



Preface

“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.”



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January 1



Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. (Psalms 1:1-3)



See, if God has promised, He's got the provision for it, for His promise. And then, into the wilderness when those people needed water in the desert, dried up because they was grumbling, because they figured that they'd rather be back down in Egypt with the garlic pots and so forth, than to be out there eating Angel's food, walking by faith. And they were grumbling, and the water supply was taken from them. That's what's the matter with the church today. The water supply is cut off because of our grumbling and doubting.

If you'll go into a desert, you'll find that every bush that you come up against, will perhaps, have thorns and stickers on it, because it's raised in a dry land without water. You take the same variety of bush and put it in a land of moisture, it'll be soft, because it gets plenty of water. And you take a church that's always fussing and stewing about the days of miracles is passed, just remember they're in a desert and out of the water. And a church that's loving, and humble, and flexible, and feels, and goes with the Word of God, remember they're living by the fountain that never runs dry.

David said, "Blessed is the man whose trust is in the Lord, setteth not in the seat of the

scornful, walketh in the way of sinners, but his delight is in the law of the Lord; and he shall be like a tree that planted by the rivers of water. Whatever he doeth, it shall prosper. His leaves will not fail. He will bring forth his fruit in season."

Now, when they needed water, they cried unto Moses, and Moses cried unto God for them. And look how ridiculous God did it in the eyes of science. In other words, He told Moses, after they'd been in every little ditch hunting water, He said, "Go up there to the rock," a rock, the driest place there was in the desert. Surely, if there's no water down there in that ditch where there was a spring one time, there's not going to be any water up there on the hill in that dry rock. And God, in the eyes of this world, does things, sometime, that seems ridiculous just to confound and confuse the wise and prudent, but will reveal to babes, such will believe and have faith. God does it, because He's God. He will provide.

Now, He promised them He would provide everything they had need of till they got over into the promised land.

The trouble with Christians today, they don't realize what is provided for them. Many people doesn't realize that the great glories and powers that's provided for them.

(God Providing Healing For This Generation
July 19, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 2



The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Psalms 1:4-6)



And if you say, "Well, I got the Holy Ghost. Glory to God. I know I got it; I fell under the Spirit." Oh, that ain't no sign that you got the Holy Ghost, not a bit. Friends, I've seen all kinds of things fall under the spirits. That's right. That don't make you have the Holy Ghost.

But when you've got the love of Jesus Christ in your heart, when God makes a Christian out of you, when He seals you into His Kingdom, you might fall under the Spirit too. You might do this, that, or the other, whatever it is. But your life will tally to your testimony.

Your life testifies so loud, till no matter what you say, people don't believe it if you don't live it. They ain't going to believe you. And you don't believe it yourself, and the public don't believe it; so you're just making yourself miserable. Why don't you come with a true heart, and say, "God, I confess my wrongs, and I believe on Jesus Christ with all my heart. Now, God, give me the Holy Ghost." He will do it. That's right. He will do it. Then, the fruit of that, because you believe.

Now, you say, "Well, I quit smoking. I quit drinking. I quit doing this, and that, and the other." Brother, any sinner can do that. Certainly, he can.

In a time of war, you see a man, say he's wearing American uniform. Now, Brother Roberson, Brother Funk, many of you soldiers here, you couldn't trust a man because he had American uniform on. That might be a spy. He might be a German. He might be an enemy. 'Cause he's wearing American uniform, that doesn't make him an American. No, sir. Hallelujah. You might belong to every church in the country, and turn every page every New Year's, and that don't make you a Christian. Brother, when you've got a fingerprinted credential, then you are an American. You got a credential to prove that you are American.

And when you've got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with the power of God working in your life, and make you live humbly and peaceful in this present world, day after day, week after week, year after year, they know where you're standing. That's right. David said, "It'll be like a tree that's planted by the rivers of water. Whatever he does will prosper. He will not wither in a drought, because he's planted by the rivers of water." Yes, sir. "His fruit shall not wither. His leaves will not wither. He will bring forth his fruit in its season. Now, ungodly is not so; they're like the chaff that dries up and the wind blows them away," (that's right,) from one revival to the other, and have to be revived and revived. But a man once anchored in Christ knows where he's at.

(The Unpardonable Sin
October 24, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 3



I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him. (Psalms 2:7-12)



What's Paul trying to do? He's trying to show that God purposed all things in Christ, and Christ was the express Image of God. The entire rest of the chapter deals with how that He was higher than Angels, higher than all powers; Angels worshipped Him. Paul was trying to magnify Him.

If I don't get any further than this, the rest of it's just magnifying Christ. What Paul says over here, like in the 11th chapter, and all about talking about the world, he said, "What Angel did He say, Thou art My Son, this day I have begotten Thee." See?

The end of the world, they shall perish; the world shall perish, and all the things of the world shall perish. He would fold them up like a vesture. They'd be old, and turn, and go away. "But Thou remaineth; Thou remaineth forever. Thou are My Son; this day I have begotten Thee," and will never perish, setting at the right hand of the Majesty. What does right hand mean? Not God's got a right hand, that somebody's setting on it. "Right hand" means the "power and authority"; got the authority of everything in

heaven and earth. And all the heavens and earth was made by Him.

Now, Who is this great Guy, this great Fellow Christ? Here: God in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is not as the trinity, it's not a trinity of people. It's a trinity of office of one God. He was the Father leading the children of Israel. That was His office, the great Jehovah Father. And He dwelt on earth, called the Son. And now He dwells in His Church, called the Holy Ghost, not three Gods, one God in three offices: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People try to make Him three different Gods. You could never, bring this to a Jew. No, he can't, he's got a commandment that "I'm One God." There's only one God.

**(Hebrews, Chapter One
August 21, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 4



I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the LORD: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah. (Psalms 3:5-8)



But thanks be to God, we got hidden Food, spiritual Food, that we're living on the goodness and mercy of the revelation of Jesus Christ in these last days, vindicating Himself among His people. Amen. Elijah went in before the drought set in. Thank God for being in before the judgment sets in. Now's a time of coming out and going in, getting out of those organizations and getting into Christ, a coming-out and going-in time for all true believers.

Then he was called and stayed in there. Remember, he never left that brook until God called him. And after the drought was about over, He called him out of there, down to a widow's house. Notice, He called to this widow, and this widow had not associated herself with the unbelievers (took the mark of the beast during the drought), so He called Elijah to sustain this widow. They just had one little cake, one little thing she was holding on to. And Elijah said, "Give that to me first. For **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, that barrel will not go empty; neither will the cruse run dry until the day that the Lord God sends rain upon the earth," putting God first, His Word first.

Notice, there was meal in the barrel. Every time she went after meal, there was meal in the barrel. There was oil in the cruse, every time she went for it. Why? Meal

represented Christ in the meal-offering. The burrs had to be set just right to grind every one of them. Every burr of this meal exactly the same, showing that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That was the Bread of Life following the message, to vindicate the Word.

So is it today, friends. So is it today, that the Bread of Life that the children eat on, follows the Message of God, to sustain them during the time of the drought. What if He stood in our presence today? What if He stood in our presence right now? He would act and do just exactly like He done the days when He was in flesh here on the earth.

The Bride is part of the Husband; the church is the same as Christ. "The works that I do shall you do also." And it is the Word that done it. He told us that the things that He did that we would do also.

We notice here again, if the Word is in us and has come to us, as it did Elijah in that day, it'll do the same thing that he did: he would feed on the secret Things of God which is hid from the world. Oh. Again it makes the message and the messenger as one. The spiritual Food is ready, and it's in the season now. And each one of you can have this Food if you wish it, if you're willing to steal away from all of the unbelief of this hour, if you're ready to come into Christ, come into His promise.

(Spiritual Food In Due Season
July 18, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 5



Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased. I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety. (Psalms 4:7-8)



There's people today, and may be some of them here, that you do wrong but you don't mean to do it. I've met men that would be using the Name of the Lord in vain. And I've met women standing with cigarettes in their hand, just smoking away, and men cursing, and walk up in their presence like that, and they'd recognize you to be a Christian, they'll say, "Excuse me, sir. I didn't mean to say that."

I seen the women burn their hands almost in shame, holding that cigarette behind them. A man drinking will make an escape, get around somewhere. See, they... That's the type that there's a hope for. But there is some of those that would walk right up and curse just in the presence of a Christian to act smart. That man's beyond hope.

When you preach against wrong doing, holiness, preach that women shouldn't wear immoral clothes (these little old clothes, shorts they wear), they wear them just to be mean. And when they do that, there's no place of refuge for them. If it was there, they wouldn't even seek for it. So sooner or later, they're going to be caught up with.

But to those who wants a place of escape, you can't feel comfortable when you're doing wrong. There's no way of feeling comfortable. When a man breaks God's laws, he knows he's guilty. And you know that the hounds of hell is right behind you, and sooner or later your sins are going to find you out.

Some of you businessmen, if you should go out here and willfully cheat somebody, you know you've done wrong. And sooner or later that's going to catch up with you. That's right. They believe that "Oh, well. It won't hurt." But when you start to lay down at night, there's something down in you tells you. When you're praying, it stands right before you. You know you're wrong.

Now, all of us has things that we can't meet. Sometimes we have debts that we can't meet. Sometimes we got promises we can't meet, and I have plenty of them. But there's one thing I feel good about. At nighttime, when I've done all I can do, when I've visited every sick person I could. And yet a lot of them would think, "He's a hypocrite. He never come to me. My baby's just as much as that." And I know they feel that way. They're bound to feel that way.

But when I've used my last inch of energy, when I've done the best that I can do, and I kneel down before Father at night and say, "God, there's a hundred people here in this city tonight that's calling for me to come to them. But I just can't go any farther. You know my strength." Then I feel if He should call me, and I lay my head on that pillow to die on that pillow that night, I am in a refuge. I've done my very best for my Lord. And if we can do that, then God makes a way for us.

(Letting Off The Pressure
May 18, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 6



Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up. (Psalms 5:1-3)



Now. God puts his man in a place, and he will not accept another. There's no one can take the other man's place. Brother Green here a few moments ago, long time since I'd heard Brother Green, and it's really thrilled my heart, a good man.

But I was reading, in the days of Mrs. McPherson, when I seen some of the things that went on. Mrs. McPherson was an influential woman. But I noticed that every lady minister had to carry a Bible just the way she did. Oh, my. And we find the same thing. There's ten thousand Billy Grahams today. Did you ever notice them try to talk just like him?

You be what you are. Stay what you are. You can't be Billy Graham, and Billy Graham can't be you. Your place is just as important as Billy Graham. If you're working for the popularity of the world, you might try to impersonate, you'll get nowhere in the Kingdom of God. I'd rather be a doormat at the house of God. Stay with what you are, what God made you. The reason they do that, is because they're not conscious that God's watching. See? You lose the very thought of God being there listening at you. God's putting down everything you're thinking about. And He knows it in His recording book. Your thoughts are louder in heaven than your voice is on the earth. Think the right thing.

As I said to little Joseph, I said, "A little boy's born in this world, he stands right in the middle of the road. And he's pointed to Calvary, to Christ. There's a tree on either side of the road. The one on the left side, which I'll call the wrong. If he just starts smacking little boys in the face because they smacked him, and if they start doing these things, it pulls that little boy with the influence and it makes him crooked.

"But if he takes this other side of the road, which is the Holy Spirit, He points him straight to Calvary, and keeps him that way. It makes you grow straight. It's just as easy to think good thoughts as it is to think bad. Just as easy to think good of those who speak evil of you as it is to vice versa, and a lot better. And it'll make you grow straight." See? Stay straight with God.

(**Influence**
January 12, 1963)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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January 7



Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. (Psalms 5:8)



You mind God. Be borned of the Spirit of God, and quit reasoning things, and just believe what God said to be the truth. Be filled with God's Spirit, and then God will lead you, and the Holy Spirit will lead you in the paths of righteousness. And you see yourself conducting yourself unlike a Christian; you know that that's wrong; then go back and check up with God, with His Word here and with His Book; and get right with God.

That's what Simeon did, this old man we're speaking of. He was an old man, eighty years old, had a great standing among the people, an old sage, white beard. And just before the coming of the Lord Jesus, the first time, the church had got all formal and indifferent, just about like it has again.

And there Simeon, out there, one day the Holy Spirit spoke to him and said, "Simeon, you're not going to see death before you see the Lord's Christ." And Simeon didn't reason it; he believed it. That's what you want to do; believe it.

Look at the virgin Mary, when she was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, what her attitude was. Look at the priest just before him, John the Baptist's father. When he was told in the temple that his wife was going to bear a child after she was old, why, he had plenty of examples. But he reasoned; he said, "How can these things be? She's old, and so forth, and it can't be." Well, there was Sarah, was nearly a hundred years old when she conceived. There's Hannah way a past the age. But here Zacharias

doubted the Lord. And the Angel said, "I'm Gabriel, but my words will be fulfilled just the same." And he struck him dumb till the day the baby was born.

But look at Mary, when the Holy Ghost told her, "You're going to have a child, knowing no man." She didn't reason it. She just took Him at his Word. There you are. And she went around testifying that she was going to have a baby, knowing no man, before she was positive of anything. Oh, I hope you see it. She took God at His Word. She didn't wait. Excuse this expression. You'd listen to a doctor; I'm your brother. She didn't wait till she felt life; she didn't wait till something taken place, that she could see naturally that she was going to be mother. She just took the Angel's Word. When the Angel said, "You're going to have this baby knowing no man."

She said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to Thy Word."

(Expectation
October 1, 1955)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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January 8



O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed. My soul is also sore vexed: but thou, O LORD, how long?
(Psalms 6:1-3)



And although many times we think, "Oh, it's been a long time. And we've thought this for years." That's what they thought before His first coming. And they're bound to think the same thing by the second coming. 'Cause the Bible said that they'd say, "There's no difference than what the time our fathers fell asleep." But then a hour that you think not, it's going to happen.

Now, it behooves us in America, as American Christians, God's going to require a lot at our hands, 'cause we have the true Gospel Light and are failing to make use of it like we should do it. So tonight I want to speak to the Christian, concerning how you could grieve away the time of repentance for you; and how that you could be absolutely marked out, having no part with Christ by making the wrong choice.

Now, these things are a little rough. But it has to get rough, once in a while, to make us appreciate the Lord Jesus.

A brother met me today as I was going out, financial troubles has burdened his heart. He said, "After hearing about the poor people in India, and so forth," said, "I got good health, and, but everything's always banging me down."

I said, "'Every son that cometh to God must be chastened of God.'"

Every one, we just have to be tried, God's whip laid on us, seem like being innocent.

God's doing that to prove that we are sons. Those who cannot stand chastisement is illegitimate children, or not true sons of God. But that man or woman who can stand and take their whipping, and everything going wrong, still look up and say, "Lord, I love You," that's the one. "He that endures to the end, the same shall be saved." Now, I love that, don't you?

"And knowing this, that tribulation worketh patience; patience worketh hope; hope maketh not ashamed." There you are. See? "Tribulations worketh patience." Be patient. "And hope maketh not a shame." And we've got the hope tonight. In all of our tribulations, yet, it works. Tribulations makes us patient, waiting to the coming of the Lord.

"When He will be revealed from heaven the second time in glory and majesty, the sea will give up its dead. The corruptible bodies of those asleep in Him, will be changed and made like unto His Own glorious body, whereby He's able to subdue all things unto Himself." And what are we tonight but to be a happy, rejoicing Christians, looking for that great day of the coming of the Lord.

(Jubilee Year
October 3, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 9



I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears. Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping. The LORD hath heard my supplication; the LORD will receive my prayer. (Psalms 6:6-9)



The Bible said that John wept, not as some people has taught it. I was hearing a man teach this one time; said, "John wept because that he found himself not worthy." Oh, any man under the Holy Spirit would know different from that, see under the inspiration of God would know different from that.

But John wept. Here's what I think he wept for: because if no one was worthy and could open this Book of Redemption, the whole creation was lost. Here is the Book; here is the title deed; and it will be offered to the Kinsman Redeemer that can meet the qualifications. That's God's own law, and He can't defy His Law. See, God required a kinsman redeemer who was worthy, who was able to do it, who had the substance to do it. And the Angel said, "Now let that Kinsman Redeemer step forward."

And John looked, and he looked all over the earth; he looked beneath the earth, and there was nobody. Their creation and everything was lost. Of course, John wept; everything was lost. His crying didn't last but just a minute though. Then there stood one of the elders said, "Don't weep, John." Oh, my. His crying didn't last but just a minute. John thought, "Oh, my, where is the man? There stands the prophets; they

was born like I was. There stands the sages; oh, ain't there nobody here?"

"I want a man that's able to do it. I want a man that can redeem," and he wasn't found. So John broke out; oh, everything was lost, and he wept bitterly. And he was sad, 'cause everything, the whole creation, everything was gone if they couldn't find somebody. Glory to God. If they couldn't find somebody that could meet that requirement, every human being, the whole world and creation was gone. All, everything had fallen. The rights of redemption, the rights of Eternal Life, all these rights had been forfeited, and there was nobody who could pay the price. And John started crying, 'cause no one was worthy, and no one could even look at the Book. Oh, it took a human being. John wept, because no one could do it, and everything was lost.

And there came a voice from one of the elders standing in the midst of the four beasts, and all that great host of heaven said, "Don't weep, John." (Oh, my, the grace of God.) "Don't be broken hearted, John. Don't weep, for the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root and Offspring from David, He has prevailed." "Prevail" means "wrestle with and overcome." Oh, my. In the Garden of Gethsemane when His Blood dropped down out of His face, He was overcoming. The Lion and the Root of David has prevailed, has overcome.

(The Breach
March 17, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 10



O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me: Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver. O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands; If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:) Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah. (Psalms 7:1-5)



Thomas one time said, "Let me put my hands in His side." Jesus said, "Now you see and believe; how much greater is their reward who has never yet seen and yet believe." That's us tonight, to whosoever will believe without seeing.

And notice, then Elisha walked out there to where this circumstance was, and he said to them... First he went out there, and the Bible said he smote them blind, and walked right out to them. Everyone had perfect eyesight as far as I know, but the Scripture said they were blind. A little fellow a few nights ago said to me, "If you be a man of God, smite me blind." And I said, "You're already blind." See, see? Already blind.

Notice, and he walked out there to where this great circumstance was, this great thing was, and he said, "Do you look for Elisha?"

Said, "Yes."

Said, "Come on, follow me. I'll take you right to him."

Elisha said it to them. What was they blind about? They were blind to the fact that that was the prophet of God. They were blind to it, and he led them right straight down into ambush again. Said, "Come on. I'll show you Elisha." And it was Elisha taking them down there. And when they looked around and found that they was surrounded around, the king said, "My father, must I smite them?"

He said, "Would you take a prisoner and smite him?" Said, "Give them something to eat and send them back to their country."

That's the way to settle wars. Isn't that right? Certainly. Oh, my. If we'd only adopt that principle today: to feed your enemy, do good to those that do evil to you. Amen.

(Beginning and Ending of the Gentile Dispensation
January 9, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 11



My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart. God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate. I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high. (Psalms 7:10-17)



Here's something to console us. Here's something that encourages. Out of weakness and humility God chooses the people to build His Kingdom out of. If we ever get to heaven, if we ever stand in the Presence of God with His Church, we'll stand in a bunch of people that's been weak and rejected and cast out by the world, and know-it-nothings.

Isn't it strange that God likened us to sheep? A sheep is the most helpless thing there is. There's nothing so insufficient of defense than the sheep. A rabbit can run; a squirrel can get in a tree; a dog can bite; a lion can tear; a horse can kick; a bird can fly; but a sheep stands helpless. That's the way God wants us. Realize that we are totally insufficient, then God takes that person and begins to mold Himself into that person: make his hands do what God would have hands to do, make his lips speak what God's lips would speak; because they're not his; they're God's. He begins to build a character, begins to take this weakness and to make His own self.

He brings us here in the earth. But then we are educated; we're smart. Did you ever notice the lines, the lineages? When we take, for instance, like in Abel, from Abel come Seth; Seth's lineage come right down, on down to Noah's time, all of them were just humble farmers. But Cain's children become smart, shrewd, educated, great men, builders, professional men. But God's side was weak and humble. That's how God used them. That's God's opportunity. That's God's way of getting to us, is when we're weak. We get something then.

This encourages, of course, 'cause God's whole Kingdom is built out of these kind of people. Then when you get to that kind of a way then you're in His Kingdom.

The case is, with us, that, not that we are too weak, the case is we're too strong. We're just too strong. That's all. The thing of it is we're too strong-headed. That's right. We're too strong in our head. We know too much. God wants to get that out of us. That's right. We're too strong; we're too strong to yield to Him. We yield to ourselves.

**(Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness
November 19, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 12



When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. (Psalms 8:3-5)



God always likes to work through men. It's God's program to work through men. Do you believe that? God works through men. He made man His helper on earth. He made man a lesser god than Himself.

Now, we've been through that in the teaching lately of Genesis 1:26, when He was El, Elah, Elohim, the all-sufficient, the self-existing One. And then in Him was attributes of Father, Son, Holy Spirit: not three gods, three offices in Him that He was to live in those dispensations. He was a Saviour; He was a King; He was a God. All these things displayed theirself. It's the attributes of God (See?), but in that, in Him at the beginning...

And when God made man in His own image, He put him on the earth as a lesser god. Jesus declared it when He said, "Is not it written in your laws, that you are gods? And if they called those gods who the Word of God come to (which was the prophets), how can you condemn Me when I say I'm the Son of God?" He said. See? They just couldn't understand it. See? But man was put here with a dominion over the earth. He had everything under his control. What Adam lost, Jesus proved that He had restored. He stopped nature. He raised the dead. He done everything, "And the world is groaning today," the Bible said, "for the manifestations of the sons of God," for God

to get into His children again in reality to make things real. And it stumbles the people.

If Satan can't keep the truth from them, he makes fanatics out of them; throw them off on this side and that side, and they get all kind of stuff, of bloods and oil, and sensations, which is not even Scriptural.

But stay on the blueprint. Stay on the highway. Stay with the Scripture. Don't leave it. That's why Jesus come, that man would not be deceived and go off the side, but stay right in the Word. The great Saint Paul said, "If an angel from heaven come and preached any other Gospel than this that's been preached to you, let him be accursed unto you." Yes, sir.

Why, Satan come down in the garden of Eden as an angel of light and told Eve. Why, he never denied; he said, "Oh, well, that's all right. Oh, sure, God has said that; but, you know, you'll have more light." We got so many Eve lights today, and Satan lights, things. And the Bible said in the last day that the devil would make hisself angels of light. All these here creeds and denominations, and all this nonsense that goes on, which half of it doesn't even have any Scripture to it, hardly. That's right.

Stay on the highway. Stay on the road map. Go the way the disciples went; go the Word they preached. Live it. Testify, "I know it to be the truth." Signs in the last days, God living in man. It's God's program.

**(The Unfailing Realities Of The Living God
June 26, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 13



I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. (Psalms 9:1-2)



And I like to make Scripture compare with Scripture. That's the way it must be. It's just one great beautiful picture. And in this Book that we're studying, we're going to get in, oh, salvation, and Divine healing, and miracles, and mercies, and oh, everything comes in here.

I never know just when I'm going to be to a meeting, called to a meeting, because I don't have anything set until I just feel led to do a certain thing. And that may be before in the morning, I may fly to California, up to Maine or somewhere, just where He would call me. That's the reason I don't set great, long itineraries, because I can't do that. My ministry's not cut out that way, and it's just different.

And now, I come home just for a little rest. I lost twenty pounds in this last meeting. And Brother Mercier and Brother Goad was up awhile ago and said, "Brother Branham, I notice what you do, you put your whole heart into it."

I said, "That's the only way you can do a right kind of a job for the Lord, is put everything you've got right to the forefront for Christ: all your strength, all your soul, all your heart, all your mind, everything that you got." When you're doing anything, do it right or don't do it at all. See? Just leave it alone. If you're going to be a Christian, put everything that you've got to Christ. That's your time, your talent, your everything.

I was just noticing this young fellow. That's your wife, Brother Burns, isn't it? Playing and singing there, that young couple, and it isn't a piano; neither is it an organ, but it's some kind of a instrument, they strum it and pick it and do something for the Lord. If you could do that and sing and win souls. Do something, no matter if you can whistle, why, whistle. Just do something, just to testify or do something for the Kingdom of God. Whatever you got, put it to the use in God's service.

**(Hebrews, Chapter One
August 21, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 14



But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. (Psalms 9:7-10)



You say, "Well, I guess it's all right. The pastor..."

I don't care what the pastor says. The Word is right. The Word's what's right. See? Don't presume it. You'll get in trouble. Just do what the Word says do. Yes, sir. The people, they keep on doing it just the same, but they're presuming to be right when it's not.

People say, "Well, He's too good. He's too good to do it. God is so good."

I believe that. I believe God is good. A teenage boy said not long ago in our town, our city; he said, "You know what?" He said, "God is so good, Brother Branham." He said, "You know, God is so good He just let's me do anything." He said, "He don't care. He don't mind, 'cause He's just so good to me." Nonsense!

God is a good God. We hear so much about Him being a good God, and I believe He is a good God. That's right. He is a good God. But if He's a good God, He's got to be a just God. He can't give us a commandment to do something another, and we disobey it and expect to escape the judgment. He's also a God of wrath, a God of judgment. That's what makes Him a good God, because He keeps His Word. He

watches over it.

So we can't expect to do wrong these things that we do and get by with it. No. He's good; that is true. I don't want you to misunderstand me. But God is a good God. That is exactly right. But remember, the only way He can be good is to be just. And if He's just, He has to keep His own commandments. And if He keeps His commandments, it's wrong for Christians to in tolerate with the world. It's wrong. We shouldn't do it. We're to be a different person.

And we're only venturing out presuming it without actual authority. God's Word gives us the authority, and that's the authority we should stand on: what God said.

**(Presuming
January 17, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 15



The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah. (Psalms 9:17-20)



Sometimes I think of my ministry, and see people come. And I'd get in a hotel room, say, "God, who's the people coming to see, me or You?" See? "If they're coming to see me, they're lost yet; but, O God, tear me down and take me away. I want to represent You, the One Who'll stand before someday with trembling hands and trembling, feeble body, looking at me, knowing that my soul hangs by Your decision." Let us exalt Christ.

Today they say, "Well, I belong to the Baptist. I'm a Methodist. I'm belong to the Tabernacle. I do this." Oh, that has nothing to do with it, not a thing. I wonder sometime. Here not long ago, I seen an advertisement up, where a certain campaign was coming to the city. And the word of the man, the man's name were in great big letters all the way around, like that. And on the bottom, in a little corner, said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," way down in the corner. See?

They took all the sacredness from Christ and put it onto some man, or some church, or some organization. Brother, I'm telling you; you can get by with glamour, Hollywood clowning like that, and it's by the church. But in the Presence of Jesus Christ, He's the One to be glorified. That's right. Now, that's the truth, my dear brother and sister.

Don't feel angry at me. You just remember that I'm preaching to you. I want to preach as if this was the last sermon I'd ever preach in my life. I want to preach every sermon I preach, as if I was a dying man preaching to dying men. And I am; my light's burning down, every day; yours is too. And we're dying mortals. And we got to face the living God some of these days, and we better be in deep sincerity about this.

And just in a glamour, and carrying on, and join the church, and go here and there, act this way and that way. We better be having old fashion prayer meetings in our homes and crying out to God day and night. The day is at hand, a time of distress, a time of trouble." The Bible said, "a dark day." And we're living in it.

(The Invasion Of The United States
May 9, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 16



Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble? The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth. (Psalms 10:1-3)



So there come a big fellow out, Goliath, nine foot three inches tall, great big fellow. Walked out, said, "I'll make you a proposition. Why all these men die?" Said, "Send me a man over here and let me fight him. And if he kills me, we'll be your servants. If I kill him, why, you'll be our servants." Sure, the enemy, when he's got the edge on you, he likes to boast and carry on like that. Oh, he gives a big boast.

So everyone of them, all them big degrees, they was shivering; they was scared of that fellow 'cause he was a big man. So he boasted like that for forty days. Did you ever notice, forty is the number of temptation? Certainly is. Moses in the mountain for forty days, come back and was tempted. Jesus went into the wilderness forty days and was tempted: forty days of temptation. Rained forty days, and so forth, forty is God's number of temptation.

And then Jesse went out and got his little boy, and said, "David, go over and get some bread and parched corn and so forth, and go up and find out how the boys are. And get their pledge if they're still living right before God, and come on back."

So David gets his little donkey, I guess, and saddles him up, and throws the parched corn and bread on it, and away he went to the battle. Well, about the time he got over there into the battle, why, that morning they was all standing out, both armies scared.

Well, this big Goliath walks out there that morning with all of his great big pounds after pounds of breastplate on, his big shin guards and everything, walked out there and said, made his great boast and said, "I defy the armies of Israel."

Brother, it happened to fall on the wrong ear that morning for him. There was a little fellow standing out there knowed where he was at. Amen.

What we need tonight is somebody else who knows where they're at. What we need tonight is men and women knows their position in Jesus Christ. And when the devil makes his big boast, sure he makes his boast. He's still making his boast. We still got Goliaths. And we still got Davids too. Thanks be to God for that.

He made his big boast, and it fell on the ears of the wrong fellow, a little old fellow walking around there, he had to look up to see he's a man, like that. But he knew that he was elected by God and had the anointing upon him. He'd put God to a test and he knowed Who God was. He knowed where he was standing.

(This Great Warrior, David
January 18, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 17



The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them. He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity. His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity. He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it. (Psalms 10:4-11)



Now, see that legalist law? The law said, "Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal."

Jesus turned right back around, said, "It is said of them of old times, 'Thou shalt not kill,' but I say who's ever angry with his brother without a cause, has killed already. It is said of them of old times, 'Thou shalt not commit adultery,' but I say unto you, whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery already within his heart with her." There you are. That ought to teach women how to dress, how to do what's right. If you dress wrong, and cause the man to look at you in the wrong way, you're guilty of committing adultery, just the same as you went through the act. Jesus said so.

And you people with these saw-blade tempers, that's always spouting off in the mouth at somebody, can't put up, and things like that. Be careful. You're guilty if you speak a word against your brother that's not right, not just, go around and tear down. You don't have to stick a knife in a man's back to kill him; you can break his character and kill him, kill his influence. Speak against your pastor here, say something bad about him, you just might as well have shot him; told something that wasn't right about him, well, it'll kill his influence with the people and things like that, and you're guilty of it. What Jesus said.

(Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2
September 22, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 18



In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? (Psalms 11:1-3)



Jesus is the only safe and secure Foundation that anything could be built on. That's right. It's the only foundation that can be built upon; all other foundations is sinking sand. "On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other grounds is sinking sand."

A lot of people build upon riches. They try to work, see how much money they can make. They say, "If I can't spend it, my children can behind me." What does it do? It leads to a slavery; you become a slave to your money.

You don't have to be a millionaire to do that; you can just covet money, and you're just as guilty as the millionaire. See? There's just as many "pennyaires" as there is millionaires will be in hell, because it's your attitude towards it, what God has given you. Now, if you build it upon riches, it'll fall.

Then there is a great thing that this America's trying to build upon. It's trying to build upon the foundation of popularity. Young girls, young boys, they look at the television stars, movies stars; try to act like them, dress like them, impersonate them. What does it do? Leads to a ruined life of chaos. It's stubbles of hay which will be burned at the judgment.

Jesus is the only Foundation, the only sure Foundation. That's the reason we should

come to Him. Nobody else has that foundation; riches doesn't have it; popularity doesn't have it. And today, we've got so much building foundation. Oh, American people just can't do nothing Sunday; they got to build a fence; they got to do this. What are you doing? You realize what you're building is going to be blowed to bits pretty soon? That foundation is crumbling sands.

Many of us building upon education. We can't even get teachers to go in school, we're talking about. Now, that's all right. School's all right in its place, but it'll never take the place of Christ. No, sir. Now, we can't even get teachers. Our teen-agers are so rough, till people won't even try to teach them. Little Oswald, and Les, and all of them, they'll run the teacher out of the building. They'll set up a protest; they'll strike; they'll close up the school. I don't blame them; I wouldn't be a school teacher either, if I could get out of it.

But we're talking about education. Now, that's all right--education. We don't want a bunch of illiteracy, but we want education in its place. But the trouble of it is today, we tried to educate our pulpit. And when we did, we took the Way out: Christ is the Foundation and that Way. Education's all right.

Now listen, many times education leads to the demon of education, and that demon of education leads you to a know all. And when you get there, then you become an infidel and deny Christ. So you can't build upon the foundation of education. Neither can we build it upon political powers.

You say, "Well, I'm so interested; I'm Democrat, I'm a Republican; I'm..." Both parties is rotten. There's only one Foundation; build upon Christ! This nation don't need to build upon any other foundation but Jesus Christ. Right. No other foundation is laid; no other foundation you can get to heaven on. No other foundation is secure, but the Foundation of Jesus Christ.

**(To Whom Shall We Go? -
June 4, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 19



The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. (Psalms 12:6-7)



You are the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ: precious, virtuous, sinless, Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride Word that He washed by the Water of His own Blood that become flesh and manifested that He might take you, which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father before the beginning, the same as He was.

He was that great attribute of God called, love. Whatever you are, you're servants of God. Whatever God wants you to do, where your place is. God placed in the church some apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors. He placed that by virtue of His own predestination. And you were that to begin with. Your first wedding was annulled. You never done it in the first place, because there's only one thing could do it and that would be God come down, Himself, and took your place in a form of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and washed you by the Water, of the washing of the Water by the Word. The Word, not the denomination, the Word washed you. But if you won't stand in the Water of the Word, how you going to be washed? You are still as spotted as Eve was.

"Oh, dear dying Lamb, Thy precious Blood shall never lose it's power till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more."

What is sin? Sin is unbelief, unbelief in what? The Word. Unbelief in God, which is the Word. Pure, unadulterated (Oh, hallelujah.), leaving soon for the skies. Amen.

Standing ready... Think, your garments washed by the Water of the bleeding Word. The Word become Blood. The Word bled for you, and you're washed in bleeding Word. The Word bleeding, the Life of God in the Word, and the Word was bled for you, that you might be washed from the filth of these prostitutes and be cleaned and sanctified by the washing of the Water of the Word that makes your mind and heart stayed on God and on His Word.

(The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ
November 25, 1965)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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January 20



How long wilt thou forget me, O LORD? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me? Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved. But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation. I will sing unto the LORD, because he hath dealt bountifully with me. (Psalms 13:1-6)



Here not long ago, Billy and I taken a little flower to his mother's grave. He was just a little lad. He was about eight or ten years old, coming down to the grave, he begin crying. It was just 'fore daylight. I set the flower down. He had his hat in his hand. And we knelt down by the side of the grave. He put his head over on me, begin crying. He said, "Daddy, my mother lays there."

I said, "No, no, huh-uh, your mother's [up] there (See?), not there." I said, "Honey, we're looking across a mound here. See, it's heaped up." I said, "Because I put her in a concrete box." I said, "It won't fall in, but there's a mound here that's heaped up. But away across the sea, there's one that has the doors broke on it. And the One Who raised from the dead said, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die."

I said, "They were in His arms safely. So beyond all this dark cloud that we see, faith catches a glimpse of the resurrection over yonder of a God." So I'm so thankful that

there is hope beyond the grave and faith that brings us to that place. Faith may take its position on the Rock of God's Word, and all the waves of hell, beating against its foundation, it'll take its eagle eye and soar beyond them clouds, and see the God of resurrection and promise. I'm so thankful for that tonight. And I know you are. And every believer is.

Think. We have an Anchor (Amen.) that's in the veil. We can't see it sometimes, but we know it's there. Like the little boy was flying the kite. They said, "Where is it?" Said, "I can't see it."

Said, "I know it's still there, 'cause I can feel it." So that's right. We may not be able to see it; times gets dark. The clouds may hide His blessed face for a spell. But remember, the clouds may hide His face, but it don't hide Him. It can hide the sun from you, but it's still shining beyond the clouds. And faith sees the sun beyond the cloud.

**(The Power Of God
October 6, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 21



The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Psalms 14:1-3)



I certainly appreciated that young man here this morning that sang, looked decent like a real man. I like that. When you businessmen sometime here get a bunch of these Rickies that stand here, and hoop and holler, and carry on, and hold their breath till they're blue in the face; and that's not singing, that's just making a lot of scientific noise. Singing is melody from the heart.

And I thought, "What a pity. What a shame it is." So of how under the name of religion, they act like there isn't no God. Someone said, the other day, to a boy that goes with my daughter. A Christian boy said, give it a smart remark about Adam and Eve, said, "Eve going through the garden, said, 'Children, you see that tree there?' Said, 'That's where your mother eat us out of house and home.'" Could you imagine, supposed to be a staunch Christian, that would take a promise and a Word of God and throw it off to a hog pen. They act like they don't have to come to judgment. But God will bring every secret into judgment. They act like there's no God. I don't want to call them a fool, because it's not right. Jesus said it isn't. "Don't call no man a fool." But in Psalms 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" See? I don't want to call them fools, but they act like they are. See? They act like it.

So you see where we're at today, like there is no God. "I belong to church. And all the whole thing, the Bible, is a big joke. Our church knows where they're going." Yeah, right straight to hell (That's exactly right.), on their road, right down through science and education, theological seminaries and things, just breezing them right down the road. The Holy Spirit doesn't have a chance to give a revelation on nothing; the seminary has done got it cut out. The Holy Spirit is to lead us, not a seminary, not bishops and overseers, and so forth. The Holy Ghost is our Leader.

Cain was such a person as that. He was very religious indeed. Now, if religion's all that you have to have, then God was unjust by condemning Cain. Because he was religious, just as religious and sincere as Abel was. Now remember, he thought of God; he worshipped God; he had a church; he built an altar; he made a sacrifice; he prayed; he worshipped; but he was rejected. Esau was also. See?

Religion, that's Satan's business, not to kill the whole thing, but just contaminate it. That's all. He ain't going to kill the whole thing. Oh, not communists, no, no; the antichrist is not communism. The Bible said, "It would deceive the elected if it was possible." Don't notice the iron curtain, but the purple one.

(God's Power To Transform
September 11, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved. (Psalms 15:1-5)



God being manifested in the flesh with Christ Jesus the anointed, wrapped Himself in a Blood cell in the womb of Mary, brought forth His Life. He lived a man; He died a man to give His Blood, that through His body, and the shedding of His Blood that every believer could be wrapped in that Blood cell with Him. Which if a borned again Spirit of a man is wrapped in the Blood cell of the Son of God, and God can no more deny you than He could deny Himself. For by one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body, and become partakers of the same Spirit that's in this Blood cell. And the Church is wrapped into the Blood cell of the Life of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. Then we are sons of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ in the Kingdom.

Oh, my. You say, "Brother Branham, the devil got me." No, the devil didn't. You went out to the devil. The devil couldn't get you. For you are dead. Dead people won't argue and fuss and backbite. You're dead and your life is hid in God through Christ, and you're sealed there by the Holy Ghost. How can the devil get you? Can't do it. That's right. You get inside one time. By one Spirit, not by one letter we're all joined

into one body. Not by one denomination are we all brought into the Body. But by one Spirit we're all baptized by Holy Spirit baptism into one Body. Whether we're Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostals, or whatever we are, one Spirit has baptized us into one Body of believers. You believe it?

Jesus said in Saint John 5:24; be sure to read it. Think about hands full with two dozen eggs, John 5:24. "He (personal pronoun, individual, not the groups of whatever), he that heareth My Word, an believeth on Him that sent Me, hath (present tense) Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but's passed from death unto Life." Amen.

On Christ the solid rock I stand; all other grounds is sinking sand. You can say you have to be a Methodist, Baptist if you want to, but He said, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me has Everlasting Life and shall not come unto condemnation, but's passed from death unto Life." That's His Word.

(The Law Having A Shadow
December 3, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Psalms 16:8-11)



A man, when he thinks God's gone, he'll cuss, he'll lust after women, he'll steal, cheat, lie. He'll do anything when he thinks that God don't see him. But bring him into the Presence of God, he'll stop it right now. See? And David said, "I have put the Lord always before me." That's a good thing. No wonder God said he was a man after His Own heart. Man will do everything when he thinks that God isn't near. But when he realizes that God's near, did you ever notice a sinner? Let a godly person walk up, he'll quit his cussing, if he's got any respects at all. See? He won't tell the dirty jokes that he would've told. See, he'll leave off that, because he knows that he's in the Presence of God, 'cause God dwells in the tabernacle of His people.

After David did this, he said, "My heart shall rejoice." I wish you'd read it, Psalms 16. "My heart will rejoice, and my flesh shall rest in hope." Why? My heart shall rejoice because I've got God before me all the time. "And my flesh shall rest in hope; if I die, I'll be raised up again. For He'll not suffer His Holy One to see corruption, neither will He leave His soul in hell." See? When David put God before him, and was conscious that constantly he was in the Presence of God... "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God."

Now listen, church, I love you. And I want you to listen to me now. As Brother McCulley used to say, I'm going to say something. Always put the Lord before you, and don't you do nothing that you wouldn't do in His Presence, because He's watching over you. The Lord is encamped about those who fear Him. He just stays right near you. And He knows everything you're doing, and you must recognize that. When you start to tell a lie, don't do it. Remember, God is listening at you. If you start to do a little cheat, don't you do it; God's looking at you. If you start to take His Name in vain, don't do it; God's listening at you. Start to smoke a cigarette, He's watching you. See? His... We used to sing a song,

All along on the road to the soul's true abode,

There's an eye watching you;

Every step that you take,

This great eye is awake,

There's an eye watching you.

Remember, do like David, put the Lord always before your face. Then your heart will rejoice and your flesh shall rest in hope, for He promised it. Yes, sir. He knew that he'd raise up because God had promised it. All right.

When we come into His Presence, we're changed, never to be the same. Look all down through the ages of every walk of life, at men. Look at Abraham. You say, "Well, the changed life is just for ministers." Oh, no. The changed life is for everybody.

**(In His Presence
September 9, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips. Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal. (Psalms 17:1-2)



If we lose faith, then we will never get a prayer answered by God. "For He that cometh to God must first believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek after Him." So if we lose faith, our prayers are annulled; we get nowhere. So if all that we can think of this morning is the hold onto faith.

Then if we lose faith, all our hopes is gone. And if we lose faith, all our spiritual reality is gone. For you cannot have faith in things that you see. For the things that you see are all perishable. If we look at some great person, or great minister, or a great congregation, they will all perish someday. And if we look at a great nation, our great weapons, they'll all perish someday. And then we must live by faith of those things that science does not declare. It's by faith that we believe.

Now, we lose our glory, if we lose faith. Now, if we get away from faith, then we take the church into an intellectual realm. And many times, it's been thought amongst people, that because a congregation was large, and they had great churches, great steeples, and a great lot of well-dressed and groomed peoples, and a lot of finances, that they could afford such things, we many times, thought that was inspiring--that this certain church must be inspired. Or we've often referred to different ministers, who get out on the field and have great gatherings of crowds, and we think, sometimes, that they are the signs of inspiration. But that's not altogether the truth.

That's human inspiration.

But the real inspiration comes by doing the will of God, whether it is a one or just a handful. Whether it is a big church or a small church, it matters not. Whether he is a great eloquent speaker or just a man that hardly knows his ABC's, it doesn't matter. It depends on the message that he brings, whether it is inspired by the Word of God or is it inspired by intellectuals conceptions of human inspiration.

Some people can be inspired because of an eloquent speaker. That doesn't make it right. Sometimes they're inspired, because the man is so trained, till he could put his point over. That doesn't mean that it's of God. See? It's only through God's everlasting, eternal, blessed Word can we receive inspiration, and that's given by the Holy Ghost. By faith we receive it.

**(By Faith, Moses
July 20, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech. Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings, (Psalms 17:6-8)



And that's been the attitude of our people in this country, that because we have the best and the greatest and the most powerful army, and the best guns and the best machinery, and the best food, and the best everything, we felt like we were safe. But remember, the God of heaven cannot be closed out by any kind of a wall, whether it be a natural wall or a ecclesiastical wall. God looks down from the heaven, and there is nothing that He doesn't know about, or didn't know from the beginning that it would be that way. He's the infinite God.

And when people think they are secure, then sin sets in. If there would be by chance, those here tonight who are Swiss, I would not want to hurt your feelings, but I was just recently come from Switzerland. And oh, you talk about an independent bunch; they are. They haven't had a war for hundreds of years. They haven't got nothing to fight for. So they are just real indifferent (if you'll excuse the street expression), kind of puffy like.

And when it comes Sunday morning, you would think the millennium was on. Of all the sacrilegious carrying on, bells a ringing, and chimes a ringing, till you couldn't hear yourself speak on the street hardly, and the worse critics against the Lord Jesus I

ever met. Why? They feel like that there's nothing can bother them.

I crossed the line to Germany. Brother, I mean, there was a different people, altogether. They had to duck under buildings. They'd been burnt them in streets. They know what war meant. They knowed what it was to put trust in God, when a rascal like Hitler had led them into that kind of a place, and many of those real genuine Christians in Germany had to pray for every mouthful of food they got. Persecution makes the church strong. And God will strengthen this American church someday, hiding in a bomb shelter somewhere.

But I want to tell you something. I'll correct that. There is no bomb shelter for this bomb they got now. It'll blow a hole in the ground a hundred and seventy-five feet deep, a hundred and fifty square miles. If you went a thousand feet in the ground, the concussion of that would break every bone in your body. There's no place to hide down here.

But I want to assure this church tonight, that there is a place for the Church, and a shelter. It's not made out of steel beneath the ground, but it's made out of feathers: Under His wings, the Church will safely take her place and her position. So that's the only hiding place there is. God has so made it, that there's nothing materially we can lay our hands on. It's either trust or perish.

**(Handwriting On The Wall
June 18, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, which is thy sword: From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. (Psalms 17:13-15)



I don't condemn the drunkard for going out and getting drunk. He's all moody; he don't know. He gets up the morning; he's got the blues, a hangover; goes out and gets him two or three bottles of beer; goes out and gets him some whiskey, and all of that kind of stuff. Little old cigarette sucker sets back and smoke and blow it through his nose like he was a freight train. I don't blame him; that's all the joy he knows; that's all he knows about. He's a pig by nature.

Shame on you, who profess to be a Christian and rely on such things for joy when the Holy Ghost Gospel is nothing but one great big powerhouse of joy. The Holy Ghost Gospel is a perfect intoxication for every man what's got the blues. You'll take a drink of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, be filled with the Holy Ghost you're drunk until you leave this world. Amen. Joy unspeakable and full of glory. There's a constant stimulation. It's a constant intoxication: drunk day and night. Amen. That's the Word of God.

The church comes in and adopts other things. They have to have a little party where they all lay on the beach to have recreation: a card party to get-together for

fellowship. That's right, have a dance sometime at one of the member's house, sometimes in the church basement. A dance, adopting, trying to get something to satisfy, what's the matter? They're a bunch of pigs anyhow. They're pigs to begin with. If it ever come in contact with Christ, they'd have so much joy those things would be deader than midnight to them. Gospel, drunk on the Spirit, joy unspeakable and full of glory...

Don't condemn the sinner. Have mercy on him. Let him go ahead and smoke his pipe. Let him drink his liquor. Let him have his card parties; that's his pleasure. Don't blame him. Coming home and everything, tired and wore out, he wants some pleasure. The thing for you to do is live such a godly life that you can prove to him that the Gospel holds ten thousand times more than that for him.

And if he dies in that state he'll go to hell on his liquor. That's the devils intoxication. If he dies dragging on that old pipe, God's his Judge. If he dies going out here dancing and running around with immoral clothes on, God's their Judge. But there's one thing, if you die under the anointing power of the Holy Ghost like Stephen did when he looked up in the face of God, said, "I see heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand." You are heaven-bound like a martin to its box. Amen.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. (Psalms 18:1-3)



Listen, destroy your enemy before your enemy destroys you. He'll do it. Bring back the old fashion meetings and the thing. And, oh, leave Delilah alone; leave the world alone, that thing that woos you off into little things that you shouldn't. And little things, troubles come up in the church, and you won't stand correction because you don't have to; you can drop off to another church, and things like that. In the early days when a man didn't cope up with the Word of God, they packed him out dead.

"Bring us back to Pentecost." Not Hollywood showmanship, but a wholehearted turn to God is what we need. "Once more, O Lord, once more."

If I could see that happen, if my old weakening eyes could look again and see that church forget its differences, if I could see that denominational system break down, and throw it right into the lap of the Council, and say, "We want nothing to do with it. We'll not forfeit our birthrights," if I could see the Trinity and Oneness, and all of them, get together and saying "Brethren, let's go back to where we left Him off at. Let's go back to where we started fussing at one another at, right back upon the subject of water baptism, and come right back and take the Bible way for it," and then cry, "Once more, Lord, once more."

And a lot of these fellows up on the platform and they knows no more about God than a rabbit does about snowshoes, and these women with dresses so tight till their skin's on the outside, walking up-and-down the platform, clapping their hands and jumping around like that, like a bunch of show or something another.

"God, bring us back to the Holy Ghost and power, and the manifestation of the Word. Once more, Lord, once more." Do you believe it? Lord God, once more, once more let me see the Presence of Jesus Christ walking through the church; let me see His power and His promise made manifest before us. Once more, Lord, once more. God, be merciful, help us."

You see what these other things gets us? It drives away the nature of Christ out of the congregation, out of the church, out away from the people. We should be so woven together that there'd be nothing separate us from this Word and our love for one another.

Jesus Christ is here. He's our Father. He's our Mother. He's my Healer. He's my King.

He's my God. He's my Life. He's my joy. He's my peace. All that there is, He is for me. He's my All-in-all. He's here now.

He wants to bring the church back to that place. Wonder if we could cry, "Once more, Lord," and let the tears of repentance drop from our blinded sockets? I'm not exactly talking to this church. This is taped (You see?), here, this will go around the world. Let our people come back to that again; let it come back to a place where we could call back a meeting like we used to have.

**(Just Once More, Lord
December 1, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. (Psalms 18:28-34)



I heard somebody a talking right out the door. Sound like it was talking like German or something, oh, just chattering away. And I raised up, and I thought, "Where is that person? Who is that? There's nobody here that I know of." Sound like it was right by my side at the door. Well, I raised up, relieved, and started to cross to the door, and 'fore I got there, I found out it was me doing the talking. I get so yielded. Why, I just kindy, what we call, hunkered down on the floor, just kindy knelt down there just a little bit, it quit talking. And when it stopped talking, now I never did speak in tongues, over about once in my life as I ever knowed of. But it was talking in some language; I didn't know what it was. And so I just set real still, and when it left me, I felt like I could run through a troop and leap over a wall. I never felt so good in my life.

And I went to the door and looked around, and Billy was just driving away. And I hollered at him; I said, "Just a minute." And he come back to the door and said, "Daddy, what's the matter with you, what's you crying about?"

I said, "I will be ready in just a minute." I washed my face real quick, and got in the car, went down. He never said nothing going down. We got in, and Brother Baxter was standing at the piano singing, "Down From His Glory."

We walked in and I begin to minister a little bit, begin to start talking. And I heard a testimony back there, and I didn't know what it was, and they brought me the testimony. And there'd been a woman who had lived over here near Twin City that had tuberculosis, and been in bed for years, was having hemorrhages. The doctor told her about four months before that, if she ever had another hemorrhage it would be done.

And so the ambulance wouldn't take a chance of bringing her. Some of the saints had fixed her car up in the back, and fixed her a place so she just lay back, and they was going to bring her over. She'd read my book. And on the road over, coming over, getting late in the evening, she was riding along and the jolting of the car, away went a big gush of blood. And she just started just bleeding right out like that, she got lower and lower.

Well, she didn't want to die in the car, so they stopped the car and laid her out on the grass flat. And all the saints was standing around over her a praying like that. And all at once the blood stopped, and she jumped up and run down the road, run back and forth; she didn't know what had happened, just perfectly normal. And she come in back there testifying. And I checked it, and at the very same time that woman was dying, that was the same time that was speaking through me, the Holy Ghost making intercession for that woman that was dying.

(The Power Of Decision
October 7, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 29



For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? (Psalms 18:28-31)



Now we don't need systems and organizations that we have. We're at the end time. And God promised in this end time the things that He would do. And we see it fulfilled to the Word. We hear the man of military might stand up, and shivering, and saying, they, "Something's fixing to happen." We feel the Holy Spirit warning us that something's fixing to happen. We see everything set in order. Then leave that system and come to the Fountain. Yes, sir. Served its purpose, but now she was face to face with the Fountain itself.

In John 7:37-38, Jesus said in the last days of the feast of the tabernacle (What did He say?), "If any man thirst, let him come to Me and drink." Right in a bunch of theologians. "If any man thirst, let him come to Me, and drink. For the Scriptures has said, out of His innermost being shall flow rivers of living Waters."

There's the living Fountain. That's the Fountain that the people has forsaken today. For the creed, they have forsaken the Fountain of living Water. Let me introduce you to Him. And I'm closing.

He, to me, is that Fountain that saved Hagar's life, and the child, when they were dying in the wilderness.

I believe He is that Rock; in Isaiah 32, He's that Rock in a weary land. He's the shelter in the time of storm.

Zechariah 13, He is the Fountain that's open in the House of David, for sin. I believe Him to be that. Don't you?

In Psalms 36:9, He is David's fountain of Life. He is the still Waters of David, and the green pastures. He is the Water by the brook-side, for David.

In Genesis 17, He's Abraham's nursing breast, El Shaddai that when his life was gone from him.

"A man of a hundred years old, how will this thing be? I'm old; my wife is old, how can these things be?"

God said, "I am El Shaddai." Now, "El" is "the," and "Shad" is "breast," and "Shaddai" is plural, which means "I am the breasted God."

Like a baby that's fretting, and it's sick, and its strength is gone from it, lean upon the mother's bosom and nurse its strength back. Sure. When it's nursing, it isn't fretting no more. At the mother's breast, it's satisfied while it is getting its strength.

And any man that will take God's promise in his heart, that, "The promise is unto you, and your children, them that's far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call," and lay right against that and nurse your strength back... Fretting child, believe it. It's for the believers.

(Broken Cisterns
January 23, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 30



It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. (Psalms 18:32-40)



Someone said to me the other day about a certain minister. And I love the man. There's no doubt but what he's a great man. He said, "But he said that you were holy-rollers." (To me, that I was a holy-roller.)

And I said, "Well, I don't think I am." But I said, "I want to be holy, and if the Lord ever called me to roll, I guess I would roll. But I want to be holy, anyhow, live a life of holiness, means "cleanness" before God."

And so he said, "Well, that you run out overseas and run like that and made yourself a missionary. No church sent you, and you just made yourself a handmade missionary."

"Well," I said, "If I made a handmade missionary, it would never attract the attention of the world, because that they're not looking for that. They're looking for a Christ."

And we find out that those men and people that think those things, there is two different classes. God has two different classes. That a man who God uses to stay home, and merry the sick, and bury the dead, and kiss the babies, and marry the young, and so forth like that. Many of those men don't know what it is to pack a sword, and get out there with a two-handed sword on the front lines. But oh, what a battle it is to fight against the enemy.

They get out here and they're smart men, theologians, great men, who can put a sermon out that's just so touched up, and also can talk with such language, till that Webster would hardly know what they were saying. They got degrees and college. But that's all right, when you're talking to an intellectual group, that's just looking for a church home.

But when you get out there on the battlefield, where those men have more than that. They've got to see the power of Almighty God in manifestation, or you'll never sell it to them. They've got to see Christ in His resurrection. Yes, sir. Those men don't know what it is to have a two-handed sword fights toe to toe with the enemy there.

Where devils and witch doctors and everything else stand there, challenge you on every hand. That'll say, "If Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, let me see the Holy Spirit perform like it did back there." See? Then you can't take a scholarship and do that. It takes the power and resurrection of Jesus Christ to produce that. Yes. And now, that's what hungry natives look for. They've got to see it, and they've got to want it.

**(Let Your Light So Shine Before Men
September 3, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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January 31



The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
(Psalms 19:1-6)



Now, we say He's raised from the dead. I didn't say it; the Word here said it. They said, "He raised from the dead." He says He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. You believe that? He promised these things to happen in the last day, that the same Son of man will be made manifest.

Now, remember, that was not Jesus talking to Abraham there, that could discern the thoughts in Sarah's mind behind him. That was not Jesus; He had not yet been born. But it was a Man in human flesh, that Abraham called, "Elohim, the great Almighty." And Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom," now watch close, "in the days of Sodom, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man, when the Son of man is being revealed." Not no more as a church (See?), not no more; the Bride's called. See? "In that day the Son of man will be revealed." What? To join the Church to the Head, unite, the marriage of the Bride.

The Bridegroom call will come right through this, when the Son of man will come

down and come in human flesh to unite the two together. The Church has to be the Word; He is the Word, and the two unites together, and to do that it'll take the manifestation of the revealing of the Son of man. Not a clergyman. Do you see what I mean?

See, it's Son of man, Jesus Christ, will come down in human flesh among us, and will make His Word so real that it'll unite the Church and Him as one, the Bride, and then she'll go Home to the wedding supper. Amen. She's already united (See?); we go to the wedding supper, not to the marriage. "Fill yourself, of all the flesh of mighty men, 'cause the marriage of the Lamb has come." But the rapture is going to the wedding supper. When the Word here unites with the person, and they two become one, and then what does it do then? It manifests the Son of man again, not the church theologians, the Son of man. The Word and the Church becomes one. Whatever the Son of man done, He was the Word, the Church does the same thing.

(Proving His Word : August 16, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 1



The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. (Psalms 19:7-11)



I believe that God will have to have some standard that He will judge the world by. Now, you all know, being an Irishman I came from a Catholic family background. And now, when I was a young boy... 'Course, my father and mother both married out of church, and out of the Catholic church, and therefore they didn't belong to anything. And you've read my life story, perhaps. If you haven't, the books are here. A brother has them here for sale, and so forth.

Now, and then in that, when I got a call from God, I begin to wonder. Then when I went to the church, the church says that God will judge the world by the church. Well, I come to find out there's about nine hundred different churches. And one says they're right, and the other one's wrong; they're right and the other one's wrong. Now, it's a bit confusing that way. Now, if the Lutheran's right, then the Baptist is wrong. If the Baptists is right, then the Methodists is wrong. And then, they got so much different. So then in the whole thing I seen there was a confusion. How could God ever then bring a people to a judgment so perfect and then so many different outlets? One this way, and one that way. One says, "This is all right;" the other one says, "No,

it's not." And this one this way, and that. It would be a bit confusing. And I couldn't believe that a kind heavenly Father would do a thing like that.

So then, I thought, "Well, what did He first put judgment on people by? How did He give them..." That was in the... Going have to go back to Genesis, to... Genesis is the seed chapter, which means "beginning."

And the first thing that God put before man was obey His Word. And just one little slip, not a whole great big chapter, but just misconstruing the Word, just twisting it a little bit (Satan did) by reasoning, and it caused every heartache that ever was, every sickness, every death, every little sick baby, every grave on the hillside, just to disbelieve one little Word. Just not exactly throwed it out, but just misquoted it, just reasoned. "Isn't it reasonable that God wouldn't do such a thing?" he said. But God said He would do it. See?

And then, if God let all this six thousand years of suffering, just because of just taking one Word and misguiding it, and caused all of this, how's He going to let us go back with another Word all misguided? So with nine hundred and sixty something different denominations, how can we judge by that? Everyone's saying this way, or that way?

Then I read over in the last part of the book of the Bible it said, "He that will take anything out of this book or add one thing to it, the same will be taken out of his part of the book of life." That's the clergy, denominations, or so forth, that misquote the Word, or put dogmas in instead of Scripture, and so forth, and men's own ideas for their own achievement. It must be exactly God's Word, just exactly the way He said it.

(We Would See Jesus : June 27, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 2



Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer. (Psalms 19:12-14)



Now, notice. Now, all will happen on Easter morning, there'll be thousands and millions of dollars will be spent on Easter flowers to put on the altar, just like Cain did. See? The altar wasn't made for flowers. Cain tried it. It didn't work. The altar's made for human souls.

God don't want your flower; He wants you on the altar. You're trying to make a substitute. You're the person belongs there. Me and you, we're the one belongs on the altar. But we presume that's all right. God accepts it, we say, and it's all right. We presume that that's all we have to do, is just do that.

Now, we notice that thousands of them won't even do that. They'll get out and get drunk. They know it's Easter. It represents Easter. So they've got a lot of trouble and sin behind them, so they think if they get drunk, and forget it all, that's just what they ought to do. That's America. They think that's just what they ought to do.

I seen the strangest sight I'd seen in a long time, Friday, when I went to get my children down at the school. I seen one woman amongst that bunch wasn't smoking cigarettes. I went back and told my wife. I said, "I seen a miracle."

Every one of them women coming out, "Hello, Liddy." lighting up. Said, "See, I... [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound--Ed.]" Oh, my. Sing in choirs, belong to church. They presume that's all right. You're going to find out different at the end of the road. See where you're at now.

But they think, "Well, I tell you what we'll do." Some of them is good-hearted enough to donate some money to charity. "I did my part." That ain't Easter. That's not Easter. That's a good thing, nothing against it, to donate to charity. That's all right. But that's not your duty to God. That's your duty to your fellow man. Your duty to God is give your life to Him. Give your money to your fellow man. See? See how we get it? But they presume that's all right. "Oh, yeah. That's all right."

Oh. Some of them take the resurrection to Easter eggs, bunny rabbits. What in the world has bunny rabbits got to do with the resurrection? What's Easter eggs, and new hats got to do with Easter?

A preacher told me, said, "Brother Branham," It was a Campbellite preacher, a Christian, he said, "I just had to hide my face and laugh at some of the funny-looking hats them women had on."

I said, "Where'd you take your text?" Take it where it needs to be. Don't baby around and pet it. You can't pet sin; you got to condemn it. That's right. Condemn the thing. It's wrong. Get away from it.

(Presuming : April 8, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 3



The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion; Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call. (Psalms 20:1-9)



That's all that matters here, as long as God comes and answers, as long as we recognize it to be God.

When Daniel saw a vision of that, and he said, "Though that they do wicked, shall do wickedly in the last days; but they that know their God shall do exploits in the last days," speaking of this time. Know what "exploits" is? Exploits of faith will perform signs and wonders. "But the wicked will still continue do wicked." Said, "They'll run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." But said, "Close up the Book, oh, Daniel. Thou shall sleep in thy lot, but thou shall stand in that last day. And they that be wise shall then turn many to Christ. They shall shine as the stars of heaven forever and ever."

Forty years has broke me to pieces. Eighty years maybe has broke you to pieces.

Maybe thirty years has made a different person out of you, just a little snap of time like that. But did you ever look out at the morning star when she rises in the morning? Did you ever rise up early and look at it hanging yonder in the skies, when she's a glistening and a shouting, and rejoicing in the sky? She's never lost one speck of its beauty. It's just as bright and pretty as it was the day He hung it, God hung it in its orbit. It's never lost any of its time. And it's been there through thousands times thousands of years, and it's never lost its beauty.

And the Bible says, "They that turn many to righteousness shall outshine the stars forever and ever." Hallelujah. Brother, it's a good thing to be a preacher after all. Isn't it? Yes, it is. It's a good thing to be a Christian.

Times may be hard. God has not promised a flower bed of ease, but He's promised grace sufficient for every trial that can hit you. That's right. Yes indeed, grace is sufficient. Not he's on a flower, flower bed of ease, but He's promised grace to overcome in every temptation. When a cross gets heavy, Christ promised to be with you. Yes, sir.

S
ome glorious day, when it's all over, we'll meet Him in peace. God, grant that every one of you will receive the same thing.

(Acts Of The Holy Spirit : December 19, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 4



The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness: thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever. His glory is great in thy salvation: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him. For thou hast made him most blessed for ever: thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance. For the king trusteth in the LORD, and through the mercy of the most High he shall not be moved. (Psalms 21:1-7)



Now, it wasn't Jesus that healed the woman that touched His garment. She said, "That's what I want to do." She said in her heart. There was no Scripture for it. She said, "But if I just touch His garment, I'll be made well." So she slipped around and touched His garment and run back in the congregation, just stand there looking around. Someone said, "What makes you give out so quick brother?" Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

"All the audience, everybody's trying to touch You." the apostles said. He said, "But strength went from Me." See? Now, that strength had went out somewhere. Somebody touched with a real faith. What operated that? Now, watch what Jesus said. He looked around over the audience to see where it was, that strength that was a pulled from Him. He seen the woman. He said, "Thy faith has saved you now. That blood issue's gone." See?

Now, what? "Thy faith has required..." See? Your own power of faith has pulled from the supernatural God the desire of your heart. See? It's your faith that does it, not my faith. If my faith is doing it, I'd pull every little child out of that audience tonight, and bring them up here, and make them well, little children anyhow. See? I would do it. But it's not my faith that does it; it's your faith that does it. It's not me that knows it; I'm just a man. But it's the gift of God. See? It's Him that does it. It's not me you're pulling at. It's Him you're pulling at. And He is in the supernatural, and your faith pulls like that. I just become a mouthpiece to Him. When He breaks forth something, shows a vision, then that's just something; and I'm in another, to the scientists, another dimension. It's the sixth sense, the fourth dimension, or whatever you want to call it, to me, the Holy Spirit. That's right. Surrendered...

Now, here stands a woman. I'm an Anglo-Saxon. She's an Ethiopian in origin, almost exactly the same picture that when Jesus talked to a woman at the well. He was a Jew and she was a Samaritan. Is that right?

I don't know you, do I, lady? I've never seen you, know nothing about you, never seen you in my life. Is that right? This is our first time ever meeting, or knowing anything of one another. Is that right? Here it is.

Now, what could I do? We're the same blood. She being Ethiopian, and me Anglo-Saxon, and the Chinese, the yellow man, we're all one blood if each one can transfuse the blood for the plasma. But you can't transfuse your blood by an animal; has to be by human. See? All right. Then the same Blood that was bursted at Calvary to make the waters of separation to separate me from my sins, bursted for her to separate her. The same Blood that separated me from my sickness is here to separate her. The same Blood that give me the desire of my heart for things that I needed for the Kingdom of God, can do the same for her.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them. Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power. (Psalms 21:8-13)



Now, there was a time that the people didn't go into the Presence of God when they died: the justified. That was in the Old Testament. They went into a place called Paradise, and there the souls of the just waited in Paradise. But Paradise was a place where God kept the souls in like a dreamland, until the Blood of Jesus Christ was shed; for the blood of bulls and goats would not take away sin; it only covered up sin. But Jesus' Blood takes away sin.

You notice that when He died at Calvary, and on His return, He brought out from the grave those dead saints that had died under the atonement of blood of bulls, and goats, and heifers. And they entered into the city and appeared to many. How beautiful a picture, oh, if we could paint it just a moment. Look at Jesus when He died.

Here, as I've often said, I believe, in the church here, there's a roll here like; in here lives mortal beings. And each one is in this great conglomeration of gaiety, of

blackness and darkness. Mortals live in here. Now, they are either influenced from this a-way or from that way. You cannot be here a spiritual being, sinner or saint, without having an influence from the underworld or from the above world. If you're influenced from here, you're from above. Your celestial body is waiting up here. But if you're wicked, and hypocritical, and indifferent, your celestial body is down here, regardless of how much you think it's up there; because the fruit that you bear before people proves where you're from. So you are here what you are somewhere else. Your life that you live here is just reflecting what your inheritance is when you leave here.

(Questions And Answers #2 : January 3, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 6



My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. (Psalms 22:1-3)



What struck those prophets? What inspired them, that perfect accuracy? Not only that, but the prophets told what He would do. The prophets even saw Him born, where He'd be born, how He'd be born, not an ordinary baby, just a baby born to some woman; It said He would be born a mysterious way: He would be born of a virgin, "A virgin shall conceive." What would strike a mortal man to make him see that hundreds of years before it happened, perfectly accurate, exactly on the line? Talk about testimony of a supreme Being, a living God. Not only that, but told where He'd be born, and how he would be born. Told what the world would say about Him. Told the very signs and things that would follow Him to prove He was Messiah. Proved that He'd be rejected, and even in the Spirit, groaned His Words from the cross hundreds of years before He was born.

David in the Spirit, as I like to refer it to it, as Jesus said there, "Why did David in the Spirit call Him Lord?" David, not David, but David in the Spirit, there's a lot of difference between David, and David in the Spirit. There's a lot of difference between church, and church in the Spirit. "Why did David in the Spirit call Him Lord, if He was his Son, saying, 'The Lord said to My Lord, Set Thou on My right hand'?" They could answer Him no more, ask Him no more questions after that.

But David in the 22nd Psalm fell into a Spirit, the Spirit, and when he did, he even gave the Words that He groaned at the cross. "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? All My bones, they stare at Me. And how they pierced My hands and My feet."

Yet, "He was wounded for our transgression," here comes the other prophet, "bruised for our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were healed." The accuracy, the perfection of those prophets, not one Word did they speak about Him but what come to pass. The last seven prophesies give of Him was answered in the last seven hours on the cross. How that every Word was fulfilled, not one thing was left undone. What does it speak of? A supreme Intelligence. It wasn't those men. Those men were just men like you and I. But they were inspired by a supreme Being which was giving testimony that we in this generation, and in the generations to come, and all the generations between them and here, could look upon His Word and know that they are true. It's a testimony that the Word of God is Truth.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 7



Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly. Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion. (Psalms 22:4- 13)



The Bible said, "No one has ascended up, but He that came down first." When He was in heaven, He was the Logos that went out of God in the beginning, and He came down on earth, and was not to be made an Angel. He came down on earth and took the form of a bondsman, not an Angel. Not come down in the great Jehovah glory, but He came down as a Man to redeem man, to die for man, to die as a man. He never died as God. He died as a man. The sin of man was upon the Son of man, and He had to become a man in order to pay the penalty.

What did He do? The Bible said He was made a little lower than the Angels in order for death that He might take away and abolish sin and take away sickness from the world. Now, when He came down from the highest, Logos from God, He came down through Angels, and came down, and was made a man, and He said, "I am not even a

man. I am a worm and no man," for He was despised and rejected.

There was no beauty we should desire Him. He was marred above every man. He was probably a little skinny, spindly looking Fellow, didn't look like the King.

Many times that people judge people by the way they dress or by their stature. Man is not judged by how big he is and how strong's his muscles; man's judged by character and character alone. I've seen men that weighed two hundred pounds and didn't have an ounce of man about them. Man is judged by character, what he is in his heart. And Christ was not judged by physical strength, but He was judged by character.

And never a man ever lived like Him, or never a man could ever die like Him. Never a man could ascend up on high like Him, because He was God. "I am a no man." He made of Himself no reputation.

Did you ever think? The man that made an artificial eye, made a reputation. The man that made false teeth, made a reputation. The man that made a wooden arm, made a reputation for himself, but the Man Who made the original eye, the Man Who made the original arm made of Himself no reputation, but become a Servant, a Bondsman unto men who were sinners that He might win them back.

(The Mighty Conqueror : April 1, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 8



I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. (Psalms 22:14-21)



Before His going away, He made these kind of statements. He said, St. John 14th chapter, 7th verse. "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; more than this shall he do, for I go to My Father. I go, and come again."

Now, we'll find the works that He did. The works that He did, He did not claim to be a great person; He was just a humble Man. He didn't speak with any high vocabulary; He just spoke as an ordinary man. He lived among the poor; the foxes had dens, and the birds had nests, but He didn't have a place to lay His head.

He had one garment; that was given to Him; it was wove throughout without a seam in it. That's why they gambled for it. Why was that? Because the prophecy of the Old Testament had to be fulfilled, "They parted My garments, cast lots for My vesture." So they could not split it by the seam; they had to gamble for it, and that was to fulfill the prophecy of the Old Testament. But we'll notice in just a few moments, what did

He do? And I believe tonight it's the hunger of every one of our hearts from the least until the oldest tonight to see Jesus Christ. It's my heart's desire. And why is it? If we claim by the Scriptures...

The radios blast it today; the televisions put on programs; dramas was said that, "He is not here, but He has risen."

Well then, if He has risen, the Bible said in Hebrews 13:8, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now, here's where it is, folks. That's either the Truth or it isn't the Truth. That if that isn't the Truth, then the Bible is false, and then the Words are false; and then we're lost, and there's no resurrection of the dead, and we are just making believe. But if it is true, then it's got to vindicate itself.

If you say this water's wet; I never seen water before. You pour it on me, and it's not wet, then your words are untrue. But if you pour it on me, and it is wet, then your words is true. If Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, then the Bible's true. If He isn't the same yesterday, today, and forever, then it isn't true. If the Words of God isn't true, then Christ isn't true. Then if the Words of God isn't true, God isn't true. But then, if the Word of God is true, then the Bible's true, God's true, Christ is true, and we should be true to the cause.

(And Their Eyes Were Open And They Knew Him : April 21, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 9



I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations. All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this. (Psalms 22:22-31)



I'm holding here in my pocket a picture of one of the most outstanding things you ever seen. Here's a little boy who standing here. You can't see it perhaps from where you are. His little navel is about the size of perhaps of a football. His little stomach is just about like a barrel, a good sized carrying. The child looks to be three or four years old was laying there, as his mother's picture. Was brought into a meeting when doctors and all had give him up and said, "It can't be done. He's dying." But I asked this resurrected Lord Jesus, and He came down in His infinite power, after praying and touching Him and in a representative love His Own sacred hand. Here's his picture now, perfectly normal and well. It's a witness that Jesus

Christ still lives, reigns, has the same power to heal, faith, and to do as He did in the beginning. It's a witness. Time would not permit how thousands of things has happened, how that He comes into our midst and unfolds the secrets of the people's heart and does the very same thing that He did when He was here on earth. It's a witness that He liveth. It's working in cooperation with His Word.

For the Word said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He said, "You'll be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. Ye shall be My witnesses." Chicago, Illinois, and where more. His witnesses, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, after you have seen His Presence, have heard His great Message, have accepted His Word, have been borned again by an experience. You have witnessed that He lives and is not dead.

You are His witnesses to make your stand with Congressman Upshaw, who being an invalid in a wheelchair for sixty-six years, wheeled around in a cart. When he stood up, his own big crutches that come over his shoulders with a broken back from seventeen years old, who was wheeled in yonder in California one night. When my brother had brought me to the platform when the Holy Spirit turned and... I never heard of him in my life and told him just how he was hurt, how it all taken place, and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed."

He said, "You mean that I am healed."

"Yes, the Lord Jesus has respected your faith." What was it? The same Lord Jesus giving witness that He lives. Not only that but he springed from his chair, threw aside his crutches, and run to the platform touching his feet like a young man at eighty-six or eighty-seven years old. God giving witness.

(Witnesses : October 4, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 10



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. (Psalms 23:1-6)



David had been a little shepherd; He said, "I took you from the sheepcote out yonder. Who was you, David? I took you from the sheepcote, from following your father's sheep, and made you a great name," like man of great of the earth. And I thought of that, about sheep and shepherd.

Why did He choose David? David was always talking about still waters and green pastures. He was the psalmist that wrote songs and played on his harp to the glory of God. And he must have been something about David tending sheep; he must have been a real sheep herder. Did you notice one time there was a bear run in and got one of his sheep, and he killed that bear. And a lion run in and got one and he caught that lion by the beard and took a knife and killed that lion. See, it was sacrificing for his sheep. And if he was willing to lay down his life for the sheep, he was a type of the good Shepherd. He was the Son of David, you know, the real Shepherd, the King Shepherd over all.

Did you ever notice in the Bible, just thinking the other day, when a prophet speaks, he says, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." But when Jesus spoke He never said that. He said, "But I say unto you." Then call Him a prophet. He was Emmanuel. Never said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD," He was the Lord. "I say unto you."

Now, there's something that God always likened people unto sheep, did you ever notice? "You're the sheep of the pasture, the sheep of one fold. Other sheep have I," and so forth, likening people unto sheep. You know why He likened us to sheep? Did you ever fool with sheep any? They're certainly educational, and a Divine education, to learn of sheep. I've raised them and shepherded them around, and the little fellows.

But when a sheep is lost, he's absolutely helpless. I picked up sheep, not standing maybe three hundred yards from the sheepfold, where all the other sheep was. And that sheep when he's lost he can't help himself; he just stands there and bleats and bleats until the wolf gets him or something takes place. He just can't find his way back. He's totally helpless without a shepherd. And that's the way the human race is, we are absolutely, totally, helpless without the Shepherd of the fold. We can't find our way back. We tried to educate our way back; we've tried to reform our way back; but we'll never be able. Education will never do it. Reformation will never do it. We're not reformers. The police out here are reformers. We're preachers of the Gospel, not to try to put people on penalty and crawl on your knees and so forth, but to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ: deliverance to the people. That's what the shepherds are supposed to do, to feed the sheep.

(Shepherd Of The Sheepfold : April 3, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 11



The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. (Psalms 24:1-2)



If you've got the Holy Ghost, you're God's child, you're Abraham's Seed. You got an unconditional covenant written in your heart by God Almighty Himself, Who can't take it back. Amen. He swore that He wouldn't do it. Hallelujah.

Every promise in the Bible is mine,

Every chapter, every verse, every line.

I am trusting in His love Divine.

Every promise in the Book is mine.

God's children, unconditionally... You don't deserve your healing tonight. There's not a one of us in here that deserves to even hear the Gospel. There's not a one of you deserves the grace of Jesus Christ, none of us. We're all together. But God by grace has did it anyhow. That's right. There's none of you deserve your healing. Every one of you ought to die, me too, all of us. We're not deserved to live on the earth. That's right. We're not deserving to look at God's creation..

But God has promised us and He cannot lie. He swore that He would do it. Healing belongs to us. Amen. Salvation belongs to us. The Holy Ghost belongs to us. Heaven

belongs to us. Now we're the sons of God. Now we're setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. There's nothing can harm us..

The same God was watching Abraham in his mistake. God made Abraham pay for it. Don't you think he got by with it. But God didn't cast Abraham out. He just made Abraham repent for it..

And you think you're not worthy to be healed tonight. Now, the reason I'm saying this, because I know what you're thinking. That's the reason I do it in a nighttime, find the way the Spirit in the church is moving..

Someone say, "Well, I'm just not worthy. I guess maybe I've done this." Get that out of your mind. Sure you're not, and you'll never be; but Jesus is, and He's the One Who give it to you. He's the One Who paid the price. "Whosoever will, let him come and drink freely from the fountains of the water of Life." Life..

God bless you.

(The Unconditional Covenant That God Made With His People : March 6, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah. (Psalms 24:3-6)



Now, many people says, "That's against my faith." There's many faiths, but there's only one "the faith." See?

If we can see, and on through the Scripture, as I want every person to read this if you never have, how that he predicted what would be here in the last days, what they would be doing. Then I believe the chapter is given to the Church now, that you might earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Now, we'll have to go back to find out... Now, we have, oh, I guess, I think they claim about six hundred different denominations of church in the world today: six hundred or better. I think there's four hundred and something in America, denominations of churches. Each one differs one from the other. And yet, we're one body.

Now, I was ordained in the Missionary Baptist church, was the first church that I ever was baptized into that fellowship in the Missionary Baptist church and became a minister, and had credentials from the church.

Now, I have nothing against any church. Let me say that in the beginning now. Now, whether you are a Methodist, or Baptist or, whatever you may be, I am not saying nothing against any church, because there is no certain church.

I believe that Jesus Christ, if He was here this afternoon, would put His endorsement upon that Church alone. Because I believe that the honest in heart is who God would take. See? The pure in heart shall see God. Now, whether you're a Methodist or Baptist, or whatever you are, the pure in heart shall see God. That's what He said.

(Why I Am A Holy-Roller : August 30, 1953)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 13



Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah. (Psalms 24:7-10)



I can hear Him knock at the door, Abraham walking the floor, said, "Sarah, didn't we have a good time down there? Sure did. Oh, how wonderful it was. Say, somebody's at the door of paradise. Who is it? Open the door." Abraham said, "That's my God."

Job looked over and said, "Say, that's my Redeemer that liveth." Oh, my.

Adam shook Eve and said, "Wake up, looky yonder."

Ezekiel said, "I saw Him like a wheel in the middle of the wheel, turning way up in the middle of the air."

Daniel said, "I saw Him as a stone cut out of the mountain without hands." Glory. The resurrection's on. He said, "Come on, boys, we're going up; it's getting daylight." On that morning when He rose from the dead, the Bible, according to Matthew 27, said, that the bodies of the saints that slept in the dust arose and came out after His resurrection. He had promised it through Abraham. I can see Abraham and Sarah, coming a down along the street, then beautiful forever, walking around. The Bible said they appeared to many. Here's Caiaphas standing there talking to some of them,

say, "Who is that young couple there? Look like I ought to know them."

Abraham said, "Say, the old place has changed, hasn't it, mother? Quite a bit." Said, "Isaac come here? Looky here a minute."

Oh," said, "look out, we're being noticed." They had a body like His own glorious body then.

Then on after forty days, He said, "Hang around and look the old place over, children, 'cause we're going on up a little higher in a few days. But I got to talk things over with these disciples, 'cause I got to commission them to go down to all the world, even plumb down into the San Fernando Valley to preach the Gospel. I'm going to be with them down there. Got a lot of things I have to commission the people to do. So stick around and look the old grounds over forty days."

Then after forty days, on the day of the ascension, He rose up. And when He went on up, and above the moon, the stars, the Old Testament saints was with Him. I can see Him pass all the moon, and the stars, on and on, up higher, and higher. Directly He comes to the great city. I can hear all the Old Testament saints say, "Lift up, ye everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up, and let the King of glory come in."

