like that. But when it comes to Christian courage to accept the Word and the message of God, and stand there on it, we are few.

( **The End-Time Evangelism**  
**62-0603 -2** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 14:66-72, Luke 22:55-62, John 18:15-18, 25-27





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November 22



*Then Judas, which had betrayeth him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. (Matthew 27:3-10)*



After the cock had crowed three times and Peter looked up in the face of the Lord Jesus, he begin to think on his ways, and what he had done to our Lord. And the prophecy and the Word of the Lord came into his view, for he knowed God had said. That same God that told him that has told us what to do. What did it do when he thought on the ways that he had treated Jesus, and how he had denied Him before the classical people, and how that he'd tried to be one of the world, and tried to act like the rest of them. When he thought on his ways, it drove him into the darkness to weep bitterly.

I believe it's cock crowing time now for the church of the living God to get alone with God and weep in bitterness of tears, and say, "God, be merciful to me." No doubt but

what there's men and women here tonight, boys and girls that need that same thing, all of us need it: alone with God. Think of our ways as we go, turn our feet to His testimony.

Yes, it was Judas that was standing by the high priest to receive his money for betraying the Lord Jesus. I'd certainly hate to take his place. But there's men in Chicago tonight is more guiltier than Judas Iscariot. He was taking a bribe.

Many men have taken a salary, and a Cadillac car, and big homes, selling out to the principles of God. They're ashamed of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They're ashamed of the moving of God's Holy Ghost. They're too classical. That makes them join the church. They do that because they're afraid of the new birth.

I say this in a mixed multitude, but I want you to understand me as your brother. When a baby's born, if it's on the floor, if it's on a straw tic, or if it's in a decorated hospital room, it's a mess anyway you take it. But it brings life. That's what the new birth is. It's a mess, but it brings Life. It brings Eternal Life. Amen. It brings Life. Life, I don't care what level it's on, I want to have that Life, while we live forever.

Men join churches to dodge that; they sell their birthrights as Judas did. And he heard the trickling of that silver as it trickled into his hands, and he cried, "I betrayed innocent blood." I don't want nothing standing between me and the Lord like that at the end of the road. I trust it won't you.

"I have betrayed innocent blood." And he took the short route. He took a rope and went and hung hisself. When you think on your past, it'll either drive you to God or drive you away from God.

( As I Thought On My Way  
June 10, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 23



*Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber. (John 18:28-40)*



The hope of the believer is watching for the second coming, this great Prince

Who opened the prison doors and set us free. The debt's been settled. It's all been paid. God and sinners was reconciled together at Calvary when Jesus died. And God rose Him up on the third day for our justification, that as we look upon that and believe it, and accept it with all of our heart, we are justified in the sight of the living God. Sure it makes you emotional. Certainly it makes you happy. How could you hold your peace? How could a man restrain, that knows that death's hanging down there in front of him, and here comes a pardon? That's right.

How do you think old Barabbas felt that morning when he heard the Roman coming from the galleries with the big iron shoes stomping along, the chains a rattling, the spear a dragging on the street, to know that he was going to be killed. When he opened up the door, and Barabbas, a trembling and crying, ready to run out, saying, "Oh, this is the end of me." Said, "Barabbas, I read, 'You're pardoned, free.'"

"Why," he said, "ain't I going to die?"

Said, "No. You don't have to die."

"Well, what did I have to do for it?"

"Nothing."

"Well, how does this come? "

Then the centurion would've raised him around, say, "See that Man hanging yonder on the cross? See that mockery spit from His face? See the wounds in His hands? Them was yours, but He took your place. He opened the prison door for you, that you, who were condemned to die, He's took your place."

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : 27:1-2, 11-14, Mark 15:1-5, Luke 23:1-5**



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November 24



*When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man were a Galilaean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem at that time. And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were at enmity between themselves. (Luke 23:6-12)*



If it's going to cost people anything, they don't want nothing to do with it. That's the way it is today. If it's going to cost you your bunco parties, big times, your cigars, your dirty jokes, all the filth and things of the world. The reason they don't want it, it'll cost them something, your big society name with a lot of glitter on it.

But it'll give you a name written in the Lamb's Book of Life, that fadeth not away. So you must take your choice; you're a free moral agent. Oh, receive God's Christmas Gift is my prayer for you.

Yes, they don't want it, because it does something to them. Or did the government, the government didn't want Him. Herod didn't want Him. No, sir. Because why? He was going to change his program. And the government don't want Him today. We're supposed to be a Christian nation.

Why, the U.N. don't want Him. They'll take every other idea in the world besides His, but never offer prayer. There's no prayer at them sessions. They just go in there and "dog eat dog," as the old expression is from the street. They don't want Christ. He'd have to change their program; therefore, they don't want Him. They didn't want Him then; they don't want Him now.

The churches didn't want Him, because He disagreed with their creed. He told them that they were, said, "You generation of vipers, you whited walls." He called them everything that could be thought of. Told old Herod, said, "Go tell that fox." And what's dirtier than a fox? What's more stinking and lowdown than a dirty old fox? Jesus said, "That's what he is." So He called black "black," and white "white." He called wrong "wrong," and right "right." So they didn't want that.

The churches today don't want a pastor filled with the Holy Ghost that'll really boil out, and tell you what's right and wrong. They don't want it. They'd fire him, right quick. Deacon board get together and turn him away, get another one will talk about their creeds.

Brother, I know no creed but Christ, no law but love, and no book but the Bible.  
That's what we need. That's what the churches need.

( God's Wrapped Gift  
December 25, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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November 25



*When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. (Matthew 27:24-26)*



Let's look at Pontius Pilate, as they drug him out one morning to sit on the judgment seat. And to be favorable to the Jews and to the Romans, when they drug Jesus up before him with the thorns on His head as a crown, and His hands tied behind Him, I can imagine that great emperor, as he sit on his throne, all discouraged, because he'd been gotten up a little early. And with his temper all up, as he'd fling his hair back, and look into the face, and say, "There can't be much to that Guy."

You say, "What a horrible person." But, oh, my decrepit sinner friend. You do worse than that by rejecting Him.

How could've He with His hands bound that's a King of heaven? As Pilate was judging Him, looking Him up and down, said, "If You are the Christ, why don't You say something about it?" And Jesus never opened His mouth.

I can imagine Pilate saying, "Well, He's a scared, because He's standing before me the emperor of Rome." Then all of a sudden, I can hear a horse come galloping at full speed, coming from the palace, and a young handsome soldier jumps from the saddle into the street, up through by the guard. And they seen he was a palace guard so they

let him in. He was carrying a piece of paper in his hand, and I can see him as he walked up before Pilate, bows his head to the floor and says, "Your majesty, sir. I have a letter from your wife. She said it was urgent for you to receive this at once. That's why I broke in like the way I did."

I see Pilate open up the letter with his head back, and as I begin to watch his eyes under his great brow, the furrows, and the long eye lashes, and eye brows, his eyes goes to a cold stare. As he reads this letter, he looks around to Jesus, and he looks back; his face becomes white; his lips doesn't seem to have any blood; his knees begin to knock together. What's so important about that letter from his pagan wife? Let's look over his shoulder and read and see what it says: "My dear husband, don't you have anything to do with that just Man, for this day I've suffered many things in a dream because of Him." That's what he would say happened.

What did he do? Instead of releasing Him as he had power, instead of embracing him, and saying. "Yes, Jesus, I've been wrong; I've misjudged You. But this morning I receive You as my Saviour; as the Son of the living God, I bow before You."

But instead of that he tried to justify himself like many sinners of this world today. "I just won't go to the meeting."

"Bring me a pan of clean water." And he washed his hands of Him, said, "I just won't accept Him, but I just won't have anything else to do with it."

Did that clean his hands? No. And neither will it clean your hands. It's before you. You've got to make a choice. God compels you to make a choice. You can't leave that door tonight without some sort of a choice. It's impossible.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 27:15-26, Mark 15:6-15, Luke 23:13-25, John 19:1-15



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November 26



*Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.*

*(Matthew 27:27-31)*



And as I can see him going yonder now, the second Adam going up the hill, the little spots on His back. They get bigger, bigger, bigger, as He walks on. What is it? After while they all go into one spot. I hear something beating again. What is it? There goes the second Adam, no more than Jehovah Himself, Who comes down and was made flesh (To what?), even to go to hell with His sweetheart, Christ to redeem His Bride. Hallelujah! He seen it in Adam yonder. And He come down, was made flesh, Kinfolks with us, that He might marry the human race to Himself. There He is, going yonder to Calvary.

As He's moving up the hill, and His poor, little shoulder rubbing, the old bee of death humming around Him, "It ain't going to be long till I'll get Him." Buzzing all around and around, and after while it had to sting Him. But, friend, you know, if a bee ever stings anybody deeply, he can't sting no more. He pulls his stinger out. So he hasn't got no more stinger. And I tell you, that's the reason God was made flesh, here on earth, in order to hold the stinger of death. And now death has no more sting. The bee

can swarm and buzz, but he can't sting. "O death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?"

But Christ, the kinsman Redeemer has made a way of escape for every believer on this earth today. The bee might hum; the bee might buzz; the bee might try to make you afraid. But I can point yonder to Calvary, where God Himself was made flesh, when He held the stinger of death, and took my place as a sinner, and paid the price. And He laid out the welcome mat to me to come home. "Whosoever will, let him come and drink from the fountains of the waters of Life freely. He that comes I will in no wise cast out."

