Ask Abundantly

From The Sermons Of William Marrion Branham



36 I can think of old Elijah. When Elisha throwed his mantle on him said, "Come, follow me." He went from Dothan. Elisha kept following him. He went to the school of prophets. He followed him. He went on down to Jordan. The very beautiful type...If I just had time, I see it's getting away. But I just had time to get to that. How that when he left Dothan, justification through Luther. He went up to the school of the

prophets with him: very beautiful symbol of Christ and the Church, the old prophet and the young. Went up there to the school of prophets. Luther, sanctification. But he finally come down to Jordan, where everything had to die out.

Elijah said, "You better turn back."

He said, "As your soul lives, I will not turn back." He was going ~4~

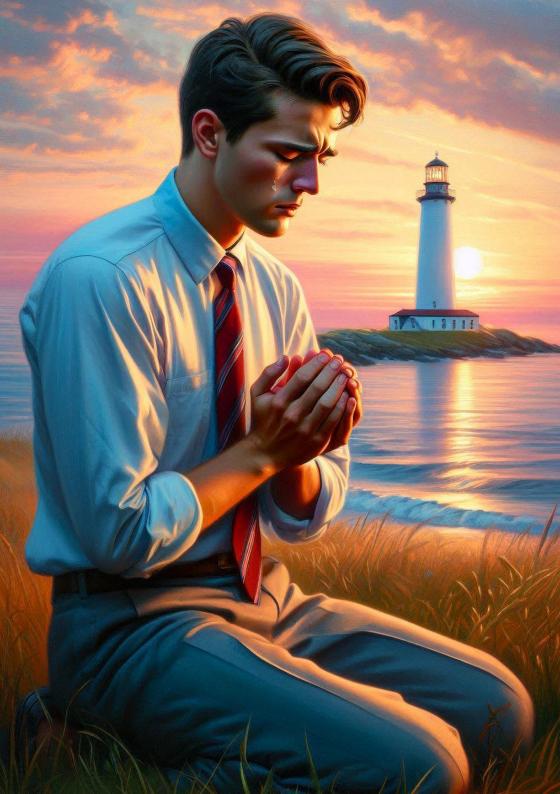
to stay with him. I like that. Hold on to it. So he took his mantle off and struck the Jordan. They went across Jordan. Luther, Wesley, Pentecost, the three ages, the three golden candlesticks this side of the dark age.

37 When they crossed over, got over on the other side, he said, "Now, you've asked. Ask what you will, and I will give it to you." Perfect type of the Church.

"All right," he said, "I want a double portion of your spirit." Amen. Don't be scared to ask. Ask <mark>abundantly. "</mark>You have not, because you ask not. You ask not, because you believe not." That's right. Ask, ask a whole lot. God will give you a whole lot. Have a lot of faith.

A fellow told me the other day; he said, "He was riding an old model-T Ford, yet." Said, "One day he happened to get some good faith and God give him a Buick." Said, "I got a Buick faith, I'm—I'm praying for Cadillac faith." All right. That's good. That's right. Keep on. What you believe, hold on to it. God will give it. He's got Ford faith, so just stay with the Ford then, that's all right. And so...Let's get a little more faith. All right.

53-0508 – God Commissioning Moses





32 Now, when they got down to the Jordan, time to cross over. He made the way. Then when he crossed over (the stage of the Holy Ghost church), said, "Now, I want to ask you something."

"So what do you want?"

He said, "That a double portion of your spirit come upon me." That's the way to ask for it. Don't be scared. Ask for the whole lot. Jesus said, "You have not because you believe—ask not. You ask not because you believe not. Ask abundantly that your joys may be full." Ask a whole lot. "God, just don't make me a little bit better; make me all the way well." Don't just let me have enough religion to make myself miserable; kill me out

to sin that I can live in Christ. That's right.

33 Don't make me so I can step back to maybe bow my head once in a while; make me so I can shout. Make me so I can open up my mouth and sing, and scream praises to God. Give me the whole thing. Let me have the baptism. Kill me to the things of the world, where people's around me. When I go to church, let me worship You. That's right.

No matter what anybody else thinks, just kill me out. That's what we need tonight, is a Jordan experience, is that right? Many of us was like the school of prophets, stand over on the other side of the hill, looking off. Let's cross the river, tonight.