I can hear the Angels sing from back over there, "Who is this King of glory?" They said, "The Lord of hosts, mighty in battle." That's Him, God, Jehovah-jireh.

(The Faith Of Abraham : November 18, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. (Psalms 25:1-3)



Notice, a big male cow, run through the field one day to take my life, and there was no way for me to get away from him. And instead of me getting scared, I felt sorry for the animal. And he run within a few feet of me. He'd just killed a colored man, down at the Burke's farm, about two months before that. And I said, "Your Creator, is my loving Saviour. And I am not bothering you, I'm on a mission to go across this field. And now, in the Name of our Creator, the Lord Jesus, you go over there and lay down under that tree." And that fellow run within about five feet of me, and stopped, and he looked so depleted; he looked right and left, turn right around, walked over and laid down under the tree. That's right. I felt sorry for him, I loved him. That's exactly right.

Now, that sounds crazy, but let me tell you, friend, when Saint Paul, the apostle, when the serpent grabbed him through the hand, now, if he'd said, "Oh, my, get me the iodine quick, or some serum," it might've hurt him. But he was so charged with the Holy Ghost, till he just looked at it, not one bit scared, just shook the thing off in the fire, and went on. That's right. People get scared. The cancer, when it grabs, you get, "Oh, the doctor said, 'I'm going to die.'" That's the--that what makes you die. Say, "Get out of here. I'm a servant of the Lord Jesus. You have no right a holding me." And mean it from your heart. Watch what happens. You've got--you can't impersonate it. You've got to have it.

As a hunter in the woods, how many times have I walked face to face with vicious animals, just stand and look at them just for a few minutes, they turn off and walk off the side of the road. That's right. You--You, if you're scared, don't you try it. But if you're not scared, go ahead. If you're scared don't you try to trust the Lord tonight, you better get back down and ask the doctor what he can do for you. But if you're not scared and you love Him, just accept Him tonight, and find out what takes place. He will do it. All right.

(A Personal Experience With God : July 24, 1954<)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. (Psalms 25:4-9)



Now, this little get together and time of fellowship, I didn't know there was this many preachers in the country. Honest, I didn't know that. That's fine. Well, I'm glad to see you got good spiritual leaders here, and they'll teach you the way of the Lord. And I am here just in answer to prayer, and to running over the ground that they have laid. If there's any credit to be given, give it to the men who came in here and established the work. And they prayed and have believed that God would do these things in the last days, and has taught you that they would happen, and here they are happening now right before our eyes.

Now, we want you to remember that prayer is the most mighty force that there is in the world. Prayer even changes the mind of God. How many know that? That's right. God told a prophet one day, "Go up and tell a king, Hezekiah," said, "go tell him to set his house in order, 'cause he's going to die." And then when prophet Isaiah (could you just imagine the embarrassment of that prophet?) when he went up along the side, and the poor people outside the gates, "Oh, great prophet, what is the word of the Lord for our noble king?"

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to die."

The stood the soldiers at the gate, "Oh, great prophet, what is the word of the Lord from our king?"

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to die."

Hezekiah asked his condition: "Going to die, you're not coming off of this bed." And he knowed that was the Word of the Lord, so he turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly. Said, "Lord, I beseech Thee to consider me. I've walked before You with a perfect heart. (That's a great testimony.) I've walked before You with a perfect heart." He wanted fifteen more years of life.

Now, looks like that if God wanted to grant it to him, He was the greatest man in the kingdom, look like He would just have said, "All right, Hezekiah, I'm going to let you live for fifteen more years." But you see, God has a system, the way to do things. Instead of that, God went down into the little brush arbor out into the bush somewhere where Isaiah the prophet was, and said, "Go back and tell him that I heard him. I'm going to grant it to him." Now, see, prayer changed things. See, prayer changed things.

Well, the embarrassment that prophet coming back, "Why are you returning, prophet of the Lord?"

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to live."

The soldiers, "What about it?"

"THUS SAITH THE LORD, he's going to live." See, what did it? From just from death unto life, prayer changed it, changed the situation from death to life. It'll do the

same thing for you. It'll do the same thing for me. It's our attitude towards God.

(A Greater Than Solomon Is Here : May 15, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 16



All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose. His soul shall dwell at ease; and his seed shall inherit the earth. The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant. Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses. Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins. Consider mine enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. (Psalms 25:10-19)



A pardon reminds me of a story I read once of the Revolutionary War, I believe it was, that there was a man, a soldier, foot soldier, that had did something that the courts had found him guilty and he was sentenced to be shot. I believe it was neglecting his post of duty in time of battle. And he was going to be killed by a firing squad.

And one fellow felt so sorry for this man until he finally made his way to the great President Lincoln, Lincoln being a Christian gentleman. They said he was riding up in his carriage when the messenger met him. And he fell upon his knees and said, "Mr. Lincoln, President of the United States, kind sir," he said, "I ask mercy for one, knowing that you are a Christian, and know that you have tenderness in your heart for the weary."

He said, "My friend was at the post of duty where he was stationed, but when the guns was roaring and the cannons firing, he got scared and he left the post of duty. Mr. Lincoln, he didn't mean to do it. He's a good man. And now, in a week from this day he must die by a firing squad. There's no way to save him except you will sign his pardon."

Mr. Lincoln, with tears in his eyes, pulled a piece of paper from his brief and wrote on there, "I, Abraham Lincoln, pardon this man of such, and shall not die." and signed his name to it.

And the man gave him God's blessings and returned back to the prison and said to his friend, "I have your pardon." And he pulled it out upon a piece of paper and showed him. And the man said, "Don't mock me. Here I'm fixing to die, and then come with such as that? I do not believe it. I just can't believe. That isn't so. Any man could sign his name Abraham Lincoln."

He said, "But this is the President's signature." Said, "You are pardoned." And he turned his back and walked away. And the man died under the firing squad.

And then here is a release from Abraham Lincoln, the President of the United States, to release this man, and yet they shot him. So it was tried in the Federal Courts, and here was the decision. A pardon is not a pardon unless it be accepted as a pardon.

(Pardon : October 28, 1963)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 17



O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. (Psalms 25:20-22)



How easy it would be for me to go and preach the Gospel sermon, go home, go to bed and forget it. That isn't it. I got a challenge of every demon that's present, to stand before. I got critics that's setting waiting to say one word they know I'd say wrong, they'd hang right on to it. And there it would go. Have to be careful.

Therefore coming under the anointing a few hours before service I pray, ask God to help me. I stay in the room till I feel His Presence. Coming over, no one speaks a word to me. Never a word spoke, unless it's, "Good evening," or something, till we enter the building, then next call is up here, 'cause I don't like to talk to people. If you do, if visions are starting and starts talking to the people then it just weakens me down.

Every vision brings me weaker and weaker all the time. That way, friends, my ministry's not a personal contact to each one; it's to lift up Jesus Christ so everyone can see His Presence. Then you look and live, everyone one of you. Look and believe, that's all it is.

In Africa and different countries where Brother Baxter and I have ministered in the Name of the Lord, it's worked marvelous. I've heard people say that after the service is over, they'd see the Lord perform one outstanding thing, maybe thousands would be healed at the same time, just literally thousands get up out of chairs, and cots, and

stretchers.

See, there's nothing in a man could heal you anyhow. I'm just your brother. If there's any way that I could heal someone and would not do it, I'd be a brute at heart, to see little suffering children and people with heart trouble, and cancer, such things that would kill them right away. Maybe their doctor's done all that they know how to do for them and there's nothing can save their life. They're calling for mercy from God.

Life isn't a flower bed of ease for me; I have my critics. But I must. Jesus said I must. Jesus said that all must do that, that's followed Him. He had them and I must have them. But from the very depths of my heart, and God knows the integrity of my heart, I'm only trying my best to do something to help poor suffering humanity, when their last chance is gone as far as the doctor is concerned, to try to help them to be well.

When I do get a chance to sleep at night, I can lay down with this thought in my mind, "I've done my best. I've done all I know how to do to make life a little more pleasant to my fellow citizens, pilgrims, travelers on the road home to heaven." And I trust that you'll receive it in that manner.

(We Have Found Him : August 25, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 18



Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide. Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. (Psalms 26:1-2)



I walked into Osborne's Garage down here, one day. I said, "God bless you, Brother Ramsey." He was a poor man. I said, "Look over my old car here; got to take a trip." I said, "Just had a wonderful time." I said, "I wish you was with me, Brother Ramsey."

Said, "Well, I guess, it'd been all right, Billy."

I looked around at him. I thought, "That don't sound right." You know, you can tell when something is happening. I looked over at him.

He said, "Brother Branham, I guess you know I don't serve the Lord no more."

And I said, "What?" I said, "Now, you're joking me."

He said, "No, I don't serve Him no more."

Well, I thought he still just kidding me. I just went on out. I went home. I told Meda about it. I said, "Brother Ramsey told me he didn't serve the Lord no more. There's something about that, Meda, that's not just exactly right."

It got on my nerves. I went back down again. I said, "Brother Ramsey, come here, I

want to talk to you a minute."

He said, "All right, Billy."

I walked over. I said, "Brother Ramsey, I was in here a couple days ago, and you told me you didn't serve the Lord anymore." I said, "You was teasing me, wasn't you?" He said, "No, no."

I said, "Brother Ramsey, you mean you don't serve the Lord no more?"

"No." He said, "I backslid."

I said, "Well, Brother Ramsey, you better get back to God." I said, "Come, go with me in the meeting."

Said, "No, Billy." Said, "I just don't care to serve Him anymore."

I said, "You believe Him?"

He said, "Oh, I believe Him, but I just don't serve Him. I quit." Said, "There's been so many things."

I said, "Brother Ramsey, don't look at things. Look at Him."

And he said, "Well, Brother Branham," he said, "I just don't serve the Lord, and I'd rather not talk about it."

I said, "Well, brother, God be with you, help you."

And a few days after that, he took sick. Another minister, I won't call his name, 'cause I'm not sure, I believe he's setting in the back right now. This minister went to him, a

buddy, said, "Brother Ramsey, don't you want to come, serve the Lord?"

He said, "No." God giving him, through His messengers both times a warning. He said, "No." In a few hours from then he picked him up in his arms, and he went home. God took him off the earth.

(Divine Healing : December 19, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 19



For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked. I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD: That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works. LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: In whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD. (Psalms 26:3-12)



Listen. Oil and water don't mix. And many time, a many a good life has been completely wrecked by your associates. Show me your company, I'll tell you who you are. See? That's right. It's an old proverb, but it's the truth. Associate with people who believe God.

Your children, if he runs across the street to little Oswald over here, he's a nice little boy; but be careful who little Oswald is. Find out what his daddy is, what his mama is. They may be a hater of the Gospel. They may have everything projected into little Oswald. And you let your little boy or girl associate like that, and the first thing you know, he will come up and be like little Oswald. Now, you know that's right.

Watch your associates. Keep your company clean. Don't go in the pool room with that boy just because you think you can win him to Christ. If you can't win him to Christ

in the church, or out at your own home, or setting in your car, you'll never do in the poolroom. I tell you, you're on the devil's grounds. Stay away from it. That's right. Separate yourself. God said, "Come out from among them and be ye separate," saith God, "and then I'll receive you." God's looking for somebody who's got the courage to stand forth. God's always wanted that.

And every man of God that's ever stood, from Genesis to Revelations, and from Revelations to this modern time, has disagreed and set himself apart from the world ecclesiastical system: That's the churches of the world in their day.

Any of them, you search through the Scriptures, and search through the history, and find out. Martin Luther, John Wesley, Calvin, Knox, Finney, Sankey, whoever it might be, just look at them, how they come out from among them things and stood alone upon their convictions, God's servants.

And sometimes even in your own family, you'll have to stand alone. Sometimes your mama and papa will disagree with you. Sometimes auntie and uncle, sometimes your lodge members will disagree with you. If God's Word, you're standing on That, stay if you stand alone on God's Word. For every man that ever amounted to a hill of beans, stood on God's Word with his testimony. That's right, 'cause it's the only way to make the goal.

(God Keeps His Word : January 15, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. (Psalms 27:1-5)



Brother and Sister Coats, their father and mother, was on the road home the other day from over in the west, and someone slid on the road and killed Sister Coats instantly. And while they called me over in Tucson, and I heard about it, I was setting right there then with a box of candy that she had just made for me setting on the table. And you know how that made me feel. But I thank the Lord this morning she didn't have to suffer. She was getting aged, and she didn't have to suffer. And she went home to be with God.

I was just thinking and talking to her two girls just now, in the room in there. Brother Coats is here this morning; he got some broken ribs. And I called him in the hospital and where he was hospitalized over in Missouri, and his ribs broke and things, but he certainly had a real courage, a real Christian, knowing that his little queen is not dead; she's alive forevermore with Christ. See? And there'll be a uniting time.

Job said one time, "Oh, that Thou would hide me in the grave and keep me in the secret place until Thy wrath be passed."

Did you ever notice God in nature does the same thing? Like the sap that's in the trees up here, holding on the leaves, and 'fore wintertime comes, the wrath that's poured out upon the earth. See, at one time the earth didn't have winter. And in the millennium there'll never be any more winters. You see? So it's the wrath upon the earth. Then when that happened, see, before the wrath comes, God in His mercy sends that sap right down underneath the ground into the roots of that tree and keeps it there until the wrath of the winter be passed, then raises it back up again in the springtime. "Oh, that Thou would hide me in the grave and keep me in the secret place until Thy wrath be passed." That's what He's done for our sister; that's what He does for all Christians.

(There Is A Man Here that Can Turn On The Light : December 29, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD. (Psalms 27:7-14)



Here sometime ago when I'd lost my family and everything, someone met me and said,

"Brother Branham, did you keep your religion during that time?"

I said, "No, brother, it kept me."

Said, "What do you think of Christ now? There's your wife and your baby laying yonder in that grave molding. There's your daddy and your brother laying yonder, all in a few days apart. What do you think about Him now?"

I said, "He's more than life to me. I love Him with all that's within me."

Hardest hour I ever struck in my life, just give you a personal testimony. When I went into the room of my dying baby, there I'd been a Gospel preacher for about six years; I stood there by my baby. They wouldn't let me go in, didn't want me to go in, but I slipped in. It was down in the basement in an isolated ward. Flies had got in its little eyes, and I shooed the flies out, and put a little net like over it. I looked at the little thing, and I said, "Sharon, do you know your daddy?" And she'd suffered so hard till her little baby blue eyes had crossed. My heart was gripped. Her mother was laying in the morgue the night before. I got down on my knees, and I said, "Heavenly Father, what have I done to deserve this? Will You spare my baby? O blessed Lord, please do." And look like come a black sheet unfolding like that, just shut her off from my view. He absolutely refused to hear my prayer. I stood up and looked at her like that; I knew she was gone.

Satan come to me, and he said, "Will you serve Him now? There's your wife; your father's just left; your brother was killed up there on the road; there's your wife in the morgue. Oh, yes, you're a preacher. He ought to be kind to you, shouldn't He? Will you serve Him?" That was the most cruelest temptation I ever had, for there was my baby and what had I done? Nothing as I knowed of. I said, "Reveal it to me God, I'll make it right."

"But every son that cometh to God must be chastened and tried." Then all of a sudden, I was left alone to make my decision. I put my hand over on her little head, and I said, "Shari, honey, the angels are coming to take you home. Daddy'll pack your little body down yonder and lay it in the arms of Mama, and I'll bury you out yonder on the graveyard hill; but some glorious day daddy will see you again." I raised my hands to Him; I said, "Lord, if You slay me, yet I'll trust You. I love You." And a great peace come settling down over me.

(Hear Ye Him : August 7, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 22



Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle. Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts. Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up. (Psalms 28:1-5)



What would the children of Israel have given (all the spoils of Egypt) when their lips were bleeding, when their tongue was hanging from their mouth? They would've give all the gold that they spoiled the Egyptians for, for one good cold drink of water. Their leaders of the wilderness had led them from oasis to oasis, from ditches to springs, but they were all dry. Then there come, without money or without price. The Voice spoke to the prophet and said, "Speak to the rock," the driest thing in the wilderness, the farthest thing from water. There their thirst was quenched, without money or without price. "Speak to the rock." Not pay the rock, but "speak to the rock".

He's still the Rock tonight. He's a Rock in a weary land. If you're journeying in that weary land, speak to the Rock. Don't have to pay Him; speak to Him. And He's a very present Help in the time of trouble. If you're sick, speak to the Rock. If you are sin-sick, speak to the Rock. If you're weary, speak to the Rock.

See, it looked like it'd be anywhere. Looked like, if there's no water down in the little places where there was springs, there wouldn't be no water on up that mountain but the rock. God does things just backwards from what man thinks. The rock, the driest place in the wilderness, but He said, "Speak to the Rock."

Today people are so deceived. They think if they can go and say their prayers, pay some priest to say a few prayers for them, pay their way through, if they'll build some big church somewhere, and some rich man will sponsor it; go on living in lust, have somebody else to pray for them; he thinks that's it. God don't want your filthy money. All the thing He wants is your devotion and your life to speak to Him. God has given you money; don't spend it for things that satisfies not. Spend it for things that satisfies. But to bring real satisfaction, you can't get it until you speak to the Rock.

He brought forth life-giving waters without money or without price. And they drank, and their camels drank, and their children drank, and it's still a fountain flowing in the wilderness. And so is He the Rock today in this weary land for a perishing people. "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have Eternal Life."

(Without Money Or Without Price : August 2, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 23



Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever. (Psalms 28:6-9)



There's Lucifer. He once dwelt in Eden. Now, we're going to come back to that question in a minute, Lucifer in Eden, because we've got the seed of the serpent down here somewhere which is a very ticklish thing. I thought I'd just hold that till about last.

But he was, and the devil was kicked out of heaven. And the very purpose that he tried to purpose in heaven, he came right down here on the earth and's trying his best to fulfill that what he purposed. He goes to the kings and to the rulers, and when he can get them, then he comes right down to the church and gets the preacher. Then from the preacher, he goes right into the congregation and get in the congregation under the same influence, the same devil doing the same things. "You know, you're a Presbyterian; you'll never be a holy-roller. You are this, that, or the other; you couldn't afford to disgrace yourself to be amongst them. Why, you know better than to set in one of them little old tabernacles or missions on the street. Why, them people's off at their head." No, they're not. No, they're not; they're just on at their heart; that's all. They're not off at their head; they're just controlled by their heart. God lives in their heart, and they are peculiar people, a royal priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifice; that's the fruits of their lips giving praise to God, whether they feel

like it or not. "At times I do not see Him," said the song writer, "I trust and give Him praise."

Say, "Well, I'd go to church, and I'd praise the Lord if I felt like it." Well now, a priest is to make a sacrifice. And you, the congregation, are high priests of God to make a spiritual sacrifice; that's the fruits of your lips giving praise to God.

You go down and say, "Well, if I felt like it, I'd go over and testify to somebody." Well, do it anyhow. If you're a high priest, brother, it's burning in your heart, whether you feel like doing it or not. Go do it anyhow, because you've got to make a sacrifice, something that's hard to do. Go do it anyhow; you're a spiritual priesthood, a royal people, giving praise to God, because God lives in this heart.

Now, if you are of Satan, you feel that you're just a little better than that class of people. Now, how you going to know which one's right? Take it by the Scriptures. If a man's born of God, he believes every Word God wrote, and says He's just as great today as He ever was, and He never changes; and He's just the same yesterday, today, and forever. If he's filled with the Holy Ghost, he got the same Holy Ghost He give on the day of Pentecost, and makes him act the same way and do the same things. If he's born of the Spirit of God, Mark 16, Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." It's true.

So he says, "I'm a believer," and them signs don't follow, then he's a make-believer, not a believer.

(Questions And Answers : June 28, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 24



Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Psalms 29:1- 2)



When the President would come to this city, or any city, you'd hang out the streets full of flags. You'd strow the streets with flowers. You'd send the band down to the depot, where he got off the train. You'd do everything to make him welcome.

But Jesus can come to your city, into your home, and you'll give Him a place in the attic, a little prayer room out in the side, or it may be down in the basement. If your company's there, you have nothing to do with Him. You'll wait till after while, maybe He's at the house, you slip up in the attic and shut the door, and say a few little words to Him, and come back down, ashamed of Him.

That's the way Simon was. He was ashamed of Him. "Will You come anyhow, Jesus?"

"Yeah."

"Will you take second place?"

"Yeah, I'll take second place. I'll take any place they give Me."

Remember not long ago when you went to church (before you was saved, of course) on Easter Sunday, and you wore your gorgeous dress? Your beautiful little Easter hat

sit on the side of your head. You went out and struggled through a twenty minute sermon and come back and hung it up and said, "That's enough religion for this year."

Jesus didn't rebuke you for it. He accepted it. You give it to Him, whatever you want to give Him, what little time He will take it. He never rebuked you.

And you ask Him to come to your church sometime, and He will fall in an old fashion way, and you're ashamed to let loose and let Him have His way. You quench Him away. You invite Him to your home, and then you're ashamed of Him before your neighbors, let Him set there unentertained. Jesus wants to be worshipped. He wants to be entertained.

How do you entertain Jesus? Say, "Come, Lord Jesus. Come into my heart. I love you, Lord." Entertain Him.

(The Unwelcomed Christ : October 2, 1955)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 25



The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever. The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace. (Psalms 29:3-11)



Did you ever hear the day break? No, you never heard the day break, yet it's scatters all the darkness. If we would only listen to the voice of Him that speaks behind these things, there would be fellowship amongst all churches. Methodist, Baptist, Protestants, Catholic, and all together would tear down the middle walls of partition, and we'd have brotherly love. This Angelus Temple tonight would be packed out to the roof, standing out yonder on the yard somewhere if we could only hear that Voice of God speaking behind the thing. Remember those things went first. The voice spoke last. It was the last thing.

We've had rushing winds, and thunder, and everything else. But the hour is coming now that the voice of God speaks. And He proves that's Him. It was Him that sent the thunder. And they went after the thunder instead of listening for the voice. He sent the wind, but they went after the wind instead of the voice.

You know what? It isn't the little rippling pool that makes a lot of noise that reflects the stars of heaven. It's the little pool that's deep, sound, quiet that reflects the stars. All these things are God's way of doing it.

I wonder if we tonight haven't went so much after the noise, that we have put so much interest in that, until we forgot the little voice. Say, "What are you trying to say, Brother Branham?" I've got letter after letter this week, that the people wrote to me and said, "I come over to the Angelus Temple, thought I'd hear a servant of God. Why, you're still a Baptist. Why, you're as dead as they are. You ain't got no spirit. You're just as formal as the rest of the Baptists."

Listen, brother, you might have a lot of noise, but I wonder how much spirit's behind it, is what I'm a wondering. It isn't noise that makes spirit. I've seen people that could jump, and run, and shout, and play bands, and run up-and-down the platform, and didn't have enough real true faith to stop a toothache. That's right.

It's that still small voice of God that operates the power of God, that makes things real and brings Life to the church. That's what I'm speaking of. It ain't noise that counts; it's the vindication, the Spirit of God that makes the difference. It's been here each night performing signs, and wonders, and miracles among the people. It's true.

(What Hearest Thou, Elijah? : April 12, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 26



I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. (Psalms 30:1-3)



You're born defeated. And that birth can never bring you to Life, because you're born defeated. And you're in a defeated world amongst defeated people, amongst defeated creeds, defeated denominations. You've got to come to victory some way.

It's just like a lily. Whereas a lily I think is one of the most prettiest flowers that there is. I'm very fond of those great calla lilies and pond lilies. I think there's nothing hardly as pretty as a great big pond lily, call it water lily. How it's radiance. And where does it come from? It's a little seed down in the bottom of a muddy, mucky pond. And that little seed, yet all the radiance that'll ever shine in it, is in it right then when it's in that mud. But it has to strive daily, knowing that there's something. It's black; it's dirty; it's mucky; it's slimy in that slime that it's living in, yet it presses its way through the mud, the muck, and the waters, and the stagnant places until it sticks its head above in the light and expresses what's been hid in it all the time.

I think that's an overcomer that once in sin, once did things that was wrong (don't worry about it now. See?), once did things that was wrong. Now, why look back into the pond again? God by His predestination has brought this seed to life, and expressing itself, coming to life. And now, on top of all of that, it has overcome. See,

it doesn't express itself down there. It's getting up to express itself. Neither did you in your sin, and adultery, and everything that you lived in. You didn't express nothing, but there was a seed in there. And it got a chance to press itself into life, and now you're in the Presence of Jesus Christ with the sunlight. It's brought out what you really was in the beginning. You see what I mean? You saw the Light. You bloomed out. You laid your heart open, and now you're a lily.

(How Can I Overcome? : August 25, 1963)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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February 27



Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication. What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth? Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever. (Psalms 30:4-12)



Abraham had a right to the promise, and the promise was his, yet he had to fight to possess it. Amen. There you are. The believer today, yet we're heir to all things, yet we're heir to every spiritual blessing, every physical blessing, every blessing the Bible promises, yet you have to fight every inch of it. That's the way God, He's got it set up. It's always been that way. You have to fight to possess what you know is your own. You have to fight to possess it. And that's what we have to do now.

You say, "Brother Branham, I need healing." The promise is yours. But if you ever get it, you ain't going to get it easy; I'm going to tell you that. You're going to have to take it away from Satan. Satan captures your health; you've got a right to go to Satan, and say, "Give it back. Hand it over. I come in the Name of the Lord, the Possessor of

heavens and earth, and I'm His heir. Give it back. You took my child; you got her mixed up with the wrong boy. You took my boy and mixed up with the wrong girl. I claim them. That's right. I claim my children. I claim my brother. I claim my sister. Yes, Satan, you've took them from God's house, coaxed them out there, but I'm coming after them. I claim them."

"Well, how do you know?"

"I'm an heir of all things. Amen. It's given to me. I'm an heir. I can claim everything that God promised me." Amen. There you are. My.

How do you get it, something you done? No, sir. It's the unmerited gift that God gave us, and it's ours; it belongs to us. Satan cannot hold it if you go to him in the Scriptural authoritative Word with faith to say, "It's mine. Lay it down." Amen. Glory. I like that. "Satan, you lay it down. You took it from me. You give it back, because I'm serving notice on you. I've got the notice written right here on the Word, 'Heavens and earth will pass away, but this notice shall not.' So I come with this notice to serve on you, that Jesus Christ said whatsoever I ask the Father in His Name He'll give it to me. If I say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in my heart, but believe that what I've said shall come to pass, I can have what I said. Lay it down." That gets him started. Don't get him started, gets him running. "Lay it down, because I've come with the Scriptural authority. I am a believer." Get it?

(Possessing All Things : May 6, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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February 28



In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me. Pull me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for thou art my strength. Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. I have hated them that regard lying vanities: but I trust in the LORD. I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities; And hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy: thou hast set my feet in a large room. (Psalms 31:1-8)



I often think about Jonah. Thinking of symptoms, people look at their symptoms. Jonah had a real case of symptoms. He was in the whale's belly with his hands and feet tied, and was down in the whale's belly in all the vomit, and down in the bottom of the sea, on a stormy sea. Now, he had some symptoms. If he looked this way, it was whale's belly; that way it was whale's belly; everywhere he looked was a whale's belly. Now, there's nobody here in that bad a shape, I'm sure.

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(Expectation : February 5, 1961)

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February 29

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



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(Expectation : February 5, 1961 - Morning)

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March 1



Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life. But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. (Psalms 31:9-14)



I think of Job, the one we were reading of a few moments ago, looked forward to this morning. When he was old, stricken in age, and his flesh was simply falling from his body from sores, his heart was broken in grief, and every mortal part of his being was withering away. And a great man like that, who made a great impression to the world of his day, and to see that, all that he was, and the greatness. He said he would go to the cities of the East, and the princes would bow before him on account of his wisdom.

But here he was at his wits end. Everything was gone, seemingly. His body was gone. His property was gone. His children was gone. All that he had was gone.

And then God in His mercy come down to Job, and He give him another sense, that he could open his eyes and see the day that when there would be a body he would receive. He knew that there was coming One, a just One, Who would stand in his

place, Who would raise up the body of the dead, and he said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

I like those positive words that he spoke it in, not, "I hope so. I have a feeling there will be." That's about the attitude of many today, "I have a hope that someday..." But Job had more than that. He said, "I know my Redeemer liveth," the positive side of it. No more in the negative, it's all positive.

And if today, if we only have a cross on top the church to show (which that's all right) that we believe in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. If we only have a few dead bodies of dust laying under the church, that some of the saintly people were buried in, that we only have that as a hope, then we're among all people most miserable.

But today, how thankful we are. We don't have the dead bodies, but we have the resurrected Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He rose from the dead, triumph.

It's not no more, "I guess so." You could look at a cross and "guess so." You could look at a body laying in the ground, and say, "I guess so," and "I hope so."

the shadows has faded away, all the old darkness of, "hope so," and "maybe so," and "we trust it'll be that way." It's all faded away to everybody that has ever made their heart a sepulcher to the Lord Jesus Christ.

(My Redeemer Liveth
April 10, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 2



My times are in thy hand: deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies' sake. Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee: let the wicked be ashamed, and let them be silent in the grave. Let the lying lips be put to silence; which speak grievous things proudly and contemptuously against the righteous. (Psalms 31:15-18)



Now, last evening, and the evening before, we taken Abraham. Now, as a little background so we can go right straight to the point, get the prayer line started. And tomorrow night, maybe, the Lord willing, we want to begin a new subject and run it through Sunday. Notice.

What was it now? God called Abraham because he was a good man? No. God called Abraham by election. God elects people. And over in the Book of Ephesians the 1st chapter and about the 5th verse, Paul states the word "predestinated" us to the adoption of sons. Now, that doesn't mean that God just puts you in a little channel and runs you through, and you can't help how you go. Would be no reward. But God gives you the free moral agency to make your choice, but God will keep His believer.

And "predestination" is a hard word among a congregation of people, because predestination... Really "foreknowledge" is a better word. And predestination looks back to foreknowledge, and foreknowledge looks on to destiny. That God, being infinite, in the beginning knew the end from the beginning, therefore He knew what people would do, so He could foretell what would take place, for He knew what

would be. Therefore He, before Esau or Jacob, either one was born, God could say, "Esau I've hated, and Jacob I've loved," because He foreknew what they could be. He never made Esau the way he was. He wasn't willing that Esau would be that way, but Esau, by choice, God knew would take that way. So that's how He knows us today. He knows your heart. You might be able to fool your neighbor; you might be able to fool your pastor; but you'll never be able to fool God, 'cause He knows your heart.

**(The Faith Of Abraham
November 18, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 3



Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. Blessed be the LORD: for he hath shewed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee. O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD. (Psalms 31:19-24)



Notice. He sent Gabriel again to the meanest city on the earth (Minneapolis has a chance then, don't they? All right.) meanest place on the earth, Nazareth, to a little virgin who lived right before God.

Poor. Not the rich and haughty. God don't look at your money, or the way you dress. He looks at your heart. Hallelujah! I'm glad that this old time salvation will make a pair of overalls, a tuxedo suit hug one another, and call them brother. Will make a calico dress and silk set together, and call each other sister. Takes away pride...

That's what's the matter with the Church today: got too starchy, too much pride. Let down, you're in six foot of dirt anyhow. That's right. Got a soul's got to meet God some day. That's what's the matter with our Pentecost church, and other Holiness churches. They get up too pride. They get a good church and a nice place, and think

we want to pattern after the world. That's where God's people always got in trouble, when they patterned after the rest of them. He's our pattern. Hallelujah. The matching time.

You paint your steps red, and see if the neighbor don't paint his steps red. That's right. Buy a Mercury and see if the neighbor don't want a Mercury. They want to match. I don't care whether my pants match my coat, or my shirt matches my suit; I want my experience to match God's Bible. That's the kind of a match that Christians ought to have. Not whether Jones has got a big church and I got a little one. I want Christ. Hallelujah! That's right. Yes. There's where it comes, friends.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. (Psalms 32:1-5)



No matter how much I would pray for you being a sinner, my prayers might help you, and my persuasion might help you. But I couldn't forgive one sin of yours. God has already did that; you have to accept it in Christ. When Jesus died, He saved everybody, as far as God was concerned. For He paid the full price of human redemption.

Now, don't think that I'm a Universalist that believes that everybody's saved and will be; I do not, no, sir. I believe that all everybody was saved as far as God was concerned, for Jesus paid the full penalty for sin when He died.

Now, it will never do you no good until you accept it. See? You have to accept it. And it's not how hard you cry, how much you beg, how much you persuade; it's a surrendered heart to God with faith believing He done it.

Even our altar calls that we have, in bringing people up around the altar, they didn't do that in the Bible time; that's a tradition of our people, originated formally in the Methodist church. But look, it's a good thing. I don't like this dry eyed repentance. I

like to see somebody get up and really be sorry for what they done, and really mean it.

But no matter how much that you pray, you'll never be forgiven until you believe you're forgiven, then you confess that you are, then live like you are.

And no one will still know, no matter how much you cry, how much you pray, how much you shout, how many times you speak with tongues, or whatever you do, you're still not, until the fruits of the Spirit bear record in you. For "By their fruits, you shall know them." That's right. "By their fruits..."

**(Faith Is The Substance
May 8, 1951)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. (Psalms 32:6-7)



I remember one night at Camden, Arkansas, I was standing speaking like this. And the Angel of the Lord came in. And a minister by the name of Adams, his father was a minister here in Phoenix long ago. Some of you might've knowed him, a fellow by the name of Adams, I believe. Used to be here long ago. I don't know whether he was a Pentecostal man or what. His son, as soon as that whirl come in and settled down where I was at, (the picture of it's back there in my book) and he run to me to grab my hand. And when he did, He just blinded his eyes, and... his head down. And a reporter standing there shot the picture.

The next morning, I never forget it. I was up there. I heard someone knocking on my door. He was a man watching the door; he was arguing out there. He said, "Well, I just want to speak a word to the brother." He said, "I'm a reporter."

He said, "I can't help who you are. My orders is let nobody in there; it's prayer time." And so I went to door and asked him come in. And he came in.

He said, "Brother Branham." He said, "Looky here." He showed me that picture. Said, "Last night, I thought that was psychology myself. But here it is in the picture." Said, "Here it is. It's absolutely took the picture." And he said, "I belong to the Baptist church. But I want to receive the Holy Spirit the way you all got it."

And I said, "Well, all right, brother."

Somebody knocked at the door again. And I thought it was the room lady, and it was the manager of the hotel. A lady come in; she was swinging the key around on her finger. She said, "Brother Branham, I was down there last night. I seen that too. Look." She said, "I want to be borned again." The manager of the hotel.

And then, I raised up the curtain there, I had the lights on, turned the lights off, raised up the curtain. I'd say, "See that little white road coming down through them pines up yonder?" I said, "About five days ago, I stayed about four hours up there looking out over this city." I was just a baby in the way then. Been about a month or two after it come to me. I said, "Please let Your Angel visit down through that city and stir them people like never before."

There they knelt on their knees there, both the reporter and the manager of the hotel. And both got saved and borned again.

About a hour later, a little boy came to the door with a message, a little telegram boy. He said, "Brother Branham, my daddy was laying over last night. He's had something wrong with his back for years." And said, "He's healed." He said with those tears running down his cheek, and he said, "I want to know Jesus too. I got a different daddy now."

I said, "Bless your little heart, honey, shut the door and come in here. He's here, and you can find Him right here."

There that little fellow knelt on his knees, and put his little cap down on the floor, gave his heart to Christ, went down the room a shouting and praising God, rolling his hands around. What is it? The grace of God that's shed abroad in our hearts by the

Holy Spirit.

(The Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me
April 13, 1951)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 6



I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. (Psalms 32:8-11)



One time way down in Babylon, there was a scene, a drama being set. And that was, that one morning a furnace had been het seven times hotter than it ever was heated. Then when the issue went forth, that three of the believers of God that was standing firm on God's eternal promise...

Oh, I want you to see it. God has always respected any man who will stand firm on His promise. Oh, it looked like a dark time. When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, with their hands tied behind them, and as it was, the king setting on his throne said, "Now, boys, if you want to make a little compromising here, and would like to change your decision, we'll give you a chance." But you know, that doesn't belong, a compromising in the heart of a believer who's solemnly set on **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

They said, "Our God is able to deliver us from them flames of the furnace. But nevertheless, we will not bow down to your images."

Oh, if the world tonight, if you women tonight, if you man tonight, you women, when the devil comes to tempt you when this sun gets a little warmer, to put on these old

scandal clothes, and get on the street, and be popular, if you would say, "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few. Regardless of what takes place, I made my decision for Christ."

And if you men would get that wishbone out of your back, and a backbone in it, and would take your wife by the hand, and not let her do such a thing, God would respect you more for doing it. You know that's right. There is times when man's got to stand and the devil will toe the mark with you.

So with their hands tied behind them on the death march, when the king called for the most able-bodied men that he had in his army to push them into the fiery furnace. And on their death march with their hands tied behind them, standing firm on the promises, that cannot fail, they walked that plank up to the top of that furnace, when the intense heat was so great until the men that was behind them, it slew their bodies, who had been fed on the king's wine, and his beers, and all of his fatness of his land. And these people had pulse to eat; their little frail body wasn't nothing in physical match with the bodies that were behind them.

But man is not judged by how many muscles he's got; man is judged by character. I've seen men that weighed two hundred pounds and didn't have a ounce of man in them. Man is measured by character.

(And Then Jesus Came
March 2, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 7



Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. (Psalms 33:1-11)



A woman told me some time ago; she said, "Mr. Branham, there's one thing that I do not like about your speaking."

Well, I said, "What is it, sister?"

And she said, "You try to magnify Christ too much; you brag on Him too much. You try to make Him more than what He is."

I said, "If I had ten thousand languages, I could exhaust them, and could never explain what He really is. He is worthy of every praise."

She said, "Mr. Branham, I heard you say from the platform, that you was a

fundamentalists."

I said, "According to the Word, yes."

She said, "If I'll explain to you, and prove to you by the Word, that He was just a man, and you try to make Him Deity."

I said, "He was Deity." I said, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself." I said, "If He's just a prophet, we're all lost."

She said, "If I'll prove to you, by the Bible, that He was just a man. Will you accept it?" I said, "Yes, ma'am, if the Bible said that."

She said, "When He went down to the grave of Lazarus, in Saint John the 11th chapter, the Bible said, 'He wept,' and if He'd been Deity, He could not weep. So that made Him nothing but just an ordinary good man."

I said, "Sister, your argument's no good. I said, "You failed to see. You saw the man, but you failed to see the God in the man." I said, "It is truth. When He went down to the grave of Lazarus, He was weeping like a man, but when He pulled those little shoulders back together, and looked at the face of a dead man, that had been dead and his soul was four day's journey, and He said, 'Lazarus, come forth.' That dead man stood on his feet again; that was more than a man speaking there. He is a mighty Conqueror. That was God speaking through His Son.

**(The Mighty Conqueror
June 10, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 8



Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee. (Psalms 33:12-22)



Now, what if we go downtown to look for Jesus, that He's the same? We'd see a man come along with a robe on like He wore, and the psychological thought of it that He had long hair, we have no record of that, that He ever had long hair. We don't know. But say that we did see a man that looked like the artist's picture that painted of Jesus. And He had scars in his hands, scars in his feet, and thorn marks, and so forth, and looked like maybe the Hofmann's picture of Him, the "Head at Thirty-three," or maybe some of the other ones, like the inspirational, or some picture.

That still couldn't be Jesus, because I'll tell you why. Because no man will see Jesus on earth in a physical body until first He goes to glory; because we'll be caught up to meet Him in the air. That's right. For He said in the last days, there'd be false Christs, and everything saying, "Lo, He's in the desert, and in the secret chamber. Believe it

not."

But He's here in the form of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit that was in Christ will do the same things that He did, because it's the same Life. If you put the life of a grapevine in a cucumber vine, it would bear grapes. If you put the life of a peach tree in a sycamore, it would bear peaches. See? Exactly. Because it's the life that's in it produces. And the Life that's in the church of Jesus Christ will bear the works and marks of Jesus Christ.

And the church is an individual. God deals with Israel as a nation, but the Gentiles as individuals. Now, you get it, do you? See, individual. A nation will be saved when Israel comes. It'll be just born overnight when Israel will come to God at one time. But then, when the Gentiles, it's individual. A people He's taken out of the Gentiles for his Name's sake, making up His Bride.

(Sirs, We Would See Jesus
February 8, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 9



I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. (Psalms 34:1-10)



That's the way Miriam and them did. Looked back down and saw all them old things that they once done, was all dead and gone. They'd done seen God accepted the blood; done seen His power in Divine healing, standing between them; come through the Red Sea, and was baptized with the Spirit; walked on the other side, just having a good time. They didn't care what all the organizations thought about it. Amen.

What a perfect type it is today of the believer who'll dare to step out. God promised that He'd supply their every need. He promised He'd supply our every need. He never told them, "I'll make a way of healing; I'll make a way of this; I'll make a way of that." He said, "I'll be with you." Hallelujah.

That's what He said to us. "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world."

That's all I have to say. You don't have to argue this, that, or the other. If He's here, that satisfies me; Divine healing's here; power is here. Everything He was there, He is now, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." So you can take your theology and drown with it. Brother, I believe Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever; said, "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." Yes.

And there they came out, and He was with them. Oh, they had a little basket of bread on their head; it was all eat up and gone. Didn't have any. They went to bed, a little hungry that night. But the next morning when they got up, there was bread laying all over the ground. That's the way God does things: lets you come right down to the last minute, and then show you what He can do about it. That's right. He loves to do that. He loves to surprise His people. You men like to do your wife like that. Wait till her birthday, just keep her under suspicions, 'cause you love her.

That's the reason God lets us come to the end of the road sometime, because He loves us and wants to prove His supernaturalness of His power. 'Cause He loves us, that's the reason He does it. Yes. He just lets us get right down to the place where we're just about ready to make the last step, then He steps in the scene.

He let the Hebrew children walk right in the fiery furnace, but there was a fourth Man standing there with a fan, keeping it off of them. See? He's always there. He never leaves. He's always near. "The Angel of the Lord encamp about those who fear Him."

(Redemption In Completeness, In Joy
March 30, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 10



Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate. (Psalms 34:11-22)



Well, did you ever see a railroader loading the cars? He will go out and He will set so much here, and so much here. The inspector comes by; he looks in, and if this is a little loose, it shakes, "Nope. I won't seal it. Got to tear it out and do it over again." Next thing, He will try to load it again; He will get this wrong. The inspector will come by, "Wrong. Do it over again." And that's what God has been doing with His church for a long time. You'll load up, and you're going to heaven; you're taking everything with you: your card games. Huh! Every other thing that you can load into the church, you're trying to take it with you. God just condemns it; ain't ready for sealing.

But when God sees a man, contrite, broken spirit, sincere in heart, down at the altar,

God closes the door of the world to him, and seals him in there by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and it lasts until Jesus comes: not from one revival to the other, but until the day of your redemption. When that boxcar, the door, is closed, and the government seal's put on it, it cannot be opened no more until it reaches its final destination.

And every man that's born again and sealed into the Kingdom of God, has no more desire of the world until the day Jesus Christ takes him into the Kingdom. So if you're having trouble, and saying you got the Holy Ghost; whether you belong to the Methodist church, Baptist church, Pentecostal church; whether you shouted, spoke with tongues, baptized forward, backwards, sprinkled; if you're still having them kind of troubles, you'd better come back and checkup on the load. That's right. Take too much with you; it's too loose, shaking. God won't seal it that way.

**(The Seal Of God
May 14, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 11



Plead my cause, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help. Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation. Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt. Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of the LORD chase them. Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of the LORD persecute them. For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit, which without cause they have digged for my soul. Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall. And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD: it shall rejoice in his salvation. All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him? (Psalms 35:1-10)



Oh, my. I love Him with all my heart. And I want everybody to know that, that I love the Lord Jesus with all my soul, heart, and mind.

Someone said not long ago, give me a threat in a certain city, said, "If you don't quit preaching Divine healing, we'll throw a bomb on the platform."

I said, "The smoke won't dry till I'll be in glory." I said, "That's all right." Why do we fear? My, if God be for you, who can be against you? You know, it's written in the Bible that better that a millstone was hanged at your neck and drowned in the depths of the sea, than to offend these that believe in Me? "These signs shall follow them

that believe in Me. Touch not My anointed. Do My prophets no harm."

If you fight, God can't fight. Stand still; let God fight, He will bring it to pass. Amen. He will put every critic, everything to shame. Do you believe Him, brethren? Let's settle down to faith.

I feel strangely somehow tonight. I've asked God, tonight... I will tell you what I did. I asked Him, when I come over here to let this be the night, that when sickness leaves the people everywhere. It kinda broke in a little last night. And there was those who were in need, raised and went out of this building whole. It can be tonight a hundred percent.

Dealing with one at a time, with those prayer cards, I just have to take one at a time. And here it comes through the different diseases. That only tells what's wrong with the person. But it's the faith in God that heals us. Believe the authority. Believe God. Look and live.

Oh, the brass serpent couldn't pray for nobody, could it? What did they do? The brass serpent, you believe that was God's gift to Israel? They looked and lived. The Angel on the pool of water at Bethesda didn't pray for nobody. They stepped in the water and was healed. Is that right? God is the only way that you can be healed.

**(Who Is God?
August 15, 1950)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 12



False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge things that I knew not. They rewarded me evil for good to the spoiling of my soul. (Psalms 35:11-17)



Now, they built a tower which I doubt that modern science could build today with all their machineries and things, because they were united together. They had one mind, one soul, one purpose, one motive, one objective, that's build a tower so high that, if God ever took a notion to destroy them again, they'd run right up into the heavens with Him. And there would be no way that He could keep them from doing it as they thought. And we find out, then, that they organized themselves together, and we find them again completely out of the will of God.

And if that isn't a beautiful picture of this day, that when men are trying to unite together. And we should be united, but you're uniting under the wrong systems. Did you ever notice how the devil patterns off the things of God? Did you ever see that how he takes the things that God has purposed?

And so deceiving is the wrong thing. Now, a lie, if it's just right out a real lie, then anyone can detect it. But that lie that's got about ninety-nine percent truth in it, that's the one that's deceiving.

Did you notice how that the devil deceived Eve? Everything he told her was exactly the truth, but one thing. Said, "Your eyes will be opened, and you shall know right and wrong, and so forth. And you shall be as gods, because you don't know right from wrong now." And all those things were true.

But when she said, "The Lord God said we would die."

He said, "Surely you won't die." See, just so much truth in it, and then just a little bit of lie.

As Jesus said, on the earth, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." And it's got to be perfectly right, or it isn't right at all. And the plan of salvation has got to be exact, and God's promises are exact, and they work exact, or there's something is wrong somewhere. And if the church of the living God is not achieving what God purposed for them to do, there's something wrong with that system somewhere: just got to be.

You take a fine piece of machinery like a watch, and let every piece of that machinery work in harmony, and it'll keep perfect time. But when one piece gets one way, and one another, it won't keep time. No matter how good the jewels are, it's all got to be unified together. That's God's purpose, for us to unify together and be one.

(The Unity Of One God In The One Church
December 21, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 13



But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not: With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions. I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people. (Psalms 35:13-18)



But they were all in one place, one accord, and suddenly "There came a minister up, and he had a letter, and they signed their names and had the right hand of fellowship, and entered into the church fellowship." That might be today, but that wasn't then. That's the way the Protestant does it. The Catholic walks up to the altar and takes his first communion, licks out his tongue, takes the wafer; and the priest drinks the wine. Then he becomes that.

But, brother, "On the day of Pentecost, they were in one accord, in one place, then suddenly there came a sound from heaven (man had nothing to do with it.) like a rushing mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were setting." The power of God struck upon them. Out into the street they went acting like a bunch of maniacs; like they did down there when they come through the Red Sea. That right? They screamed. They carried on. They staggered. They stammered with their lips.

They, oh, such a carry on, till the people, the dignified church, stood back and said, "These people are drunk on new wine."

Hallelujah. Going to call me a holy-roller, anyhow, so you might as well get started now. All right.

Look. They were full of new Wine, that's right, the Wine that come from God out of heaven. Did you ever see a drunk man? He's just in love with everybody. You see? He don't care. That's the way a man is when he gets drunk on the Spirit. The Bible said, "Be not drunk on strong drink, with excess, but to be drunk on the Spirit." The Spirit of God makes you so drunk, you forget all your enemies and everything. Everybody's in love with you. You don't care about who's standing around you. You're the biggest man in the country right then.

I don't care if your neighbor sitting next to you, went to some dignified church; just let the Holy Ghost get on you one time, see what takes place. Get right, real good, souse drunk, you'll see what takes place. You'll say, "Sister, I got it. You want it, too." That's right. Yes, sir, something will take place.

(Redemption In Completeness, In Joy
March 30, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 14



Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land. Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me. Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long. (Psalms 35:19-28)



Joseph, his brothers were arrogant with him. They hated him without a cause, because he was supernaturally inspired. You get it? Cain hated Abel without a cause, because of being supernatural inspired.

Moab hated Israel without a cause, because they had Divine healing, signs, wonders, and miracles, hated him without a cause and wouldn't let him pass through.

Now, my beloved friends, I want to bring something to your memory. Now, I want you to put it down below the fifth rib on the left side in the tent of that compartment

called heart. Never in any age or at any time that God ever inspired a man, did He ever go on the religious side, so-called religious, people of the world. Never did He take up with denominations. Always, he stood out against and against the denominations of the day and against the religious order of the day.

Show me one prophet, show me one time through the Bible that any man of God ever coped with the so-called religious moves of his day. Amen.

Even Elijah, after being in the school of the prophets, why, when he went up there, they wanted him to leave. He said, "It's too straight here." You see?

Ahab, one of the religious leaders of his day... Elijah separated himself to Mount Carmel. Watch the John the Baptist separate himself. Never even went to their school to learn their theology. But God sent him into the wilderness to prepare him for a work.

Cain's outfit has never been able to put their ecclesiastical jacket on a man of God. It won't fit. That's right.

Notice, through the ages, and when Jesus comes, never did He consult any of the theologians, but called them a bunch of vipers or snakes in the grass. Never did the disciples ever cope with any of their denominations. They were on the side of Abel. Never did Joseph ever cope with them. He was hated and rejected for the same purpose that the rest of them was, because God was with him in the supernatural's way, and in a different way than what He was with the rest of them. And they hated him without a cause.

**(Joseph Meeting His Brethren
December 30, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good. He deviseth mischief upon his bed; he setteth himself in a way that is not good; he abhorreth not evil. (Psalms 36:1-4)



How you going to heaven? You say, "I never lied in my life. Oh, the little darling. It was just a Angel to begin with." That's a lie. I don't care how good you are; you're a sinner. And you don't have one thing; there's no priest, no bishop, no cardinal, no pope, nor nothing else can save you, 'cause he's just the same boat that you're in. (We're getting into it in a few minutes.) Just in the same shape. The pope of Rome was borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies, born by the sexual desire of a man and a woman. Where you going to get righteousness out of that?

Well, his papa and mama were born the same way. And they were born the same way, and his grandma and grandpa, on back. It's sin to begin with.

So who can say that this is holy and that's holy? There's only one thing holy; that's Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, Who's been made perfect. And our requirement is to be perfect. Now, how we going to be it? Try it yourself. I'd hate to try to get to heaven on the merits of, "I was born five minutes ago, and going out of the world right now." I'd be lost. If I never had a evil thought in my life, if I never spoke a bad word in my life, if I never looked at anything evil, never thought anything evil or nothing, I'm

just as rank and black as the smutty walls of hell. I'm a sinner.

I could come through life, and stay locked up in a room, and like some of the Carmelite sisters or something, and never see the world, stay in there and pray all my life, do good, borned a multimillionaire and give to the poor everything I got; I'm still a sinner and will go to hell. Yes, sir.

I might join the Lutheran church, Baptist, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, when I'm on the cradle roll, and live faithful to that church until a hundred years, and my life is took, and no man could point their finger at me and say he ever even as had as much as a bad thought, I'll go to hell just as sure as I'm standing.

I'm a sinner. That's correct. I have nothing; there's no way at all I could find any price to be paid. God required death, and if I give my own life, if I give my life, then how can I repent, 'cause the debt's got to be paid first. And God was the only One Who could lay His Life down and take it up again. So He could become sin, and lay His Life down, and pick it up, and call it justice, and the debt's paid. There you are.

(Hebrews, Chapter Five And Six
September 8, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are a great deep: O LORD, thou preservest man and beast. How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked remove me. There are the workers of iniquity fallen: they are cast down, and shall not be able to rise. (Psalms 36:5-12)



Satan hasn't got any legal rights at all over a Christian. Every time a man gets saved, God just writes out a whole big bunch of checks like that, and puts His Name at the bottom, said, "Here they are. Fill them out." Are you scared of it? Fill it out. "Whatever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it. It'll be given to you." Mark 11:24. See? Just believe it.

And every Word of God is a Seed that'll bring forth. It'll bring forth what it's purposed for. I see many of you down here raising cotton, apples, peaches, fruits. When that little apple tree is no bigger than that right there, every apple that'll ever be in that tree is in it right then. Dozens of bushes of apples is in that little tree, right then. Why, you say, "Brother Branham, no." Well, where'd it come from, if they're not? They're in the tree right then.

Now, the only thing, the little tree, you stick it in the ground, plant it, and it has to grow. It has to draw the moisture from the ground, and it has to draw more than what its 'lotted portion is. You have to give it plenty of water. And when you give it water, it just drinks, and drinks, and drinks till it can't hardly drink no more, and it just starts pushing out. And it pushes out limbs, pushes out leaves, pushes out blossoms, pushes out apples. The apples was on the inside of it at the beginning. And it just has to drink.

And every man that's born again in Christ Jesus, everything you have need of, your healing... Satan will afflict you, sure he will. But everything you have need of in the whole life's journey is in you right then. And we are planted in Christ Jesus. You see what I mean? When you are born again and the baptism of the Holy Spirit has come into your heart, you have everything that you have need of for the journey. Now, the only thing you have to do, is start drinking, drinking, pushing out, drinking and pushing out. I believe He hears my analysis of Christ Jesus. He's the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. And every man that's planted in Him can drink, and drink, and push out, and push out to every redemptive blessing that God has promised belongs to you and it's your personal property. And the devil hasn't got any tie to it at all. He hasn't got any legal rights. His legal rights was spoiled at Calvary.

(Expectations
May 7, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. (Psalms 37:1-7)



Was you ever in Ireland? Did you ever notice St. Patrick, who you Catholics called a Catholic? He was just about as much as I am. So did you ever go up there? He wouldn't even have a crucifix hanging in his place. He protested the Roman church as hard as he could. He wouldn't even let the people set down. He let them squat down on a piece of old board, not board, but rock in the building. His building still stands there. He taught them the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

St. Francis and those great early reformers and men back in those days, how they taught the baptism of the Holy Ghost. How St. Martin, Irenaeus, those great men taught the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They wouldn't let their people be comfortable, and set around in plush, and things like we do today. And yet we call that a prosperous church.

Man calls prosperity, sometimes, religion. It was said in California that a man's not

spiritual till he can own three Cadillacs. To my opinion, that's when he gets away from God. That's right. The Pentecostal church today is certainly acting different from what the early Pentecostal church did.

I was speaking to the Christian Business Men one time down there. I don't know how they ever had me back. I guess 'cause they love me. But I tell them just what I know the Lord says. I don't say it to be smart. If I do, I need to be down there at the altar. I say it because I love them, I respect them.

One night down there testifying before Business Men of the world, how many Cadillacs they had, and what their little business... I said, "Them men don't want that. Tell them about the humility of Christ." And I said, "You're so much different from the early Pentecostal church. They sold everything they had, and give to the poor, and went out preaching the Gospel." And I said, "You people trying to say how much you prosper and how much you got. It's not how much you got, how much you can get rid of."

(God Hiding Himself In Simplicity
April 12, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. (Psalms 37:8-11)



Now, if you would like to have the Dove of God to come to your heart tonight. You say, "Brother Branham, I used to have those feelings. I used to just love to pray. I used to love to talk about the Lord, but I've got to a place to where I don't want them to talk to me about. Oh, I go to church now and then because I don't want to go to hell..." But you're sure not making a very good act to keep away from it. That's right.

You say, "I would like to be back that." Now, I preached hard to you tonight and scolded; but look, brother, it's for your good. That's right. It's for your good. It's to help you. I love you. Someone, my boy told me the other night, they taken up a little love offering here for me. I didn't want that. But they did it anyhow. That'll help raise my children. I've got some children, and some of your money will buy my children food. I never asked for it, never. I told them not to do it, but they did it anyhow. 'Course, I need it. Sure I do. I'm thankful and God will bless you. But do you think I could stand around with a true heart and scold people after they been that good to me? No, my dear brother. I want to live in eternity with you. Sister, I want you to be right with God. That's why I'm saying it. That's the reason just as your daddy would do, I'm trying to tell you the right things, the things of God.

And that meek, humble spirit that you used to have, you wasn't all temper and saw blades like you are. The Holy Spirit just took it's flight. You've put on shorts; the Holy Spirit flew away. You started smoking cigarettes; the Holy Spirit flew away. You started getting grouchy and fussy, and the Holy Spirit flew away. You started a little cult in your church; the Holy Spirit flew away. You broke away from your church and pulled off with some little cult; the Holy Spirit flew away. The Holy Spirit's not a Author of confusion. It's to unite the big Body of Christ together: one Spirit, one purpose, one accord. That's when the Holy Spirit come on the day of Pentecost.

There was a hundred and twenty people up there; Pharisees, Sadducees and everything, but there were in one accord. And they were humble; they were God's lambs that was led to the upper room, no fussing, no nothing. And all of a sudden there came the wings of the Holy Ghost coming down from heaven and it went into every heart. Oh, how they walked, lived, died in their testimony. Anything short of that, it won't work.

(The Lamb And The Dove
March 25, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 19



The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away. (Psalms 37:12-20)



I stood not long ago in a meeting. A brother setting here now was setting present, Brother Fred Sothmann, when I was talking one night in Kingston, Jamaica, and I was with the Full Gospel Business Men, the very man that I used to engage in to try to bring my message to the people. Why, then the business men of the church comes out to that meeting, well, if the pastor don't come it kinda embarrasses him. So that way I can work in there to try to get the message of the Lord to the people that I see, my brethren, my brethren.

Then what happened? I'd preach kind of roughly against it. I said, "What's the matter with you business men? What are you doing? You're at that business meeting tonight; everything you testified to those Jamaicans was, 'I had a little bitty of business on the corner; it wasn't prospering at all. Hallelujah, I got the Holy Ghost. God give me a

fleet of Cadillacs, and great big cars, and great big this, and He give me a new home; He give me all this.'" Them man's got them things. They don't want to hear that. That's contrary to Pentecost. Pentecost, they sold everything they had, distributed it amongst the poor, and went out with nothing. They went out with Jesus alone. That's right.

This leader that night stood up; he said, "But Brother Branham, I want to tell you something right now." He said, "That's when the Pentecostal, that group of people made their greatest mistake they ever made, when they sold their homes, and they give it to the poor." I'm not asking nobody to sell your homes; I'm just asking you to follow Christ. But I'm just quoting Scripture.

I said, "Well, brother, they were led by the Holy Spirit."

Said, "Well, they made a mistake."

I said, "You mean to tell me that the Holy Spirit would lead a man to a mistake?"

He said, "It proved it. I can prove it to you by the Scripture."

I said, "Stand on your feet and do it."

He said, "Here you are: As soon as the persecution rose against the church those people had no place to go. They done sold their homes and give it to the poor. They just wondered about."

I said, "Exactly what God wanted them to do. And the message was scattered throughout all the country." If they'd had a home they'd have went back to it. But they had no place to go; therefore, they roamed and scattered the message. That's exactly what God wanted them to do. People don't want to take that road no more.

**(The Church Choosing Law For Grace
March 16, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off. The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand. (Psalms 37:21-24)



Now, another question I want to clear up. Someone said, "It doesn't mean that you're a Christian because you heal the sick, or cast out..." That's true. That's right. He said, "Many will come to Me and say, 'Lord, Lord, haven't I cast out devils in Thy Name, and in Thy Name done mighty works?'"

Now, listen. Jesus said, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you."

Now, these people claim they done it. But they did not do it. That's right. For He said, "I never knew you." They just claimed they done it.

How could you write a check on me without me knowing you? See what I mean? I checked with the bank.

Jesus said, "Many will come and say, 'Lord, have not I...'" He said, "I didn't know you." No, you never... See?

Many will confess and say, "I have cast out devils in Thy Name, and in Thy Name I prophesied," preachers and so forth, and everything.

He'd say, "Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity. I didn't even know you." Some people might've went out and had some kind of a fleshly idea, tried to get popular, or some big education, or could speak a few swell words and made some money out of it. Jesus said, "You workers of iniquity, I didn't even know you." And iniquity is something that you know that you ought to do and will not do it. That's right.

And every man knows that he's got to be borned again by the Spirit of God. You've got to receive the Holy Ghost. To turn it down is just the same as to turn Jehovah of the Old Testament, down in that day, or Jesus in His day: Same penalty and worse if you turn down the Holy Ghost. And it's not very well thought of. It's talked about.

And all that live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. The devil's always been after the church of the living God. Is that right? And it's always had a black name. Jesus was born in this world with a black name, as illegitimate child. Did you know that? Supposed to be born a child out of holy wedlock, Jesus had that hanging on Him. But in His heart He knew He was the Son of God. That's right.

And men and women, you know where you stand tonight. And there's only one more Person knows it; that's God knows where you stand. So your heart right with God. Really live for Him. Be true to Him. Love Him so much that everything else becomes secondarily. And then you'll love the Lord with all your heart, with all your strength, with all your soul, with all your might. God will lead you then. "The footsteps of a righteous man is ordered by the Lord."

(Believe What He Said Is Truth
April 14, 1951)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed. Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever. The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. (Psalms 37:25-31)



We Protestants, as we find in Revelations 17, that all of them heaped up together, and that the Catholic church was the mother of all organizations. And we see that the Protestant organization, yet blindly, blindly, has the same nature of the Catholic church. The Bible calls the Catholic church a whore and calls the Protestant church harlots: said that the whore was the mother of harlots. And that is, people, that's a ill-famed woman, who doesn't live true to her marriage vows. And we all claim to be the Bride of Christ, and yet so untrue. What would make the untrueness? By living contrary to the discipline that God has laid out for His Bride to live by (That's my own opinion.), the Bible. And it is the infallible Word of God, I believe. And therefore, we find out that the Protestant church, in order to have an organization, separates itself even from the Scriptures to make its organization.

Ministers, ordained, how they come to my study, and in the rooms by the hundreds, and tell me, "Brother Branham, you make those challenges to people. Nobody's going to stand out there against that. They know it's the Truth."

"Why," I say, "why don't you do it?"

"Well, you see, if I do I'll be begging my bread. I've got a ministry I've got to get to the Lord. And I got to get to the people. And I'll have no backing up."

Do you only realize that Christ is our backing up, the Bible is our backing. See? Then that throws the Protestant church exactly the very same thing the Catholic church is. I don't make it that rude to say they don't care what the Bible says. They believe the Bible, but (See?) they got an apostolic succession is what the Catholic church is based upon; that's the succession of popes, and call Peter the first pope and on down. Now, they believe that; they emphatically believe that.

And the Protestants (See?), they gather together and have an organization just exactly like they did at Nicaea, Rome, where they organized the Catholic church at the Nicaea Council. And we find that they're both the same; they're both the same: they leave the Word of God to make an organization. See? And then when it comes to many great truths, that seems strange today, it's foreign to them, because they've only been taught by a ritual. We have no ritual but the Bible. We have nothing but God's Holy Word, and That's where we stand.

**(The Indictment
July 7, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 22



The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged. Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found. Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him. (Psalms 37:32-40)



You know, as we might not want to believe this, but everything that we do, we are influencing someone else. I many times preach funerals. And I never try to say too much about the person that's passed on, because there's no need of saying it. The people, the life the man has, or woman, whatever it might be, has lived, would speak louder to the congregation than anything I could say about them. That would never change their opinion. Their life told what they were. And then we never know just what influence and what we're doing is having upon others.

The Bible said, "We are written epistles, read of all men." That is, your life reads so loud to the public, until your testimony, if it's contrary to your life, is without any effect. It's what you are inside of you that people read: not so much what you say, but what you are. See? You can pin something on somebody, say, "This is bad, and so

forth," but your life being different from what they say, your testimony of your life is louder than the testimony that someone could say something about you. See? So just keep that on mind, that we're bringing influences every day, and the life that you live proves what's on the inside of you. You cannot change that. It reflects. Every person reflects, outside, what he is inside.

And if we take the testimony of being Christians, I think that that is one of the most solemn things that a man or a woman, boy or girl, could do. When he takes on the Name of Christ, that he's going to be a representative of Christ, you should watch every move you make, because somebody's watching you. And, in this, it reflects what's God has done for you, inside of you.

**(Influence
November 30, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath: neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure. For thine arrows stick fast in me, and thy hand presseth me sore. There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of my sin. For mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as an heavy burden they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and are corrupt because of my foolishness. I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long. For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh. I am feeble and sore broken: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart. (Psalms 38:1-8)



Sons of God will take a seminary's idea about it instead of the Word of God. Same thing Adam did: forfeited his right. And when it did, it went right straight back. Can't you see where those ages has been? See? Went right straight back to the original Holder. And John, in the Spirit, standing up here in heaven, he's just been lifted up now from the Church Ages. Saw the Church Ages, and then he was taken up in the 4th chapter. He said, "Come up higher; I'm going to show you things that will come."

And he saw One setting upon the throne with this Book in His hand, in His right hand. Think of it. Now, and then in this Book was the title deed to redemption. And it was sealed with Seven Seals. And then a Angel came forth, a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who was worthy to open the Book, to take the Book; Who was able to open the Seals; Who was able to open this Book?" See? The Angel asked it; John saw it, and he said, "Now, Who's worthy? Let Him..." Oh, my, maybe I'm just

feeling this this a way. "But, let Him," said the Angel, "let Him..." Here is the Book of Redemption. Here is the plan of redemption. Here is the only way you'll ever be redeemed, for here is the title deed to redemption of the whole heavens and earth.

"Let Him come forward, if He will." Oh, my. "Now speak or forever hold his peace. Let Him come forward and claim this Book. Who's worthy to do it?" And John said there was no man in heaven found worthy; no man on earth found worthy; no man beneath the earth that ever lived and died was found worthy; no man was found worthy.

The Angel's call was a call for the Kinsman Redeemer to appear. God said, "I have a law, a Kinsman Redeemer can be a substitute." Where is that Kinsman Redeemer? Who's able to take it?

And it come from Adam all the way down through all the apostles, and prophets, and everything else, and nobody was found. Now, what about that? Nobody in heaven, nobody on earth, nobody that ever lived... Elijah was standing there. Moses was standing there. All the apostles were standing there of all the ones that had died, all the holy men, Job, the sages. Everyone was standing there, and nobody was worthy even to look at the Book, let alone take it and break the Seals.

Now, where's the pope and all these come in at? Where's your bishops? Where's our worthiness? We're nothing. That's right.

(63-0317E The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals
March 17, 1963 - Evening)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 24



Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee. My heart panteth, my strength faileth me: as for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me. My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore; and my kinsmen stand afar off. They also that seek after my life lay snares for me: and they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, and imagine deceits all the day long. But I, as a deaf man, heard not; and I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth. Thus I was as a man that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no reproofs. For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God. (Psalms 38:9-15)



This Spirit that was upon Elijah come upon Elisha, a double portion of it; seven hundred years later or eight hundred years later come upon John the Baptist. Look how Elijah; big old hairy man, whiskers all over him; sheepskin, looked like a fuzzy worm, his face out like that, stomping down through there with a bit piece of leather around like girdles around his loins, like this. If he'd have walked up to your house, you'd say, "Oooh, my. Call the police right quick. Such a fellow standing in front of my door." But that was a prophet of the Lord. Sure was. And then when he died, a double portion of his Spirit come upon Elijah; and then eight hundred years later come upon John the Baptist and made John act just exactly like they did, because it was the spirit of Elijah.

Now, if the spirit of Elijah upon John would make John act like Elijah, the Spirit of God upon you will make you act like Jesus. Now, there's where you find the Holy Spirit. See? That's what the Holy Spirit does. It makes you meek, makes you humble, makes you forgiving.

Could they pull whiskers from your face, if you had them there, jerk them out and spit in your face, when you had the power to call legions of Angels? Could you do that for the love of the people that was spitting in your face? Could you do it? If somebody just walked up to you and said, "Hey, you hypocrite." and smacked you on one side of the face, could you pray for their forgiveness? Now, that's where test whether you got the Holy Spirit or not. See? When somebody says something evil against someone, sometimes that claims to have the Holy Spirit.

"I'll get even with her if it takes me my last day." See? Now, there's where you check about your Holy Spirit. See? "Blessed are you when men shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My Name's sake." But you go get even with them? No. "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can't say something good about them, then don't say nothing. Just let it go. See? And then when you get to yourself, pray for them.

**(Questions And Answers
December 23, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 25



For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me: when my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin. But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation. (Psalms 38:16-22)



As long as we fuss and stew and carry on among one another, we still walk as men. Until a man can get down at the altar and get right with God, till he can overlook little things and move on like a Christian ought to... Pot can't call kettle black. Right. Don't holler at them. Let's clean our own steps first.

Excuse us, strangers, I'm giving the church a little Gospel spanking now. Notice, that's right. It's exactly what you need.

"Oh," you say, "we got it." And get up there and beat the piano as hard as it can go, and a bunch of drums, and run up-and-down the floor, and go out and fuss with your neighbor. Have you got anything? Oh, no. No, sir. The only thing we got is a lukewarm. As long as the music's running, we're running. When the music stops, we stop. Brother, don't call the other fellow something; let's look around your own door first. Amen.

I tell you we need an old fashion revival like we used to have down in the country, when they laid on their face all night long, not to carry on. But when real godly

sorrow, and not go back to the altar and stay, but go out and make it right with the neighbors they had made it wrong with, and get straightened up. You know that's right. Scorching, but, brother, it'll help you. That's right. You've got to know that, my friend. Yes, sir.

Lukewarm, that's a horrible condition for the church to be in. You don't watch, the Branham Tabernacle's got in that same sway. Listen, you know these things. It's been taught year after year, after year, after year, over this platform, warning you of these things coming. When the Bible said there would be a time they'd go from east to the west, and north and south, trying to find the true Word of God, and fail to find it, you'd better get anchored, where you know where you're standing.

But when a man is once born again, not emotionally worked up, not some enthusiasm, not by putting his name on a church book, not by joining the biggest church in the city, but when he's actually cried through, and begged, with tears in his eyes, until God has forgiven his sins, cleansed his soul up from a life of sin, and filled him with the Holy Spirit; with such love, and godly, till he takes them old tire tools back, he stole from the neighbors, and goes and makes up to these things, and lives godly before men. We'll never have a revival in this country till we have that.

Judgment begins at the house of God by the Word of God. Amen. Not a textbook, but the Bible. Not what some church teaches in their theology, but what God says. Then you'll have a revival where great powers, and wonders, and signs, and miracles, and everything else will take place.

(The Seven Church Ages
May 12, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; and my sorrow was stirred. My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue, LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them. (Psalms 39:1-6)



You know, when you're young, they claim you have growing pains when you're growing. You know what I mean. It means you're getting bigger, a little. You know, you take your arms will hurt. And your legs will hurt when you're growing, kids. I had it. I was getting bigger all the time. Oh, my.

Sometimes we have growing pains when we get to be men and women when we're born in the Kingdom of God, Christ. But the thing about that, it hurts; the thing about This, it just makes you joyful and happy. It's growing pains. You're going out, getting bigger, getting to be a bigger man now, what you used to be. You can look over things.

Not you just got wider shoulders; that don't mean nothing about it. But you're wider in here, not across here. In here, here's where you're supposed to spread out, get bigger, in your heart on the inside. When Christ comes into the heart, then He comes into the

mouth, then He comes into the eyes, and He comes into the mind.

He comes into the mouth. He makes you talk different. You don't talk like you used to. Christ got in your mouth. Done growed now from your heart, your love you had for Him, till you can bridle your tongue. Brother, that's a great thing.

Then the next thing you know, it grows into your eyes. The next thing you know, you find out, that old lustful things you used to look at, you'll turn your head. You're growing. Then the first thing you know, you still turn your head, but you're thinking. See? After while, it grows into your mind; you don't even think about it no more. Then you're just a great big boy then. You're coming into a full matured man living for the Lord. So then you are in Christ then, a new creature.

**(Divine Healing
December 19, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee. Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; because thou didst it. Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the blow of thine hand. When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely every man is vanity. Selah. Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were. O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more. (Psalms 39:7-13)



Now, we see then, knowing that this is the Laodicea age, and knowing that this age needs a sharp rebuke from God. It needs a sharp rebuke. And when our clergy get so soft and doty, like some aged grandfather to his grandchildren, ever what they do is perfect.

It's been said so much that God is such a good God until they try to make God just a big doty grandfather. You see? But He is not. He is a Father, and a Father of righteousness, of correction. And love is always corrective. See? Love corrects. No matter how bad it hurts, it still corrects. A real mother will correct her children; a real dad will correct.

I was crossing an old log the other day down a wash or what is called a holler. And I jumped up on this log. On the outside it looked good, looked like a big old beech log, but when I jumped on it, oh, a great chunk of it fell off; it was real rotten and doty. I said, "That's the way the Christians are becoming." They've been dead in sin and

trespasses so long till it become doty. They can hold no weight at all. They don't know what the overcoming means. Then I begin to think of this text then: Overcome, keep life in you. When life went out, that's what brought that log to that condition. See? And it made it worse than ever when it laid in the branch where the water was.

And then, now you take a Christian that's supposed to be a Christian, let the Life of God go from him and the experience, the joy of serving Christ, and living in the church where such is going on, he rottens twice as quick, living right under it.

So if we are trying to follow the Message of the hour, or at least this part of the Message, we should live constantly in the Life of Christ. See? 'Cause if it don't, you lay around, and know that these things that you're supposed to do and don't do it, the Bible said, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it's sin." And he becomes doty, rotten when you're separated from the Life of God. So strive with all that's in you to stay in the Life of Christ, that you'd be fruitbearing.

(How Can I Overcome?
August 25, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. (Psalms 40:1-5)



Thinking of small, just that enough Scripture right there, those three words would be enough to send a revival all the way around the world and save every person there is in the world.

Some years ago, I read a little article in a magazine that was advertising, I believe it was, Sinclair gasoline, or some noted brand of gasoline. And they said that one gallon of Sinclair gasoline in a certain type of a machine, if it could be built sturdy enough, would lift the sphinx ten inches off of the ground.

And I thought, "Oh, how the Sinclair company likes to brag on the power of their gasoline, and what a little bit can do a whole lot."

But I thought tonight, that one drop of the Blood of Jesus Christ can lift every sinner that there is out of the miry clay, and set every hospital free from sickness, close up every jail and penitentiary, deliver every insane institution of its diseased people and

afflicted, make joy all over the world with one drop of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And then coming to a meeting and choosing a little text like this. Remember, I do that with all that's in my heart by prayer, trying to find just what I would think the Holy Spirit would lead to teach, or to talk about.

I've often said, if I could only hold one drop of the literal Blood of our Lord Jesus in a charger, how I would hold it in my hands, and press it to my heart, and cry out, "Oh, Father, I now hold the Blood of the Lord Jesus against my heart." What a thrill, and a joy, and a blessing it would be for me to hold, in a little glass or something, one drop of the Blood of the Lord Jesus. But you know, in His sight, I've got a greater than that tonight. I've got against my heart tonight, you people, which is a purchase of His Blood. He thought more of you than He did of His own Blood, because He gave it, that He might sanctify you and bring you into His Presence. Oh, it's the small things. It's not the big things that we do; it's the little things that we leave undone.

**(Hear Ye Him
July 12, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O LORD, thou knowest. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation. (Psalms 40:6-10)



Now, Peter, when he called, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Now, watch, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona (that which means son of Jona. See?), for flesh and blood never revealed this to you (You never learned it from some school.), but My Father which is in heaven has revealed it to you." Notice, what He said to him: "Upon this rock..." That's Peter, the predestinated seed of God that had received this Light and given the keys to the Kingdom. "Upon this rock of revelation of Who Jesus Christ is." He's the full manifested God. "Upon this rock..." Not of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and Him being the second person. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell will never shake it down, never prevail against it. (See?) I'll build My Church upon this rock," a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See what God's trying to do?

What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible. He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ. Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

(Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed
July 28, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me. For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me. Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me: O LORD, make haste to help me. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified. But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God. (Psalms 40:11-17)



Well, when I got something on my shirt, when I was just a little boy, mama used to get some coal oil, or some turpentine, or something, and put on it, and try to take the color of the stain out. She only spread it, but it wasn't all in one spot. But now they have manufactured something called bleach. And, my, that bleach will take that stain right now.

Well, there was a law of God, that under the blood of a lamb, that didn't take away sin, it just scattered it. And when man sinned, he crossed the great chasm. When he sinned away, he separated himself away from God, leaving himself no way back. But God, in tender mercy, accepted a substitute for him, and this substitute lasted for thousands of years; but it wouldn't take away sin; it only covered up sin.

Not manufactured, but God in His creative power created a Blood cell without sexual desire in the womb of the virgin, that don't only cover sin, it omits sin. It takes it so far away till it's never in the mind of God again. It don't make a bridge across the chasm, but it moves the chasm. Drop this little drop of ink into that bottle of bleach, or whatever it might be, you'll never find that color again.

**(Investments
August 3, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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March 31



Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. Mine enemies speak evil of me, When shall he die, and his name perish? And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth iniquity to itself; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it. All that hate me whisper together against me: against me do they devise my hurt. An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him: and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more. Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me. But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them. By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me. And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen, and Amen. (Psalms 41:1-13)



Cast your bread upon the water. It'll return to you someday. Sow the right seed; you'll reap the right crop. If you sow the wrong seed, you'll reap the wrong things. You can't go east and west at the same time. You're either going one way or the other. You're either pointed towards God this morning with all you've got looking to Him, or you're pointed the other way.

You think sometime you're going right when you're going wrong; but you can't go to

the right and to the left at the same time. If you're headed left; you're going left and you'll come out left. If you're headed right, you'll come out right. You can't keep from coming right. It may seem like you're going wrong, but you're going right.

Follow the compass, and the Compass is the Holy Spirit. The magnetic pole of the north holds that compass exactly north. Isn't it wonderful that the electronics of the air.

I was standing near the North Pole, here a few years ago, and you hear, see those northern lights sweeping; and the yellow and green flashes in the dark midnight would make it as light as it is in this room to walk by. I thought, way down yonder in Central America, anywhere, that compass will point right straight to that magnetic pole. It'll guide you north every time. And how glorious that is that we've got a magnetic system in glory; and every man that has been made a compass to guide through this life, or point towards Jesus Christ, just as certain as we're setting in the church today.

**(Why Are People So Tossed About?
January 1, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 1



As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. (Psalms 42:1-5)



I understand what He had to do. God became me, that I by grace might become of Him. He taken my sins, that through His righteousness I might have Eternal Life. I could not choose myself; my nature was a sinner; I had nothing to do with it. I was born of the world, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies, not even a chance at all, nothing, not even a desire. Tell a pig he's wrong eating slop, will you? See how much he'll listen to you. Tell a crow he's wrong eating on a dead carcass and see what he'll tell you. If he could talk, "You tend to your own business." Certainly.

Oh, but the grace of God that changed this nature, and give me the opportunity to desire, and to crave, and to thirst: "Thy love kindness is better to me than life, O God. My heart both longs after Thee."

David said, "As a hart panteth for the water brook, so my soul thirsts after Thee, O God." God gave man that thirst to worship Him, to love, seek after Him. But man

perverts it by the call of the devil, and he goes and lusts after women, and pleasures, and things of the world, trying to satisfy that holy creation that God's put him to love Him, he places it upon the things of the world. But, brother, when he's once changed, and that fountain with wiggletails in it (all kinds of disorders of the cistern) has been cleansed out and sterilized, and the pure water of God is put in there, sin can never touch it. Amen.

(Hebrews, Chapter Six And Seven
September 15, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 2



O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar. Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me. Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life. I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. (Psalms 42:6-11)



God working in His universe. If a fellow, any person could look right in the face of a great big beautiful calla lily and say there's no God, the man is mentally disturbed. That's right. Anyone who could look in the face of a big pretty rose and say there's no God, there's something wrong with the person's mind that would do that. I say that reverently, but I say it, for it is the truth.

And God in His beauty, did you ever see Him in the sunset, see Him in the sunrise?
How beautiful it is to see Him in the sunset.

I was speaking here sometime ago. I was up in the mountains. And I been on a hunting trip, and I was way up high, because that fall the elk was high. And so I was up there hunting, just about two days back with a horse and a pack horse, and I was camping out. There come a storm that day, and I got in behind a tree and was

standing there behind the tree, and the winds a blowing and howling. And after the storm let up, why, then of course, the cold winds caused the evergreens to freeze. The sun begin to set through the rocks here in the western horizon here, and peeping through the mountain like that, the shadows of the sun sweeping across the valley, a rainbow came out. Oh, my. You know, David said, "When the deep calleth to the deep."

If the deep is calling, there's got to be a deep to respond to it. If there's a desire in your heart tonight to have more of God, there's more of God for to you receive. If there's a desire in your heart tonight to be healed by God, there's a fountain open somewhere or you'd never have that desire.