Oh, my, no wonder Paul could say, when he heard the axes out there, being sharpened, (I stood in his cell a few days ago, where they chopped his head off), and they was bringing the axe in, the old bee humming around him. He said, "Now, I got you."

He said, "Death, where is your sting?" It was left in Calvary, yonder. "Grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Adam so loved Eve that he went out with her. Christ so loved the Church that He went with her. "God so loved the world..." Adam went with Eve, and her wrong; she was wrong.

He knowed the wrong, he was innocent, but she was guilty.

But Adam said, "I'll go with her."

And Christ looked at the Church, and knowing it was wrong, yet Christ went with us to take our place yonder as a sinner, to die for us, to take the sting out of death for us.

Sinner, how can you reject such matchless love?

( Job  
February 23, 1955 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 15:16-20**



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November 27



*And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry? And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. (Luke 23:26-32)*



Speaking of the day that when women wouldn't no more want children. They want a dog or a cat or something like that, but she don't want children anymore. Why? She's old Mother Hubbard if she has a child. See? That's the remarks of Hollywood. It don't want his woman to be an old Mother Hubbard. So he'll have some operation performed to himself, or her, one, that'll keep them from having children. They don't want no children.

Jesus spoke of it, and what did He say? "At that time they'll begin to cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them." She'll practice birth control so she can go to parties. She can't be bothered with a baby nursing her. It'll disform her. When she's pregnated, it'll disform her. She won't look like she used to. And her husband ignorant enough to let her go that way. She won't give him a child. Jesus spoke of it. And He said that when they be doing this at that time, "They'll going to cry then for

the rocks to fall on them." It's coming of the Lord. They pay great sums of money for cats, dogs to mother. That's right. She must mother something, because it's a God-given nature to her.

I hunt big game and an old bear in the fall of the year, when she has been bred to the male bear, she's got cubs then that is born; they're pretty good-sized cubs, maybe weigh a hundred pounds or better. She'll make them scat and hibernate to themselves, because she's going to bring forth some more cubs. They're born in February. The bear knows nothing about it. They're born in a little sack. How that God has them open these little sacks themselves; like little cellophane sacks. They find their way around; their mother's sound asleep. She hasn't eat anything since October, and this is February. They come around and nurse her to the middle of May. Then when she sees her cubs, they're pretty good-sized cubs. Weigh maybe ten or fifteen pounds apiece. They nursed her. How she gets the milk, that's God's idea. She lives herself and produces milk for the cubs. And then if her breeding doesn't take, and she don't have any cubs, she'll hunt up them last year cubs and mother them all summer long, because it's God-given instinct. she has to mother something.

And if a woman won't have a baby for her husband, she'll take a dog or a cat or something. She's got to mother something. It's their nature. But to bear a child for her husband and raise it to the service of God, that's entirely all out of her line. She'd be so disgraced, if she did, by her sin-loving society of this 1965 type of women.

( The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ  
November 25, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 27:32, Mark 15:21





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November 28



*Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (John 19:16-18, 25-30)*



While I'm reading or speaking, just remember, the omnipresent God is always here present. And as a brother said about the epileptic of the last time we were here, God can heal cancer, paralyism, whatever it is. He has already done it. If He can just get you to believe that. See? You're not saved tonight; you been saved; you were saved nineteen hundred years ago. And now, maybe tonight you'll accept that salvation, but it's already paid for; the debt has been cleared up. And the devil that put you in the pawn shop, Jesus came and redeemed you and opened up the doors, and the only thing you have to do is walk out and claim your liberty. That's all. You have a receipt from God that the debt is paid. Jesus said in His last Words, "It is finished." Every redemptive blessing was completely finished. God's great wrath on sin, when

He became sin for us, the debt was settled.

Satan has no more power, only as he can bluff with it. If he can bluff you into it, all right, you'll have to have it. But legally he has no power at all; every power he had was taken from him at Calvary. That's where the price was paid. He is nothing but a bluff. If you want to listen to his bluff, well, all right. But you don't have to; you are free tonight. He has made you free.

And now if something in the Word can make you realize that you are free by His grace, or if something in the Word makes you understand, or some act of God, that it included you, it includes us all, then you just accept it on those basis, and you're free also. You don't have to feel any different; you don't have to feel anything at all. Jesus never did say, "Did you feel it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" It's faith. Faith is an arm, a mighty arm that holds the sharp two-edged Sword of God. And that sharp two-edged Sword will cut every promise free, if that arm of faith is able to wield that Sword. Some people has very weak muscle trouble and they can just maybe cut off a little scratch, enough to join a church. Others can come into justification. Some can go all the way to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A great strong arm, holding this Bible, can cut every promise free. So be strong in the Lord.

( Just One More Time, Lord  
63-0120E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Matthew 27:33-50, Mark 15:22-37, Luke 23:33-44, 46, John  
19:16-30



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November 29



*And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. (Matthew 27:51-56)*



287 ...The Roman soldier, at the cross, looked on Jesus.

288 After the earth had had a nervous prostration, shook till the rocks wrung out of the mountains. And the sun went down in the middle of the day, and turned dark. The stars didn't come out to give its light. And the earth burst forth with rocks and an earthquake. And the zig-zag lightning swept the skies; and ripped the temple veil from the top to the bottom. And, the people running and screaming, they didn't know what had taken place.

289 And that Roman soldier that helped nail Him there, had punched the sword through His heart, then he looked, but it was too late. He looked and believed, but it was too late for him to believe. What he had done had sealed his doom; he had run the spear through the Saviour's heart. It was too late.

290 I wonder how many Romans today has done the same thing, and will do the same thing. You might look, someday, but it might look too late. Many of today will come in that day and be the same way. They have known.

291 Brother Woods here; yesterday. Saying this just because it's in this Message. Down here at the Slider Company, a Roman Catholic sitting there. He went down to get some concrete for the church here, and, when he did, he told him where he wanted it for. And the Roman Catholic said, "Is that Brother Branham?"

"Yes"

287 He said, "I'll say one thing; when he prays, God answers." See?

293 Wonder then, knowing it, seeing the vindication that it's truly the Gospel, not me; any man representing Christ. It's the Word we're talking about, not man.

294 What am I trying to say? Is this, that, they see the clearly a vindicated Word, like Pilate and the rest of them did, like the Roman soldier, but are you going to wait too late to do anything about it? He should have used the spear the other way. The doors will be closed, like it was in the days of Noah, and then it's too late. You might wake up some morning, and say, "I intend to get out of this mess." Don't wait too long. You had better look and live now.

( Look Away To Jesus  
63-1229E )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 15:38-41, Luke 23:45, 47-49



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November 30



*The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. (John 19:31-37)*



But notice Jesus in the last hour or two of His life, many, many prophecies was fulfilled.

Someone said to me, "Brother Branham, this has to happen, and that has to happen."

I said, "It could happen in an hour."

If you'll read the 22nd Psalm and then watch His dying hour at the cross, I just forget now how many outstanding prophecies was fulfilled in the last two or three hours of His life. Certainly, "They pierced My feet and My hands. My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" and so forth, as David cried it.

And then another thing I want you to notice the Truth, the infallible part of God's

Word. The Bible said, "He keeps all His bones; not one of them is broken." For in the type, the paschal lamb was a type of it. The lamb must be without a blemish; no broken bones must be in the lamb. And at the hour when He had died, they went up to break His legs with a hammer. Look at that very crucial moment. The man with the hammer, ready to strike his legs, but God's Word said, "There'll not be one bone broke in His body." How is it going to happen? We get in a hurry.

God's Word is eternal. If God's Word is that perfect, them who are in Christ is just as sure to raise as there is a resurrection. God's just as obligated to His Word to heal you, as He is to save you. It's His Word that promised it. It's God's Word, and we have no right to take away from it, but just say, "It's the Truth." Believe it. No matter what happens, believe it anyhow. That's the way the rest of them had to believe it, and we're not excluded from that. God gave Palestine to Israel, but they had to fight for every inch of ground they got. The promise is yours, but you have to fight for every inch you claim; the devil will see to that: certainly he will.

But notice when they were ready to break the legs of our Lord Jesus, if that hammer would have struck the leg and broke it, God would've been found false. But there wasn't enough devils in all dark torment to let that hammer strike that precious body. For David, eight hundred years before then, said there'll not be one bone broke in His body. God's Word has to stand Truth.

But what did they do then? They took a spear and rammed it in His side, and Blood and water came out, to fulfill what the Bible said., "They [shall look upon me whom they have] pierced." The Word was fulfilled.

( The Entombment  
April 20, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 1



*When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. (Matthew 27:57-61)*



The Baptists, the Presbyterian, the oneness, and all the rest of them, they're in that web where a group of men gets together and they reason it. And there's so much prestige about a man. Here's a bishop setting here, general overseer; he says anything, what's the little fellow going to say? He's afraid to say anything. "I agree with you. Yeah, that's right. Uh-huh. Yes, Bishop, or Presbyter, that's exactly right." He agrees with him. Here, let's take an alcoholic out here on the street, an ordinary citizen pass down the street and say, "The old bum, nothing to him." Take him down here, put him on the police force, and put a badge on him, and a gun on him. "Good morning, John, it's so nice to see you again." See? Respect to one another.

Jesus said, "How can you have faith when you have respects of that type," when your desire respects one from another. See? Can't do that. And when men gets together in a organization, they set down; and the little man's afraid to say anything, 'cause the bishop said so, the presbyter said so. But don't disregard the man, believe him to be a good man; but always remember, God's Word is right and all others contrary is wrong. "Let My Word be true, and every man's word be a lie." See it? That's what we

want to do, is believe that.