Say, "Well, Miss So-and-so got healed; she had cancer. Mr. Soand-so was in the wheelchair; he walked." What about you? Let's cross over tonight. Amen.

54-0304 – Elijah And Elisha





13 Why did Jesus stand here one time look out upon the harvest...How many believes He was the Lord of the harvest? Sure, we all do. And He looked out upon the harvest; He said, "Pray ye, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest." Now, in other words, "You ask Me, to do just what I know that's got to be done; but yet, you got to ask Me for it." Said, "You have not because you ask not." Is that

right? "You ask not because you believe not."

14 A prophet one time had a stick in his hand or a arrow, and he told the king, "Strike the ground," you know. And you know, he only struck it two or three times. Said, "Why didn't you strike it more?" See? And there's certain things that we have to do. And I believe that if I really could get some more people, and pray for them, lay hands on them, and especially in

America... I've crossed back and forth across this nation time after time after time, and tens of thousands of things been done. And miracles, those signs, and so forth, has been committed. But it seemingly, I believe if I would just go to a group like this where everybody knows all about it and just pray for the people, then just set back in a day or two and watch what happens; there's got to be some...?... And He said... Look. Listen. Check His Word. "I was

born to pray for sick people." See? That was just pray for them. The prayer changes things. Sometimes if they can't—could comprehend it in their mind, prayer changes things. See? And most everyone in America throughout the whole nation knows all about it and everything.

55-1003 – Faith In Action





10 We believe...Now, He has done it, if we can just only get them to believe it; that's the thing. See, the healing is already completed, just like your salvation. See, I say, "When were you saved?"

You'd say, "Oh, two years ago, five years ago, or twenty years ago."

No, that's wrong. You were saved nineteen hundred years ago when Jesus died at Calvary. You

accepted it two years ago or ten years ago. See? There's where the sin question was settled before God's requirements was made, the total price was paid in full at Calvary. And now, from all the redemptive blessings that Jesus died for is every one of your personal property, you believers. The only thing you have to do is just believe it, accept it, and call it yours.

When a man is borned again of the Spirit of God, God gives him a

checkbook that'll last him all through life's journey. And at the bottom of each check has got Jesus' Name signed to it, and you just fill it out for any redemptive blessing. It's yours, already paid for. Now, surely, you're not afraid that it won't be cashed. If you're afraid, you just hold the book in your pocket.

11 You know, in my travels of ten years in the evangelistic work...l've twenty-three years in the service of the Lord, and I have found two classes of people, and that is the fundamentalist, and the Pentecostal. And the-the fundamentalist positionally knows where they stand, but they haven't got too much faith with it. And the Pentecostal has got a lot of faith, but don't know who they are and where they stand.

It's just like a man's got money in the bank and he don't know how to write a check. And the other man can write a check, only he ain't got no money in the bank. So if you could ever get them two together, you'd really have it. Ha.

12 So if you could ever get real good fundamental faith amongst Pentecostal people, or fundamental doctrine with the Pentecostal people, and the...or vice versa, I'd like to see what the meeting would be. When the people realize that you are not, you will be, you are, present tense, right now, sons and daughters of God.

You're pushing it way off out to the Millennium somewhere, all the blessings out in the Millennium. Why, it's right now. We won't need Divine healing in the Millennium. We...Now, is when we have it. We won't be sons of God, but now you're sons of God, and heirs, joint-heirs with Jesus. And everything that Jesus died for at Calvary is your possession. Amen.

Brother, Satan don't like that, because...If—if the people would only realize and just be willing to take God at His Word, you would you'd just hard...Well, it's unlimited.

13 I was speaking with a doctor here not long ago who was—was talking to me, and he said, "Oh, you're a minister."

And I said, "Yes, sir."

And he said, "You know, I studied that stuff for about four years."

I said, "You did run well. What hindered you?"

And he said, "Oh, I got to find out there wasn't nothing to it." He said, "You...I tell you," said, "I studied it for four years to be a minister." And he said, "Then I come to find out, why, I got all tangled up, and I...And things that I..."

I said, "Now, here's what it is." I said, "Now, you got an x-ray machine there. You can look through a human body and so forth. Well, that's wonderful. That's the tree of knowledge. That was in the garden of Eden, and man's been eating from that tree since Eden." But I said, "It's got a limitation." But I said, "The tree of faith of God is unlimited." I said, "You believe science as far as science can go, and then when you can't-you can't scientifically search it out any more, then step off and start believing from then on." I said, "That's the way you have to do it."