Before there can be a creation, there has to be a Creator to create the creation. Is that right? And if you're hungering for God, to be healed, there's a Creator somewhere creating that desire in your heart. That's right. And as long as you believe there's a God that'll heal you, there's a God somewhere that'll heal you. That's right.

David said, "As the noise of Thy waterspout." You see? The deep calling to the deep.

**(Show Us The Father
August 11, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man. For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God. (Psalms 43:1-5)



In the Old Testament they had three ways of knowing a message: first of course, was the law, next was by a prophet, next was by a dream. Now, the law was the written oracles that was kept in the ark. And that was the commandments and the laws on the commandments. And then, a prophet could prophesy, or a dreamer could dream a dream, which God deals both ways, with prophets and with dreams. "If there be one among you who's spiritual or a prophet, I the Lord will make Myself known to him in dreams, and will reveal Myself to him in visions. And if what he says comes to pass, then hear him, for I'm with him. If it doesn't then don't hear him." Now, when they took a prophet, or a dreamer and He had a dream or prophecy, and they wanted to find out whether that was the truth or not, they took him up to what was called the Urim Thummim.

I know that may be to some maybe a little hard word, but what it was was actually Aaron being the high priest over the twelve tribes of Israel, he had six stones on each side of a breastplate. And each stone was the birthstone of the tribe, like the tribe of

Judah, the tribe of Gad, tribe of Reuben, tribe of Benjamin. Each one had a birthstone. It would be hanging on one of the plates in the church or the pilaster. And then when they brought this prophet who had a prophecy that he said the Lord was going to do a certain thing, they brought him before here, and he told his prophecy or he told his dream. Now, if God was in that dream or in that prophecy, them lights begin to mingle together and make like a rainbow color a flecting, a answer of supernatural, agreeing with ever stone in there, every stone blending its part together reflecting back with the answer of God, "That man is a prophet; he's telling the truth," or, "That dream was sent by Me." But if it just stayed dormant and didn't move, I don't care how real it seemed, it was wrong. They didn't receive it.

What a beautiful illustration today. Now, the Old Testament Urim Thummim has been done away with, because it changed priesthoods. Now the Urim Thummim is the Word of God, the Bible. Yes, sir. In here, the Bible said, "Let every man's word be a lie and Mine be true." And no matter how real it seems when a man's telling it or how real his dream is or his revelation is, if every book in the Bible, the entire Bible doesn't reflect the light on it, that it's the truth, leave it alone. Leave it alone.

Now, you can take a little piece of Scripture here, say, "Jesus did so-and-so and we ought to do the same." You can make it say anything you want to make it say, but it's got to come all the way through and line up perfectly with the Word of God. Then it's right. That's God saying so. This is His Urim Thummim.

(The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit
September 28, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 4



We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old. How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them. Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah. (Psalms 44:1-8)



Now, Jesus promises here that in the last days the Son of man will be revealed again to that same type of group, the royal Seed of Abraham, just before the fire falls. Remember, the church never received any more witness, Abraham and them didn't. The promised son that they were looking for was brought right away after that. And the church is looking for the promised Son, He will come right after the days of this ministry; He'll be revealed from the heavens. Now, we see it too plain; it's got to be. Now, the only thing there has to be is something pulsates, gets into a man, God vindicate and tells him and shows him that that is the thing to happen.

Like Moses did, he didn't want to deliver those children, but God spoke to him in a burning bush. He didn't want to go, but he had to go. Moses had heard of Him being the great Jehovah, but then he could see Him. He was in the form of a Pillar of Fire.

"I've heard of Thee, but now I see Thee." What was He seen in? His Word vindicated.

God told Abraham that his people would sojourn in a strange land for four hundred years, but He'd bring them out with a mighty hand. And, notice, this burning bush gave vindication to what the prophet Abraham had said would take place. Moses said, "I heard of it, but now I see it."

Now, we've heard that in the last days that the Son of man will come among His people and reveal Himself to the people in the same way that He did just before the destruction of Sodom. The Son of man, what did He do? He knowed the secrets that was in Sarah's heart, also give the promise to Abraham. Abraham had heard God's Voice; he might've seen Him in many different ways (I don't know how He talked to him, through dreams or through prophecies.), but this time he saw Him. "I've heard of You, now I see You."

And the church has heard of God; they've read of Him, and what He did, and the promises He made, but now we see Him with our eyes (just the same as Job did), "I've heard of Thee, but now I see Thee." My, what a difference.

**(I Have Heard But Now I See
November 27, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 5



But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies. Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves. Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people. My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me, For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger. (Psalms 44:9-16)



Here some time ago, when a little woman sent her girl away to school, she lived out in the country, and she sent her girl away to school. And she got down there; she was a lovely Christian girl when she left home. And she got down around among all the Hollywood groups, that's doing all this here carrying on, and the girl sent back and asked her mother if she could have her hair bobbed. She said, "Honey, I don't want you to do that. Don't act like that."

And I'm going to typify this, or type it with the Pentecostal church. Just exactly right: Got out with too much fardangle, you're mixing too much with the world. You're acting like the world, living in the world, things like that. You get the world out of you. The Bible says, "If you love the world, the things of the world, the love of God's not even in you." That's right. It's the truth. And that poor little old girl out there, she got mixed up with some of her associates. Why did she get that way? Because she got into that kind of a group. Listen, there's a spirit of everything. There's a spirit of a

nation. You go into this nation, it's got a spirit. What is this nation spirited with? Entertainment. All they have, is who kissed Suzy, ever what it is on the night. And people will stay home to watch television, something about Sucky, or something like that, instead of going to church, and say that they got the Holy Ghost, and speak in tongues. Brother, by their fruits, you'll know them. What was that? Lucy, something about Lucy, or something like "I Love Lucy." Some of them programs like that. I don't watch her nonsense. I read my Bible; I love to serve the Lord. Amen. Yes, sir. Amen. That's what we need today. That's what you're getting out of will of God. That's where you've moved back. No wonder you can hate your neighbor, and everything else, and still carry on like that. You can't have the love of God in your heart and do that. That's right. Amen.

Now, they stay home for that, and the things that the people does, today, it's a shame, calling themselves religious. They act like the world, because it's the spirit of America. America wants entertainment. Oh, everything, everybody's got televisions and radios, and they listen to everything.

Let me go into a man's house, and let me see what kind of music he hears. Let me look around and see what kind of a literature reads; I'll tell you what kind of a spirit he's got feeding on it. Let me watch the way he acts in his daily walk. True. It's a shame. My, how the church has fell from grace. Oh, what a pity. Repent and come back. That's right. I say that in the Name of the Lord: Repent and come back.

(The Seal Of The Antichrist
March 11, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way; Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death. If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god; Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever. Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression? For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth. Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake. (Psalms 44:17-26)



What is God? God is a great eternal. At the beginning, way back before there was a beginning, He wasn't even God. Did you know that? A god's an object of worship, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him; He lived alone. And in Him was attributes. What is an attribute? A thought. (Now, you'll get something that'll border on the lesson for tonight.) Notice, He was His attributes that was in Him. Now, it was in Him to be Father; it was in Him to be God; it was in Him to be Son; it was in Him to be Saviour; it was in Him to be Healer. And all these things here are just displaying His attributes. There's nothing out of order. You think God didn't see the end from the beginning? Certainly He did. There's nothing out of order; it's just displaying His attributes.

Now, He could not be just and make a man to fall. He had to put him on equal basis of free moral agency to make his own choice but knowing he would fall. Now, He can't

be a Saviour 'less something's lost. He can't be a Healer 'less something's sick. These things had to be that way. God make them thus, so that His great attributes could be displayed. If there wasn't none, He'd never been a Saviour. But we know He was; even before there was a time, He was a Saviour.

He was a Saviour. So there has to be something lost. How's it going to be? If He takes and loses it just in order to save it, then it isn't justice to His judgment. He couldn't send a man to hell and be just. He's kind, gentle, true, honest, and He's a great Judge. See, He'd be working against Himself. So He had to put a man out here and make him on free moral agency knowing he would fall. And the man in His own image, how could he fall? Now, you seeing daylight? So He had to make a byproduct, something out of the original creation. Now, you see it. See? There you come. See? Then that's what fell. He made it, knowing it would fall. And it's put over in the hands of Satan for a vessel of dishonor. Where's honor bestowed today? You think on that.

(- Marriage And Divorce
February 21, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir. (Psalms 45:1-9)



I remember one time a story of a little cockney in England. He was just an ordinary man. And they said that the king, one of the kings in the early days was going into his palace. And he had a message he had to get forth, a urgent message, because of the enemy. And so he said to this little fellow standing there, he said, "Here, take this message; take this message. Hurry to a certain, certain place, and command this to be done." And he said, "Take my scepter in your hand; that'll vindicate you, that you're sent from me."

And he stuck it under his robe, and away he went, the guards everywhere stopping him, everybody else, yelling, "Give away. I have the message of the king. I'm the

king's messenger." A vindicated word.

I thought, "Satan, get out of my way. I have the King's Message. I must go." One time when they killed the Prince of Peace, and put Him in the grave, and sealed up the tomb, and death held Him for three days and nights, but on Easter morning He had the scepter in His hand and hollered, "Get away death. Get away grave. Open up! I am the King's Message. I must come forth to prove this resurrection. I am the Resurrection and Life." Hallelujah. I feel real good now. It's the King's Message. Let's recognize it, friends, for we're called to gather together for the sounding of the Trumpet. For the Trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more.

He's gathered Israel, in the third day He said He would do it. Twenty-seven hundred years has passed. In that third day He said He would gather them together, and He's done it. He said He'd make known the way of Life. There you are, just waiting now for the Bride to get out of the way so they can come, the two prophets, Hebrew prophets.

(Recognizing Your Day And Its Message
July 26, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house; So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift; even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour. The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee. With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought: they shall enter into the king's palace. Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever. (Psalms 45:10-17)



Now, notice. Now let us notice Christ. You say, "Well, now wait a minute, what about this beauty you're talking about? The Bible said in Isaiah 53:2 that when Jesus come there was no beauty of Him that we should desire Him. Is that right? There's no beauty. If He would've come in the worldly beauty as Satan is today, the people would've run around Him and accepted Him the way they do the church today. They would've believed Him and received Him as they do Satan today. Certainly they would. But He didn't come in that kind of a beauty, but He always comes in the beauty of character. Christ wasn't a beautiful, great, strong, stout Man. God doesn't choose that kind.

I remember one time a prophet went up to take a king, to make a king out of Jesse's sons to take another king's place: Saul. And so Jesse brought him out, and he was a

great, big, fine boy and said, "The crown will look right on his head."

And the prophet went to pour the oil on him; he said, "God's refused him." And He refused every one of them till he come to a little old stoop-shouldered, ruddy looking fellow, and he poured the oil upon him, and he said, "God chose him." See, we choose by sight. God choose by character.

Character, there never was a Character like Jesus Christ. It lives in Him, manifests in. We see it true. It's not worldly beauty of Him that attracts His Bride; it is His character, the character of the church that Jesus looks for; not whether it's big buildings; whether it's great denominations; whether it's big membership. He promised to meet with wherever two or three are gathered together. Truly. That's where the true believer rests his hopes, is upon that Word of God being vindicated in truth, what it is. Choose by His Word. Not a worldly loving group, they hate that. No wonder she is divorced from Him, because she's missed His revelation, and she don't have it. He cares not for her, the way she acts and does, and how much of this worldly stuff she has; He's looking for her character, the character of Christ.

Now, just a moment now; that's it. He chooses a Bride to reflect His character, to which the modern churches of today certainly misses His program here a million miles, 'cause they deny this to be the truth. So how could it be? Now, He's looking for the day for that Bride to be formed (Hebrews 13:8) just exactly like He was. It's got to be His same flesh, same bones, same Spirit, same everything, just exactly built up, and them two then become one. Until the church becomes that, they're not one. The character of Him, the Word for this age, she must be molded like He is.

(The Choosing Of A Bride
April 29, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. (Psalms 46:1-3)



And this morning the Holy Spirit, through the Word's bringing you the good news, that from before the foundation of the world God wrote your name in the Lamb's Book of Life. All the devils out of hell can't erase it out of there. God wrote it and spoke it. It's just as sure to happen as God wrote it in there before the foundation of the world. Amen. How glorious our heavenly Father is in His infinite love and His mercy to do that for us.

"Then be ye therefore perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect." How can you be? When it's not my perfection, it's not your perfection; it's His perfection of His Word, that He chose you. You never chose Him. And He brought you into Christ. And you are secure with Jesus Christ, and just as perfect as Christ was before God. For you're not standing with your own; you're standing in Him with one thing, "I believe God." Amen.

Oh, I love Him. Oh, my. On the other side of Eden, what a wonderful time it'll be someday, when you look back down and say, "Why did I fear? Look at the joy I missed." Young man, young woman this morning, or you old man or woman, who's never been a Christian, God's continually knocked at your heart.

Oh, yes. You might come in at the end of the road, but you'll have no joy. There'll be

no stars around you to shine. I don't want to stand like that. I want to hear Him say, "It was well done, My good and faithful servant." I want to show Him my appreciation.

My poor little old gray-headed wife, how I would love to do something for her that I know she likes, because I love her, and I know she loves me. And if I do that for my wife in the human love, what do I have to do to know that God, by grace, before the foundation of the world seen me a poor little sinner, staggering, and was going to hell, and couldn't help it, and He foreordained me, and put my name in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.

Oh, I love Him. There's no way at all to ever tell Him. Amen. No wonder the Bible said, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, neither has it entered in the hearts of men." Oh, my. How glorious God is. Don't you want to trust Him, if you're weary and tossed about? Shame on you, Christians, that call yourselves Christians, and go around so weary. "Well, I don't know. If I go to church, the..." Oh, you're a poor excuse.

Let me tell you. Lift up your head. Straighten up your chest. Oh, my. Oh, use faith. Faith is the boss. That's right. Faith has got big muscles. When it speaks, all the worries drop from one side the other.

The devil said, "Now, you just can't make it. You can't do this. You're ashamed to testify." Faith raise up, and say, "Shut up. I got the floor." Amen, amen. Sure. Faith takes the initiative.

That's what we need today for every pilgrim in the land. Straighten up your head.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. (Psalms 46:4-11)



A brother was just telling me that they have their records here at the back of the tent. And I tell you; these records in the country, you know that out around here is just about as famous as any amongst Gospel people as Bing Crosby is to the movie outfit over there. And I'm intending for my own to get every record that I can get from them, of these brethren, these singing.

When you get over to heaven and you want to look me up, I tell you where to find me. There's a River of Life running along there. You see? And there's some evergreen trees standing there, you know, and they take the leaves off of them to heal the nations. And over on the other side there, the angelic choir singing all the time, great voices like Waermo, Einar, and Sankey, and, you know, and those other great men that's crossed over.

Well then, over on this other side of the hill there's a little tree standing there, I'll be leaning back under that tree listening at them. You see?

Oh, if I could only sing. I said there's one song that I always wanted to sing, and love it so well, that's "Amazing Grace." And I never could sing. Oh, my.

So when you all get over home, a lot of you, maybe, if you happen to go before me, and you're living in your great big, fine palace over there, and you hear an echo coming across the hill somewhere, look over on the other side of the hill and you see my little hut down there somewhere among the evergreens, and I'm standing out on the front porch singing "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," you say, "Well, praise God, old Brother Branham finally made it." So I'll be over on the other side, over there with "Amazing Grace."

If I ever get there, it'll be Amazing Grace, His grace bought it for me. And I'm going by His grace alone. That's the way I trust it tonight, and I know you do the same. How we love good singing.

**(Where I Think Pentecost Failed
November 11, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 11



O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah. God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted. (Psalms 47:1-9)



It's a matching time. You know that's true. It's a matching time. Amen. That must've went home. That's right. Listen. That is true. Now, I'm going to tell you, my brother: I don't care whether my shoes match my trousers, or my trousers matches my coat. I want my experience to match God's Bible. That's the matching time.

If you want to match something, match your experience against Paul's. Amen. That's what we need today, is a matching time with Paul's faith in the Bible. That's our example. Right. Real matching time. Don't try to match your neighbor; match some of the saints of the Bible. If you're a saint, act like a saint, walk like a saint, dress like a saint, talk like a saint, pray like a saint, believe like a saint, dress like a saint, be like a saint, live a saint, die like a saint and go to heaven like a saint. Amen.

Separating time... This borderline believing, this halfway, lukewarm, do you know the

Bible said this day would come? The Laodicean Church Age, He said you'd just be lukewarm and make God sick at His stomach. He said He'd spew you from His mouth. The Laodicean, just enough religion to make you sick. We're still longing for the things of the world, say, "I'd better not do that." Oh, brother, if I wanted to do it, I'd do it. But I know tonight that there's a good, old fashion baptism of the Holy Ghost that makes you love God so well you don't care to do it anymore. Amen.

It's the joy unspeakable and full of glory. How the old saints of God used to set around and sing the redemption song, and sing of the Blood and the power of God. And today it's as cold as zero nearly. You don't have them old fashion songs you used to sing. You don't see their faces light up no more, and sing and clap their hands, and raise their hands to God, and praise God, pray all night, and lay out in the corn fields, and things. Why, you can't set in church thirty minutes without grumbling and growling. True. It's the truth. Borderline, lukewarm, Laodicean.

(The Arrow Of God's Deliverance Shot From A Bow
August 1, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 12



Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God is known in her palaces for a refuge. For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail. Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind. As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah. We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness. Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. (Psalms 48:1-14)



I don't care how much you holler, or scream, stay there until morning breaks. That's right. They were under the blood, the blood of the lamb, the smitten rock, the brazen serpent. Look, they were under the blood of the lamb, as we took last week, the blood was placed upon the door, the lintel of the door. They went out under the blood. And they got out there, and got hungry; God fed them manna out of heaven. They got thirsty; He gave them water from the rock. They got sick; He gave them power for healing.

And Balaam failed to see that. He thought because they were so radical in this way and that way, that God did not have any honor for them. He didn't have honor for them, but He did for His atonement. Amen. God, today, no matter what the Church has done, the Atonement, the Blood of Jesus Christ still atones for the sins. Amen.

My, my. We'll be ready to shout in here directly, sure enough, won't we? When I think of it, the Blood. Under the Blood, it all looks sons and daughters to Him, as long as they're confessed under the Blood. So if you've done wrong, get under the Blood today and confess your sins. For if we fall from grace, we have an Advocate to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, if it wasn't for that Advocate, we'd all be gone, wouldn't we? But in there we're brought under the rich, royal Blood of the Son of God. And before God, we are pure and holy. Hallelujah.

I guess it's not against the law to say it in Phoenix. Hallelujah. I mean "Praise our God." And I think He's worthy of every praise and hallelujah we could ring from these mortal lips. The Bible said, "You are a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, offering spiritual sacrifices to God, the fruits of your lips giving praise unto Him." Oh, my. The fruits of your lips, pouring up praise daily before the people.

What a High Priest we have; what a priesthood that we're in: the priesthood of the circumcision, not of flesh, but of the heart, the heart circumcised by the Holy Ghost. That's right. Then you can offer praise and adorations to God, the spiritual sacrifice, your lips pouring out praise unto Him.

(The Children Of Israel
November 23, 1947)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 13



Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world: Both low and high, rich and poor, together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever:) That he should still live for ever, and not see corruption. (Psalms 49:1-9)



Every prophecy, everything that I know of that I can see in the Scripture has been fulfilled, already waiting for the coming of the Lord. And as I said last night, I believe that the coming of the Lord Jesus, second coming, is past due, already past due. And like it was in the days of Noah, the long-suffering, God waited not willing any should perish. And He's just waiting, waiting now with His long-suffering that His coming already past due, waiting to get the Church in order so the second coming can take place. What about that friend?

What kind of people ought we to be? To realize that this day may be the last day that we'll ever be mortal. Tomorrow we may be immortal. This is the only day we may ever have in our life, the last meeting we'll ever set together, and work for the Kingdom of God. How ought this meeting to be conducted tonight then? With the very highest of reverence, that with all of our hearts, we're leaning to the Lord Jesus to give us every soul that's here that isn't converted, to help do something that'll cause

the unbeliever and the lukewarm to look on and receive the Lord Jesus Christ.

It'd be a selfish thing. If a man's heart isn't out to save his brother, there's something wrong with his heart. No matter what condition, if his brother hates him, if his brother's against him, if his brother's tried everything he can to tear him down, yet that man's heart pulls for his brother. He can't help it. There's something in there that just calls out, "Oh, my brother, you're wrong. But I want you to be saved." And therefore you try with everything that's in you to get your brother to believe with all of his heart and come into the Kingdom of God.

And now, that's the kind of a meeting we want to have every time. I've preached to hundreds of thousands. And I've preached to just four or five people. But I wouldn't be any more sincere with five hundred thousand than I would be with five people, because one soul is valued to God as ten thousand worlds.

(The Seven Compound Names Of Jehovah
January 20, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For he seeth that wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. Nevertheless man being in honour abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish. This their way is their folly: yet their posterity approve their sayings. Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah. Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish. (Psalms 49:10-20)



The wise Solomon told us that not to lean to it, not to our own understanding; learn not of these things. Because we wonder why that he would say such a thing as this, for it's because that usually our modern understanding is usually the wisdom of man, which is contrary to the Word of God. I think that's what that Solomon was trying to advise his sons, was not to be illiterate, but not to lean to their understanding.

And I think it would be a good exhortation today, if we said to our sons and to the sons of God, that it's all right to have an education; there's nothing against that; but

when that education is contrary to the Word of God, then lean to the Word and let your education go, because the Word. And education will stand and will give you a good job, probably a good standing amongst intellectual people, but, that's all right, which will probably be a great help to you, help you in your financial and your livelihood, make living maybe a little better for you.

But remember one thing, my son; you've got to die. No matter how much education you got, and how much culture you are able to accumulate, you've yet got to face death, because it is written, that man must die, and after that the judgment. Death is not so bad, but coming to the judgment is the bad part. Now, you can die, "but after that the judgment." And God is not going to inquire of you how much schooling you got when you were here on earth, how much knowledge you accumulated, whether you've got your Bachelor of Art, or whatever degree you might've been, even as a minister. It's not going to be required of you.

But it's going to be required of you, what you did about the understanding of God's Word. That's where the requirement comes, because your education; fine, but the Word of God is Life. "My Word is Life," and to know it is Life. And He, He said, "Know Him." He is the Word. So you can only know Him by the Word, for He is the Word. That's the only way you'll know Him, is by His Word.

(Lean Not To Thy Own Understanding
January 20, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 15



The mighty God, even the LORD, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is judge himself. Selah. (Psalms 50:1-6)



I'm so glad to be a Christian. I'm so glad that I am His watchman, one of them, that's standing on the wall, crying out, "Prepare to meet God, for the hour of His coming is drawing nigh."

You here in this church this morning, if there be one who isn't positive that the Morning Star is reflecting its light into your heart, the great Holy Spirit, may you prepare for that. For there's one greatest event that's ever taken place is at hand right now. We're standing on a brim watching a drama being set.

I've many times watched movies. How, in Hollywood and different places setting their dramas. And how they take their stars and their so forth, and fix them around, and how they train them and everything before the great drama takes place. I was amazed at watching them and knowed it had to be a counterfeit.

All counterfeit things are made off of real ones. There cannot be a bogus dollar until there's a real one. There cannot be a hypocrite unless there's a real Christian. There

cannot be a false message unless there's a true one. There cannot be a night unless there's a day. Certainly. And as I watched them set their dramas, and I thought, "Oh, we are standing way yonder on the tower far above anything in this world. And we're watching two of the greatest things: the running out of time, and the coming of the Lord." Soon time shall be no more. There will be time no more, and the coming of the Lord.

And the antichrist, he has his subjects setting there. He has the communism; he has the different "isms." He has churchism; he has Catholicism; he has Protestantism. He has everything set to make a great show.

But I'm so glad that there's a Father in heaven Who has His characters set too for this great drama. When the antichrist takes them into this decease of everything, even to time, God is ready in His drama to lift His church into eternity into the blissful realms of the eternal with God Himself, when these old vile bodies will be changed and made like unto His own glorious body, and this corruption shall take on immortality, and in His likeness we will stand forever.

Look, you who watch television, you who listen to a radio, you who read your newspapers, you who like to hear the news, and you wonder what this is. Listen to my voice. The morning cometh and the night's coming also. The morning is coming for those who are ready for the morning; and night is coming for those who are not prepared for the morning. May God prepare our hearts today for the morning shall break eternal bright and fair. And as a poet said, "His chosen ones shall gather to their homes beyond the sky. When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

(Watchman, What Of The Night?
November 30, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God. I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof. Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats? Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. But unto the wicked God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee. When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother; thou slanderest thine own mother's son. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes. Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver. Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God. (Psalms 50:7-23)



I come over here not long ago to find the people all shining with the glory of God. And I find out, what a difference. You let down the bars; everything takes place; you're permitting everything to come into your churches. Oh, that right. Now, you Baptist are patting your feet, but we're going to get to you just in a minute.

The women, it used to be, when I first seen Pentecostal people, the women had long hair, dressed nice. And now everyone of them cuts their hair; that's all right now. Use this here stuff and make-up all over their face, and manicure on their eye brows, or shave them off, wear a little old dresses that they're skinned into, and then call themselves baptized with the Holy Ghost. I'm persuaded to believe that the Holy Ghost will make you dress right, and live right, and talk right, and be right, when the Holy Ghost gets you. Amen. That's right.

That's what you need: a calling back to God. If the Holy Ghost condemned it in the beginning, it's still the same Holy Ghost tonight, and He doesn't change. Now, Pentecostal church has let down the bars and got too starchy. What we need is an old fashion calling back to the Presence of God again. That's right. And you know that's right. Yes, sir.

Used to be a long time ago, it was different. But what's happened? That's the reason you're cooling off. That's the reason you're getting out of the will of God. That's the reason you can't cooperate with one another. You're putting more attention to your organizations, than you are to your Lord. That's exactly right.

Everybody's trying to build the biggest church in town. And one wants to outshine the other one. What does God care about churches? If Jesus is coming soon, why you building these great big places and putting millions of dollars in them, when it ought to be on the mission fields out yonder, somewhere?

(The Seal Of The Antichrist
March 11, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 17



Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. (Psalms 51:1-9)



Calvary means something, means more than we can express. Sure.

Living, He loved me. Dying, He saved me.

Buried, He carried my sins far away.

It's been condemned now. Sin has no more hold. When He screamed at the cross, "It's finished," sin died. Now it's dead. It's done with. It's powerless. It's lifeless. Think of it, people. That sin, the enemy to human beings, is dead and lifeless; it has no more effect. It can't. When the sun shut off its vision, the stars would not shine, the earth turned black, it was all being redeemed.

Now it's dead; it's buried; it's lifeless. It has no more life in it, then it must be buried.

What was buried? The body of God was buried, for it was the sin offering. It was the burnt Lamb; it was burnt up by the fires of iniquity. That sinless Lamb that knowed no sin, that God Who knowed no wrong, His life had been given, and there hung the sin offering. "Buried, He carried my sins far away." He must be buried. The body, the sin offering must be buried. That's why many, after while, will walk one by one to this pool to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Why? Something has took place. That Spirit that came out of that body, when He screamed, "It's finished," has condemned sin in our bodies. And we must bury it to be remembered no more. I'm so glad that it is.

When anything's buried, it's hid; it's out of sight. "And buried, He carried my sins far away." God can see our sins no more, for they are buried. They are buried where? In the Sea of Forgetfulness. Think of a Sea of Forgetfulness. God cannot remember them no more, because they are both dead and buried. It cannot be even remembered no more. They're out of God's memory.

(Living, Dying, Buried, Rising, Coming
March 29, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 18



Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar. (Psalms 51:10-19)



As I've often said, smoking cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and drinking whiskey, that isn't sin. That's the attributes of sin. You do that because you're an unbeliever.

And living righteous, and holy, and peaceful, and calm, and quiet, and lovely, and sociable, and so forth, that isn't 'cause you're a Christian. That's just the attributes of Christianity. It's because of what's in you, makes that.

And if you're impersonating it, or doing it because you're supposed to be a Christian, you're a hypocrite (That's right.), if your life isn't lived sweetly. Because in you something comes out. It makes it, makes you feel that way. You'll go through trials, and troubles, and ups-and-downs, and misunderstood. That doesn't have one thing to

do with it.

When Israel backslid and went down into Egypt, they was backslid. They never lost their covenant. They lost their joy of their salvation.

David didn't say, "Restore to me my salvation." He said, "Restore to me the joy of my salvation." His salvation had to remain the same. But he went off the wrong end and lost the joy of his salvation. See what I mean?

When did you get saved? When did you get sanctified? When did you get filled with the Holy Ghost? When you believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. For you received there, Everlasting Life. But then, from then on, you started growing. You started growing. You grew through sanctification, through the Holy Ghost, and through speaking with tongues, and through all these things here. But you received life when you believed. See what I mean? And now, that doesn't... Some people's already got life, and you're trying to get them to do something here, when they haven't even reached that place yet. And Pentecostal people has come to the place where the church is getting now to the adoption, or the placing of sons.

(Everlasting Life And How To Receive It
December 31, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 19



Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually. Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully. Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah. Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue. God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah. The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him: Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness. But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints. (Psalms 52:1-9)



Look at the generation in Jesus' day. God sent the greatest Gift that was ever sent to that generation, that's what He said, "There's a greater than Solomon here." And they turned it down, and called Him a fortune-teller. Where are they today? Scattered to the four winds of the world, the temple burnt. See, they turned it down.

And Jesus was referring, the verse before this, of the days of Jonah. He said, "As it was..."

They come to Him and said, "We would seek another sign." And He said, "There will be a wicked, and an adulterous generation, that'll seek after a sign, and they will get a sign." I'm off of my text, but I want to get this to you.

Do you believe that we are living in one of those wicked, and adulterous

generations? Certainly, we are. As I've said many times, that this nation can never escape the damnation, and wrath of God. I'm an American. Many of the Branhams are buried yonder on the fields, blowed up in the wars. And if it was to come tonight to make a choice, America's my country. I love it. But I don't love the sins that it's doing. God loves America, but He hates her sin. And sin is a reproach to any nation, and don't think because our forefathers, at Plymouth Rock, founded this upon the principles that it did, that we escape judgment. Israel was God's own beloved wife, and she paid for her sin. David was a man after God's own heart; he paid for his sin, and we'll pay for our sin.

If God doesn't judge America for her unrighteousness, as the infinite, holy God, He'd be duty-bound to resurrect Sodom and Gomorrah and apologize for sinking them and burning them up. Certainly, we're bound for judgment. There's no way out of it. So just get ready to escape the damnation of the wrath of God, by fleeing to Jesus Christ.

**(A Greater Than Solomon Is Here
June 25, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 20



The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God. There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them. Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. (Psalms 53:1-6)



We seen the Glory of God like Abraham saw it. We saw the Glory of God like Moses saw it, same Pillar of Fire, the same power of God, the same Christ revealing Himself, showing Himself, keeping His Word in the last days. How can we come by then, and walk and treat it so lightly? How can we walk around and hold to our creeds and denominations, and not take the Word of God? What will it be for us in that day? How will it happen with us, when we seen the Glory of God?"

Some people will stand off and they make fun of it; some will laugh at it; some will call it fanaticism; some call it mental telepathy; some call it Beelzebub; some call it one thing or another. As the old proverbs is, "Fools will walk with hobnailed shoes where Angels fear to trod." That's right. "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God.'" When he sees God manifested so perfectly by His Own Word (not by a creed;

but by His Word), and then walk right over it and make fun of it, he's a fool. 'Cause that God is the Word, and God's made Hisself plain to them, and he's a fool, the Bible said. What will it be for him when he has to stand in that place? It'll be terrible for that man in that day, the ungodly."

Repentant sinners though, doesn't have any fear. Oh, no. A sinner that will repent, he knows that there's a bloody Sacrifice waiting and standing in his place. That's what gives me the consolation. I've seen the Glory of God. I've felt His power. I know the touch of His hand. I know the touch of His chastisement. I know that He's God. And I know I'm undone, but there's One standing there for me. Amen."

There's One Who stands there and says, Father, lay all of his iniquity upon Me, because he stood for Me down on the earth." Hallelujah. Then I've walked to the throne of God, boldly, having grace in my heart to know it's not by good works, but by His mercy I'm saved. Not what I can do, what I can join, what I can say; but it's by His grace that He saved me. No wonder the poet that caught that, screamed out,"

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me."

Once was lost, but now I'm found; blind, but now I see."

(In His Presence
September 9, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength. Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah. Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth. I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies. (Psalms 54:1-7)



Another man there, and his little baby, the other night, they thought was dead. And I was in Beaumont. And we called, went over, and he laid his hands upon me and started crying, and said, "Brother Branham, the Word of the Lord is with you. Just ask Him." At that very minute the little baby come back to life, and started breathing again. There's his father setting right there, a minister.

And this man, a car wrecked and throwed him through the something or other, and over into a ditch, and concussed his little brain, and things. The Lord healed him perfectly normal. They believe.

Now, don't say I did it. I had nothing to do with it. Their faith in God, that's what did it. You have faith also. Jesus said in St. Mark 11:22, "Whatsoever things... If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you said will come to pass, and you can have what you say." But there it is. See? It's not a hope; it's a "know it." And if He can prove Hisself alive, the One that made the promise can prove Hisself alive, when nothing else in the world can do it, wake up;

shake yourself real hard, your spirit. See? Nothing in the world could do it but God. Now, you could judge it the evil one, if you want to. They judged Him evil, so they still judge His Spirit evil. They said He was a devil doing that. Well, 'course they got that reward. You just believe. You can't heal; I can't heal; there's no man can heal. God's the Healer.

**(Jehovah-Jireh #1
April 2, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise; Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me. My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me. And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest. Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah. I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest. (Psalms 55:1-8)



David, a lover of the wilderness, when he got distressed and the people wouldn't believe him, and the enemies had come upon him, he said, "If I had the wings of a dove, I would fly out into the wilderness and there remain." How many times have I thought that same thing. If I could take my rifle off of the wall, my camp bag, go out in the wilderness and never return again. I've asked the Lord if I can live to see the day... I don't never want a funeral service; I said, "If I can just go out in the woods somewhere, set 'Old Blondie' against the tree."

That's my rifle, excuse me, I say that on account of my wife setting there. You know, that rifle a brother here gave me years ago, I killed fifty-five head of game with it, without missing a shot, some of them seven to eight hundred yards. I call it "Blondie" because my wife's a brunette, so she said I think more of the rifle than I do her.

So I'd like to set it against a tree, and say, "Lord, let Joseph find it someday." I'd like

to take the wings of a dove and fly away.

But just like one time up in the mountains and watching an eagle, and seeing him fly away (You know my story of it.), I said, "it's good to be here, Lord; like Peter said, 'we could build three tabernacles.' But down at the foot of the mountain, the sick and the afflicted are waiting; the lost and dying are waiting." So let us do what we can while it's day, and someday the wings of a white Eagle will come down; He'll bear us away.

**(On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove
November 28, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 23



Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it. Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets. For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him: But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them. As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me. God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords. Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee. (Psalms 55:9- 23)



Daniel knew, that if he stayed with the Word, what it cost him. It's going to cost him his popularity. It was going to cost him his fellowship with the rest of the brethren. It was going to cost him a lot of things. But they made an issue, that, they

was going to pray to a certain god, then after that they could go back and pray to any god.

But you know, something about God, we don't compromise with God. There's no compromising, with God. God just stays God. He don't expect us on Sunday to be Christians, praising Him and worshipping Him, and on Monday, wishy-washy and take it down, and all kinds of thoughts, that, "Maybe I was wrong, and I ought to have done this or that." We stay right centered on God's Word, and lay right to it.

So we find that, Daniel, it was becoming to him, as a prophet to stay with the Word, regardless. So there was a decree went out, and said, "That whosoever will worship any other god, besides the god that they had selected..." In other words, "If you don't cooperate with us, we'll just throw you into the lions' den." Well, it was becoming to Daniel; it was becoming to him that he fulfilled all righteousness, that he worshipped no other god, or entangled himself with the world; only to God only. So he just threw back the shutters and threw up the sash, and opened up the curtains, and looked out towards the east, and prayed three times a day, just like he always did. Why? Not slip off somewhere and hide to do it, but he opened up the windows, let anybody see, that wants to. He wasn't ashamed of his religion.

**(It Becometh Us To Fulfil All Righteousness -
October 1, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 24



Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High. What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts are against me for evil. They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul. Shall they escape by iniquity? in thine anger cast down the people, O God. Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me. In God will I praise his word: in the LORD will I praise his word. In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. Thy vows are upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living? (Psalms 56:1-13)



Now, seeing there was going to be a conflict, and there was going to be a battle, God equipped His children with the right kind of ammunition, the right kind of attack, the right kind of everything that they had need of that would sweep them all the way from Eden to the rapture. What was it? The Word. The Word. That's what defeats Satan is the Word. It'll defeat him anywhere, any place.

Now, why do we want to substitute something else when we've already got the best thing that there is: the Word?

And we find Jesus on earth (just to prove this was the best equipment), when Satan come in hand-to-hand combat with Jesus, He never just reached over with His power and tied his hands; He just took the same weapon that God gave in the garden of Eden, His Word, and said, "It's written. It's written." And He punched him right out of the ring with it. That's right, because it's God's best.

And look where it is. It's not just for one or two in a church; it's for every one of us. Every believer has a right to take this Word and fight the enemy anywhere you meet him. Anywhere you meet the enemy, this Word is what you have to use. And Jesus proved it when He come. So He equipped His children with the Word for their protection against the enemy. When the all-out warfare comes and the battles set in array, then there's only one thing a real soldier can use, a real Christian soldier, that's **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Walk right out there and meet the enemy with the assurance that nothing... "Thousand may fall at your right and ten thousands at the left, but it won't come nigh thee." Just remember that God made this statement and give this to His children, and it's the best that's ever been yet.

(The Conflict Between God And Satan
May 31, 1962)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me. He shall send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. My soul is among lions: and I lie even among them that are set on fire, even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth. They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah. (Psalms 57:1-6)



Ye are the Light of the world, a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid. And we, tonight, ought to be ashamed of ourselves, and honestly and humbly confess our unbelief before God, and ask Him to forgive us of how we represent Him in this life. He's depending on us. The Old Testament people did not have this Presence. You're unaware of that. You refer back sometimes to Elijah, to Moses, and to those people. Moses and Elijah and those people were great men, ordained of God, but yet not the privilege that you have. They haven't the privilege. They did not have the power given them to perform as you have got yourself, everything that's in Christ.

For they foresaw this day, and embraced it, and believed it, and looked for it to come before it ever come, and now we're living right in it and afraid of it. See? What a privilege. Now, if Satan's body can be operated by unbelief, and doubts and fears will produce what the Scripture says it will. It'll produce sickness. It'll produce disaster.

It'll produce all those things.

And then people, by unbelieving produce that, shouldn't people believing with the power of God harness these things and bring them back to correction?

What did Christ redeem us for? Did you ever thing what He redeemed us for? Why didn't He just make you the atonement and say now, "There's no need of giving them deep powers. There's no need in making this man a son of God. There's no need in doing that. I will just ask him to believe it and write his name in the Book of heaven and that'll settle it." But He gave us these redeemed blessings that we might operate the work of God, by the energy of the Holy Spirit.

In Saint John 15, He said, "I am the Vine, and ye are the branches." Do you know that the vine can't bear fruit, although the fruit is in the vine? But the fruit cannot be brought forth from a vine. It has to have the branch to bear the fruit. And you are the branches. Now, the vine with all of its energy cannot produce anything unless the branch is willing to receive the energy.

Now, God is depending on you as a member of His Body to bear fruit of His Spirit. And now, if He's depending on you, let's open up our channels, and let the Holy Spirit come in tonight and energize us, and free us from all these fears and doubts.

(The Fundamental Foundation For Faith
January 13, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 26



My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth. (Psalms 57:7-11)



Jacob, as a wanderer, yet in the promise, he run for his life. Well, he wouldn't have got killed anyhow. God was with him. And then one day after tired, running through the wilderness and looking back, see if Esau was coming, you know, and scared and nervous, and wondered if he could hear the gallop of a horse hoof somewhere. And Jacob, probably with his little spear to keep the animals off of him, running as hard as he could with His little old ragged coat tearing through the wilderness, climbed up on a great big high hill so he could look way off and see if he seen [Esau] coming anywhere.

In the evening the sun was going down, the poor little fellow was tired, so he just rolled some rocks together and laid down for a rest. Notice, he fell into a trance. God was talking to His servant, because in His servant, not because he was righteous, but because God had made a promise. Amen.

Look the way Jacob got it. But God had made a promise and had to keep it. In the loins of Jacob laid the blessed righteous seed coming forth from there according to the seed Isaac his father, which had been promised though Abraham. In Jacob's loins was the seed laying there, whether it would come out many centuries or generations

on, but there was the promise. God took Jacob and showed him some of the future, knowing that he was an heir of the promise, not because he deserved it, because God had promised it. Not because that you got a right, not because that something you done, but God's give you that same kind of a promise. For when we are dead in Christ, we take on Abraham's Seed, and are heirs with Abraham in the promise.

Now, the only way you could be an heir is to be dead to yourself, take on the Seed of Abraham, which was Christ; and Christ can only come by the Holy Ghost. That's right. And then you're heir of the same promise, a pilgrim (Listen at it), a pilgrim and a stranger, seeking a city to come, whose Builder and Maker, sojourning, wandering about. Amen. There you are. Pilgrim, but a faith that looks steadfast through the dark sky and the cloudy weather, and sees beyond that, God. God in His great domain above.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men? Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth. The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies. Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: they are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear; Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely. Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD. Let them melt away as waters which run continually: when he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces. As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away: like the untimely birth of a woman, that they may not see the sun. Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath. The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked. So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth. (Psalms 58:1-11)



One of these days you're going to wonder, when that rapture comes. You remember, there's about five, eight hundred people missing every day over the earth, that they can't account for. And He said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man, wherein eight souls were saved."

One of these days judgment's going to strike the world, strike the nation, strike the church, clear her out for the great millennium that is to come. And then you're going to say, "Well, why did it say that the rapture would first come before these things taken place?" He'll say, "It's already come and you didn't know it." Somebody on his

road to church, a little lady going somewhere on a visit, they're gone. You don't know when it happened, passed by. It's always been that way. So will it be again.

Wake up, Pentecostal people. Shake your conscience. Realize the hour you're living in. This is a serious hour. You people, the way that you let your people do and act, and things. It used to be it was a shame, oh, it was a disgrace for the Christian to go to a movie. They shouldn't do that at all. The devil put one over on you. He stuck a television right in your house, and brought the movie to you. All kinds of corruption, and everything else, and you permit it. Look at our schools. Look out here, little girls on the street stretched out with all kinds of immoral clothes on. And here in the city of Chicago every thirty days, every month there's thirty thousand abortion cases registered.

Just in one case, how many sins was committed in this city last night? Wasn't it better when the coyote howled down through the desert here, and God looked upon it? when the old Hopi, or Navajo, went through here on his travois? Then look at this filth, and just gaum, and traditions and politics. And it's a bleeding, nasty mess that stinks in God's nose. Corrupted before Him. He'll blow it to pieces some of these days. And He'll burst forth the earth as she'll renew herself with volcanic eruption. And there'll come a millennium then, where the righteous will walk out upon the ashes of the wicked, according to Malachi 4. Now remember, before that happens though, there's something takes place. We get a shaking from a messenger before it takes place.

(The World Is Falling Apart
April 12, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me. Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD. They run and prepare themselves without my fault: awake to help me, and behold. Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah. They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords are in their lips: for who, say they, doth hear? But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision. Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence. (Psalms 59:1-9)



Brother Sullivan here one of his reason of his conversion (I don't know whether he ever told you or not) is because of a child dying with (What was it?) diphtheria. A father, back in Kentucky, when the early days of Pentecost, Brother Sullivan was a judge in the city, and a father had taken his stand to trust God for healing for his baby.

And he's just a new convert, I believe, a bootlegger, a moonshiner or something, that just been converted. And the baby took diphtheria, which in them days was death. But the father said, "I'll trust God."

And so they come down into the city to get Judge here to sign a statement to go arrest that father and put him in jail, and take that baby by force to medical aid. So the

judge started and said, "He ought to be thrown in jail."

So he grabbed his pen to sign the declaration, or the warrant, and when he did, the Holy Spirit moved on him, said, "Don't you sign that."

And he started again to sign it, said, "He thought he'd freeze."

Something said, "Don't sign it."

And the attorney said, "What's the matter, judge?"

Said, "I just don't believe I want to sign it today."

And he took it over to the squire, and the squire signed it. So some of his friends being in the city, run across the mountain and told the father of the child, "They're coming (the little child laying lifeless); they're coming, and they're going to arrest you, and throw you in jail, and take that baby to the hospital."

And this daddy walked in there, and got his dying baby, put it in his arms, held it up, and said, "God, You gave it to me, take it. 'Cause I'm just a newborn baby. If they come across here, there'll be a shooting, and I don't want to get mixed up in anything. You gave it to me; and I'm trusting You, take it. Now, You take its life. You gave it to me; You take it back." And as he said that, the little baby turned over in the father's arms, said, "Daddy, let me down, I'm hungry."

And when they come, the authorities come to get the baby, or to get the father, said, "We're going to take you and take that child to the hospital."

Said, "Go out there in the yard; they're all playing ball and tell me which one had the diphtheria. Take the one that you think had the diphtheria. The judge has become a preacher.

(A Missionary Talk
March 30, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 29



The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield. For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah. And at evening let them return; and let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city. Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied. But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy. (Psalms 59:10-17)



We're all condemned by human beings under representation. Adam represented us before God as sinners, unbelievers in His Word. We're carried on that base, unbelievers of His Word. "Oh, God said so, but I know God's a good God. He won't do that."

I hear so much of that. God is a good God, but God is a God of judgment. God is a God of holiness. God is a God of righteousness. God is a God of anger. We'll stand before Him when He's angry. The Bible said so. And His very Presence will be a consuming fire. That's right. Don't try to judge God by our own feeling. We got to judge God by His Word, what He said. Don't go off on what some tantrum, "This is a great church. It's weathered a lot of storms, and this is that." Come back to what God said.

When I stand before Him I want to be found innocent of ever trying to add one thing to that Word or take one away. Believe it just exactly the way it is, teach the people, and toe right up to it.

And the Bible says this; I can't help what anyone else says; I got to stay right with that.

**(Condemnation By Representation
November 13, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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April 30



O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again. Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it: heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh. Thou hast shewed thy people hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment. Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah. That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me. (Psalms 60:1-5)



God's got a program, and let's just get right in it and move on. Don't wait and try to get this and that. You move yourself. God will move those who He's ordained to move that way. Uhhuh. You just take your own. It's your stand. You take your stand. If the next fellow doesn't, it might not be for him to take it. "My sheep hear My voice. All the Father has given Me will come to Me." Now, if that's not so, then Christ told something that's wrong.

Now, I'm going to teach on the subject of "Presuming." It's just "Presuming." Now, if we were... The Webster says to "presume" is to "venture without actual authority, or to take it for granted." That's what the word "presume" means: "go without authority, or just taking it for granted." Now, there's so many people does that: just take it for granted. "That's all right. Oh, it's all right to do that." Just take it for granted; now that's to presume.

Now, Israel made a fatal mistake when they did this. Not only Israel, but everybody else that does it. It will be a fatal mistake when you presume to walk with God, when God has not called you to walk with Him; or when you presume to venture out upon

things that's not Scriptural, thinking it'll be all right. It's not all right.

Eve presumed. She presumed it would be all right, because Satan presented something looked awful nice. But she presumed it. It wasn't the Word. You don't want to do that. You want to stay with the Word. Don't move from that. Stay right there. No matter if you stand. Remember, men that's ever done anything for God stood alone with God. On the road there's only room for two. That's you and God. Men that's ever done anything under the convictions by the Word, stood alone: Martin Luther, John Wesley, so forth, Finney, Sankey, Calvin, Knox, Spurgeon, whatevermore. See? Moses, Elisha, all of them stood alone on the Word of God. And that's the way you've got to do. It's an individual affair. You got to stand on the Word, take God's Word.

Now. We find out that Israel had come to this place where God, in His grace and mercy, had forgive their sins of all their disobedience after miracle after miracle. God said, "I've showed mighty signs among them..." In the preceding verses, "I've showed mighty signs, and they have ignored all these signs." They just walked right on through it anyhow, and did what they wanted to do, what they thought they ought to do. Not what God said do, what they thought they ought to do.

Now, that's where the difference is: Where we think we ought to do, and God says do it some other way. We got to come back and do it God's way, or we'll never pass that spot. That's it. You got to come right back where you left off.

(Presuming
April 8, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 1



God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver; Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou because of me. Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? Wilt not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off? and thou, O God, which didst not go out with our armies? Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. (Psalms 60:6-12)



Brother, sister, let me say this in my closing remark: That only remedy back again is for... You can preach it to the people; I've done it for years. And the holiness church, the women continue to bob their hair. Every year they let their girls wear these little old shorts and things out on the streets. And then a boy will say something to her, insult her; and you, papa, you want to put the boy in jail. Brother, you're the one that needs to go for letting her go out like that. That's exactly right.

And she'll get out here on the beach somewhere and stretch herself out to get a suntan in the backyard, or out somewhere with one of those clothes on, just a towel laying over her or something, and somebody make a remark about her and you'll think, "Oh, well, the little darling wanted her suntan."

Listen. I've got two girls; they're little yet. I hope I live to see them women. And if one of them ever stretches herself out like, they'll get a son-tanning, but it'll be Mr. Charles Branham, my father's son, giving them a tanning with a barrel slat. And

they'll really have one that they'll remember a long time too.

It's not juvenile delinquency; it's parent delinquency. It's because that the parents has neglected. And a whole lot of it is the way the church never preached it. What's the matter, brethren? Get back to the Gospel; preach old-time holiness and get it into the church again. We must have a standard.

**(The Lamb And The Dove
March 25, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 2



Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah. For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name. Thou wilt prolong the king's life: and his years as many generations. He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, which may preserve him. So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may daily perform my vows. (Psalms 61:1-8)



Let's say it's about four o'clock on Sunday morning. Sarah and Abraham are walking around through the paradise. And all at once, there comes a rap at the door. And Job goes to the door, and he opens back the door to see who's knocking, coming in this morning at this time of day. And he looks, raises his hand; he said, "That's my Redeemer, that I saw back there when the lightning was flashing. I know He liveth, and at the last days, He will stand on the earth. That's Him."

Abraham said, "What did you say, Job?" He looks over his shoulder, said, "Come here, Sarah, look here. Look Who's at the door, this morning."

"Why," Sarah said, "that's the One that had His back turned to me, and I laughed in the tent, and He knowed it. That's it. That's Him."

Here comes Daniel running up, and looks over Sarah's shoulder; he said, "That's the Rock, that I saw hewed out of the mountain without hands."

Just then, Ezekiel come running up; he said, "That's the Wheel in the middle of the wheel, that I saw turning, way up in the middle of the air."

There's the mighty Conqueror. Oh, my, as we hear them then, said, "Come on, children, you were faithful over a few things. Come on; we're going out this morning. You've been in here long enough. We're going higher." Oh, God, let that be the desire of the church. Let's go higher. Pull up our stakes out of Egypt.

**(The Mighty Conqueror
June 10, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 3



Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? ye shall be slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (Psalms 62:1-8)



We think of a conqueror. Napoleon, at the age of thirty-three had conquered the world. He conquered the world; he whipped every nation there was to be whipped. And he was so discouraged because there's nobody else to fight, he set down and cried. There was nobody else to fight, but he played the rules of the game unfair. Tens of thousands of prostitutes followed his army; he went with a gun and with a sword. At the age of thirty-three he had conquered the world. But he was once a prohibitionist, and died a extreme alcoholic, because he had played the rules of the game unfair. He had forgot the message. He had conquered, but he had forgot the message. He went, but he forgot what he was going for, like the little boy that run the race, like the church is running today, like the people that's running, like the nation is running.

Our refuge is not atomic bombs; our refuge is Jesus Christ and His resurrection.

Napoleon had forgot the main thing. What happened to him? He died totally defeated, a drunken sot. Why? He didn't play the game right, though he had conquered the world physically. He had prepared an army. He was a military genius; he took every nation and done the things that that no other man could ever done or ever did do like him, but he had forgot what the real message was. He had taken it and got his military strength, but he forgot the strength of the Lord. The strength of the Lord is our consolation. We have no other strength. No other refuge have I none. God have mercy. Take my life, but never let me forget from whence cometh my strength. It comes from the Lord. I don't want the fine things of the world. I want Jesus. I want His resurrection burning in my life.

**(Go, Tell
April 17, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 4



Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: to be laid in the balance, they are altogether lighter than vanity. Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God. Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy: for thou renderest to every man according to his work. (Psalms 62:9-12)



I was passing down one of your streets here a few days ago, and I seen in a barroom. It said, "Tables for ladies." I don't mean to be rude, and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. But ladies don't go in places like that. They've never had one in there. I'd imagine they've never had a customer and never will, because it's no place for ladies. But fine people sometime, see those things and see people who are up-and-up (what we call them) go into such places, and they think that's the thing for them to do. "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man."

But you see, the king had said this is all right, because his wife thought it was all right. And they'd caused a moral decay. And then, they thought because they were prosperous, no wars and so forth, that that was the sign that God was with them. Prosperity is not always the sign that God is with you. Many times that's deceiving. The rain falls on the just and the unjust. But it's by their fruits they are known.

And so this nation was really corrupted, and God had sent judgment upon it. All the preachers had bent under the heavy load, because the members of the church had forced them to do things.

I feel sorry for a preacher that's got no more God about him than to let his congregation dictate to him, and get him off in a rut like that. I believe that we need preachers that's men; that's God-fearing, God-sent servants, who's not afraid to call black black and white white. The Gospel's been handled too much now with kid gloves on. We need some old fashion preaching like Billy Sunday, and John the Baptist, and some of them old fashion hell fire and brimstone messages again back to the people. I know it's not popular. So when they got away from that, you see what a condition the nation's got in. So it takes that, brother.

**(Be Certain Of God
April 12, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 5



O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. (Psalms 63:1- 4)



Sometime ago, a man was going to the seashore, for he'd wanted to go to relax, for he'd read many stories about the sea, as you've read about God. And he said, "I long to be by the seashore. I've never seen it. I long to smell it's salt water. I long to hear the sea gulls as they go through the air, screaming. I long to see the great white caps, as it raises up and dances for glee, and how it jumps against the bank in it's anger, to know that God has made the moon to watch over it, and set it's bounds that it cannot pass. Oh, I want to see all that the sea will offer." How you ought to be willing, tonight, and longing to see all that God will offer.

And as He went, he met an old sailor coming from the sea. He said, "Where goest thou?" He said, "I'm going to the sea to see all that it will offer, its waves, its salt water, and the great white foam as it bursts into the air from the salt."

The old sailor said, "Why, there's nothing attractive about it. I've rode those waves since I was a child. I've smelled salt, till I feel that I'm pickled." He said, "And I've heard gulls holler, till I don't even notice them no more. There's nothing attractive about it." What was the matter? The man had seen it so much, until it was so common, he couldn't catch its beauty.

And to you Pentecostal and full gospel people, who attends such meetings, you've seen the glory of God so much, until it's so common you don't catch the real power and glory of it any more. Now, that is true. God grant tonight that you'll realize your privilege that you have of being called out as a people, and set in the presence of God to see His power manifested.

**(Have Faith In God
January 5, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 6



My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. My soul followeth hard after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me. But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the lower parts of the earth. They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes. But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. (Psalms 63:5-11)



If the Word says do a certain thing, do it. I don't care what the organization says; do it anyhow. That's the Joshua that God's waiting for. Turn not one inch, one iota. Stay right with the Word. Turn not from it to the right or to the left, that thou mayest prosper.

Oh, you think you are prospering when you're building big churches, getting ten thousand added to your denomination. That's not prosperity. That don't take you one step closer to the promise. What we need is more of God, more of the Holy Ghost, that thou mayest prosper wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shall meditate therein day and night.

When you're thinking on doing something, are you taking God's Word for it? Are you finding your desire in the Word? Are you preaching that which is Bible? Are you just like many today, and too many, preaching for doctrine the commandments of men?

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth. ("Thy mouth," what you're

saying. Just don't read it and walk away. Speak it. Live it. Teach it.) But thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein. See what a Joshua of this day is going to be? See what a Joshua of the church spiritual's going to be? It's the same kind of a Joshua they had in church natural. Church spiritual has got to be the same thing.

If the Bible said, "Except a man be borned again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," the spiritual Joshua will say amen. If the Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," the spiritual Joshua will say the same thing. He is the same. If the Bible says, the Book, the Word says that, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem till you're endued with power from on high. After this the Holy Ghost is come on you, then you'll be witnesses of Me," the spiritual Joshua says the same thing. If Peter on the day of Pentecost said, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," the spiritual Joshua will never vary one iota, but he'll make just exactly what the Word said.

If Mark 16 said, "Go into all the world, preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: in My Name they shall cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, drink deadly things, it'll not harm them; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover," the spiritual Joshua will say the same thing. He'll meditate therein day and night to make the way prosperous.

(As I Was With Moses, So Will I Be With Thee
September 11, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 7



Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not. They encourage themselves in an evil matter: they commune of laying snares privily; they say, Who shall see them? They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves: all that see them shall flee away. And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory. (Psalms 64:1-10)



No matter how little you are, how big you are, how important you are, or how unimportant you are, you are here to serve a purpose, just as my finger is here for a purpose. My nail on my finger is for a purpose. My eye and every part of our bodies is to serve a purpose. And it was not put here just to see what it would look like when it was put here; but it was put here to serve its purpose. It was God's Divine plan to do so. And if we were put here for a purpose, then there is nothing can destroy us until God's purpose is fulfilled. Nothing can harm us until that purpose that God has put us here for has been made manifest.

No matter how much trouble we have, how much heartaches or sorrows that we go

through, all of these are reasons, and there's a reason for it.

We will take, for instance, Noah in the Bible. There was a flood that came on. And all the earth was destroyed. The vegetation and everything was destroyed but Noah and the seed that he had taken into the ark.

God's purpose can never be defeated. There is nothing can defeat it. So how happy ought we to be today, resting upon that beautiful revelation of the Word of the living God, that there is neither things present nor things that can come; there's no sickness, no sorrow, no death, no perils, nor nothing can separate us from the purpose of the living God.

What God has imagined in His mind, what God has purposed in His heart to bring to pass, there is no demon, there's no power, there is nothing can ever separate God's great immortal eternal plan. It must be as God has said.

Then we find that in the day that all of the world was going to be destroyed by a flood that God made a preparation. A preparation for what cause? To preserve His purpose. He did it in the days of Noah, and He's doing it today. He has made a preparation to conserve to His own purpose. He will conserve a church. He will conserve a people. He will conserve subjects for His great domain that death cannot destroy.

And we realize that it is by faith that we believe this. But the resurrection produces a solid foundation on which our faith rests. Nothing can destroy it.

**(I Know My Redeemer Liveth
April 6, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed. O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away. Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple. By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea: Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power: Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people. (Psalms 65:1-7)



Don't be deceived, you had better search this close now. See, if you keep on saying, "Well, don't condemn me to do this, and it don't condemn me to do that." Things of the world? Now, I'm going to hurt you just a little bit, pull the feathers back the other way. But it's this one sure evidence, you've never been to Christ, you've never been borned again. "He that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him."

Now, if you just quit doing it because you know you ought to do it, and quit doing this, that's the sign that you haven't got nowhere yet. When that thing becomes dead in you, and the nature of it's gone away, there's another Person in there and The Holy Spirit that was in Christ in you produces the Christ-like Life. Nothing you do; what He did. He chose that before the foundation of the world.

Someone said, "Well, I know I got saved, because I quit smoking."

That wasn't why I got saved; that wasn't why you got saved. You got saved because God chose you before the foundation of the world to be saved. That's the Scripture teaching. Amen. Now, you see, we begin to find out it's not us; it's Him; He chose us.

Abraham couldn't say, "Well, bless God, I come down from the tower of Babylon, hallelujah. That's why I got saved." He'd have saved the whole bunch then, if that's the reason they done it. See, He didn't do that.

He elected Abraham. And that was the very beginning of our salvation that was given to man when He called him, and elected him, and predestinated him, and give him a promise, and made a covenant with Abraham and his seed forever. Now, we could go ahead here and read a full chapter in that, but we haven't the time.

(Israel And The Church #1
March 25, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice. Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it. Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing. (Psalms 65:8-13)



I was speaking about, here not long ago, being in Africa, watching a little lamb out from where the natives had a little corral. And they'd let the little fellow out, and he was grazing. And all at once he got real nervous, and I thought, "What's the matter with the little guy?"

But as I watched, he couldn't see it, but in the distance there was a great big, yellow-maned lion, slipping up through the grass. He'd smelled the little lamb and was making his way to him. See, he was just nervous. He didn't know why. Sometimes we call it premonition. Now, the reason he was nervous, he didn't see the lion, but just something, he knewed that death was lurking near.

The world seems to be in that same condition, know that something is lingering near, something's fixing to happen. It builds up a pressure, of course, to the sinner. But the

Christian who's instructed in the Word ought to know that that's the coming of the Lord. It ought to build up a glorious jubilee in the Christian, knowing that the end is nigh.

Someone said not long ago to me, said, "Brother Branham, you scare the people when you talk about He might come in the next hour."

I said, "Scare what people? Not His people," See? That's the greatest note that we can sound. That's what we're looking for. "Behold, the Bridegroom coming." Why, that's what we live for. That's the hour that we're all living for. I know nothing could be greater than that hour. But to the sinner, of course, it's a terrible thing.

Sometime I'm in and out different places, preaching, but somewhere I must've made this remark, might've been here. But when a storm is coming up over a parched land, and we can feel that cool breeze, we know that rain is fixing to come. It ought to make us happy to breathe, because that air has come through the rain, and it's just the fore announcement of the coming rain.

And when Christians sees the thing today happening that's happening, it's the fore announcing of the coming of the Lord. We can feel the breeze off of it, it's so close. What a refreshing feeling to those that's not scared of a storm to have a abiding place.

(Letting Off The Pressure
June 9, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. Say unto God, How terrible art thou in thy works! through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name. Selah. (Psalms 66:1-4)



The little baby, if he's fretting, sick, still got the tummy ache, as long as he's laying on his mothers arms nursing, it satisfies him. Oh, my. You get it? He may be sick, and his little head is swimming around, everything else, but if he's laying on his mothers breast nursing, it pacifies him.

No matter how sick you are, what's taken place, how long the Lord is answering, as long as you're laying on His breast, pulling from the Word, it satisfies the believer. "That's My approach," He said, "that's the way I'm asking You to approach Me. I am your Satisfier. Do you believe it?" He said. Amen. "I am the One that'll satisfy you as you draw from Me, life. Abraham, you're a hundred years old, but you're just a baby to Me." See? Well, he said, "Look at my flesh, how it is wrinkled up. And my hair is gray, and my shoulders are stooped."

"But I am the Life-giver." Amen. "That's it, Abraham." Do you see it? Abraham believed God then, 'cause he had an approach through a symbol, through a name.

So have we an approach through a Name, Jesus. What does Jesus mean to us? Saviour. Amen. El Shaddai to Abraham, Satisfier, Strong One, salvation Giver, strength Giver. The same thing that El Shaddai was to Abraham, Jesus is to the

believer. Oh, my. Doesn't it just carry you away?

Just makes things seem so petty. These little things of the earth here. So like so juvenile to even think of them. We ought to be great giants in God today, not little, bitty children. As long as Christ has been with us and blessing us, and doing the things He has, and we see His great works, and still babies.

Paul said, "When we ought to be able to give meat, you're still taking meat, not able to take meat, but still giving milk." That's right. Still have to take the milk, sincere milk of the Gospel, when you should be strong and eating meat. See?

My, when we see what God does, and His great mighty workings, His Word vindicated, we should be big and burly. That's right. You know why? We just don't eat enough. Now, Abraham, "I am the strong One, the all-sufficient One."

He was the all-sufficient One for Daniel, when he was in the lions' den. He was a strong One that could appear there in the form of a Light, and a lion couldn't even approach His presence.

He was the strong One in the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children, when His power, sufficient to keep even the smell of the flames of the smoke off of them: the all-sufficient One. Amen.

And what did King Nebuchadnezzar say, he said, "I see four. You put in three, and I see four. And one looks like the Son of God," the all sufficient One, the approach.

(The Approach To God
January 23, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 11



Come and see the works of God: he is terrible in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land: they went through the flood on foot: there did we rejoice in him. He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah. (Psalms 66:5-7)



You say, "Well, I don't drink, Brother Branham. I don't smoke. I don't gamble. I wouldn't run out on my husband, or my wife. I live a good life." But the devil has perverted that. He lets you think to satisfy your guilty conscience, that you go join a church, and you're all right. That's wrong. That's perverting.

You can't get satisfaction by joining a church. You only become mental. It's an intellectual affair. But you'll never be satisfied until you know Him, as the forgiveness of your sins, where the sin question is settled, and you have that lovely, peaceful, quiet, eternal, everlasting fellowship with Him, when the peace of God that passes all understanding has sanctified your soul, and has made you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Joining church won't do it. No, sir. That's only perverting the real cause. If the devil can't get you out on those things, he will take you to this other. But don't settle for nothing less than an old fashion experience of the new birth to be born again of the Spirit of the eternal God, when your soul and God locks together and you become one.

David also in the Psalms. Being a woodsman and a hunter, in the south they still use it: bunches of wild dogs get after the deers lots of time. And in Africa I've noticed it.

And when the deers get to running, the wild dogs nip at them. And they got real sharp front teeth. And they're very sneaking like sin. They lay in the ambush for the little deer. They get against the wind so that he can't smell them.

And they come out all of a sudden, and they cover the little fellow, and they rip him to pieces. That's the way sin does. It gets you off on the wrong ground, when you think, "Boy, I'll just try a little bit of this. I'll get by with this. They'll never know nothing about it, this, that."

Don't you worry. There's an all-seeing eye watching you.

And sin lays at the door. Be careful. It'll find you out.

(Life
June 2, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried. Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins. Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place. I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows, Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in trouble. I will offer unto thee burnt sacrifices of fatlings, with the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. Selah. (Psalms 66:8-15)



The Word of God is so inspiring, no matter what age, what time. It's been written now for many hundreds, pretty near three thousand, more years. And every man that's ever read this text in every age is inspired by it, every verse of Scripture. There's nothing else can ever take its place.

A writing that was written back in another day. When it's read for that age, and for its purpose, it's settled. I might write you a letter and say, "My dear, beloved brother, today I have been over to a certain place and done such and such a time." That goes directly to you and that settles it.

Maybe for a court evidence or something, it could be brought up for an evidence against me or for me, to prove me something, or prove something against me. But it would not be the direct message as it would be when it's given to you.

But the Bible is not so. It's given to the human race and for all times and for all ages,

because it is a written Word of God. See? His Words can never fail. They'll never die and as long as there is an eternity for ever and ever, these will still have the same meanings; because they are once come from the lips of God. See? Can't fail.

Just think of that, how eternal the Word of God is. They're life. Now, what is a word? A "word" is "a thought that's been expressed." And when God once thinks anything, it's just a thought. But when it's once expressed, it can never alter or change. It has to remain forever. 'Cause your word is just as good as you are. God's Word is as good as He is.

Your word is a part of you. Your promise is just as good as you can be. And God's promise is just as good as He can be. Now, as being a mortal, you can make a promise and have to break it, because you're just a mortal. I'm just a mortal. But God being immortal, and infinite, and omnipotent, omnipresent, He makes a statement, and He knows the end from the beginning. And He can keep it.

Abraham called those things which were not as though they were, because he was fully persuaded that what God had promised, God was able to perform. 'Cause He would have never made the promise, unless He knew what was going to be. See how we can rest upon His Word then?

No matter how hard the storm blows, what's contrary to it? Rest solemnly upon the Word. God said it, Who seen the other side of the storm.

**(Joseph Meeting His Brethren
December 30, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 13



Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me. (Psalms 66:16-20)



We think we have it hard. And sometimes trials comes. I think of this woman in the wheelchair and these children. You out there with heart trouble, may be dead in a week from now, eat up with cancer, it may look awful dark, but if we'll just keep coming closer to God to find out His purpose, it's the Angels of God, ready to rejoice for a victory that God wants to give. Sometimes it's in disguisement.

There's sinners, perhaps, setting here that think, "What would I do if I die tonight? What if this would be the last night I'm on earth? What then?" It may look dark, may look like you're going to die. Maybe you're here to be prayed for your sickness, and you're still a sinner. You get right with God first. Say, "Why did I take this? I've got children at home." How do you know, that might be Angel's wings beating together, trying to get you close to God so you can be a real mother or dad to those kids.

It looks dark like it did for the little woman. But if you'll just take God's promise now, that "whosoever will, let him come and drink from the Waters of Life, the Fountains of Life, freely." Drink the Water freely. It's for whosoever will. That might have been put upon you. You might have done that evil. You may feel condemned in your heart, you Christians now, on what I said a while ago, because something, iniquity lays in

your heart.

Maybe it happened for a purpose to get you closer to God. That happened to me. My life has been different since I seen that. I thought I was just living fine. But I found out that let that God raise His hand one time, and Satan's got me. We're mortal. And it was just a blessing in disguise. It makes me appreciate Him more now to know that He's loving, and willing to take us back.

**(The Reaction To An Action
August 10, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. (Psalms 67:1-7)



Now, we come to Solomon. In the days of Solomon, any Bible reader knows that that was the golden age of Israel. That was their best days they ever had. That was their amateur millennium. Everything prospered under Solomon. Why? When God gives a gift to a people, or a nation, or a people, and those people will recognize that gift, it's a golden age for them. If they turn it down, it's chaos for them. That's the reason He kept saying, "A greater than Solomon is here." And they were turning it down.

Well, let's take Solomon for a few moments. Solomon was given a gift of discernment, and all of Israel rallied around it. Everybody believed it. Why, he had a gift of discernment, and he could discern for the people. And everybody was one heart, and one accord, around the great gift of God. "Praise God, great Jehovah," they sang the songs; they built the temple; they done great things, 'cause they were happy. Jehovah had put a gift of discernment in one man, Solomon. And they was all happy about it.

Oh, if America tonight would rally around the gift of God, it'd be a golden age; it'd be a millennium for us here. What if we'd rally around the gift of God, that's the Holy Ghost, of course. All America would rally around the gift that God sent to us, the Holy Ghost, it'd be a time that they would break down every wall of partition between Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostals, and we'd have a golden age. And the power of God would sweep this nation from sea to shining sea. Every nation under heaven would fear us. That's the best protection we have: God's protection. We don't have to build atomic bombs, race Russia, and missile race. Just come back to God. Accept the gift that He give us. But they won't do it. Why, you can't even get many of the Pentecostal brethren to do it, let alone Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Lutheran, so forth. Can't get many to believe it; they don't rally around it. What's left then? Chaos.

God sends it; it's up to you to receive it.

**(The Queen Of Sheba
November 27, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. (Psalms 68:1-6)



God is love. Is that right? And Jesus was God's attribute of love. And when the attribute of love was displayed, which that was God Himself; all the attributes that hung onto Him, come to Him, "All the Father has given Me, will come to Me." Sure, they had to be predestinated. If it wasn't, you won't be there. That's all. Certainly.

Now, we can fellowship, was through the riches of His Word, and in which you are a part of. You are part of the Word; 'cause He was the Word at the beginning; you're the Word now. See? I'm preaching tonight, or Sunday, or one of the days when I get in, about what the Word is. See? And now, you are part of the Word.

Listen. There's one thing I can't do. I can't brag on my ancestors. No, I come through an awful mess. My father was an Irishman. My mother was a Indian squaw, half Indian; her mother was a Indian, drawed a pension. Now, all of them, drunks, most all of them died with their shoes on, fighting, gun-fighters, and so forth. I can't brag on nothing about that, 'cause my ancestors and my family tree's terrible.

But, brother, there's one thing I can brag on, I can brag on my Lord Jesus Who has redeemed me. And with His transforming power planted a seed by predestination, and I saw it. Whose son am I now? Yeah. I can brag on Him. And I've spent thirty-three years of my life bragging on Him. If He'd spare me another thirty-three years, I'll try to brag more on Him. See? I can brag on my Ancestors (Hallelujah.), He that redeemed me and planted the seed of Life in here, and let me look down upon this Word, sent down His Spirit and said, "Here it is. Speak this; it'll happen. Do that." And oh, my, I can brag on Him. How did He do it? Through the washing of the water by the Word, the Waters of separation, wish we could explain it.

True predestinated believers will stay with the Word because they are part of that Word.

(God's Power To Transform
September 11, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 16



O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary. Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor. The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it. (Psalms 68:7-11)



A vision must line up with God's Word. A preacher must line up with God's Word. No matter what we think, and what are, the emotions are of, the country, the crowd, or whatever it is, we must line up with God's Word. And that's the reason that I have defended.

In the first place when the Lord begin to give visions when I was a little, bitty baby boy, and He begin to show those visions, my clergymen told me it was of the devil.

But one night, it was better than ten years ago at Green's Mill, Indiana, where I was there in the old camp, and my wife setting there, right there now, who was seen when the vision struck me that evening and I set there under it, and I said, "God, I don't want to be possessed with a devil." Why, certainly not. And I told her I didn't know when I would come back. And I took off to the place to pray.

About ten years before that, about fifteen, nearly ten or fifteen years before that, when I was just a young Baptist preacher, no more than a boy, baptizing out there in the river, hundreds of people that afternoon, my first revival; and that Light come down

from heaven and stood there before thousands of people. They fainted and everything, years ago when I was baptizing. And a Voice spoke from there and said that I would take a message around the world, which would start a revival just like that it did in the days of John the Baptist before the second coming of Christ. I knowed a bit more about it than nothing. I wrote it down and kept it. They kept it. The newspapers had it, and everything. "Mystic Light Appears Over Local Baptist Boy, Pastor, While He's A Baptizing In The Water," and all about it.

And then after that time, when it come time, the Lord Jesus sent His Angel back again, and tried to tell me that night when I was there praying, "God, don't never let that happen to me again. You know I don't want to be possessed of the devil, and You know I love You. And my clergymen tell me..." And here come the Angel of the Lord, and told me it was His work, and He had ordained it, and to where He said it'll sweep around the world.

And when I went to the general overseer, one of the high Baptist men, frankly, the one that baptized me, Dr. Davis, into the Baptist fellowship. I went and told him about it; and he said, "Billy, you need a rest. You've had a nightmare."

I said, "I don't appreciate that. I'll resign the Baptist church right now."

Said, "You mean with your seventh grade education, and you're going to go around the world preaching the Gospel and thing."

I said, "That's what He said, and that's what I believe." He said, "Don't take it that seriously, Billy. I think if you rest a few nights you'll feel better." I walked out.

By the grace of God, I started. And now, what's happened? The revival fires are burning on every hill around the world.

**(God Keeps His Word
January 15, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 17



Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil. Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold. When the Almighty scattered kings in it, it was white as snow in Salmon. The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan. Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death. (Psalms 68:12-20)



Listen at Jesus in Saint John 5:19. 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 likewise. I only do as My Father shows Me to do. I can do nothing in Myself."

But now, look. Jesus, in Him was all the Fullness of the Godhead bodily was in Him. And that woman, what did she do? What did others do? It was their faith that touched Him and got the glory from God through Christ, as He ministered, they by their faith touched Him. Well, the Bible said that after His death, burial, and resurrection, He is now a High Priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Is that right?

Your faith can still touch Him. And if it can touch Him, then He can represent

Himself here on earth again among us by one of us. Is that right? And God ascended on high, led captivity captive, give gifts unto men. And He has set in the Church first, apostles; second, prophets; after that teachers, evangelist, and pastors. Is that right? God set them in the Church for the perfecting of the Church, that the people might know that He is not dead, that He lives on and will forever. And He's in His Church today doing His High Priest work, working through His people as they yield themselves to Him for the same purpose. And I believe the same Jesus Christ that rose on the first glad Easter morning is alive yet today with His people.

(The Resurrection Of Jesus
April 4, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 18



But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses. The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea: That thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same. (Psalms 68:21-23)



Do you know God has a funeral procession for His flowers? Did you know that? Sure. The frost hits the little flower, young or old; it bows it's little head and dies; that's death. And out of that little flower drops a little black seed on the ground. Then here comes September, October, comes along then; the tear drops begins to fall out of them October rains, you know, and buries it in the ground: a funeral procession. See?

And it lays there all through the winter and rots. And then the freeze comes and bursts that little seed open; the pulp runs out of it. And you might get a hand full of that dirt and take it down to the laboratory; you couldn't take any chemicals in the world and ever find that germ of life in there. But it's there somewhere. That's right.

It's hid; you can't find it. But just let the sun... The sun brings forth all botany life. Now, when that sun begins to shine, that life will come forth again.

I tell you what; you go out here and lay your concrete walk this year; just lay it down through the yard. And where's your grass the thickest at the next year? Where's it? Where's it anytime? Right around the edge of the walk. Why is it? It's that life that's laying under that concrete. Don't shade it from it. When that sun begins to shine, that

life will work its way right around, till it gets out to the end of that sidewalk and stick its head up to praise God. Why? The sun's a shining.

It's a master; it's a life-giver to all botany life. No matter where it's at, it'll shine forth again. That life will just keep working its way, working its way, working its way till it finally gets out of there to raise its head and glorify God. Then how can anybody not believe in the resurrection? Oh, when that, not s-u-n of God, but S-o-n of God, Eternal Life.

You might bury me in the sea; you could bury me under anything you want to, but when that S-o-n begins to shine forth at His coming, everyone that's dead in Him and has Eternal Life will rise and go with Him, just as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit tonight.

**(Expectations
March 8, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 19



They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary. The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels. Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel. There is little Benjamin with their ruler, the princes of Judah and their council, the princes of Zebulun, and the princes of Naphtali. Thy God hath commanded thy strength: strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us. Because of thy temple at Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee. Rebuke the company of spearmen, the multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the people, till every one submit himself with pieces of silver: scatter thou the people that delight in war. (Psalms 68:24-30)



Today, Pentecost has organized and set right down like they did; it's exactly the same thing. And the Word's moving on, and it's moving right away from them. That's exactly right, 'cause we get so stiff and so starchy. We let our churches get in any kind of condition, go right on. Long as we got members, that's all is necessary, 'cause we got more than we ever had." We blow about that.

Let me tell you something that's an old proverb, that, "The devil counts his crowd, but God weighs His."

That's true too yet today. God weighs you by His Word, see if you're found wanting or not. I don't care about crowds, how many's, how unpopular it is. It's God's Word being made manifest for this hour. Exactly right. I don't care about crowds, and who comes and who doesn't. It's God's Word's at stake, like it was there in Pilate's

judgment hall. Weigh it, and see what we have found, where we're found wanting. Yes, sir. We believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We find out that He told Moses that, "I'll be with you, and I'll just use your mouth. You go speak the words as I tell you, and the signs will interpret themselves." God don't need no interpreter. Oh no, he mustn't be interpreter. God's interpret proves Himself. He said that He was the Interpreter of His Own Word, and He is. He did it by Moses, and He does it today. We know Him in the Bible as Elohim. "Elohim" is "the all-sufficient One." He needs nobody's advice. He stands alone. He's God, and He is the Word. And when the Word promises something, and makes it identified before you, what kind of an interpretation do you want outside of that?

Oh, sinful man or woman, who are you that could rise up and say that it's wrong? When God, with His Holy Spirit and promised Word, interprets it in the face of every one of us, who are we to say that it's wrong? Oh, sinful person, how could you do that? "Sinful, what do you mean by that, Brother Branham?" Unbelief. There's only one sin; that's unbelief. Need not man's silly interpretation, He interprets His Own. "I am the Lord," He said, "I planted it; I'll water it, day and night, 'less some should pluck it from My hand." He also said in another Scripture that He watched over His Word to perform it: Perform it, reveal it to what? His elected, to those that's sent to see it. He performs it to those who are sent to see it. He watches over it, keeps it away from all these foolish carnal interpretations, these things, that, "This is right, and that's right, and that's right." God's right, God's identified Person.

(What Shall We Do With This Jesus Called Christ?
January 26, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Princes shall come out of Egypt; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God. (Psalms 68:31-35)



There was a man one time who was a believer. He had been dead four days. He was in the grave, stinking, rotten, but he heard the Voice of God speak, "Lazarus, come forth." And if it brought a man forth after being dead and rotten, what ought it to do to a church that still has life in it? It ought to resurrect them in the midst of all of these voices that we've talked about, religious, politics, Hollywood, all the false prophecies and things that's gone out. In the midst of all of it, the true Voice of God will call a man that's dead in sin and trespasses to life again. It ought to take a backslidden church and call it to life again. Sure.

Remember, in closing I say this; then I'll close. Jesus said the time would come, when all that was in the grave would hear the Voice of God. And you're going to hear it. No matter what condition you're in, you're going to hear it anyhow. And some of them that come out of the grave will come to condemnation. They hear the Voice, but it's condemning. And if you hear it today, "Today, after so long a time, when you hear My Voice, harden not your hearts, as you did in the days of provocation." And if you Pentecostal people grouping yourself out in creeds again in worldliness, "having a

form of godliness and denying the power thereof," before you have to rise in the resurrection to be condemned, because the Voice of God that speaks to you now through the Word will condemn you in that day.

If you're just a lukewarm believer, the Voice of God cries in your heart this morning, you are a lukewarm believer, you'd better repent.