Now remember, we are not the Word, but we are the Word. Now, you got it? Jesus was not God, but He was God. He was a Man, yet He was God. He could cry, and yet He could raise the dead. He could cry for a man being dead and raise him back up again. He was Jehovah-jireh, Jehovah-rapha, Jehovah Manasses; He was Jehovah, all completely. He was Jehovah, and yet He was a Man. He owned the earth, and made the earth, and had not a place to lay His head. He said, "The birds that I made has got nests, and I haven't got a place to lay my head. The foxes that I created, has holes in the ground, and I haven't even got one Myself even to be buried in." That's right. He had to borrow somebody's grave, to be buried in. He created a womb that was in a woman. He had no womb to be born in; he had to borrow a womb. He created the earth and had not a place to be buried in; he had to borrow a hole in the ground to be buried in, Joseph of Arimathaea. See? They had to borrow a place, yet He was God, proved that He was God. Now, you understand? We are Messiahettes, but not that Jesus. He is our Father; we're just anointed with His Spirit. And that gets people. See, if you don't set and think it through, it gets people to believe, "Well, this guy would be the Messiah." Sure he is. "This one over here could be." They both are. See? "Well, how can there be two of them?" There's thousands of them. See? But you see, His Life is separated on the day of Pentecost. When that Pillar of Fire came down, it separated like tongues and set upon each of them, God dividing Himself among His people, because the church and Christ is One, just as the husband and wife is one.

( Questions And Answers #3  
64-0830M )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 15:42-47, Luke 23:50-56, John 19:38-42





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December 2



*Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch. (Matthew 27:62-66)*



He went to the grave of Lazarus, crying like a man, the tears rolling down His cheeks as He wept and stood there and a man that had been dead four days, and the skin worms crawling in and out of his body. But see Him raise His little figure like that, said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Think of it. "He that liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

What a hope we have this morning then, when we visit our graves of our loved one. What a hope we have in this mortal flesh, today, as the Holy Spirit bears record, "He lives! 'Shall never die, has Everlasting Life.'" Yet we pack the bodies over the grave of the saintliest of us, but inside they are alive. They're living somewhere.

When He stood, said, "I am the Resurrection and Life," and there was a man laying there, He said, "Take away the stone." And the contamination of his body, that odor of a human body, you know what it is. When they raised up, why, it was a sickly

smell around there. But He spoke out, and said, "Lazarus, come forth." And a man that had been dead four days, rose up from the grave.

How could they see a Man with that kind of a power, hanging on Calvary, with great mocking, gobs of soldiers' spit, that made fun of Him, dropping from His beard, while they jerked handfuls of beard from His face, and hit Him on the head, and said, "Prophecy and say who hit You!" When they see Roman nails drove into His hands and into His feet, how could they see a Man like that die? Because, God required judgment, and Christ took our judgment.

How they were so disappointed. They'd went away to their fishing nets again. Peter said, "I go fishing."

The disciples said, "I'll just go with you." They did. They were altogether tore up, disappointed.

There they took His body down, wrapped it in some linen, and laid it in the grave.

And said, "That's the finish of that fanatic." How the world was against Him. They said, "He was a holy-roller. He was insane. He a fanatic, and so forth."

But He said He was God. He looked like Him. He acted like Him. He proved He was God.

( Go, Tell My Disciples  
53-0405S )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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December 3



*In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.*  
(Matthew 28:1-8)



God settled the sin problem there at Calvary; that's where the debt was paid. When this Adam, Second Adam died, He paid the debt of sin for the human race.

And the world put Him in a tomb, and sealed Him up in that tomb. And they would do the same today. They are trying to do the same today. I don't want you to miss this. The world is trying (and will get worse all the time) to seal Christ back in the tomb again. They're trying to make Him a historical God, One that walked in days [past], and give power to disciples to heal the sick, and to cast out devils.

But what did they do? As soon as they thought they had got rid of Him, just like Cain did when he thought he got rid of Abel, they sealed Him in a tomb, and put Him in

there. And today they're trying to keep Christ in a tomb. But, oh, what an Easter morning done. An Easter morning ruined all of their theology. And when a Easter morning came for a people, a Church here, nineteen hundred years later, and it ruined their theology. He's not dead; He's alive forevermore. They cannot keep Him in no tomb. You can put Him in a Methodist tomb, or a Baptist tomb, or a Presbyterian tomb, or whatever you to. But He raised out of that tomb and is alive today. I had a Baptist tomb, and you might've had a Methodist tomb, but one day Jesus rose from there, from a historical God to a living, present God, alive forevermore.

Something taken place on that Easter morning. It was a Seal, a satisfied Seal. They took Him and put Him in the tomb, and put a Roman seal up on top of it, but when that hour arose, when that hour come. He stayed there for a while; it's true. He stayed there for those three days and nights. But on that set time which the Scripture said (Hallelujah.), on the time when He said, "Destroy this body, and on the third day I'll rise it up," Then there's nothing can stop that Scripture; it's got to come to pass. And that seal was broken, and He rose up, the same Jesus, alive again forevermore.

( The True Easter Seal  
April 2, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures :** Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-9



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December 4



*But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. (John 20:11-15)*



Now, the message is, He goes before us: before us. He's not in a tomb behind us; He's before us, making a way. We are to follow, not to look back to the tomb, but to look forward to where's He's leading, for He is our Leader. We're to follow Him, not look back to the tombs.

Mary, that morning well represented the bewildered church. She well represented it, because she was in the same channel it sits in today. What did she say when she heard Him speak? "Woman, why weepest thou?"

She said, "They have took away my Lord, and I don't know what they've done with Him." That's about the way the church stands today. "They took away my Lord, and I don't know where to find Him. I have tried all their communions. I've tried all their water baptisms. I've tried Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Pentecostals, Catholics, and all, and I can't find Him. If the Scripture says He's the same yesterday, today, and

forever, He's somewhere. If He's not dead than He's a living. He can't be living and dead at the same time." So Mary well represented the church; "They have took away my Lord, and I don't [know] what they've done with Him."

The church thinks today, "Oh, there was a great historical Christ. He healed the sick. He could discern the thoughts of their heart. He was a historical Christ. He came to the multitudes. He came to Peter, and He said to Peter, his name was Simon, said, 'Your name is Simon; your father's name was Jonas.' Oh sure, that was Jesus did that. That was the sign of the Messiah according to the Scriptures, what the prophet said."

He never taught one thing, neither did Paul. When Paul was brought up before Agrippa, he said, "I've only preached that which Moses and the prophets said would come to pass. Why would you condemn me," he said, "when I've only said what Moses said, what the prophets said would come to pass. Is it a strange thing for you, oh, Agrippa, to believe in the resurrection of the dead? I want you know that God is the resurrection of the dead?" So is He today.

But Mary said, "Well, I know I once knew Him." But she was weeping in sorrow, because she once knew Him, but they had taken Him away. And that's the way it is today. Each one of us tries to some kind of a philosophical theology to try to poke down with some kind of a psychology in somebody's throat and tell them, "We believe this, and we believe that." But Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

( The Greatest News Flash In History  
April 24, 1961 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 16:9-11, John 20:11-18**



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December 5



*And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me. Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day. (Matthew 28:9-15)*



Now, after the Easter, we find that God gave man a commission, "Go tell. And if you do tell, this will follow you. Go and tell." Now, it doesn't do no good, as I have said, to go unless you got something to tell. And if you've got the wrong message to tell, then it won't do any good. You've got to tell what is the secret.

Sometime ago I was reading in a book of a little boy that entered a contest. And in this contest he was to make himself a famous name; any little boy who could keep the password in his mind till he got to a certain place, and he would speak this password, and the gate keeper would let him through. That was to test the IQ of the child. And when he got to the place, speaking the passwords that was given him, the gate would open and he would win a great honor.

One little boy, being very swift-footed, and knowed good and well that he could

outrun all the rest of the boys in the contest, or he thought he could. He practiced day after day, of running. How he pumped up his little lungs, got his physical body in trim, so that he wouldn't tire as he run. And he practiced how to start with his feet, and get a head plunge ahead of the rest of the boys. And how that he must breathe during the time of his running, in order to hold the oxygen that came to his body to keep him pumping on, that it wouldn't slow up his heart too much. He studied it from every angle that he could.

And in the morning that the race started, there was more than a hundred and fifty little boys lined up at a certain age. This little boy was rather a good-sized boy for his age. And he remembered all of his training. And he got ready. They got on the line, put their little faces against the string that come along, pushed their little nose up against it. He'd studied all the rules of that, making hisself ready.

And then when the gun fired, and the line was broken, the little boys jumped forward. And this little guy so physically fit until he jumped way ahead of the rest of them. And down the track he went with a terrific speed, well trained, until he could outrun every boy that was in the race. And he was there, oh, quite a long time, maybe a minute or more, before the best of the other runners ever reached the place. But all of his physical training, he had forgotten the password. He had forgotten the very thing that he was to say to let him in the gate. And he paced back and forth, and stalled and had searched through his mind. He'd been so interested in the natural physical conditions of his body, till he had forgotten the main thing. On down the line, some boys that didn't run so fast, remembered the password and entered in.

( Go, Tell  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 6



*And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? (Luke 24:13-17)*



I believe that that's the reason people doesn't have the victory in their heart that they should have, is because their thoughts are on other things. "Let the meditation of my mind, of my heart, be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord." I believe if we'll think on Him, He will draw nigh unto us.