You men, women, boys, or girl, that's not living for Christ, and the Voice of God speaks to you through His Word and says "Stop doing that," you better do it. Because you're going to hear it again one day, and it'll condemn you. You can't deny it; it's speaking to you now. And remember, it's recorded.

And those who does right and hears His Voice, will rise to righteousness, to glory, to heaven.

(he Voice Of God In This Last Days
January 20, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 21



Save me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away. O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee. Let not them that wait on thee, O Lord GOD of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek thee be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me. (Psalms 69:1-9)



Faith doesn't look at any symptoms. Faith doesn't see nothing but victory. Faith has already appropriated it, and there's nothing else to be done. No matter, if you were laying dying, and a half a dozen doctors was stand around saying, "Their blood pressure is dropping. Their heart's failing." That wouldn't phase you one bit. If you believe that you're going to live, no matter what would take place, you still believe it. See? That's faith. If you can just get to that. That's what you need tonight, is that type of faith.

Now, a centurion is a man that's over, I think the right word would be, over a century which would be a hundred men. And he put himself in the background.

Now, I want you to do that: keep yourself in the background. Never be somebody that you're not. I've often wondered, when wheat was growing in the field, you see the little wheat that sticks up and just feels the inferiority complex. There's nothing in that head: a heavy head bows, a full head bows. A full heart will bow. "Lord... (See?) not worthy..."

But this man thought he was unworthy: He said, "I'm not worthy that You should come under my roof." He said, "And I didn't think myself worthy to go to You, so I sent someone else." But said, "Lord, I am a man under authority, and I say to this man go, and he goes. And to this man come, and he comes," for he had authority. In other words, if he told that man to go, he must go, because he's over him. He's superior to him, and he must obey his master.

In his own line of work he saw Who Jesus was. He said, "I know that if I say to this man go, he goeth; to this man come, and he cometh. Now, Lord, I'm not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just speak the word." There you are: the authority. He knew that Jesus had all power over all sickness and all diseases; over death, hell; and he knew that all Jesus had to say was speak the word. That settles it.

Now, Jesus was willing to come in and lay His hands on the boy, rebuke the fever. So it astonished Him. He said, "Why, I have not seen so much faith, not in Israel." That was the believers. He never seen such faith among them. Just to know that His Word, it was a power of testament, His power of authority. And Christian friend, tonight, His Word is the Power of authority. What He says, it will be, regardless of what you or I think. It's going to be just the same.

(The Authority Of The Word
June 2, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards. But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O LORD; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily. (Psalms 69:10-17)



You know, sometimes when we are praying for others, we are the one that gets the help many times, when you're praying for others. Like at nighttime when I say, "Put your hands on one another. Don't pray for yourself, but pray for the other fellow. He's praying for you." The Bible said, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for the other." That's the way we want to do. Let the Baptists pray for the Methodists, and the Methodists pray for the Baptists, and the Oneness pray for the Twoness, and the Twoness pray for the Twoness and Threeness and Fourness and whatevermore comes along. Everybody pray one for another, that our faith won't fail in that one glorious One that we all love, Jesus Christ. Yes, sir.

Now, so I moved out into the country, about three miles out of the city. And so we been having dinner over at a little Dunkard restaurant where I believe it was the Mennonites. And they were a fine bunch of people that believes in holiness. And

them little ladies, dressed just as nicely and godly, with their clothes hanging nice on them, and long hair, and clean as a pin; I just loved to eat there. And they were attending my meeting, and we just had a wonderful time. So on Sunday they closed the little place up. They was at the meeting. And especially, on Sunday they didn't run it.

So I'd been fasting for about two or three days, and I was just going to preach that afternoon. You never want to fast until you're led to fast. Then if you get hungry, it's time to eat. "Jesus was afterwards an hungered." Some of this saying, these people fasting and say, "I'm going to fast forty days," and the false teeth falling out and losing weight, and... my, you better stop that. You wait till God leads you to do that on those things. Be led of the Spirit.

I've had people, after a certain book was wrote and put out about fasting, people come to my line: women, pregnant and things like that, come in my line, lose their, lose their mind, go into insane institutions from that. See? 'Course you can't do that. Just because somebody else done it, that's no sign that you're supposed to do it. Let God lead you to do what you're doing. If you're led to, when you get hungry, it's time to eat. When God puts a fast on you, you don't get hungry. It's God dealing with you. "Jesus was afterwards an hungered." See? After His fast was over, He hungered.

(Why?
January 25, 1961)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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May 23



Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all before thee. Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am full of heaviness: and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap. Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake. Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them. Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents. For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded. Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness. Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous. But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high. (Psalms 69:18-29)



He was a man when He come down off the mountain that night, after He come, been hungry; come down looking upon the trees to find something to eat, looking on a tree, when He cursed the tree that had no fruit. He was a man when He was hungry. But when He taken five biscuits and two fish, and fed five thousand, taken up seven baskets full of fragments left, that was more than a man. That's it.

He was a man when He laid out there on the water that night in the back of a ship, virtue gone out of Him, all day long, preaching, and healing the sick; virtue leaving from Him, from the people, discerning the thoughts in their heart. And ten thousand

devils of the sea swore they'd drown Him that night. That little old ship like a bottle stopper out there, flopping up-and-down, the devil said, "I got Him now." And it looked like it was all over. But when He once aroused, come up and put His foot on the brail of the boat, and looked up and said, "Peace, be still," and the winds and the waves obeyed Him, that was more than a man. That was God.

He was a man when He cried for mercy at the cross, true. When He cried for a drink and they give Him vinegar, that was a man. When He died, bleeding, crying, crucified, nailed to a cross, He was a man. But on Easter morning when He broke the seals of the tomb and rose again, and said, "I'm He that was dead, and alive for evermore," that was more than a man. It was God in a Man, His Son.

(Perseverant
March 5, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 24



I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God. For the LORD heareth the poor, and despiseth not his prisoners. Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and every thing that moveth therein. For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: that they may dwell there, and have it in possession. The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name shall dwell therein. (Psalms 69:30-36)



How many likes good singing? Oh, that's fine. I just love it. I heard this Brother Mashegan here this morning singing down there at the breakfast. And what a wonderful time we had. I just love singing and spiritual singing. I love good, old, Pentecostal singing, singing in the Spirit. I do dread to hear an over-trained voice, holding their breath till they turn blue in the face and don't know what. They're just singing to be heard. But I just like good, old fashion Pentecostal singing just where they clap their hands and have a good time. That's good singing. Always wanted to sing that song:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found.

I was blind, but now I see.

I don't have a voice to sing. But someday when you all get over on the other side, and you're living in your big mansion up there somewhere, just glorifying God, and way down in the woods there's a little cabin, sets down there in the corner. And when you walk out on your front porch some morning; you look standing there on the cabin, you hear the voice come up through the woods singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, saved a wretch like me."

You say, "Praise God, old Brother Branham made it. There he is; he can sing it now." Finally made it, got over on the other side. And only way I'll ever get there is by the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. I love Him, trust Him, but it'll take His grace to get me over on the other side. Therefore, I'm not trusting in any ability; I have none. I'm trusting in what He did for me.

He is my Mediator. He's my Propitiation for my sins. He's the Water of separation. He's the Alpha, Omega. He's my Life, my Birth, my Father, my Mother, my Sister, my Brother, my Lord, my King, my Saviour, my Healer; He's just all in all to me. I love my brethren; I love my sisters, but oh, that "phileo" love would never take the place of that "Agapao" love of the Holy Spirit. I love my wife, my children just as much as any husband or father could, but it'll never touch that sacred spot of that love of God, how rich and pure, how fathomless and strong; it shall forever more endure saints' and angels' song.

(Door To The Heart
March 12, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt. Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha. Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying. (Psalms 70:1-5)



What did David do? Took the little slingshot, went out, and grabbed this little lamb out of the lion's mouth. Think of a slingshot, going after a lamb. Who in the world would do that? Tell me what man in here would do it, rise up your hand. I'll tell you right quick you're wrong. You didn't see me put mine up. No, I wouldn't go after him with a .30-06, hardly. But he went after him with a slingshot, a little piece of leather like, with two strings on it, winding around. Because, and when it come time for Goliath to make his boast, he went after Goliath, and he said, "The God of heaven has let me deliver a lamb out of the mouth of the lion, out of the mouth of a bear." He knew it wasn't a slingshot. It was the power of God that went with him. He was the One that brought that lamb back.

And that's what we say today. God's got Davids sticking around (Yes, sir.), that's feeding Father's sheep. And once in a while a tumor will come, or a cancer will come, or something, and jump plumb out of the hands of the doctor. That won't stop that David; he'll go right on out there after that fellow, with a little slingshot of: "Ask anything in My Name; it shall be given." I don't care; doctors can laugh; and

everybody else can make fun of him; he'll go after him anyhow, bringing that sheep back to the fold. Yes, sir. "It's God's child, take your hand off of him." Knock this lion down, then the lion rose up; he grabbed him by the beard and killed him: a little bitty ruddy boy, probably weigh eighty or ninety pounds.

**(Adoption #4
May 22, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion. Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress. Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. (Psalms 71:1-5)



Usually God let's you get to the last end of the road, the last mile of the way, then He steps in. If you're a seed of Abraham, believe God and hold His promise for healing, for salvation, for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, whatever it is, whatever the enemy is; God let's you get some time right to the end of the road. And it looks worse than it ever did. The doctor said, "There's not a chance." But you're the seed of Abraham, with a promise that you shall possess the gate of every enemy.

Joshua didn't think how wide Jordan was or how muddy it was, said, "Gather yourselves together and sanctify yourself, and take the ark of God and go forward." And he possessed the gate of the enemy. Why? Because he was taking a promised people to a promised land by a promise of God and was the children of Abraham. That makes a Baptist feel like shouting. Abraham's seed shall possess the gate of the enemy. Yes, he crossed over the Jordan.

We got to come to the Jordan too some time. All these great warriors had to die because they were borned in sin, born by sexual desire, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. But being the promise, being Abraham's seed by the promise

that God gave Abraham, they subdued kingdoms, and wrought righteousness, and stopped the mouths of lions, and escaped the edge of the sword, moved back the waters and raised the dead, for they were the seed of Abraham by a promise by God Himself, what He would do for them.

Then finally one day come the Royal Seed, not borned of a man, but conceived in the womb of a virgin by God Himself with no sexual desire, Holy Spirit born. When the Holy Ghost overshadowed a little virgin and conceived in there the true Seed of Abraham, the faith that Abraham had in God. God had made a promise of this Seed, borned of virgin birth, then He had power over all the gates of the enemy. When He was on the earth He had the gates of sickness in His own power. He spoke to the sick and the gates opened up, and they walked out free. He had the keys to the gate of leprosy, of cripples, of afflictions, of temptation.

They smacked Him on the face, and done everything by pulling beard from His face, and spitting upon Him, and trying to get Him to do something was wrong. He said, "I could speak to My Father and straightway He'd send Me twelve legions of Angels." He could do it. But He had the power. Why? He had to taste death. All of these other warriors had done victories and so forth, but He had to conquer that one who could not be conquered by these men. And when they killed Him on Calvary, His soul ascended into hell and He turned the keys on hell down there, and unlocked the place, and took over. He possessed the gates of hell. On Easter morning He possessed the gates of the grave.

**(Thy Seed Shall Possess The Gate Of His Enemy
November 21, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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May 27



For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: thou art my trust from my youth. By thee have I been holden up from the womb: thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: my praise shall be continually of thee. I am as a wonder unto many; but thou art my strong refuge. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honour all the day. Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth. For mine enemies speak against me; and they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together, Saying, God hath forsaken him: persecute and take him; for there is none to deliver him. O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help. Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt. (Psalms 71:5-13)



I can remember back in the early days of my boyhood, how that night I was hungry, and I felt you knock at my door, Lord, I'm so glad I let You in. Now I'm a middle-aged man; I just love You more than I ever loved You in my life.

O God, never let nothing happen. If I can't serve You, take me now. Let me go now.

What a joy it is, and a privilege to serve God. Give it to these young people, Lord. They've got an awful battle. Look at them. Look at what they got. Look at their television: rotten and polluted. Look at the nation they're coming up in here: politics rotten to the core, the antichrist arising in seat and power. The world, American people, don't know what a struggle is. They don't know how to do without. They never had to miss a meal. O God, just look. Glamour and Hollywood, and it's even got into assembly line religion in the churches, and streamlined Hollywood. No more

old fashion all night prayer meetings, and agonizing, and praying, and having fellowship around the things of God, No more praying through.

God, these children need that. I pray that they'll receive it tonight. I'm keeping my eyes closed, Lord; I'm going to believe that You're going to send every one of them straight to that room. Grant it, Father. Let it be done, Lord. Please do. And I can shake their hand on that day, and say, "Yeah, a little old chopped up message, one night, "As the Eagle Stirs It's Nest."

You stirred the nest of the world that they lived in. They getting tired of it, Lord. They're raising up their hands; they're looking up. How great Thou art. How great Thou art. May they flee, Lord, into the heavenly blues, where they can fellowship up there with fellow kinsman of the same gospel. Eagle's food, may they eat. Grant it, Lord. Not be an earthbound chicken that wolves and them young ladies... That old wolf stuff they having today, the boogie-woogie, and rock-and-roll, and let them know, Lord, it's just the thing to tear their precious souls out of them, and send them to a devil's hell, callous their hearts, pull it through these old movie stories, and true stories, when it's all lies, and fiction, and make-up. Let them look at these big wings of God, the New and Old Testament, and say, "There I'll take my stand, right there upon that rock." Grant it, Lord. I'm trusting that each one of them is in that room now. Grant it, I pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

(As The Eagle Stirreth Up Her Nest
August 4, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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But I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more. My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only. O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come. (Psalms 71:14-18)



I'm getting old. I know that. Each day I get a new ache and pain. Every one of us do. You might as well tell the truth. I thought, "God, don't let me..." One of the most miserable things is to see a man or woman who's never accepted Christ and just lives an old mossback church member, meaner than Satan himself, and see him out there crabbed at old something, "Well, I tell you, I don't believe in the...God never... That's a horriblemest crown that Satan can crown a life with. A grouchy old woman about sixty or seventy years old with fat hanging down under her arms, and the wrinkles all over her face, and her hair bobbed up, and four or five different colors, and strutting herself down in a pair of little shorts; if that ain't the crowning of Satan, I never seen it, or some old crabbed man.

Oh, God, give me grace to never complain. And I want my life, Lord, I want my people's life... God, grant it, that our life could be crowned no matter if we suffer, whatever takes place, how many turns against me... I know this one thing, in my life as I get older, my friends, the stream behind me will soon be running out, narrow and narrow as I go down the road. And I know one thing, it'll come to pass after while

that there'll be nobody come to me and ask me advice. The ones who know me in my younger days will be gone on if I shall live. My friends will get fewer and fewer as I get older now.

And I know that someday I've got to die. I hope that God never lets Satan crown me as an old crabbed, indifferent man, and my wife an old nagging woman, or your wife, or you that way. I pray, brother, that our lives will be crowned with the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, longsuffering, gentleness, patience, truth, faith in the Holy Spirit.

(The Flashing Red Light Of The Sign Of His Coming
June 23, 1963)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee! Thou, which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth. Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side. I will also praise thee with the psaltery, even thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel. My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed. My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: for they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt. (Psalms 71:19-24)



Brother, botany don't only mean flowers and things, it means resurrection too in that case. Amen. Just as the springtime, when the Easter flowers are blooming, everything's so pretty, a very type of nature; resurrection has to come in the spring. That's the reason the resurrection is in springtime. Resurrection of everything, and surely the King of nature resurrected, the Creator of nature, resurrected with the rest of the resurrection of nature.

And here they are, on their road going over to their place, walking along the road. I'd just like to listen in on them, wouldn't you, just a minute, stand around and see what they were saying? I hear one of them saying, "Well, Cleopas, what do you think about it? I'm disappointed. Well, I guess we'll just have to face the preacher again, tell Him, 'I guess we were wrong in this Fellow.' My, I hate to do that; my confidence was really built up in Him."

And notice, while they spake about Him, talked about Him, He appeared. That's a good way to get Him around you: talk about Him all the time. Amen. Keep your conversation, not on where the next play comes up on the television, or the next movies going to come, or who's going to be elected president: talk about Jesus.

Christians talk about everything but Christ in these days. Go out, they always got a bunch of nonsense and everything they want to talk about or something, but never talking about Christ. Talk about Him. Sing about Him. Love Him; keep Him on your heart and mind all the day and night.

David said about the, he'd bind the laws upon his fingers and the bedpost, and so He'd be before him all the time. That's the way; keep Him before you in memory, thoughts, praise, speech. All that you do is keep Christ before you. That's the way to keep Him near you.

(The Curtain Of Time
March 2, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness. He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. (Psalms 72:1-11)



Now, we find out then, that in the days of Solomon everybody was with one accord. They didn't have televisions then, thank the Lord, but the only way they could take a word was from lip to ear. And everybody passing through would go in and see these great meetings, and go down, and tell their country.

And you know, Jesus said, "The queen of the south (which was at Sheba) come from the utmost parts of the earth." That was the utmost parts of the known earth at that time. Now, if you'll notice, it's a long distance down there across the Sahara.

Now, people coming and going, the caravans of the camel caravans, and the way they

had of transportation, people would come in. And after while, the caravans going through her country, this little queen down there, she was probably a pagan, heathen.

And everybody come through from up around Palestine, they was always saying, "Oh, you should see what's going on in Palestine. My, their God is a living God. Why, He's anointed one up there, and they've even made him king. And wisdom of discernment, you never seen such. It couldn't be a human being doing that. We looked at the man; we shook hands with him. He's a man; he wore clothes. He's just a man. But God has chose him, and he does things that's superhuman. So we know it has to come from God. And he gives all the glory to Jehovah, their God. You should come, see it."

Oh, you know, faith cometh by hearing, hearing about God. Well, the little queen's heart begin to throb. "You know, I'd like to see that." You know, you hear testimonies. Now, what if she had turned her little painted face up, said, "Hmph, if there's anything going on like that, it'd go down here to my church. It wouldn't be up there." All right. The story would never been written. Jesus would've never referred to her. She would have been a modern Jezebel.

And so then we find out that the little lady begin to hunger and thirst. Faith had caught a hold, and she begin to thirst after God. And Jesus said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst." Just to even thirst, you're blessed just to thirst, whether you get anything or not, just to thirst.

(Queen Of Sheba
January 19, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence: and precious shall their blood be in his sight. And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: prayer also shall be made for him continually; and daily shall he be praised. There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: and they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed. Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory; Amen, and Amen. The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended. (Psalms 72:12-20)



See, the rich young ruler was a member of the church. And he asked Jesus whalf you got a God-filled pastor, filled with the Holy Ghost, and you try to hold him under your finger, say, "Well, if he says anything about us having a robed choir, if he says anything about us wearing makeup, we'll just excommunicate him." Don't you worry; God will do it before you get a chance to. He'll go out and preach to stones on the street before he'd compromise with that kind of stuff. You got a pastor that really tells you the truth, you ought to honor God and stay in the Spirit, and worship God, realizing that you're going to be lost if you don't. See?

But people live today like this is the only thing there was, "live here on earth, that's all." You don't realize you got a soul that's going to leave here and go somewhere.

And you seal your destination right here, the way you live and the way you do: out holding grudges, and mean, and everything, and then run to church. Oh, mercy. Whew. Shame on you.

You bring a reproach upon the cause of Christ. Isn't that right? Don't we do it? The bootleggers ain't hurting the church. It isn't that. It isn't the prostitute that's hurting the church. It's the people who profess to be Christians that's hurting the church. We know what the bootlegger is, know what the prostitute is. When our sisters dress like a prostitute, that's different; that's what hurts the church. When the men drinks like the bootlegger, well, then, that's what hurts the church. They're professing to be a Christian and then do that. "Let him that even names the Name of Jesus Christ depart from sin." See? Get away from it.

Oh, we're so short, brethren. Me, you, all of us, we're short of what Christ wants us to be. And right here in this day it's time to lay aside every sin that's easily beset us, and run with patience the race that's set before us. Preachers, that's right, brethren, that's exactly right. "Remember and repent, or I will remove the Light of the star out of his place." What's his place? In the church. "But if you don't repent and go back to where you was at the first place, I'll take your pastor right away from you and move him out of his place; I'll put him somewhere else where I'll reflect My Light that'll shine."

(The Ephesian Church Age
December 5, 1960)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



Year



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June 1



Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocency. For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning. (Psalms 73:1-14)



They are miserable. That means that they are objects to be pitied. Pitied? They scorn pity. They are full of pride. They vaunt what they have. But what they have will not stand the test of time. They have built upon quicksand rather than the rock of the revelation of God's Word. Soon cometh the earthquake. Soon there will come the storms of the wrath of God in judgment. Then comes sudden destruction, and in spite of all their carnal preparation they will still be unprepared for what comes upon the earth. They are those who in spite of all their worldly efforts are actually opposing themselves and don't know it. Objects of pity are they indeed. Pity the poor people who are in this last day ecumenical move, for they call it the move of God, when it is

of Satan. Pity those who do not know the curse of organization. Pity those who have so many beautiful churches, such lovely parsonages, such grandly trained choirs, such a show of wealth and such a sedate and reverent form of worship. Pity them, don't envy them. Back to the old store buildings, back to the dimly-lit rooms, back to the cellars, back to less of the world and more of God. Pity those who make their great claims, and talk about their gifts. Feel for them as objects of pity, for soon they will be objects of wrath.

(An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages - Chapter Nine)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 2



If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. Thus my heart was grieved, and I was pricked in my reins. (Psalms 73:15-21)



I remember, as a boy, once we had an old horse, that he used to jump the fences all the time. And I guess many of you men at my age, would know back in the horse days, buggy days. I've come a many a time right down this street here, driving a horse and buggy myself. I'm fortyfive. Remember this old horse, we'd put a yoke on his neck, like you would a cow, to keep him from jumping the fence. And he'd jump anyhow. And he would hang that yoke and turn him around, and so forth. He'd get over the fence.

And one day, I wondered what was attracting that old fellow. And there was a big sink hole down there. Now, he was standing in alfalfa, oh, high, but there was some blades of orchard grass in a sink hole. And he jumped that fence and got in that sink hole where all these wire and glass, where our dump, and get in there to get a few mouthfuls of that orchard grass. And we had to get some more horses and pull him out of that sink hole. When he got in there, he got hung up. And when he stood out there, he was quivering and bleeding, and how he was, just to get a mouthful or two of that orchard grass, when he was standing in alfalfa, almost to his knees.

I've often thought of that picture. "A way of a transgressor is hard." He just wouldn't stay still where he was eating and having a wonderful time, but he had to jump the fence and go get all bruised and cut up like that, just to get a mouthful of grass of some other different kind. Now, that's just about the way people does that jumps the fence of God's pasture. Don't you believe that? Gets out, go out today; come in; in church having a wonderful time; then tomorrow sell out for something like that. It makes it very hard.

(The Invasion Of The United States
May 9, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 3



So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee. Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works. (Psalms 73:22-28)



One night when Billy Paul, here, my boy, he was a little, bitty fellow. And we was living in a little, two-roomed cabin. And my wife had put this floor wax on the linoleum, on the floor, and it was real slick on the floor, and we had an old bucket out in the other room, the kitchen: had two rooms. And we were sleeping in the front room, and the next room was the kitchen. And the bucket of water set out there, the dipper. And so he woke up, and he said, "Daddy?" And I said, "What?" A little, bitty fellow.

He said, "I want a drink."

And I said, "Well," oh, I was so tired, and my, I'd walked through the patrolling. I said, "Honey, could you go get a drink there? It's just inside the door."

He said, "Daddy, come, go with me."

And I said, "Oh, there's nothing will hurt you, honey; just go inside the door." He said,

"Daddy, I'm afraid to go 'less you go with me."

I thought, "Poor, little fellow." That's right. "God, I'm afraid to go too, 'less You go with me. Father, I know that it's all right. You ordained ministers to go preach the Gospel, but if You don't go with me, I'm afraid. You come go with me."

So I got up and felt around, got him by the hand. We started through the room. And just as we started through the room, she had one of these little rugs laying in there, and the little fellow slipped, and would've pitched right forward on his face, if I didn't have a hold of his hand. And I held him up, like that, to keep him from smashing right down on his face. I thought, "Truly, God, that's right. Just hold my hand in these slippery, dark places and things, while I'm searching for the water of Life. You just hold my hand as I move along."

(The Healing Of Jairus' Daughter
February 27, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 4



O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture? Remember thy congregation, which thou hast purchased of old; the rod of thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed; this mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt. Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual desolations; even all that the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary. Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations; they set up their ensigns for signs. A man was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees. But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground. They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land. (Psalms 74:1-8)



You hear so much today about being God being a good God. He is a good God. But remember, He's a God of holiness, a God that cannot overlook sin. The penalty has been paid for, and you've got to accept it on His grounds. And remember, He's a God of anger, a God of wrath. And you'll stand before an angry God, not just a God of goodness and mercy. Tonight He's your Saviour. That day He's your Judge. So be sure that you don't leave one thing undone, friend. It don't pay. Don't just haphazardly go at it. Be sure, double sure, 'cause you don't get another chance. This is your only chance while you're here on earth.

You remember the rich man and Lazarus. There's a great gulf betwixt you and he that no man has ever crossed or ever will cross. See, when you die, that settles it. I know people claim that they pray you back out of those places. But don't you never believe

it. That's contrary to the Word of God. See? The way the tree leans, that's the way it falls.

Jesus said, Himself, that there was a gulf, that when a man died and went to hell, he could not never come to heaven. No man ever crossed it, and never would. That settles it as far as I'm concerned. When Jesus said that was it, that's all of it. So, just remember, now is your chance. And tonight might be your last opportunity.

(The Voice Of The Sign
March 21, 1964)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 5



We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long. O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever? Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom. For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers. The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter. (Psalms 74:9-17)



It's a paradox when you watch that moon. Look at the tides out on the coast here, how those angry waves with about four-fifths of the earth, almost, in water. Go to the seashore and watch that tide as those angry big waves breaking way out there, half a mile out in the ocean or more, beating against that ocean bank. Why doesn't it just come on over? There's just one thing keeping it from doing so. That's the moon. That moon's God's watchdog. He watches over that seashore because God has set its boundaries, and it cannot pass that.

But when that moon begins to turn around to look at Father, notice that tide will slip out, or slip in. Then when he turns back, it takes its place again. It has to, because it's God's watchdog.

That moon millions of miles away from the earth, how can it affect the earth? How

can it draw a line? Why don't that sea run in a few hundred miles and then stop? Because God set its boundaries. It cannot pass that. And He's got a watchman to see that it doesn't pass it. And anyone knows when the moon goes down, the tide goes with it; rises, it rises with it: another paradox. No one can explain it. We don't know how, what effect that that moon upon the earth would have, and what would it do to the tide? It's a paradox.

(A Paradox
January 28, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 6



Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name. O deliver not the soul of thy turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever. Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty. O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name. Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually. (Psalms 74:18-23)



Don't let the devil spray you with education and poison, and stuff like that, "You have to be modern. You have to be this." You don't have to be nothing but sons and daughters of God. And if you're borned of the Word, you do.

Notice you take a seed, a good seed, and you spray it, it'll kill it. And when they spray this denominational stuff over the top of you, it'll ruin the influence of the original Word. If they tell you, "You have to do this. Why, the other girls do it. The other men do it." Don't you believe that. It'll ruin God's influence of His Word upon you. You know that.

Our text says, "Don't be conformed (sprayed), but be transformed," the seed that's in you. People of today act like they don't even believe there is a God. Did you know that? They act like that. Now, I don't want to call them fools, but they act like it. See? 'Cause Psalms 14:1 says, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." You shouldn't call a person a fool. But they certainly act like they are, 'cause they act like

there is no God. This Word's just ignored. Look, here the other day, they called me over in the room to watch, Billy Paul, I believe, or some of them, had said there was a religious program on the television.

We don't have television. There won't be one in my home, never. You want them, that's up to you. But God told me not to do it.

And when we moved in there, I rented from this sweet old sister up there; she had a television, 'cause they had to have it for her to rent her house. And I let them look at religious program, so they called and said there was a Gospel singing on.

And you talk about a bunch of Rickies, up there act like they did, call themselves Gospel singers. It was a discredit to Jesus Christ to see the way they was carrying, shaking themselves, and these Rickified hair cuts and everything, you know. It just looked like it was a mockery. Cain was such a person, religious in deed, certainly. But he had the wrong seed in him; and therefore, it brought forth the serpent's seed. Satan had hissed over this seed of Eden, and that's what brought forth a Cain. He put his poison upon it.

(Power Of Transformation
October 31, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 7



Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare. When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah. (Psalms 75:1-3)



I can imagine blind Bartimaeus saying, "Oh, if I could've have only lived in that day when that great mighty prophets walked down that highway there. I would've walked up to them and said, 'Prophet of God, have mercy on me and give me back my sight.' But alas, the priest says the days of miracles is past. So we don't have it no more. Somehow they seem to say that Jehovah's lost all of His strength."

They really try to say the same thing today. But He's still Jehovah God, and His same power, the same compassion that He was, He always will be. They had them at that days who denied His power, and denied His miracles, denied His signs. And we got them yet today and will have them to the end of the world.

We got those in them days who did believe and receive. And we got them today that believes and receives. And if there's a tomorrow, they'll still be believing and receiving. Jesus said, "I'll walk along your side, till the end of the world." Amen. "I'll be with you, a companion, a fellow citizen with you. I'll walk with you. I'll guide you in the paths you should go, if you'll just let Me." I love that. "I'll be with you to the end of the world. Till it's all over, I'll be with you."

Notice. Then he thought, "Oh, if I could've only lived in the days when miracles were real. Here I am beyond the doctor's reach. I'm a poor beggar. I have a family at home.

Maybe today I never got a coin. My children's hungry; and my wife, I know she's hungry. And I have no other way to make a living. Oh, if I could only see, I'd get me a job over in a wheat field somewhere. But I can't see."

Now, I imagine as he set there, God begins to deal with his heart and prepare for something. Little did he know, just around the corner was the Fountain of Life. Hallelujah. Just around the corner, when you get to thinking about Divine healing, get to thinking about Christ. Keep Him on your mind. "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue," the Bible says, "think on these things."

If any thought comes by, "Well, maybe it couldn't be so. Maybe..." Get it off your mind right quick. Think on things that's positive. Never let a negative thought pass through. Don't let it stop, anyhow, if it starts to. Keep your thoughts positive: Jesus.

Don't think, setting there in a wheelchair, you, that you're hopeless, helpless. You're not. Don't let that negative thought ever pass through. Don't let it anchor. You can't help it from going through your mind, but don't let it stop.

Like the old farmer said, "I can't keep the birds from flying over my place." But he had a double-barreled shotgun, said, "I can sure keep them from roosting." So you do the same thing, and you too. See? Don't let them roost. Let them pass right on through.

Now, here's the shotgun to use. Both New and Old Testament's a double barrel, very good too. I'll tell you, it keeps them all away.

**(Blind Bartimaeus
November 15, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 8



I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted. (Psalms 75:4-10)



Rise right up like the flower, the seed look like it's over with; it dies and falls in the ground. Dig the little seed up, and it's rotten and looks like a mess, but out of there springs life to reproduce another flower again: God in simplicity.

He does the same thing. The way up is down, always. Humble yourself. Don't never say, "Well, I've got this and that." You ain't got nothing. Just remember, if you've got the grace of God, just be thankful for it and be humble. Just keep humbling yourself.

And now, we find out that people get so smart and educated. Now, I want to show you another. The other goes so far to the other side, they become fanatics trying to be religious. Now, we know we have that group. See? They go to the other side.

That's where I differ with the group of brethren that pulled off here not long ago from the way of Light; they just couldn't see the phenomena of being done unless they made themselves a group, so they gathered up in Canada and made a group of

people that they was going to give out and make apostles and prophets out of one another and things, and it fell right through. See? And it always will.

They so condemn the other things and the things till they go plumb on the other side. See, there's one side that's highly intellectual, cold and indifferent; they deny everything there; and the others get on the other side, on the other side's a radical bunch of emotion and deny the Word. But the real true Church stays right in the middle of the road.

(**God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same
March 17, 1963 - Morning**)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 9



In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. There brake he the arrows of the bow, the shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah. (Psalms 76:1-3)



So we find out that these secret agents of the enemy that sits around... Each nation now, will equip its men with the latest equipment, the very latest. And they study, and they do everything. They're trying to counteract the other fellow's weapons, and to get a little more modern weapon, a little something with a little more punch to it. From the bow and arrow to a musket, and from a musket to a modern rifle, and from that to an atomic; they just keep building. And it keeps them busy all the time. And it's the nation's business. If they want to survive, they want to equip their soldiers with the best equipment that there is.

Well, God, you know He's infinite. See, He don't have to think anything better. He just got the best to begin with. So you can't improve on it. Nothing to be done about it. He just give us the best; that's His Word. Amen. That's right. That's His Word, the best that can be given. God gives His people the very best. And that's what He chose for His children, the very, very best. I'm so glad of that. I see God, our Father, and the Kingdom that we are delegates of. He's infinite.

Now, these nations keep building, and studying, and working, and probing in science, and everything like that. But you see, God being infinite, therefore He knows the end from the beginning. And before it ever happens He knows how, when, and where. So we can rest assure that as long as we're in Him everything's going just fine. No need

of being scared about anything. There isn't anything can bother us. So we're just resting peacefully like little children, and nothing can harm us.

**(Putting On The Whole Armor Of God
June 7, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 10



Thou art more glorious and excellent than the mountains of prey. The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep: and none of the men of might have found their hands. At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep. Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry? Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still, When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah. (Psalms 76:4-9)



Notice Oswald setting there, what an awful thing it should ought have been to him, or would've been, or I guess it was, when he thought that he would face a angry Supreme Court with the anger of murdering their President. There would be no mercy. Any evidence they could get against him, it'd be crammed against him. Fingerprints, gun, place he was at, all would be brought before him.

That's a mild thing to what it's going to be to people who set in these meetings and watch Jesus Christ rise in the form of His Being, and identify Himself, and you walk out without accepting Him, holding to some little creed, or something that you call petty. That'll be a mild thing, when you set in the Presence of angry God, you who have tramped the Blood of His Own Son, and crucified Him afresh in your mind, swapped your birthrights for a popularity. It's going to be a terrible thing on that day. It'll be a horrible thought. How can you set in that sweat cell? You natives in Africa, you in Australia, Sweden, Switzerland, you listening to this tape, how you going to answer in the day of judgment, when I've been in your nations and you've seen the identification of Jesus Christ rising among the people and proving Himself?

Sweat? My, he must've sweated out. Oh, how could he do it if he was in his right mind? What kind of a angry God do you think it'll be to those who have trod under foot the Son of God and crucified Him afresh again?

Notice a pilot when he gets ready to take a plane up. A pilot will take a plane out; he'll check everything before he leaves, every instrument. He'll go out on the runway, and stand out there and check those wing flaps, check his gas caps. Everything, every instrument he's got, he checks it over and over. Many of you has flown in planes, and you know that's the truth. He checks every instrument. Why? He's got the blood of his fellowman upon his hands. He wants to be sure that everything possible is running right.

How about a doctor in an operation, when he knows that he's going to operate, take a tumor or a heart, or something another, and operate on it? When he's going to operate on your body, he'll check your heart, he'll check your blood pressure, he'll check whether you got any cold, he'll check the anesthetics. He checks everything over, and over, and over again, Why? He don't want the blood of his fellowman upon his hand.

And if a doctor and a pilot, and so forth, will check, how ought the Church of Jesus Christ to do, when we see the things that we're living in today? We had better check. The Blood of Jesus Christ might be left upon our hands.

(What Shall We Do With This Jesus Called Christ?
January 26, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 11



Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain. Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared. He shall cut off the spirit of princes: he is terrible to the kings of the earth. (Psalms 76:10-12)



I heard someone say one time that Divine healing would be in the millennium. Well, you got a glorified body then, so what do you need with any Divine healing? It's the devil trying to put you off in something over yonder, some millennium you're going to be something; you are right now sons and daughters of God. Amen. If your man-made theology just give you a little cold tater and told you to wait, you go ahead. But I got a full course dinner of the Holy Ghost. Well, Bless God; that's right.

They want to tell you to stand off right here, and eat some peelings, or gnaw some bones, and tell you that the chicken is all gone from years ago. Don't you believe that. God has a full square meal for a full man, that's got full faith in the Son of God and believe it, and will follow the instructions.

The menu reads, "To whosoever will, let him come." And "The promise is unto you and your children, and to them that's far off; even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Hallelujah. (I believe I could play that thing right now. I really do.) That's right, brethren. Same Holy Spirit with the same signs, same wonders, the same power... Yes, sir; God's Holy Spirit... Oh, I know it makes you sound silly to the world, but what do you care about the world? I think about like like David did: He was so filled

with the God's glory. When he seen that ark coming, he run out there and kicked his legs way up in the air, and begin to dance all around.

And his little self-style wife (denominational like) looked out of the window, and she said, "Oh, how he embarrasses me." So that night when David come home, she said, "David, what was you doing out there (Acting like an idiot, in other words.), dancing around, carrying on, sticking your legs way up in the air?"

He said, "I was dancing and rejoicing before the Lord."

God looked down out of heaven, said, "David, you're a man after My own heart."

And his wife got all puffed up about it, and what happened? She was barren the rest of her life; God put a curse on her. "Cursed is any man that'll touch God's anointed. Don't touch My anointed." That's right. "For it'd be better for you that a millstone was hanged at your neck and drowned in the depths of the sea, then even to offend one of these little ones that believe in Me. And these signs shall follow them little ones that believe in Me."

That makes the distinction; that tells you whether you been at the conference or not. That's right. "These signs shall follow them." Oh, He's so good. There's no stopping place, is there? Let's finish this conference out.

(Having Conferences
June 8, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 12



I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah. (Psalms 77:1-3)



When your pastor prays for you, say, "Well, he must not be a man of God, or God would've heard his prayer." What about your faith? It's your faith that touches God, not altogether his prayer. You're obeying God's Word. And when you obey God's Word, God's under obligation to answer you, if you believe Him. It lays in you. Don't blame the other man. All right. God shows signs and wonders and miracles and everything, but look like the people don't get what it is.

A man come to me here not long ago. He said, "Brother Branham, I been to Freeman, I been to Roberts, I been to Ogilvie, I been to all of them. They can't do me no good. I come to you."

I said, "You're just as bad off now as you ever was. You've gone to the wrong person. Go to Christ." Amen.

What you fool around with man? Man can't do nothing for you. He can preach the Word; he can show His signs of what God give him. But he can't heal you; God has to heal you. That's right. You believe that's the truth? It is the truth, friends. That's right.

Well, your pastor's as just as well to do that, or any elder of the church, as any other

man. That's right. He's got just as much right as any other man to do it. For the only thing you have to have, is faith in God. There you are.

**(Believest Thou This?
January 15, 1950)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 13



Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak. I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This is my infirmity: but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. (Psalms 77:4-12)



Amazing, a little boy, little bitty lad, didn't look over twelve years old (I don't see him here), had a little usher band on his arm, come up just now, and knocked on the window. I was setting there reading a Scripture. I'd been studying on a Scripture to preach on this afternoon, and I was looking through to be sure that I had the Scripture at the right place. And I'd had a few wrote down here, and I was checking them over. And this little boy come up, said, "Brother Branham, can I take your picture?"

And I said, "Yes, sir. You sure can," I said, "if your camera will stand it." So I got outside. He took my picture. I said, "You better examine it. It might be broke." And he just laughed, cute little fellow.

And he said, "I don't think it is."

And I said, "Well, I hope it's not." Then he turned and looked at me. I said, "Do you

live here?"

He said, "I do."

I said, "You sure got the most wonderful climate of anywhere I've ever been." And he said, "Thank you." He said, "Well, Brother Branham, I don't want to detain you; I know you're studying. And if I never meet you here again, I'll meet you at the other side." A little boy, was a little usher.

I thought "That's right." Yes.

Partings leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,

While sailing o'er life's solemn main,

A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,

In seeing, shall take heart again.

That's right. Let us see where we can come from; and make footsteps, that if there is a tomorrow those who come on will follow the footsteps. Let's be sure they lead straight to Calvary, 'cause that's the place. Thank you all again.

(To Take On The Whole Armour Of God -
July 1, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 14



Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God? Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast declared thy strength among the people. Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah. The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths also were troubled. The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook. Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known. Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. (Psalms 77:13-20)



God has a time and a reason for that time to fulfill all His work. God knows just exactly what He's going to do. We don't. We just have to receive it as He gives it to us. But He knows, and there's nothing going to go wrong with what He's planned to do. It's all has to come about. There has to be sometimes rugged and hard things to only bring out the real true nature of the object.

You know, rain is born in a jagged, ragged, lightning strowed, thundering skies. And if we didn't have rain, we wouldn't live. But you see what it takes to bring rain? Thunder, lightning, flashing, anger; and out of there comes rain.

A seed must die, rot, corrupt, smell, and go back to the dust of the earth in order to bring forth new life.

It takes the pounding of gold, turned over and over, back and forth, and pounded until all the dross is taken out of it. Not because it shines, 'cause iron pyrite, what is known

as fool's gold, shines like real gold; but you set them out to one side, you can hardly tell them apart; but put them together, you can tell it. And the beater always has to beat till he sees his own image reflecting in the gold.

And God sets a time and has a purpose for everything that He does. There's nothing happens just accidentally to those who love the Lord and are called according to His calling. See, we are predestinated. And everything works just right for that; because He cannot lie, and He said that was so, that everything has its time, its season, and it has its way; and God is behind every move. And sometimes you think that everything's going wrong. It's up to us. Those things are put upon us, trials and wonderings; it's testing to see how we will react on a action.

(The Reproach For The Cause Of The Word
December 23, 1962)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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June 15



Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children: That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments: And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God. (Psalms 78:1-8)



We're Christians. We're borned again. Our Kingdom is from above, from heaven. We're borned of a Spirit from up there. So we act like we're from up there, where they live holy, and righteous, and honest, and upright by one another, treat every man nice, and do everything they can to help one another. Not down here in this kind of conglomeration, just because you're American, that doesn't make you a Christian.

Mr. Bosworth one time on the platform asked a girl, said, "Are you a Christian?"

She said, "I'll give you to understand I burn a candle every night." Like that had anything to do with Christianity. But that's the way it is. See?

Oh, if we'd just take more time to tell our children Bible stories. I imagine I could go to this town and pick every little boy up in this town, and everyone of them can tell me who Davy Crockett was. And I bet there isn't twenty out of a hundred can tell me Who Jesus Christ was, and when He was born. That's right. Oh, sure.

That's just the American spirit moving through. That's all, see? And now, we find, that today that we've sowed to the winds and we're reaping a whirlwind. That's just exactly what we're doing.

Now, but we ought to be teaching our children about Christ.

Little John, his mother had taught him about God. And he said, "You know, look when the thing comes, when the thing comes to pass a well-trained child..."

"Bring up a child in the way that it should go. When it gets old, it'll not depart from it."

**(Be Not Afraid
March 11, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 16



The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle. They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law; And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them. Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap. In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire. He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths. He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.
(Psalms 78:9-16)



When I have faith that God is going to keep His Word, though I'm not healed at the present time, I know God has plenty of healing power, and I've got the faith to bring it to me. I'm just as happy with the faith that says, "You're going to get well." as you would be if you were sound and well at that minute. That makes no difference, because you've already possessed it. Faith is a substance, not a make belief. But you're holding, not in your hand, but in the possession of your heart, you have the purchase power of your healing.

Now, with this twenty-five cents, I might have to walk several miles to get the loaf of bread. But all the time when I'm walking, I'm getting weaker and weaker, but rejoicing all the time, because I know as soon as I arrive at the place, I'm going to have the bread. I may have to go over the hill, and down through the thicket, across the river, and over the stumps, and I may get so hungry before I get there, till I've even got cramps in my stomach. But I'm rejoicing all the time, just getting worse,

weaker, hungrier; I'm rejoicing, because I hold in my possession, the purchase power of that bread. And when a man really looks to God with unadulterated faith, that God is able to keep what He's promised, he can rejoice, no matter how sick he gets or how bad he suffers. All the hurting he is, or whether he's prayed for, or whether he isn't, it's a settled thing with that man, when he receives the faith.

There is an old proverb that I like to quote once in a while, and that's this: "A coward dies ten thousand deaths, when a hero never dies." A coward, he's always scared. He's running at every little thing. As we would call it, in the hunter's language, he's spooked all the time. He's afraid of every little shadow.

That's the way with a man who comes and professes that he has faith and is spooked at every little scarecrow the devil can put before him. Oh, my, he thinks, "Oh, I'm not any better. I'm just don't feel as well as I did yesterday." What difference does it make? If you've got real faith in your heart that God's going to keep His Word, all the hurts, and aches, and pains, and shadows will not amount to anything. You believe it in your heart. It's yours, and there's nothing can take it away from you. It's yours; it's a gift that God has given you, the blessed assurance that what you asked for, He's able to perform it, because He's promised it. There's real faith.

**(Have Faith In God
January 5, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness. And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust. Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation: Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven, And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full. He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven: and by his power he brought in the south wind. He rained flesh also upon them as dust, and feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea: And he let it fall in the midst of their camp, round about their habitations. (Psalms 78:17-28)



What we love, each other, is not because that we're somebody; but it's the Christ in one another that we love. You see? It's the God that's in our beings, that we love. Now, we love to come together as we used to sing the old hymn:

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred mind

Is like to that Above.

See, the fellowship of kindred mind is like of that Above.

Before our Father's throne,

We pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,

Our comforts and our cares.

Yes, sir. When one's had a blessing, we're all happy about it. When one's sad, we're sad with him. We want to all be together. Now, that's the way we're supposed to be.

And that's the way Israel was supposed to be. But it become burdensome, "Oh, this old light bread. Angels bread. Well, what do we care about this old light bread? Our souls loatheth this stuff. And everything's wrong. And this old manna that falls out every night, why, we'd rather have some garlic and leek out of Egypt." You see, their hearts wasn't ready for the journey.

And when a man or a woman begins to complain about going to church, they get so tired of going to church, they're not ready for the journey. That's right. There's something wrong somewhere.

(The Ever-Present Water From The Rock
July 23, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 18



So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire; They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel. For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works. Therefore their days did he consume in vanity, and their years in trouble. When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer. Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. (Psalms 78:29-39)



So then that process of time, there's where the great falling away come in Israel. When this great crowding-in time, then the people began to fall away from one side to the other. Then in their chatting, "Well, we wish we were back down in Egypt. Our souls loatheth this light bread." In other words, if I'd take it historically now, that's what they said.

Now, in the modern day, it would be, "Oh, every Wednesday night, prayer meeting. Every Sunday morning, back to the church. What do we hear? The same thing; the preacher stand up and preach; songs; go on back." See, then you're just going as a line of duty. You're not a worshipper. A worshipper goes there to worship, to express

hissself before his God, to praise God for His goodness; to every Word, he hangs onto it.

Just like a love affair. If you was going with a girl because you knew it was a duty, or you going with a boy, when you were young. "Mama wants me to go with this guy, but I just can't stand him." You don't get nothing of him coming to see you. Or, if it's the same way about the girl to the boy, or boy to the girl. You go with her, she bores you; mama wants you to go with her because she's the type of girl that mama likes. See, it bores you; there's no love affair. But you don't care; you don't want to clean up; you don't want to go see her. Why, it's a horrible thing. And when he's coming to see you, my, you just wish he'd hurry on, go home. That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.

But when you really hang onto every Word, as the Spirit gave you warning this morning, "Hanging onto every Word." That might be what He has been talking to you about, holding on. It's Eternal Life, every Word of God. It's a joy to go to church, under any circumstance. Whether it's hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they're doing, it's still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. Then you're in love then with Christ; you love to go to church.

(The Ever-Present Water From The Rock
July 23, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 19



How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan: And had turned their rivers into blood; and their floods, that they could not drink. He sent divers sorts of flies among them, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, and their labour unto the locust. He destroyed their vines with hail, and their sycamore trees with frost. He gave up their cattle also to the hail, and their flocks to hot thunderbolts. He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath, and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them. (Psalms 78:40-49)



Look, here's what they had done. They had left the garlic pots of Egypt to eat Angel's food and was complaining. Could you think of it? Yes, we see it. They had also; they had left the muddy waters of Egypt to drink from that spiritual Rock, still complaining about it. They had left the boasting physicians of Egypt, that boasted how great they were, to be with the great Physician that even their clothes didn't get threadbare, and there wasn't a feeble one among them when they come from the wilderness, still complaining. And then they'd also left the people that said the days of miracles is past, to be with the people that's got signs following the believers. Now, isn't that just the same today. You come up out of that old cold formal stuff, got the Holy Ghost, and God fills you with goodness, and you're drinking from that fountain that never runs dry, and all them things there, joy unspeakable and full of glory, and then go to complaining. Just the same thing. First thing you know, you're

bypassed off out into the desert. That's the way God does it. It's just that way. God doesn't do it; the people does it themselves. Their own carnal thinking does it.

They had seen ten powerful miracles performed down in Egypt: flies, lice, fire, death angel. All they had seen in Egypt. All these great miracles that they'd seen God do, and were still carnal thinkers. And then they saw the Red Sea, that was laying in the path of duty. They were on their road marching then, come out, there was a Pillar of Fire before them, and they marched on to the Red Sea. And when they got there, right in the line of duty laid an obstacle. And first thing you know, fear struck them, and they didn't know what to do.

That's the way people does today, when fear strikes them when they're right in the path of duty. Listen, brother, let me say this: If you're walking in the light, having fellowship with God, with His people, and the Holy Spirit is upon you, and you meet an obstacle right in the path of duty, don't stop, just keep pressing on. God will make a way through it. That's one of the greatest experiences of my life, is to see God. When I can't get over it, get under it, get around it, or anyway, God opens up a way and I go through it. Somehow or another His grace is sufficient to carry us through it.

**(Speak To The Rock And It Shall Give Forth His Water
July 23, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 20



He made a way to his anger; he spared not their soul from death, but gave their life over to the pestilence; And smote all the firstborn in Egypt; the chief of their strength in the tabernacles of Ham: But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies. And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased. He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies: But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow. For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images. (Psalms 78:50-58)



How many knows that the Israelites provoked God with their unbelief? They murmured. God walked right down there and when he got out, the first thing they got in trouble. Here was this Pillar of Fire above them. I don't know whether they all saw it or not. At least Moses saw it, and it was above them and they watched it. Say if they didn't see it; I don't know whether they did or not; it went before them; the Bible said it was there.

It said the Star went before the wise men. Nobody saw it but the wise men. It went over every observatory. They kept time by the stars. No one saw it but the wise men. It was for them to see it, and the wise men was who the Star was sent for.

And the Pillar of Fire was sent to Moses, and Moses was sent to the children of Israel. And they was supposed to follow Moses. They could see Moses, and Moses saw the Light. There they went, them, they were leading. And as they went out, they come to the Red Sea. And they never see no more signs of miracles and things taking place while they were still down in the old land of Egypt. But when they got out there in their journey (just converted and brought out), then the first thing you know, they got in trouble. God loves to bring you in trouble. He loves to put trouble down and see what you'll do about it. So He just stopped up the Red Sea, and the first thing you know, marched them right out into this place, then sent Pharaoh after them. See how God likes to do it? He loves to display His power and love. He's God, and He just loves to show you Who He is. Amen. And the trouble of it is, today, people say, "Oh, them days is past." No. How can God display Himself, when you're taught such stuff as that? But God loves to manifest Himself.

Here come the children of Israel walking in the Light, Moses going on before them. There they was: "Come on, this is the way. God's calling; we're going out. We're going to the promised land. Oh, Hallelujah." Here they all was, shouting and jumping and having a good time, you know. And the first thing you know, they looked back and said, "Oh, what's that dust?" One of them climbed up on a hill and said, "Oh, oh. Alas, alas. It's Pharaoh's army." God said, "What you so scared about? Didn't you believe what I did down there? What you so worried about? Why do you make Me angry?"

When they got down there, Moses went out and interceded to God. God just opened up the Red Sea and they walked across; closed the enemy in. That's the way God does it. Don't get scared. Don't get all excited. Don't be flusterated. You provoke God.

(Hebrews, Chapter Three
September 1, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel: So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men; And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand. He gave his people over also unto the sword; and was wroth with his inheritance. The fire consumed their young men; and their maidens were not given to marriage. Their priests fell by the sword; and their widows made no lamentation. Then the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, and like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine. And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts: he put them to a perpetual reproach. (Psalms 78:59- 66)



One time in Chicago, not long ago, a friend of mine was standing there when one of the Dillinger outfit, or whatever it was, shot down on the street. People gathered up by the hundreds, and they stood all around. But, they, what did they do? Where that blood was spread out on the street, and that bullet hole, everybody walked around that blood. They wouldn't step in their fellowman's blood. Oh, no, sir. They're very suspicious of that. But they'll walk right through the Blood of Jesus Christ. This old saying is still true, "Fools will walk with hobnailed shoes where Angels fear to trod." That's right. They'll walk right over it, say, "The days of miracles is passed. That was all right for the apostles, but not for us." Oh, my, how can you say it? You're tramping under the foot the Blood of Jesus Christ wherewith you were sanctified with. Oh, my, think of the Blood on our hands.

I think about long ago, a few weeks ago, when we thought it couldn't happen in our nation. What about this fellow Oswald, setting there in that cell, sweating it out, if he's in his right mind?

And I think of a man that would listen to this tape, or setting present here anywhere, and listen to the message a proving, sweating it out, knowing that you got to come to judgment and answer to the Word of God, answer to the Blood of Jesus Christ, which you've been introduced to on your hands, on our hands.

Notice Oswald setting there, what an awful thing I guess it was, when he thought that he would face a angry Supreme Court with the anger of murdering their President. There would be no mercy. Any evidence they could get against him, it'd be crammed against him. Fingerprints, gun, place he was at, all would be brought before him.

That's a mild thing to what it's going to be to people who set in these meetings and watch Jesus Christ rise in the form of His Being, and identify Himself, and you walk out without accepting Him, holding to some little creed, or something that you call petty. That'll be a mild thing, when you set in the Presence of angry God, you who have tramped the Blood of His Own Son, and crucified Him afresh in your mind, swapped your birthrights for a popularity. It's going to be a terrible thing on that day. It'll be a horrible thought. How can you set in that sweat cell? You natives in Africa, you in Australia, Sweden, Switzerland, you listening to this tape, how you going to answer in the day of judgment, when I've been in your nations and you've seen the identification of Jesus Christ rising among the people and proving Himself?

**(What Shall We Do With This Jesus Called Christ?
January 26, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 22



Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever. He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands. (Psalms 78:67-72)



David, all Jesse's seven sons, he was the last one to be brought before the prophet. Why, even his own folks could've laughed, they couldn't imagine a little ruddy-looking David, a little stoop-shouldered, ruddy-looking man to be the man that would be the king of Israel. He might not have looked like a king to those people, but he sure must've looked like it to God, 'cause He anointed him King anyhow. See, He took the simple of David's family, or of Jesse's family, to make kings. Something that the world had turned down, He turned or sent him back to take care of the sheep. He brought forth his first son, a great strong stately-looking man, probably could stand erect and look like a king of Israel, and that's the one they thought would look good with a crown on his head; that's the one wear the kingly garment and could pack the staff, and whatever must be done to a king. He looked good to the eyes of the people.

But the prophet with the anointing oil in his hand, said, "Haven't you got another one?" And he brought them one by one, until finally he said, "Haven't you got another one?" He said, "I've got one, but perhaps he wouldn't be nothing. He's just a little dried up sort of a fellow; we got him out there herding sheep."

He said, "Go get him." And as soon as he fell in the eyes of the anointed prophet, he poured the oil upon his head, and run to meet; he said, "This is the one God chose." See, it's not tinsel always of the world. It's God's choosing.

By grace He chose us, so we're grateful for that this morning. And it doesn't take those great tinsel things of the world. The humblest can be a servant of Christ: takes somebody who's willing.

**(Why Little Bethlehem?
December 14, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 23



O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps. The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth. Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them. We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us. How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place. (Psalms 79:1-7)



How many ever read the little vision that the Christian Business Men's magazine published, and I believe a few more magazines, of looking apast the curtain of time? Now, that is true, friends. You can't afford to miss that. I've been a different person since then. I know that it's real. So I just trust that none of you will miss that great heaven that God has for believers. If you do, what have you accomplished here on earth? 'Cause you don't know what time you're going to have to leave this world. But you know one thing, you're sure going to have to leave it. So if that is true, then wouldn't we be most foolish to try to get just as... We can't afford to take any kind of a chance. See? Just remember. Believe God's Word, and every promise in it.

Just think. What caused every sickness, every heartache, every death, every trouble, every sorrow, this little spastic child, all these things, cripples, blind, every hospital to be built? Because one person just misbelieved one little part of the Word. That was Eve. Satan just coated it to her, not quoted, but coated it to her, said, "Surely the

Lord's too good..."

You hear so much today about being God being a good God. He is a good God. But remember, He's a God of holiness, a God that cannot overlook sin. The penalty has been paid for, and you've got to accept it on His grounds. And remember, He's a God of anger, a God of wrath. And you'll stand before an angry God, not just a God of goodness and mercy. Tonight He's your Saviour. That day He's your Judge. So be sure that you don't leave one thing undone, friend. It don't pay. Don't just haphazardly go at it. Be sure, double sure, 'cause you don't get another chance. This is your only chance while you're here on earth.

**(The Voice Of The Sign
March 21, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 24



O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed. Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou those that are appointed to die; And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord. So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations. (Psalms 79:8-13)



One time up in Kentucky, up in the mountain country where I come from, I was preaching. And early in the afternoon I was preaching on hellfire and brimstone for the unbeliever. There was an old logger setting back there, and I said, "All you drunkards (and he was one)," I said, "you better repent. Get right with God."

There'd been a fellow come in the night before that was cutting corn, and he had a big nail sticking in his overalls. He said, "We'll go up there (I'd been preaching for about a year)," said, "we'll throw that little preacher out the window."

So he come at the door. Someone come told me, said, "That's the roughest bunch there is around here." Standing there, great big, burly-looking fellow, his arms crossed, beard hanging on his face, about thirty years old: oh, he was a mean-looking man. And he kept looking at me. I just kept preaching right on, "Repent or perish."

He stayed a little too long. The Holy Spirit got a hold of him. He fell in the floor; he couldn't get to the altar quick enough. He come with his hands up over his head crying, "God, be merciful to me."

The next night his little child set back there. His little girl handed me a little bunch of flowers when I come in the door. She said, "Brother Bill, we've got a new daddy at home. I want to show you that I love you for coming up here, and letting Jesus make a new daddy for us."

**(Letting Off The Pressure
June 9, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 25



Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh stir up thy strength, and come and save us. Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people? Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure. Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves. Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. (Psalms 80:1-7)



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.

And oh, how this city, wading in sin, how our nation today, wading in sin. We just think because that we are Presbyterians, or Baptists, or Pentecostals, or something, that's all God requires. He requires justice, and that's the only thing that His law will recognize, is justice. He's no respect of denomination.

In the book of Acts, the 10th chapter and the 35th verse, the prophet said, "I perceive that God is no respect of nation or person, but will accept such as will serve Him in righteousness." No matter what church you belong to, God expects you to respect Him. And He wants you to serve Him in righteousness. If we fail to take them the Gospel, then God will judge them according to the knowledge that they had and how respectable they was to it. Oh, blessed be His Name.

(The Handwriting On The Wall -
March 9, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 26



Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it. Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land. The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars. She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river. Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her? The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it. Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine; And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself. It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance. Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself. So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name. Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved. (Psalms 80:8-19)



Then David goes to our text, Psalms 80 and 7; he said, "You plucked up the vine out of Egypt, and You brought it out and planted it in a good place." That was Israel, God's people that was in Egypt. They were a good vine. They were God's chosen. But if a good vine isn't set in good ground, it will not bring forth good fruits. It depends on where the vine is planted will determinate the results of the crop. So God picks up Israel out of a barren ground.

It's something like today. We've got in the land many great and fine believers, and they are mixed in all denominational churches. They come from different

denominations and different walks of life. That's why in my ministry, I have never tried at anytime to run down any certain person, or any certain denomination; because in them all is good people. They are God's called and chosen people.

Could you have condemned Israel while it was in Egypt? They just got off on the wrong foot, and their sins had separated them from God, and they were planted in Egypt.

That's the way many people are in churches today: good people, just planted in the wrong place. Now, if a real believer is brought to Christ, and he's planted in some great denomination that doesn't believe in miracles, and signs, and wonders of the Lord. That person may be a genuine Christian, and a Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Jehovah Witness, something else. In that church, a genuine Vine of God, but the denominational creeds cuts off the Life of that Vine. They can't bear its fruit.

And usually, what fruits you get off of a vine that's stunted or not in good ground, is bad fruits. It'll come forth like apples and be knotty and worm eaten. It becomes a subject for all insects. A good healthy vine doesn't even have to be sprayed. It's healthy enough to throw off all of its enemies.

So is it with a borned again Christian. You don't have to be spraying them all the time and patting them on the back. They're spiritually healthy enough to throw off all of the scandal of the world. They are living off of the true nourishment.

(Planting The Vine And Where To Plant It
September 20, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



Year Bible Reading Plan | **Daily Reading:** Deuteronomy 10, Psalm 23, Jeremiah 49:1-22, Acts 10:29..



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Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: where I heard a language that I understood not. I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots. Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah. (Psalms 81:1-7)



Say we're going to a dance. One man standing up and saying, "Well now..." He don't know about whether he wants to dance or not. And this girl over, and she this, that... And the music playing, "Nearer, My God, To Thee," huh, what an atmosphere for a dance. Well, that's not any different than what a lot of atmospheres... you go into church for a service of God, just that contrary. Right.

The only thing to bring the right atmosphere then for the dance is to put on your old music that makes dances, and everybody get thinking what a good time they're going to have dancing and so forth, and they'll be having a big whoop-uping time. Put the right kind of a music on the piano, the organ, and everybody in the atmosphere that Jesus Christ is there and going to meet everything that they have need of, something will go to taking place: atmosphere. But that's the hardest thing there is to do. And that is to get people in that atmosphere, the atmosphere of worship, the atmosphere of believing.

**(The Supernatural -
January 29, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 28



Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me; There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any strange god. I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it. But my people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me. So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust: and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee. (Psalms 81:8-16)



They needed food to live on. God rained food down out of heaven, manna, type of the Holy Ghost. Every morning they went out and picked it up. It was good. They eat it. It taste like honey. They would just lick their lips and eat it.

I tell you, this Holy Ghost that rains now, which that was a type of and this is the Antetype, it taste like honey. That's right. I seen the saints of God so drunk upon it till they licked their lips, say, "Um, um, so good." There's something about honey. That's right. David, the Psalmist in the Bible. He talked about the honey. And he was a shepherd. The shepherd used to carry a little scrip bag. In there they had honey in it. And when their sheep would get sick, they would put that honey all on a rock, a limestone rock. And those sick sheep would go to licking on that rock. And when they did, licking off the honey... Hallelujah. Glory. Just lick on it. That's right.

Listen brother, let me tell you. I'll put it on Christ, and not some church either. It'll go on Christ where it belongs on. Lick on Him. Hallelujah. They need healing, if there's any virtue, if there's any power, if there's any praise, it belongs to Him. Amen. That's right. On Christ, the solid Rock. The Rock, the rock played a big part in it too.

A long time ago when they used to have the rock. They used to be people getting bit by a mad dog. They'd take and stick them to a mad stone. If they stuck, they got well. If they didn't stick, they died. The worst mad dog I know of is the devil. That's right. And the only cure I know is the Rock of Ages. Stick to it. Hold on, God will take care of it.

Little boy here in the wheelchair, you blind sir, you laying on the cot, hold to God's unchanging hand. The devil might have bit you, but there's enough drawing power in the Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee. Hallelujah. The devil can't get you when you're hid in there.

Stick with it. Hold on to it. Don't let it away from you. No matter how many symptoms appear, how many this, that, or the other, hold to it. Stay there until the healing power has drawn all the disease from you. That's right. He will do it.

(Believest Thou This? - January 15, 1950br>November 30, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 29



God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. (Psalms 82:1-8)



Now, this may just choke you to death. But did you know that men that are sons of God are amateur gods? How many ever knowed that? How many knows that Jesus said so? The Bible, Jesus said, "Did not your law say itself that you are gods? And if you call them gods..." Which, God said in Genesis 2 that they were gods, because they had full domain over the dominion of the world. He give him dominion over all things. And he lost his godship; he lost his sonship; he lost his domain; and Satan took it over. But, brother, we are waiting for the manifestations of the sons of God, who'll come back and take it over again. Waiting for the fullness of time, when the pyramid gets up to the top, when the full sons of God will be manifested, when the power of God will walk out (Hallelujah.) and will take every power that Satan's got away from him. Yes, sir, it belongs to him.

He's the Logos that went out of God; that is true; that was the Son of God. Then He made man that little god. And He said, "If they call those who the Word of God came to, the prophets, if they call them gods who the Word of God came to..." And God

said so Himself that they were gods. He told Moses, "I made you a god, and made Aaron your prophet." Amen. Whew. I may act like a religious crank, but I'm not. Oh, when your eyes can come open and see those things. All right. He made man a god, a god in his domain. And His domain goes from sea to sea, from shore to shore. He has the control of it.

And when Jesus came, being the one God without sin, He proved it. When the winds blowed, He said, "Peace, be still." Amen. And when the tree, He said, "No man eat from thee." "Verily, I say unto you, you, that's little gods, if you'll say to this mountain, 'be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you've said."

Go right back to Genesis, to the original; what is it? Now, the world and nature is groaning, crying; everything's a moving what? For the manifestation of the sons of God, when true sons, born sons, filled sons speak and their word is backed. I believe we're on the border of it right now. Yes, sir. Say to this mountain, let it be so.

(Adoption #4 - May 22, 1960
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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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June 30



Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. (Psalms 83:1-8)



I was thinking, the remark that I made the last time I was here. I said, "This is a ring where the people wrestle and fight." I remember; I used to have that kind of sport myself. I used to box. I won the bantam weight championship of the three states, and wasn't defeated. I just give it up to preach the Gospel. But I tell you, I got a greater fight now, than I ever had in my life. I ain't fighting my buddy; I'm fighting the devil just as hard as I can.

And I always remember the different techniques, and way to watch, and the different things from the guard, and so forth in boxing. And you have to certainly be on your toes when you're fighting this great enemy that we have now.

So I'm certainly happy to... Have nothing against the arenas and sports, and when it's clean, it's a very fine thing. I just don't listen to them or nothing, because it was in my blood, so I just keep away from it.

But I got such a great fight now, and such an awful enemy. And this fellow is not my buddy; he's my enemy, the devil. But I'm so thankful that I got so much setting around. Faith, what it takes to defeat this enemy. And God will grant it.

**(Elijah And Elisha
March 4, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 1



Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth. (Psalms 83:9-18)



Every time when you start to make a march for God, look out you're headed for trouble. The devil's going to lay right along the path there to get every foot in he can get in. He will trip you, upset you, do everything mean. He's a devil. Oh, I just love to pour the Scripture on him, don't you? Yes, sir. Say, "It's written in the Word of the Lord." That's right. God said so.

The devil hates me, and I know he hates you too. And he's my enemy. But as long as God's my friend I don't have no fear of him. I just drive him right on back, take the Word of God and move him right on back out of the place that he thinks he's a holding. He hasn't got no strongholds. He's absolutely legally defeated in every place.

The devil hasn't got one legal right at all nowhere. He's just a devil, and a password that's all. He hasn't got no legal right to any man that'll accept the promise of Jesus

Christ. He's whipped. Yes, sir. He's whipped in sickness; he's whipped in disappointments; he's whipped in everything. He's whipped in death. He can't scare me; he can't scare you. That's all he is a big old shadow.

**(Speak To The Rock
November 15, 1953)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 2



How amiable are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah. Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them. Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools. They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. (Psalms 84:1-7)



Now, we ought to come to church with the highest of reverence. We ought to enter the church like real saints of God, walk over and take our position, and keep our minds on Christ. We ought to forsake everything of the world, like that. And if you are really born again... (This may cut now just a little bit, but you know this is the house of correction.) If you're really born of the Spirit of God, that's where your heart lays anyhow. Your thoughts is anchored yonder. See? Jesus said, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life. He that heareth My Words and believeth..."

Now, if you're believing right... If you just confess it with your lips, it don't do much good. But from your heart, if you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, you can't live the same life you once lived. You can't, if you ever get a true view of Calvary. Now, if you're just taking just a haphazard way, you're just fooling yourself.

But when you really get a view of what Jesus was... Oh, my, how I like to preach the Deity, the supreme Deity of Jesus Christ. If you could ever realize Who He was, and what He did for you men and women, your hearts would rend within you, and you'd be willing to throw away the trash of the world to live for Him. Oh, how marvelous, and what a Person He was. If you realize the condescending of God Himself, unfolding Himself, coming down till He could get into your heart.

**(Law Or Grace
October 6, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 3



O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah. Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee. (Psalms 84:8-12)



Now, we know that the Bible said in Saint John 5:19, Jesus said, "I do nothing except the Father shows Me first what to do." And now, God had to show Him then what to do, or He'd never left Bethany. So He went out about a day's journey or two, and by and by, Lazarus got sick. And they sent for Jesus to come. But instead of coming, Jesus just ignored the call. Now, would it not make you feel strange if the pastor did that? It would make you feel like, "Well, he doesn't care about us." But oh, if you would just stop a minute to remember this, "That all things work together for good to them that love God." Nothing in the world can go wrong as long as you're in God. "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord." And then they sent again for Jesus. And He seemingly ignored their call and just went right on. After four days passed, He said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth. And for your sake I'm glad I wasn't there." For if He'd have been there, they'd have been trying to get Him to do something that wasn't the will of God.

Oh, how I could stop here for a moment. How that many times with good intentions, people try to call people out of the will of God. A man should know his absolute

calling. You should know what you're doing. And with not just a haphazard way, or let money pull you from one place to another or popularity do it. No matter how popular you are or how rich you are, you should always first seek God to know His plan and His will.

Now, when Lazarus was sick, it seemed strange that He would not go back. But Jesus said, "I'm glad I wasn't there." 'Cause they'd been persuading Him, saying, "Now, why don't You come on over here? Won't You do this." And "Why don't You raise him up? You raised others." But Jesus knew better. Jesus knew what the Father's will was. And, oh, what a blessed privilege it is that we can know the Father's will. If we will seek God, God will make known His will. I'd rather know that I was in the will of God if I never spoke to another person, then to preach to ten thousand people every night out of the will of God; I'd rather know the will of God. I believe that it was David that said, "I'd rather be a doormat (or something), at the house of My Lord, than to dwell in tents with wickedness." What a privilege to find our place and there abide. No matter how the devil shakes, what he says, or how he scoffs, stay right straight in the will of God.

(hen Jesus Came
April 7, 1957)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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July 4



LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah. Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger. Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease. Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations? Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation. (Psalms 85:1-7)



How many remembers the Star hanging down here at the Ohio River, many years ago. Here's a picture of it here yet, when He come down. Said, "Your Message will go forth as a forerunner for the second coming, just like John went forth as a forerunner for the first coming." And look, around the world has swept a revival. Tens of thousands times thousands and thousands, and a great revival.

All the legalists, and all the different ones around over the country, and the big churches said the Billy Sunday days are over. But when they seen the church begin to revive (the common people), they had to save their face. Charles Fuller would've took the place, but he was too old; so they went with Billy Graham. And God took Billy Graham, or the Baptist church did, and they all got around him. And Billy Graham's not half the preacher that Brother Neville is, so as far as being a preacher, not by no means. But what is it? They had to do it; it's organism, and everybody right around it, gathering around. Billy says the same thing. See, they had to do it. And it had to be done to fulfill the Word of God. They didn't have the Spirit to rally around, so they had to take the Word to rally around; so they did. And Billy's a Word preacher, and a

dandy, and they rallied around; so that put all of the cold formalists in their rally. And the supernatural Being, with Divine healing, and powers and workings and so forth, by the miracles of God, put the church, the raptured Bride that's got the oil in her lamp, put her in a revival. And the cold formal church had its revival. And here's Israel turning with their revival.

I've got a film up there in my house right now, "Three Minutes Till Midnight." And we got a picture of those Jews coming in. You seen it in "Look" magazine. And the ships, loaded, coming from way down in Iran and down there, them Jews never did even know that Jesus was ever on the earth. They went down there in the carrying away of Babylon. That's all they ever knowed. You seen it in "Life" and them, where they'd plow with old wooden instruments. And when they seen those airplanes coming in, they thought, "This is it," 'cause God told them they'd be down there, and would be carried back to Jerusalem on the wings of eagles. That's right. There they are. And the Jew said, "This is it." They stepped right on, and we got their pictures with their own voice, and interviewed them; coming from all over the world, some of them packing their old ones on their back, and them blind and crippled. And they getting off the ships from all different parts of the world, coming in.

And they begin to pick up rocks in sacks, off the ground; and today they've found fountains of water; she's the most greatest agricultural country in the world. The Dead Sea holds more riches than all the rest of the world put together. The Jews are returning back; it's been hid from the Gentiles; but they're blossoming like a rose.

(Questions And Answers On Hebrews #2
October 2, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 5



I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps. (Psalms 85:8-13)



Oh, isn't He wonderful? Isn't He good? Oral Roberts says, "He's a good God." He really is. He's a good God, then He's the God of wrath; He's the God of judgment. I'm so glad that there's a fountain open in the house of God tonight for a cleanliness: all the unclean can be clean. Aren't you glad of that? So glad, so glad, my brethren, my sisters, so glad that it is. Oh, my. I just love to feel this kind of a feeling.

I remember one time when I was a young boy. There was a minister's sister. I had a date with her. And she said, "Where will we go tonight, Billy?"

And I said, "Well, let's just go out and ride around some where."

She said, "Let's go to a movie."

I said, "I don't go to movies."

She said, "Well, there's a dance down at the Odd Fellows Hall."

I said, "I don't go to dances."

She said, "Now, you said you didn't smoke; you didn't drink; you didn't dance; you don't go to movies." Said, "What do you like to do for a pastime?"

"Oh," I said, "I like to fish, and hunt, and things like that." But that didn't interest her.

And she said, "Where do you get any joy?"

"Oh," I said, "the joy of the Lord is my joy." See?

And a few nights after that, I was in the tent meeting. Started... And the girl was there. And I made an altar call, and souls swarmed up around that altar. I seen her setting back there crying. I said, "Come here, Helen." And she came up to where I was. I said, "You want to know what joy I have?" I said, "This is worth more to me than all the movies and all the dances." I said, "It's the joy of the Lord; it's a peace that passes understanding. I know that someday I'll meet these people in glory. They'll all be saved and be over there; and that's the joy I have." She took a hold of my hand. She said, "Billy, let me have that joy too."

I said, "Just take your place right here. No matter what Elsworth said, stand right here." And there was bracelets on her hands, and rings, and things. Raised her hands in the air, and began screaming and shouting and praising God. God saved her and sanctified her that night. And oh, I know her brother come to me, and was just bawling me out about it.

Said, "You made a fanatic out of my sister." We were standing on a street corner, and she got out of the car, and come walking up there.

She said, "I believe it the way Billy preaches it." Amen. That old fashion Gospel, she

said, "I've got a peace in here I never had before, and I been a church member since the cradle roll."

**(Watchman, What Of The Night?
July 22, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 6



Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy. Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee. Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily. Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee. Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone. (Psalms 86:1-10)



Now, during this time this fine man [Jehoshaphat], because that he had looked over and seen a bright side there, before considering God, he joined himself with this unbeliever. And wish I had time to dwell on this tonight. A many good Christian heart has done the same thing when they built a new church in the community, that outshined the old country church, a little, you used to go to. And perhaps, you thought a little better class of people went down there, and left the old fashion church that you once belonged to, went down and joined yourself up with that. You get into the same trouble that this Jehoshaphat did.

Anyhow, they united their forces together. And watch when a believer gets out of contact with his Maker. They fixed up their compass for seven days and went out into the wilderness, taking the King of Edom with them to meet this great company of the Moabites out there. Now, they went off in such a hurry, without even considering

God. And when they found out the seven days was up, well, their water supply was cut off. They didn't have any water to drink. And there they was out there with their cattle, and with their animals, and their water supply was cut off. And looks like that it was just about the end for them.

Now, that's what we do. Sometimes we go off on a tantrum somewhere and not think about God, not pray over it, ask the Lord whether we should do it or not, and we find out that our supply of blessings is cut off. Then we wonder sometime, "Well, wonder why I can't have no more blessings." You don't watch, you let down in your prayer life. You say, "Well, I'm a Christian." Well, that's the more sign you should pray, more than ever. Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Don't make any decisions too harshly or too quickly, without first considering God about it. Ask Him, "Shall I do this, Father?" Ask Him, "Is it Your will for me to do this?" Then see what the Holy Spirit will speak to you. He might not give you a vision, but He will speak in some way to you, to let you know, if you'll be sincere and ask Him.

**(he Prophet Elisha
July 23, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 7



Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them. But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid. Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me. (Psalms 86:11-17)



There's two ways a man can go: and that's his way or God's way, and that's the right way or the wrong way. And your way is always the wrong way, and God's way is the right way. And you can't be in your own way and in God's way at the same time, so you got to get out of your own way so God can have His way in you. That's right. God makes a provided way.

Man has always wanted to make his own way. In the garden of Eden, God made a man so he didn't have to shift for nothing. God made him perfect, but man wanted his own way. He wanted to tamper. He wanted to find out. And then as soon as he fell, (we've went through that this week, in the studies of the Scripture), he made himself a religion. He didn't wait for God to make him one. He made one hisself, but he found out that his religion, his covering, wouldn't work. That's always been man. He wants his own way. But God had a way. So man made fig leaves and put them over him,

him and his wife, but when he come down to face God, he found out that wouldn't work.

And I tell you, friends, there's been a many a man, and is tonight, that's coming down to the end of the road, will find out that that little shallow religion that you're holding onto won't work. Nothing short of being borned again will work. Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and Spirit, he will in no wise enter into the Kingdom." No wise, no matter if he's Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, whatever he is, he will not enter in until he's born of water and Spirit. "Born" means he's "changed." He has to die before he can be born. So you got to die to yourself, be reborn again in Christ Jesus.

(God's Way That's Been Made For Us
September 1, 1952)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 8



His foundation is in the holy mountains. The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah. I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there. And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee. (Psalms 87:1-7)



So you see, in the Scripture we've got a Jerusalem (the church has); it's in heaven, a heavenly Jerusalem where God is God. And today, it's not under some creed or something that we try to make it a Jerusalem. The Methodists would like to make the Methodist headquarters at Jerusalem; the Catholic like to make Rome. And the different places where we have our headquarters, we'd like to make that our Jerusalem. But the Bible says that our Jerusalem is from above, which is mother of all the believers.

Now, and Christ is God's provided Lamb. Notice how appropriate it was now, showing that that Jerusalem was ceasing. When? It was in effect until that hour; the blood of the lamb was all right until that day. But now, at the crucifixion it changes. The old system is done. There was a new one, and the Lamb was at the sacrifice. The Lamb, the sacrificial Lamb, was on the grounds. They were condemning and doing the very thing there that they had to do. That's right.

God be blessed for seeing this wonderful, heavenly Light in this last day, because the churches is doing the same thing today. Until the hour that organization religion is condemned and proved to be sacrificing Christ's Word, from then on comes the Word and the Word only. The old paschal lamb passed away, and Christ become our Lamb at the day of the crucifixion. And the day that the denomination crucified the Word of God and accepted a creed in the stead of the Word, that's the day the Word come into full effect. That's just been recently.

**(he Indictment
July 7, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 9



O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: Let my prayer come before thee: incline thine ear unto my cry; For my soul is full of troubles: and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. Selah. (Psalms 88:1-7)



Now, to every believer, born-again child of God, when death comes stealing to the door prematurely, the Angel of God stands between you and the sickness. Now, if you want to run right on to it, that's your business; but you don't have to. See? He's standing between you and death.

Twenty-three years ago in the Jewish Hospital, Dr. Morris Fletcher give me three hours; one of your best surgeons here in the city, give me three hours to live. I'm living tonight. Hallelujah. Why? By unmerited grace, the Angel of God stood between me and death to protect me, and I accepted it. And in gratitude, by God's grace, I want a half a million souls to Him, tonight.

Oh, how God knows how to do things, if we'll just follow. Don't try to lead God. Let God lead you. See? We are the ones to be led. I think that's why God likened us unto sheep. Did you ever see a sheep lost? Why, he's the most helpless critter in the world. He can't find his way nowhere. He just stand and bleats till the wolf eats him, or he

dies there. He can't find his way back.

And that's the way, that when a man is lost, he's totally helpless. There's nothing you can do about it. God, through grace, has to lead you to Christ. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except the Father draws him. And all that he draws, and comes, I'll give him Everlasting Life." What a promise.

**(Redemption In Completeness, In Joy
March 30, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 10



Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee. Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah. Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction? Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? But unto thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent thee. LORD, why castest thou off my soul? why hidest thou thy face from me? I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness. (Psalms 88:8-18)



Abraham, we found out, didn't obey God just right. Now, he made ready and had faith in the promise. But see, we can still have faith in the promise and then not obey, still it'll hinder us. Now, you can say, "I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe I should be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Now, no matter how much you believe, you've got to obey that commission. See? Just faith alone won't work, because faith without works is dead. That's right.