You remember the first Easter, when Cleopas and his unnamed friend in the Bible was on their road to Emmaus? They were going along the road discussing about Him, thinking of Him. And oh, their hearts were burdened; every hope seemed like that they had was taken from them. And it was then that a Stranger walked out of the side of a bush and walked with them. They didn't know who it was; He's just a Man, come walking out, walked along them, and said, "Why are you so weary? Why are you so faint in your mind?"

And they said, "Are you just a Stranger? Knowest thou not that Jesus of Nazareth, Who we hoped to be the Deliverer of Israel, has been crucified by Pilate? And this is the third day; some women said they seen a vision of Angels."

And then He started from the Scriptures, and begin to explain to them the Scriptures, how Christ must suffer and enter into His glory. And then when He got them in the room, and closed the doors, and He did a miracle (or something just like He did before His crucifixion), and they knew it was Him.

Thinking on Him. Oh, if we didn't have so many other things on our mind. You know, sometimes we'll come to church, thinking about, "Tomorrow I gotta do this; the next day, I've got to do this." When we come to church, we ought to lay aside every thought and every thing of the world, and enter into fellowship with Christ and worship: meditating, worshipping in our hearts, and giving songs and praises to Him, thinking of His goodness, and what He means to us, worshipping in the Spirit, singing spiritual songs, making melodies in our heart. Even the Bible said, "If there's any afflicted, let them sing songs." Be happy; be in meditation, always expecting God at any moment to appear to you.

( Mary's Belief  
March 11, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures** : Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-32



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December 7



*Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. (John 20:19-23)*



A Catholic priest told me one time, said, "Didn't Jesus say, 'Whoever sins you remit, to them they are remitted'?"

I said, "He said it."

"'Whosoever's sins you retain, to them they are retained'?"

"Yeah."

"That's whoever you forgive, they're forgiven; whoever you don't forgive, they're not forgiven."

I said, "That's correctly what it said."

He said, "Then didn't Christ give His church, which we are His church, the power to

forgive sins on earth?"

"Certainly did." I said, "Now, if you'll forgive them the same way that they forgive them, I'll go with you." Yeah. I said, "How'd they forgive them? Did they tell them, go do a novena or something, or the way you do?" No, sir.

Peter said, "Repent." Amen. There's the key, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and then you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The key went "click" on earth, and went "click" in heaven. That's it.

That's the reason when Paul met some that already been baptized by the same man that baptized Jesus, he said, "Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?"

They said, "We know not whether there be a Holy Ghost."

He said, "To what—" You take your Greek word, said,

"How was you baptized?"

They said, "Unto John."

Said, "That won't work any more. Heaven's done closed.

You have to come and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ." So they heard this; they were baptized over again in the Name of Jesus Christ. And when they did, Paul laid his hands on them; the Holy Ghost came upon them, then they spoke in tongues and prophesied. Oh, brother, that's back to the beginning.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 24:33-43**



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December 8



*But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (John 20:24-31)*



What is the fruit of the Spirit? Love, joy, faith, peace, longsuffering. That's a part of God that's in you. Forbearance, forbearing one another's burdens, forgiving one another, as God for Christ's sake forgive you. The Spirit of God in you makes you that way. And then when God was here on earth and became you, became sin, that Him taking your sin, bore it for you and paid your penalty for it. God is longsuffering, forbearing our burdens.

And then, He's a good God. If you want certain things your way, you know God's good enough to do that. He loves to make you happy. He's Love, and His great love

constrains Him to even step down sometime to let you have the things that you want. Look at Thomas after the resurrection.

Thomas wouldn't believe. Oh, he's got many children today. But Thomas said, "No, no. I'll have to have some evidence. I'll have to put my hands in His side and my fingers over here in His hands, before I will believe it. I don't care what you say." See, he was all out of the Scripture order right then. You're supposed to believe it. So he said, "I have to have some sort of an evidence to prove it."

And Jesus appeared; He's good, "Come on, Thomas, if that's what you want, well, here you are, you can have it." That's the way we are. We say, "Lord, I got to speak with tongues. I got to shout."

"Oh, go ahead, I'll let you have it." He's good.

So he stuck his hands in His side; then he said, "Oh, it's my Lord and my God."

He said, "Now, Thomas, you believe since you've seen. But how much greater is their reward who has no evidence and yet believes it." There you are. That's where we must get to. "How much greater is their reward who seen nothing but yet believe it." It's a act of faith that we accept it.

Now, I believe signs following the believers, but let's put first things first. You can have the signs without this. Paul said you could; he said, "I could speak with tongue like both men and Angels; I'm nothing. I can move mountains by my faith; I'm nothing. I could understand the Bible in such a way I could know all the mysteries of God; I'm nothing." See, that's gifts of the Holy Spirit without the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God, and God is Love, Joy, Peace, Long-suffering, Gentleness, Patience. That's the Spirit of God.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Mark 16:14**





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December 9



1. *After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself.*
2. *There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.*
3. *Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.*
4. *But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.*
5. *Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.*
6. *And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.*
7. *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea.*
8. *And the other disciples came in a little ship; (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits,) dragging the net with fishes.*
9. *As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid*

*thereon, and bread.*

10. *Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.*
11. *Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.*
12. *Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.*
13. *Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.*
14. *This is now the third time that Jesus shewed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.*



Some of them went out to fish. And so Jesus was standing on the bank, and He looked out, and He saw them out there. And He said, "Children, have you got any [meat]?"

First thing He said to them, said, "Cast your net on the other side." They'd fished all night, hadn't caught nothing. That's the way it is; you're fishing on the wrong side of the boat.

So Jesus said, "Cast your net on the other side."

And then when they threw their net on the other side and made a pull like that, my, there was so many fishes that even their nets almost break.

And Peter begin to look around, said, "There's only one Man could do that." And

looked back to the bank, and there He stood; bread and fish on the fire, ready for them. Peter couldn't wait for the boat to come in. He just jumped into the water and away he went to meet Him. He had to hurry.

Oh, I wished every sinner in the world would be like that today. Peter had denied Him down there. He went out and wept bitterly. He had prayed through. He wanted to meet Jesus.

He wanted to get down there so he could fall at His feet.

( **Go, Tell My Disciples**  
**53-0405S** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



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December 10



*So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. (John 21:15-25)*



Christ is the Shepherd. He was going away, and He was leaving the commission of His sheep, which any shepherd feeds, which is His flock, His church. He was leaving the commission with these disciples to continue to feed the flock, to be a shepherd, feed the sheep.

In other words like this, if you look out here this morning, that's what I'm doing. Now, sheep will only grow as you give them sheep food. Now, if you'd fry up a big hamburger and give it to a sheep, he couldn't grow on that, 'cause that's not sheep food. See? And if I would fry up or have a nice T-bone steak fixed up, give it over to a sheep, it's not sheep food. He just couldn't eat it, that's all, because he's a sheep. But sheep like sheep food. Well then, when you're to feed the flock of God, don't feed them on some manmade theology; feed them on the Word; for that's where the sheep grow from. Feed the Word.

Be a shepherd, a true shepherd. "Feed My sheep."

Lamb's is the little ones, of course, and sheep is the adult. So both young and old, feed the flock of God. See? And feed them with the Word. The Word (You see?) is the Truth. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Is that right? So then, if man is to live and they are the flock of God, the church, then they are to thrive upon the Word and Manna of God. This is His Manna.

( Questions And Answers  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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December 11



*Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:16-20)*



Now, God at the beginning was the great Jehovah that lived in a Pillar of Fire, hung above Israel and led them. That was God, the Angel of the Covenant. Come down on the mountain, the whole mountain caught fire; fire flew from the mountain, and wrote the Ten Commandments. He was called the "fatherhood of God," to His children, His chosen race of people, the Jew.

Then that same God was made manifest in a virgin-born body that He created in the wombs of Mary, and lived and tabernacled and stretched His tent (as it was) among human beings. And that same God was made flesh and dwelled among us. The Bible said so. God was in Christ. The body was Jesus. Jesus, in Him dwelt the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. Can't make Him three people now. Don't baptize to three gods; there's one God see: one God.

Now, this same God was made flesh; He said, "I came from God and I go to God." After He had disappeared from the earth by His death, burial, and resurrection, and ascension, Paul met Him on the road down to Damascus, when he was yet called

Saul. And a voice came and said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

He said, "Who are You?"

He said, "I'm Jesus."

And He was a Pillar of Fire, a Light that's put out the eyes of the apostle. He had turned back. The same Jesus had turned back to God the Father again. That's the reason He said here, "I am the Almighty," in the same form He was before He was made flesh. And His body that He lived in, called Jesus, the Man that we know: Jesus.

Now, like a lot of you dear Oneness people baptize in the name of "Jesus." You're wrong. There's hundreds of Jesuses in the world today, but there's only one Lord Jesus Christ.

He was borned a Christ. Lots of Jesuses, I've met many of them. But there's one Lord Jesus Christ; He's God.

And Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is not names; they're titles that go to one Name. Say, "Baptize in the name of 'Father, Son, Holy Ghost.'" Father's not a name, and Son's not a name, and Holy Ghost is not a name; it's a title, like human, that's what it is. The Holy Ghost, a Spirit, Holy Ghost. Then say, "In the name of the Father." Look at the fathers, and your sons' sons. Look at the humans in here. See? Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is not a name. It's a title that goes to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

That's the way the apostolic church baptized in the beginning. And I'll ask anybody to produce one text of Scripture or one time in history that anybody was ever baptized in the Christian church any other way than but in the Name of Jesus Christ until the Catholic church was formed and they adopted "Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" for a

creed. Now, bring up your history, some of the historians. Yeah, there's no such a thing.

( **The Revelation Of Jesus Christ**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 12



*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (Mark 16:15-20)*



It is my belief that the Bible is God's Word, and that in the Word, salvation is based upon the teaching of this Bible, that salvation cannot be based upon any other thing but the Word of the Lord. Many things are good remedies, but this is the cure. God has so planned it, that His Word is Himself. "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God; and the Word was God, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." God incarnate, in Christ. All other things will fail.

Now, we cannot base salvation upon prayer. As good as it may be, we cannot base salvation on prayer. For if that be so, the Mohammedans are saved; the Buddhists are saved; the heathens are saved. So it cannot be based on prayer, and neither can it be based upon experience. Salvation is not based on experience, 'cause people can have any kind of an experience. The Mohammedans have experiences. The Buddhists has an experience, and every different religion has experiences. And neither can salvation be based upon fasting, prayer, experiences, sensations, or sincerity.

Many people say, "Well, it doesn't make any difference just what I believe, as long as I am sincere in what I believe." Well, if that be so, the Mohammedan is saved; the Buddhist is saved, and all the rest of them; the heathens is saved. For I say that they can outshine us any day, when it comes to prayer, fasting, sensations, or so forth; they can outshine us. And salvation does not pertain, or it is not based upon, any other thing but the Word of God; God's got to say so.

( **God Keeps His Word #2**  
**March 7, 1957** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 24:44-53**



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December 13



*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (John 1:1-3)*



But let's think of before there ever was anything, there was God. He was in the beginning. And let's see Him, and picture Him out there in space. That's Jehovah we're speaking of. And watch how the trinity of God comes to man just for a moment.

And there, that great space where no one can fathom in their mind beyond that, that space, eternity. That's Jehovah God out there. And we're taught in the beginning, that the Logos, or the Son of God went out of God.

Now, I do not believe in eternal sonship. That's even radical to even mention such a thing, eternal sonship. If it's even eternal sonship, how could He be a Son? He had to have a beginning. See?

Let's notice this. Now, I have to make this before going back into it, just like a little picture drama here for you a moment, in order to get one point to you, what is in our midst tonight.

Now, see, this is just like a child playing before the door. It was the Son of God, the Logos. And I can see Him out there, and He spake, and said, "Let there be light." And there was nothing. But there was something happened, and an atom turned there and begin to whirl around this a way. The sun begin to come into existence, because He

said, "Let there be." There's the authority.

Where did He make it from? I don't know. There was nothing to make it from. But He believed His own Word, and there was light. I can see a piece fly off of that; it's a meteor. After a few million years, or a hundred billions of years, if you want to call it, and it circled way out. I see Him standing there watching it. And it falls down in here. He stops it after falls a few million years, and let it hang there in orbit. Here's another one flying off the sun. It goes over here and hangs down, stops it there.

What's He doing? Writing His first Bible.

( Diseases And Afflictions  
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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December 14



*In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:4-5)*



God said, "Let there be light." Now, what if He just said it, and no light come? Then we don't know whether it's true or not. We don't know whether He's all right; we don't know whether He's God or not, because He just said, "Let there be," and there wasn't. See? So then when God speaks and we see it is, then that's the Light that shines forth, the Truth of the Word. See? There is Light and Life.

All natural life comes by His spoken Word, and the sun is His spoken Word. He said He created a great light in the heavens for the day and a lesser light for the night. See? And all natural life has to come by God's spoken Word. A flower cannot grow without the light of God's spoken Word shine upon it, for the sun is, the s-u-n is, the spoken Word of God when He said, "Let there be light." See? It's God's spoken life, and no matter how much people try to say this, that, or the other, it still remains the same: you have to have that sun. So life, natural, can only come by the spoken Word of God.

And spiritual Life, Eternal Life, can only come by God's spoken Word of Life. Life was the S-o-n this time. In Him is Light, and in Him is no darkness; and He is God's spoken Light

(Is that right?), God's spoken Word; for in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And it's forever God. See? And it takes the Light of God to strike the Word to make it live. Here's what He spoke, now let the

Light shine. And the Light will bring every Word to its right position in its season.  
Amen.

No. You see, when it comes time, sometimes that little grain lays in the earth dormant all through the winter, like seed of winter wheat, sowed in the ground. But when that sun gets just right, oh, it's got to live. See? And it can't live without the sun. And God's made promises for every age and every day, and when the Light gets right and shines upon that, it'll produce just exactly what the Word said; because He is the Light and the Life.

( **There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light**  
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~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



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December 15



*Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. (Luke 1:1-4)*



Is there any certainty about anything at all? Why, certainly, I'm so thankful that there is. Is there anything that is certain?

I'll tell you what is certain; that's the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, if you want to put it down, we won't turn to it, but you can if you want to, Matthew 24:35, Jesus speaking of these days and what was coming to pass. Matthew 24:35, He said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away." And that's certain, isn't it? That's one thing that's certain, is His Word, Now, there's one thing. We see we can't build upon our church; we can't build upon our nation, it's too uncertain. But there's one thing that's certain; that's God's Word is certain. You're certainly going to have to do it.

One of them said, "One certain thing was taxes." Oh, no, taxes ain't too certain. The Lord may come. They can charge it off then; it's all over then.

They said, "Death is certain." No, sir, death isn't certain, no indeed. There might be a rapture, then there's no death. Death ain't too certain; no, no, not in this day. It was many years ago, but not now. Death is not too certain.

And anyhow, I know a man one time, that walked with God, for an example to show. And one day he got tired walking, so he just got real light and started walking up, and went on up home with God. See? Anybody know who he was? Enoch. And what was he? A type of the Church in this day.

And Noah, which is a type, and we had it last week in our lesson. Noah, the type of Israel that's carried over, will be over there on Mount Transfiguration, over there down in Palestine, watching. When Noah saw Enoch was missing, he thought, "What become of Enoch? What become of Enoch? Where's he at?" Which was grandson, Noah was grandson to Enoch. And he said, "Where's it at? What become of him? We can't find him no more." Noah started building on that ark. He knowed that the time was at hand, right then. And now, when the Church is taken up, and people say,

"Well, I've called the police. I've put out calls. She was setting right at the table, and she vanished. I just don't know what become of her." Well, it's not only that. Well, the police say, "We got five hundred calls of that this morning." What happened? It's over then for you Gentiles.

( **The Uncertain Sound**  
December 18, 1960 )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 16



*The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; (Matthew 1:1-6)*



As I've always said, it isn't the great church; it's the great God in the church. It isn't the great, holy mountain; it's the great Holy Spirit that was on the mountain. It isn't the holy man; it's the Holy Ghost in the man.

See, that's the way [Bethlehem] was. It was small in stature, and more in the valley, and it wasn't too much to look upon; it's population was small, and is yet today. But it was because God chose it to do something. That's what I like: something that God chooses. No matter what it looks like to people, just as long as God chose it.

Rahab the harlot, that we're all familiar with, she being a young girl that was turned on the street by a heathen father and mother, that put her on the street because she was beautiful, and was to bring an income to them on prostitution. And yet, down in this immoral girl that was turned on the street, she had heard that there was a God Who answered prayer. And the first opportunity that she got to accept that God, or do something for Him, she did it. And God spared her life, and saved her father and mother, and her family. She fell in love with a general in the army of Israel, we find

in history, and married this general. And their courtship was wonderful. And finally they settled down and lived at Bethlehem.

And through this general she brought to the world a son, I can't think of the general's name just now. I was trying to. I thought I had his name down here, but I don't. I have her son's name, but it was Rahab's son to this general. His name was Salmon. Not the Solomon [that] built the temple, the son of David, but another Salmon. And this Salmon brought forth a son whose name was Boaz. And Boaz, oh, we are all acquainted with that wonderful story of Boaz and Ruth.

Now, you see, this harlot was a Gentile, and she was an ancient grandmother to our Lord Jesus. And also when Boaz, her grandson, come forth and married Ruth the Moabite, he also married into a Gentile. Which made Jesus also part Gentile, earthly speaking. Then when they brought their child forth, his name was Obed. And Obed had a son, and his name was Jesse. And Jesse had a son whose name was David. All this taken place in little Bethlehem. What is it? The lineage of the Lord Jesus, His background that the great so-called spiritual men were overlooking

( God's Wrapped Gift  
December 25, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38**



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December 17



*There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. (Luke 1:5-13 )*



We look at John the Baptist, what a great man he was. Jesus, at this time of our message, was going down to see John the Baptist. He drawn all the regions around Judaea and Jordan, down to Jordan to hear him. What a great man he was. He also was foreordained.

Before he was borned, his father was in the temple. His obligation was to offer incense while the people were praying, burn incense. Notice, he was a devout man (I like that, don't you?), a man who worshipped God.

Now, there was a disgrace at his home. His wife was old. She'd always wanted to

bring children, which all Jewish women did. They thought it was a great honor, and a dishonor to be barren. Like David's first wife, when she laughed at him by dancing before the ark, God put a curse upon her that she could bear no children.

And now, Zacharias, a just man, a holy man, a devout man, he and his wife had prayed, and believed that someday God would give them children; held onto God. And then, at this particular time, while he was waving his incense in there, Gabriel, the Angel, appeared before him and told him: After the days of his ministration at the temple, he was to go home and be with his wife, and she was to conceive and bear a son, and they would call his name John.