Just like the borderline believers. Got people today, you find, in the Bible it said, "For it is impossible for those which are once enlightened, and made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and fall away to renew themselves again unto repentance, seeing they crucify

to themselves the Son of God afresh, and count the Blood of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace."

Now, in Hebrews 10 it also says, "It's a fearful thing to fall in to the hands of the living God."

And those people... You've seen them come to church. They'll come and they'll say, "Oh, yes, I believe. Yes, sir."

They believe it, but they'll never lay their hands to it to turn one wheel to help it go on. See? Now, that's just like it was in the Bible. Like Caleb and Joshua come back with the evidence that they'd been over in the land. But those other believers, they said, "Oh, it's too great. We can't do it." But they hung along just the same. They never got to enter the promised land. Just those who come back with faith that we could.

Now, what if that group would've looked. Now, they said, "Why, the Amorites, and so forth, why, we look like grasshoppers to them."

Well, but you see, Caleb and Joshua stilled the people, because they wasn't looking at the Amorites, how big they were, how big the cities was, but they was looking at a promise. God said, "I give you the land. It's yours." Now, God give you your healing, each one of you. It's yours.

(El Shaddai
August 2, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 11



I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. (Psalms 89:1-4)



When Lot looked up, begin to look over towards the Jordan plains, he seen they were well watered. There was a big city there: Sodom, Gomorrah, many of the cities, plenty grass, a possibility of making him a few dollars. He chose that.

That's a way a many Lot did: a few dollars. When he was looking at the well watered plains, he didn't see his wife turning to a pillar of salt. He didn't see the fire that was going to destroy the city and part of his children. He didn't see the disgrace that his daughters was going to do because raising them up in a bunch of worldliness like they were raised in.

That's what you look at today, friends. It depends on what you're looking at as I taught the other night. We look at the unseen; we look at God's promise and call anything contrary to it as though it was not. That's Abraham's seed.

So Lot journeys himself and takes down to Hollywood, or some big place, you know, or a bigger church where they're little more classical people, you know, and just a little better educated preachers and so forth, you know. Oh, he felt he'd be all right, but he'd just go down there. You see?

He was on his road backsliding right then. "Well, you know, if I get away from Divine healing, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, why, maybe the better class of church will accept me." There's no better class than Jesus Christ. He was the One Who taught it. I'd rather take my lot with Him. Let the world go. Let every man's word be a lie and His be truth. Take your lot with Him. I've casted mine with Him thirty-one years ago. I've been preaching the Gospel thirty years. I'm not tired. I wish I had ten thousand lives to give for it, because I know it's the truth. That's right. Never get tired, it grows sweeter every day. He means more to me than He ever did now. 'Cause I love Him more, I know more of Him now, of His grace and mercy to me.

So it makes no difference what the others say; I've got my own self to answer for before God. And you got yourself to answer for before God: your attitude, your faith, not the faith in your church. You ought to have faith in your church. That's all right. You ought to stay with your denomination. That's all right. But first put your faith and trust in God. Be Abraham's children, not children of the church, until you become children of Abraham. You'll be an example and a credit to your church.

(The Faith Of Abraham
April 15, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 12



And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O LORD: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints. For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. (Psalms 89:5-14)



Let's close our eyes as it was, and take a trip a hundred million years before there was ever a star in the sky; there was God. God was there then.

And now look in the beginning, there I see that great space yonder. And then the Logos went out of God, which was the Christ, the anointing that went out. And now we're standing on a banister watching the creation come into existence, and see whether He was in His Son now. And there He come out. There was nothing. And then here come the Logos. That looked like a halo hanging yonder. No man has seen God at anytime now, eye to eye. And here's the Logos. Looks like it's a supernatural Being. It's a Halo. That's the Son of God. Not eternal Sonship, 'cause the words don't

go good together, that's Catholic doctrine, but eternal. How could it be a Sonship and be eternal? If He's a Son, he'd had to have a beginning of time. Eternal's forever. See? So eternal Sonship, there's no such a word to make that sensible.

But it was the Logos that went out of God. And there He was playing out there in space just like a child before the door. I can see Him draw the whole picture in His mind of the Kingdom and what it might be.

And then the first thing you know I hear Him say, "Let there be light." And when He did, an atom broke yonder, and the sun come into existence. I watch that sun burn for millions of years. The first thing you know went a clinker. He stood and watched it. And it flew, fell for a few million years; He stopped it. Then another one flew, and He stopped it. What? He was putting the solar system. He was writing His first Bible. The first Bible was written in the skies. Man looked up knowing that God was above.

Look at the Zodiac. It starts off with a virgin, ends up with Leo the lion: the first coming and second coming of Christ. Everything in the heavens declare Him. Everything in the earth declares Him. Everything around declares Him. His people declares Him. His Power declares Himself. His Son declared Him.

(Show Us The Father And It'll Satisfy Us
June 10, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 13



Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king. (Psalms 89:15-18)



Now, Brother Green and I first met, I believe that I can think of, I believe it was in Kansas City when we used to have the conventions out there. How I used to set out. They said, "Well, it ain't time to come on yet." But I'd wait out in my car, and I wanted to be sure to hear that singing, when he and Sister were singing.

So I told him out there, I said, "I trust that some of these days when I cross over the river..." I love singing so well, and I just can't sing; that's all. I've always wanted to sing, and I just can't do it. And I used to try to sing a song at the church, "Old-fashioned Meeting in an Oldfashioned Place," and I'd mess it all up. I'd just take my wife's hand when I got home, and I'd say, "Honey, I'll never try it again, so help me." I'd just get everybody else all messed up.

But one of these days I'm going to sing. And I've always thought, maybe over on the hillside, where the river of life runs down along by the throne, when that great choir of all the redeemed, those great voices will be on that hillside singing, I hope there's a little shade tree over on the other side. If you want to see me, just come around there. I'll be setting there listening at them.

But when you get over in your palace some morning, and walk out on the porch of

your palace, and way down somewhere down there, in the woods, there's a little shack built somewhere. Walk out on your porch and hear somebody singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound," you say, "Oh, Brother Branham made it, 'cause there he is. He finally got there." So I'll be able to sing then. Until then I just have to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Aren't we happy? We haven't got a thing to worry about, not a thing. We've anchored in Christ, setting in heavenly places, caught up in rapturing grace right now, setting in His Presence in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Death itself can't touch us: anchored away, nothing can bother us, just simply secured and waiting for His coming. And we're grateful for this.

(Perseverance
January 13, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 14



Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah. (Psalms 89:19-37)



That's the reason that woman cried, "Thou Son of David." And the Son of David, God swore to David that He'd raise up his son that would take his throne; it would be a everlasting throne. It'd have no end. Solomon give it in a type in the temple. And Jesus just told them here, that there won't be a rock left on one of them,

but He's trying to tell them here what? He's coming back.

"When are you coming back?"

"These things will take place before I come back." And here they are.

Now, we're at the time of the tribulation. Remember, when the Kingdom is set up on the earth. Now, this may be a little shocking, and if there's a question, and you still ask me, if you want to put the question up afterwards, 'cause I just hit it, if you don't already know it. In the time of the millennium, it's Israel that's a nation. The twelve tribes is a nation, but the Bride is in the palace. She's a Queen now. She's married. And all of the earth shall come into this city, Jerusalem, and shall bring the glory of it in there. And the gates will not be shut by night 'cause there won't be any night. See? The gates will always be open; and the kings of the earth (Revelations 22) bring their honor and glory into this city, but the Bride is in there with the Lamb.

**(The Sixth Seal
March 23, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. Thou hast broken down all his hedges; thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin. All that pass by the way spoil him: he is a reproach to his neighbours. Thou hast set up the right hand of his adversaries; thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice. Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not made him to stand in the battle. Thou hast made his glory to cease, and cast his throne down to the ground. The days of his youth hast thou shortened: thou hast covered him with shame. Selah. How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah. (Psalms 89:38-48)



He was setting with David. He said, "David, do all that's in your heart, for God is with you." I love that.

And that night the Lord appeared to His prophet and said, "Go, tell My servant, David, 'You was a little fellow, and I took you from the sheep cote from feeding your father's flock to give you a great name, among men. And I've been with you, and I have caused those who's contraried you and so forth, but I can't let you build this temple. But every since through the judges I've never spoke to one, but I've went from tent to tent and from tabernacle to tabernacle.'" Chronicles, I believe, about the 7th chapter, or 12th chapter of I Chronicles. And said, "I have went from tent to tent, and I have not dwelt in a house. But your son I'll raise up, and he will build Me a

house. And I'll establish his throne forever and forever."

Now, all Israel looked for the time of the coming the Son of David that was promised in the lineage of David, and they knowed that that would be the Messiah.

If we had time now to base this down and give the point, but I'll just hurry. So when Solomon, which was the successor of David, when he came, God anointed Solomon and gave him a gift. God always has give gifts to lead His people. Search the Scriptures. Gifted human beings has led God's people. Solomon prayed for a gift of wisdom, and God gave him the gift of wisdom to lead the people.

And Solomon's age was called the golden age of Israel. It was a type, or a foreshadow of the coming of the Lord Jesus in the great millennium, when the whole world will live in a golden age.

**(The Ministry Explained
October 1, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Lord, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people; Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed. Blessed be the LORD for evermore. Amen, and Amen. (Psalms 89:49-52)



Sinners will start to the altar to get right with God, and the Christians will set and pop chewing gum, looking at them. That's the truth. When it used to be, in the Baptist church, where I come out of, the Old Kentucky Baptists down there, why, an old sinner boy would start to the altar, would be every mammy in there around his neck. He'd come through before he got to the altar. What's the matter? They shaved off the secret: they got away from prayer life; they got away from the Holy Ghost.

Crowing roosters, educated canaries with canary bird brain, trying to explain to you all the ins and outs of God. You don't know God that way. You know Him when you're borned again. That's the only way you'll ever be able to know Him. God is still God. He's just as much God today, as He ever was. He's the God that was on the mountain with Elijah. He's God that was in the den with Daniel. He's the God of Pentecost. He's God in the church. So, what we need to do tonight is to get away from all of our class and fancy things and get back to God. Get back to the Holy Ghost. Get back to all night prayer meetings as you had down here last night.

I know this cuts; it's hard. Don't like to do this. Your Pentecostal dollars feed my children. Pentecostal dollars takes me around the world to preach to the heathen. I

love you, but that's the reason I scold you and carry on the way I do. I see the world coming in; I'm zealous. If I see my wife flirting with another man, you'd see me get right after her right quick. And that's right. It's 'cause I love her. And when I see the church begin to flirt with the world, it rises something within me; I can't set still; I got to say something. Can call me what you want to, I just got to let it out. I'm jealous of the church; I don't want her entangled with the world. God forbid that she'll ever get entangled with the world. Let her stay free if she has to worship in tin pan alley. As long as she's free in the Spirit, let her alone.

She don't need no seminaries, and cemeteries, or whatever goes with it. What she needs is a baptism of the Holy Ghost and a renewing. David said, "Renew my salvation. Restore the joy of my salvation." The church is losing that. And that's too bad, but they're doing it anyhow. And the power of God doesn't shake the church any more; it just become so common to them. They go down and say, "Well, that's pretty good. Uh-huh," go on off. My, it ought to drive us to our knees to repentance. It ought to bring tear drops. It ought to bring salvation and soul winning. The coming of the Lord ought to press us so hard till we'd be in every street corner, trying to tell somebody. Do something about it. It'll be too late to do it after while.

(Where Has Thy Strength Gone, Samson?
July 2, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled.
(Psalms 90:1-7)



Four hundred years, they would journey down there in Egypt and be brought out; but they actually stayed four hundred and forty years, because of the rejection of the prophet. They had to suffer another, about forty years down there in the wilderness before God brought them out. Moses was out in the wilderness forty years before he ever returned back to deliver them. You see? Forty years went overtime, lapsed, because that they rejected the message.

Now, forty years in God's time would be about one and a half minutes to our time. That's how much difference is, a thousand years is only one day, wouldn't be even a minute, hardly. Notice in that.

Now, we're running late. Why? God's been long-suffering, waiting, watching. Let the Lutheran rise in a revival, then organize. Let the Methodist rise in a revival: organize. Let John Smith of the Baptist church rise up with a great revival: organized. Let the

Pentecostals raise up with the restoration of the gifts: organized; until the iniquity gets plumb full, then God's tired. Then there comes an exodus, and we see it; that the people themselves can see back down the stream of time, that the thing is cursed. They take a wedge and a fine Babylonian garment again. And that's the thing that curses amongst the people, when man tries to inject his own ideas about things.

We got to stay with that Word; that's commandments of God was not to touch nothing in that city, that cursed city. Don't touch it; leave it alone.

**(he Third Exodus
June 30, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. (Psalms 90:8-12)



If that was Messiah, or the sign of Messiah yesterday, it'd have to be the sign of Messiah today. Notice, not one time was that did before the Gentile. No. This is the Gentile's day. This is the ending of the Gentile dispensation.

I'm not much of a dispensationalist, but the Bible speaks of it, that the Gentiles have come to their end. And anyone that don't have to pick up the Bible, just get a newspaper, turn on your radio. You can see where we're at the end. There's no hopes for us.

The Church is going home soon, and the world's going to dust again, just exactly what God said would take place. She'll rock her right in there, out of its orbit down there around the sun. She'll burn this time like she went out away from the orbit the other time and was destroyed with water. We're at the end. And we Gentile people's walking around with all of our degrees and everything, and thinking we're somebody, and don't know that our days are numbered.

And the Messiah, the Son of the living God has appeared to the Gentile church in the

last few years thirty or forty years in the great filling up again of the Holy Spirit; and a revival has swept the world around, and declaring Himself in the same measure and power and Spirit that He did when He was here on earth; and continually we shake our heads and walk away from it. What's left but judgment?

Mercy always calls before judgment. We must have mercy give to us first, and if we spurn mercy, there's nothing left but judgment. We bring it on ourselves.

(Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever
February 7, 1958)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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Return, O LORD, how long? and let it repent thee concerning thy servants. O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil. Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it. (Psalms 90:13-17)



Jesus said that. He said, "If you can't believe Me, believe the works that I do," for they testify of Who He was. See? If anyone would've knowed the Scripture. Now, He come so oddly, so strange, that the people didn't want to believe Him, because He being a man was making Himself God. So He was God in form. God was in Christ reconcile the world to Himself, and no man can do these works without God be with him, as we know Nicodemus said that, that the Sanhedrin believed that.

Now, we know that that Word, if they would've known the Word, He said, "If you'd have knowed Moses, you'd have knowed Me, because Moses wrote of Me. If they'd look back in the Scripture and see what the Messiah was supposed to do, then they'd have knowed Him by the vindication, that God through Christ was reconcile the world to Himself and bringing to pass all the promises that was of the Messiah, that He was to do. Jesus bore record of that Word, making that Word live for that day. And I believe that's the same thing we live in today, God bearing record of His Word by vindicating what He said He would do.

Now, we know that this is the day of salvation, where God is calling man from the world, from a life of sin unto a life of service. And in the day that God has poured out His Spirit from on high, great signs and wonders are to accompany the ministry of this day. This is when the former and latter rain are falling together. And we know that there's supposed to be great signs and wonders, which in many great denominations this is turned down. But I'm very thankful for these open doors that I've had to go into and the inspiration it's give to young men like your pastor here, that's caused them. As I'm beginning to get old, and know that my days are numbered, and know now that these young men can take this message and sweep it on to the coming of the Lord. If He doesn't come in my generation, which I'm hoping to see Him, I look daily for Him, and watch, keeping myself prepared for that hour.

**(hings That Are To Be
December 5, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. (Psalms 91:1-8)



Those who He foreknew, He's called. Those who He has called, He hath justified. Those He has justified, He hath already glorified.

What you scared about? Don't be afraid to take that solo flight. Don't be 'fraid to put God at a test. If you're a eagle, you're not scared. If you're Abraham's seed, which is the only one that gets the promise, is the seed of Abraham, you call those thing which were not as though they were, if God said so. Don't be scared, nothing to be scared of. You can't understand how all these socials, and parties, and picture show entertainments, and everything in the church, and ball games, and everything else to make money to pay the pastor. Never was intended. Certainly not. But you borrow some old rooster and sell it for about a dollar and a half a plate. You've turned the upper room into a supper room. That's right. You don't have to do that. Take God at His Word; He owns all things. Certainly.

But you can't do that on little creeds and loose feathers, a little sensations. You got to be absolutely a real made up eagle with something inside of you, that tells you that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, that knows that He's standing omnipresent, and He watches over you. Nothing can harm you. No coyote can get you. There's nothing can harm. The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him. Ten thousand may fall at your right hand, and a hundred thousand at your left hand, but it'll never come near you. He watches over His heritage day and night.

"I, the Lord, have planted it. I will water it day and night, 'less some should pluck it from My hand." God's heritage, an eagle.

(As The Eagle Stirs Her Nest And Fluttereth Over Her Young
March 16, 1958 - Afternoon)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. (Psalms 91:9-16)



When you hear somebody say, "Brother Branham, a divine healer?" You know that man needs to go to the psychopathic cells, because he's not right here. Something's wrong. For anybody that would think a man to be a healer, the man is working under the inspiration of the devil. I could prove that by the Bible. That's exactly right. It was the devil who always put a question mark across the Word of God.

Looky here. When Jesus was on earth, He was a prophet. Do you believe it? He said, "I don't do nothing till the Father tells Me."

They said, "Come down here and heal this one. Come over here and heal this one, we'll believe You." That same old ecclesiastical devil still lives, live right on: people, unbelievers. That's exactly.

Look, I will prove it to you it's of Satan. When Satan met Jesus, he said, "If Thou be

the Son of God, You can do miracles now. You're a Divine healer. Make these stones bread and I will believe You." Is that right? See the fatherhood of that spirit is?

Took Him up on the temple, said, "Now, look. It's written in the Scripture here," like they point Mark 16 to us today, "it's written in the Scripture here, 'He give the Angels charge over Thee, lest any time they dash thy foot, they bear up. ' Jump down off of here, and then when you get to the ground, just bear Yourself back up, like that." See, give Him Scripture.

Jesus turned around to him, said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God." That's right. "It is also written." That's right. He put the Scriptures right back to him.

God has a provided way. Sure it's your duty to go to your doctor. It's your duty to do whatever you can for yourself. But look, brother. When you get to a place where the doctor can't help you, you've got a right to call on God. That's exactly right. And you believe it.

(God's Provided Way
May 13, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night, Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands. (Psalms 92:1-4)



A long time ago when we used to run out of money, we'd go over to the neighbor and borrow fifty dollars to hold us over. Why, we didn't have to sign any notes. We trusted one another. You can't borrow five dollars now without a ten dollar security on top of it. That's right. The Bible said, "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

That's what the matter with the world. They're dying for love. We got plenty of teaching, plenty churches, but we need a love of God. Hallelujah. Know what's the matter with me today. Look. I tell you, brother. There they were. I can see her happy, rejoicing. And she run, threw her arms around her, and oh how happy she was; because that she heard about it.

Now, I can hear her say... Put her arms around her, and begin to love her, and they was hugging one another. I like that. Don't you? I like to see women meet one another like that? And I like to see men grab... Awhile ago a man come out there, and took a hold of my hand, just put his arms around me, a young fellow; said, "Brother Branham, I was in your meeting. And my little girl was healed." With something, I forget what it was. And said, "You stood and said **THUS SAITH THE LORD** that

child will be a certain thing." Watch. He said it was just exactly like that. That's right.

And he put his arms around me. I like that. Amen. I'm just an old fashion, backwoods, sassafras preacher. I like it. Yes, sir. I believe in it. I believe in old time, sky blue, sin-killing religion. It don't whitewash you, but it washes you white, makes you a new creature in Christ Jesus. Amen. Makes the devil mad.

(The Resurrection Of Lazarus
July 29, 1951)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



One Year



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O LORD, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; it is that they shall be destroyed for ever: But thou, LORD, art most high for evermore. For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. (Psalms 92:5-9)



Well then, if we have the Life of God in us, the borned-again, then we have God's Life in us, which makes us believe like God does, that whatever the Word says, it'll materialize. See? If it says, "By His stripes we're healed," that settles it. God said so. And that's when a man is borned of the Spirit of God, he's a son of God, then he believes for things that's impossible. He still believes it. Because why? His God is in him by the Holy Spirit and he believes. See?

Now, if he hasn't got the Holy Spirit in there, he's got nothing but just his mind to rest on it, so he just can't comprehend the things of God. He doesn't know them. The natural mind can't understand the things of God; they're foolish to him.

Now, the Pentecostal or Full Gospel, the one thing that I find that's one of the greatest hindrance among us, is that you're trying to place the great things of God, yet to come, when you're right in the middle of it now. That's right.

Now, you say, "Just wait till some..." Well, that could be the millennium where we won't need any healings and things. That's the next age to be issued in. Now we're in the Holy Ghost age. Now you are the sons of God. Now we're seated together in

heavenly places, not we will be, we are now, this afternoon, right here now, sons and daughters of God seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. There we are. See? All things are possible then.

(Expectation
February 28, 1954)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Mine eye also shall see my desire on mine enemies, and mine ears shall hear my desire of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; To shew that the LORD is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. (Psalms 92:10- 15)



Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything. And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job. Amen. I like that word, a purge.

The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. The trouble of it is, we think sometimes God's angry with us. But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials. The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold.

Did you ever know, that every son that cometh to God, must first be tried, whipped, child whipping correction? It's not easy. When God gives you a whipping, you go out here and say, "Well, I'll mingle around a little bit." God will give you a real old fashion spanking for it. And I tell you, if we had more of that in the natural today, we'd have better children. God wants His household straightened out. So He gives you a little whipping, so you can get straightened up. Makes you love Him more.

My father used to give me whippings, and I thought, "Oh, my." I wished I could call the old gray-headed brother, father of mine, back from the other lands today. I would respect every whipping he ever give me. I never got even as much as I needed. I thought so then, but I don't now, because it corrected me. Though he didn't do right himself, yet he wanted me to do right. Amen.

He wants us to. If the earthly parents wants us to do well, what about our heavenly Parent the Lord Jesus? He has to correct us. And the Scripture says, "If we cannot stand chastisement, or a whipping, child-correction, then we become illegitimate children and not the children of God." See?

If you're really born again, get it now, if you're really born again, there's nothing can separate you from God. That's right. "Neither starvation, perils, trials, suffering, death, nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus."

You say, "Well, I started to be a Christian one time. Everything begin going this way, and that way, and I thought, 'My, I was better off the other way.'" You never did come to God, brother. If you ever really come to God, and got a taste of the heavenly gifts of God, partakers of His Divine nature, why, you could no more become a sinner again, unbeliever, than a stalk of corn could become a cocklebur.

**(he Approach To God
January 23, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved. Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves. The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, for ever. (Psalms 93:1-5)



God was so satisfied till He just went back and rested from all of His works. Every tree never brought forth thorn's and thistles. No berries ever come off of a thorn tree; everything was perfect; all seeds were perfect. Everything was in perfect condition.

Then when He went to take a little rest, His enemy slipped in with deceit and took it over by misinterpreting His program to His children. When He put trust in His own child, as you put trust in your daughter when she goes out at night with a man, when you put trust in your son when he has to go with a drinking boy or smoking boy , He put trust in His son that he would not do anything wrong, and would keep every Word that He said. But the enemy slipped in. Like that greasy slicker that would take out your daughter and misbehave himself, or some woman would go out with your son and the same thing. He slipped in; the enemy of God slipped in and misinterpreted the Word to Eve.

Now, he, by this fall, it has took over and possessed the garden of Eden, himself. He

took it over. And now, he has had six thousand years of deceitful rule, deceiving the people (God's children) as he did then, because they were based on free moral agency to act any way they wished to, and believing that they would act right, or trusting they would act right, then they came with the wrong act, and sold their birthrights as Esau did for the world; and Satan won it, and he took it over. And he's had six thousand years to build up his Eden, as God had six thousand years to bring His Eden to a close, and by deceit (deceit of the Word or the people) now, established his own Eden in this earth in sin.

God's Eden was established in righteousness. Satan's Eden is established in sin, because Satan is sin. God is righteousness. And God's Kingdom was established in righteousness, and peace, and life; and Satan's establishment is in sin, and religious sin.

**(Satan's Eden
August 29, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself. Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud. LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph? How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves? They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage. They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless. Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it. Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise? He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know? The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. (Psalms 94:1-11)



Now, let's go back for a little while in our minds and study just a few minutes, for the past few years what's been taking place.

I believe as a minister of the Gospel that we are living just at the near appearing of the second time of the coming of the Lord Jesus. The second return, or second coming. The first time He came as a baby. This time He's coming as King of glory to take vengeance upon all who obey not the Word of God. And we are believing with all this great turmoil that we're living in today, as we look around on every hand, and pick up the newspapers, and just stand still, and drop our everyday hustle and bustle of this neurotic age, and look out and face facts, we see beyond any shadow of doubt that something's just about to happen.

And I believe that God never at any time, nothing miraculous or nothing ever taken place unless God foreshowed it by His Word, revealed it, placed it, so that man who fail to walk in it, would have to stand before Him, and he would have to stand without an excuse, because God makes it so plain, that if a man is concerned enough about it, he will find it. If you're concerned.

You wouldn't eat soup with a fly in it. No, sir. You be afraid to eat food that didn't look just right and was contaminated, because you know it might give you a ptomaine poison, or something, and would kill you in a little bit. And you watch about this body. But that soul, you let it feast on things of the world, which you know is contaminated and can only do one thing: take you to destruction. And no matter how well you treat this body and how good a food or how it lives, it's got to go to the dust of the earth; but that soul will live forever somewhere. I would rather eat contaminated soup, then contaminate my soul with the things of the world, at anytime.

**(The Junction Of Time
January 15, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. (Psalms 94:12-15)



What a beautiful picture of the church. Before the Church can ever be taken out of the critics, it has to go through the critics first. And then it's taken in the rapture to glory after it's stood the test of criticism.

And it ought to make every Christian happy tonight to know that you can live so in this earth, not being of the earth, just a pilgrim and a stranger, a sojourner here, knowing this, that our heritage is not of this world. Our kingdom is not of this world; it's of the world that is to come.

Knowing this that we're living in what they call "the day of man." The day of the Lord will come. That will be the day for His church. All these things are earthly and will perish.

And notice what our Lord said. "All that lives godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, chastened, child-trained. No exceptions, every son that cometh to God must be tried. And if we cannot stand the chastisement, then the Scripture says we become illegitimate children and not the children of God.

And isn't it a grand feeling to know that God's grace has carried some of you here through twenty and thirty years of trials and persecutions. God did that for you: shows that you're a real child of God. And He has taken you into His fellowship. Someday in the face of all that has criticized you, you'll be glorified and made a body is like unto His own glorious body at His coming. We wait for that blessed hope.

**(Jesus At The Door
May 29, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up. In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off. (Psalms 94:16-23)



As the conversation went on, it must have been Satan who looked out from behind the clouds and said, "I've caught them alone. He's not with them. Now, is my time to get even with them." That's the way Satan walks; that's the way he watches; that's the opportunity he waits for, is to get one time that we go out on what we call a little social fun, to play cards, or to tend some rally, or something that isn't godly. He waits to catch you off of guard, waits to get to a place where the church has got lukewarm, it's got too busy doing something else, that's when he attacks.

"He's away from them, and now is my opportunity to strike." I'm afraid that that's what's got wrong with our churches. We've had a little breath of prosperity for the past twenty years or more, plenty of money. And we've went into big building programs. Now, that's all right. And we've went into other things, which would be all right. The educations and tightening up the cords of educationals, and building our seminaries a little more practical, and getting man in there who's a little smarter

maybe, than the old dean, and a few things like that. Which that might be all right. But we find out we've went off without the old fashion tarrying meeting, the old fashion Pentecostal blessings that used to fall among us. And Satan catches you off guard. That's where he wants you: off guard.

And then he begin to blow his poison breath out upon the seas and it turned the seas into a spasm, the breath of Satan, "I will sink them." And the sea was so upset by the poison of his breath, until the little boat begin to churn back and forth. And look like that all hopes were gone. They were ready to give up and to go to their destination. But Christ had not left them, though they had left Him. You know, it pays us to take Him everywhere we go. But the good part of it is, even if we don't, He's still watching us.

He climbed up the highest hill He could find, so He could see all the way across the ocean, or the little sea. For He wanted to keep His eyes on them, whether if any trouble comes, that He might be a present help in the time of trouble. For that's His Word to do that. "The Lord is a present Help in the time of trouble." And regardless of what we do, He keeps His promise. And He was watching them. He seen them toiling at the oars, the wind contrary. But His eyes was watching them.

(A Prophet Like Unto Moses
November 20, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. (Psalms 95:1-6)



A man said one time, said, "Brother Branham, to redeem," he says, "the devil put me in the pawn shop. And the Lord Jesus redeemed me." I thought that was pretty cute and right too. That the devil put you in the pawn shop, but Jesus come by and redeemed you.

And there's always a ransom to be paid when any thing is redeemed. And Jesus was our ransom. God sent Him, and made Him in the likeness of sinful flesh, yet He was Emmanuel. A created Blood dwelt within Him, and He gave His Blood for the redemption price, to redeem us back into reconciliation to God, that we might walk with Him as in the beginning. In the beginning when He didn't have to shift for himself, God provided everything he had need of. But after he got reckless, and shiftless, and done wrong, and sin separated him from God, then he had to shift for himself.

And now, Jesus came to redeem this man back into the care of the hands of a loving Father: redemption, brought back, replaced, put in position.

What a wonderful thought tonight it is, to know that we in the day that we're living,

when seemingly, that the foundation of every natural thing is falling, that we have the sure rock of salvation, that we've been redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy that gives the heart of the man who has been partakers of these eternal blessings that God has shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. What a picture. What a loving comfort it is.

**(The Power Of The Devil
October 5, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, it is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest. (Psalms 95:7-11)



Here come the children of Israel walking in the Light, Moses going on before them. There they was: "Come on, this is the way. God's calling; we're going out. We're going to the promised land. Oh, Hallelujah." Here they all was, shouting and jumping and having a good time, you know. And the first thing you know, they looked back and said, "Oh, what's that dust?" One of them climbed up on a hill and said, "Oh, oh. Alas, alas. It's Pharaoh's army." God said, "What you so scared about? Didn't you believe what I did down there? What you so worried about? Why do you make Me angry?"

When they got down there, Moses went out and interceded to God. God just opened up the Red Sea and they walked across; closed the enemy in. That's the way God does it. Don't get scared. Don't get all excited. Don't be flusterated. You provoke God.

Then what did He do? Look like, "Well, we had one big trial; bless God, we got over it. We won't have no more. We're on our road to the promised land." And He led them right out into the desert where there's no water. See? Could you imagine? God

with His sanctified, holy people, led them right out in this trap, then got them out of that trap and led them right out here where there's no water; when He could've took them some way, where there was water. Why, He could just made a river all the way along if He wanted to; He could've broke every mountain into joy, spurting water fifty feet in the air, if He wanted to. Sure, He could. But if He done that, it'd been too easy. Oh, my, blessed be the Name of the Lord.

"Why did God let this happen, Brother Branham?" God's doing that. Let Him alone; just walk on. That's God's business. "The footprints of the righteous are ordered by the Lord." Yes, sir. What difference does it make?

"Lost all my money, Brother Branham." Well, bless God anyhow.

"Oh, I did this, and this happened, storm blowed in my house."

Bless God anyhow. "The Lord give, the Lord taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord." Just keep walking on; it's all the glory of God; God knows what He's doing. Some through the water, some through the flood,

Some through deep trials, but all through the blood; (And that's the way He leads us.)

(Hebrews, Chapter Three
September 1, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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July 31



O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people. For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the LORD glory and strength. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. (Psalms 96:1-8)



Now, if you'll notice, after Israel had over come the Egyptians by passing through, by grace, through the Red Sea, and God drowned the Egyptians behind it, which was a type of passing through the Blood of the Lord Jesus, and all the taskmasters that once drove you to things of sins of the world, it's dead behind you.

There is a fountain filled with blood,

Drawn from Immanuel's veins,

When sinners plunged beneath the flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.

Those old Egyptians taskmaster had drove the people to do things that they were burdened to do. After they looked back in this Red Sea, they found them everyone drowned there. No wonder that Moses could sing a new song: sang in the Spirit. And

Miriam picked up a tambourine and begin to beat the tambourine and run down the bank, dancing.

If that ain't an old fashion Holy Ghost meeting, I never seen on. That's right. And the daughters of Israel followed her, doing the same thing. They had overcome.

And a man never knows what it is to live a victorious life, until he's completely overcome. Who? Himself? That's the biggest enemy you got is yourself. That's the reason you can't rise up in faith, because you got intellectuals there. You're intellectual part says, "Well, this, or that." It's a reasoning. We want to cast down reasonings, the Bible tells us.

**(he Inter-Veil
January 21, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 1



O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth. Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth. (Psalms 96:9- 13)



Is the Roman church right, or is the Greek church right, or is some of the other churches right? Is the Lutherans right? Baptists right? Methodists right? Presbyterians right? or who is right when there is so much difference in them? One is as far as the east from the west from one another, but to my opinion the Voice of God is the Judge. So the Voice of God, and if it's so perfect, it's got to come from some perfect resource, and if men bring it one way and another way with their difference of denominations, then there's no way to set a faith surely in what they're saying.

I hope that's clear. And if one says it's this a-way, one says you must join this church: "This church only has salvation." That's the Catholic version. The Lutheran come around and say they are the way. Here comes along the Methodists with something else, the Baptists with something else, the Pentecost with something else; and there seems to be such a gathering of confusion. But then when you take this written Word to our brethren, many of them says, "Well, them days isn't now." Another one says, "It's just a history." The other one says, "It's a book of poems." The other says, "The church has a right to change it." Then where do we stand? Where is there a resting

place for faith?

When God, being eternal, (I believe if we are to be judged, and always have), that if we're to be judged by anything, it'll be by the Word of God that's given the commission; then if we're to be judged by that Word, then God would be a unjust God to put such a confusion on earth, and the poor human mind so baffled, it doesn't know what to do; and one will join this one and then join that one. The poor fellow trying to think he's trying to find a right place, he will listen to this denomination, then he will listen to another denomination, and this one seems to be better than that one; he will go and first thing, he's back to the first one again. He just doesn't know what to do. But if God is going to judge the world by something, it'll be by His Word. I believe that.

**(The Spoken Word Is The Original Seed
March 18, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 2



The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory. (Psalms 97:1-6)



Well, Jesus was having a group of people being prayed for, we'll say. And the next day here comes Nathanael up with Philip. And they stop out into the audience somewhere, or maybe they got in the prayer line to come up so he could meet Jesus. I don't know how it was. But however, when he got in the Presence of Jesus, Jesus looked over at him, just a common Jewish man. And He looked over at him, and He said, "Behold, an Israelite, in whom there is no guile." Well, it so astonished him. I guess he wondered, "Who told You that? How did You know me? Have You, or somebody been talking to You about me?" That's the way God is. He knows you. He knows what you are. He knows what you're made out of. He understands you. He said, "How did You know me, Rabbi? How did You know me?"

And Jesus said, "Before Philip called you yesterday, or whenever it was, when you were under the tree, praying, as it was, I saw you." What eyes, through a mountain thirty miles away, looked through a mountain and saw him on his knees praying. It proved what He was. Then that so astonished this Jewish orthodox believer, until he said, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God. You are the King of Israel." What was he? The

chosen, the selected, the foreordained, the predestinated of God. By the foreknowledge, God before the foundation of the world knew he'd be there.

God's infinite. Somebody tell me what the word "infinite" means. You couldn't explain it. He's omnipotent, omniscient, all powerful, infinite God. He knowed every flea, every fly. Before the world was created, He knowed it would be that way. He knew this meeting would be tonight. There He is. And when He comes into Presence, there in the body of His Son, Christ, this Jewish believer said, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God. Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." Now, look at the real orthodox teacher which stood by Him. Now, when they seen this miracle performed, they said, "This man is a fortuneteller. He is Beelzebub. He's the greatest of all the fortunetellers. Now, his inspiration comes from the devil. And the devil has made him a king. And now he comes down to deceive our people with these things."

What did Jesus say to them, them teachers? He said, "You can speak that against the Son of man; He will forgive you. But when the Holy Spirit is come (what we have tonight) speak against That, and it'll never be forgiven you in this world or the world to come." Then what position do we sit in tonight? What are we to reject Christ?

Now, we have churches and we have great things, which we appreciate. If it was any kind of a church that speaks the Name of the Lord Jesus, blessed be that church. I don't care if it's Catholic, if it's Protestant, if it's Jewish, whatever, if it's Seventh Day Adventist, if it's of Russell's, of whatever it is. No matter what it is, I'd rather see them trying to do something for God, than out on the street living in lust and things like the world's a doing. Certainly. But, brother, in all of this, there's got to be somewhere, there's got to be a showdown to truth.

(Sirs, We Would See Jesus
December 11, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 3



Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods. Zion heard, and was glad; and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O LORD. For thou, LORD, art high above all the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods. Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked. Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. (Psalms 97:7-12)



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 put in this, or 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.

Now then, in that, listen close now. Now, you think the Catholics is getting a thrashing? Just a moment.

Now, then they organized the Catholic church, and it started a persecution, that you had to make everyone, everywhere, the church and state united together, and brought in from pagan Rome to papal Rome. In other words, from a pagan superstition they adopted Christianity in their own form. See? They couldn't understand why that man would stand and pray to nothing. They were pagan, so they just took down Venus and put up Mary; they took down Jupiter, put up Peter, some kind of a statue to worship. Now, and they worshipped before that. And they made a universal prayer, said it in Latin so it would never fail, and so forth. They always say the same.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 4



O sing unto the LORD a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory. The LORD hath made known his salvation: his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Psalms 98:1-3)



Like many kinds of hills, like many kinds of rivers, springs, lakes, they were here when you come here first, because the kindness of your heavenly Father placed them here, because some men like mountains; some people likes waters; some likes deserts. So you see, He knew your nature and what you would be, so He made it just the way that you could enjoy it. Oh, I think that's a wonderful Father, though that He made it like this. I'm glad He made mountains; I like the mountains. I like that. Where the others say, "Oh, I can't stand all these; must have emptied His mortar box out there." Well, He emptied it out so I could enjoy it. You see?

So then you say, "I like the plains where I can see a long ways." Well, the two different natures, both of us Christians. But the Father knew that you would be here and prepared everything for you before you got here. Amen. Your first coming here, He had it ready for you when you got here. Isn't that marvelous to think of what He done?

Now, now, but remember, these are only temporal gifts in type. Now, we know that Moses in building the tabernacle in the wilderness, or preparing it, he said he made all things after the order of what he saw in heaven. See? So the earthly things only

express what the eternal things are. And if this earth that we live in today, being so great, as we love it and love to live and breathe the air, and see the flowers and things, if this here is the expression, one that's dying is only expressing one that's eternal. When you see a tree struggling, pulling, trying to live, that means there's a tree somewhere that doesn't have to do that. When you see a man here, struggling to live, somebody in a hospital, or on a sick bed, or in an accident, struggling and the death rattles in their throat, and pulling and crying and screaming for life, what does that mean? There's a place somewhere; there's a body that doesn't struggle and scream for that. See? It just doesn't do it.

Now, they are temporal gifts to us, these things, only expressing that there is one where it's an eternal one. That what Jesus has gone away to prepare: the eternal one for us. Now, they only express there's a greater of the same kind, 'cause these are a same kind.

**(Things That Are To Be
December 5, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 5



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. (Psalms 98:4-9)



Up there this year I was walking around. If you'll just look anywhere, you'll see God, if you'll just believe it. And up there on the mountain I was going along, not so much to hunt the elk and things, my, no. Just to get to myself, out of the meeting, here alone, get the rifle in your hand, a pair of moccasins on, take off, hike thirty-five, forty miles a day, through the snow cliffs and around just everywhere, be by yourself, be alone, where you could stop and look around and see Him. Set up on top the mountain.

Florida, I hope I don't hurt your feelings, you from Florida. When I took my first visit to Florida and crossed the line, I signed my part of it over at the Seminole Indians. All that there artificial makeup puts me to the mind of a woman trying to be pretty with a lot of Max Factor on her. That's a shame. Yes, sir, she's artificial. Get her on a wash stand; she won't look that way. And that's what I think about Florida, all made up, and that's not nature. I like to look at it the way God made it, way He had it in the beginning, the great hills, beautiful. That's the way God made it. And you look at God in the nature there, and you can see it.

So one day, walking along, there come up a storm, and I got behind a tree in and a old blow down way up high, because the elk herd never come down yet. The storm hadn't been severe enough to run them down; it's dry down the bottom; it has to take stormy weather to run them down. So I got behind the tree and was standing right like, this behind the tree till the storm blowed over.

It turned cold during the time of the storm, when the twister went through. And I looked, and where it all froze, where the water froze and icicles hanging on the evergreens, you know; they was all froze over like chunks of ice. Way back over into the western country, between the crevices of the rock, the sun was setting. And I looked, and there formed a rainbow across the big valley there, where it way high. I was probably forty, fifty miles from a living human being. And there, that great beautiful rainbow, and I said, "O great Jehovah, how great You are. There's the sign that You'll never destroy the world with water." Rainbow means a promise. I looked at that and I thought, "O God, surely You're up here in the mountains. How wonderful it is."

(Show Us The Father And It'll Satisfy
April 22, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 6



The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The LORD is great in Zion; and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king's strength also loveth judgment; thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. (Psalms 99:1-4)



Now, they'd 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." Amen.

(Israel And The Church #3
March 27, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 7



Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name; they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. Thou answeredst them, O LORD our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy. (Psalms 99:5-9)



God makes a way, and then the people doesn't walk in it; He says, "Why?" One time the King of Israel, because one day he was walking out in his lattices of his porch, and he fell through the lattice, and it hurt him, he taken a disease and a sickness from it. And so he took his bed. And being the King of Israel, yet instead of sending to inquire of God, he sent some of his man up to Ekron to require of Baalim, Beelzebub, the gods up there, their prophets, whether he was going to get well or not.

Now, you know God reveals His secrets to His prophets; we know that. To His servants, He reveals that. And Elijah was probably back over in his cave. And how did he know that the king pulled these men in, took two or three men and said, commissioned them, and said, "Now, you go over across our nation, take you several days, and go down to Ekron. And when you get down there, there you'll meet Baal, the god of Ekron, and then you enquire of his prophet to ask Baalim, if I'm going to get well or not."

But you know, being that he was an Israelite, then God revealed it to Elijah the

prophet. And He said, "Go up and stand in the way and stop them." And so these soldiers, or temple guards came by, walking down the road, talking, with the strict commission to go up to consult the heathen god about this because all the nation had went into sin.

And that's what's the matter today, all the nation goes into sin: whiskey joints, the people getting cold and formal, uncensored radio programs, uncensored television programs. And it's so fascinating, and sin is so beautiful until it attracts the attentions of the people. And if they're not truly borned again, where their attraction is on Christ and single minded, they'll go after that stuff. They'll act like those people. And the spirit of that will get on them.

It used to be the old Pentecostals wouldn't let their children even go to picture shows. The devil pulled one over on their eyes. He brought the picture show right in the house. That's right. And so you see how he got it? Slick, wise, sly as he can be. Don't you never underestimate him; you stay under the cross; it's the only place to stay for safety.

**(Balm In Gilead
February 18, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 8



Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalms 100:1-5)



Good evening, friends, or good afternoon. Very happy to be in this afternoon to speak to you of the love in my heart for this great Lord that we serve, Jesus Christ. And I'm hearing that glorious old song "Only Believe," and of Paul Rader, the writer of that song. And I was a little boy setting at his feet when he was writing that song. Guess, little did he know then that would be my theme song around the world.

But when I was at Fort Wayne and was in the room there where Paul studying the first night there, and I heard that coming in over that public address outfit, "Only Believe, All Things Are Possible." I thought of that great gallant hero. How many ever heard of Paul Rader? Oh, practically all of you. Oh, what a heroic death he had. He never died; he just went to be with the Lord.

Christians do not die. There's no Scripture in the Bible that says Christians die. A person that lives in pleasure is dead while they're living. Death means separation, separation from God. And sinners are separated from God, but Christians never separate from God. They just leave the body here to be with the Lord.

And Paul, I like it so well when he went away. He was a great character to cut up. Do

you remember how he used to carry on, any of you know him? He was always cutting up. He'd always pulling some kind of a little joke to someone. They had the little Moody Bible Institute, they had a choir there singing. And they had the shades pulled down in the room, and they were singing "Nearer My God To Thee."

And Paul looked around and he said, "Say, who's dying? Me or you?" He said. Said, "Raise them curtains there, those shades, and sing some real good fiery Gospel songs." And so they begin to sing "Down at the Cross." And he said, "That sounds better."

And then he called his brother, Luke, who had been with him so long, called him up to his bed side, took his hand. He said, "Luke, we've been a long ways together." But said, "Just think of it: In five minutes from now I will be standing in the Presence of Jesus Christ, clothed in His righteousness." Bowed his head and went to meet Him. "Clothed in His righteousness I'll be standing in His Presence." I want to go like that, don't you?

Lives of great men all remind us

And we can make our lives sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time;

Isn't that right? I love that "Psalm of Life."

Footprints, that perhaps another,

Sailing over life's solemn main,

A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,

Seeing, shall take heart again.

**(The Resurrection Of Lazarus
July 29, 1951)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 9



I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. (Psalms 101:1-3)



And you pray for me wherever I go that God will help me. I've done all that I knowed how to represent our Lord Jesus to you in the way of simplicity. He's never trusted me with too much because I wouldn't know how to take care of much, I guess. He just gives me what He will. But what I have, I freely give to glorify Him and His church. I'm just here to try to represent Him to you by a Divine gift.

Just like if He give me a hand, I want to use that hand the best that I can. If He give me eyes, I don't want to look at the evil things; I want to look at His Bible; I want to look at things that 's right. If they happen to run into evil things, I want to turn my head till I look off somewhere else, 'cause He give me my eyes.

Remember, I was once a blind man, practically, they led me around, so I was practically blind. And now my eyes are ten-ten. That's two degrees better than normal: twenty-twenty. I can read newspaper print five feet away from me. So I'm thankful for that.

I was showing my wife, last night here, in my forties. I can take this fine Bible and hold it that close to me and read it, or hand it off anywhere, five feet away from me and read it. And think, once with great big thick bifocal glasses, and led around by the arms. Oh, it's amazing grace. How good He is. I love Him. Though He condemns

me at the end, I still love Him.

(Brass Serpent
November 21, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 10



A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD. (Psalms 101:4-8)



But if you don't watch, once in a while you'll have a man, he'll tell a little joke today. And well, he kinda thought it was all right, and he'll just let it go by, and not think no more about it. The next day he tells two little jokes. See? And the next thing you know, you're doing something else. And the first thing you know, it leads right back to that old same system again. Is that right? Stay away from the thing. Shun it. And shun that profane babbling.

You let somebody come over... I'll just give you a little example. "Mrs. Doe, do you know what? I seen your husband. And I tell you what, that he's a..." See? Now, just say, "I don't want to hear it." Just walk on. Won't take much of that, and they'll cut it out. That's right.

"Well, you know what, sister? I'll tell you what happened." Or brother, not only sister, but brother too... See? "Brother, I'll tell you what happened. You know if we could just get rid of this preacher, if we could do this, or get rid of this deacon, or we do this." Oh, oh. Just shun that thing.

I think a good little thing you ought to set around on your desk, it's a little thing I seen down in Florida not long ago. It was three little monkeys; and one of them had his hands over his eyes and said, "See no evil"; and the other one had his fingers in his ears, said, "Hear no evil"; and the other one had his hand over his mouth, and said, "Speak no evil." I think that's a good thing don't you? Yes, sir. Oh, my. That's a very good thing.

Just keep your mind pure and on Christ. You can't just say, "Well, now..." Now, you see, if you don't watch, you'll get yourself over into a place, if you keep on thinking that... And don't think that... You can't live so perfect till you don't make that mistake now. Now, don't you think you'll ever get that way, 'cause you won't. No, sir. You're not sinless, and you'll certainly get off on their track, on this side or on that side.

But a man that's once knocked down, if he's a real soldier he'll rise up again. "Lord, let me rise and try it again." But a coward, as soon as he sees he makes his first little mistake, he's like I said this morning: the bug and the water spider will crawl right back in the water again. See? He just can't stand it.

So refuse all the old profane babbling and carrying on, talking. "Babbling" means "confusion." And the Bible said, "Mark those who cause contentions among you." If somebody says, "Uh-huh, uh-huh." Now just say, "How do you do? I'm glad to see you again. Thank you." Just keep on going. That's the best thing. Don't shun them, but just mark them. Don't pay any attention, 'cause you see what it leads to.

(Questions And Answers #2
January 3, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 11



Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come unto thee. Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke, and my bones are burned as an hearth. My heart is smitten, and withered like grass; so that I forget to eat my bread. By reason of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave to my skin.
(Psalms 102:1-5)



There he laid under the juniper tree. He didn't know what to do. His nerves was broke; he was shaking. He was crying, no doubt. And he was in a terrible condition. Many of us hit those places, especially after a Mount Carmel experience.

It was ask of me the other day by someone about that. What can be done for us at the time? There's only thing to do: commit yourself to God.

And I know that a man can overwork himself, and a man can underwork himself. God knowed this man needs feeding. He needed something to eat. And under this place here where he was laying, God had to do something for him. God has to do something for every man that comes under the juniper tree, or he'll go to pieces. He has to do it. If His servant's laying under the tree yonder, don't know what to do, he's carried out his commission; Elijah said, "Oh, Lord, let me die."

I've had those feelings after I come out of a meeting and looked like I tried, and preached, and begged, and persuaded, and seen the Angel of God sweep through a meeting and do signs and wonders, and set in a car on the outside and hear them cry, say. "It was nothing but psychology; there's nothing to it. Nothing to that. That's all

nonsense." Oh, then I crawled under the juniper tree; I think, "Lord, what did You, why'd You let me do it for?" What can it be done, but we all hit those experiences. But the mercy of Jehovah to His servant: God knows your trials. Just know this: He knows all about it.

So He comes down. He knows His servant needs some rest. So He just puts him to sleep for a little while, while he's laying there waiting to recuperate or praying to die. "Lord, my fathers died before me, and now take my life. I've done done enough. I've fought a good fight. I've finished the course." But there was work to be done yet. God wasn't through with His prophet. He still had work.

And no matter how much we cry out and think this, that, or the other, nothing can take us until God is finished with us. I'm so glad to know that.

**(What Does Thou Here?
March 1, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 12



I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert. I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top. Mine enemies reproach me all the day; and they that are mad against me are sworn against me. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: for thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down. My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass. (Psalms 102:6- 11)



Now, when anything serves God's purpose, has to stay in God's provided way. Let's take these flowers. They were put here to serve God's purpose. Now, you cut them off like that, you think it's the end of it. It isn't. God cares for His flowers. How I notice you Canadian people here, how you have these beautiful gardens and great pretty places of flowers.

Now, after while, they'll be young flowers, old flowers, middle-aged flowers. But there'll come a frost across the country one night: death. And it'll strike that flower, regardless of what age it is. Death's no respect of age, person, or ability. Death strikes all. What happens? The little fellow gives up his life. What happens then? The petals begin to drop off of it the next morning, it's going. Out of there drops a little seed, falls down to the ground.

Then along comes a funeral procession. You might not believe it, but God has a funeral procession for His flowers. Did you know that? Now, notice. After the frost strikes, then comes the fall rain. God sends the clouds across, and cries great big drops of water down, and buries that little seed.

See, we try to make it too complicated. That's what's the matter today, the way the church has always got off the beaten path, they've tried to made Him so complicated, like they have to be educated into it. You're not educated into Christ; you're born into Christ by the Spirit of Him. Now, God sends the weepers and mourners forth, which is the water, and it drops down like great big tears and buries that little seed. Down beneath the ground it goes, as it packs it down. Then along comes the winter blizzard, sweeps across the country. The little petal's gone; the leaves drops off; the stalk's gone; the bulb's dried up; and the little seed freezes and bursts open. The pulp runs out of it.

Poor little flower, looks like the end of it. Oh, no, it's not the end of it. When that warm sun begins to come back around again, the earth moving itself in position of the sun, there's a germ of life somewhere in that dirt that no science has never been able to find. That flower lives again. Why? It served God's purpose in God's provided way, and He made a way for it to live again.

And if He made a way for a flower to live again that served His purpose, how much more has He made a way for a man or woman to live again who serves His purpose, walks in His provided way. So simple, just to look at.

(God Has A Provided Way
July 28, 1962)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



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August 13



But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever; and thy remembrance unto all generations. Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come. For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof. So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer. This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD. For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death; To declare the name of the LORD in Zion, and his praise in Jerusalem; (Psalms 102:12-21)



Brother, sister, we are living in the days of super markets, super jets, super highways, super races, super everything else. And there is a super sign. We've had the sign of religion. We've had the sign of revivals. We've had the sign of getting together. We've had the sign of speaking in tongues. We've had the sign of healing the sick. We've had all these signs.

But yet, we find in the Bible that the last sign before the promised Son arrived, it was a super sign. Jesus said, "As it was then; before the promised Son arrives again, that super sign would come on the earth again." I declare to you tonight, in the Name of Jesus Christ; it's on earth now. Not only that, but it's right here among us tonight: the Holy Ghost, God's super sign, the resurrected Jesus Christ. It cannot fail. It's an eternal sign. It can never be changed. "Heavens and earth will pass away, but that'll

never change." It's an eternal, everlasting sign, God manifested in human flesh.

God made Hissself known in human flesh. Do you believe that to be the Truth? With all your heart, you believe it? Don't shut yourself up like a turtle in a shell. If there's any turtle in you, take the shell out. Let the Holy Spirit come in. Don't close yourself to some creed or denomination. Brother, sister, the hour has arrived. I believe that God's done as much as He's going to do. The next thing is action of the church or either we're going to be lost.

**(The Super Sign
November 29, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 14



When the people are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve the LORD. He weakened my strength in the way; he shortened my days. I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations. Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee. (Psalms 102:22- 28)



He took Him up on the top of the pinnacle of the temple and said, "If You'll cast Yourself down here, why He'll give the angels charge concerning Thee," and so forth.

Jesus said, "It is written," the Father's Word again.

And he taken Him up on a mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, every one of them, and said, "They're all mine, I will do with them what I want to." You see why we have wars and everything. Who's the ruler of this world now. And he said, "I will give them all to you if You'll fall down and worship me."

Jesus said, "It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God and Him only shalt thou serve." And Jesus defeated Satan on the Word of the Father.

And you can do the same thing. No matter how bad he tempts you in saying it's not right, just say, "It is written." And the Word of God will defeat Satan anywhere, no

matter what it is. If you'll stand toe to toe with him and say, "It is written." "God said so; that settles it." If God said so; it really makes it the truth. All the heavens and earth will fold up someday and be no more. But God's Word is eternal and cannot fail, because God has spoken it.

Do you realize that the very earth that you're setting over tonight, is nothing more than the Word of God. Did you know God made the world out of His own spoken Word? If you didn't, where did He get the material? He said, "Let there be." And it materialized and made a world. "Let there be." And there was light. "Let there be." And He believed His own Word. And His own Word brought the earth into creation. He made the world out of things which was not and does not appear, yet He made the earth that you're setting over tonight. He made the chair that you're setting on tonight; His spoken Word brought the material into the earth, the Word of God. Amen. You begin to think how little we are, and how poorly, and how little it is to disbelieve God's Word, when everything that we see was made by His spoken Word. He spoke it into existence.

He spoke you into existence. He spoke me into existence. Oh, my, when we think of that, the little old doubts just drop away when we see who He is. Why, He held out His hands and phfff, blowed the moon and stars into existence. What do you think of that?

(Expectation
October 1, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 15



Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; (Psalms 103:1-3)



There is no power in any man on earth to heal you in the way of Divine healing. A doctor might move a place; he might set an arm. He might remove appendix, but who is going to heal that place up that he cut the appendix out of? He might pull a tooth, but who's going to heal that socket? He might set an arm, but who's going to knit that bone together. It takes the supernatural. And all healings in the hospital, on the sick beds, in the doctor's office, all healings is God's healing. No matter what aid you use, they're only remedies; He is the cure. Remedies are aids; God is the cure. Do you understand? Now, the doctor will do all he can to help you, to aid nature, but God is the cure.

Psalms 103:3 said, "I'm the Lord Who forgives all of thine iniquity (Do you believe that?), Who heals all of thy diseases." Now, you might come and confess your sins to me, and ask me to pray for you, but I cannot forgive you. If you sinned against me, I can forgive you. But if you sinned against God, He is the only one that can forgive. And He has forgiven every person in the world, and ever will be in the world. They're already forgiven, but it will never help them until they accept it by faith and then confess it.

And He's healed all the sick people, but it will never help them, until they confess it by faith, and believe it, and act upon their confession. "For as the body is dead

without the Spirit," says James, "so is faith without works." You've got to believe it and act like it. When you accept Him as your Saviour, you've got to believe it and act like Him.

**(The Church Of The Living God
July 27, 1951)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 16



Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalms 103:4-5)



This old eagle, he gets a crust over his face and head when he gets old. He can hardly eat. He gets poor; his mouth won't open right. He gets almost blinded. And when that crust gets to a certain spot over his head, they say he flies way up in the air, and he sets there, and he beats his head against that rock knocking that crust off if he can. And he rolls his eyes, and looks back. He beats the crust. Oh, it must come off. It's got to come off. If it don't, he's going to die. He's got to get that crust off of his face and his mouth. And he'd beat his head one way, and then the other way. He beats until he beats that crust off. And when he beats it against that rock until the crust comes off, then he screams, and he throws his wings back and forth, and rejoices because he knows he's going to get new feathers; he's going to eat his vitamins again; he's going to renew his youth. And I thought, "What a wonderful thing that is for the eagles. That's good."

But I know a rock that a man can come to, and can beat, and be beat, until all the doubt is gone, until the worry and cares of the world is gone. And when he's beat the crust of sin from around him until the Blood has sanctified his soul, then Eternal Life is sure to come. He can just set back and let off the pressure, because Eternal Life is sure.

Oh, eagles today, that's why you're here. You're eaglets. But if the crust has begin to

blind your eyes (the cares of the world), or you can't just swallow all the food of God, let's come to that Rock in a weary land. Let's come there and beat upon the altar until the crust is broke, and our eyes can see clearly Jesus again, and the cares of this world has passed away. Then the pressure will go off. He's a Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in a time of storm, a Refuge, a Haven of rest for the weary. Let's come to that place.

**(Letting Off Pressure
January 13, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 17



The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. (Psalms 103:6-18)



How can you preach predestination of God, foreordaining and setting, unless there's a sin atonement somewhere? Why is it each day you make a mistake, each day you do wrong? But if you're borned again, man or woman, as soon as you make the mistake, God knows you're sorry for it. You can stand in the Presence of President Roosevelt or anybody else and say, "I'm wrong; God forgive me for this thing." Why? And there's where the Blood atonement...

You notice that s-i-n-s. A sinner is a sinner; he does not commit sins. But the church commits sin, does wrong, gets a wrong thought, wrong impression, makes scruples,

wobbles like a little child walking, trying to learn how to walk. He just don't know how to walk good yet, 'cause he's a little boy. But we have a hand that reaches down gets us and steadies us, and say, "Make this step this a-way, son." He doesn't pick us up and spank us because we made a mistake; He doesn't beat us to death because we're trying to walk. He loves us like we love our children. A real, real daddy wouldn't whip his child when he's trying to walk, if he falls down on the floor. Reach right down with a big strong hand and pick him up, take both hands a hold of him, say, "This is the way you do it, son. Walk like this."

That's the way God does His church: reaches down and gets him in His arm, picks him up, and say, "Walk like this, son. Here, don't say it like that; talk it like this. Now, I don't care what the church says, what this says, what that says, you say it like this." Like this, this is it. "My Word preaches it, you stay right with it, walk with it. Stay right with it. Don't care what everybody else says, stay right with it. Walk like This. This is the way you make your steps."

(Adoption #3
May 22, 1960)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



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August 18



The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul. (Psalms 103:19-22)



Seeing is not believing. I can prove that by the senses of the body, that seeing is not believing. I cannot see this bottle of oil. I could not see it because it's behind me, yet I have a sense of feeling that tells me I've got it in my hand. See? Now, I couldn't see it; it's impossible. And now I cannot reach it; it's impossible, and yet I believe it. This, seeing is believing; this, feeling is believing. Now, I close my eyes, I neither could see it or feel it, but if I get it close and could smell it, I still believe it's there. So faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence not seen, taste, felt, smell, or heard. You believe it. And faith must have a resting place. And anything that's contrary to the Word of God, faith in God can have no resting place unless it's a promise of God. And there it takes its eternal stand.

But in the face of all these undoubting ages and things that we have went through and live in today, the worst of all, in the face of all this doubt, God does go right on proving His Words to be right, as He has in every age. Unbelief doesn't stop God; it doesn't hinder Him. I don't care how much the world unbelieves, it's still going to happen. Unbelief doesn't do nothing but condemns the unbeliever. The unbelief will send the unbeliever to hell. It'll rob him of every blessing God promised to him, but it doesn't hinder God from going right on with the believer. See, unbelief doesn't stop

God; it only stops the unbeliever.

You say, "The sun ain't going to shine tomorrow; I'm going to stop it." You try it. See? All right, you can't do it. God has set it in order and said it would shine, and it's going to shine. That's all. He said it would. There might be some clouds under it, but it's still shining just the same. And you can't stop God with that.

How does He make His Word known to the people? First, God knowing that there would be unbelievers... Now, watch the wisdom of God. Knowing there would be unbelievers, and how the majority would be unbelievers, He by foreknowledge predestinated a seed for every age that would believe it. Now, if you'll notice in there, for each age goes right on with His Word, everything right on time; nothing hinders God. He goes right on, and every click is moving just exactly right. We think sometimes it's not going to work right. But don't you worry.

**(Proving His Word
August 16, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 19



Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire: (Psalms 104:1-4)



Because a man that had palsy was healed, the whole country turned to the Lord, for a man being healed with a palsy. And today, the dead's raised up, and the people says, "It's demonology. It's psychology. It's mental telepathy. The person wasn't dead to begin with." You see the difference? It's our indifference towards God, has determined what we're getting today. We are going to receive Divine judgment. The whole world's shaking right now, under the impact of the on-creeping judgments.

One of the ministers will probably pick it up in a few minutes, on the oncoming judgments. And I hope they do, anyhow, on the oncoming judgment. Because the whole world is ready, it's quivering. Every nation is quivering. Don't you think that Russia isn't quivering too. The United States and the islands are quivering. Who's going to throw that first atomic bomb? When it does, it may throw the whole thing out of cater. Cobalt bomb, what's if a few of them is let loose? There won't be even a fly or an insect on the face of the earth left.

It's right now in the hands of wicked, sinful, hell-bound men. And your destination of this earth's journey (I said earth's journey.) is left to the hands of wicked and sinful men. You better watch where your soul's destination is pledged for. If it isn't pledged

towards heaven and towards God, turn tonight with all your heart, and don't let the old year pass away without you turning to God. For your earthly destination is determined by the hands of wicked, and cruel, cold-hearted, atheotic men. That's where your body is determined. Whatever they want to do about it now, that finishes you up. God be merciful.

And God in His loving mercy sending signs, and wonders, and miracles, and everything, and preaching the Gospel, and people constantly turning your face away from it. Then how can you expect anything else but judgment? You must receive it.

And one man being healed of palsy, and the whole country turned to Christ. And here where we have kings, and potentates, monarchs, and congressmens, and everything else; afflictions, and diseases, and dead and passed away, and see them rise to life again, and the nation only scorn and laugh at it. Then what we got left but judgment? Oh, brother, if there ever was a time that God wake up His people, is today. This coming year, may God anoint His ministers like flames of fire, for you're in the last days and the closing times.

(Everlasting Life And How To Receive It
December 31, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 20



Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth; And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart. (Psalms 104:5-15)



Forty thousand dollars, what that meant to somebody, paid it off like that. I got ten years to do it in, at four thousand a year. I draw a hundred dollars a week. I could've had it. That's exactly right. I'm not hitting myself on the shoulder. I'm telling you something, just an example or something, that you might understand. I could've had it. If I took the money people had give me, I'd be more than a millionaire. I could've had straight of buildings. You wouldn't have to rent this. I'd say, "Come on in, and take it over." See?

But, my. I've tried to make Jesus Christ my Pattern. He could've created fish. He could've created money. He could make wine from water. He could feed thousands

on two fishes and a loaf or two of bread. But yet, He didn't have a place to lay His head. He was our Example. Not something to shine, but something that glows, the Gospel.

There we find this rich man till he had so many things, till his barns all bursted out and everything. He said. "Now, you see, if I'd have followed that fanatic, you see where I'd have been? See? But now I live in glamor, all the women around me, and I got all this that I want, and I got all the so-and-so. I'm good standing with all the priests, the rabbis. They all pat me on the back and say, 'Brother Jones, we're so glad to see.'" I hope there's not a Brother Jones here this morning.

But pat him on the back and say, "Brother, we're so glad to have you. Oh, all you people just a minute. Now, I want to show you. There sets Dr. Levi Levinski Jones (whatever it is), setting over here. He's one of the supporters. He builds us a church. He does this, that, or the other." Hm. Sure.

Now that's his state there. He's shining like the Hollywood. Probably the chorus girls and things around him was marvelous. And he had all that he wanted of this world's pleasures. That is true. And there was a poor in spirit laying out there begging for a few crumbs. Matthew 5 said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

(Investments
January 26, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 21



The trees of the LORD are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house. The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening. O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. (Psalms 104:16-24)



I remember one time, daddy and I were plowing; and we was plowing corn. And I was just a little boy and my horse just begin to snort so, back in Indiana on the farm. And I said, "What's the matter?" They were looking up. I said, "Perhaps an animal is coming."

Oh, I see my old dad. He was then about thirty years old, I suppose, maybe thirty-five. He stopped. He said, "Billy, my son, I want to tell you something." He said, "Those horses do not see anything." Said, "But you know what's fixing to happen?"

I said, "No, dad."

He said, "There's coming a storm."

"Well," I said, "now, my father, I do not see any cloud at all, neither do I hear a thunder or see lightning."

He said, "You don't have to. You can't see it yet. They can."

I said, "I do not understand it. You mean his sight is better than mine?"

He said, "Not necessarily. But you see, Billy, the Almighty God has put in nature a way to preserve itself and keep itself." Said, "That horse can smell or sense that storm." And said, "God gives them that so they can get to safety."

I stood there a little bit. My father was not a Christian at that time. So I thought, "Surely, if God can give a horse a sense to get to safety when trouble's coming, how much more can He give to His children?" He's in His universe. See?

Plowed about two more rounds and I heard the thunder. The cloud was on us in about another half hour. They could sense it.

How can they explain this earth standing in the sockets, hanging in the air like this, turning perfectly, and so perfectly timed, till the astronomers can tell the very minute the eclipse will come in the moon, between the moon and sun twenty and thirty years ahead of time? There's not a piece of machinery ever invented that can move that, not move that perfect. Your watch won't do it. There's no watch can keep perfect time, not for any space of time. It'll lose tick or two, or gain a tick or two. There's nothing man can do like that. But God is perfect. He's right on time.

This meeting is not providential. It is God's provided way for us. It's just in the right season, the right time. You never come here this afternoon just by chance. It was God that brought you here. Everything is moving just right. Now, whether you want to listen, whether you want to believe, that'll be up to you. But at the judgment, then God will say, "You remember?" Uh-huh. Then what can you say?

**(Show Us The Father
May 21, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 22



So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein. These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their meat in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth. The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 104:25-35)



I'm getting so sick and tired of this American Hollywood evangelism going across the country with diamond rings, and short haired women, because it's carrying on, and beating the drums somewhere, and jumping up-and-down. It's a disgrace. We need the old-time Saint Paul's revival and the Bible Holy Ghost back in the church with some real good Holy Ghost salve to open people's eyes. That is the truth. Open our eyes.

Then when the real thing comes along, people's so blind they can't see it. And as God's been so merciful to us people, that it's become common to us. God, in all of our coldness and indifference, He still sends His mercy.

Here sometime ago a man wanted to be inspired, and he went down to the sea to be inspired. And on his road down he met an old salt coming back, an old sailor that'd lived on the sea, borned on the sea. And he said, "My good man, where goest thou?"

He said, "Sir, I'm going down to the sea to be inspired. Oh, I want to smell the salty air. I want to see the great ocean as it whips up its big white briny waves and see the reflection of the sky in its blue water. I want to hear the scream of the sea gulls. Oh, I'm sure I'll be inspired when I get to the sea. I've longed to see it all my life. I've longed to see the sea."

And the old salt said to him, "Well, I was borned on it, and I've sailed the seven seas, and I don't see nothing inspiring about it." Why? He was so used to it.

That's what's the matter with the Pentecostal church and the rest of them today. You're so used to seeing the powers of God, and the glory of God, and the goodness of God till you just don't pay any attention to it no more. That's right. It becomes a common thing.

That's the reason Africa, India, and those nations there who knows nothing about it, just the first time God does anything, oh, my, they go by the thousands to Christ. They've never seen it like we have. But our days is just about over, and it's leaving here now, going to those lands. Certainly it is.

**(Door To The Heart
March 16, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 23



O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore. Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth; O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen. He is the LORD our God: his judgments are in all the earth. (Psalms 105:1-7)



As the story of Charles Wesley on his retreat down by the seaside one day... He had a little shack; he was studying; the Lord led him down there. And he was studying; oh, God was moving on him for a song. And he couldn't get nothing to start on. He'd start on something; the inspiration would leave him. So he went walking down along the seashore, listening at the waves, and thought he could find some inspiration in the waves lapping. All at once a storm came up. Nothing happens by chance; everything is ordained of God. No matter what happens, all things are going to work together for good.

And he started towards his little cabin. When he did, the winds got to blowing. He thought, "Oh, I'll be blown off this shore before I get there. And he pulled up his coat and started to run, and something flew into his bosom. And he looked back, and it was a little sparrow come for refuge. He just held it in his bosom until the storm was over and the sun come out. He set this little fellow upon his finger, and he let him fly away. And he flew away, and then the inspiration struck him:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in Thee;

Oh, I like that. See? Rock of Ages, that Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in the time of storm. That Rock in a weary land, Hide Thou me, Hide me, O Rock of Ages cleft for me. The great inspired writers of the songs and the things that we so enjoy today. You say, "Are those songs inspired?" Jesus referred to them when He was here on earth, said, "Is not it written in the Psalms, David said certain-certain thing." Sure they're inspired. Just like preaching or anything else, it's inspired. I'm so glad that I have a Refuge. Other refuge have I none.

**(Letting Off The Pressure
May 13, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 24



He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance: When they were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and strangers in it. When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people; He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes; Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm. (Psalms 105:8-15)



I fear my mother. I fear my wife. I fear my church. I fear all of God's servants, unless I should put a stumbling block somewhere in their way. I fear the people. I fear the people of the city, unless I should do something wrong that would cause them to think that I wasn't a Christian. See, you've got, before you can have respects, you've got to have fear. And God demands it, He demands respects. God does; He demands it. And fear brings it. And we know that fear brings respects.

Now, you take for instance, the man, he's a farmer or maybe he's a shop worker, and nobody pays any attention to him. But let him get a job on the police force and come down the street, and as a policeman with his badge and uniform on, (where, maybe someone wouldn't speak to him the day before), "Hello, there, John. How are you?" See? Why is it? It's kind of an awe, or a fear, or a respect, because of it. Maybe he gets elected to be the mayor of the city. Who would President Kennedy tonight be, if he wasn't President Kennedy? What if he was just a same man he is, but yet he was a worker that worked at Colgates down here for forty dollars a week? See? he'd come

through the city here and nobody would pay much attention to him, only his own associates. But being he's the President of the United States, he deserves a respect. You see?

And that, and because that God is God, He deserves a respect. That's right. And He, we've got to respect Him and give a fear to Him, and that brings respect. God has demanded that for Himself and for all His servants. God demands respects for His servants. His servants, how we know that they're His servants, because He a-vindicates these servants by His Word. He takes these servants and makes them servants of God, and proves that they are servants, by making His Word work through them servants. Then as you respect that servant, you respect God. So when I respect you, and you respect me, and we respect each other, then we're respecting God.

(Questions And Answers
October 15, 1961)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 25



Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: he brake the whole staff of bread. He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom. (Psalms 105:16-22)



Now, along come Joseph. Joseph, a perfect example, that was Christ in Joseph. Why, you notice he was loved of his father, despised of his brothers because he was a seer. They hated him without a cause. The man couldn't help what he was; he was. And the other brothers hated him, a very good type of all ages. Always when a seer comes on the scene, the rest of them hate him for the same cause as they did Joseph.

He couldn't help it. He could interpret their dreams. Never was He wrong. He foretold things. Never was he wrong. And his brothers hated him without a cause.

And notice, his life portrayed Christ to us exactly, even sold almost for thirty pieces of silver, taken up out of the ditch, and set at the right hand of Pharaoh, the ruler of the world at that day. And every time he left the palace, they sounded a trumpet and said, "Every knee bow, 'cause Joseph is coming," a perfect type of Christ in the millennium when the trumpet sounds, and He'll come forth, and every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess to Him.

Notice, in his prison he was a prophet. That's when he was sold, and put into prison on

account of Potiphar's wife. Then we find that in there the butcher and the baker, they both had a dream. And he interpreted the dream, and one was lost and one was saved. So did Jesus on the cross exactly. One was lost, one was saved, when He was in His prison, tacked to the cross. Just a perfect example.

(The Identification Of Christ In All Ages
April 9, 1964)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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August 26



Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies. He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants. He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen. They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham. He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish. Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings. He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts. He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land. He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts. He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillers, and that without number, And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground. He smote also all the firstborn in their land, the chief of all their strength. (Psalms 105:23-36)



Jesus said, "There'd be one in a bed; and I'll take one, leave one." That's at nighttime. "There'd could be two in a field (over on the other side of the earth); I'll take one and leave one. And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man."

Think. Everything will move just as common as it can be. A fanatic message will go by, and the first thing you know something, "This minister going somewhere, he's never come back. He probably went to the woods hunting; he's never returned no more. And this fellow went somewhere..." "You know what happened? I believe that young girl, she must've been caught away somewhere, you know. Somebody take that

girl out and ravish her, probably threw her in the river. She was with nobody."

Half of it, ninety-nine out of every, may say one out of every hundred million will ever know anything about it. See? Unless somebody's acquainted with her. Say, "The girl's missing. Why, I can't understand. She never did leave like that." No.

And when they say the graves will open, how is the graves going to open? I haven't got time to get into this, what I wanted to. I'm going to have to take this, just to show you the simplicity of God. And that calcium, potash, and everything when everything that's in you of materials only makes a spoonful. That's right. And what that does it breaks on back into spirit and life.

God just speaks and the rapture will come. It ain't going out there, and the Angels come down and shovel out the graves and get out an old dead carcass here. What is it? It's born of sin to begin with, but a new one made in its likeness. If we have this, we'll die again. See? Nobody will say, "The graves will open. The dead shall walk out." That may be true, but not open the way you say open. See? That's right. See? It won't be like that. It'll be a secret, because He said He'd come like a thief in the night.

He's already told us this, the rapture, then judgments will strike: sin, plagues, sickness, and everything. The people will cry for death to take them when the judgment. "Lord, why is this judgment upon us when You said that there'd be a rapture first?"

He will say, "It's already come, and you didn't know it.": God hiding Himself in simplicity. Oh, my. All right. "It's already happened and you knew it not."

**(God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same
March 17, 1963 - Morning)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 27



He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes. Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them. He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night. The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven. He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river. For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness: And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 105:37-45)



Not long ago out in the West, I was having a meeting. I went home with an old rancher for dinner. Oh, why, some of his people had been healed. He'd give me a check there that would've bought me forty-five of these Tabernacles, if I'd have wanted it. I said, "I don't want your money."

Howard, my brother, was with me, said, "Bill, why didn't you take that check?"

I said, "I don't want his money." Let me live day by day. Not money I'm after, I'm wanting to serve the Lord Jesus.

He stood there when that woman was healed out yonder, the Melikians in California. You seen it here in the Louisville paper. When they come here, two of those agents and brought a million, five hundred thousand dollars, and offered it to me when I lived in this two-room shack. I said, "I don't even want to look at it. No, sir. No, sir." The love of money is the root of all evil. Keep away from that stuff.

This rancher walked out of there, he said, "Reverend Branham?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "You see them mountains over yonder?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

"How far you think they are away?"

I said, "I don't know."

Said, "They're eighty miles." Said, "I own plumb to that, and plumb beyond that. It's my grazing ground."

I said, "My, that's wonderful."

He said, "Now, see down in there, see that city?" He said, "I own the bank in that city; I own all that ground down around there, and I own this way." Oh, all he owned, stopped in his little station wagon, I looked at him, very nice man. I laid my hand on his shoulder; I said, "Brother, I want to ask you a question."

He said, "All right."

I said, "Look right up this a-way. How much do you own up That way?" See?

He said, "Brother Branham, I'm afraid I don't own anything."

I said, "There's where my treasures are laying now. I don't have nothing down here. 'But a tent, or a cottage, why should I care. They're building a palace for me over

there! Of rubies and diamonds, and silver and gold, His coffers are full, and has riches untold." Yes, sir. That's where the riches lays; up yonder, where your treasures is, your heart is also.

**(Israel And The Church #5
March 29, 1953)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 28



Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD? who can shew forth all his praise? Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times. Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. (Psalms 106:1-5)



Setting on this certain rock there, right where He had appeared, I had a friend that was with us, that had come down from up in Minnesota. His people are here this morning, and I'm not sure but what he may be here on some of the other floors. It was Donavon Weerts, and a fine young fellow, a Lutheran that had just give his life to Christ and been filled with the Spirit, very humble German boy, about thirty years old, family, two or three little children. He moved down in Tucson just to be neighbors with me, where three or four hundred had moved in to be neighbors.

And I'm glad to have such neighbors as that. They follow me all the way to South Africa, and everywhere around, just to be near, and to be with me and enjoy the pleasures of the Lord. Such a humble fellow, I'd never noticed him very much.

'Course, the people that I know and associate with are just like my own brother, sister. I watch them, and feel if I think they're getting out of line, and take them out to one side and talk with them, because I love them. We want to live in glory together. And sometimes maybe in the meetings, you think I speak harsh to you. That isn't because

that I don't love you, but it does come from my heart, because it must be just one way. There's only one way to serve God, and we must stay in His way, no matter what our thoughts is, His way.

And I noticed Donavon, on the right tip of his ear, was swollen perhaps three times its size, and looked very red. Well, now thinking maybe that there in the desert for a few days, that where we'd been, that maybe he had got some cactus in his ear. But taking ahold of his hand, I found out that it was a cancer. So I said to Donavon, I said, "Donavon, how long has that been on your ear?" Just to kind of throw him off, like I didn't know. I said, "How long has that been on there, Donavon?"

He said, "Brother Branham, about six months," he said.

I said, "Why didn't you mention it to me?"

He said, "Oh, seeing you so busy," said, "I didn't want to do it." Said, "I just thought maybe sometime the Lord might tell you."

So I said, "Do you realize what it is?"

He said, "I have a good idea."

I said, "That is right."

And the second morning, no more than that, holding the boy by the hand; the second morning, there wasn't even a scar on his ear. It was all completely gone.

So many times we press, trying to get to this, that. See, it's, "These signs shall follow the believer." It didn't say if they pray for the sick. "If they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." We must have faith ourselves in what we're doing. All right.

**(ne In A Million
April 24, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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August 29



We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea. Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. (Psalms 106:6-12)



Christ died for sinners. I believe it. I accept it. I start rejoicing. God works righteousness by it.

I believe He was striped for my healing. I believe it. I accept it. God's Word is healing for me. See, just as soon as I believe. He can't help me till I believe. I've got to believe and confess it, first, and then God's under obligation to His Word. And if He's Almighty God, He can do all things. And if He cannot do all things, He's not Almighty God. There it is. All right. Notice. What kind of a boy ought this to be? What kind of a person? God keeping His Word, God promised to do anything, God will do it.

When the children of Israel was led out of Egypt, God promised to take care of them as they journeyed through the wilderness. God said He would take care of them, and He did do it. No matter where the path led, and the enemy got in God's path, it give

away.

I can see them come up to the Red Sea. God had His map drawn out, way He was going to take them. They moved right up to the Red Sea: no way at all to cross it. Here was Pharaoh's army, the mountains on one side, Pharaoh's army here, the Red Sea in front of them. Moses lifted up his hands. Psalms 72 said God looked down. He seen that path laying through the bottom of the sea. There was His children right there, needing the promise, taking God at His Word. God looked down through that Pillar of Fire, and with angered eyes. And when He did, the sea got scared and moved back like that, and made a dry path, and Israel walked through on dry ground. Take God at His Word.

When they crossed the Red Sea, them uncircumcised, those people pretending to be, like the make-believer today, trying to do so, perished. Then a great victory come when they seen the opposite side perish.

Miriam got in the Spirit, grabbed up a tambourine, and went down the bank, dancing. Kinda shock you here. Dancing, beating the tambourine. And the daughters of Israel followed her, beating tambourines and dancing in the Spirit. If that ain't an old fashion revival, I don't know nothing about it: Victory. There laid the dead ones, laying in the back, the ones that all the things had bothered them.