Zacharias, yet a good man, holy man, righteous man, that had prayed for these things. Notice it. He failed to believe what he'd been praying for, when his prayer was answered. Isn't that about like most of us today? Praying, and if God answers your prayers, scare you to death.

Notice. He had prayed all this time, and God was answering his prayer. And I say this here. God will answer every sincere prayer (I believe it.) in His own way.

Then she's a past the age of bearing. Zacharias said, "Oh, this couldn't be so. My, my. She's old, and I'm old. And how could this be?"

And because he disbelieved the Angel, the Angel said, "You'll be dumb until the day the baby's born." And he was stricken dumb. And you know how the people waited for him. And when he come out, why he beckoned to them. They seen that he'd seen an Angel. And he went on up, and his wife conceived, and this little John was on his road to be born.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**January 1, 1950** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



## **Parallel Scriptures : Luke 1:5-25**



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December 18



*And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:30-38)*



She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to Thy Word." I can see her little, brown eyes light up like the stars of heaven.

She going around saying, "You know, I'm going to have a baby?"

"Oh, Mary."

"Yes, going to have a baby."

"Are you and Joseph married?"

"No. He will be the Son of God." Amen. Nothing like that had ever happened before. But she didn't care whether it had ever happened before, anyhow. She had God's Word, God's promise. That's good enough. She didn't care about the shameful part of it. She had God's Word for it.

Look in the temple that day when she dedicated Him. Here He was coming and all the mothers coming around, and little, needle-worked clothes and things like that on the little babies, and there all of them said, "Oh-oh, looky there, there's that Mary. See, that baby was borned out of wedlock. Stay back from Him; stay away," and stayed way back from Him. He was wrapped in swaddling's cloth, not needlework, swaddling's cloth.

And when He was laying in there, if I'm told right, that's the yoke on the ox that they put in the stable in there, that they had stuff that kept it from rubbing his shoulder. They claim that's what Jesus was wrapped in, not even clothes to wear, no place to lay His head, come to the earth through a borrowed womb over a manure pile, went out and had to borrow a grave to be buried in. And then we think we're somebody.

The God of heaven Who could create bread and fish, and make water into wine, Who made heavens and earth and took the place of a humble, poorest among all. Washed the feet of the disciples, the very dust that He created, He washed. The very dust that He created He was made out of, put His tent down here, and lived among us in a body of flesh, crossed His cast, come down from God out of heaven and become man in order to strike the heart. That's a super sign.

It's a real sign. You talk about signs; when Jehovah was made flesh and dwelled among us, a sign that ought to strike the heart of every man to know that God's so humble.

July 24, 1960 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 1:26-38**





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December 19



*And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord. (Luke 1:39-45)*



Now, and she begin to talk to Elisabeth, and Elisabeth begin to talk to her. Let's listen to their conversation. I can hear Mary say to Elisabeth, "Oh, I am so happy, because that I've been told that you were going to be a mother in your old age." And of course, she could see that and know that.

And I can hear Elisabeth say, "Yes, I am. Oh, I'm so happy about it. But Mary, I'm just a little afraid. See, it's six months with me as mother. And as far as we now, the baby had no life." She was a little weary yet about it, you know. Little John was there. And that's altogether subnatural. You see, it's not right. And so about two or three months, life. And here she was all this time and no life yet.

And Mary said, "The Angel Gabriel met me and told me that I was going to bring forth a Son also. And I was to call His Name Jesus." Well, just the time that she spoke Jesus, little John begin to leap and jump in his mother's womb.

Brother, the first time the Name of Jesus Christ was ever spoke, it brought life to a dead baby. What ought it to bring to a Holy Ghost Church when the Name of Jesus has power over sickness and sin. Hallelujah! Yes, that Name, Jesus Christ, when it was spoke first by mortal lips, it brought life to a baby that was dead in his mother's womb. The Bible said, he received the Holy Ghost, and was borned from his mother's womb full of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah! Oh, my.

What's the matter with Christians? Wishy-washy, half jellyfish. Get a backbone in you and stand up for God and what's right. And today, stand for what the Bible says, and believe it with all your heart.

Little John begin to leap in his mother's womb for joy, and the Holy Spirit came upon Elisabeth. She said, "Whence cometh the mother of my Lord? For as soon as your salutation came into my ears, my baby leaped in the womb for joy." Oh, my.

Think what it done. When Jesus' Name was spoke, brought life to that dead baby. What ought it to bring to your limbs, sir? What ought it to bring to your sickness, to you men setting here, and you over there.

Take the name of Jesus with you, everywhere you go; breathe it everywhere in prayer. Be loyal; be holy. Live for God, and God will confirm His Word. Yes, sir. He swore that He would do it. There you are.

( **Believest Thou This**  
**July 16, 1950** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 20



*And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house. (Luke 1:46-56)*



Man's always trying to find some way to save himself. Right here it is: that's his nature. In the garden of Eden, the man, as soon as he found out he was lost, he made himself a religion, a fig leaf apron, and put it over him. You see why I think Eve was so beautiful? See? See why I don't think these things, these strains, that's the strain of man yet tonight. Even after four thousand, yes, nearly six-thousand years, man's still trying to cover his own sins by his own merits.

He will quit eating meat. And he will keep all kinds of days, and he will tear himself down. He will try every thing that he can to save himself, when it's so simple that even a fool couldn't fail to find it. That's right. The Bible said so. Just simply, "By grace are you saved through faith." He will try to mystify it, and have all kinds of a seeing lights, and hearing sounds, and everything, and all kinds of mystifying things

to get people to be saved. Maybe some one did see it, but that don't mean that all has to see it. You just believe it, that's what it is. And God has His program, and He will set you and place you in Christ, just where He thinks you'll work best for Him, if you'll just stay in your calling.

Don't try to get somebody else's calling. Stay in your own calling. If you're a housewife, remain a housewife. Whatever God's called you to do, just remain there. He knows where to put His hand on you and use you.

He had a little, old woman named Hannah, one time, little housewife. He knowed where to place her, what He was going to do with her. He had one named Mary, one time. Oh, my, He will just do with you whatever He wants to do, if you'll just let Him do it. Just be humble, submit yourself to Him, and walk on.

( **Water From The Rock**  
**February 24, 1955** )

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 21



*Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; (Luke 1:57-76)*



Does the Scripture teach that gifts and callings are without repentance? That's right. You can't make yourself something you're not. I wanted to be six foot tall and weigh a hundred and ninety pounds. It didn't do me any good. He said, "Who, taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" You are what you are by the grace of God. You can't add nothing; you can't take nothing. If God wanted you to be a minister, He ordained you to be a minister before the world ever began. You believe that? It's what the Bible teaches.

Jesus Christ, He was a Son of God, all the way from the garden of Eden, the woman's Seed. Is that right?

Moses, when he was born, he never made himself Moses. When he was born, he was a proper child. God had raised him up.

And John the Baptist (seven hundred and twelve years before he was born, the prophet Isaiah saw him and said, "He's the voice of one crying in the wilderness."), he had nothing to do about being the forerunner of Christ. God chose him before the foundation of the world to be the forerunner of Christ.

I believe it was Jeremiah, God told Jeremiah, said, "Before you was even formed in your mother's womb, I knew you, and sanctified you, and ordained you a prophet to the nations. Is that right? Before he was ever formed in his mother's womb. See, who taking thought can add cubit to his stature?"

(Sirs, Be Of A Good Cheer  
July 21, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 1:57-80**



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December 22



*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. (Matthew 1:18)*



Now, Who is "Father, Son, Holy Ghost"? "Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost." "Father's" no name, "Son's" no name, "Holy Ghost" no name. What Name were you talking about?

Well, that's like John and Mary; let's go back to find out what it was. "Now, the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise. When His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together, she was found with a Child of the (what?) the Holy Ghost." I thought you said God was His Father. How can God be His Father, and the Holy Ghost be His Father?

Now, you see, you trinitarians, and hollering at the oneness? Pot can't call kettle greasy. Look here. No. See what I mean?

He said that "The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise. When the mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with a Child of the Holy Ghost." Then God the Father had nothing to do with it? If God the Father, and God the Holy Ghost, isn't the selfsame Person, then Jesus had two fathers, and our Saviour was a illegitimate child, born with two different spirits, or by two different spirits. "The birth of Jesus Christ was. He was conceived by the Holy Ghost." Do you believe that? Then God the Father and the Holy Ghost is the selfsame Spirit, or He had two fathers.

"All this was done, might be fulfilled which was spoken of the prophet of the Lord, saying, 'Behold, a virgin shall be with Child, and she shall bring forth a Child, a Son, and they shall call His Name' (this is Him) Jesus, which is Emmanuel, which is being interpreted (what?) ["God with us.]" Then what is the Name of the "Father, Son, Holy Ghost"? ["Lord Jesus Christ"] Certainly. "His Name shall be called ["Jesus"] for He shall save His people from their sins."

Now, what is "Father, Son, Holy Ghost"? The Lord Jesus Christ. What is the Name of it? "Father" is not a name, "Son's" not a name, "Holy Ghost" is not a name. But Jesus Christ is "Lord Jesus Christ," which is the Father, Son, Holy Ghost, the three offices of God manifested in flesh in one Person. Hallelujah. Brother, that's the Truth. So help me, God, I'll stand at the day of judgment on that

( Palmerworm, Locust, Cankerworm, Caterpillar  
August 23, 1959 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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December 23



*Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:19-21)*



While he thought on these things, he was minded then to put her away privately. He said, "I won't cause any great disturbance about it." Now remember, he had never took the oath yet, but he was espoused. But he put her away privately. "And while he was thinking on these things of put her away privately, see, it come to the best of his knowledge. See, he was a just man and a good man.

Brother, sister, let me say this. If you are just, if you are honest in your heart, then God's obligated to reveal the thing to you.

Joseph, her husband, being a just man, he pondered on the things. It was so unusual, as I said, he could hardly comprehend that. "How could those things be?" But he, no doubt, set down, prayed over it, studied it in the Scriptures. "How could these things be?" While he was studying, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. He wasn't a prophet. And there wasn't a prophet on the earth in those days, no one who could come to him with **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, so the Lord took the secondarily way. That's the reason God took the welfare of His own Son, to a man, by a dream, and put Him in Egypt, and brought Him back out, and hid Him, from the wise men,

or the wise men went another way. There was no prophet in the land, so He took secondarily, the dream. But there was men who wasn't born to be a seer, but they were good men, and when they did, God visit them in their subconscious and revealed Himself.

If you'll just yield yourself to God, God's got many ways that He can reveal Hisself to you. See? Might not, you might not be a prophet; you might not be a teacher; you might not be a Sunday school teacher; you might not be a preacher; but there's ways that God can reveal Himself to you. You see? Whether it might be dreams, it might be in some other way, if you'll just submit yourself like Joseph did.

No doubt he said, "O great Jehovah God, I come through the lineage of David. And I'm a righteous man; I hope I am. I'm trusting in what You said to be the Truth. And my beloved little sweetheart here, that I'm espoused to. To put her away, otherwise, I'm guilty of committing adultery. And she's to be mother, and I don't know her as a wife. What is these things, Lord?"

See, he was not a prophet, so He couldn't speak to him that way. So He let him get to sleep and sent the Angel of the Lord to him in a dream. Amen. The Angel of the Lord came to him in a dream, and touched him, and said, "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." There you are. "That which is in her, is not some man; the Holy Ghost has done this. The woman's told the truth. This unusual story, this unusual thing that's happened, Joseph, that's got you all tore up, it's of the Holy Ghost." Oh, that same God still lives tonight. You still have subconscious. And you Christians, if the thing seems unusual to you, that you see that, if it's still right exactly with the Word, then God can reveal the unusual things in many ways.

( We Have Seen His Star And Have Come To Worship Him  
December 16, 1963 )

**~ Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 24



*Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus. (Matthew 1:22-25)*



The Person of Jesus Christ was so unique that no one should've missed seeing that that was the Son of God, because He was a perfect identification of the Scripture that was wrote of Him. That's the way any Christian is known: when his life identifies the very things that the Christian's supposed to do.

How He could stand there and say, "This day this Scripture is fulfilled right before your eyes." How outstanding. How so plainly, and yet those people misunderstood. Why? Is because they took the interpretation of some order of priests that they were listening to. And history always repeats itself, and Scripture has a compound meaning to it and a compound revelation.

For instance, like it says in the Bible that "Out of Egypt I call My Son (referring to Jesus)." Run the margin on that and you find out it also referred to Jacob: same Scripture. Jesus was His greater Son. Jacob was His son that He called out of Egypt, which the Scofield reference and all other references give to it, because that's the Scripture it was referring to, so it had a double answer. It had a answer to Jacob called out and to Jesus called out.

And so is it today. Is because that we're in such a turmoil as we are, and people fail to see the Truth of God, is because there's too many manmade interpretations of God's Word.

God don't need nobody to interpret His Word. He is His own Interpreter.

God said in the beginning, "Let there be light," and there was light. That doesn't need an interpretation.

He said, "A virgin shall conceive," and she did. That doesn't need any interpretation.

God's interpretation of His Word is when He vindicates and proves it to be so. That's His interpretation, by making it come to pass. That's where God's interpretation is, is when

He makes His Word come to pass; He's interpreting it to you.

Like if there'd never been light and He said, "Let there be light," and there was; that don't need anybody to interpret. But we get manmade systems mixed into it. And when you do, you get it out of line. It's always been that way.

But I still think of how striking it must've been. Think of it. The Messiah. Why did they fail to see Him? Because their very leaders that ought to have known Him, that ought to have been versed in the Scriptures, that ought to have been understanding of the Scriptures, they belittled this Man and said, "He's an illegitimate child to begin with." We wouldn't believe that. Years later we don't believe that; we would die for the purpose to say that He was a virgin born Son. And it'll come to pass someday that the very things that we see Jehovah doing today, men in the ages to come, if there is, will die for the thing that we're talking about today. You'll have to do it when the mark of the beast comes on, and they're not allowed to preach the Gospel this way.

( This Day This Scripture Is Fulfilled  
February 19, 1965 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (Luke 2:1-7)*



One of the greatest gifts that God ever give to the world was Jesus Christ, we know that. And now I want to speak this morning upon His Deity, Who He is. So many has Him a little Baby laying out there in the cradle and so forth. But that was just one of the pictures, just one of the setting forth of the drama to bring it up to what He really is, His Deity.

And he said in the Scriptures of His coming, He would been spoke of since the days of John. Plumb back even into Genesis it was prophesied that the woman's Seed would bruise the serpent's head, promising this child, Christ Jesus. And He'd been down, all the prophets, most every prophet that was ever wrote in the Bible, spoke of His first and second advent, when He would come to the world.

Jesus come three times. He came the first time to redeem His Church. He comes the

second time to receive His Church.

He comes the third time with His Church. Everything in the

Bible travels in trinities, threes, but all in one Christ. Remember, the first time to redeem His Church, the second time to receive His Church, the third time with His Church, as King and Queen. Now, but on His first coming, we'll speak of just a little bit, and then on His being here; and then on His second coming; and then on the third time; if the Lord willing.

Now, in these days there was a great persecution against the church. Caesar Augustus had made a great plan that he'd tax all the people. And that was only done for one purpose, that God's great prophecy would be fulfilled.

Only thing you have to do, when you see something in the Bible, that sounds just a little mystic and a little superstitious to you, just give God a little bit of time. God's in no hurry. We're the one gets in a hurry. Just give God just a little bit of time, and you'll see the old prophetic wheels, cogs, run right up into the picture. It'll develop, just like the bringing up of a picture.

( The Deity Of Jesus Christ  
December 25, 1949 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham







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*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:8-11)*



Now, remember, the Messiah was already in the city, born in the city, in a stable; right by the great cathedrals and the great priests, and the theologians, and the wise, and the trained, all was there waiting for the Messiah. And there He was right in their midst. But why then did they go out on the hills of Judaea to unlearned, untrained, uncultured, poorest of all? Looked like the most unfit person for such a task to reveal the message and send them out to bring the message.

You know my opinion? It might not amount to very much, but I want to pass my opinion: I believe it's because of the wisdom of God, that He knew they wouldn't receive such a message the way it come. It wasn't in the taste of their learning.

It was different. It wasn't what they had been trained to believe He would be like. It was contrary to their theological understanding. All their training, all their learning was bypassed, become naught. I believe it was the wisdom of God that knew that they wouldn't receive such a message. So the Messiah was here, and there must be somebody recognize it. And He knew those who hadn't been mixed up in such stuff as that. He would be more able to get His message to a unlearned group, than He

would be to a mixed-up group that was so set in their ways that nothing could turn them, not even the Word of God.

And now, Christian friends, let me ask this question, with all sincerity and love. I just wonder if He would make the same act tonight, and send to us in this generation the promised Word that's promised for this generation, I wonder if our theologians, and educators, and wise, wouldn't turn the message down just the same as they did then? Man doesn't change, neither does God's Word change. He's the unchanging God, He doesn't change.

Notice, Angels coming and giving their message to men of such low estate, when there were men there much more (earthly thought of) qualified than these poor, illiterate shepherds. The shepherd was the most illiterate of anybody; he didn't need to know nothing but just about his sheep. He didn't need to know mathematics. He didn't need to know how to split an atom. He didn't need no scholarship. He just had to know his sheep; that's all that he needed to know. And God, the great Wisdom, and the fountain and resource of all wisdom, would choose such persons as that, and bypass all the well-trained scholars that's trained to know that. It speaks one thing, that they were trained in the wrong field. Passing up all the important of the land, there were important people, great teachers, Caiaphas the high priest, many other great men, all Israel's mighty learned, all the denominations, and all the boasting theologians, God bypassed everyone of them. Now, that's God's wisdom.

( Why It Had To Be Shepherd  
December 21, 1964 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 2:8-20**



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*And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb. And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (Luke 2:21-26)*



Now, look. No one had ever seen Christ. He had been spoke of it from the very dawn of time, from the beginning in the garden of Eden. And four thousand years had passed, and every great man had looked for Him to come on the earth. The Jewish stream of blood, I guess, is the most purest there is on the earth tonight, looking for the Messiah to come. And they watched for that Child to be born. They were looking for it.

And so therefore, all of them had looked. But Simeon had a revelation of the Holy Spirit, that he was not going to see death until first he saw Christ. He was not going to die until he saw Christ. And he told everyone that that's what was going to happen. Not afraid that it wouldn't happen, he knowed if the Holy Spirit said so, it had to happen.

When God tells you anything, it's positive the truth. You cannot get away from it, and it's got to happen.

Someone said, "Brother Branham, aren't you afraid you'll make a mistake when someone comes to the platform, that you'll tell them the wrong disease?" No sir.