When that old sickness that's bothered you, that old stomach trouble. Oh, my! When that old spike, that old sin, them things that set you back and held you back; when you walk through the Blood of Jesus yonder, and God has cleansed your soul, there'll be another dancing party take place. The joy bells of heaven will leap up in your heart.

There was the leader, Moses, got so excited. Yeah. He threw his hands up in the air, and sung a song in the Spirit. Sounds like camp meeting time, doesn't it? Yes, sir.

**(I Am The Resurrection And The Life
August 10, 1952)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul. They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the LORD. The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered the company of Abiram. And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked. They made a calf in Horeb, and worshipped the molten image. Thus they changed their glory into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass. (Psalms 106:13-20)



Now, see, holding censors, fire burning sweet smelling savour before God, and those hands holding that, yet perished with the censor in their hand, because they were trying to do something in sincerity, yet, against the Word of God, trying to make an organization. Said, "You take too much upon yourself. Who are you to say that you've got all the Word of God?" They failed to see that Moses was the messenger of that hour. See, he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. There was nobody on earth like him. He had the message, and the people failed to see it. And Moses was exactly with **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Sure. All right.

Now, we find the same thing today, good men, great men, precious men trying to preach the Word of God in their hand through some manmade tradition: cutting out here, and cutting down here, and making it this, and "Come join the church and change your membership," and spiritually die with that Word in their hand. See?

They could not believe God's messenger or His message of that day. They couldn't

understand why a great God wouldn't work with a whole group of people, and just put it upon one man.

How many of them have I talked today, "What will we do, Brother Branham? We know you're right, but what will we do? The organization'd put us out, we'd have no other place to go." I feel sorry for them; but there is a place. You say, "Well, we'd starve to death." David said, "Once I was young, and now I'm old, and I've never seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed to beg bread."

That's exactly on the same basis that they refused Jesus. They were so wrapped up in their denomination, and holy priests and holy buildings, and holy churches and holy temples, they failed to see God in His human temple. "You, being a man, make yourself God." See, they were so wrapped up in it. These men were so wrapped up that Dathan and them were right. Nimrod was so wrapped up that he could achieve something that would take the people above the wrath of God. Adam was sure that if he covered his nakedness, God couldn't see it. You can't cover it; God has to cover it. See, see? God's program covers it, not yours. It's always been that way. They fail to see Jesus in His temple, God manifested in flesh.

(**Why I'm Against Organized Religion**
November 11, 1962)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt; Wondrous works in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red sea. Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word: But murmured in their tents, and hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD. Therefore he lifted up his hand against them, to overthrow them in the wilderness: To overthrow their seed also among the nations, and to scatter them in the lands. They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead. Thus they provoked him to anger with their inventions: and the plague brake in upon them. Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore. (Psalms 106:21-31)



It was Moses, I believe, who followed the children of Israel, or who led them, following the Light, the Pillar of Fire through the wilderness. It was Moses who endured to the end. As Moses, a hundred and twenty years after eighty years of service for God, who stood upon the mount and looked over into the promised land with the tears rolling down his cheeks, of a old man of a hundred and twenty years old. He come through the briar patches; he'd waded the deep waters; he'd tasted the bitter cup of gall and sorrow. He'd been with the disobedient people as their pastor. He had led them from place to place, and put up with their murmurings, and throwed hissself in the breach and said, "God, take me before You do them."

It was Moses who stood there as an old man, knowing that in every way he was a type

of Christ, knowing somehow, someway, God surely would take him, 'cause He had to bring him up again as the type of Christ. He was born as a prophet, as Christ, not only a prophet, but leader and so forth. He was hid away in the bulrushes and so was Christ taken into Egypt. He was a law giver as Christ was to the Mount of Olives, laying from Sinai. Every way he was a type of Christ. And when he was old and death staring him in the face, how would he ever bring forth the resurrection? But just as the crucial moment come, God provided a way. When the breath was leaving and gurgling in his neck, he looked, laying by his side, and there stood the Rock. God provided a Rock; the Rock was Christ Jesus who was in the wilderness. Moses endured to the Rock.

God give me grace to endure to the same thing. And when my last breath is being drawn from this body, let me see the Rock standing there. Stepped over on the Rock, and the Angels come and packed him away. Eight hundred years later he was standing in Palestine with Elijah, standing there talking to Jesus before the cross. God made a way of escape.

**(Making A Way
March 4, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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They angered him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses for their sakes: Because they provoked his spirit, so that he spake unadvisedly with his lips. (Psalms 106:32-33)



Now, remember, Divine gifts can easily get a person into trouble. That God, if He finds someone that He figures that He can entrust a Divine gift with, which is reverent with all of our hearts. Now, you remember, how many believes Moses was a Divine gifted prophet of God? He was. Everyone believes that. But Moses, with that same Divine gift, got himself in trouble. Did he? God told him, said, "You go speak to the Rock." He'd already smitten the Rock once. Said, "Go speak to the Rock."

And that Rock was Christ, is that right? And Christ wasn't smitten the second time; we just speak to Him now. He was smitten once, and He brought forth the waters of Life. And we just speak to the Rock now, and it brings forth the waters. Like God so loved the world. The Rock in the wilderness was a perfect of John 3:16, "God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, and whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have Everlasting Life."

Those Israelites were perishing, and the Rock was smitten and brought forth water. "And God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son. Whosoever believeth on Him should not perish (A perishing generation of people) should not perish, but have Everlasting Life," by speaking to the Rock.

But Moses went down there and smote the Rock. He got anger. He lost control of himself. He got all worked up, and excited, because the people... And he just smote

the rock again, and it didn't bring its water. But he smote it again. Is that right? Now, he was a Divine prophet sent from the Presence of God, borned in this world to be a prophet, a vindicated prophet by signs and wonders, the Pillar of Fire followed him. And we know that he was a prophet sent from God.

And God had entrusted him with that power, and as far as I know, Bible readers. I'm not much of a scholar, because I never got but just a grammar school education, seventh grade at that. Look. But here, the only place that I can see in the Bible where the program of God was ever broke, any all the types, was right there when Moses smote the rock the second time to bring out the water. Regardless, if it wasn't God's will. We know it wasn't God's will. We'll admit that, don't we. But Moses had power to bring it whether it was God's will or not. Is that true? We know it was against God's will. But God had entrusted His servant with that power. When he smote the rock, and it didn't bring forth its water; showed it wasn't God's will. And he smote it again; he called for it. It had to come. That's right. He was endowed with that power; he brought forth water. It was against God's will. And God dealt with Moses later about that.

(The Angel And The Commission
August 21, 1950)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them. Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.

(Psalms 106:34-42)



I want you to listen this. "My God is a God of love, my God is love and wouldn't do this. Wars are of Satan." I'll agree with you that wars is of Satan. He's a prince of this world. Every kingdom and every nation in this world belongs to Satan. God said they did in His Word. Satan said, "They're mine." Jesus admitted that they were his. But He's going to fall heir to all of them after while, Jesus will. We'll have no more wars then. But God permits Satan to do this for correction and for judgment.

Now, I want to ask you something just before we start. I want you to answer me this and find out. If you don't believe that God wouldn't do these things. Just to start it right from the beginning, give me your undivided attention if you can. Listen. Why did God Himself chastise His own Son and murder Him on the cross? God killed His own Son at the cross. "Yet it pleased God," said the Scripture, "to smite Him, and to bruise Him,

and to wound Him." God did His own Son that way to save you.

I want to ask about Saul, the great king of Israel. God told him to go down and to take King Og and everything he had and utterly destroy everything down there, men, women, children, and everything, even the cattle to kill it, not to let nothing live. And Saul went down there and spared some of the cattle. And God took the Spirit off of him and separated him from Him; he become God's enemy.

Why did Elijah stand there when God give the old King Og into Ahab's hands? And he told Ahab to kill that king. And Ahab refused to do it. And Elijah the prophet had a sentry said, "Smite me with your sword." He was a prophet. He said, "I won't." And he lost his life. Then he told another one, said, "Smite me." And the man hit him with the sword and cut him. And he wrapped himself up in disguise and he stood there. And here come Ahab riding in on his chariot. He said, "What you standing here about?"

He said, "Well, I was a sentry; I was given a care over a man. And he smote me and run away, and I let him go. And they told me if I did, I have to pay with my own life." He said, "Well, you'll have to pay with your own life."

He unwrapped himself and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, because you didn't murder that king down there, you'll pay for it with your own self." That right? That's exactly right. Let me read you something here. How about Babylon, when Joshua, when God sent Joshua over across there, and he utterly destroyed little babies, children, and everything else. He wiped everything out. Little Philistine babies, he just destroyed them. God commanded him. And if he didn't do it, it was his own life.

I'm going to fix it up in a few minutes. God is love, perfect love; but you don't know what love is. That's why today people don't know what faith is. God is love. He has to be in love; He's sovereign to His Word. And He has to keep His Word.

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry: And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise. Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 106:43-48)



You see, in God's laws of redemption, as it was with Boaz and Naomi, it had to be a near kinsman. And the only way that man could be redeemed, God had to become a kinsman, near. I want you to see it. He never become kinfolks altogether to the rich, to the mighty, but He was born in the stable, wrapped in swaddling cloth: not to the adult, but to the child. He was God over the creation. He chose to do it. Not come a full matured man, He came that He might suffer the feelings of the little babies. He came that He might go through the teenage temptations. Might go, that He could toil the toils and snares of the devil, as a man, and make a way for people of all ages, of all ages and of all classes: the poor, the rich, the all. He became poor, that, through His poverty, we might become rich and heirs with Him in the Kingdom. A sign would be given, crossing Himself, making Himself something different than what He was: now a super Sign, crying as a baby, playing as a boy, toiling as a man, but it was God living in all stages of life like we do.

You know, God has give many signs that He was God. He gave a sign to the

antediluvian world that He was God, the God of judgment. He drowned the people in the days of Noah, and floated the righteous in an ark; a sign that He was just and judgment was sure. That's a sign, that every unrepented sinner will perish in the judgment, that the righteous shall be saved by the mercy of God.

He gave another sign at the burning bush. What was it when He caught His runaway prophet? "I have heard the cries of My people, and I've remembered My covenant"? He gave another sign there, that He was a covenant-keeping God, that He remembered everything that He said, every promise that He made. He gave a sign at the burning bush, "And I've come down to deliver them."

Watch God in His ways of work. When He created the heavens and earth, He called the Angels together, and He said, "Let us." Every place in the Scripture where He did anything mostly, "Not Me, but My Father."

But when it come to the plan of redemption, He came alone; nobody was with Him. He was the only One that could come. An Angel couldn't do it. Another man called His son, couldn't do it. One called something else, a holy virgin, or a holy mother, or-or some saint, couldn't do it. God had to come. "And I'll give you the Sign. A virgin shall conceive; and a baby will be born, and He will be Immanuel: God with us," the super sign. God in His people. God with His people. God become His people. God and man became one. A Sign, a stumbling Block to the world, but a blessed hope for the believer, a Sign that will be evil spoken of.

(A Super Sign
December 27, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.
(Psalms 107:1-7)



No matter what a state a man's in, he's yet a son of God, no matter how sinful he is, how far away he is. He's a fallen son, but yet he's a son. God is his Creator. God is his Maker. God has bought him with a price. He may never reconcile himself to that. He may never accept it. It may never do him any good. But yet he is a son and she is a daughter of God.

And what did God put man here for? Now, we could spend much time on these thoughts, but we won't. We just give it basic thought here for tonight. Then we'll go praying for the sick 'cause perhaps ministers has already spoke and so forth.

Now, God, when He made man in the beginning, He made him superior to anything on earth. He gave him the jurisdiction of everything on earth: to control everything. He controlled the animal life. He controlled the fowl life, the fishes of the sea. He controlled the winds. He controlled the plant life. He controlled everything.

Man was made as a secondary god on earth. He was given the power to control all

things, all elements of the earth. That was Adam. Adam was given these great powers. But then the power that he was given to make himself, is where he fell.

And Adam could speak to the winds and it would stop. He could speak to the trees and they would obey him. He could speak to the wildlife; it would obey him. He could speak to the waters, ever what it was. Everything obeyed Adam.

Now, that is the beginning of man. That's what God give him power over: everything on the earth. Now, though the fall he lost that power, then he becomes unconscious of the fact, after losing his relationship and friendship, fellowship with the Father. Then he lost that. And all of his great channels become clogged up, and He couldn't get through.

Now, what Adam was in God, Christ has redeemed us back to that. Now, a redeemer, to redeem anything is to bring it back to it's origin again.

And Adam never had to be sick. He never had to die. He never had a worry. He never had a heartache. He never had fear. He just climbed up in the arms of the Father and just like a child. Everything was his. And whatever he asked, why he just got it. Everything obeyed him, because he was God's child; and the child is heir of all things.

Now, when man fell, he lost this. And now what he lost in the fall, Christ come as a Redeemer. Did you ever stop to think what Christ redeemed us for? He gave us Everlasting Life. He brought us back to the eternal fellowship and relationship to God to be His sons and daughters again, to restore back all that Adam lost in the fall.

(The Fundamental Foundation For Faith
January 13, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 5



Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. (Psalms 107:8-16)



Notice, every year the high priest entered into that place. The congregation followed him up. And when he went into this great place where the veil dropped behind him, the inner courts, the holiest of holies, no one dared to go after him. Then he was alone with God.

What a beautiful picture it is today of a consecrated life who, once enters into with Christ, dead to the things of the world, hid away with God, and the veil's dropped down around, and all the world's shut off. Then Christianity and religion becomes a pleasure to every believer.

Today people just have enough religion to make them miserable, knowing that they ought to do this, their trying to escape hell. Well, if that's the way I felt about it,

brother, I don't know what I would do.

Oh, get in with Christ. Shut off from the things of the world, for, to commune with Him is a pleasure. It's beautiful. It's something that fills and satisfies the soul, something that gives you peace that passes all understanding. All the crosses become flying wings. All the burdens are chariot wheels. Oh, you can fly away.

"My burdens are light." Yoke up with Him, the yoke is all padded with Hallelujahs. When you're once inside the veil with Him, He becomes your life.

The prophet said that He would write His laws anew. He would put them in their heart. Now, Mount Sinai was a place of duty. But Mount Calvary was a place of grace. People are still trying to live on Mount Sinai. "If I'll go to church, if I'll pay my dues, if I'll do this or do that, if I'll quit this and stop that." That's still on Mount Sinai.

When you come to a place where you are dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, sealed by the Holy Ghost, the whole Christian life becomes a great glorious shout and a hallelujah to you. And you're hid away daily.

(A Hidden Life In Christ
November 10, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 6



Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. (Psalms 107:17-22)



Jesus Christ has purchased every salvation and every healing when He died at Calvary. And don't never let any man ever tell you that's there's anything about him that can heal you, for he's absolutely wrong, either mentally or Scripturally. He is Scripturally wrong. And he might be nervous and upset. He might've seen, I don't say if he said he seen a angel, and the angel told him that he had power to heal the people. The angel told him something that the Bible denies. See? For His, "By His stripes, you were healed." Christ healed you, and there's nothing, no one else can do about it. It's your individual faith in His vicarious suffering for you at Calvary. That's as plain as I know the Gospel.

No man can forgive your sins. I don't care whether he's a priest, cardinal, bishop, pope, whatever he is; no man can forgive sins, the sins that you have committed. They are already forgiven. You just have to accept your pardon that Christ paid for you at Calvary. How many believes that's the Gospel? That's just it, brother. So there's no power in my hands. There's no power in any other man's hands to heal anybody. The power is in your faith in Jesus Christ. There's the power.

Now, let us approach the Scriptures and speak just for a short time. I'll watch, and then if we get through in time, we'll call a few people here at the platform somewhere out of those prayer cards out there, and pray a little, and try tonight if we could get that faith to a place to where everybody can be healed, everybody at one time. I've seen it so many times, I know it can happen here, and that's what I've longed to see. May God grant it is my prayer. See a little polio boy setting here in front tonight, perhaps his mommy with him, two little boys with braces on. You know, if there was one power in me that would heal that little boy setting there, just a little bigger than my little Joseph, I'd walk right down there now. That's right. But I couldn't do it. I can't do it.

But if there's something in the family that the family's done that's caused this... Maybe it was for the glory of God. Maybe it's something that they done. Maybe it's a sin of someone else, their grandparents. He said, He'd visit the iniquity of the children to the third and fourth generation. I don't know. But whatever that is, God can reveal that to me. That's true. But to heal them, I couldn't do it.

(The Mighty Conqueror - August 8, 1957
March 17, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 7



They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. (Psalms 107:23-32)



Your word is a part of you. Your promise is just as good as you can be. And God's promise is just as good as He can be. Now, as being a mortal, you can make a promise and have to break it, because you're just a mortal. I'm just a mortal. But God being immortal, and infinite, and omnipotent, omnipresent, He makes a statement, and He knows the end from the beginning. And He can keep it.

Abraham called those things which were not as though they were, because he was fully persuaded that what God had promised, God was able to perform. 'Cause He would have never made the promise, unless He knew what was going to be. See how we can rest upon His Word then?

No matter how hard the storm blows, what's contrary to it? Rest solemnly upon the

Word. God said it Who seen the other side of the storm. See?

So, if you're sick just anchor your soul in the haven of rest. If you're perplexed and distressed, remember, He said, "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world." And He said, "All things will work together for good to them that love the Lord." So, just stay right there. One man wrote, a poet wrote, "My anchor holds within the veil." What is a veil? It's something that shuts off here from there. And the anchor is on the inside of the veil. You don't see how it's going to be. But you know that there's something that's got ahold of you that's got ahold up there.

And when the sea is blowing and storming... Did you ever, I guess, maybe some of you has never been privileged to see a ship anchored. Oh, my. I've rode them when they throw out a sea anchor like that, until the little craft couldn't even go over the top of the wave. It would go through the wave. But, as long as the anchor went out, that's all that makes any difference. Whether we go over it, under it, around it or through it, doesn't matter. The anchor holds. That's the way when storms of life begin to shake us. We may have to go through. We may have to go over, under, around. But just let the anchor hold within the veil to the unseen. We don't know just exactly where it's at, but it's a holding.

Just like the little boy, you know, that had the kite. You've heard the old proverb, the story. Said, "How do you know you got a kite on the end of there?"

He said, "I can still feel it tugging." So, that's it. If we can feel it still tugging, God dealing with our hearts, then we know our anchor still holds.

(Joseph Meeting His Brethren
December 30, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 8



He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease. Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way. Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD. (Psalms 107:33-43)



Jezebel, in the days of Elijah, how she disrespected Elijah. Elijah was actually her pastor. Sure. Oh, she wouldn't receive that. Goodness, no, she was an atheist, or an infidel, or idol worshipper. And she had her own pagan priests. But yet Elijah was her pastor; God sent him there to be pastor. He was pastor whether if he did bawl her out and tell her all of her sins, yet he was her pastor. She wouldn't receive it at all, and she disrespected him. She hated him. Sure, she did. And what happened to her? God let the dogs eat her in the street. That's right. Because what? She disrespected the message that Elijah was preaching.

God demands respects. You've got to have it. You ever get anything from God, you're going to respect God. And you must do it from your heart, the bottom of your heart.

You must do it.

But she disrespected God as she disrespected His prophet. Now, she knowed Elijah was a prophet. They didn't have anything in Israel could keep up with Elijah. Why, his visions and everything was perfect before God. And he, but he condemned them. Mercy, yes. He'd get on every denomination, everything else. And everything that's called sin, he condemned it, from the least to the greatest, king and all; he didn't pull any punches for none of them. But they had to know he was a prophet. They just couldn't keep from knowing that. Yes, sir.

Even Ahab tried to accuse him for the drought. And he did pray God to send the drought. Yes, he did. And he said, "I have power, and I'll close the heavens; it'll not even rain or dew won't fall till I call for it."

Could you imagine that little Jezebel with that painted-up face, stomping up-and-down that floor, "That old hypocrite, that old hypocrite, causing all these little children out here to suffer," and all like that. Elijah was trying to bring them back to God, trying to win a nation back to God. See? She could tell the people, "And you mean to tell me you'd believe on a man like that, that would close the lands up like this, and it not even rain or dew? And all of his hypocrisy or his witchcraft out there," whatever she wanted to call it. "And he's nothing but just a witch or a soothsayer, or something. He's closed the heavens and it won't rain, making all these people suffer. And you say then that's the will of God?" It was the will of God.

(Respects
October 15, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 9



O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early. I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth; That thy beloved may be delivered: save with thy right hand, and answer me. (Psalms 108:1-6)



That's the way God was to Abraham: said, "Abraham, you're an old man. You're a hundred years old, but I am the breasted One. Just take a hold. Stay right there. Stay with it. I'm your Creator. I'm the breasted God." Not breast, but breasted: salvation and healing both. Amen. "He was wounded for our transgressions. With His stripes, we're healed." And He's still El Shaddai, the breasted God Who forgives all of your iniquity, Who heals all of your diseases. And that's breasted is New and Old Testament. Take them either one. Hold on to God's eternal promise and nurse from the Word of God your physical or spiritual health. The Breasted God. And not only that, but the word means "the Satisfier. The little baby, while he's a nursing, he's not only getting strong; but he's satisfied while he's nursing. He quits fretting. He quits stewing, fussing. He just lays against the mother's bosom, and he just rolls his eyes around, and says, "I am getting bigger and better all the time." No more crying. And that's the way you are when you once get a hold of a promise of God. You start nursing from that promise your strength. "Everyday, I'm getting better and better. Praise the Lord." But you that's not Abraham's seed, why, you're going to look at your symptoms. "Oh, look here. I know better."

You know, a man that had a good case of symptoms was Jonah. If there ever was a man that had a right to have symptoms, it was Jonah. You know, he was backslid, and he had his hands tied behind him, his feet tied on a stormy sea, and thrown out, and a whale swallowed him and went to the bottom of the sea. Now, any fish that feeds goes back and rests it's swimmers on the bottom of the ocean. Feed your gold fish and watch them go right down and rest. Now, he swallowed this preacher on a stormy sea, when the boat was about to sink, and he went right down, this big fish, and laid down on the bottom of the sea, many fathoms deep, laying there resting his swimmers. And Jonah was backslid, hands and feet tied, and in the belly of a whale, vomit all over him, sea weeds wrapped around his neck in the bottom of the ocean. Brother, there is nobody here that bad off. But what did Jonah say? Everywhere he looked, it was symptoms. He looked this way, was whale's belly. Whale's belly this way. Whale's belly that way. Everywhere he looked was whale's belly. You know what he said? "They are lying vanities. I refuse to look at it! Once more will I look to Your holy temple, Lord."

For he knowed when Solomon dedicated that temple, he said, "Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and pray, and look towards this temple, then hear from heaven." And he believed Solomon's prayer. And if Jonah under those conditions, with that kind of symptoms, could look to a earthly temple, where a earthly man who later backslid, and could believe and be delivered from under those symptoms and refused to see them, how much more ought you, who are filled with the Holy Ghost? Don't look toward your earthly temple, but a heaven where Jesus sets at the right hand of God with His own bloody garment making intercessions on your confession.

(Jehovah-Jireh
January 6, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 10



God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth. Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the strength of mine head; Judah is my lawgiver; Moab is my washpot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph. Who will bring me into the strong city? who will lead me into Edom? Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off? and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. (Psalms 108:7-13)



Now, now, we notice Moab here is a type of the church. They had just slew some kings and had routed the enemy, killed off everything, possessed the land, and moved up by Moab. Now, Moab was by no means a heathen nation. Moab was a nation that served the same God that Israel served. And the land of Moab was originally started with Lot's son by his own daughter. And he, being the founder of this nation, and had organized and celebrities and so forth, and made a great nation out of it, and they had multiplied and went on.

And now, Israel was of the seed of Abraham, not of Lot. Israel come out of Isaac, Jacob. And Israel sprung out of those twelve tribes from Jacob, which was later called Israel, because he wrestled with the Lord.

And you people out on the telephones, I want to first say that I do not wish to be critical, and I hope I'm not; but the Message that's been given to me, I must be faithful to that Message or I'll be a hypocrite. See? I can't say no more than what I am

sent to say. And I am thinking that the great enemy of the Christian society today is the organized churches. I do believe with all my heart that it'll finally form into the mark of the beast (which I think I can prove that by the Bible with God's help. I have already done it), that it will form into the mark of the beast in the federation of the churches. Because God never did at any time ever recognize an organized church, never. He never did do it, and every time that man made an organization, the Spirit of God left it and never did return again. Ask any historian, or you may be a reader yourself. Never. When they organized, God laid it on the shelf; and that's where it went; it stayed from then on. They grewed in members, but never awakening of the Spirit: never, no more.

Moab here is a type of such, because they were an organized nation in their own land, like in their denomination. And they had their own religions. And their religion was the same religion that Israel had. They were Moabites and believed in Jehovah God, but they was a organized group of people.

(Does God Ever Change His Mind About His Word? -
April 18, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 11



Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love.
(Psalms 109:1-5)



Just always keep humble. Now, everyone in the church has something to do; but don't never pull it aside for something else. Let it blend in with the rest of the church; It's for God, all things. See, see? Don't everybody want to speak with tongues, everybody interpret.

Try to do something good and just keep being good; hold no malice, no grudges; don't let any bitterness. No matter how bad the person is and how bad they talk about you, don't you never think evil in your heart against them; 'cause right there the devil will set right in, work up something right there. Just keep it all covered up with godly love, confession, and making right, and do good to those who do evil to you. "If you only do good to those who do good to you, why," Jesus said, "don't the Publicans the same?" See, the sinners, anybody can be good to those that's good to them. But be good to those who are not good to you; do something for those that would not do nothing for you. Speak a good word for the man that would speak evil against you, and that way you keep all the bitterness out of your heart; and you're always in love with everybody then. As long as you stay in love...

Now, you say, "Well, they did..." We're not the judge; God is the Judge. And you won't want that poor fellow to be cast away, would you? Certainly not, no matter who they are. You wouldn't want that, so try to be kind to them. "And love hides a multitude of sins." Yes, sir. Love, just that good, Christian, godly love...

If a man comes up and calls you a holy-roller and all kinds of names... Now, now just don't act like it. See? If you can't act like it, just walk away. But in your heart, you should be to a place you say, "Well, now, perhaps, brother, if you understood in the way I do, you'd feel like I do about it." See? And just be real sweet to him, but go ahead like that. And even though we might differ as far as the east is from the west, that don't make any difference.

(The Pergamean Church Age
December 7, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 12



Set thou a wicked man over him: and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places. Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; and let the strangers spoil his labour. Let there be none to extend mercy unto him: neither let there be any to favour his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off; and in the generation following let their name be blotted out. Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD; and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out. Let them be before the LORD continually, that he may cut off the memory of them from the earth. Because that he remembered not to shew mercy, but persecuted the poor and needy man, that he might even slay the broken in heart. As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him: as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment, so let it come into his bowels like water, and like oil into his bones. Let it be unto him as the garment which covereth him, and for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually. Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD, and of them that speak evil against my soul. (Psalms 109:6-20)



When Adam and Eve had sinned, there was no way, no other remedy that they could ever stand in the Presence of God again, except this sin be dealt with. And no man can commit a sin of any type, no matter how little or how big, that individual sin has to be dealt with before the one who committed it can ever stand in the Presence of the Holy God.

So therefore, when Adam and Eve had sinned and had transgressed the law, they were subjects of death. And the law had to be executed; therefore, it put all the human race under the penalty of death. Now, if we can only settle down for a few moments now in our thinking, and look at this great picture, and remember that every person here is included in this. Every man and woman, child, is included in the penalty of death by the transgression of the head of the human race, Adam; by his transgression every one of us fell victim to sin.

And sin must be dealt with. And so, God, in His great infinity and His great love. The law was to separate the sinner from his Maker; then he become annihilated, and totally annihilated, there would be no way for him to ever come back unless that sin was dealt with. And it would be very easy then to believe in a total annihilation of the sinner at the end, for he is completely, forever separated from the Presence of God.

Now, notice this sin. And how God, being just, and He could do nothing else but be just, for He is the resource of all justice, then there would be nothing else for Him to do but to place the penalty for this transgression. And the penalty was death, for He said, "The day you eat thereof, that day thou shalt surely die." Now, it's a dark picture we have here. But then if we go back just a little further, and find out the very attributes of God, the Bible plainly tells us that God is love. But yet, being love, He has to be just. So love does not mean just a thing that can be petted and played with. Love is the justice of God.

(The Perfection
April 19, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 13



But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me. For I am poor and needy, and my heart is wounded within me. I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust. My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. I became also a reproach unto them: when they looked upon me they shaked their heads. Help me, O LORD my God: O save me according to thy mercy: That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, LORD, hast done it. Let them curse, but bless thou: when they arise, let them be ashamed; but let thy servant rejoice. Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul. (Psalms 109:21-31)



Jesus will stand at the door and knock, and we'll keep Him out. We'll not open the door. We'll just let Him knock. And who is more important than Jesus? Tell me who's a greater person than He? And here He says, "I stand at the door and knock, and if any man will open, I'll come in."

If you had all the Caesars, all the Hitlers, all the great man and women of the world standing in front of your door, all put together would nothing like compare with the One that stands at the door daily and knocks at your heart, the Lord Jesus. He wants to come in. He wants to talk to you. You're one of His subjects. You were made in His image. You are a human being that's made in the image of God. And He longs to talk to you.

He just doesn't go to the great, the celebrity. He comes to the poor and needy. "Any man that would hear My voice and open the door, I'll come in and talk with him."

Just think what it means this morning for the King of glory, for the great I Am, for the One Who was in the burning bush, or the One Who separated the waters in the Red Sea for the children of Israel to pass over, or the One Who spoke and the sun stood still, the One Who formed the moon and stars and put them in their sockets to shine, the One Who said, "Lazarus, come forth." And a man dead four days in the grave come to life again. Think of it. The One Who went into the lions' den with Daniel and protected him from the lions; the One Who went into the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children and fanned the fire from them; the One Who stood and said, "I am the Resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die,"; He stands at the door of a fallen humanity, knocking and trying to gain access to the soul. And we turn that great important Person away.

**(I Stand At The Door And Knock
December 8, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 14



The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head. (Psalms 110:1-7)



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, when Nicodemus, you know, they thought, Him being a Man, He couldn't be God. And He said, 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 spiritualminded.

The carnal mind, and 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. Yes, sir. All right.

(Why I'm Against Organized Religion
November 11, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 15



Praise ye the LORD. I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the LORD are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein. His work is honourable and glorious: and his righteousness endureth for ever. He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion. He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. (Psalms 111:1-5)



There was one time a burning bush conference. God's people had been taken down into Egypt, and there we know how Joseph was sold, a perfect type of Christ, and how that we seen him dismiss every Gentile from around him to make hisself known to his brethren. Very beautiful picture of the day we're living in when the Gospel's going back to Israel again, Jesus will make Himself known to the Jew away from the Gentile.

Then when we find out and after four hundred years of bondage, and the Egyptians rose up there, and there was a pharaoh who did not know Joseph; and finally it come to a place they were made to serve with rigor. How the Egyptians made slaves out of them and beat them and drove them like cattle.

God ordained a prophet to rise up. That prophet run away and married a beautiful Ethiopian girl and had a son, Gershom, and was well satisfied to inherit a lot of money from his father, Jethro, or his father-in-law Jethro. And was keeping his flocks on the backside of the desert when all at once the cries of God's people come up before him. There had to be something done. God remembered.

I'm so glad He remembers. He remembered His covenant. He remembered Eden. He remembered Abraham. He remembers every Word that He ever promised, everything that He ever said. He's the infinite God. He remembered it all, and He remembered He made His promise. There's only one thing for God to do: that's keep His Word. And to keep His Word He had ordained a prophet, but this prophet was a runaway, out into the wilderness. He was a fugitive. He had went out into the wilderness and was settled down, but when God ordains a man to do something, no matter how much he runs...

God ordained there'd be a Church in the last days; there can rise devils, and demons, and hypocrites, but God will have that Church, because He said it would be there. He will do it. God's able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham.

And then when he found a fugitive of His, this prophet Moses, out there very well satisfied with a beautiful wife and a family and going to be rich. That Jewish heart, that was good enough for him. The burden had left him, because he had failed in his theology and in his intellectuals to deliver the children of Israel, but God had ordained that he should do it. And everything that God ordains will come to pass. God's going to have a Church and going to have a people. He's going to have someone to believe His gifts. He's going to have those who'll speak with tongues, those who'll interpret. He's going to have prophets. He's going to do it, because He said He would. God will have healing and salvation. And the Holy Ghost will fall, and He's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham

(Conference
November 25, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 16



He hath shewed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen. The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness. He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever. (Psalms 111:6-10)



If I wrote you a letter, I believe that we are friends enough that you would appreciate it. And if you wrote me one, I would appreciate it. But if your letter was just addressed to me; after I read it, it would not be so valuable or it would not be valuable to anyone else. It would be a letter that was directed to me, or mine letter directed to you. And after it's once read it could be discarded unless you just kept it as a relic.

But, oh, it's not so with the Word of God, because it was not addressed to any certain individual. It was addressed to all of Adam's fallen race, to every mortal being. That's why it's so valuable. Just one word, you can hang on to it with all that's within you and know that it is the truth. Jesus said, "All Scriptures must be fulfilled." He said, "The heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail."

There was an old darkie one time said, "I had rather be standing on the Word of God than standing in heaven."

And the man said, "How do you figure that, uncle?"

He said, "Because both heaven and earth will pass away, but God's Word shall never pass away."

And how true that is. And I can assure you tonight, and I'll go on record on these tapes, that any Divine promise that God has made, if you'll take the right mental attitude towards that promise, God will bring it to pass, regardless of what it is. For God cannot say something one time and something contrary to that at another time, because He's infinite. Now, you and I get smarter, or we should. The human race gets smarter. God cannot get smarter, because He is infinite to begin with. And every time He makes a decision, every time that same crisis arise, He has to make the same decision or He made it wrong when He made the first one.

He cannot back up and say, "I was mistaken," because He's God. And then if He can make a mistake, He's mortal like you and I. So what kind of a hope does that give us? When we read this blessed Word we know it's the truth. Right there we stand on God's Word.

**(Hear Ye Him
March 28, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 17



Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. (Psalms 112:1-4)



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." It might've been a hundred million or billion, or whatever it was. And how He done it, that's up to Him to know, not to me. But the earth was without form and void, and water was upon the earth; and God moved upon the water and said, "Let there be light."

Now, I believe that the sun and so forth was already in existence. I believe the moon, as it goes on, Genesis 3, to explain it, but I believe what was here, that the world, we was going to use it; and therefore there was fog and mist all over the earth, making it dark. And God said, "Let there be light," and the darkness faded away, and there was a cloudless sky.

And I believe that's God's way of doing things; in the Bible the next verse, the 4th verse says, "And He separated the light from the darkness; and the light He called day, and the darkness He called night." And God's Word always separates light from darkness. See? It's the Word that does the separating (See?), light from darkness.

God ever does the same thing. When He gets ready to use anything, like He got ready to use this old star or whatever it was, this world, He had to separate the light from the darkness. When He gets ready to use a group of people, He has to separate the

light from the darkness. When He gets ready to use an individual, He separates the light from the darkness. See? Light comes by God, and remember, the light come by His spoken Word. The Word of God said, "Let there be light," when there was no light. And He sent the light to separate the darkness from the light.

This word of command cleared the sky so the sun could shine in. And His Word today is what clears back all of the atmospheres of unbelief.

**(There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light
December 29, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 18



A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.
(Psalms 112:5-10)



God has made a promise: "If the people that are called by My Name shall assemble themselves together and pray, then I'll hear from heaven."

And so, we tonight, want to think on that, and remember that in the midst of all this cry, God cannot send a revival until He's got men in shape to take it. We cannot have a revival until we get men, God called men, God trained men, that's not trained up in the schools of theology and of education, but rugged men of faith that God has brought up in the school of His rugged training, men who are not afraid to face the fire, men who has come in the Presence of God and knows His power, and knows His omnipotence, and knows His healing power, some men that's trained to know the living God. It's all right to train them by the Word, but the letter killeth; the Spirit giveth Life.

And before we can have this revival, God has to call out and train men (God trained men) to carry this Message. And they don't care what the opposition is. They are

willing to go to the fiery furnace in defeat, or to the lion's den, or wherever it may be; they're ready to go, because they've been in the Presence of God and know that He is. Whether it's to victory or defeat, they still stand the same.

That's the kind of training God does to man. And it's very strange to think that God would do that God trains His men like that, but He does.

You know, we have an old song we sing. "Some through the waters, some through the floods, some through deep trials, but all through the blood." God leads His people through great trials to purge them, and sometime it takes years to do it. And as for myself tonight, I believe that right now God is training such men to meet the front line, men who are going through and times shook from their feet. Sometimes look like the whole thing's falling, but yet in the midst of it all, they know that living God and keep their face forward, keep moving on.

And many people praying for a revival, I wonder if there sometimes (if those who are praying), if their own prayers don't stop up the wells of blessings. When they're cowardly and afraid to trust God, afraid to take Him at His Word, afraid to believe that He still lives today, when His Bible plainly says that He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

(**God-Called Man**
October 5, 1958)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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September 19



Praise ye the LORD. Praise, O ye servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised. The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth! He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. He maketh the barren woman to keep house, and to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 113:1-9)



I got a lady up in Canada that I believe she's fifty-three or fifty-four years old. She'd been married since she was about eighteen; they had no children, and one night (it was while Brother Jack was with me,) and the lady came up; they're German people; I forget their name just now, and she come on the platform; the Holy Spirit said, "You're seeking for a baby." Yes. Passed the age, she was about forty something, forty-eight, forty-seven, forty-eight then.

Said, "That's right."

Said, "Well, you shall embrace a son; **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**"

Now, always watch that. See? **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, one's a vision; that's what I'm seeing. Then what I see He does, that's one thing I'm saying what I'm looking at, the next thing I'm saying what He's going to do. You see? This is what I'm saying, that's what He's saying. See? About two or three years passed and nothing happened.

She thought, "Well, there's something wrong." And she got to doubting.

She said, "Well, Brother Branham just didn't see the vision right." Oh, yes. So she said, after three or four years passed, and she said, "I know I can't have it now." She's done way up around fifty years old or better.

And I come through from up way up in Northern, the Yukon on a hunting trip, come by and had it one night's meeting in a little village I was coming by. When I come to this city where she lives, why, Calgary, and Her husband came to the meeting, she didn't come. And I said, "Where's sister?" And I didn't have any top coat, and he wanted to give me his, and I wouldn't take it. And he's standing back; I said, "Where's sister?" Said, "Brother Branham, she's broke down with TB."

And I said, "Oh, my."

And I stood and looked at him, and just kind of... You have to feel the people's feeling. You can never help anybody 'less you get right into it with them. You got to enter into their suffering. If you don't do it, you're just out. You got to have a love and something that makes you just be right with them.

And that hurt me so bad to hear that she had tubercular. I looked; I said, "Here's what's caused it, she doubted about that baby."

He said, "Brother Branham, that's exactly the truth."

I said, "Now, she's off in some sort of a isms about drinking juices, and things like that, and don't eat any meats, and don't..."

He said, "That's exactly right."

I said, "That's what broke her down in TB. Her body's undernourished." I said, "You go tell her that I said THUS SAITH THE LORD, don't doubt that. I don't care if she's ninety years old; she'll still have the baby." See?

**(The Queen Of Sheba
November 27, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 20



When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob; Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters. (Psalms 114:1-8)



So Moses commissioned them to kill a lamb and to sprinkle it in the sign of the cross on the door. And believer, inside the door, after sprinkling. Notice it. Get the significance of the order of the Scripture. The believer, once behind the blood, could no more go out, only through the approach, had to go through the blood.

Death was in the road. The death Angel couldn't touch the blood. "When I see the blood I'll pass over you." And the believer, had come through the approach. God was going to give them miracles. Going to take them away from the garlic pots and let them eat Angel's food. But He couldn't do it till they had an approach. Amen.

He was going to take them away from the old muddy waters of Egypt and give them living Waters out of a rock. He couldn't do it until He made an approach. They just couldn't do it by desire. There had to be a provided approach.

They was going to see the Red Sea opened. They was going to see miracles take place. But before they could see this thing, they had (let that soak deep), they had to

come through God's provided approach. You see it, Christian?

It's not because they desired to see it, not because you want to see something happen. If you want to see whether Christ is right or not, come through God's approach to Him. Then you'll know.

Now, the uncircumcised tried to come the same thing, to do the same thing, and they drowned. If you don't want to get wrecked up in life, you quit pretending to be a Christian. 'Cause you're going to find yourself wrecked up out here somewhere. Yes, you come through God's provided way of approach.

If I started to go home this afternoon, and cut across the fields, I'd find myself sunk down in a mud puddle somewhere. The highway has an approach to Jeffersonville, and I must go the way of the highway. It's easy running, if you'll just get in the road. Die out to self; come through the Blood of Christ, then you can approach the Father, and He will give you the Holy Spirit, that'll make you a believer. 'Cause it's not you that's believing any more, it's the Holy Spirit in you. Your nature's changed.

Oh, I wish we had more time, but my time is gone. Oh, I just love the Word, don't you? Look, before they could see miracles, they had to come the provided approach. Before they could see the Red Sea open, they had to be a partaker of the glory. Notice. Before they could become a partaker of the glory, they had to come the provided approach to God to be a partaker of the vine, the Divine articles. And before you can ever become a partaker of this blessed heavenly calling, you have to come through the provided approach, not self-sustaining, not intellectually, but death to yourself, and a reborn again in Christ Jesus through the offering of the Blood.

(he Approach To God
January 23, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 21



Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them. (Psalms 115:1-8)



As long as this church craves for more of God, there's more of God somewhere to respond to that crave. "The deep calling to the deep," as David said, "at the noise of Thy water spout."

The deep calling... Before the deep can call, there's got to be a deep to respond to that call or there'd be no call. Though if there wasn't a Bible to tell me that Christ healed, to see you here tonight under these conditions, I'd still say, "There's a fountain open somewhere." Certainly. That little queen that desired to know a living God, there was a living God somewhere for her to find. No matter what the circumstances was, she was going to do it anyhow. She put all the materials on the camels, the spice, myrrh, frankincense, and the great costly things, that cost literally thousands times ten thousands of dollars. Today you couldn't buy them for the many, many times more than you would've got then. It'd cost in the millions to get it. But she ladened her animals, and she got her little caravan started, and as she started off across the desert, all them circumstances. But yet, something in her heart was pulling her. Oh, if that is

the truth. Now, she's on her road, but is it the truth?

So when she arrived, she didn't come just to stay a hour; she took her camels, and put them away, and put up her tents and whatever she had, held her gifts to herself. She went into the church; that morning when Solomon took the pulpit, and they begin to bring the cases up to him, she marveled at that great spirit of discernment. But she said, "I'll come back tomorrow, when he's sitting." And she stayed, and day after day she watched it without one failure. God can do anything, but fail. She watched it. How perfect it was. And then, when she was thoroughly convinced in heart, being a pagan, she was thoroughly convinced that there was a God Who lived, not an idol but a living God, because He was working in His living creature, showing Himself, that He was God. And she said, "All that I have heard was right, and more than I heard is right." She was thoroughly convinced. She gave her gold; she gave her gifts to support it, and to build in the temple of God, and to do everything that she could do to support it.

And Jesus said, "She'll rise up in the judgment, with you well trained Pharisees, and condemn you." Amen. I feel religious right now, you don't think a Baptist shout, you might. Yes. "She'll rise. She'll stand up in the day of the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. For she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, a gift of wisdom, discernment, and verily I say unto you, that a greater than Solomon is here."

**(The Queen of Sheba
March 13, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 22



O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great. The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men. The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence. But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and for evermore. Praise the LORD. (Psalms 115:9-18)



Now, I used to think that God was angry with me, but Christ loved me. But come to find out that Christ is the very heart of God. And in this beautiful type of the coming out of the children of Israel, how that Christ in type, was the smitten rock. And the only way that those people, after searching everywhere for water, they were perishing. And Moses, God's servant, took the judgment rod, which it was a judgment stick. It had brought judgment upon the unbeliever of Egypt, flies, gnats, all kinds of diseases, affliction. God's judgment stick that was waved in the hand of His servant, smote the rock, and rock gave forth its water, and a perishing people was saved. What a beautiful type of John 3:16.

God loved the world that He... The smiting of the just judgments that belonged to us, they were all smitten onto Christ. And out of Him came forth rivers of living waters, speaking of the Spirit, that a perishing people might live. The waters of life coming

from Him, a smitten sacrifice, an accepted One. I love God for that.

Some people says, "Well, it won't make much difference whether I receive it or not."
It does.

"Well, I'm just a little housewife."

"I am just a little colored lady that lives back in the alley." No matter who you are, that "Whosoever will, let him come..." No matter how little, like the text, no matter how small it is... I've often wondered, as I go into the woods in the springtime, after the cold blusterous winter, and I notice little, teeny flowers, no larger than a half a inch, and I have to get down sometimes to see them. How insignificant it is to the great stately oak that's standing by it. But God is so mindful that He sees that this teeny, little flower is taken care of through the winter, that it can raise again and spread forth its beauty. And in there is sometimes blue and red colors. God knows them every one. God is concerned about us all.

(When Divine Love Projects
January 26, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 23



I love the LORD, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful. The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. (Psalms 116:1-9)



Why, here not long ago, a woman went to get the Life of Saint Martin in a English book store. And she said, "Saint Martin."

And the person took the rack out, said, "He isn't known very much in history; he wasn't canonized." See? Till yet this day; but God has his name; God knows who he is. See, that's the difference. Somebody wants their name in some big something, but God's people wants to shun that kind of stuff. They don't want great big things, and great big something; they want to be humble, that humility. The way up is down. "He that humbles himself shall be exalted; he that exalts himself shall be abased." Humbled himself... Don't try to be a big something; try to be a little something, but be what you are. See? Be little in the sight of God; be little in your own sight; everybody else is above you. "Let him's the greatest among you be minister to all."

Who could be greater than Jesus Christ Who girded Himself and washed the disciples'

feet? A foot washing flunky He become. The God of heaven, the Creator of heavens and earth, washing dirty feet for fishermen (Oh.), with manure and stuff, and dust off the roads, where their garments had swept it up, and washing it off; a foot washing flunky, what He was. And then we think we're somebody. We got to be Doctor, Ph.D. So-and-so. Oh, my. That ain't Christ. That don't display the lovely Jesus Christ. He become servant to all. That's right. Taught us an example that we should do to one another as He's did unto us. Oh, that's my Lord. What makes Him big, because He made Hisself little. See, that's what made Him be.

I've had the privilege of meeting some great men in my life, and I've had some privilege of meeting men that thought they were great. A real great man tries to make you think you're great and He's nothing. See? Meeting kings, and so forth, and men who are really are great men. Meet real staunch Christians, patched clothes, and things like that, and some of them come to the pulpit like a bandbox.

(he Pergamean Church Age
December 7, 1960)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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September 24



I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted: I said in my haste, All men are liars. What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 116:10-19)



He said, "And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." See? "Blessed are the pure in heart. Blessed are the peacemakers." Blessed are, blessed are, and way over here, He slips this Beatitude in again. See? "And blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in Me." Oh, it was a great time, in those days.

Now, we find that what caused this to start, was just after the ministry of this great, rugged, New Testament Elijah, John the Baptist. And that's who the message was sent to. And John had been placed in prison because of his ministry.

And oh, what a rugged fellow John was. And he was really truly, the messenger Jesus said "that shall go before Me." And he was an outdoor man. And how when they caught him, he was perfectly like Elijah, who his spirit was anointed. He was the anointed Elijah of the New Testament.

How that Elijah was a kind of man that didn't like the way Jezebel, immoral women lived, and John, the same thing. And Elijah lived in the wilderness, John, the same thing. John kind of stood by alone, just like Elijah did. And that great, rugged man from the wilderness, and them had him down in an old musty, wet, damp jail.

That must've been a horrible experience for John, a man that had been free out in the wilderness, having his meat with the locusts, honey, and the wilderness journey, out there where he could kill what he eat or take what he wanted out of the wilderness. And now, he's down in a little old, musty, dirty jail, perhaps, dark in a dungeon somewhere. Because that wife Herodias had had him throwed in there because that he had told him that it wasn't right for Herod to take his brother, Philip's wife, and live with her. It wasn't lawful for him to do it.

And John was one of those men that did not hold back any punches. He just let her fly. It made no difference to him. If it was a head off, it was a head off. That all. Just like Elijah. He was right out forward with what he had to say. What was right, was right. If it was wrong, it was wrong.

God, we need more like that today, men who will stand on real genuine convictions of the Word of God. Speak it and don't hold your peace. Speak it out.

**(The Forgotten Beatitude
April 25, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 25



O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalms 117:1-2)



Now, one fellow ask another one the other day; he said, "Don't you believe, if a man was once a child of God, borned of the Spirit of God, washed in the Blood, and redeemed thoroughly by God, by the renewing of his heart, by the washing of the water by the Blood through the Word, and becomes a child of God, don't you think that person could sin and get away from God to where he would be lost?"

And the minister, who talking, being a very good Bible student, said, "I'll answer your question when you answer mine. Do you think that a man could be so good that he wouldn't lie, steal, or do anything bad, but he would be so good that God would receive him into heaven without the Blood of Christ?"

No, of course not. You could not go to heaven without the Blood of the Lord Jesus, no matter how good you are. It's only self-made righteousness. And we're don't go to heaven on self-made righteousness, no matter how good you are. It's totally impossible for you to get to heaven on your goodness. It's the mercy of God that bought you at Calvary, and you are God's love gift to Christ. And if God gave a gift to Christ, Christ keeps His gift. "All that comes to Me, all the Father has given Me will come to Me, and none of them are lost. I'll raise them up at the last day."

Now, you might be emotionally worked up; you might have oil through your hands, or speak with tongues, or dance in the Spirit, or join the church, or some of the fantastics

of today; and you could be lost, certainly. That's right. But if you are God's love gift to Christ, you are safe.

Now, your life will prove what you are. By their fruits you shall know it. If you're trying to make yourself act sweet, and humble, and so forth, then you are still outside the Kingdom. It's your own works then. And that's where the church, the people, so called the church, has so miserably failed, because it is in our own personal work that they feel that they merit the goodness and grace of God by what they do and how they live. But that has not one thing to do with it. It is the gift of God.

(The Impersonation Of Christianity
January 20, 1957)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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September 26



O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever. Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever. Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever. I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.
(Psalms 118:1-9)



Well, I just love to talk about Him so much, that I just can't get through talking. I've been twenty-three years now in the ministry, and I come in the ministry when I was just a boy and the only regrets that I have if I could strain my life of one thing that I regret more than anything else, that I didn't know Jesus when I was just a little bitty boy. I wished I could turn it back. Every hour of my life I would give for His glory.

I remember as a young boy just in twenty, the boys used to say, "Billy, you don't get any pleasure out of life. You don't dance. You don't drink. You don't smoke. You don't go to shows or dances. What do you get out of life?"

And one night a young lady asked me when I was taking her home. She said, "What do you get out of life?"

And the next night I made an altar call in the place where I was preaching, a local

Baptist church, and down the aisle come thirty or forty people kneeling at the altar. The young lady was setting there weeping. I said, "Would you stand up, sister?" I said, "You wanted to know where I got my pleasures. This is worth more to me than all the things that the world ever give me, this one thing here. It gives such a peace and a satisfaction to my soul."

I'm so happy tonight, that Almighty God in His infinite mercy, and His redeeming grace saw fit one time to save me and to give me the privilege of speaking to His people. I love people. I love every one, the world, whether they're sinners or Christians. I feel that in my heart. Every one of us, Jesus died for all of us. I see the men sometime out on the street drinking, and I see them gambling, and some of them cursing and so. That doesn't turn me against the person. It just only makes me know that Satan is doing that. That's my brother, and it just hurts me to see Satan have him gripped like that. Now, if I can say something to him to win him over to our Lord Jesus where he can have Eternal Life, why, he will stop that. He is my brother. He's just fallen, and I love to help him up. See? And that's truly from my heart.

And if I should die tonight the testimony that I have given which has now went around the world and I... If I should die tonight, and this would be my last sermon that I'd ever speak, or last prayer line I'd ever pray for the sick, my testimony's true. And if I'd meet you at the judgment, you'll find out that I have only testified what is the truth of Jesus Christ and His mercy.

(Testimony
November 29, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 27



All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them. They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them. Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation. The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. The right hand of the LORD is exalted: the right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death. (Psalms 118:10-18)



One day some Philistines came after him. He was unarmed. There was a thousand of them. They had long spears and big shields, and that's like a door in front of you, like that, the shields. Just think of a great big brass shield now, all the way in front of you, with helmets of brass on, big coats of brass, and all over their shins and everything with brass; great, big long spears, long as them out to that pole there, maybe fifteen, twenty feet long, big brass heads on them like that, sharp as a razor. And they found this little curly-headed shrimp coming down from Palestine to visit some girlfriend of his down there. So they said, "There's that little fellow. Let's go take him." One man could've took him by the end of that spear, just lifted him up and shook him a little bit, and he'd a-fell right down to his hand, down to the hilt on the spear. Why, he's just a little bitty old guy.

Some people, the artists, try to draw Samson with shoulders he couldn't walked in this

Tabernacle. Well, that wouldn't be no mystery, that a man that size. Samson was just a little bitty old thing, but the Spirit of the Lord's what was big. See? It's dishonoring the Scripture to say he was a man that size.

God always takes the foolish and ignorant things like that, to do His work with. You see? He takes something that's nothing.

So this little fellow was standing out there, and all at once here come these Philistines and surrounded him to kill him. And he took the jawbone of a mule that was laying there, a wild one, a little donkey, picked up the jawbone of that mule, and the Spirit of the Lord came on him. And there was a paradox, how that he beat down with the jaw bone of a mule, through that half-inchthick helmet over the top of the heads with the jaw bone of a mule. Why, the first, that old dry jawbone laying there, the first lick he would've hit it, it'd bursted into a thousand pieces, over the top of one of those helmets or those big shields. When a thousand rushed in upon him, and he beat every one of them to death: paradox. That was when the Spirit of God come upon him. Oh, if we could only be jawbones in the hand of God, there'd be another paradox.

(Paradox
December 10, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 28



Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the LORD: This gate of the LORD, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. (Psalms 118:19-23



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. Oh, you take Him by lip, but I mean by heart. It's from your heart, the chief Cornerstone, the whole building's fitted together.

And no matter how great our denomination is, we have, they may say, "A million more in fifty-four," or whatever a slogan you may have. If they're just church joiners, we are rejecting the very principle of Christ. That's right.

We have went to all the world and done what God told us not to do. We have built churches, seminaries, hospitals. All those things are marvelous. We appreciate them. And they're good in their place, but Christ never ordained that. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." That's the reason, not quote Scripture, not do this, or do that, but preach the gospel. Then you say, "What is the Gospel?"

Paul said, "The Gospel come not in word only, but through power and manifestation of the Holy Spirit." Not go into all the world and pass out leaflets. I found that in Africa, India, and everywhere else, and Mohammeds, and everything increasing hundreds of times more than Christianity.

But when Christ comes on the scene; that changes everything. Not teach theology, but preach the Gospel. Demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit in all the world: the risen Jesus Christ alive just as much today as He ever was, never die no more. He died once and rose again, and He's alive.

**(God Making His Promise
December 9, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 29



This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD. God is the LORD, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar. Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalms 118:24-29)



People forsaking going to church, the churches are beginning to be evacuated now. The war is over. Everybody's well-fed and got a change of clothes, got a pretty good job, settled down. They ain't got time to wait on you when you go to the store. Called the other day to get my furnace fixed, said, "Did we put it in?" Said, "No, someone else, but they're out of business."

"Then," said, "see to the people that went out of business," just as unconcerned. Recently, the last few years ago, they'd have solicited every bit of business they could. But they got enough money. They don't care; let it go.

But let me tell you, that stuff will eat cankered holes in you. But he said to: Covet not this world's vain riches,

That so rapidly decay,

Seek to gain heavenly treasures,

They will never pass away.

I've been through depression. I've been through prosperity. I've seen it, altogether. But I wouldn't turn loose the hand of Jesus Christ for all the money and the wealth that you could pile on the face of this earth, and everything else. He's my Friend when I'm broke. He's my Friend when I got plenty. I love Him when I'm hungry. I love Him when I'm filled. I love Him when I'm in sorrow. I love Him when I'm happy. I love Him because I love Him, because He first loved me. Amen. Hallelujah.

When I was sick, laying, dying, He was my Friend. When I'm feeling good tonight, happy, He's still my Friend. When I'm laying yonder, dying somewhere, and my chilly veins coming up my arms like that, He will be my Friend then. And when these brittle threads that I'm walking on, breaks, and I plunge out into Eternity, He will be my Friend then. When the ages roll on, after ten thousand years, you've sung your jubilee songs, He will still be my Friend then. Yes, sir. When there's no more moon, no more sun, no more earth, He will still be my Friend then as the ages roll on. Oh, how we ought to love Him.

What is your job? What is whatever you've got? What's your popularity? Who are you anyhow? That's right. Who are you to turn your back on God? Who are you to disobey one Word that He would say? Who are you to turn your head to God's Word, because some preacher or somebody else told you that it was for some other day? Who are you to believe man instead of God? You believe God instead of man. That's the way to be friends with God.

(The Unpardonable Sin
October 24, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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September 30



Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments. I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments. I will keep thy statutes: O forsake me not utterly. (Psalms 119:1-8)



You seek Him with all your heart and get down to business, God will be there to meet you. That's right. But you have to not just kind of slop-way through; you've got to come right straight to God and confess everything, and lay it out, and come on those grounds and God will meet you there. He will do something for you. He will answer your prayers.

Every man that ever believed in God, or heard God's voice, expected Him to do something.

Now, they'd never been any rain on the earth. God watered the earth up to, before the antediluvian destruction, why, He watered it through irrigation, up through the earth. It had never rained. And God spoke to Noah and told him to prepare an ark for the saving of his house, that it was going to rain. Rain was going to come out of the skies and the whole earth was going to be covered with water. And Noah was expecting that to happen. If he would not have expected it, the first critic come by, he would've said, "Well, I guess maybe I was wrong. It wasn't God." See? So he'd went away.

Now, that's about the way that the 1961 version of the church would act. But that's not really the real borned again Christian, when God says so, we expect it to be that way. God said it, and that's the way it's going to be. It's just got to be that way.

You know, why we are the way we are today? How the church is lukewarm in this Laodicean church age? Why, God said it would be that way. You can't expect nothing else. It's got to be that way. That's right. But "all that he loves He chastens and rebukes," and "I stand at the door and knock, and if any man would hear My voice..." that's the address to this church age by God in the Bible of Revelation the 3rd chapter to the Laodicean Church Age.

Now, we notice, that Noah was prepared, himself an ark, moved by fear and made an ark, stood in that door preaching to the unbelievers. But he was expecting God to keep His promise, because he had heard the Voice of God telling that it was going to rain.

Now, if you can set right where you are now and so consecrate yourselves to God and expect God to do something, hear the Voice of God whisper down in your heart, "You don't have to wait for a prayer card tomorrow night. This is the time I'm going to heal you." That's all. It's settled. There'd be nothing be able to shake you from that.

**(Expectations
March 8, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 1



Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O LORD: teach me thy statutes. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in all riches. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. (Psalms 119:9-16)



What makes a person do that? Why do they do it? What makes the world do the way they do? Because they reject this. There's some little place in a man's heart that thirsts for God. A little place, a man was made to thirst. You're set up like that. That's what makes you drink; that's what makes you do these things, is because there's something in you that craves for satisfaction, thirsting. And God forbid that a man will try to satisfy and quench that holy call of God with the substitute that the devil would give him. You have no right to do that. That's God calling to you. That stuff is a thirst of death. And if you won't take Christ in there to fill that up, the devil will give you a substitute of death in there. That's right. You have no right to do that. How dare any man or woman to hush that holy call in there of God calling. And because you won't receive it, then the devil will see it's satisfied with something else.

This is what satisfies it. "God's Word I've hid in my heart, that I sin not against Him."

That's right. God in the heart is what settles the question. Yes, sir.

Science can't give you Life. Education can't give you Life. Denomination can't give you Life. Schools can't give you Life. Nation can't give you Life. Church can't give you Life. It's only God can give you Life. He's the only One that can do it.

Now, we see exactly that what the prophet said would come to pass in this day. The prophet, Paul, in the II Timothy 3, we find out that the time was coming when the church would be, "Heady, high-minded (know-it-all. See?), high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good." You say, "That's communists."

No. No. That's professed Christians. Listen, read the next verse. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." Warned to turn away from such that's denying the power of the resurrection, denying that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That's right. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Peter said, on the day of Pentecost, "This promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." That's what the Holy Ghost is for. As long as God still calls, the Holy Ghost is still here to fill every hungry heart that God called. But we substitute something else. We try to satisfy that feeling by joining church. You just deaden that feeling by doing that. You ain't satisfied with that. That won't satisfy. There's only one thing will satisfy, that's when Christ comes into a man's life, for He's made in the image of God, and he's made in the statue of God. And God didn't give you this trip here on earth to be this, that, or the other, but to be a son and daughter of God. And there's nothing else will satisfy. That's the only thing will hold our world together.

(The World Is Falling Apart
November 15, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 2



Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word. Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times. Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed, which do err from thy commandments. Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies. Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors. (Psalms 119:17-24)



God's church is free. God's church is bound by no boundaries, because from sea to sea is God's; every human being under the earth belongs to Him. Whether he's been Catholic, Protestant, or whatever he is, God seeks those with an honest heart. And we're saved by faith, believing Him. That's the church. Now, you see, the church is not an organization.

And every time you see organization, just remember, "antichrist" is wrote over it. Here it is in the Bible. That's as plain as I know how to read it. I've got plenty of precious friends setting here that belongs to organizations; I don't say you're antichrist; I'm not calling you that; but behind the whole thing, and it looks like the devil has twisted it in such a way till you have to have something like that or they won't even let you preach. That's the same thing the nations has got. You can't be a man without a nation; you have to have a nation somewhere. You have to either be American, German, or something. See, it's all twisted around.

So really, a real borned again Christian is almost a wanderer; in the sight of the world he's a renegade. But in the sight of God he's precious. Wish we had time to go to Hebrews 11, and see how them faith warriors, how Abraham stepped out and called himself a pilgrim and a stranger, said this world was his home, but he was wandering about, seeking a city whose Builder and Maker was God. And if we, being dead in Christ, we take on Abraham's Seed and are heirs with him by the promise. And what does that make us? Pilgrims and wanderers.

**(Five Definite Identifications Of The True Church Of The Living God
September 11, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 3



My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word. I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works. My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word. Remove from me the way of lying: and grant me thy law graciously. I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart. (Psalms 119:25-32)



A pastor told me not long ago, in a certain big evangelical church; he said, "Rev. Branham, I always bid my people a very Merry Christmas, A Happy New Year's, on Easter." Said, "I won't see them any more till next Easter."

You know why? The people tried to do that there. But they found out they had to get a new case every day. The kind that they got and kept over, some of the people went and done anyhow. And they found out that it become contaminated. Wiggletails got into it, was no good. That's the way of a lot of our experiences today even in Pentecost: got a lot of wiggletails in it. It's time to get rid of the thing. Not what we did thirty years ago, what we do today. What's that experience with God today? Contamination! Say, "Well, twenty years ago I had a wonderful experience." What about now? "Well, I believed Him a long time ago." But what about now?

Now notice, I love this. He said, "It taste like honey." It reminds me of David. David was a shepherd. And the shepherd in the old times used to carry a little scrip bag on

their side like this. And they put honey in there. They eat some of it themselves. But when a sheep would get sick, they go to a limestone rock. They take some of this honey and rub it all over the rock. And then the sick sheep, they'd bring him up near the rock, and the sick sheep would go to licking on this honey to get the honey off, and he'd lick the limestone out of the rock, and it would heal the sick sheep.

Just reminds me, brother, I got a whole scrip bag full of honey here this afternoon, and I'm going to put it on the rock Christ Jesus, and you sick sheep go to licking on it, and I'm telling you you'll find Christ. Amen. I ain't going to put it on a church now, I'm going to put it where it belongs: on Christ Jesus where your healing power and salvation belongs. And you sick sheep go to licking right fast and see if you don't get well right quick. On the Rock, Christ Jesus, they lick, lick, lick, lick, and the more they lick, there's something about a rock that's got a cure to it.

In old times they used to have a madstone. And every time someone would get dog bit, mad dog bit, they would take this fellow and stick him against the stone. If he stuck, he got well. If he didn't stick, he died. I know, a Rock, the Rock of Ages to every sin sick or physical sick person can come to that Rock of Ages and stick against it, hang on to it, feel it. God's under obligation to bring you to the healing virtues of Calvary flows through that Rock Christ Jesus today that'll heal every sick person there is, make every sinner whole, bring joy to the downcast, on Christ Jesus.

(The Ministry Of Christ
June 7, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 4



Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way. Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness. (Psalms 119:33-40)



I can remember laying here on the hospital bed. The doctors give me three minutes to live, my heart beating seventeen times to the minute. I met God. Since then I haven't been the same. Something happened to me. No one could tell me any different. Bill Branham died; I met God, and something come into me. I've never been the same since that minute I met Him. He changed me. He made me something different. It wasn't taking a New Year's vow, but I met God. Men and women, when you meet God, you're changed. We make our New Year vows tonight, go back tomorrow morning to break them, next day to break them. But what we need to do is not a New Year vow, but we need to come face to face with God and have Eternal Life, be borned of His Spirit.

Was an old man one time, and he couldn't make up his mind. The devil kept beating him out of it. One day out in the field he knelt down to pray. While he was praying, he drove down a stob. He said, "Let this be a memorial. Satan, if you ever come to me again, I'll point you to this stob, and I will tell you that right here I met God, and it

was settled from here on." That's what we need, maybe not a stob in a field, but somewhere, some secret closet, some place. Oh, tonight there will be hundreds of vows taken, thousands of them taken. And next year we will have to take them all over again. We will say, "We will quit lying; we will quit doing this, and we will lay aside our temper; we will do more for God; we will do this, or that, or the other," only to find it's in vain.

But what man needs to do tonight, is come face to face with God. And from then on, he's a changed creature. Oh, I wished I could tell it in the way that I believe it. But when a man meets God, he's changed from that minute. The rest of his days he will never be the same, because he's got Eternal Life. He's a new creature; old things have passed away, and all things have become new to him. He looks new.

The sick man can walk in the face of God, when the doctors has said he is going to die; but he can walk in the face of God and plead his case, and he will come away a different person. Oh, I remember Congressman Upshaw, setting in a wheelchair for sixty-six years. That night yonder in California when the Holy Spirit come down and begin to speak, he met God, and from then on he could walk without his crutches.

I've seen the time where cancer eaten people, laid with nothing but a shadow, and the doctors had passed by, and said, "They're gone." Their loved ones gather in to say the last words that they could to them; encouragement, but they met God. And from that time on, they were changed. They lived different. I can see the foul woman yonder on the street. I can see the drunkard yonder in the alley. I can see the hypocrite yonder in the church. All those different kinds of people, each New Year, turning a new sheet and trying to do something different, try to make restitutions and do so forth. Let them meet God one time, and from then on...

**(And From That Time
December 31, 1959)**

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**



Year Bible Reading Pl



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October 5



Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD, even thy salvation, according to thy word. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments. So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in thy commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes. (Psalms 119:41-48)



So he said, "Now, wait a minute, before you start this revival, I'm going to tell you what to preach on. Now, all the other preachers don't preach about these things. Don't you say nothing about horse racing. And don't you say nothing about this, and this, and that, because, you see, the other preachers don't say that." Said, "You say the same thing they say."

Now, that was what would be today. Now, we're going to say what the Scriptures says. He said, "Micaiah, the other prophets prophesy good to our king. And now, you know, he's a dignified man, in otherwise. Now, you must say the same thing they say and prophesy good." He said, "As my God liveth, I'll only say what **THUS SAITH THE LORD** is." Amen.

God, give us some Micaiahs. Stay with the Word. He might've had not all the fantastics the others had. He might not have had the degree the other one had, the Ph.D.; he might not have had the social standing; he might not've been the big D.D.

in the front of the people, but he had the Word. Amen.

Brother, that's it. He knew God would keep His Word. So He said, "Just what God tells me to say, I'll say the same thing God says. And if God predicts these days are coming, if He predicts this wrong things, the worship of women, or the intercession of saints, or communion of saints, if He condemns all this nonsense, and these other things, and said, 'As Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so will these in the last days,' I condemn the thing in the Word of God and say it's wrong."

Stay with the Word. I don't care how many sensations you feel, how much you can jump and shout, how much you can do this better, if the Spirit of God doesn't lead you to a clean, perfect life before God, condemn the thing. God wanted you to run oil, He'd made you an olive tree or a Texas oil well.

Let me tell you something: God has purposes for everything. Stay with the Word. What the Bible says, stay with it; it's God's Urim Thummim. And old Micaiah the prophet stayed on the Word of God, walked down there just as boldly as a lion. That night the Lord give him a vision; he knowed where he was standing. And watch. Oh, brother. The others had a vision too. But their vision didn't cooperate with the Word of God. But Micaiah's was with the Word of God. 'Cause Elijah, which had the Word of God, the prophet, the seer, had already said what would happen to Ahab. So how could Micaiah say something good was going to happen, when the Word of God said bad was going to happen? So he was with the Word.

Brother, regardless of how high the steeple is, or how well-dressed people go, what an education the pastor's got, or anything about this, or what Bishop Sheen says, or anybody else, if it's contrary to that Word, stay away from it. Stay in the Word. There's where the true servant of God lays, right on that Word.

January 20, 1957)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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October 6



Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law. I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD; and have comforted myself. Horror hath taken hold upon me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. This I had, because I kept thy precepts. (Psalms 119:49-56)



The Bible tells us what to do. That's the reason we don't fool with their denominations. We stay free from that thing. Amen. Not mad at me, are you? Don't you do it. I'll probably get some awful good questions tomorrow night. That's right.

Remember, no, I say this now. You people that's here from different denominational churches, your denomination, brother, I'm not saying that you're not a Christian. I'm not saying your denomination isn't thousands of lovely Christians in there. I'm trying to say the reason that we are not a denomination. 'Cause I just wouldn't stand for that. No, sir, I sure wouldn't. They try to tell you what to do. If God called me to preach the Gospel, then I preach it the way God tells me to do it. That's just the way it's wrote here in the Bible. If it don't line up with This, then God will judge me for it. But if I see the wolf coming, or the enemy coming, and I fail to warn them, then God requires me. But if I warn you, then it's up to you then. See?

Remember, there in the last days, that perilous times shall come, men shall be lovers of themselves, boasters, proud, blasphemers (See?), blasphemers, "Oh, they're a

bunch of idiots. The days of miracles are passed. There's no such a thing." He's an old false prophet. "Now, we know that our women has just as much sense as our men." I'm not disputing that a bit, but God's Bible said keep her out of the pulpit. That's good enough for me. See? That's right. All right. See? And said, "Well, now, our denominations, we got just as many nice people as you got over there at the Tabernacle." I don't say that a bit, but the Bible condemns denominations. That's right. And so, I ain't saying you ain't got fine members in your church. That's wonderful. They are fine people. Some of the finest people, I meet them in all of them, Catholics and all through, all of them; I meet fine members.

(Why Are We Not A Denomination?
September 27, 1958)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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October 7



Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words. I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments. The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments. I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts. The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes. (Psalms 119:57-64)



David, after he did wrong and taken Uriah, the Hittite's wife, the lovely Bathsheba, and was going to be the father of her child, and had caused her gallant husband to be killed in battle. But when the prophet, Nathan, come in and revealed his sins to him, then David thought on his ways, and he turned hisself to repentance in sackcloth and ashes. That's the way to turn. God heard him. God will always hear a man or woman that'll turn their feet to His testimony.

David was worthy of dying, and he pronounced his own death. But Nathan said, "Surely, you'll not die." For he knowed David knew God, and knew that he'd done wrong. He'd defiled his brother's wife.

I wonder tonight, and wouldn't say this, but maybe there'd be another David setting here tonight that's as guilty as David was. When you turn your light out at night, you see your brother's face, the man that you defiled his loving wife or broke up his home, flickering on the side of your wall. Or some woman see the woman's home that

she broke up by running off with her husband. It ought to bring you to repentance in sackcloth and confession.

What the Church needs tonight is a confession and making right to come back to the testimonies of the Lord God. There's mercy, forgiveness. Seems that it would haunt people, going on, know that you're walking hour by hour in the face of death. Why do we continue on with selfishness, and greed, and ungodliness, and--and our eyes on things of the world? It's time we turn back to God's testimonies. "As I thought on my way, I turned my feet to Thy testimony."

**(As I Thought On My Way
June 10, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 8



Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments. Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. Thou art good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes. The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart. Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.
(Psalm 119:65-72)



Was it Moody or I forget just the one. I won't call his name to be sure. Some of you ministers will understand, that old washwoman she was washing, and she just kept on her heart that she wanted to do something for God. And so she rented an old livery stable and cleaned it out. And she hired some preacher to come over, her washing and things that the only way she could get him to get there. And she went down and got a dollar's worth of tracts or something and standing on the corner and passing them out.

That was the day when you Methodists had as hard a time as we're having now or worse. And so people look at it, throw it down our street. Nobody wanted it. Directly, a little old boy come along with his daddy's suspenders on, hair hanging down his neck, pants all ragged, barefooted, said, "What you giving away, lady?"

Said, "Tract. Would you have one?" Give it to him.

Looked at it, said, "I can't read."

Said, "Well, they're going to have a meeting down here tonight." You know who come to the meeting that night? That woman and that little boy. The old faithful preacher, no matter who was there, he got there, and he preached just as hard as he could, and that the sermon God had on his heart and that night that little lad, I don't know whether it was Smith, Moody? I don't think it was Moody. It was one of them. Anyhow, he sent about a half a million souls to God in his ministry. He was converted right there that night.

That poor washwoman probably never knew till she got to heaven what she done that day. See? You never know what you're doing when you're doing something right.

Here's an old slogan I want you to remember it. "Do right; That's your duty to God. Think right: That's your duty to yourself. And you're bound to be right." That's right. See? You'll come out right if you'll do right. That's your duty to God. Think right; That's your duty for yourself, and you'll come out right.

I told my boy here when he was fourteen years old. I said, "Stand, hold your hands out like this, son. You're coming to the adolescent age now, place where I'm away from home a lot. Now, I won't be able to direct you." And his mother's dead. I said, "And now I want you to hold your hands out." I said, "This is your right and left hand." I said, "As long as you're going this a way, we'll say that's wrong and this is right." I said, "You can't be going right and wrong at the same time. Now, as long as you're going that way, you're going wrong. You may think you're going right, may seem like you're going right, but you're going to come out wrong. And when you're going this a way, you may think you're going wrong, but you're going right, and you're bound to come out right." Isn't that the truth? It's just exactly truth.

(Testimony (Raising Dead Boy)
December 3, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 9



Thy hands have made me and fashioned me: give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me. Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant. Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight. Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts. Let those that fear thee turn unto me, and those that have known thy testimonies. Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed. (Psalm 119:73-80)



Peter said, "Lord, we've seined all night long, and haven't taken a fish," but said, "at Thy word I'll let down the net."

Now, they were fisherman. They knowed the fish calendar. They knowed how the winds was blowing. And just think, fished all night and hadn't taken a fish. And God told them, "Let down the net." in the same water they'd fished all night in, "Now, let down the net and get ready for the draught of fish that you're going to take."

Well, I say, "There's not fish here. We've done seined through the whole thing. We know there's no fish here."

He said, "Let down the net."

And here's the secret. Peter said, "Now, I know there's no fish in there, Lord, but at Thy word I'll let down the net." See?

You don't know how you'll get up out of that chair, and get away from there tonight. See? You don't know how you're going to do this, and how these other diseases are going to be healed, "But at Thy Word, Lord, I'm going to let down the net."

"At Thy word, Lord, I'm going to rise up from here. I don't know how I'm going to do it, but at Thy Word, Lord." That's it. Take God at His Word, and God's spoken Word will materialize and produce just exactly what it says it will.

Listen. The right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass. I don't care what it is. If you want corn, you plant corn, water corn, leave corn alone. It'll produce corn. Is that right? Wheat will produce wheat.

The promise of salvation will produce a Christian. The promise of the Holy Ghost will bring it to you. The promise of Divine healing will make you well. Any Divine promise of God... And the Bible said that the Word of God is a Seed. Is that right?

Jesus said that a sower sowed. And if you'll just take it in your heart and don't dig it up every day to see how it's getting along. Just sink it in your heart and settle it. That's all. Walk right on. God will take care of the rest of it. He's obligated to His Word.

Do you know that every thing that you see tonight is God's Word materialized? Do you know your body is God's Word materialized? Do you know them beans there is God's Word materialized? Do you know that concrete is God's spoken Word materialized? You know this whole earth is God spoke and said, "Let there be," and He believed His Own Word and a earth come into existence? If it didn't, where did it come from?

Well, you say, "It come off the sun." Well, who spoke the sun into existence? See?

Everything is God's Word. The worlds were framed by the Word of God. The Bible said so. God just spoke it, and He believed His Own Word, and that's what it was.

(At Thy Word
December 4, 1953)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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October 10



My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word. Mine eyes fail for thy word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes. How many are the days of thy servant? when wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me? The proud have digged pits for me, which are not after thy law. All thy commandments are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help thou me. They had almost consumed me upon earth; but I forsook not thy precepts. Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; so shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth. (Psalm 119:81-88)



Now, when a man is inspired and he reads the inspired Word, the two inspirations together gives a result. Now, you can never, no matter how well you study the Word, it'll never do you no good till you're inspired yourself. The Word's already inspired.

So what we need today is an inspiration over us, God sweeping down with a new inspiration and breathing over us His power, and His love, and Himself, that it might inspire us to quicken us and waken us to His Word. And then the Word being brought into that spirit of inspiration, then you'll see miracles happen, and things take place, because the two just comes together.

And as Brother Joseph, I think, just printed a message that I was preaching in Shreveport on "The Dove And The Lamb". Many of you has read it. How that the only two that could get along was... The dove was the meekest of all the birds of heaven, and the lamb was the meekest of all the animals on earth. And the dove could

not come and abide upon a wolf. It could not abide upon a ill nature, because her nature was different. And she could only abide where the nature was the same as hers.

And that's the way it is this afternoon. If our nature becomes converted from the things of the world to the nature of the Holy Spirit, God will take His stand, and He will abide on us. Inspired believers taking in the inspired Word, those two together bring the results. It brings the Word to life. The inspiration that's in your heart puts the Word to living.

You could take a grain of corn and lay it on a desk. No matter how well it's polished, and it might be fourteen carats, it'll never produce any more corn. No matter how pretty the desk is, how genuine the gold is it's laying on, or how real germitized the corn is, the corn's got to fall in rich fertile dirt to bring forth results. Amen. Oh, I love it.

And when the Word of God is put into the fertile grounds of the inspired believer, it produces just exactly what God said it would do, because it can't fail. It's God's eternal Word. Got to waken the people, got to bring us to something when the Word is received. And that's the inspiration. And man is in no condition, outside of repentance; he's no condition to receive the Word until first he has been inspired.

**(Hear Ye Him
September 30, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 11



For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants. Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction. I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts. The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies. I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad. (Psalm 119:89-96)



What we need today is man and women who will take God by His Word and be persistent with it. God will cause the earthquakes and the shakes to go down to the camp first. God will take care whether there's going to be rain up there or not.

Say, "Well, Brother Branham, the doctor told me I was dying. I got cancer." That may be so. The man's telling you all he knows how. But, only thing he can do, he's got five senses to work with, two of them he can use. What is it? One sense is feeling, the next place is seeing. Seeing and feeling, he can feel something, or sees something through an x-ray. That's all the man has to work with. That's all he knows, but he's doing the best he can do. But don't look at that, he's come to his end. Look up here what This promised! Say, "How can it be done?" God said so. That settles it when God said it. It's Eternally settled forever in Heaven, His Word is. And His Words was made flesh, and His flesh today in you, if you'll let it come flesh. "If ye abide in Me and My Words in you, then ask what you will and it'll be done," Saint John 15. See, we want just let them Words stay in here. Believe it, it's the truth. It's a seed, and it'll

bring to pass everything that He promised.

Now, notice, if science would have come out there, a group of scientists, and said, "Mr. Noah, you're a fine minister. We appreciate you. You got a nice congregation here, your family, but, and however, we don't agree with you, and we know that you're different. You're just causing fanaticism to be sowed amongst the people, and you're even scaring some of the people, telling them that the world's coming to an end. We want to show and scientifically prove to you."

Oh, that devil never did die. He's just still trying to do that. That same one that said, "If Thou be the Son of God, let me see a miracle. Perform a miracle and turn this bread, this. You're hungry, make this stones bread, I'll believe you." The same devil in them educated priests, said, "If Thou be the Son of God, come down off the cross and prove it to us." See? That devil don't, he just don't die. See, the Devil always takes his man but his spirit stays here for another. But let me tell you some encouragement, God takes His man but His Spirit stays here for another, too. Yes. Somebody's going to receive that Word. Somebody's going to be anointed one way or the other. It depends on what you, what spirit's on the inside of this grain. That's the one, you're going to believe it or not believe it.