Here the other day, there's a man arrested down in the south for telling a man he lived untrue to his wife, and so forth, and was arrested, 'cause it was a story. Why sure, if it's a story, anything can happen. You're working in yourself. But when you stand under the Divine promise of God, there's no fear in God.

That's right. It's bound to be. It's perfect. It's never failed, and it will never fail, because God cannot lie. You can only believe God when He speaks and tells you, then you act upon what He says do.

Now, this priest wasn't ashamed to tell the people that he believed that Christ was going to be born, and he would see it before he died. Now, notice. When God makes a promise to you, He will fulfill it. You don't have to be afraid that He will not keep His Word, for God will keep His Word. That's true. You just must trust Him.

( Expectation  
April 5, 1950 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Luke 2:21-35**



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December 28



*And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. (Luke 2:36-38 )*



Now you come tonight. You come; just set down if you're skeptic. Set down, get you a seat. Just watch for a few minutes. Are you expecting to see Him come on the scene tonight? I am. See? I'm expecting it. He will do it, if you expect it.

And as soon as [Simeon] found the baby, he reached over in the mother's arms and took the baby, and embraced it against his own heart, and said, "Lord, now let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word, for my eyes have seen Thy salvation." Oh, my! Led by the Holy Spirit!

Now, keep these words in your heart, and watch tonight to see God's salvation. You keep that on your mind; let the Holy Spirit lead you tonight to see God's salvation. He promised He'd do it in the last days. See if He does! See? Expecting, today, have great expectations, like he did.

And there was another one in that day was expecting. (I'll get her in just as we close.) Her name was Anna. She was a prophetess. She was in the temple, blind. But she could see beyond the walls of that temple.

I hope that every separate organization today can see beyond the walls of your organization. It's all right, your organization, but see beyond the walls of it. See?

As blind Anna set there, she was looking also for the consolation of Israel, but she was blind. The Holy Spirit must have said to her, "Stand up, Anna!" She stood up. Here she comes, winding her way, led by the Holy Ghost, around through the people. How did she do it? She'd been expecting it, and the Holy Spirit was leading her. That old blind woman, leading along through the people, coming along. (Here was Simeon with tears running off of his snowy white beard. "Lord, let Thy servant depart in peace.")

I wonder what the snickering crowd thought then. See? What was this great carry-on? "Well," they said, "there's old Anna; she's blind. And there's Simeon; he's old and kind of half-off at this head." But they were standing at the right place. No matter what condition they were in, they were standing at the right place. That's where I want to stand. God, let me stand at the right place!

And here she come winding her way through there.

Now, if the Holy Spirit could wind that old blind woman around all those people to get to Him, how much more can it wind you around these streets tonight? Coming down to get to the spot where we believe that He will heal the sick, He will save the lost. And here she comes. And as soon as she got there (she also found the spot) she lifted up her hands and blessed God and spoke of Him, and spoke of the thorn that would be in Mary's heart, and so forth, and prophesied. See, she was a prophetess, and the Spirit of God was upon her. And God led that old blind woman through the crowds till she got to that spot, because she was expecting Him to come. I'm expecting Him. If you'll be expecting Him, God will meet our expectations.

( Expectation

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 29



*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. (Matthew 2:1-3)*



I can see them leaving the mountains and go to the west slopes. They followed the slopes down to the Tigris River, and there they follow the mighty Tigris on down till they come into Babylon, crossed the ford at Euphrates, on down, and skirted the lands of Palestine. Rejoicing, they traveled by night because it was cool in the night for them to travel through the desert. Another thing was, the Star shone in the dark, so they had to follow the Light. And the Light was their guide. And as they come up, finally it come to Jerusalem. But when it hit Jerusalem, it went out. It suddenly disappeared when they hit Jerusalem, because it was their time then to shine the Light.

And down through the crooked streets of that great metropolis, down through the streets of the ancient capital of the world, nearly, Jerusalem, the one time seat of the great Melchisedec, where the great ancient prophets and scribes had wrote so of. But in their slothful, fleshly, half-dazed, ungodly living, the Light of the Gospel had gone out.

And here was Gentiles in the city of the Jews, crying, "Where is He that's born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east and we've come to worship Him."



What a striking event of this day. O merciful Father, as we look and think: the Jews so asleep until Magis, eastern Gentiles, had come from far lands, traveling to find the King of the Jews, and they knowed nothing of it.

Today, God has taken uneducated men, boys and girls who probably have no more than a grammar school education raised up by the power of the Holy Ghost, that's crying in the ears of the church, "He's here in His great power to unfold Himself and to make known," and the church knows nothing about it.

They come to give homage. They come to give honor to the King of kings. And the church in its denominational sleep, knows nothing about it. They're strangers. How, when these well-delighted beasts in their oriental tapestry hanging from them, and the tassels. And as Philian once said, "They were not kings, but they were great enough to be the honored guests of the King." And here they are, setting a back of these stately animals, as they go through the streets, saying, "Where is he that's born the King of the Jews?" The Bible said that all Jerusalem and Herod also were troubled. Their testimony stirred something. Isn't it too bad today, that the church can't arise out of its stupidity of its theological exercises to see the power of the living, resurrected Christ in His glory, as an illiterate, uneducated, interdenominational move is striking at the world. Come and see the glory of the living God. The Holy Spirit is falling just as it did at the beginning. The Scriptures must be fulfilled, and here it is at the end time.

( The Great Shining Light  
December 22, 1957 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. (Matthew 2:4-6)*



Now, we see here how that this little Bethlehem, yet being unnoticed, a little place not noticed too much to the outside world, and just a smallest of the cities, nobody paid any attention to it. But yet God had in His purpose that there's where all these things would happen. Now, the spiritual mind would pick that up, because the prophet said here, "Thou Bethlehem of Judaea, art thou not the least among the princes? But out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule My people Israel." The prophet, the mind of a prophet found it. Watch those spiritual, Holy Spirit today leading those things. Don't make any difference what the world says in all of its tinsel. Watch the Holy Spirit in the Word; there's where it come.

How about when Job died and specified his burial place? Along came Abraham; Abraham bought the parcel of ground to bury his wife, Sarah. And Abraham, when he died, wanted to be buried with Sarah. Abraham begot Isaac. Isaac, when he died, wanted to be buried with Abraham. Isaac begot Jacob. Jacob died plumb down in Egypt, but he made Joseph his prophet son swear by him with his hand on his limping hip, that he would not bury him down in Egypt. Why? Said, "Take me up into the land," and there let him be buried. And Joseph, when he died down in Egypt, made mention of the departing and Israel going out according to the prophecy, but said,

"Take my bones out of this land." Why? They knew the firstfruits of the resurrection was coming up from that land, because Job said, "I know my Redeemer liveth, and at the last days He'll stand upon the earth; and though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

They knew that firstfruits of resurrection was coming out of the promised land, not Egypt. They were spiritual; they were prophets. And when Jesus died on Good Friday, and raised up on Easter morning, the following Sunday morning, the Bible said that many of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, raised up and come out of the graves, went into the city, went on into glory with Him. Why? It was them prophets that knowed exactly where to be buried at the place and at the time. It was hid from the eyes of the wise. But they knew; they looked at the Spirit side. The firstfruits of the resurrection was to come out of Palestine, not out of Egypt.

So is it today, friends. So many people hold onto things of the world, or some great system or something. Bury me in Jesus, for those that are in Christ will God bring with Him at that resurrection. And I don't care what the world's got to say, how much they try to tinsel-ize things. It's in Christ; those that are in Christ that God will bring with Him. The spiritual mind catches those spiritual things.

( Why Little Bethlehem  
December 14, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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*Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:7-11)*



Notice, God guided the Magis with them gifts. For practically two years they followed that star. See? And that shows it couldn't be one of the natural things that happened. See? Because if the stars, crossing their orbits, would've crossed, it would showed there was something different. Unless those Magi saw it, long time before it happened, and knowed they had to cross that way; see, in the paths they were coming in. And they crossed just at Bethlehem at that time, started from up there, beforehand, knowing that these heavenly bodies were moving that way.

Now, God guided the Magis because they had the right gifts. God guided these wise men because they had the right identified gift to identify His Son. Oh, my. Do you get it? Wise men today, wise in the Name of the Lord, not with some fictitious something, but with the gift that God promised for this day, and God will guide you to identify that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. There you are:

wise men.

God guided those gifts because they were the gifts to identify Him. Wise men today, who can look away from churchanity and all the things of the world to the living Word of God, and God will identify His Son by His Word, because that's what He is. "I and My Father are One." And, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." And the same Word today, He's the same yesterday, today and forever. And a wise men follows that, because that's what God takes care of to identify Himself by it. Amen. A gift, a real, identified gift of God, God brings up through everything like that to identify Himself by.

And that's how Christ was identified: by gold, myrrh, and frankincense, by them men foreshadowing and showing in type what His life was to be. See? Deity manifested for service, to die that He might redeem the nation, because He was to save His people from their sin, not save the world, save His people from their sin. The Bible said here, "For in His Name will the Gentiles trust." See? The Gentiles will trust in His Name. Amen. In other words, the Bride, the called-out of the Gentiles, will be trusting in the Name of Jesus Christ, "In His Name shall the Gentiles trust." Now, God guided them, for the gifts that they were giving, were fitting to the time.

( God's Gifts Always Find Place Their Places  
December 22, 1963 )

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



**Parallel Scriptures : Matthew 2:7-15**