(Perseverance
February 18, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. (Psalm 119:97-104)



Now, to me the reading and the meditation of God's Word is the main thing in any meeting. I didn't get in in time tonight; I rested just a little. Brother come told me that there was some ladies, your young ladies here playing accordion and singing, and maybe tomorrow night I can get in time to hear some of that. So I love singing, don't you? Oh, there's something about singing. I never could sing, and I've often told people, "Now, when earth's journey is over, and we all get to glory, and you hear somebody standing way back down there, behind the trees of Life, on the other side, and I have a little cabin, singing, "Nothing Between My Soul And The Saviour," or "Amazing Grace," would be better.

You say, "Well, old Brother Branham finally made it, that's him over there, just having a good time." I believe the Lord will give me a voice to sing when I get on the other side. Amazing grace is what saved me. That's the way we was all saved, is that right? By the amazing grace of our Lord Jesus we were saved. And so I never could sing here, so I thought maybe when I got over on the other side He'd let me sing that

right good one time.

And I said to friends across the world; I said, "Now, when you go to look for me, I will be listening to the angelic choir. There's great voices, the Sankeys, and different ones who will be singing in that time on the other side. I sure love good singing. But one of the greatest things that I've ever had for enjoyment is meditation in the Word of God. To me, there's one thing that's fundamentally, and one thing that's sure, and one thing that's infallible, that's the Word of God. To me, all Christendom must be based upon that one solid thing, the Word of God. That's the foundation. That's what we're here for tonight, is to fellowship around this Word and meditate upon God.

Now, in our nation here we have many times of many psychologies, and so forth, and we go through, and denominations, but on the battlefield in the heat of the battle, there's two things: "Are you a Christian, or are you not?"

I was entertained here not long ago, where I had my largest gathering I ever had (a half a million people) at Bombay, India, five hundred thousand people in the meeting. And there, that afternoon, they entertained me by seventeen different religions, and every one of them denied Christianity. And you can imagine how welcome I was there.

But that night our precious Lord Jesus came in on the scene; I tell you, it showed Who was God, and Who wasn't. You see? When the great challenge... We don't have to be ashamed of Christianity; we don't have to be ashamed or afraid of any of God's Word; It's every bit the truth. And God has sovereignly give us a promise of His eternal Word. And don't be afraid to trust it, because I'm forty-six years old, and I've never seen any time that I was afraid to hang my soul upon any phase of His Word, because it's the truth.

January 20, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 13



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep thy righteous judgments. I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word. Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD, and teach me thy judgments. My soul is continually in my hand: yet do I not forget thy law. The wicked have laid a snare for me: yet I erred not from thy precepts. Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart. I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes alway, even unto the end. (Psalm 119:105-112)



Now, we find out then that Daniel became a instrument in the hand of God while he was away from his own people, out of his own city, away from his own church; in a strange land, God used him. Now, you can be away from whatever you may be; you can be away from all your loved ones, or you can be away from your church, but you can still be an instrument in the hands of God. God can use you for a testimony or for anything that He wishes to use you for.

Beautiful examples, the Bible's just so chugged full of those things everywhere you turn.

Don't you love to read the Word? Oh, I just read it sometime and weep. Here a few days ago I was reading in the room there, and I just had to set down and cry like a baby. I got up and walked around my chair, put my hand on my chair, looked down at my Bible again, and I just broke down, went around the chair again, looked back at it again.

And I thought, "Oh God, in there is Eternal Life to every man or woman that'll dare to put their trust in it and believe it: Eternal Life." And He said, "Search the Scriptures; for in Them ye think ye have Eternal Life: and They are They which testify of Me." Search the Scripture. The Word of God is a Lamp unto our feet. That we should, if we should be guided then, it's the Light that follows the pathway that leads us from victory unto victory.

Now, before you can have a victory, there has to be a battle. And if there's no battles, there's no victories. So we ought to be thankful for the battles and the tryings. It's God giving us the opportunity to have victories. Oh, my, don't that make it a little bit better now? See, the battle come along, somebody saying something bad about you, sickness come on to you, maybe God give you those light afflictions that He might heal you and show His favor to you, let you see what He means by it. He loves you.

(Beginning And Ending Of The Gentile Dispensation
January 9, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love. Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the commandments of my God. Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit is falsehood. Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. (Psalm 119:113-120)



Cain was very religious. And he thought on the thought of coming back to God. And God was willing to receive him back, but Cain wanted to come his way. And God wanted him to come His way. And we find out that there was a conflict completely with them.

Now, men today who try to say that they make their own creeds up and so forth, he's doing that by the power of his father, Cain, and his father, Adam. Not as in the Christian, who's borned of the Spirit, and depends on the Holy Spirit, is after the second Adam which was Jesus, the atonement that leads the man by the Holy Spirit.

And when men today tries to say that they don't have to have the Holy Ghost today, then you can see what kind of a state that man's in. He wants to be religious though, but he wants it in his own way.

And he's so much like Cain. Cain wanted to be religious, so he went and made his own religion. And when he did, he brought it before God with something like this:

"Here's the best I got. This is all I can do about it. Now, take it or leave it."

That's about the way man does today. "I helped build the church. I send my children to church there. I put money in it every year. And that's the best I can do. Take it or leave it." Oh, see, he wants his own way. That's the way Cain did.

But God still loved him, and He still went after him. What did God tell Cain? "You'll do well if you'll just worship like your brother, Abel." Abel come God's way. But Cain wanted his way. And God said, "Now, Cain, I've got nothing against you. If you'll just come over and go the way that Abel goes, you'll do well."

But he hated Abel. He thought Abel was a holy-roller. He hasn't changed his opinion. He thought Abel was a religious fanatic. And he still believes it, that his formal ideas and his culture of his own thing is better than the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But he's wrong. Absolutely wrong. I don't care how well his choir can sing, or how good his preacher can preach; without the shedding of Blood, there's no remission of sin. Back to God's plan. Back to the Bible.

God has a way, but man don't want to come to it. Man said, "Now, look. I'm as good as you are. I go to church. I pay my dues at the church." And he wants to be religious. And that's all right. But, you see, the nature of the earthly man is religious. Cain was religious. Satan is religious. Religion isn't what saves you; it's the Blood of Jesus Christ what saves you. And that's God's only grounds that He will meet you on for worship. Other's in vain.

(All The Days Of Our Life
June 12, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 15



I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me. Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, and for the word of thy righteousness. Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, and teach me thy statutes. I am thy servant; give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies. It is time for thee, LORD, to work: for they have made void thy law. Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way. (Psalm 119:121-128)



Then God showed in Abraham what He would do for all. Not only was this blessed promise of the resurrection and Eternal Life given to Abraham, but to his seed after him, the called, the elected of God.

And we notice that Abraham out in the fields where he was sojourning. His brother, he called it, Lot; it was really his nephew, his brother's son. And the time come for the testing. And Lot weakened under the testing. He is a perfect picture of the carnal believer today. When the testings come to stay on the barren land, Abraham give him his choice. And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the fields, the valley, and it was full of grass. It was also full of fine homes. It was full of gaiety. It was also full of sin. But Lot being of the carnal nature, loving this present world more than the things to come, chose rather to live luxurious in this life than to have Life hereafter.

Abraham, a perfect type of the true believer who's been washed in the Blood of the Lamb, whose affections was set on things above said, "I'll take the way with the

Lord's despised few. Regardless if it cost my popularity, whatever it cost, I'll take the way with the Lord's few." And he chose to stay in the land where God placed him, under the testing time.

I wonder tonight if I'm speaking to people who once made a start to go through with God, and when the testing time come you chose rather to go back into the world and do the things of the world, or did you take the rugged old way of salvation?

Did you do like Moses when he was under testing? When he had his foot on the throne of Egypt, but he esteemed the riches of Christ greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt. He forsook Egypt, did not care how much gold, how many popular, he took God at His Word, and he forsook the things of Egypt, counting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.

What do we do under the testing when the hard trials come? When they say because that you separate yourself from the things of the world, that you're a religious fanatic, does the strain come? It's got to come. And you've got to make the choice.

But I'd rather abide under the shadows of the Almighty. I had rather take my way and like Jacob have a pillow of stone. I'd rather be considered by the world a crank, than to have all the riches and blessings that this world could afford to give. 'Cause greater is the blessings of God than all the riches and gold and silver of this world.

Now, notice. Then when the great testings come Lot went down into sin. Remember, he went from the mountain down into the plain. He backslid, like a perfect representative of carnal Christianity today, so-called, choosing rather to take the road of ease, the flowery bed of ease, than to stand true in the time of trial. And he finally got in trouble. And you will too. When you choose that feather bed of ease, remember you are going to get in trouble, something. "Your sins will find you out." And God will catch up with you someday.

**(The Communion
April 18, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 16



Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them. The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. I opened my mouth, and panted: for I longed for thy commandments. Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou usest to do unto those that love thy name. Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me. Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; and teach me thy statutes. Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law. (Psalm 119:129-136)



How that the devil says that same thing to the church tonight, "The Bible's misinterpreted; and it doesn't mean the same. It was only for another generation." But oh, my friend, let me say this tonight; it's for whosoever will, let him come. Just as forceful tonight as it was the night that it fell, or the day it fell from His lips.

The man, by rejecting this pardon, because it wasn't enough wrote out, the man then to reject it was executed the next morning. And then here is the governor's pardon, and here is the man executed after the governor had signed the pardon. So it was tried in federal court. And the decision came to this, and I want every one of my listeners tonight to think this real seriously. And when the decision of the federal courts of our land, and the Supreme Court, rather, of our land made it's decision, here's what it said, "A pardon is not a pardon if it's not received as a pardon."

And God's pardoning grace, God's Divine healing is the property of every believer if it's received as that. But if it's turned down, then it's of none effect. God is not guilty,

because He's offered it to you.

Jesus our Lord, as He walked here on earth, He did not just go about from place to place with great entertainments, and the applause of men, and the applauding of the audiences, and of the great flowery things that the men of this world, or the teachers, would praise Him by. But every footstep that He made was ordered by the Lord. Oh, I just love that, when He said even at twelve years old, "Know ye not that I must be about My Father's business?" How that brings us then to shame when we're so all the time gadding around. And the Bible said, "That the footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord." We should walk in His ordination for us. Walk like a Christian; talk like a Christian; live like a Christian.

And we see Him meeting with the councils of men. Oh, He meets sometime with great councils of men. One time we see Him meet with five hundred, again with seventy, one time with twelve, once with three. And He even promised that "wherever two or three were gathered, I'll be in their midst." It's God's ordination for Him to meet in the council. No matter how small, it's His duty, and His privilege, and His love to keep the commandments of God to meet with you wherever two or more are gathered in My Name. He will meet with one in a secret closet, and there where their hearts are poured out God promised to meet.

So you see that it doesn't take great big things to bring Christ; it doesn't take great organizations; neither does it take great churches, great gatherings; but it takes the sincerity of one heart to bring Him.

**(Hear Ye Him
June 11, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 17



Righteous art thou, O LORD, and upright are thy judgments. Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful. My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words. Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it. I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me: yet thy commandments are my delights. The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding, and I shall live. (Psalm 119:137-144)



Many people today, in a lot of these fine churches, are going into that council of church; not "going" in, they're already there. They are perceiving that that's just exactly the thing to do, "Friendly, nice, why can't we all come together?" Why, they've been trying, all, for years, to make all Methodists Baptist, and all Baptists Presbyterian; Pentecostals has tried to make all of them Pentecostals. You can't do that, but a council is the answer for you. That's the answer, what the Bible says they will do, and that's just exactly what they've done. Friendly churches is, yes, sir, a get together, "Fine, let's have fellowship!"

Bible said, "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?"

Some of them deny the virgin birth. Eighty percent of the Protestant churches deny the virgin birth. And they deny the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They deny the signs of His Coming, the resurrection Power. They deny He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. How can you, when God put all this chaos in the world because a woman

one day doubted one little phase of His Word? Satan told her the Truth, all but one thing, but that was the thing that caused all the trouble. Now, if all this heartache and sadness that you have to look at, because one little phase of it was doubt, do you think one little phase of doubt will ever take us in?

That's the reason Jesus is coming for a chaste Virgin, pure, filled with the Holy Ghost, and not of the world, but of the Power of God. Oh, how wonderful to know that there is a possibility to get into this Group! How do you do it? You'll never do it by joining into organization. You will do it when you are baptized by the Holy Spirit, into the mystical Body of Jesus Christ, raised with Him in resurrection, free from death and sin. That's the only way.

Darkness! Great denominations, and a great group of man gets together and sets their ideas about it, and that throws you right back into a twist like there was at the beginning. No hopes at all in that case; you're simply gone. And all of them just seem to be so stirred up about this friendly churches, think if God will be with them. "Well, the Millennium is going to start when the council all gets together up there, and all the ecumenical moves, and so forth," and they join in. What they doing? Making an image unto the beast, a power, that where all the undenominational, and so forth, that won't join in with them, will be shut out. Just watch and see if that happens.

I've got it wrote down here, the very day the Lord let me see that in 1933. And here it is just exactly the way that the way it said, just coming the same way, how the pope would leave Rome, and so forth.

Now, they are good people, but mistaken. Joseph and Mary was fine people, but real mistaken. But what was it? God used a twelve-year-old Boy to show that that Word has to stay pure, exactly what it was, what it said the first place.

January 19, 1964)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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I cried with my whole heart; hear me, O LORD: I will keep thy statutes. I cried unto thee; save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies. I prevented the dawning of the morning, and cried: I hoped in thy word. Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word. Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness: O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment. They draw nigh that follow after mischief: they are far from thy law. Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are truth. Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever. (Psalm 119:145-152)



Sometime ago, a very famous evangelist in the country was, said, talking about the services here. He said, "Well, here's what it is." He said, "When I go into a city, everything throughout the country has to sponsor my meetings or I won't go." That's right. Well, just think. I think there's perhaps sixty or seventy big Baptist churches right in Louisville. See? How about the Methodist? And it's a Methodist town, Asbury being up here. What would that man have if he come to this city, just of Methodists and Baptists, let alone the Presbyterian and all?

Now, how many full-Gospel churches is there here in the city? Two or three little missions down along here somewhere, just small churches here and there, and they're at war with one another.

So when you come in, you have to stand on the strength of your ministry. That's right. And everybody is like a politics moving in. It's on the strength of your ministry to draw from whatever the Lord will send. I like it that way. Brother, if Jesus Christ ain't

my stay here, and my dependence, then I have nothing else to depend on. That's right, on Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other grounds is sinking sands to me. I'd rather preach to five people that I know God had sent to hear the Message, than to preach to ten thousand that was politically pulled into it. That's right.

I'd rather see a little old old fashion conversation, get down to the altar and cry and boohoo through, than to see a ten thousand stand, just say, "Well, I'll try it." Try it? He's not a Christ to try. He's One to accept. Live or die, sink or drown, take Him anyhow. That's right.

If I prayed for ten thousand people tonight, and they all died in the morning, tomorrow night I'd be back here praying for the sick, believing God's Word was right. That's right.

If I was dying, and five thousand people died a hundred years ago, and had been in eternity that long, rose back and come to the earth, and said, "Brother Branham, don't you trust it. He's not right. Don't trust it. We trusted Him, went; we failed."

I'd still say, "Let me die in Jesus Christ." That's right. I believe it. And that's my whole heart, everything's set right in that. And I believe it with all my heart, and I depend on Him.

And I love His people. I love you fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God. And I want to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with you and bear the burden.

(Redemption In Completeness, In Joy
March 30, 1954)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law. Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word. Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes. Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD: quicken me according to thy judgments. Many are my persecutors and mine enemies; yet do I not decline from thy testimonies. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved; because they kept not thy word. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness. Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. (Psalm 119:153-160)



So God before the foundation of the world knew that you would be here. He knew you by name before the foundation of the world. Think of it. And many times we sing the song, "New Name Written Down In Glory," tonight. It was an error. It was written down before there ever was a human being on the earth. Your names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Amen. Think of it.

The Bible said that Jesus was the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world, taken four thousand years for that to materialize. Four thousand years later He was actually slain, but when God spoke the Word in the beginning He was slain right then, because God's Word can't fail. See it?

And the Bible said in Revelation, the last chapter of Revelation that the beast would deceive all those that dwelled upon the earth whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world. Don't that make you happy, think that our names were written before the foundation of the world? When the

Lamb was slain, our names was associated with Him. Amen. What a picture and what a truth.

Now, this picture upon Mount Transfiguration, as it's called, could be approached from many different angles, but for the sake of time we want to take it this afternoon, as God gathering three people. And three is a confirmation or a witness in the Word of God. I want you to see it. He taken Peter, James, and John. Now, faith, hope, and charity... Peter, of course, we always know he's that great, burly faith that just reaches out after it, whether you can see it or not. And hope: James. And John was charity, because John, even his epistles were called the epistles of love.

John once was different. You know he was the one who wanted to call fire down out of heaven and destroy his city, because he wouldn't give him something to eat down there, so mistreated him and he wanted to burn the whole thing up. And then after Jesus got a hold of him, it changed him to a man of love.

And that's what God does when He takes some of those hard-hearted fellows like myself and you, and He changes us from our selfish and indifferent motives to a love that we just love Him and melt our hearts away.

**(Hear Ye Him
September 30, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil. I hate and abhor lying: but thy law do I love. Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments. Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation, and done thy commandments. My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceedingly. I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies: for all my ways are before thee. (Psalm 119:161-168)



Now, a little girl come to me the other day. She may be setting present now. And she said, "Brother Branham, I gave you a dream. And in this dream I had a certain thing. I want you to tell me." I set down. Now, if there's any out, in here, outside of Pentecostal realms, let me excuse myself to you, a moment.

And she said, "You never told me my dream."

I said, "Honey, set down just a minute." And I said, "Your father and mother are very good friends of mine, retired farmers who came from a long ways, to sojourn with us." And I said, "They believe me, as a servant of Christ. You're just a child about twelve years old." I think she goes to school with my Becky.

And I said, "Look, you're going to meet a lot things out here, honey, in the name of Christianity." I said, "When you find a man that's got every interpretation, just like this, [Brother Branham snapped his finger--Ed.] got every... [Brother Branham snaps his finger again.] just like that, in the Name of the Lord," I said, "you be careful about that. That's contrary to the Scripture."

Jesus said there was many lepers in the days of Elijah, but only one was sent to him. One. Many widows in the days of Elisha, but only one was he sent to. Many things that Jesus did not do, many times.

Those gimmicks that's got every answer, be careful. When somebody stands up and speaks in the Name of the Lord, that must be true. It must be exactly the truth.

You might, in your mind, be impressed. I said, "Now, honey, I believe I could tell you what I think your dream is. But to tell you, in the Name of the Lord, no, sir."

Cause, she knows the things. I said, "Have I ever spoke to you in the Name of the Lord but what it happened?" I said, "Thousands has come, and said this, that." I said, "I cannot tell you what your dream is till I see it over again, and then He tells me, then I can say, 'The Lord told me.' Until then, I don't know. I don't want to take my own influence and my own opinion. I can't say THUS SAITH THE LORD, because that's me thinking it; that's best, to my opinion."

We must be sincere, because we've got the greatest thing in the world. The greatest treasure of Heaven is Christ among us. Why do we want a substitute of some little influence, to try to make ourselves somebody big among somebody here? Why not be a humble servant to Christ?

(Influence
January 12, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word. My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness. Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts. I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law is my delight. Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me. I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments. (Psalm 119:169-176)



Now, before you can have a victory, there has to be a battle. And if there's no battles, there's no victories. So we ought to be thankful for the battles and the tryings. It's God giving us the opportunity to have victories. Oh, my, don't that make it a little bit better now? See, the battle come along, somebody saying something bad about you, sickness come on to you, maybe God give you those light afflictions that He might heal you and show His favor to you, let you see what He means by it. He loves you.

The old shepherd story that was told there in Jerusalem in the Holy Lands of the shepherd was packing a sheep, and he said, "What you packing it for?"

Said, "It's got a broken leg."

Said, "How did it do that? Fall over a cliff?"

Said, "No, I broke its leg."

He said, "Why, you're a cruel shepherd to break that sheep's leg."

Said, "No, I loved it." And said, "It was going astray and I couldn't make it mind me, so I broke its leg so I could give it some extra attention. So then it would love me and follow me."

Sometimes God has to let us break down just a little bit in health to give us a little extra attention, to get us up on His lap, to woo us up in His bosom when the doctor said nothing can be done, then He take us into His bosom, say, "See, I love you. I'm going to let you get well." See? Oh, doesn't that just make life a little better?

Oh, He's so great. He's a marvelous Shepherd, isn't He? No wonder David said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." How He leads us beside the still waters and restores our soul and runs our cups over and anoints us in the presence of the enemy. Did you ever get anointed in the presence of your enemy, just to testify till your cup just boiled over, you know? Just how marvelous it is to be anointed in the presence of your enemy.

(Beginning And Ending Of The Gentile Dispensation
January 9, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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In my distress I cried unto the LORD, and he heard me. Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue. What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper. Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar! My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war. (Psalm 120:1-7)



When Jesus come and looked at the shore, and His boat was gone, He never just turned around and left them. But He climbed up the mountain, looking to see where they were. And He looked a way out in the sea, and there they was, trying to go in their own strength, trying to go in their own power, trying to go up on their own, leaving Him out. And they were in trouble.

That's where He look and see the church of America not long ago, when we were all tossed about with everything, and the churches being formal and denying the power and everything. Just as He did then, so has He done now. He sent us a revival. He give the Pentecostal church a revival. He gave the world a revival, a bringing back again, a blessing.

He climbed up the mountain, looked out. And I'm so thankful tonight that the Lord Jesus Christ climbed the ramparts of glory, far and above all the archangels, all principalities, and setting at the right hand of the Majesty of God tonight, watching this thing as she's tossing about. He seen while this America was established on freedom of religion. He seen the churches get formal and get away, but He didn't

forget us.

Right in the middle of the great night when all hopes was gone, that them little disciples would ever be saved, they realized that they'd gone off without Jesus. What did they do? All in there, no doubt, in distress, they prayed, wanting the Lord to come to them. They raised up and looked around, and here He come walking on the water. And the tragedy of it, here it is, Chicago. Here it is, world. The tragedy of it, they didn't recognize Him. They were afraid of Him. They thought He was a spirit or spook or something. They were scared of Him.

And now, you cried. The sensible thing, the reasonable thing, when you get sick is go to the doctor. That's right. When your doctor fails, then you say, "I've got to go somewhere else." When you come to the meeting and you see Jesus Christ performing these signs, you get scared of it. You say, "It's spiritualism; it's the devil; it's something like that."

The only help those disciples had, they was afraid of it. And tonight the only salvation we got for both nation, church, and individual, and its healing, is Jesus Christ. And people are afraid of Him when He comes into the Church. They're afraid. They go away; they set in the church with curious looks on their face. "I don't know what to think about that. I'm just a scared of it. I don't know; that might be psychology. That might be mental telepathy. That might be the devil. He might be a soothsayer. He might be a astrologer. He might be a witch. He might be a fortuneteller." Don't be scared. It's the Lord Jesus Christ, Who saves the sick and the afflicted.

It's the only hope of salvation in this day when our nations and worlds are in a turmoil. When our nations are breaking everywhere, and when our churches are formal and indifferent, when the powers of God has failed to be preached in the pulpit, Jesus comes walking down on this troubled water. Don't be afraid of Him.

**(It Is I, Be Not Afraid
July 20, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. (Psalm 121:1-8)



The other day little Sarah got sick. When we started off, oh, it was so hot, and I'd been up every night, getting about two hours sleep. Delegates from all over the different parts of the world, had to meet this one, and that one, and praying, preaching three times a day. Oh, wore out, I was just going, and then I'd got out, and I had drove a few miles out of the city. And I was supposed to be there early of a morning, and I had to lay down on the side of the road and sleep. Lay down a few minutes and got up and started again. And I just couldn't hold my eyes open trying to plow on to get to this woman across a hot, burning deserts of Nebraska. Going through there, and oh, my, little Sarah just a heaving and a gagging. Poor little thing had been sick all night. The next morning she was so sick, we just had to stop the car, and she was white in her face. And I was so tired and wore. I thought, "O God, oh, this situation is terrible? God, looky here. I can't drive. I'm so tired, and I've been out yonder with your people trying to do the best I could, and little Sarah's so sick."

And I went over there and put my hands on her. I said, "Dear heavenly Father, You

give me this child. This is Yours. I only raised her." I laid my hands upon her. Something begin to move down in my heart. That ended the vomiting. She never vomited once more from that day till this.

The second day Becky started real sick like a virus and vomiting. The little thing vomit all night. The next day Meda said, "We'll get them Pepto-Bismol." Poured out a couple of spoons and give it to her. The little thing just vomited it right up. We got into the Tetons. When we hit out of the hot country starting up, she wanted to see the beautiful mountains. She couldn't do it. She was so sick.

I said, "Honey, look here. Daddy wants to take your picture so we can see the mountain there."

She said, "Oh, daddy. I feel like I'm dying." And so we give her another Pepto-Bismol. We offered prayer that morning.

Said, "Lord, have mercy." And oh, that didn't do no good. So got up there, and I got her out. I said, "Honey, get out in the fresh air." Cold, she had a little jacket on, snow laying around on the ground. So I got out and she was trying. She said, "Yes, daddy." And the water just come out of her little mouth. I looked, and her little eyes setting back, and her mouth just as white around it as it could be. I walked over there and looked up towards the mountain. I said, "I'm look unto the hills; from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord." So all at once something begin to purge down in me. Oh, I wish I could have it all the time. I walked over there to the side of the car, opened the door, I said, "Look at your daddy, honey." Oh, my, that settled the vomiting forever. Five minutes from then she was running around playing with Sarah. What is it? When Divine love is projected, sovereign grace takes its place. It has to.

August 26, 1956)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. (Psalm 122:1-5)



I'm so glad to be in the house of the Lord. There's only one better place, and that's be with the Lord, isn't it. When all the hardships, and trials, and troubles of life shall blend away into a great glorious tomorrow. And we certainly looking forward for the time that when we will see Him.

And someone was asking me the other day, said, "Do you think, Brother Branham, that the coming of the Lord is at hand?"

I said, "I certainly do."

Said, "Well, I've heard it for a long time."

"But," I said, "one day, you'll hear it for the last time. See? That's right.'Cause He will arrive someday. And whenever it is, I just want to be ready,

We were speaking the other day before some business men that were attorneys, and so forth, and one said, "What is your main objective in life?"

I said, "I have one."

He said, "What's that?"

I said, "Saving souls for Christ; that's the the only thing, my highest ambition, and only ambition, is to see Jesus Christ glorified. I live for that.

And I'm so happy, our testimony that thirty-one years is in the making now I have humbly served Him. If I should live a million years, I'd had that much life to live, I'd want to live every minute of it for Him. And if I knew I'd be turned down at the end, it's such a privilege to live for Him. He is so real and so good. And I have never found nothing in all my travels of life that would anyway compare with the fellowship that we have together when we're alone, He and I. There's no sweeter communion. It's greater than the love for anything, for wife, children, or anything, is the love of Christ. It's so good.

(Images Of Christ
May 25, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good. (Psalm 122:6-9)



Mary and Martha, after leaving the church and Lazarus, and they had believed on Jesus and Jesus walked away and left them in the crisis when the boy was sick. And then the boy got sick, and Jesus left. That was horrible. They'd sent for Him; He wouldn't come. He went farther. And they sent for Him again; He still didn't come, and that was still worse. And then after all hopes was gone then Lazarus died, buried in the grave four days, already decaying. And the darkest hour, all hopes gone, everything else, then Jesus came along just at that time. Here his disciples going to Emmaus, all hopes gone. Their Master was dead and everything, walking along the road discouraged, going on back home, walking back to their fish nets, and wherever they were going. Then Jesus come along. Just like that. That's the way God does it.

Now, way back, and now they just had maybe take, probably forty-five minutes, or to a hour, to walk up this hill. Now, Jesus had to come somewhere right quick, 'cause He had the knife on His side. Isaac had the wood on his back. He was packing the fire in his hands, and he was going up the hill to kill his own son, because God told him to, and told him He'd bless all nations through that son.

First he had to wait twenty-five years to get the son, and now turn around and kill him. See, making the promise double. God had to give Abraham the trial. We'll never

know the trial that Abraham stood till we meet him in glory.

And then at the top of the hill, then he got up there and laid the altar of the rocks out. And he said, "Father, here is the..." Little Isaac said, "Here is the fire and here's the wood." Said, "But where's the sacrifice?" See?

Why, he said, "Son, God will provide for Himself a sacrifice." See? And then he said, "God will provide the sacrifice." So he tied little Isaac's hands, throwed him upon the altar, pulled out the knife. And I'd imagine that old daddy with his only son, loved him. Over a hundred years old now, and his hand laying across his hair as he pulled his little hair back to ditch into his bosom this big knife, the very heart of his being, a sign that God was in Abraham. Did you notice that?

Look at David when he was dethroned by his own people. He went up over the Mount of Olives, looking back and crying because he was rejected. His own that he loved Absalom had run him off the throne. And there his own trusted man was throwing rocks at him. And he walked up the hill, and looked back over Jerusalem, and cried because he was rejected. Eight hundred years later, the Son of David, Christ Jesus, rejected in the city of Jerusalem by the ones that He loved, wept over Jerusalem. It was Christ in David.

All the old things in the Old Testament, we could just take hours of showing how it all drifted back to Jesus Christ, everything to Him. And in Him lays the fullness of redemption. In Him lays every redemptive name of Jehovah, lays right in Him. All salvation rests right in Him. All deliverance rests right in Him. All peace, all satisfaction.

(The Seven Compound Names Of Jehovah
January 20, 1955)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens. Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the LORD our God, until that he have mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud. (Psalm 123:1-4)



And how the Holy Spirit today, when He come, all other things seems to be so secondary when the Holy Spirit comes. The people can say days of miracles is past, but let a man that's borned again of the Holy Spirit once come before that, for He only teaches that what's real. He only speaks of the Father.

I'd rather have a man that didn't know his abc's to teach my child, that had the Holy Spirit, than all the professors in the world who didn't have the Holy Spirit, for he speaks of the Father. See? And the Holy Spirit speaks of the Father. And then it'll teach the child not to be tossed about with every wind of doctrine, but to accept and believe the principles that the Father has laid down.

That's the reason Divine healing becomes so simple to the real believer, because he's been taught of the Holy Spirit to believe all things.

How could we ever doubt the Word of the Creator? How did the world ever come into existence? Where did God get the material to make it with? Did you ever stop to think of that? He just spoke it.

And after all, the very creation that's here now is nothing more than the Word of God made manifest. Think of it. The trees that grows is the Word of God. The mountains that reach the sky, and causes us if we wish to see beauty, look up the mountain. And the farther you go up the mountain the more pure and clean it becomes.

Standing yonder in the glacier fields of northern British Columbia as you look here at the swamp, a little higher the water runs cleaner; it gets bluer and purer. The trees fade out. All nature seems to say, "Look up." And way over the top of the great glacier ice that's so brilliant till even it shines like the sun, you're looking up. If you want to see wholesome, and real things, and pure things, always look up. The mountain points it.

David said, "I'll look unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord."

(Spiritual Adoption
September 23, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say; If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: Then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 124:1-8)



Have you ever read my book, at the maniac out there in Washington? Have you read that? That maniac run to the platform, two hundred and sixty pound man, or more, and said, "I'll break every bone in your body." And police and ministers fled every way, and I was left on the platform with the maniac. Something happened.

I weighed at the time a hundred and twenty-eight pounds. And the maniac stood like that, his teeth set together. He said, "You snake in the grass, up here pretending to be a man of God." Said, "I'll show how much man of God you are. I'll break every bone in your body." And he drew back his big fist, and he was well able, physically, to carry out his threat.

Something happened. Instead of despising the man, I felt sorry for him. I thought, "Poor man, you wouldn't treat me that way. Why, you are a man just like I am. You wasn't made to act like that. You were made to love, and to be a father of your children, and to love them, and to love all man. You were made to be a son of God,

but the devil has took a hold of you." I felt sorry for the man.

And he walked up to me close and spit in my face. I looked at him. Oh, I've had it happen with witch doctors and everything. Don't worry. If God is with you, who can be against you? So I looked at the man, and I thought, "Poor man, I love you, my poor lost brother." Never said a word. And he walked up to me, and he raised his big fist back. And the crowd setting breathless, of six thousand inside, and pretty near that many standing in the rain. He drew back his big fist.

He'd just struck a preacher. He was out of the insane institution. You might ask the police there. That was on the records to date. And he hit a minister and broke his jaw and his collar bone.

Run in there, and he run to the platform, and he said, "This night I'm going to break every bone in your body." And I looked at him, not with hatred, but with love. And as he did and started towards me, something inside of me said, "But tonight you'll fall over my feet." "Fall over your feet," he said, "I'll show you, you snake in the grass, whose feet I'll fall over." And he ran to me and threw back his big fist to strike me. I said, "Satan, come out of that man." And his eyes set, his head went back, and he fell and pinned my feet to the floor. The police had to roll him off. Oh, that's it, love.

(When Divine Love Is Projected
January 26, 1957)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever. For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity. Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts. As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon Israel. (Psalm 125:1-5)



God is always present. If we could only remember that. "The Angels of the Lord are encamped about those who fear Him." In this building, tonight, stands Jesus Christ. In this building tonight is hosts of Angels, thousands of them gathered around. You don't see them, but you can feel the influence of them, telling you that they are here. If that isn't so, then the Scripture isn't so. And if the Scripture isn't right, then God isn't right. The Bible said, that, "The Angels of God are encamped," they don't leave, "they stay near those that fear Him."

Jesus said, "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst." Then that makes Him in a world that we cannot see, that our five senses doesn't contact. Jesus Christ is here, present. If we could be conscious of that!

And, remember, not only here, but when you're walking down the street, wherever you are, you that profess to be believers and fear the Lord, remember, the Angels of God are moving with you wherever you are. They watch everything you do, every

thought that goes through your mind, and They know all about you. Therefore, we must be conscious of that.

If we're not conscious of it, then you act any way. So people mostly, today, too many people, are not conscious of the Presence of the Lord Jesus, that's the reason (they) we have these things that we have going on now, that's not right.

If we could only do like David said, "I put the Lord always before me." Oh, I like that. "The Lord is always before me. Where He goes, I'll follow. And I'm conscious that everywhere I'm going," other words, David said, "that the Lord is going before me."

"I will not leave thee nor forsake thee," said Jesus. "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." He cannot leave us. He promised not to.

That's the very objective of these meetings. That's the objective, my brethren, of holding my ministry out from the denominations, is to try to let the people see that Jesus Christ is still alive, and He's here, to every believer, to every denomination that will believe Him, or the people in those denominations. "The Lord is before me," David said, "and I shall not be moved."

(Influence
August 3, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. (Psalm 126:1-3)



When I told Him that the people would not believe me, how would a king or a monarch, or an educated person. Most of them that looks to wisdom of the world, and talents of that type, listen to a man that talked like me? They wouldn't do that. And so I said, "They won't believe me."

He said, "As the prophet Moses was given two signs to vindicate his being sent of God (See?)," said, "so will you be given." Now, that was something not in the educational realm, but out in the Supernatural realm. See, see? And said, "The first thing, you'll know diseases by taking people by the hand. And then it'll come to pass, that you'll know the very secrets of their hearts, and the things that's happened in their life, and be able to tell them from the beginning to the end." And said, "They'll believe this."

Well, I said, "I will go."

First He said, "I'll be with you."

And I said, "I will go."

And the Light gathered up around the Angel; the Angel went up in the light; the light

kept whirling in the room, and went out of the room. And I'm... That's all I can say. That's all I know.

And I've been going forth, and have almost covered the world now. When He said He'd be with me, He has been at the platform, He's done great things.

I do not say that everyone I prayed for was healed. No, now don't get that. No. But I say that everyone has ever come has been told what was wrong with them, and the things of their life, and so forth like that. If I would set and talk to them a little while.

Now, the great complaint, there's no question about that; that's known everywhere. The great complaint that I hear, that I don't minister to enough people. Well, maybe I've got too much on the other side. Maybe I have.

I've thought this: If I could pray and God would do something here in the Supernatural realms to let you know that He was present, and then surely you would take my word for it. See? You'd take my word. And then I'd tell you He was out there and would heal any of you that would confess Him to be your Healer.

Remember, He can never do nothing for you until first, you say He's done it; believe Him, and accept it, and testify of it. Did you know that?

He's the High Priest of our what? Confession. Hebrews 3:1. Now, He's setting at the right hand of the Father, to make intercession upon our confession. See, we've got to believe it, accept it, and confess it. And He's before the Father to make good anything that we confess in the redemptive blessings, of course.

(As I Was With Moses
May 3, 1951)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. (Psalm 126:4-6)



Now, you say, "Brother Branham, you don't believe in crying." Don't take me wrong. Sure, I believe in crying. But I'm saying that's not no evidence (See?), 'cause they both cry. I've seen them shout just as hard as they could shout. Yes, sir. And just a-carrying on like that.

There's a long ways; you know what I'm talking about. I've heard them speak with tongues, go out and live any kind of a life, just do anything. That was no sign.

But you say, "Well, you're against it."

No, I'm not. I believe in speaking in tongues; it's God's gift in the church. If I'd take it out, I'd take a part of God out. If I take my tongue out of my body here, I wouldn't have a complete body. The Body of Jesus Christ has tongues in it. The Body of Jesus Christ here has tongues; and you take it out, take part of Christ out. But you still can't say that that's the body. But it's accepting the Person, Christ Jesus, and these other things come right on in and they fit together. Let every member in this body this morning, let this little group of people, if we could pull the curtains down along on each side and every person in here receive the Person, Christ Jesus, there wouldn't never be a fuss; there would never be no argument. There'd just be a perfect love. Yet you'd still believe this and believe that, but it'd just be so full of love, , that's it.

Now, Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." And the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness.

Now, I'll give you my estimation of what I think that the closest thing to an evidence that a man is a Christian, than anything I know of. You know what it is? It's travail of soul, a person that's always so hungering and thirsting for God. They just simply, day and night, they just can't stand it. They got to do something for God. They're full of love and they're just a soul-travail, just travailing all the time. The Bible said, "He that goeth forth sowing in tears will doubtless return again, rejoicing, bringing with him precious sheaves." Is that right? All those things... Now, look, if I'd say, this morning in this little group of people and God say, "Now look, William Branham, I'm going to make you answer for that group of people, what you tell them.

Now, do you want them all to shout?"

"Sure, I want them to shout."

"Do you want them all to speak with tongues?"

"I want every one of them to."

"Do you want them all to dance in the Spirit?"

"I want every one of them to."

"All right, well, that's very good, but what would you rather have them to do?" Uh-huh.

"I'd rather have a church that had such a burden on their heart for prayer that they just stayed at this altar and would be here day and night, and everything else; and in their

house, was constantly in prayer, and humble, and trying to get people to come to God, and making calls at the hospital, and visiting the sick, and trying to get people to come to church and do right. I'd rather have that than all the other put together; although the other is right, it belongs in the church."

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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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October 31



Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate. (Psalm 127:1-5)



Now, Peter, when he called, said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Now watch. "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona," says, which means, "son of Jona." See?

"Blessed art thou, for flesh and blood never revealed this to you. You never learned it from some school. But My Father which is in Heaven has revealed it to you." Notice what He said to him, "Upon this rock..." That's Peter, the predestinated Seed of God that had received this Light, and given the keys to the Kingdom. "Upon this rock of revelation of Who Jesus Christ is," He is the full, manifested God. "Upon this rock..." Not a Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; and Him being the second Person. "Upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell will never shake it down, never prevail against it." See? "I'll build My Church upon this rock," a revelation of Jesus Christ.

Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. See? Christ's Life

in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ, in the Bible, makes the Bible the complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing, see, what God is trying to do.

What is the new Birth then? You'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new Birth?" It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you. Amen! See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand, you done something different, you said a creed, you promised to live by a code of rules. But Christ, the Bible, He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ; pastor, priest, whatever it might be. It's Christ in you, that is the revelation that the Church was built upon.

(Christ Is The Mystery Of God Revealed
July 28, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 1



Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the LORD. The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. (Psalm 128:1-6)



He gave Job his seven children. Not, didn't give him seven other children, but He gave Job his seven children. Now, what was it? His house, "Thy and thy house." Because he was righteous, because he was standing on everything that God gave him to be righteous, was to offer that burnt offering.

And he knowed that that was God's Word, and it could not fail. So, did you ever think where them children was? They was in heaven waiting for him. See? He's with them today. And God saved Job's children. They were in heaven waiting for him. See?

Now, if Job took a act upon the very thing that God told him to do, the only thing it was to be righteous, was to offer a burnt offering; that was righteous. And He saved Job and his house, then what is righteous before God? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved."

So, if I'm believing for my house and you're believing for your house, by believing that that we trust God, God imputes our own faith, like He did Abraham or Job or any of them for righteousness. You see? So, it's allotted to us for righteousness, and that's

how that thou and thy household shall be saved.

Oh, I think it's a wonderful thing. So then, not only that, but I'm holding for every brother, all my brothers. My sister. I'm not only holding for that, but I'm holding for every person that's in my church; I'm holding for you all. I want you to hold for me, because of the righteousness of faith. We don't have to make a burnt offering; Christ is our offering. But we have to have faith in that offering that Christ made, that He made us this kind of a promise, that "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I'll do. When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you've asked for and you shall have it."

Now, if I am praying that God will save these teen-age children, and I believe with all my heart He will do it, see that's the same way Job stood. Say, "Oh, look at this kid, how he's doing." I don't care what he's doing or what she's doing. I still have put that child in the hand of Almighty God and me and my house shall be saved.

Even though I may pass on before they do, but somehow before they leave here, God will twist them right down on the trail. I believe that somehow or another, He will make it so miserable for them, till they will have to do it. See?

And that's the way I believe, it's, "Thou and thy house shall be saved."

I've seen a many that I've watched that come into my meetings. Many time, an old boy will come up there that's been rough all of his life. He fall down on his knees and go to crying, and get up, say, "Well, I had a dear old mother. Oh, if she's in heaven tonight, I know she's looking down and she is glad to see me at this altar."

See? What it is, that old mother prayed and believed. See, she's gone on long ago, but here's them prayers. Because the righteousness... See, thy and thy house shall be saved. God knows how to work. He knows how to do. He knows how to do

everything just right.

**(Thy House
August 8, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 2



Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say: Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me. The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows. The LORD is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked. (Psalm 129:1-4)



This young boy, Uzziah, that we're speaking of this morning, he was Isaiah's hero. Isaiah, the young prophet in the days of Uzziah, was watching this young fellow, because Uzziah was a great man. He come from a fine background. His father and mother, both, were strictly staunch believers in God. And they had raised their boy to serve and to honor God.

One of the great lackings of our day today, in America and the rest of the world, is godly parent, to set an influence upon their children. The parents of this day got away from the principles of the Scripture. They went more to the fashions of the world. And the churches did the same thing. In doing that, we let it loose, and brought the world into the church. And that's the reason we have this great day of, if I say it respectfully here before these young people, the reason we got so many hoods, and so forth, as they call it, and bad characters, too much of it is because of the home life that they were influenced by, in their earlier days. I'm still a believer, that, "Bring up a child in the way that it should go, and when it gets old it will not depart from it."

Now, Uzziah was a boy had been brought up in such a parenthood till it influenced him. Look at one of our greatest Americans that I can think of, was Abraham Lincoln. He was certainly deserves all the credit that's given him, and more. He had a

bad start; born in a poor home, had no way of making an education, wrote in the sands. We understand that the only two books that he ever owned in his life, until he was about twenty-one years old, was the Bible, and Pilgrim's Progress or it might have been Foxe's Book of Martyrs, it was one of those books. But, you see, what that man read, it influenced his life.

And that's the same thing it is today. Our markets are loaded with vulgar and filth, to poison the minds of our young children, and then we lay the fault onto them. When, I think, many times it belongs in to us, us Christian people who will not stand up for the thing that's right, and have those things lawed off of our shelves, and so forth. And then in our homes, also, that we let loose and permit all these vulgarities and things to come into our home, to influence the children.

But Uzziah had been brought up right. And he was, we understand now, in Second Chronicles 26, you can read the story, that at the age of sixteen he was made king, after the death of his father. And he become king at sixteen. Having had these godly parents, he started right off with his kingdom, to do that which was right. He never catered to popular opinions or politics of that day. He served God.

Now, that is a good man to be influenced by, a man that will take his stand for that which is right, in the time of when popular opinion is running contrary, and politics is running contrary; but a man that will set right straight in the road.

(Influence
November 30, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 3



Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion. Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up: Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom. Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of the LORD be upon you: we bless you in the name of the LORD. (Psalm 129:5-8)



Someone said to me some time ago, said, "Brother Branham, I don't care what you would produce, what you would say, or anyone else. You might raise up ten dead people, and make every cripple walk," said "I still would not believe it." I said, "Certainly not. It wasn't for unbelievers; it was just for those who believe." That's all. It's just for believers.

Jesus said, "To those that believe." Unbelievers are not even included, see. You're just to be pitied. Something wrong somewhere. So if you're a believer, why, it's for you. If you're not a believer, then it's not for you.

And someone said, was out on the street one day, said, "Would you tell this man standing on the corner what's wrong with him?"

I said, "You know, God takes His man but never His Spirit." His Spirit upon Elijah come upon Elisha, then of John. The One that was upon Jesus came on the church, and on down through the age. Satan does the same thing. He takes his man but never his spirit. I said, "I'm just about minded when they put a rag around Jesus' eyes there in the court that morning, and hit Him on the head with a reed, and said, 'Prophecy and tell us who hit you and we'll believe you.' He never opened His mouth and said a

word, because He didn't clown for people; He only obeyed God." See?

Satan said to Him "If you be the Son of God, why, perform a miracle here before me. Let me see it." You've heard that said. See? Just remember, that's the devil. See? That's him. See? He said, "If you be the Son of God," said, "just, just perform a miracle and turn this rock into bread and I'll believe you."

He said it's written, "Man shall not live by bread alone."

And then at the cross Satan and those priests said, "If you're the Son of God, come down off the cross. Then we'll believe you."

He could have done it, but He'd have been obeying Satan. See? He don't do what Satan says; He does what God says. And any servant of God does the same, just obedient. So when you hear those remarks, just remember where it comes from.

Don't, don't despise the people, but feel sorry for them that they're in total darkness and blindness, maybe ordained to that condemnation. Then what? That's bad, isn't it? So we just feel sorry and just move on, be humble, and be Christians.

(Conferences
April 10, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 4



Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (Psalm 130:1-8)



Moses had been a military man. And he thought that the way that he was trained as being a military man, that he could just kill them Egyptians off with his hand, it'd be just as good as doing what God did.

Did you ever think of it? Everybody condemns Moses for killing one man, and he come back down under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and killed the whole thing. Nobody said nothing about it. He slew all of Pharaoh's army. But God was in it. God wasn't in the first one. And then Moses, just chucked full of church theology, he was to be the next pharaoh. And we find him still not knowing God. But one morning on the back side of the desert, an old man of eighty years old, his whiskers hanging way down low, he seen a burning bush, and he turned aside to see what was going on. And when he got near the bush he heard a voice. God had to quieten him for forty years before He could ever speak to him.

And we won't stay quiet ten minutes so God could speak to us with all the rumble and

bumble we have of this day.

And yet, Moses after forty years stood there, and in the presence of that bush and that one voice that called him, He knew more about God in five minutes after that, than all the eighty years of training had taught him. It made a different man out of him. It'll make a different man and woman out of you if you'll just stand still long enough to hear His voice.

Like Samuel did, stand still. Don't be excited. If you want something of God, ask Him, then stand still and listen to see what He's going say about it. Just open up your heart, say, "What about it, Lord Jesus?" Just stay there. If He doesn't answer the first five hours, then wait another. If He doesn't answer today then He will answer tomorrow. If He doesn't answer this week, He will answer next week. Stay there till He answers. Hear His voice speak back in your heart, and say, "Yes, I'm the Lord that healeth thee." Then it's all over; you get settled then. See? "I'm the Lord Who forgives all thy sins. Now, go and sin no more. I don't condemn you." Then you can go free. You're all right. But you want to be sure that you hear that voice speak.

**(Hear His Voice
October 5, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 5



LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child. Let Israel hope in the LORD from henceforth and for ever. (Psalm 131:1-3)



When Jacob lost all of his strength, then God give him power to become a prince. See? When Paul lost his education and all of his theology, God made him a missionary to the Gentiles. When Moses lost all of his ability and become weak, God made him powerful and sent him to Egypt in the power of the Spirit, at eighty years old, whiskers hanging down, his wife on a mule and a young'n setting on her hip, and a stick in his hand, went down and conquered Egypt. Yeah. See? Not with an army behind him, like he wanted to go, but in the power of the Spirit. Amen. When you're weak then you're strong.

Just walking down that road, he didn't stutter, he didn't stumble, he didn't nothing, walked right up in the presence of Ahab, and said, "I've got the Word of the Lord."

He said, "You're the one that troubles Israel."

He said, "You're the one that's troubling Israel." Yes, sir. Oh, brother. Yes, sir. "Bring out them intellectual priests you got up here, and let's see who's God." There you are. "Climb up on Mount Carmel; let the God that answered at Pentecost answer back again. Let's see if God still is the same God, if Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He come off the mountain; he had a Message. Yes. He got real weak before, though, he lost everything before he did it. He had to get weak 'fore he could get

strong.

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?) 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 Hisself. 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.

November 19, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 6



A Song of degrees. LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions: How he swore unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids, Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood. We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. (Psalm 132:1-7)



You can see the Psalms, how David is constant thinking of God. Too many of us today think of our own achievements, something that we could do to better ourself. But David was constantly thinking of what he could do for God.

"I know your desires, David, and I want you to know what I've done for you. You was just a little boy, not known by anybody, and even your dad give you a few sheep out there to take care of. But I was with you. And I've cut your enemies off from your right hand to your left hand. But your desires are correct.

"But, David, you're a man of war. You're a man that shed blood. I can't let you do this. But I will promise you that through the fruit of your loins, I'll raise up your son, and he will build the temple."

Now, we all know that the earthly only types the heavenly. The natural only types the spiritual. Really, the one that He was a speaking of was Christ for the temple. But he was Solomon, David's son in natural flesh. Later, we read in I Kings (if you would like to read it), that he built the tabernacle that David was going to build, because

Solomon was a man of peace, of wisdom. He didn't go to war like David and had a lot of bloodshed. He just was a man of peace. And God gave him wisdom. When he was asked for what he may before God, he only asked for wisdom to know how to lead his people. And he never taken the great gifts that could've been done, but he just asked for wisdom to know how to lead God's people to the best.

And I think we, in praying ourselves, if we would just ask for that, just for understanding for something that will be better for the children of God. I truly think that's this pastor's idea of bringing this church in here (See?), taking this old church and rededicating it today. He's trying to find a place out of the rain, and snow, and so forth, for the people of God. I think God would respect it in this boy just the same as He did in David.

(Dedication
November 11, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 7



Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy. For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed. The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne. If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore. For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed. His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish. (Psalm 132:8-18)



David was not permitted to build the temple. He could not do it. But He said, "I'll raise up from your seed, and he will build the temple, and that temple will be an everlasting temple. And upon your son, the Son of David, will be an everlasting Kingdom He will control." Solomon, David's son in the natural (from his natural strength) built a house unto the Lord, a temple. But when the real Seed of David come, the Son of David, He told them there would come a time that there wouldn't be one stone left upon the other of that temple, but He tried to point them to another temple.

John, the revelator, over in the Book of Revelation, he saw this tabernacle (Revelations 21). He saw the new temple coming, descending down from heaven,

adored as a bride was adored for her husband, and a voice out of the temple said, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and God shall be with them, and they'll wipe all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more hunger, nor no more sorrow, no more pain or death, for the former things have passed away."

Then the true Son of David (as we're going to see in this lessons coming on in this week) will then come to His temple, the temple of God, the real tabernacle, which He has gone away to construct now. For He said in John 14, "In My Father's house are many mansions, and I will go..." What did He mean by that? It was already foreordained, "And I'll go to prepare a place for you, and will return back to receive you unto Myself." And of course, we know that'll be in the great age to come. And the true Seed of David will take the throne, which is Jesus Christ, and there will reign over the Church as His Bride, in the house with Him and over the twelve tribes of Israel throughout all eternity.

And these little places, as David could not build the true tabernacle of God, because he wasn't prepared to do it. There was nothing he could do. He was a mortal and shed blood. So is it today to us. We are not prepared to build the true Tabernacle of God. There's only One can do that, and it's being in its construction now. But this little tabernacle, along with the temple that Solomon built Him, and along with the others, are only temporary places of worship until the time comes when the real Tabernacle will be set up upon the earth, and righteousness shall reign from sky to sky, and there will be no more sorrow. There'll be no funerals preached in that Tabernacle. There'd be no more weddings, for the wedding will be one great wedding for eternity. What a time that will be.

**(God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same
March 17, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 8



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. (Psalm 133:1-3)



I've seen a little woman so bashful the insurance man come to the door, she'd backed her head away. Let her go down to the altar and come into that Shekinah Glory of God, she'll stand there and testify that'll shake the shingles on top the house. Sure, why? She's in Presence of God; she's met somebody that's real. Life has become a new thing, and she's no more cowed down by the world, because she's in Divine fellowship with Christ. "For me to live is Christ," said Paul. That's what I call real spiritual.

Now, you cannot do that by your creeds. Creeds will never satisfy a hungry soul. They're all right. I've nothing against them, but what we need today is Divine fellowship. There's only one way to get it: through the Blood, into the Shekinah Glory.

In the Old Testament, the high priest went in once a year, once a year, and that, bearing the blood before him. He was anointed. Oh, I like to study that, how he was anointed with the anointing oil. I believe David cried, "How sweet it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It's like the precious anointing oil that was on the beard of Aaron, it run all the way to the hems of his garment."

Oil makes things run easy, soft. You know, when a man gets really anointed and ready for God, he's just flexible. You know when he's not, he sets back real stiff, you know just, oh, I don't know, just like a...

I always felt sorry for a mule. A mule was the dumbest thing I ever looked at. You can whistle to him, call to him, and he will just set and stick them big ears out and look at you. He don't know the gentleness like a horse does. See? He hasn't got that much gumption. And another thing, a mule, he doesn't know where he come from. Don't you never say God ever made a mule. That was man did that. No. Don't you put God guilty of something like that. That was crossbreeding, the mare to the jack. But don't you never lay that onto God. God wouldn't do a thing like that.

No, sir. You know, I like a pretty pedigreed horse. You know a pretty pedigreed horse, he's really nice, and he knows who his papa was. He knows where his mama was. He knows exactly where he's standing. But an old mule don't know who his papa was and his mama was. And here's another thing about it. He cannot cross hisself back again. He's ruined for life. It puts me in the mind of a lot of people that call themselves Christians. Talk about the Blood of Jesus, and they set with their ears out, set there like bug eyed. They don't even know what the call means. That's right. You don't know who your papa was or your mama was. But I'm telling you, if you've ever come under the real Divine fellowship, been baptized with the Holy Ghost, you know Who your Father was. You know where you're standing. You know the Blood that cleansed you. You know the Holy Spirit that borned you and give you new life. You know where you come from. You know Who your Father is.

We got too much mule religion today, I believe.

(God's Provided Approach To Divine Fellowship
June 30, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 9



Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD, which by night stand in the house of the LORD. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. The LORD that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion. (Psalm 134:1-3)



Notice. Could you imagine the eyes of the Word and the eyes of the prophet meeting in the water? Oh, that's too much for me. There stood the prophet; there stood the Word, looking in each others' eyes. And the prophet said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, why comest Thou unto me?" And the Word said... It has to be true.

Now, let me give a drama here. "John, you're a prophet, you know the Word. (See?) You recognize Me, you know Who I am."

"I have need to be baptized of Thee," John said.

Jesus said, "Suffer that to be so. That's exactly right; you do have need to be baptized of Me. But remember, John, being a prophet, it is behooving to us, or becoming to us (as the Word and the prophet), that we fulfill every Word. For, John (Here's the revelation now.) John, you know Who I am, I am the Sacrifice. And according to the Word of God, the sacrifice had to be washed before it was presented for sacrifice." Is that right? "The lamb was washed and then presented for sacrifice, and I am that Lamb. And I must be washed before I can be presented to the world for a Sacrifice. Suffer it to be so, John, for thus it is becoming to us as the Word and the prophet together."

Well, there can't be a mistake. Now, everyone of these things...

Now, see, if it wasn't that very setup, John would've been like any of the rest of us; so they say, "Yeah, I know Who you are, Lord."

"Well," He said, "wait a minute, I'm the Word. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word.' Eve left off one, but you got to take every Word. And I am that Sacrifice, and I must be washed before I'm presented. But what you said, John, is true."

John being a prophet, knowing the Word had to be fulfilled, he suffered that and baptized Him. And when He was raised up out of the water, there come the Message from heaven on the wings of a Dove, "This is My beloved Son." He sent the redemption Message of grace on the wings of a Dove, come flying down out of the heavens. "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The Sacrifice was ready right then; it's been raised, fed, His ministry was ready, a Word that would redeem the whole world, "It's over."

The dove is used in the Bible as a symbol of peace, and also it's used by nations as a symbol of peace. We have nations, our nation is represented by an eagle, and there's other birds of other nations. Rome has an eagle. Germany has an eagle; many of them, great birds of the sky. But in all of them, the dove symbolizes peace in all nations. It's a universal thing. Just like Brother Green said one night, Brother Pearry Green said, "The symbol of surrender is raise your hands. Any nation, raise up your hands, it's surrender." He said, "When you sing, raise up your hands, you surrender it all."

(On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove
November 28, 1965)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 10



Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the name of the LORD; praise him, O ye servants of the LORD. Ye that stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God, Praise the LORD; for the LORD is good: sing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant. For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure. (Psalm 135:1-4)



The Jewish church that was brought out of Egypt to Palestine, was the natural church, God's natural people, who had a natural law. See? But we today, are God's spiritual Church, with a spiritual law written on the tables of our hearts, led in a spiritual form.

Now, they looked up to see where the Pillar of Fire was, the Angel of the Lord. But we don't look today. There's just something happens, that we know He's there.

Now, they were the people of God. Israel down in Egypt, were the people of God until they come out of Egypt and started towards the promised land; then they became the Church of God. The word "church" means "called out." I love that: "separated ones." God said, "Separate Me Paul and Barnabas to the work that I have called them."

Now, the churches today, many of them, are looking for mixers. Somebody who can mix and maybe do a little of this and that, and little recreation, and golfing, and maybe a few parties and so forth.

Now, the world is looking for good mixers, but God's looking for separators, for those who'll separate themselves. "Come out from among them, My people, that ye be not

partakers of their sins." Separate.

In Egypt, when the lamb was offered, God made a difference. He separated the--the Israelites from the Gentiles, and made a difference in them. And God's people is a separated people, a holy nation, a peculiar people, odd, strange-acting.

So the world will never understand you. So just don't think about the world; think about God. That's the main thing.

**(God Talked To Moses
August 31, 1953)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries. Who smote the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants. Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: And gave their land for an heritage, an heritage unto Israel his people. Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations. For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants. (Psalm 135:5-14)



Overcome means "to stand the test," (That's right.) like all the old saints did, like Jesus did. In the midst of all of His enemies He stood the test. Everything He was tested against He stood it. In the very face of sickness, and Him being Messiah, He healed them. In the face of death, He brought it back to life. In the face of Calvary, His own death, He defeated it by surrendering Himself. Why? By the Word. Said, "You destroy this temple, and I'll raise it up in three days." The Word said so. See? And in the presence of death He defeated it; He overcome death. In the presence of hell He defeated hell and overcome hell. Yes. In the presence of the grave He overcome the grave. Why? All by the Word and humility. Oh, my. There's the real Man. There's the One to make your Example. See? He defeated everything, overcome it. Look, temptation was for Him. Did you know that? The Bible said He was tempted in all points like we are yet without sin. He was tempted by drinking; He was tempted

by women; He was tempted by everything that could be tempted by. He was tempted by everything that we are; He was a man. And yet you couldn't put a mark on Him. Yes, sir.

"Overcome" means "to recognize the devil at every one of his tricks." Lot of people says there is no devil; it's just a thought. Don't you believe that. There's a real devil. He's just as real as you are, anybody, a real devil. And you must recognize him real. You must know he's a devil. And then, the same time that you recognize him and know that he's the devil, and he's against you, then, to overcome you must recognize that the God in you is greater and mightier than he is, that the One that's in you has already overcome him, and by His grace you're more than a match for him. Amen. There's real overcoming.

When you recognize, you look back and say, "I'm doing this, and I'm doing that." Then oh, oh, you're defeated. But there's no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus that walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. Then you realize that you've overcome, and you know that he's a devil. You can't say, "I got a sickness, and I don't believe it is a sickness." Oh, yeah, it is a sickness. You got cancer; you don't believe it is a cancer; it is a cancer. It is a cancer. But remember, greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world. You must realize that the Holy Spirit that's in you has already overcome this thing. And He's in you, and you can overcome by Him.

(How Can I Overcome?
August 25, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not; They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths. They that make them are like unto them: so is every one that trusteth in them. Bless the LORD, O house of Israel: bless the LORD, O house of Aaron: Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD. Blessed be the LORD out of Zion, which dwelleth at Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 135:15-21)



A communion with the Lord is like an oasis in a desert. It's like the spring underneath the pond, that where the traveler coming by, stops and drinks the water till he quenches his thirst. That's remembering the Lord. Coming by the order of His table, where the passing pilgrim that's sojourning here on earth with us together, that we can come by His table, and there drink of His blessings and of His grace and of His Word in fellowship around His Word, until our thirsty souls are satisfied. And then we leave the place of worship, refreshed, satisfied, going out to meet the desert's problems again, the problems of life's desert. Yes, an oasis in the desert, refreshing ourselves, when we're thirsty.

It should be with every worshipper. It is with every true worshipper, that they long to get together. There's something about the fellowship that's Divine; it's ordered of God, and it's holy, sacred. And the righteous are thirsting for it.

As David said, that his soul thirsted after God, like the hart did the water-brook. The little wounded deer that the hounds has jerked plugs from its side, and it's jerked

away from it. And it stands, panting, and watching, smelling with its sense that God give it, it can smell water for miles. And it holds its little head in the air while it's bleeding its life out. And it knows, if it can ever get to that spring, that it can live. No one's going to catch him then. He can ever get to water, he'll fool every dog you could put after him, for he knows he's found the life-giving resource.

And when the church gets to that place, where that Christ means so much to us that we thirst to get in His Presence and with each other, it's a Life-giving Resource. No devil can ever overtake you. Even death itself is defeated there. Oh, what a hope, what a place. Refresh yourself. And in doing so, remembering Christ was the One Who made it possible for us. He was the One Who did these things for us; we must remember Him. For remember, once we was aliens and without God, Gentiles, carried away with dumb idols. But remember, Christ died not for the Jew, but for every creature of Adam's fallen race, Christ died.

As we come to remember Him at His spring of communion, it ought to remind us of back in the time like Israel was in their journeying. And they come, yet in the very line of duty, on their road from Egypt to their deliverance to the promised land, and in the very act of duty, got without water. And it was dry in every look, place, under every hill that where there should be springs, there was none. And they were perishing in the desert. And then there appeared the Rock, that Moses smote this Rock and from it came abundance of water. Every thirsty man, every thirsty woman, child, or even every thirsty beast, could drink abundance of water.

As John 3:16, the golden text of the Bible, said, "As God so loved the world, He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth (believeth, commune, remembers Him) shall not perish, but will have Eternal Life." Remembering Christ was our Rock that was smitten to save a perishing world, a perishing Gentile, a perishing Jew, a perishing world. Christ gave forth His Life in abundance, that everybody that hungered and thirst, said the prophet, "Lo, come ye to the fountain, buy of Me milk

and honey without price."

**(Remembering The Lord
December 9, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 13



O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:1-9)



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, and 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. Amen. I get to talking about Him, I just can't stop now. Oh, He's so real, so real to me. Friends, He's all that I am, all that I ever could be, all that I ever expect to be, is grounded in Christ Jesus, His Word.

I'm thankful tonight for the witness of the Holy Spirit, for the Message. I know it might, some might disagree with it, but as I have told you, I'm duty bound to a Message. A sign went forth, and God does not send a sign just to show that He's God. A Message, a Voice always follows the sign. Anyone knows that.

Jesus come with signs and wonders. He was a great Man when He was doing signs and wonders, but when He begin to set down and to begin to bring the Message, "I and My Father are One," oh, my, that was wrong to them. See? But the Voice had to follow the sign.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever: And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever: With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever: And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever: But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:10-16)



As the little debate not long ago with a minister that said that I was teaching an apostolic doctrine in this day. I believe I spoke of it a night or two ago, or sometime, about how he said, "You're trying to inject into this age, an apostolic doctrine." He said, "The apostolic age ceased with the apostles."

And I asked him, "Well, do you believe the Word?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Revelations 22:18 says, that, 'Whosoever shall take one Word out of This, or add one word to it,' not just two words; one Word, take one Word out". Said, "I believe that."

I said, "Then I can tell you where the apostolic blessings was given to the church; now you tell me where God taken it out of the church by the Word. You can't do it; it's not there." I said, "Now, remember, that Peter on the day of Pentecost, he was the

introducer of the apostolic age. And he told them all to, 'Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of 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 far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.'" Now, if you want to listen to the clucking of some denominational hen, and live back out there in the things of the world, then it goes to show that there's something wrong. Because that is the Word. "Whosoever will, may come." And if you've got a will, you should come. But if you haven't no will, then you're in a sad condition. But if you've got a will to come, come follow God's formula. And He never fails to fulfill what He promised. I once was young, and now I'm old; I've never seen Him fail in His Word. Because He can do anything but fail. He cannot fail. God cannot. It's impossible for God to fail, and remain God. He has to, to do that.

Now, Pharaoh's army tried to impersonate, because they wasn't called and they had not that Life. The promise wasn't given to Pharaoh. The promise wasn't give him for a promised land. And an impersonator, trying to follow a real believer who's called to such, only makes a mockery out of it. That's what's the matter with our religious system today. There's too many people trying to impersonate the Holy Spirit, too many people trying to impersonate the baptism, too many people trying to impersonate the apostolic age. It's for believers and that alone. God has made a way, rich in mercy, that His children would not perish. He's made a way for them. Now, Pharaoh trying to pursue on, he drowned in the very waters that saved Moses and his group. Now, Moses did not drown, because God is rich in mercy to them who are following His provided way. Amen.

Can you see what I mean? That tonight, people who don't believe in Divine healing, people who do not believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, how can they receive anything? God is rich in mercy to those who will follow after Him; not after a creed, but after God.

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

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever: Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever: And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever: And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever: Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:17-22)



When any believer comes to God, he becomes God's attribute of His Word; he's used to manifest the Word that's promised for that day. See? That's right. God, rich in mercy, has never left us without a testimony. He's rich in mercy.

We find out that God was so merciful to Moses out there in that Red Sea out there. Then when He said here, in Exodus 19:4, He said, "I carried you away on eagles' wings, brought you to Myself. Carried them on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself." There was other men in the middle of that sea out there also, trying to impersonate. But what? "He carried them on eagles' wings."

Now, God always likens His prophets to eagles. And what was it? Moses was His messenger. And they were following Moses, and that was the eagles' wings that they were carried on, because he was packing God's message. And the people followed that. They were following God as they followed Moses with His message of deliverance. And the Bible said that, "they perished not with them who believed not." 'Cause God was rich in mercy to them, because they were following His commandments. God wants us to follow His commandments.

We could say the same about Korah and about Dathan and their gang of unbelieving

people, as they tried to impersonate. They tried to inflict something into God's program. They didn't like a one-man program. They didn't like that. They had to have something to do. Korah said, "Why, there's more holy men than you, Moses. You act like you're the only pebble on the beach." And said, "You oughtn't to do that. And there's more men here."

And Moses knowed that he was to carry those children over into the promised land, because the promise was given to him. And he must pack them to the promised land.

And, today, the Holy Spirit is here to vindicate God's Word, and that's the eagle wing that we're supposed to ride on, not some manmade theology. But we are to ride upon the wings of the eagle, to the promised Land.

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

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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November 16



Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever: And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever. (Psalm 136:23-26)



Before any victory can be won, there must be great prices paid. Oh, what prices. And sometimes they are very deep, and they make great scars, tearing down. But in order to have the mountain, we've got to have the valley. Before we can have the sunshine, we've got to get the rain. Before we can have the light, we've got to get the night. Before we can have right, they had to have wrong, or you'd have never knowed what wrong was.

But in order to conquer and to win the greatest battle that was every won, One stepped out of glory many years ago. And He did not take upon Himself the form of an Angel. He did not come as some great person. But He was going to prove that it don't take muskets, and bullets, and atomic bombs to win a war. He clothed Hisself in humility like a little baby, and was born in a manger. There was not even a place for His birth, when He come. I want you to look at the different material of warfare, what He used.

Now, Adam's race was all in bondage. There they were, without hope, without God, without chance, without mercy, without anything that could help them. The great enemies of the lower regions of the lost, had them shut up in darkness. There was not a way out. There was no one could help. Nothing could be done. It looked like a total,

complete loss.

But our Hero, who came down from the portals of glory, condescending down. For there was no man on earth could do the job. They were all, as worldly speaking, in the same boat. We were all born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. And none of us could help each other. We stood helpless, defeated, chaos on every hand, all ununited. We could not keep laws and ceremonies; finding their weaknesses and so forth, we could not do it. And it seemed like the whole human race was laid waste.

And then He came; He came down. Because He was in the beginning, the Bible said, "He was the Word." He was the Logos that went out of God. And the Logos, in the beginning, was the Word. And He became the Word. Then when He ascended up on that glorious day of Easter, He become not only the Word, but He become the High Priest of His own Word. Oh, what a glorious thing, Brother Neville. Just think. He's not only the Word, but He's the High Priest of His own Word. How could we doubt it? How could we walk to Him and not believe that we receive what we ask for? For He is the Word and the Intercessor of the Word. The Logos became Word, and the Word made flesh; and the same flesh that was the Word, received up into glory, and now's the High Priest making intercession by Himself to His Word.

That's what it takes. That's the material that the Church has got. What a weapon. There's never been one like it. He was the Word. And when He come, He was born in a manger. He come to use the weapon of l-o-v-e, love, to conquer the world. Not with army bullets, not with machine guns and tanks, but He come in a different manner. He come in the form of love. He was God's love.

**(The Great And Mighty Conqueror
April 21, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 17



By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion. How shall we sing the LORD'S song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. (Psalm 137:1-6)



I want you to notice how Daniel, yet an alien, yet ousted from his people, ousted from his church, without one church service, without any church to go to, without any hymns to be sang but what he sang hisself, in the midst of all of this, still held onto what that prophet said. Amen. Amen.

No church to go to, nobody to fellowship with; everybody went to heathen temples; everybody worshipped their idols. No Christian songs, nobody believed the same thing he did, and in sixty-eight years, from a young man of about twelve, fourteen years old when he was taken down there, he held true to God and understood by Jeremiah's prophet that the days were almost accomplished. How that would warn the heart of any true prophet of God today, that we look back and see what this true prophet said, and know that we're at the end time.

He said, "I understood by books that Jeremiah, my brother, many, many years ago prophesied that Israel would stay down here seventy years, and that time's about fulfilled." And he made hisself ready, and he called a fast, and he sanctified himself,

and ashes, and sackcloth, and put it upon his head, and went to fasting and praying to understand about what day they were living in.

And if Daniel, the prophet of the Lord, could consult Jeremiah's books and bring him to such a place that even Israel coming out, all of them alive, was coming out of Babylon to go back to the homeland would cause him to fast with sackcloth and ashes, how much more ought it to do to the Church of the Living God to know that time is fading out and shall be no more, and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the great Millennium ready to set in? How can we spend wasteless time gambling, swimming holes on Sundays, no time for the Lord. Just run down, if the pastor speaks on something or other you don't like, you get up and go out. And if the church holds too long, why, you're dissatisfied. Look at our condition. Look what we're doing. Compare our lives with that prophet. One man in a complete kingdom with no church to go to and none nowhere else to go to... It was tore down and burned down. His city, his people was captive. Sixty-eight years--sixty-eight, sixty-nine, seventy, he had two years left.

So when he begin to read in the book and see that the time was drawing nigh to be fulfilled, he went to God in prayer to find out about it. What a time. What are we doing when nations are breaking, the sea roaring, man's heart failing for fear, perplexed of time, all these things, the handwriting on the wall, racial disintegration, all kinds of evil going on in the world, and fusses and fights and stews, and weapons hanging in hangars, that one little nation by the size of Cuba down here can destroy the world in ten minutes? And them fussing with one another, ungodly men who knows not God and knows not His power. And the Holy Spirit in the Church, moving amongst the elected, showing Himself alive after two thousand years, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. How can we set slothfully? How can we just run over the top of it? Time we were checking up, watching for that great hour approaching.

(Gabriel's Instructions To Daniel -
July 30, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 18



Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof. O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed; happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us. Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones. (Psalm 137:7-9)



Notice, when the testing time comes for the nations, when the testing time come for Israel, she failed. And when she did, God turned her over to Babylon. And as a nation, she failed. And when the testing time come for Rome, she failed. When the testing time come for Greece, it failed. When the testing time come for France, it failed. When the testing time come for Russia, she failed. Listen. And I say this, with the reverent heart to God, "The testing time has come for America, and she's failed."

The Gospel has been preached from east to west, from north to south; they've combed every little place and crack and corner. Great revivals has went forth, Billy Graham's, and Jack Schuller's, and Oral Roberts. And they have, just hundreds of them have, combed every little crack and corner.

The devil throwed out a television yonder, and God worked it around to throw man on the television, and every drunkard in the barroom, or wherever he is will stand without an excuse. Yes, sir. The testing time has come.

What did I tell you from this pulpit? Last year America made her fatal mistake. I said, "Fatal mistake," sure did. And look what she's doing now. You see it in the government affairs. They're trying to go right over and hook up with the Arabs. Don't you know, God's Word said, "Ever who curses Israel, will be cursed?" Certainly.

I stand with Israel, take our ground or take it. Certainly. Arabs went in the wrong thing. Sure they are. Brother, look at every nation that turned against the Jew; they sunk. Look at Germany, when she turned against the Jew, and they burnt the bodies in the incinerators, and look what it is today.

Look at Italy, that turned against the Jews, when Mussolini ousted them from Italy. Looked at her today. If we wasn't feeding them, they'd be starved to death.

And here the Gospel come and give a mercy call throughout the nations for years; and we've turned it down. And now working, the devil taking his seat, is turning the hearts of these political men against Israel, and they're hooking up over yonder with the Arabs. Brother, we're as good as gone. Man, we'll sink as sure as the world.

I love my nation. I love what it stands for; but brother, I love my Lord above everything.

And I love to see my nation to its knees, but I'm afraid we'll never do it. We're at the end time.

**(God Keeps His Word
April 7, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



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I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD. (Psalm 138:1-5)



Each age has had its message and its messengers. All through the times, every age has packed its message with a messenger. God, in every dispensation, has sent forth someone anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring forth His Message for that age, every time.

Now, we could start back, to back it up just a little bit. Even from the beginning, God was the Messenger at the beginning, to tell Adam and Eve, "You shall eat this, but you shall not do this." That was the message. And when man stepped across the message of the hour, it brought death and chaos to the whole human race. Now, that's how much the message means. And remember that it wasn't just a complete blank denial of what God said, that Eve believed; it was taking what God said and whitewashing it over, or just misconstruing it a little bit, just adding a little bit to it, or taking a little bit away from it.

That's the reason that I believe that the Word is the Truth. If our creeds and our denominations doesn't come completely with the Word, then it's wrong. And if God

would not permit, and His Word was so important, to just misquote one word of it caused all, every death that ever happened, every suffering, every crying baby, every funeral procession, every grave on the hillside, every ambulance that ever screamed, every blood that was ever shed, all the old age and starvation and trouble that we've had, just because God's Word was miscalculated, caused all of this, will He excuse it at the end time if we miscalculate it again?

So, you see, Christianity is an important thing. If it's cost all this six thousand years of trouble, because of one Word being misused, now we're not going back with one other Word misused. It's got to be exactly with the Word, with nobody's interpretation, just what the Word says. So many men will get together and they say it means this, and they'll agree, and others will say this. But it says, "This is it."

If God is going to judge the world by the church, then which church is it? If He's going to judge it by a nation, which nation is it? He's going to judge the world by the Word, the Bible. For, "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." That was, Christ was God's Word made flesh, spoken through human being.

Now, in the Book of Revelation, He said, "If any man will take one Word out of here, or add one word to it, the same will be taken, his part, out of the Book of Life. So you see it's not just, "Well, I believe this, but I don't know about that." You've got to believe it all. Maybe you haven't got faith to stand up to it, but don't try to stand in somebody else's way.

I've often said I wished I had faith, when my life is over, to go like Enoch, not die, but just take an afternoon walk and go home with God. I'd like to do that. But if I haven't got that kind of faith, I won't stand in somebody else's way that has that kind of faith. See?

**(The End-Time Evangelism -
June 3, 1962)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Though the LORD be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me. The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands. (Psalm 138:6-8)



When you're saved God gives you a checkbook. At the bottom of it it's got Jesus' Name signed on every check. Any redemptive blessing belongs to you. Are you afraid to fill it out? and Abraham's children? Are you afraid He won't recognize the Name of Jesus? "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I will do." That's the promise. You're Abraham's children; you're not afraid to fill it out. The bank of heaven will recognize the Name of Jesus on any redemptive blessing that His body's setting at the right hand of God making intercessions for. That's what He died for.

Now, Abraham, he was heir. Then after while Lot got in trouble. Now, we'll close in a minute. Lot got in trouble. And you always get in trouble when you backslide. Wish we had time to dwell on that. But he got in trouble. What happened? The enemy come and packed him off. Now, Abraham played the part of the saviour again. He garrisoned himself and went after the enemy that's took away his poor backslidden corrupted brother.

That's what Jesus did. Sickness bound you. Sin bound you, poor, backslid and corrupted. And Jesus came in and went after you. And he brought Lot back; Abraham did.

Watch when he come back. They had a great big jubilee, homecoming time. And there was all the kings around thanking Abraham, and then they met another King, Melchisedec. He was the King of Salem which was Jerusalem: the King of peace, the King of righteousness. Who was this great King? I want to ask you something. Who was this great King? He did not have any father. He never had a mother. He never had a beginning of days or ending of life. Who was that King that met Abraham coming home from the slaughter of the kings?

And to you people that don't believe in tithe paying, look at this. The Levitical priesthood paid tithes. And the Bible said that Levi paid tithes when he was in the loins of Abraham, and that was his great, great grandfather. And when Levi was in the loins of Abraham, when Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, the Bible reckoned Levi paying tithes. How ought you people to live. If your sins are visited to the children, what about your blessings?

**(The Faith Of Abraham
April 15, 1959)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 21



O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. (Psalm 139:1-4)



God reveals Himself the way He wants to, to the people He wants to. It's His sovereign will. He hardens who He hardens and justifies who He justifies. It lays in God's hands, not in my hand or your hand. It lays in God's hands to what He will do. The Bible said so, do you realize that?

Did you ever read over there in Romans 9, how He said before either boy was born, Esau and Jacob, said, "I hate one and love the other one." How can He be just and do that? By foreknowledge He knew what a rascal Esau was. See? And He could predestinate. Not just say that the word predestinate is not a good word to use, it's foreknowledge. Because He wouldn't just at deliberately turn you away because it's because He wants you to go away. He's not willing that any of you should perish, but by foreknowledge He knowed what you'll do even before you ever come on the earth. Sure, foreknowledge.

He's infinite. He's God. He's omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. See? He's knows all things, all wisdom, and all time, covers all space, all power. He's infinite. And if He isn't that, He's not God. If He isn't Almighty God, if He can't do all things, He's not Almighty God. But if He is Almighty God, He can do all things. See? So that's the way we have to believe Him. So here, it'd been foretold that this time would take

place. Now, here's the message I want to get to you this afternoon. There is a stir in the world today, you know that; it's started, and we been about eight years in it, a revival moving up; signs and wonders have been just taking place.

**(The Junction Time
January 22, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 22



Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. (Psalm 139:5-13)



When God puts a name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world, there's not nothing in the world can rub it out, because it's wrote with the ink of the Blood of Christ. Be it this big, that big, or that big, or whatever it might be, it goes just the same. See? All children, all the church, everything there is, God by His foreknowledge... Now, we don't know. You say, "Brother Branham, can you prove that you're there?" No, sir. I cannot prove it. God could use me for a tool of something else, and use you the same way. But I believe, and by faith I am saved, not by knowledge I'm saved: by faith. That's the way you're saved. That's the way we're all saved.

But remember, God is infinite. Do you believe that? Infinite, and then He's omniscient. Do you believe that? "Omniscient" means "He knows all things." He can't be omniscient without being infinite. See, there never was nothing but what He

knowed. He knowed every gnat would ever be on earth, and how many times it would bat its eyes, and how much tallow it would make, how much all of them make together.

He knowed every breath that you'd breathe and how deep it would go in your lungs; that's infinite. Now, if He's infinite, that makes Him omniscient. Is that right? And if He's omniscient, that makes Him omnipresent, because He knows just exactly the minute, hour, time to the split instance of fifty-five thousandth of a second to when it's going to happen. See? Get the idea now? Then He knows all things; and that's the reason He has all power, knows all things, and can do all things.

Now we know that Jesus was slain about AD 30. Is that right? It was about the middle of the year, I guess, AD 30. Now, but the Bible said that He was slain before the world was ever created. And your name, when the Lamb was slain to redeem this Book... (Here's a great thing now. It might cause stimulation.) Look.

Now, remember, the Bible said, the Lamb's Book of Life was written before the foundation of the world, and your name was in that Book when the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world to redeem every name that was written in that Book. See? You got it now?

See, there ain't nothing out of order. It's working just exactly like God's big timepiece (See?), like a clock moving right around. Your name was put in there before the foundation of the world, when the Lamb was slain to redeem what was in that Book. And now, He comes forward and takes that Book to claim His redemption.

**(Questions And Answers On The Seals
March 24, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 23



I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. (Psalm 139:14-16)



It's just like a man, a patient, dying on a doctor's doorstep because he refuses to take his medicine. It's the same thing. He dies on the doctor's doorstep with enough medicine inside for his case, but he refuses to take it. That's not the doctor's fault. It's not the serum's fault. It's the man's fault, because he won't take the serum. That's all. And that's a dangerous thing. It certainly is. You can't say the doctor was the cause of it, and you're right on his doorstep, won't take his medicine, and yet he's got something.

Now, you say, "You believe in taking medicine?" I believe in anything that helps the human race is godly. Certainly it is. Exactly it is. Tell me what would we do today without these clinics and hospitals and so forth? Certainly. I know there's some shut behind the door when I first started off, but where'd it all go to? See, you've got to look at anything sensible. If medicine, hospitals are not of God, they're antichrist. Burn them down, get them out of the country. Sure. But it's something to help you. Certainly.

But they ain't a one of them can heal you, there ain't a medicine in the world, no

doctor, if he is, he's a quack. He ain't a real doctor. If a doctor tells you they got medicine that'll heal you, he don't know what he's talking about. Mayo Brothers says there's not a medicine in the world will heal you. Said, "There's only one Healer; that's God. We only claim to assist nature."

As I've told you, if I cut my hand, fell dead right here, all the medicine in the country couldn't heal that knife cut. You say, "No, you're dead." Well, let them just embalm my body and look natural for fifty years again, and put a shot of penicillin in me every day, and everything else, and it'd never get any better. Put salve on it, and sew it up, it wouldn't do it. If it's made to heal the body, why don't it heal it? There it lays.

You say, "The life has gone out." That's right. Now, what's life, and I'll tell you Who God is. It's exactly right. God is the Healer. A doctor can set a bone, but he can't heal it. What if I was cranking my car, broke my arm, and run in, and said, "Hey doctor, heal my arm right quick so I can go out, finish cranking my car. Can't get the thing started."

He'd say, "You need mental healing." That's right. He might set it, but he can't heal it. That's right. He can take a tooth out, but he can't heal the socket it come out of. He can cut an appendix out of your side, but he can't heal the place he cut, 'cause there's no medicines that'll build cells, multiply cells. And before you can heal anything, it'd have to be a multiplication of cells. So God's the only Healer. You can't make God's Word wrong.

(Why?
January 25, 1961)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 24



How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. (Psalm 139:17-18)



God knew before the foundation of the world that I'd speak this same subject tonight. He's infinite. Oh. Whew. Get the Holy Ghost now. The Word will bring It. See? That's how it come: "While Peter spake these words the Holy Ghost fell on them."

Before there was a world you were in God's thoughts to give you the Holy Ghost, because He knew that you'd be wanting it; and He chose you Himself because you desired... He chose you in Christ before you or Jesus, any of you, was on the earth. And He sent Jesus to die to prepare the way to send the Holy Ghost, to bring you to Himself. This is the church, so I'm at home now. See? Oh, that is so rich to me. To think it's not what I wanted; it wasn't my desires; it wasn't my will; it wasn't my choosing; I had not one thing to do with it. But before the world ever started, God saw us and put our name on the Lamb's Book of Life before there even was a world. Talk about God. Whew.

I stood out yonder where that big glass... You can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space. When I looked and seen that (I didn't get to see through the glass, but I seen the picture where they took it.)--and I just had to raise up my hands in there in that place, and I said, "How great Thou art, how great Thou art." And before one of those planets ever turned (Hallelujah.), God chose us in Jesus Christ. Now, how great

Thou art. Yes, sir.

Before there was a world, before there was a planet, before there was a sun, before there was a moon, before there was light, before there was anything, when it was still God, God and His thoughts, the eternal thoughts of God chose you by predestination, by foreknowledge, to know that you would be on the earth, to know there would be sin.

Someone said, "Then, why was there sin?" If there'd never been sin, His attributes would've never have been a Saviour. There had to be a sinner so He could be a Saviour. There had to be a sick man so He could be a Healer. Amen. There you are. It had to be that way. It was God Who saw it and foreordained it. The devil ain't even in the race. Oh, he's just a stuff on the side of the road that God used to bring children to Him, crying, "Abba, Father." No wonder on that day how the Angels will sing. When we're singing the redemption stories, the Angels will bow their heads; don't know what we're talking about. Sure. They never was lost; they don't know what it is. They don't know how good we feel to know that we which were once sinners and alienated from God, without hope, without mercy, without God in a world of corruption, dying, going to a devil's hell; and God stooped down, and picked us up, and redeemed us; and now we're above the Angels right now.

Which is it? A Angel's a servant. We're sons and daughters. Which is the most thought of, your servant or your son or daughter? Oh, my. Prayer from a saint will go a million times higher than an Angel (Yes, sir.), because he's a son.

(Questions And Answers
December 23, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 25



Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (Psalm 139:19-24)



Abraham had to separate himself from his kindred. Many times it causes you to separate from your unbelievers. "Oh," say, "I got saved last night, but you know, Martha the one I run around with, she says she believes that's a bunch of holy-rollers." Watch out, sister, you're on dangerous ground. You'd better separate yourself from that old, unbelieving, bridge club you're attending. That old, social, card game that you're attending, you'd better separate yourself, and come out from amongst the unbelievers. Certainly.

God wants separators; the world wants mixers, some young Hollywood sheik, that combs his hair back, and perfumes his nose, and walks around the little, "Ahhh-men" sign, that goes a swimming, and plays cards, and buncos, and things like that, permits all that, and won't tell the church the truth, tell the women they can dress like they want to, "That's all right, that's old fashion." He just hasn't become the seed of Abraham yet.

I'd rather have someone preaching in my church, that didn't even know his ABC's or

knowed split peas from coffee. If he knowed Christ in the power of His resurrection, I'd rather have him, than all the students and scholars that these incubators could hatch out in their theological machines. I don't mean to be rude by misstating facts. We want men and women who know God, separating themselves from unbelief. Many times and every time, that a man ever done anything that's worth anything, he walked alone with God. But we think we have to have some great something around us to secure us. The believer has, that company of angels, the Holy Spirit is accompanied around. The angels are encamped; they don't move; they stay right with them, those who fear the Lord. They watch for every move.

One time a prophet was down at Dothan, Elisha, and the Syrians had come in, compassed the whole walls around. And when Gehazi got up and looked out, he said, "Oh, look at the Syrians."

And Elisha, the old prophet, rubbed his eyes and looked around, said, "Why, there is more with us, than there is with them." Gehazi looked around and said, "I don't see nothing." Maybe many of you didn't last night, but that old colored lady did. Said, "Lord, open this boy's eyes." And when God opened his eyes, all around that old prophet was angels of fire, and the mountains was on fire, and chariots of fire. Sure, he walked out there and smote them blind, not physically blind, spiritually blind. They couldn't understand it, "You say you're looking for Elijah?" Said, "Come on, I'll show you where he's at." Led them right into ambush. Oh, yes. The whole world tonight is blind to the things of God. Just the elected few of God is able to see the things that's coming to pass, because they're looking for it.

Called out, then he went into a strange land, among strange people to sojourn. And when you really become borned again, separated from the things of the world, you're asked to dwell in strange places, you never dwelled in them before, heavenly places in Christ Jesus, where the Holy Spirit comes down and manifests Himself, and there's where God declares Who He is. We're setting together in heavenly places in Christ

Jesus. What a place to be.

**(Jehovah-Jireh
January 27, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 26



Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison is under their lips. Selah. Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings. The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah. I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle. (Psalm 140:1-7)



One time, how I watched a big old eagle where he'd beat his head. Night after night, he'd set there at that cage... Up here at the Cincinnati Zoo is where I saw it. You'd look down as you go around to the birds. And I'd see that eagle just flop against there. He'd beat his head. And he'd come back again. He'd hit against there. And he'd fly up against the top of it. And he'd fall down.

And the first thing you know, he'd just beat himself till the feathers was all out of him nearly. And he set down like that, and his weary eyes rolled up, looking around. And I thought, "O God, that's a heavenly bird. He soars in the heavens above. Here he is caught. He fell into a trap. He's absolutely helpless. He can't deliver himself." His weary eyes rolling around, I felt so sorry for him. He can't help himself.

And every man that's fell into the snare of the devil is worse off than him. You're a heavenly being. You're supposed to be a son of God. You're free, brother. You got

liberty in Christ Jesus, believing, God-loving, God-living, free from sin, living free from death. That's right. But how the devil has caught you and caged you up with smoking, drinking, all kinds of immoral living, and thinking you're popular, thinking you're doing something. That's the most great, horrible sight there to see that poor eagle beating his brains out nearly, against the cage, trying to get free.

And you're helpless, just as helpless as you can be, unless somebody puts forth His hands and opened the cage. And I'll tell you tonight; Jesus Christ has done that in calling you (That's right.), opened the cage to let you out.

This little dove that I was speaking of before, he tried. And he was cooing. He was getting closer to the temple. And then the writer said that the little fellow was cooing and trying to put his little shoulders through. And he couldn't get it on that side, the other side. And he'd try every one. And he'd get more restless and more restless. His little mate was waiting over the hill; in just a little while and he'd be killed. And he was trying to get his little self through. And after while, he turned over like this, and then give a push. It was different. Something slipped.

Oh, child of God, you've went to church after church, and place after place. You've tried to get free from this, and free from sickness, and free from this, and free from this, and you can't do it. Why don't you turn over tonight, and look up like this, and then give a push? See what happens. You'll feel a little old slip.

You've went to Divine healers, and they've laid their hands upon you, and--and done this and done that. But why don't you turn over towards Calvary tonight and then give a push; feel the slip come. Something will happen. Yes, sir.

And the first thing you know, he give another push, and another push. And he was free. And he threw his little wings out like that, and sailed away across the mountain to his living mate.

(God's Provided Way
June 13, 1953)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 27



Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; lest they exalt themselves. Selah. As for the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them. Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again. Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him. I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and the right of the poor. Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence. (Psalm 140:8-13)



There's three destructions. One of them, when Noah went in the ark; second time, Lot came out of Sodom. Watch, Jesus referred to them, "As it was in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Watch. One went in, the other one come out, and the next goes up. Uh--huh. See? Goes in, comes out, goes up, now, that's the order of the Lord. See, Jesus referred to them two prophets. "As it was in the days of Noah (See?), and as it was in the days of Lot," Abraham being the prophet. "As it was, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." See, referring back to them.

Now, Moses, another prophet at the end of the Egyptian age. We find out that when God was going to deliver His people, and Egyptians had persecuted them so bad, and made taskmasters over them, masters over them, rather. And so then just before their destruction, God, as always, He sent a prophet with the Word of the Lord.

Remember, the prophet was exactly identifying what God hundreds of years before that, four hundred and something years before that, had promised Abraham, that his

seed would sojourn in a strange land, but He'd bring them out with a mighty hand. You know, at the burning bush when Moses met God, and He said to him, "I have heard the groans of My people; I've seen their afflictions; and I remember My covenant," remembering His Word.

Remember, He still remembers His Word. See? He don't fail; He must do the same thing every time. Reason I'm saying these things, so we can back it in your mind and think. Even you people that's been sick; you noticed I said, "been sick."

Now, notice now, you people all must remember this, that God cannot change. He's the unchangeable God. Times change; people change. God is infinite; He cannot change. He must remain the same, yesterday, today, forever; He must always remain. And if we believe This to be the Word of God, we can put our confidence on anything that He said. See?

Now, you see there how His message comes, how He sends His message. He can't change that. He's always done it. He has to always remain the same. That's the way He'll always do it. Now, remember, when does He do it? Just before the destructions, just at the end of the age, that's when He sends His message to call out His people.

(The Evening Messenger
January 16, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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November 28



LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips. (Psalm 141:1-3)



You know what Nicodemus said when he come at night? He said, "Rabbi, we know, we Jews, we know that You're a Teacher comes from God, 'cause no man could do the things that You do, except God be with him." That's right.

Philip, when he went and got Nathanael, and he came to Nathanael, and Nathanael came to Jesus, and Jesus said, "There's an honest man, no guile in him."

And he said, "When did You know me, Rabbi?"

He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree, I saw you."

And what did this stanch'd Israelite say? "Thou art the Son of God. Is that right?"

Well, if He is risen from the dead, He will do the same tonight. But when the world say?

What did the unbeliever say? The great church, the big church, what did they call Him? A devil.

Is that right? They said, "He does this. He's a spiritualist. He's a Beelzebub. That's

what he is, 'cause there's a lot of devil powers working almost the same thing, the same thing in that day, just the same, like the witch of Endor and so forth, this the same." They said, "That's what He is. That's the class He belongs into." But they wasn't spiritual enough to discern right from wrong. See?

And that's the way it is today, the same thing. He said, "They call the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more are they going to call you now, that's going to see Me to the end of the world." Is that right? Sure. How much more are they going to call you then?

But here's what He said. "Woe, unto them." That's right. "It would be better that you'd never been born in the world, to even offend the least of My anointed." Is that right? Now, not to do anything, but just to offend them in any way, just to say something against it. The Bible said, "You'd better have a milestone at your neck, and drowned in the depths of the sea, than even to bring an offense." Is that right?

What did Jesus say when they told Him He was Beelzebub? He said, "Now, just a moment," in this word. "I'll forgive you for that. I'm the Son of God. I'll forgive you. But when the Holy Ghost comes and begins to do the same thing in My Name, whoever speaks a word against That, will never be forgiven in this world, or the world to come." Did He say that?

Why? Because they said, "It's an unclean spirit." Said, "I'm the Son of God. I'll forgive you. But when the Holy Ghost comes now, and gets into the Church, and I send My Church forth, and they begin to do that, if you speak one word against it, it'll never be forgiven in this world or the world to come." So better be careful what we say and what we do.

**(Blind Bartimaeus
April 7, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Incline not my heart to any evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties. Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities. When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet. (Psalm 141:4-6)



What did Billy Graham say? When he entered Louisville, he said that's the most demonpowered place he had ever seen in his life. Placed it in the paper, said "You can just feel the oppression of the devil."

'Course, I'd feel it. Why? This is my own home. When Jesus returned to His own home, He said, "Many mighty works He could not do, because of their unbelief." Said, "A prophet's not without honor, a preacher, unless it's in his own country, among his own people." See? You can't help it; the Scripture says so. See?

Now, when you walk in the city here, and don't tell me I wouldn't know. I walk up to people that shake my hand and say, "Oh, Brother Branham, I love you." And you know that's a lie. You know it's a lie. If God can tell me discernment of heart, why can't He tell me that? Sure, and right among in your own people around the city.

When they see you, said, "Well, you know, I seen where a certain-certain..."

"Where? Where was it?"

"Up that..."

"Ha. We know that guy."

You feel it. Let me tell you, you let somebody come at your house that don't like you very much, set in your house just a little bit and feel that funny feeling. Multiply that by fourteen thousand now, then you get what I'm talking about. Then you get into a place where everybody loves you, that welcome feeling, just, oh, my, and you could just stay there forever. See? That's it. See? It's a spirit. And people don't know what it is; they wonder why the people's so contaminated.

What makes good women put on them vulgar clothes and get out there? What makes, even now when it's still cold, little sixteen-year-old girls, with clothes on that she oughtn't to wear before her mother, and out on the street? It's because, not that child; that child don't know any better; but because some preacher in the pulpit has failed to hold his post of duty. That's exactly right. Sure. Women get on the street, and all sexy-dressed and things like that, and sinners look at them and don't know that she is actually just as guilty as she lived with that man. Jesus said so. Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart, and will have to answer for it at the day of the judgment." Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way.

I know you think I'm a hard guy. I'm not hard. I'm your brother, and I love you. Flee the wrath that is to come. Go to the cross and cry until your heart is filled with His Spirit, that'll turn your back from everything of the world, and walk godly before Him with your heart burning for Him. Love, not a duty; Christ is not a duty to serve Christ; it's a love that serves Christ. It strains you, constrains you, till every pulsation of your life beats with Him. That's when you see sin.

(Strait Is The Gate

March 1, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth. But mine eyes are unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute. Keep me from the snares which they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape. (Psalm 141:7-10)



Today ye are the Light of the world. In His absence, He is giving you the Light to shine with while He's here. All the old things, all the things of the earth are a type of the heavenly. Even to spiders and lizards and snakes and so forth, are only types of evil spirits reflecting back. Why was a cancer called cancer? Because it has the form of a crab. And the word "cancer" means "crab."

Now, you see all those things which are types and shadows, so the scapegoat that was put away into the wilderness in an isolated place, separated from his fellow citizens, bearing the sins of the people upon his head, was a type of Christ being separated from God and out of His Presence and bore our sins to hell. And there, God wouldn't suffer Him. David said, "I will not suffer My Holy One to see corruption; neither will I leave His soul in hell," and on the third day rose again for our justification. But He typed the goat, the scapegoat, and also the goat for the sin offering, God making preparations and a provided way. God always makes a way of escape, every time.

Sickness pins you into the corner. Satan pins you down to a place after you become a Christian, maybe you've been a gambler. You see it? The cards are on the table. "Come on, John, we know it's in you." Satan is there to tempt you. But God in every

time will make a way of escape if you'll just accept it.

Maybe you've been a drunkard, and a glass is under your nose. "Now, come on, John." Now, if you want to heed to that voice, you'll go right straight out to your wallow again. But God is always there. Turn your mind towards heaven and looks towards Calvary and say, "Blessed Holy Spirit, come to me, I'm in need." Watch what takes place. God will make a way of escape every time. For He will, God has always did it.

And now notice, before the destruction of the world, when men were sinful and the people were sinful in the world, God made a way of escape for those who desired to escape by it. God had an ark built, prepared. Noah built away on an ark, preparing this ark for a way of escape, as the wrath and the judgment of God was piling up in the heavens to be poured out upon a sinful nation and a sinful people, who rejected, and stiff-necked, walked against the commandments of God. All the time this wrath was being piled up in the heavens to be poured out upon the people in judgment, the merciful God made a way of escape for those who desired to walk in the way of escape.

**(Making A Way
March 4, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 1



I cried unto the LORD with my voice; with my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication. I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble. When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me. I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. (Psalm 142:1-7)



Usually it takes a state of emergency to throw us into desperation. It's too bad it has to do that. But human beings are so slothful in their mind, that it takes an emergency, something arises, and when they do, then it throws them into that desperation. And really, in doing that, in desperation it brings out that real thing that you are. It shows what you're made out of in the time of desperation. It usually pulls out all the good things that's in you.

In time of death, I've heard people when they knowed they were dying, and things that they kept secret all their life, they, in desperation they were trying to confess it. See? And trying, "Take this... and... make it right. Go!... Please. Go... Do!" See? In desperation. They ought to have done that beforehand (See?), not wait till the time of emergency. "Will you do so-and-so for me?" The emergency causes desperation when we ought to do it without the emergency.

Now, we notice tonight that we're taking the symbols of the Passover. And the Passover was taking in emergency in times of desperation. You notice in Exodus the 12th chapter and the 11th verse of the 12th chapter I believe it is, it says, "Eat this

Passover with the shoes on your feet, with your loins girded up, and with the staff in your hand." See, you're eating it in desperation.

They had seen the great hand of God. They'd saw all of His miracles, and then they come under the sign of the token. And while they were under the sign of the token, they taken the Communion in desperation, for they knew at that time God was fixing to strike with judgment.

And it was a shaking time. It was a time where every man was examining himself, because the Word of the prophet had not failed one time. It had been proven to be true. Whatever he said, it happened just exactly the way he said it. The Pillar of Fire was still there. And then, the prophet had announced that God would only pass over when He saw the token at the door. And it was a desperation.

**(Desperations
September 1, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living. Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me. (Psalm 142:5-7)



I'd imagine the children when they saw those big, black wings drop down from the sky like a smoke settling over the city, the screams coming from every house, the children might've went to their daddy and said, "Daddy, are you sure that we're under that token."

And he could go to the door, look upon the post and the lintel and say, "Son, that's according to His Word."

"Remember, I'm your oldest child. Daddy, are you positive?"

"I am positive. That's according to what the prophet told us, and he has the Word of the Lord. Said, 'When I see the blood, I'll pass over you. Take a lamb for the house.' I've brought all you children in. You're my oldest, but my firstborn; that's the one that's dying all out in there. But there is the blood. That's what **THUS SAITH THE LORD** was. So rest, my son, rest at ease because God made the promise." See?

"Well, daddy, why you got your shoes on? Why you got the staff in your hand? Why have you got a piece of bread in one hand and a lamb in the other hand? Why is them bitter herbs and things? What are you eating it? What's the sweat running off your

face about?" "Son, death's fixing to strike." See, it was in a time of desperation.

Now, I believe that the days that we're living in should cause the church to go completely into desperation. I believe since the message this morning from God, not me, I believe it ought to throw this entire congregation into desperation, that we have played long enough. We've went to church long enough. We got to do something.

How is it that we can see other great signs and wonders done on others, and what about us? It should cause an estate of desperation, that we are determined, before God. The signs of His coming should bring this entire congregation, when we've read it from the Word. And the Holy Spirit has told us, "Go at a certain place; such-and-such a thing will happen," not tell us what it was, but it would happen. We go there; it happens that way. The newspapers pack it. The magazines pack it, show the picture of it. Come back here and see those great mysteries hidden in the Bible, opened up to us on a new field that we never knowed before, and perfectly blends in to the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Then at the end of the messages, see the action of the great Holy Spirit; see Him come down visible before people, even take pictures of it; see it working and showing that it's not a man; it's not just a preacher; it's not a certain congregation; it's the Holy Spirit showing the same thing it did when it was embodied in the body of Jesus Christ. Now, it's embodied in the Body of His Bride. It should throw us into desperation.

(Desperations
September 1, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



Year Bible Readin



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December 3



Hear my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. (Psalm 143:1-4)



Signs of His coming should throw every member of Christ into desperation now, about our souls, about our welfare for hereafter. Well, what are we going to amount to if we gain the whole world? What are we living for? What do you work for? What are you eating for? What are you struggling for? To live. What are you living for? To die. And you're not fit to live until you're fit to die. It's true.

And we see so many miracles of healing, it should put us into desperation. Am I looking at Mrs. Peckenpaugh now? Is this Mrs. Peckenpaugh? Are you the one that had the boy here, something or another? Why, here's the woman setting right here I was talking about. I just happened to look over and see her.

Now, if God can do that for that little boy, it ought to throw you into desperation. A man from New Albany, he may be here tonight. He's a friend to my Brother Roberson that had a little boy here. I think his wife had cancer once and was healed. And now, the little boy has got asthma so bad till he's just in bad shape. Little fellow, almost cancer in throat himself and then, he brought the little boy (Yeah, I see his hand up in the back, back there.), was prayed for this morning. You see? Desperation.

When the wife was about to die with cancer, he knowed that God could heal her. If God could heal the wife, God can heal the boy. It throws it into a state of desperation. See? You must come, and when you're desperate, then God's going to listen to you. But if you're just slothful, you don't care whether He does or not, well then, that's different. You say you do, but it takes desperation to do it.

I believe that the reason we don't have desperation is because it's a lack of love, the love of God. I think that the love of God causes desperation. If God is in you, the Token inside of you, and you see the conditions of times and people wading in sin the way they are, it'll throw you into desperation. I believe it will.

**(Desperations
September 1, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 4



I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands. I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. (Psalm 143:5-6)



One day, that great mighty warrior, Joshua, who took Moses place to lead the children into the promised land, and when he was out one day, walking around, looking at the walls of Jericho, which was his first objective to take that city. They was all in, the doors closed, and their big rocks hanging on top to throw off at them when come up. And he was wondering just how that he'd be able to take that city, because it was given to them, and just what would be the way that God had planned to do it. And he happened to look, standing before him there stood a mighty Warrior with His sword drawn. And Joshua drew his sword and went out to meet Him. He said, "Are You for us, or are You for our enemies?"

And the sword glistened over His head, He said, "Nay, I'm the Captain of the Host of the Lord." The mighty Joshua throwed his sword on the ground, took off his shield, laid it down, his helmet, and fell to his feet in front of Him.

And then blind Bartimaeus thought, "You know what? That happened just right out here. That great Captain of the Lord's Host was standing on the ground, right out there, but the days of the miracles is passed." Little did he know, that less than a hundred yards from him, stood that same Captain of the Host of the Lord, making His way out. It's when we think of God, when we begin to dream dreams of being well, when we dream dreams of being saved, when we get to thinking about our sins and

how cruel it is before God, that's when He draws near. That's when these disciples, brokenhearted, going on the road to Emmaus, that Jesus stepped out of the bush and begin to talk to them, while they were thinking of Him.

You see, the trouble today, we got so much money and stuff on our mind, God can't have a place to get in our thinking. We want to go downtown, shop for new dresses, or new hats, or something another; and we got to see Suzy and John. We're going to play cards tonight; we can't go to church tonight, because "We Love Susie" on, or something like that, the television programs. We got everything else on our mind.

The churches has got so many orders and things to keep us so busy, prayer meetings is left out. We need to draw nigh unto God, so He will draw nigh unto us, friend. That's right. But everything else has took the place of the prayer meeting. Everything else has took the place of the real spiritual worship. Oh, maybe two or three minutes in church. But I just love to lay and bathe before Him, don't you love that? Oh, just lift up your hands and drink from the fountain, until you just can't drink no more, just bubbling over in His sweetness and His goodness.

I was talking to a noted evangelist, my brother, T. L. Osborn. He said, "I was thinking, Brother Branham, of how that my whole objective is to save souls and give all my time to save souls to Christ." Said, "Then I happen to think, what about my own love and devotion to Christ?" Christ loves him too. He loves us. We put a lot of time and things, but God wants us to come apart, and just set down, and worship Him, and talk with Him, talk it over. I love that. Oh, that sweetness. That's the greatest time of anybody's life, is just to set down and meditate, take everything off your mind. If you would do that, there wouldn't be so much nervousness around the country, if we would just think on God. "Draw nigh unto me, and I'll draw nigh unto you."

**(Blind Bartimaeus
March 30, 1960)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 5



Hear me speedily, O LORD: my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. (Psalm 143:7-9)



A Seventh-Day Adventist brother, which his brother's setting present now, come up here at my house one time, to challenge on the same thing. My brother said to him; he said, "Now, look, brother, you are listen to something that's not right."

And he said, "Who is Bill Branham to tell me?"

"Well," said, "come up and listen to the Word of God."

So the boy come up, and we laid the Bible out. I said, "Now, look, brother, are you going to lay your textbook down, and we'll take the Bible?"

"Yes, the Bible."

I said, "Then if God's Word says you're wrong, will you let me baptize you in the Name of Jesus Christ? And if you prove to me that Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit is the way to be baptized in the Bible, I'll let you baptize me." He agreed with it.

And his very first text was the only place he ever got, and was condemned right there, and then refused to let me baptize him. Now, what does that mean? "If we sin, or

disbelieve, wilfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." There is your unpardonable sin.

If you know what is the Gospel truth, and it's laid out to you, and God has revealed it to you, and you know it's the truth; but just to satisfy some congregation or some petty preacher, or to be popular, that you want to hold onto the things that you want to hold onto instead of taking God's Word; Paul said, "He that sins, or disbelieves, wilfully after he has received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin." There's your unpardonable sin, is to know what is the truth and refuse to walk in it. Amen. Now, you believe that's right? That's what the Bible said. "He that sins." Sin is "unbelief."

Well, you say, "Is smoking a sin, drinking a sin?" No, no. That's the attributes of unbelief. You do that because you don't believe.

If a man says that he believes, he must be a Christian and walk in the way that he says he is. The apple is not the tree; it's the attribute of the tree. And because you lie, steal, cheat, and smoke, and do everything, and call yourself a Christian, is because you are not born again. That's right. That shows that that's the kind of a life you bear. Jesus said, "By their fruit you shall know them." See?

And if you do those things, the Bible said, "If you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God isn't even in you." You're just only religious and never had any salvation. Religious is a covering, but salvation is freedom. Hallelujah. Salvation uncovers (That's right.) and shows what you are. That's true. Now, because that we do things wrong, is because we do not believe.

But if you believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, God's under obligation, if your testimony's true, to give you the baptism of the Holy Ghost to seal you into the Kingdom till the day of your redemption. That's right.

**(he Unpardonable Sin
October 24, 1954)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham



Year Bible Reading



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December 6



Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake: for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble. And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant. (Psalm 143:10-12)



I'm looking on an audience of people, and some of you I know miserably years ago dying with cancer, the last stage. Some of you in all kinds of shapes, figures, blind, and God by His grace, healed you. "And as you give your gallant testimony in the face of people, what does man say that I the Son of man, what do they say about Me?"

How the picture has even changed from that day though as black as it was. Some say it's fanaticism. Some called him Beelzebub. Some says it's mental telepathy. Some says it's excitement. Some says it's fanaticism. Some says it's emotional. But what do you say about it? What sayeth you about this thing? Perpetuous Peter usually speaks out of turn, but this time he didn't. He said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. I don't care what the rest of them say, that's what I know. Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Listen, we could spend much time there, but let's go on. Though men may curse, though men may make fun, men may say you're a holy-roller; men may call you any name under the sun; but He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon by Jonas your father (Here it is now, are you ready?) for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you. You never

learned this through some dogmatic seminary; neither did you learn it from some declaration of some man's theology. Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed this to you."

See where it comes from, through the Tutor of the Holy Spirit? Has revealed it by the revelation... "And I say unto thee, thou art Peter (little rock.) I am the great Rock. I'm the Cornerstone. But you are the little rock that's placed upon Me. The builders chose you. You never chose yourself. The builders chose you. The Angels of God, one night working in the quarry, called you out, and you submitted yourself to Me. And I cut you in My own fashion. I made you the way that I wanted you to be. I done the sawing; you just stood still. And I placed you now as a little stone to fit in with some other stone to lead that stone, and this stone leads that stone, that stone. And the cement of love is bringing you together, making the foundation which I am, to be fitted together with every stone that professes My Name and receives this revelation. And upon this rock, the revelation of God that'll stand still and be cut, the stone by the revelation, I will build My Church and all the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," showing that surely all the gates of hell would be against it, but shall never prevail.

And may I take this moment to say this, my friends, that the entire Church of the living God is built solemnly upon the spiritual revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter how educated you are, how smart you may be, how well you may think you know the Bible, Satan knows it just a lot better than you do. But only through the revelation, God through the Holy Spirit your Tutor, revealed to you that He saves you by His grace.

(Spiritual Adoption
September 23, 1956)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 7



Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me. (Psalm 144:1-2)



He said, "There's Palestine. I swore to Abraham four hundred and something years ago that I was going to give it to him. Now, I said, it's yours. I give it to you, to his seed." Said, "I give it to you." Now, here's where I want you to see. Now, isn't it strange? Now, He said, "It's yours, but it's just as full of Hittites, and Jebusites, and Canaanites, and all kinds of enemies in there. They're walled up heavy. Now, it's yours. Go take it. It's yours. Now, I give it to you, but you go get it."

Now, that's people today. If you'd only see when I tell you about Divine healing, you'd say, "Well, Brother Branham, look. I was prayed for last night. I can't move my hand anymore."

That don't have one thing to do with it, not a thing. It's yours. Go get it. Sure, God give it to you.

Why, sure. God just didn't get up there and take His brush, and sweep them all out, said, "Now, come on in. Here you are; set down." Never did God do that. You show me your faith without your works, and I'll show you my faith by my works. You've got to go do it. And you've got to fight for every inch of ground that you have. Every man in here that's born again of the Spirit of God, knows that you've had to fight for every inch of ground, toe the mark with Satan. Isn't that right? Friends, this is not a picnic. This is a battleground. See? We never come here to eat cookies and so forth.

We're in a battle.

Could you imagine the United States Army training a man to set around, and eat cookies, and so forth? Why, he gives him a uniform, and his gun, and trains him to get out there and fight and defend the nation. And that's what we've got to do. We've got to defend our God-given rights. What God said, it's ours. Let's stand right toe to toe with Satan. Say, "They're ours. We believe them, and you just might as well move back because you haven't got nothing at all." Satan hasn't got one legal rights of anything. Everything he's got is defeated, and the only thing he is is a scarecrow. That's all. He cannot bother you. A man that's borned of the Spirit of God, there's nothing at all can harm him.

Now, Satan can push things over on you, and just keep shoving you out, and shoving you out. If I went to my house tomorrow night and I looked up there, and there moved into my house was a big bunch of people, and they were drunk and prostitutes and carrying on, why, I'd put them out. Well, how are you going to do it?" They say, "I'm a human. This house is made for humans. I can live here too."

I say, "This belongs to me. This is my legal possession. I've got an abstract deed here at the courthouse that shows this belongs to me, and you cannot stay here any longer. And I'd serve notice on them and they'd have to move. If they didn't, there's a law downtown that'll make them move. Is that right?"

Well, anything that Satan's put upon you in the way of sickness, or whatever it is, you, every borned again person, has a warrant from God. And the Holy Spirit is here to put any devil out. No matter if he is cancer, tumor, cataract, whatever he is, the Holy Spirit will put him out if you'll serve notice on him in the Name of Jesus Christ, 'cause he has no legal rights. "I'm the Lord that healeth all thy diseases." Is that right? "He was wounded for our transgressions. With His stripes we are healed." But you've got to go over and take it.

(estimony (Raising Dead Boy)
December 3, 1953)

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 8



LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him! or the son of man, that thou makest account of him! Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away. Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke. Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them. Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood. (Psalm 144:3-8)



As Paul said here in II Corinthians the 3rd chapter, if Moses had to veil his face with that type of glory upon him, because that was natural glory; that was a natural law. And if Moses, knowing that that law had to perish, but the glory was so great that it blinded the people, so they had to put a veil over his face, how much more will it be? (Spiritual blinded people... Uh-huh.) That glory was to fade away, but this glory won't fade away. See? Moses had the carnal law, the condemnation, no grace, no nothing; it just condemned you. But this we're speaking about, that had no pardon; that just told you what you was, this gives you a way out.

And when that Word is unveiled, oh, my, what kind of a face will it be? It'll have to be veiled. It's got to be veiled. Now, notice, so the Spirit is veiled in a human temple; he to speak the natural words with a natural veil.

Now, Paul speaking here now, and in this sense, the Spirit-Word, "We are ministers, not of the letter, the law, but able ministers of the Spirit," that the Spirit takes the letter and manifests it.

That was just law; you had to go look at it, say, "Thou shall not commit adultery. Thou shall not steal. Thou shall not lie. Thou shall not do this, that, or the other." See? You had to look at that.

But this is Spirit that comes upon the promised Word for this age, and brings forth, and manifests, not two tables of stone, but the Presence of the living God: not a mythical thought somebody made up or some Houdini trick, but the very promise of God revealed and made manifest right before us. What sort of a veil will that be behind?

See, that was so great till even the people said; they said when they seen Jehovah come down in this Pillar of Fire and begin to shake the earth, and the things He done, and the mountain on fire, and even if anybody tried to go to that mountain, perished... It was so great till even Moses feared the quake. Then if that time He shook just the mountain, this time He will shake heavens and earth.

What about this glory? If that was veiled by a natural veil, this is veiled by a spiritual veil. So don't try to look at the natural; break into the Spirit and see where you're at, see what hour we're living in.

**(The Unveiling Of God
June 14, 1964)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee. It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword. Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood: That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: That our garners may be full, affording all manner of store: that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets: That our oxen may be strong to labour; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the LORD. (Psalm 144:9-15)



I do not try to say too much about it on, you know, around people complaining, 'cause I think, one of the horriblest things is to see a man or a woman that's constantly complaining. I've always thought, "God, keep me from it." See, that weakens faith all the time, you know. I know as they get older, each one of us, we're going to get something happen and something happen. And I know those little things are going to keep accumulating; that's as you get older; they just got to. But I think one of the most horrible things is for Satan to crown some person's life: a crabbed old man or an old woman. You see? I hope that I don't get to that place. I hope that I can bear it, as my burdens. I want my life crowned with the Glory of God: His long-suffering, gentleness, peace, meekness, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

One of my main things that's always hurt me through my life has been a nervous

condition. That when I get so worn, then I get real weary. I get kinda feeling like nobody cares for you, you know, and you have it too. I just happen to have a real overdose of it, you know, and now, it gets real bad sometime, and it's tension, and that's what does it. And I get to a spot then that many times, especially so many of those visions, you see, it just gets me. I look at a person, I think, "This is a vision. No, no, no, it isn't. Yes! Is it not?" You see? And you just don't realize what a price goes with that.

So then you wonder. Then you get to thinking, you get off your side and think, "Well, now, what have I done? Here I am, I'm fifty years old and I've done nothing for the Lord; and I'm getting old and oh, my." Then you just get in what we used to call "the blues." Some of you brethren about my age remember what they used to call "have the blues." Pop used to talk about it and I wondered what he meant, and I sure know now what he meant. So then, you get to feeling that way, which is none of it true; it's just you, and you know it. See, you know it's just you doing that.

(The Uniting Time And Sign
August 18, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. (Psalm 145:1-4)



At the age of forty when Moses was standing by the riverside, or the desert side, God came down in the form of an Angel. And God, before He destroyed Egypt and pulled His children out, and changed the whole dispensation, He appeared on the earth and sent Angels to the poor and the needy. He performed signs and wonders, and He showed Moses His glory. How that he could take a stick and perform a miracle. How he could put his hands in his bosom and heal it with leprosy.

What was it? Was at the change in time, was at the junction roads. And the great unchanging God, Who was unchangeable, Who performed those things at the junctions of time in the past, how much more will He do now when all hell is set arrayed and the end time is here. He's the same. He doesn't fail. Omnipotence meets the miraculous. Certainly.

The unsearchable, the unreasonable thinking of man can never comprehend the miraculous. You have to come in contact with omnipotence. Then when you do that, you're in contact with the supernatural. Your life change, your thinking's change, your mind change, you're made different. Your sickness is finished. God's great power moves in.

Moses at the bush. He saw and heard the omnipotent, and he seen the miraculous. God

wasn't satisfied with giving Moses just a message to go down and preach along to the Egyptians and to preach to the Israelites. God the omnipotent and the miraculous God wasn't a God if He just reveal it to one man. But He said, "Take these signs." Hallelujah. "Take these signs and show them down there; I'll be with you."

Change, the junction had come, time for something to take place. But before that thing takes place, God gives His warning. "I'm still Jehovah. I still live. And I'm omnipotent. I'm the miraculous God."

And as he goes down into Egypt, he took his stick, and cast it down, and healed his hand with leprosy, and done those things, then I want you to notice every time the miraculous was done, Satan's always there to counterfeit it. And as he was counterfeiting it that day, he's still the same counterfeiter today. Even his counterfeits only point to the end time at the junction. He had some old soothsayers down there by the name of Jambres and Jannes, who stood up and they could throw their rods down, turn them to serpents and so forth and do just like they did. But God vindicated who was God's. They could bring plagues, but they could not perform Divine healing. So God alone can heal. And they could bring a boil, but they couldn't take it away. God stood in His power there to show that real Divine healing was His miraculous to prove the omnipotent at the junction road.

**(he Junction Of Time
January 15, 1956)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness. The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy. The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalm 145:5-9)



Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ... He foresaw Christ. Later he spoke some mighty inspiring words about Him. See? "The Lord your God shall rise up a Prophet like unto me." He knew he foresaw Him, and esteemed His reproach greater riches, than all the glamour of the world.

Christian friend, today, can't you do that? But all the glamour and popularity of the world... By faith we see Him Who promised. And the worst of the church today in all of it's condition, yet it'll outweigh everything the devil can offer you. If we are tore up, if we are broke to pieces, if we are confused, and broke up in denominations, and fanaticism, it'll outweigh anything the devil can offer you. Certainly.

He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. Then he had to do something. He forsook Egypt. Oh, I love that word. He forsook Egypt. See, he was looking through the same window, but he was looking different from Pharaoh.

What if Pharaoh could have seen his end? What if Pharaoh would've seen his nation drowned. Moses saw it. How? By science? By faith Moses saw it. Everything that he

did was by faith, because God promised Abraham, his father, that He would visit this nation, after four hundred years, and would bring them out. And by faith, Moses believed the Word that God said, and knowed himself, as by faith, to be the chosen leader to bring them out. He knew where he was. He took his place in the slime-pits of the mud-dauber and counted the reproach of Christ, greater riches, than to set on the throne of Egypt.

He never did say, "I sympathize with them..." He took their place and went with them. He took their place. We went with them. No wonder the inspired writer said, "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few. I've started in with Jesus, now, I'm going through." I'm on my way to Canaan's land. Sure.

It was said by one, that Moses had rather, when he could've been the son of Pharaoh and have the glamour of the world, he'd rather be a son of Abraham, than to be the son of Pharaoh--a son of Abraham, the despised, than to be son of Pharaoh, the king.

I'd rather be the son of the Lord Jesus, and His fellow servant, and take my place with the rejected people of this world, than to be president of this great United States of America, or to be an Elvis Presley, or a Pat Boone, or whoever you want to make it. I'll take my way.

Young ladies ought to take their way, instead of being a Mary Pickford, or some great movie star, some glamour girl; take your way with the Lord's despised few. I'd rather be a preacher in the pulpit, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, than to be a Hollywood movie star, or the greatest person on the earth. If I had to eat meager, beg, or whatever I had to do, I'll take my way with the Lord's people; by faith I do that. I've been offered opportunities, but by God's grace I still receive by faith. By faith I can see it afar. And our Father waits over the way, to prepare us as dwelling place there.

**(By Faith, Moses
July 20, 1958)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

(Psalm 145:10-13)



God does the unusual. And any man that's ever read the Bible, knows that God always does the unusual.

And, remember, this is all prearranged by God Himself, this birth of His Son. And when it was to take place, and how it was, and when it was, was all prearranged by God Himself.

Did you notice, it had to be just at this time when this murderous king, Herod, nothing but a murderer, killed all those little children, that it might be fulfilled which was spoke of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "In Rama, Rachel weeping for her children, and they were not."

See, there had to be a murderous king to fulfill that prophecy that was spoke many hundred years beforehand. But when God speaks a Word by His prophet, it has to come to pass if it's God's Word. No matter how long it lingers, it'll still come to pass because it's a Seed. Jesus said that the Word of God is a Seed that a Sower sowed. So it must bear its fruit in its seasons. And now, this murderous king had to be at that time to kill those children.

Another thing we want to notice is, just at that very time, that he had to raise taxes on the people. And in doing that, that forced Joseph and his wife (his espoused wife, Mary) to be forced back into Bethlehem.

God knows how to do things. He'll even make the works of the enemy praise Him. When we think sometimes it's all "we got to do this and do that" to make the clock tick just right. God's timepiece is ticking perfectly, and Jesus will be here right on time. He won't be one second behind. Everything will happen just exactly the way God said it would. So whether we do it or whether we do not do it, it'll be here just the same, 'cause God has spoke it, and it will be so.

**(We Have Seen His Star And Have Come To Worship Him
December 16, 1963)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. (Psalm 145:14-17)



It is indeed a great privilege to be here tonight. And this wonderful crossroads of America in this great shrine to the memorial left here to a man who loved Jesus Christ, the late E. Howard Cadle.

Always something when I think of Mr. Cadle stands out as something he used to say, "We come to make this a better place to live, harder to do rightly, or harder to do wrong and easier to do right." Something on that order. He used to say it on his broadcast. How I appreciated the ministry of Brother Cadle.

I have his book at home, "When I Come Back," I believe the name of it is. "How I Come Back?" How in the basement here, he seen the picture of his mother laying down there when he just about lost this tabernacle and how the courage raised in him to come back. I got lots of respects for a man, when he does make a mistake, he's got courage enough to rise and try again. We're all going to make mistakes. The best makes mistakes.

But a soldier is not one who will lay down when he's knocked down but will raise up again. We used to sing a little song, "Let Me Rise And Try Again." And I like that. For I have made many mistakes in my life, as we all have. But I've always been thankful to God for grace to let me rise and try again. I believe the song is entitled,

"Forgive Me, Lord, And Try Me One More Time." I think that's it. I'll be Yours, if You'll be mine. If I fall or if I sin, let me rise and try again. Take me back and try me one more time. I love that.

That's why I'm trusting that God will do to this great body of Christ here on earth tonight. We all are guilty of doing things wrong, but may we, who are gathered here tonight, along with the rest of the great visible body of Christ here on earth, may we rise and try again.

**(Faith Once Delivered To The Saints
June 10, 1957)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them. The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy. My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. (Psalm 145:18-21)



Oh, it's too bad that the church today doesn't walk in the Spirit like that more than we do. For it's that kind of a time that when God comes to you. You know, it was on the road to Emmaus when Cleopas and his friend was speaking, and talking, and thinking about Jesus, that He walked out of the bushes by the side of them and walked with them. It's while we are thinking upon Him... The trouble with the world today, we're thinking about everything else but Him. Then we wonder why we don't get blessings.

It was just a few weeks ago, about three weeks ago, when I set down by some sycamore trees, as I was telling you, and begin to think. It was there for the first time that He came and declared the new ministry to me. Think on Him. "Draw nigh unto Me, and I'll draw nigh unto you," saith the Lord. Think upon Him.

David spoke that he wrote His commandments upon the bed post and meditate on them day and night. That's what the church ought to do, would keep your heart tuned in with God day and night, for it's then's when He appears.

Solomon said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Begin to think that you're one of His children, that He saved you, and He's good to you, and you love Him, and He

loves you. Don't just wait till you go to church, or some convenient hour; just keep Him on your mind all the time.

And as [Mary] went on walking down the street, there was no one yet on the street. And as she walked along the little dirt path for a sidewalk, all of a sudden she began to realize that there was something around her, a real strange feeling.

Oh, that's the most wonderful experience. I trust that everybody here has experienced them kind of a times. If you haven't, this would be a good night to start. Just start thinking about Him and worship Him in your heart, and all of a sudden you'll feel the close fellowship of the Holy Spirit all around you. And it gets so anointed till you can't hold it any longer. You'll raise up your hands, or do something. You just can't stand still when it comes.

As she was thinking, not noticing who was around her, the little lady perhaps with a pair of sandals on her feet, walking along this little dusty path, but thinking of the Lord and of His promises of things to come, and as she was thinking, all of a sudden that feeling got so great around her until she just raised up her head. And when she did, standing before her was a Light. And standing by that Light was Gabriel the Angel, the Archangel of God.

If you want Angels to appear to you, keep your mind on God and off the things of the world. Go about your business; go to your church; go to your washing of dishes; wherever you are, keep your mind on Him all day and all night long. Then God will do something. You're drawing close to Him; you've got the world shut out; just you and He are together.

(Jehovah Of Miracles
November 26, 1959)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. (Psalm 146:1-4)



Paul's told me, he said when he was a young man he come from Oregon. He was a woodsman, and he would cut the trees. And he said when he was over in one of the islands, I forget where it was at: South America, that's where it was. And he was missionaring there. And he took this black-water fever. You know what that is. That's death right away. Way back in the jungles, miles to a doctor. Paul was a great believer in Divine healing, as you know. And so then he told his wife, they was going for a doctor. He said, "It won't make any difference. I couldn't live that long."

So his wife said, "Honey, you get down here beside the bed and you talk to our Doctor...?... Let's call Him on the scene."

So his wife begin praying, "God, don't let my beloved husband die. He's here in the mission fields for You. Don't let him die."

Fever raging, out of his mind nearly, just going and coming. He said, "Honey, it's getting darker and darker. I can't last but a little bit longer." He said, "Just keep praying, honey." And he dropped off into a coma. He said he had a dream. Said he dreamed he was back in Oregon, a young man. And he had a boss in the lumber camp. He said, "Paul, go up to the top of the hill there, and fell me a tree of a certain size and bring it to me." He said, "All right, boss."

And he went up to the top of the hill. You know the farther north you get, why, the softer the wood becomes: farther south, the harder, the same wood. So he went up there, and he said he begin to see the axe go way deep, the bit into the tree, as he felled the tree. He scraped it up, and fixed it, stuck the axe in the trunk, down to the trunk of the tree, the big part, and was, you know, lifting, to put his knees together to lift. Said he was a strong man. You know how Paul was, short, strong, man.

So he started to lift up the tree, and he just couldn't lift it. He said, "I tussled and I tried, and I had to take that log down there to the boss." He said, "I just couldn't lift it." Said, "I tuggled, tugged, and pulled, and tugged, and pulled," he said, "until my strength was just all gone." And said, "I just set down against the tree and thought, 'I am so worn out I can't even move no more.'" Said, "Directly I heard the sweetest voice I ever heard. It was my boss. And he said, 'Paul, what are you struggling with it for?'"

He said, "Boss, I just simply can't pick it up. It's too great. The load's too great for me to carry. I can't go any farther with it."

He said, "Paul, there's a stream, going right by you. Why don't you just throw it in the stream, and jump on it, and ride right down the riffles. And it comes right by the camp." He said, "I never thought of that."

And when he throwed it in the riffles, he looked back, and his Boss was Jesus. And said he just jumped on the log, and down on the riffles he went, splashing the water, hollering, "I'm ariding on it; I'm a-riding on it; I'm a-riding on it." And said he come to, and he was standing right out in the middle of the floor throwing both hands in the air, saying, "I'm a-riding on it; I'm ariding on it; I'm a-riding on it."

"Nothing in my arms I bring, simply to thy Word I cling."

(Conferences
June 8, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous: The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down. The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 146:5-10)



What about a brother that has made a mistake? Though I say he's wrong. Sometimes he's accused wrong when he's not wrong. But if he is wrong, well, if we will take him to the throne of God, stand there shoulder-to-shoulder with our brother, knowing he's a mortal, and maybe his destination rests upon our attitude towards him, when we come back from the throne of God, we'll realize that we're everyone guilty, and we all need help one from the other. And the best way to do is pray.

Now, these great principles, the great Church of the living God, it wouldn't have to say, "Now, we'll all belong to this organization or that one." If they would unite in heart, one accord, there'd be a revival strike this world like it's never seen. If the people who has the Pentecostal experience would just unite in heart together, let their denominations run any way they want to... What difference does these little frictions and so forth, it's just the devil trying to keep the great Church in a turmoil all the time. After all, in Acts 10:35 it's written that God's no respect of person or nation, but

He has honor for those who serve God and do righteous. See? We know that's true.

In the ministry I think this morning, that it would be good for me to say this, to show you what an effect it has. The American people, you brethren, are in the hardest field there is anywhere. I've been in Africa, India, through, oh, practically the world over. But I have never seen a field so hard to battle as here, America. This needs missionaries worse than anywhere I ever seen in all my life. For an educated heathen is harder to deal with than an uneducated heathen. Heathen is an unbeliever. And you have that. And you've got a battle here. The missionary may have a lot of stuff to contend with, malaria, and ameba, and so forth like that. But he don't have the demon spirits to deal with, I mean those demons that's got into culture-minded men. Oh, you talk about something hard to deal with.

Recently I had a breakfast with a bunch of ministers. And I say this with respect, brethren. I would've rather had a breakfast with a bunch of witch doctors (Now, that sounds horrible to say.) than these men. I would've had a better reception, I'd have had a more an agreeing spirit with a bunch of witch doctors, many times, than I would with that bunch of ministers. Such a horrible thing, God deliver us from such.

We are so intellectual. Everything is moved away from the Spirit; it's the Word; it's Word; it's Word. Sure, I believe in the Word. But if the Spirit don't agree with the Word, then you got something mixed up somewhere.

(The Great Commission
March 1, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely. (Psalm 147:1)



How will it take place and where is it the Bride goes?

It goes to glory, heaven for the Wedding Supper, just in type like Isaac and Rebekah, when Rebekah went to meet Isaac. Remember Eliezer, representing now the message that went forth from Abraham, Eliezer went forth to find a bride for Isaac. He found the beautiful Rebekah in the cool of the evening, a little dark-skinned girl coming out with a water pot on. And Eliezer prayed, said, "Lord God, give me good journey now and success for my master, Abraham."

And he said, "Go, don't take him amongst the Philistines--don't take her." Get over here amongst his people, showing that the Bride of Christ and Christ is blood relation, 'cause Rebekah and Isaac were cousins.

And so they went down, and this beautiful Rebekah come out and got the water and he prayed...and water the camel and whatevermore. And then, you'll notice the final choice had to come to Rebekah. He asked the father for the girl; he asked the mother for the girl; and they neither one could agree. Wanted her to stay awhile. He said, "Don't hinder me on my work." And Rebekah had to make the choice, 'cause he said, "She is the maid; let her make the choice."

And as soon as it was made to her, quickly her mind was made up; she said, "I'll go." And she mounted upon the camel and went. Look, the very camel she watered was

the camel that packed her to her bridegroom and all of her success. And the very camel, the very power of that (beast in the Bible represents power.) And the very power that we give water and praise to, water, life, praise to the Word, is the very thing that packs us into the gloryland to meet the Bridegroom. Yes, sir. Amen.

Watching for the coming of that glad Millennium day;

When our blessed Lord shall come,

Catch His waiting Bride away.

And remember, Isaac had left the tent and was standing out in the field meditating in the late afternoon when he saw Rebekah coming. And she'd never saw him and he'd never saw her; but it was love at the first sight. She fell in love with him and he with her, and she was even veiled. Amen. Oh, my.

And look, when she seen him, her heart was so full of joy. She didn't know who she was going to marry, but by faith. Amen. And remember, Jesus will leave the Kingdom, and we'll not meet Him in glory; we're to meet Him in the air, between heavens and earth, where it's expanded to redeem us. And he met Rebekah in the middle, between her home and his home. Amen. Took her into his home, and married her, and fell heir to everything his father had. Amen. Oh, perfect, just perfect.

(Questions And Answers #3
August 30, 1964)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 18



The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. (Psalm 147:2-3)



Was many years later, when our text reading, tonight, or subject reading, when Elijah had seen the curse of that nation and was up on the mountain. And for hundreds of years there had been no prayer answered in Israel. Yet, Elijah knew that there was a God of history that could come on the scene. And he challenged the unbelieving world to stand in the presence of this God and see which one would answer by fire. And the God, Who could protect the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, brought down fire and consumed the sacrifice.

It was also not long after that, when a man had died by the name of Lazarus. And there was a God that still lived, that could take Enoch home without even seeing death, and take Elijah up on a chariot of fire, and He was called on the scene in the dark hour of death, and He acted just the way He would at any time. Yet He was a God of history, but was raised up from history to a present crises.

It was down by the Jericho gate, where a blind man set by the road crying. All hopes was gone; no doctors could do him any good; his money was spent. There was nothing left for him, but to set there and dream for a few days, till death would be a sweet relief. And one day, coming down the road, a God of history come on the scene in a present crises. God opened the eyes of the blind.

It was in Jairus' house, where the doctors had failed, and turned a little girl back to die. And death had come in, and taken it's bitter toll, and had taken the only child of the

home, the little girl of twelve, and stretched her out on a couch.

When a broken hearted, little preacher had to forsake his denomination and all of his friends, but he remembered that there was a God of history Who could raise the dead, and he went to find Him. "Seek and ye shall find; knock and it'll be opened unto you; ask and it shall be given unto you." He's still the same God.

When this God, dwelling in a body called Jesus, the Son of God, when He was called on the scene, called up out of history, the God Who could raise the dead in the Old Testament, bring life back to a dead baby through a prophet, that God cannot die. He's God for eternity. That baby laying down on the bed, stretched out, and little Jairus, knowing that the Shunammite got her baby back, he said, "That God of history, if He could ever be called into action, He's the same God today." And searching through, he'd heard of some man that claimed to have the power, and that was Jesus of Nazareth, Who they all hated. But he called Him on the scene, for He was the closest representative he could find of God of today, of a living God. And when He was called on the scene, and the historical God was called up, He acted the same way He did, when He spoke to Elijah on that dead baby.

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.

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

~ **Rev. William Marrion Branham**





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December 19



He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground. (Psalm 147:4-6)



Did you notice how vivid the sign for the wise men? They were Hebrews. They wasn't really Indian astronomers; they were Hebrews; because they were up there in that country studying astronomy to finish their education. And when they looked towards Jerusalem, and knowing that they saw those three stars from each one of -their birth path, of Ham, Shem, and Japheth, of which race they come from, each, and they seen them stars in their birth path. That was a sign to them, that when those stars were in line, the Messiah was on earth.

Oh, my. No wonder they came, "Where is He? Where is He that's born King of the Jews? We've saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him. Where is He?" They knowed that that infant Messiah was laying somewhere, because God gave them a sign of the time, that God and man were uniting together. What a unity, when God united Himself in human body. The principle, the greatest of all the unitings that ever was done, was when God united with man, and left His great strain of being God and stretched forth His tent, and took in humanity, and become one of them through unity. That what? That brought peace between God and man forever; how thankful we are.

Now, just think, every man, and all the astronomers; the people them days, their clocks was the stars. There was a watchman went on top of the tower, and he would

get up there and watch. And he seen when a certain stars was in certain constellations, as they were passing, he knowed what time it was. You remember in the Scriptures, "What time is it watchman?" And the watchman come back and told him in what hour it was. See, they kept time by the stars. Now, isn't it strange that these stars were exactly in line for three men and nobody else saw it? Just exactly in line... Now, you can be so in line with the Scripture. See? When those stars become in unity, united themselves together in this constellation, three men were also united at the same time. And you can be so united with God in His Word, until these things become realities, and you can see them, and know that they are true. See? The sign of the time, you might look right over top of it, say, "Aw, nonsense!"

But to you it isn't nonsense. To you, you're united with the Word, and here it is. Then it's absolutely right, Brother Pat, when you see this sign unite with the believer. And that's who I'm addressing this to, is the believer, for the unbeliever'd never see it. And what a rebuke it would be if He was on earth today to many of our clergy today, who cannot read this sign: the signs that we're reading daily here at the Tabernacle, and seeing the things. And others are reading it and seeing the handwriting on the wall, and yet many just ignore it, and don't even see it at all. It's nothing to them at all; they don't notice it.

(The Uniting Time And Sign
August 18, 1963)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God: Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains. He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. (Psalm 147:7-11)



Man once was made, even in our polluted condition that we are today, man was made to serve God. That's His full duty on the earth. Hear the great, wisest man, Solomon, and all the rest of them, speaking in the Ecclesiastes, he said, "Let's hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the full duty of man." That's the full duty of man.

We wonder why we're running along here, men and women, why that we wear clothes and have to strive, and the animals don't. God feeds His little old birds and takes care of everything else. But we have to shift for ourself. Is because sin separated us from our Maker. That's what did it. Now, man as he's moving along...

You don't see the animal bettering himself. He can't better himself. If he gets any better treatment, it's got to come from some other source. He doesn't build himself a better house. He doesn't make himself fry his meat, where he used to eat it raw. See? It has to be done because there's nothing in him to give him a soul. A animal doesn't have a soul.

But a man has a soul. And therefore, that soul is a part of God. And even in its fallen

state, yet it's the most greatest specie of all the species of the earth, is the man. And then get him in connection with his Maker, he becomes a superman almost, because he's a son of God. He becomes acquainted with his Maker, with the Creator of all things. And then when that man there, acquainted with his Maker, becomes a part of his Maker, becomes back into fellowship with his Maker, every Divine Word becomes a living reality to him, and he believes it.

No wonder people can't believe Divine healing today. They haven't got nothing to believe with. Until God comes into the human heart, a man is not much better than a brute. His reason, he will think it all out, "How can this be?" And explain it all away. But when God ever takes His position in the human heart all the reasonings fade away, and God becomes first. Amen.

**(Fellowship By Redemption
April 3, 1955)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 147:12-20)



I've stood in the jungles of South Africa while lion hunting, and here the lion that I used to think was an old mangy, scavenger, but I had a respect for him, because of all his great killing power he only kills to eat. The beasts can run over him all day long, after he's done eat; he won't pay any attention to them. But when he kills something, it's a pathetic thing to watch him. He will kill the wildebeest, or the zebra, or something. He will put his feet up on it, and he will throw his big masterous head up in the air, and the shaggy mane around his neck, and he will roar. Oh, I've stood off five hundred yards and see little pebbles drop off the ground, and off the hill and roll down, from that terrific blast of that victorious cry that he gives. He found something to eat, and he puts his feet up on it, licks at it and roars in the jungles.

All these things doesn't last. These wars and blood shed, it comes right back again, because it's won in the wrong way. It cannot last. There will be no peace until Jesus

comes and sets up His Kingdom, and the world will study war no more. But until then, the nations are controlled by the devil, as the Bible says they are. And they'll war one against another until Jesus comes. How it was that day, when Satan took Him on the high mountain, and said, "If Thou be the Son of God, fall down and worship me, I'll give You all these kingdoms. They're all mine. I do with them whatever I want to. I'll give them to You, if You'll just worship me."

Jesus knowing that He'd would fall heir to them in the millennium, He said, "Get thee behind Me, Satan, for it is written, 'Thou shall worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shall thou serve.'" And Satan got in the back of Him.

There's an old proverb that's more than a proverb. No matter who is there first, you have to play the rules of the game or you'll never win. If a runner is running around the track, and one takes a short cut, and cuts through the field, and beats the other one there by a half hour, still he will be disqualified at the end of the race. He's got to play it according to the rules of the game or he's disqualified.

And that's the way we have to do, the race of life that we're running now, it's has to be played according to God's qualifications or we'll lose when we get there. Whether we're president, whether we are the governor, or a minister, or what church we belong to, or what denomination, the rules of the game has to be kept. We must run it fair; we must play it by the rules. We must preach the Word. We must do it willingly.

(What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief: Our Faith
July 29, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 22



Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. (Psalm 148:1-6)



Because that He was God, He made Angels, and Angels worshipped Him. Angels still worship Him. While the Angels that stand in the Presence of God have six sets of wings, six wings. They carry two over their face, two over their feet, and fly with two in His Presence, crying day and night, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." That's what the Scripture says. They worshipped Him, now that created something to worship Him.

Then inside of Him was an attribute of Saviour. How could one of those creatures, when there was no sin or no thoughts of sin, how could one of them be lost? It couldn't be. So there had to be something made that could be lost, so that He could be a Saviour. Inside of Him was a Healer. Do you believe He's a Saviour? You believe He's a Healer? Well, what if there wasn't nothing to save or heal? See, there had to be something made that way.

Now, He never made it that way, but He put man on free moral agency, "If you take this you live, if you take that you die." And every man that comes into the world is still set with the same thing. God, by His foreknowledge, knew who would and who

would not.

The question was asked yesterday by a theologian, to me, that's been attending the meetings or hearing the tape; said, "One question." He said, "Then is God omnipresent?" Then he said, "He can be everywhere?"

I said, "He is not omnipresent in the way that the word speaks omnipresent. He cannot be a Being and then be an omnipresent. If He's omnipresent, why would you pray for the Holy Spirit? If He's omnipresent, He fills every crack, corner, crevice, every cell, fiber, everything else there is." I said, "Why did He hunt for Moses if He's omnipresent at the end? Why did He run up and down the garden of Eden, crying, 'Adam, Adam, where art thou?' if He's omnipresent?" He's omnipresent because He's omniscient. He knows everything because He's infinite, being infinite makes Him omnipresent. Being omnipresent then... Being infinite, then He sets in the heavens, He abides in a place because He is a Being.

But being infinite, then He knows all things, knowing every time a gnat bats its eye; knowed every bumblebee, where he goes into the comb to get his honey. He knows every sparrow that sets in the tree. He knows every thought that's in your mind, because He is infinite and omniscient. That is, He not only is He infinite, He's omniscient; He knows everything. But He is a Being. God is a Being, and out of this Being begin to bring forth these.

(Adoption #3
May 22, 1960)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 23



Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 148:7-14)



You've read it many times, Hebrews 6, "Thorns and thistles. The rain cometh oft upon the earth to water it, to dress it for its fruit. But thorns and thistles which is nigh unto rejection, whose end is to be burned, be gathered and burned."

I couldn't get nothing out of that. Thought, "Well, thorns and thistles to be burned; God takes His Wheat to the garner, and that settles it." Said, "I don't see nothing about that."

I was setting there; I was looking out like that, and a vision came before me. And I seen a world turning like this, and it was all disked up ready to be planted. And a man with a white robe on, head bent down into a feed sack, or a seed sack, rather, he was going along. And I don't know whether any of you remember the old broadcast system. I seen papa do it. Throw it with his hands like that, and they'd just fall on the grounds, them seeds like that. Well, this man was sowing seeds like that. And as soon as he went along, up behind him come wheat coming up.

Well, as soon as he went around the curvature of the earth, I seen a black something coming up, like a black moon. And I looked, and it got closer; it was a man, solid black, dressed in black. He was slipping along, looking like this. And he had a seed sack, only in there he had weeds. And he was sowing them amongst this wheat like that, throwing it first one way and the other. And behind him come up weeds, thistles, thorns, briars, and everything.

Well, I thought, "That is a shame for that man to do a thing like that." In a vision, I wasn't thinking of it being Scriptural. See? And I said, "That man's sowing them weeds in that man's wheat field." Then it got real hot. The little wheat held its head over and going "huh, huh, huh" like that, just panting like this for breath. The little weed had his head over, "huh, huh, huh," he was panting for water too. Everybody prayed for the rain.

After while a great thunder cloud come up and just rained all down, and when it did, the rain struck the earth. And the little wheat begin to jump up and down, hollering, "Hallelujah. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Praise the Lord." And the little weeds hollering, "Praise the Lord," straightened right up, the life come to the weed just the same as to the wheat. Then the Scripture come, "The rain falls on the just and the unjust." There I caught this. If a person is setting in a congregation, a spirit can fall upon that person, and yet you know that they are wrong and they don't live the right kind of life, be careful what you say about that spirit, it might be the Holy Spirit. Don't judge the spirit by the person. The person may be wrong; but, now, does not the Bible say, "The rain falls on the just and the unjust"? Did not Jesus say, when the fields was planted, "Let them all grow up together, the tares and the wheat together. Don't you try to pull up the tares. Don't you try to judge them; just let them grow together. And at that day the angels will be sent forth; they will take all the tares and burn them, and the wheat will be gathered into the garner"? But by their fruits we know them.

**(God Being Misunderstood
July 23, 1961)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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December 24



Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. (Psalm 149:1-4)



My mother's a half Indian, and my conversion never took it away from me. Oh, I love nature. I begin to weep. And I noticed the sun setting, shining through the crevice of the rock, reflecting against the evergreens, froze, and it formed a rainbow. And I said, "Oh, that's Him. There's seven colors, the seven church ages, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending."

And I got so happy till I almost had a spasm. I run around, and around, and around the tree, just as hard as I could, screaming to the top of my voice. If somebody would've been out there, they'd thought a maniac was in the woods, thought I was out of the insane institution. But I didn't care what anybody thought; I was worshipping the Creator. And I looked again, and around, and around the tree I went again. I thought, "Oh, it's good to be here." It could be easy to build three tabernacles. But as I stood, I thinking, "Oh, great Jehovah, how great You are."

And I heard a little pine squirrel. I don't think you have them in this state. It's a little, bitty snicklefritz about that long, little bushy tail. It's the blue-coat policeman of the woods, the noisiest thing you ever heard. And he had his little head cocked sideways, setting on a stump by an old blow-down, just chatter, chatter, chatter, chatter, chatter,

chatter. And I thought, "What you so excited about little fellow?" And I wondered what, but I noticed he wasn't looking at me. He'd cock his little head sideways and look down.

And I noticed the storm had blown a big, old eagle down in there. Big, brown eagle. And he come out from under the tree limbs. He jumped up there and looked around at me. I thought, "Did I scream when I was shouting?" I thought, "What do you think about me? Do you think I'm crazy?" And he kept moving his big wings. And I thought, "Then Lord, why did You send that eagle and stop me from shouting and praising You, the great Creator Who makes that rainbow." I thought, "Surely, it's for some purpose."

And as I looked at him, I said, "Oh, fellow, did you know I could shoot you?" Those great, big, gray eyes looked at me and looked back. He wasn't afraid of me. For I noticed him moving his wings, seeing if every feather was just in place. I thought, "There it is, Lord. He's not scared. As long as them wings is in working order, he knows he could be in them treetops, 'fore I could even touch my gun."

And if God give an eagle wings, and he's got faith in it to get away from trouble, how much more of a man that's borned of the Holy Ghost? As long as we know Christ is in here, what difference does it make of what the world's got to say, or what anybody says?

(Christ Knocking At The Door
March 30, 1958)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 149:5-9)



Don't worry about Russia. Russia's a small pebble on the beach. Don't you worry about communism; you watch Romanism, when it's uniting with the churches. There's nothing written in the Scripture about communism ruling the world. And I go by the Word, regardless of what anything else goes; it's the Word that I believe.

It's Romanism that takes the world, and Romanism is the mother of organization. There never was an organization till Rome, and every one of them come out of it, and the Bible said so. She was the mother of harlots. (I could stay a half a day on it again, but I guess I might as well move on.)

When the enemy attacks us, "Oh, I tell you, you ought to come join our..." What are you going to do? Back down? Compromise? Not a real soldier won't. No, sir. What do we do then? The mind, let the mind that was in Christ... Is that what the Bible said? The mind that was in Christ be with you. What kind of a mind did He have? Stay with the Word. That's right. Stay with the Word, the Father's Word, and defeated the enemy every time.

Now, when the enemy attacks and tries to say you got to do this, and do that, what are

you going to do? Stay with the Word. That's right. What are you want to do then? Take the Word. What is the Word? The Bible said here, we just read it. For the Spirit of God is the Word. See? Look here. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword, the Sword of the Spirit." What's the Spirit that comes in through your mind, and enters into you; and the Sword of that Spirit is the Word of God. What does that Spirit fight with? What does the Holy Spirit fight with? sensations? feeling? The Word.

What does it fight with? Healing Word. Word. Let's say it, Word. Word. Word of God is what the Spirit fights with.

The Spirit of God walks right up to the devil and said, "It is written." Amen. "It is written." and the devil gives away.

What do we do? Take the Sword, which is the Word of God, pull it with what? A hand of faith, strong hand of faith, the two-edged Sword. The Bible said in Hebrews 4, it's a two-edged Sword, cuts both coming and going.

Brother, what does he do? Take the Word. Take the Spirit, let the Spirit come into your heart, open up your mind, say, "Thy Word is Truth." (And you do this, sister.) "Thy Word is Truth. Lord, I ain't going to pay attention to how I feel, what anybody else says; I'm stopping up; I'm blowing out every one of my avenues. All the flusterations, and doubts, and unbeliefs that I've ever had; every feeling you ever had; all the sickness I ever had; everything else I ever had; I'm blowing them all out; I'm bypassing all them and coming right straight to my Spirit."

(The Greatest Battle Ever Fought
March 11, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. (Psalm 150:1)



There we have it then. This is it alone. It is for Him alone. God's chosen place of worship, God chose to meet man was not in a church, not in a denomination, not in a creed, but in Christ. That's the only place that God will meet a man and he can worship God, is in Christ. That's the only place. No matter if you're Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Protestant, whatever you might be, there's only one place that you can correctly worship God; that's in Christ. Romans 8:1 said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." That's the Gospel.

We can differ upon creeds; we can differ upon manmade theories. You can go to a Methodist church, you have to be a Methodist; a Baptist, a Baptist; the Catholic, a Catholic; but when once you're baptized into Christ and become a member of His Body, there's no differences. The middle walls of partition is tore down and you're free because you're in Christ Jesus; and you worship God in Spirit and in Truth when you are in Christ Jesus. It's God's plan for you to worship Him in Christ Jesus.

Now, no church denomination can claim this; no one can claim that. How dare you to make such claims? To do such a thing would be an antichrist spirit, be taking away from Christ, to take from Him. You cannot do that. Christ is the only place that God meets the worshippers.

They say today, I've have people tell me... A man called me not long ago in

Beaumont, Texas; he said, "Mr. Branham, if your name is not on our church book, you cannot go to heaven." Would you ever think of that. Don't you believe such a thing as that. They think you have to belong to that certain church or you cannot go to heaven. That's wrong. To believe that is antichrist. I'll say this: If you believe such a spirit, you're lost. That's a good sign you are lost, because it's taking away from what God did. God never put His Name in any church. He put it in His Son Christ Jesus, when He and His Son became One. That's the genuine place of worship. No other foundations is laid, no other Rock, "On Christ, the solid Rock I stand, all other grounds is sinking sand." Denominations will crumble and fall; nations will pass away, but He will remain forever. No other place that a man can find to worship God that God will speak back to him, no place but in Christ Jesus. That's the only place, the only place that God chose to put His Name, and the only place that He meets men to worship. You're lost to believe anything else.

**(God's Chosen Place Of Worship
February 20, 1965)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. (Psalm 150:2)



Jesus, true to the Father's Word, "I do only that which the Father says. It's written, 'The man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'" Jesus, forever true to that Word, it come a time when He lost all the friends He had. Every one of them forsaken Him and went away: all of them. And the people saw Him mocked, scoffed, lost confidence in Him. "How could a man that could speak to a dead man in a grave and raise him up, how could a man that could foretell events to the mark and never fail, and set in the courts with His face bleeding from plucks of beard, and the gaumiest drunken spit from the soldiers running down His face, with a rag on His head, and hitting Him on the head with a stick, and saying, "Prophecy and tell us who hit you; we'll believe it"?

Well, the disciples just walked away, said, "Aw..."

See, they so quickly forget what God did. How Moses said at the Red Sea, when he stood there and said, "God has done ten outstanding miracles, are you still so delinquent that you don't know that He's still God?" He went down there and he smote the lands; he put a curse on the lands. He brought frogs, fleas, flies, everything, and a blast that killed all the firstborn, and the death angel passed through the land, and yet those people didn't want to follow him at the Red Sea. When they seen this great shining spears of a hundred thousand men coming like that, or maybe, yeah, maybe a million men coming, and the roar of the chariots and the dust a-flying, they

just give up and fell back, "And, Moses, we ought to have died back there." See? And God said He let them die in the wilderness for unbelief. "Moses, your ministry's washed up; that's all. You ain't no more." See, they don't understand. They don't get it.

And now the same thing was when Jesus, the young Rabbi, or Teacher, or Prophet of Galilee, when He was doing all those miracles and things, "How could He ever stand and put up with such a thing as that? How could He let a man bind Him with chains, when He could break the seal off of a grave and raise a dead man out of eternity? How could He do it, when He could speak to a widow's dead son and rise him to live again; and Lazarus, dead and rotten in the grave, and bring him out? How could He stand, and say, 'I'm the Resurrection and Life; He that believeth in Me though he were dead yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.' And stand and be bound with fetters and spit in the face, and not open His mouth?" The disciples, "He's lost His ministry." Yeah, that's the way it goes. God, this poor world!

(Present Stage Of My Ministry
September 8, 1962)

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. (Psalm 150:3)



I guess it's not against the law to say it in Phoenix. Hallelujah. I mean "Praise our God." And I think He's worthy of every praise and hallelujah we could ring from these mortal lips. The Bible said, "You are a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, offering spiritual sacrifices to God, the fruits of your lips giving praise unto Him." Oh, my. The fruits of your lips, pouring up praise daily before the people.

What a High Priest we have; what a priesthood that we're in: the priesthood of the circumcision, not of flesh, but of the heart (Amen.), the heart circumcised by the Holy Ghost. That's right. Then you can offer praise and adorations to God, the spiritual sacrifice, your lips pouring out praise unto Him.

The other night when the people were standing there, where a little blind baby laying in the mother's arms, his little eyes were blind, but after being prayed for, holding the little baby in my own arms like that, and looking at it. I was looking out, and I said, "Mother, it sees the light." She looked at it, and she put her hands before it. It'd bat its little eyes. And I took my hand, it followed my hand around like that. Why, the people just rose; those rafters rang with the praises. Somebody stood there, said "They make a lot of noise."

I said, "If they'd hold their peace, I believe the rafters would praise God." Something's got to take place. Amen. Oh, my. No wonder the poet could sing:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found,

I was blind, but now I see.

Oh, it was grace that taught my heart to fear,

His grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed! (Oh, my.)

After we've been there ten thousand years,

Since then we have no less time to sing His praise,

Than the hour when we first begun.

How wonderful. No wonder Eddie Perronett could screamed out in his dying hours
and throw his hands across the cross and scream:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

My! Old blind Fanny Crosby had never seen in her life; she screamed,

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,

Hear my humble cry;

While on others Thou art calling,

Do not pass me by.

**(The Children Of Israel
November 23, 1947)**

~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. (Psalm 150:4)



Walk in the light, light footed. Do you ever walk when you go down the street singing, Fill my way every day with love,

As I walk with the heavenly Dove;

Let me go all the while, with a song and a smile,

Fill my way every day with love.

Did you ever walk like that? Light-footed? Why, I remember the night when I first got saved, went back in a little old shed. I never did pray in my life. And I was going to write Jesus a letter and tack it on a tree, so out in the woods so He could find it. I didn't know how to pray. I thought He'd pass by that tree sometime and let me tell Him in that letter what a dirty guy I was, how low down, how unworthy. I thought, "If He's a Man, He'd talk like a man." So I didn't know how to talk, and I knelt down on an old grass sack in an old wet shed, and I begin to pull my finger, I said, "Mr. Jesus, will You come here just a minute, I want to talk to You."

But He come. That's the main thing. I think if we'd quit rhyming our prayers today, and trying to tease somebody's ears, and pray from the depths of our heart, like an old fashion sinner ought to repent, then God will hear us. Amen. Too much of this put on, Pharisee. I told you the other day a "Pharisee" means "a actor." Too many Pharisees.

Quit putting on. I don't like that stuff, put on. Be what you are; be original. God knows what you are anyhow. You're only acting before somebody else; He knows what you are original.

Notice, they were light footed. I remember when the Lord forgive me, it felt like a million pounds went off of my back, and I never even touched the step going towards the house. I didn't know nothing about shouting. Wish I could have that experience again right now. I'd make up for that time. I knowed something had happened. And I went in, grabbed my song book, mother said, "What's the matter?"

I said, "I don't know." I grabbed my Bible. I couldn't read; I was too nervous, happy. She said, "Well, what's the matter?"

"I don't know." I slipped out the door and went down, there's a big railroad track around behind our place. I run down the railroad track and jump up in the air, just as hard as I could trying to give vent to the feeling. Oh, my. What a time.

That's for every man tonight, and woman, who's never experienced it, Christ Jesus, the freedom of forgiven sin, walking light footed. Hallelujah. Don't get scared of "Hallelujah," it means "praise our God," you know. He's worthy of all the praises that you can give Him.

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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham





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Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. (Psalm 150:5)



Satan comes in and says, "If...?" That question mark's always across the Word. "If Thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be turned into bread," when He was hungry.

Jesus never said, "Now, here. I am the Son of God. I rebuke you." He never said it. Jesus said, "It is written (the Father's Word), 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

Taken Him up on the pinnacle of the temple, Jesus said, "It is written." Taken Him up on the mountain, Jesus said, "It is written." Is that right? So Jesus showed you that Satan could be defeated by the Word of God. The Word of God will defeat Satan tonight if there never was a gift to the church. See what I mean? How many believe that's the truth? God's Word. And if you'll look at it, believe it, and accept it. And tomorrow when Satan says, "See, you're still sick. You still look pretty sick."

"It is written. It is written."

When they told me at Mayo's, I couldn't get well, said I was gone, I said, "It is written." "But if you can't come out of it, Reverend Branham..."

I said, "It is written. 'Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive, and you shall have it.' I believe it."

Satan said, "You ain't going to get well."

I said, "Now, looky here fellow, if you want to hear me testify and glorify God, stick around." I said, "But I'm going to give Him praise day and night just as loud as I could scream it." He got away from there, too, what I mean. And now, I weigh more than I ever weighed in my life. And I'm as healthy as I ever was in my life. Why? It is written. God says so; it's true. That settles it. If He says so, I believe it.

Jesus said, "What you desire, when you pray believe you receive it, and you'll have it." I believe that. And I believe if you're led here tonight by the Holy Ghost, like Simeon was in the day of old, you wouldn't have come here to see these meetings unless there was something in your heart, pulling, letting you believe that there was such.

You see it nightly, watching in the papers, seeing testifying here and there. This was dying with cancer: well. This one over here was crippled: walking. This one was blind: seeing. Well, you believe it. You've got to. If you've got any Christianity about you at all, you'd believe it. If you've got a speck of God, you'd know that.

If He is Almighty God, He can do all things. And if He cannot do all things, He's not Almighty God. And if He is Almighty God, Jesus Christ is His Son, the same yesterday, today and for ever. I believe it. Don't you?

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Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. (Psalm 150:6)



We must love in our hearts to come to church. If we don't love church, love God, coming together... What we call "church" is coming together to worship. See? If we love Christ, we worship together. Do you imagine a man saying he loved his wife, and he hadn't seen her for a long time, pass right by and say, "Well, I'll see her some other time." See? Or wife saying she loves her husband, or a parent saying they love their child... Why, it shows. See?

And I think our expressions, that we should constantly long to be in worship, anywhere to worship the Lord. When we come together to worship Him, worship Him at home, worship Him while we're driving our cars, wherever we are, worship the Lord. Just think, the Bible said, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." And then He said, "Praise ye the Lord." Even if you haven't got any breath, still praise the Lord. See? Praise... "Everything that has breath praise the Lord, and then praise ye the Lord."

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~ Rev. William Marrion Branham