14 And God will never...You can never exhaust God's love and

mercy to you. You say, "Well, I hate to bother You so much, Father."

He wants to be bothered that way. He does. Don't never think that you could ever ask too much of God. I believe the Scripture said, "You have not, because you ask not. And you ask not, because you believe not."

He wants us to ask and believe that our joys would be full. He wants you to ask abundantly. Ask for big things; don't limit your faith to some little mustard seed. Get on out here to some other kind of faith, and move out in big things. Ask...Big things is just as easy to receive as little things. You just have to believe; that's all. And you got faith, just know exactly how to use it, and it'll be all right. You can put it right to work and it'll just be fine.

15 Could you imagine, talking about exhausting God's love, and power, and beneficiaries for you.

Could you imagine a little bitty fish, about that long, way out here in the middle of the ocean say, "Now, wait a minute. I better consider this thing. I better drink of this water sparingly, 'cause I might run out someday." A little fish, about that big, in the middle of this ocean out here...

Well, that could easily be done, more easier than you could ask too much of God. He's the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. Whatever you have need of, ask Him and believe it. He provided it in the redemptive blessings when He died at Calvary and gave a promise to you for everything you have need of while you're in the journey. And it's yours, if you'll ask and believe it. That's right.

16 Could you imagine a little mouse, about so long, under the great garners of Egypt, saying, "Now, wait a minute. I better not eat but just about two grains a day, 'cause I might run out 'fore the winter's over." That's the way people act as Christians. Get up of a morning say, "God bless my family today and keep us close to You. Amen. Well, I done my religion for the day."

Oh, I just like to lay down really and drink in (Don't you?), and have just a real spiritual gastronomical jubilee, just drink till you just can't drink no more.

17 You all are great fruit raisers out here in California. You

know...You raise oranges. Did you know when that little orange tree is just about a half inch high, that every bushel of oranges that you'll ever pick off of it, is on the tree right then, or in the tree? Did you know that?

If it didn't, where did it come from? Where...Who put the oranges on it? It's in the tree. And all you do with the little tree, you just plant it. And then you have to give it water. And it just drinks, and it has to drink more than it's allotted portion. And the more it drinks, it begins to push out. And it pushes out leaves, pushes out branches, pushes out blossoms, then it pushes out oranges. Then it keeps drinking, pushing out more oranges, and leaves, and blossoms; just drinks, drinks, drinks, drinks.

18 And when a believer is placed in Christ Jesus, you're planted in there in the inexhaustible Fountain of Life, and the more you drink, the more you push out. That's right. If you can't

believe..."Well, I believe that Jesus saves me." That's good. Then how about the Holy Ghost? Believe He'd give you the Holy Ghost; He promised it to you. About Divine healing, believe it; He promised it to you. Every redemptive blessing belongs to you; just drink, and drink, and push out. That's all. Everything you have need of is right in you.

When you receive the Holy Ghost, everything you've got need of between here and glory is right

in you then. It ain't faith that you need. You've got faith, if you got the Holy Spirit, for He is your faith. But the thing you have to know, is know how to use that faith. See what I mean? And if you'll just understand how to use it, which we'll try to, this coming week to explain it, you'll see the exceedingly, abundantly above all that you could do, or-or think of the Lord.

55-1111 – Where I Think Pentecost Failed





15 Our Heavenly Father, today we are grateful to Thee for the privilege of coming to Thee in the way of prayer, and for believing and having a faith that Thou will honor whatever we ask. Because, not because it's we asking, but because we're obeying what You said, "Ask; shall receive. You have not, because you ask not. You ask not, because you believe not." And, Father, we love to ask You, because we believe that we will receive that what we've asked for.

And the first thing, Father, for my own sins and the sins of this congregation, this morning, I humbly ask forgiveness of all of the sins of disobedience, and sins of omission, and wherever it might be. We pray, God, that You'll cleanse our hearts and souls, just now, from all iniquity, all sin, trespasses. And let the Holy Spirit just renew in us a right kind of a heart and mind, to serve You. Grant it, Father.

And we pray that You'll heal all the sick and afflicted, and by the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing of the Word of God." And may the Holy Spirit now come in and—and take a hold of the Word, take It right out into those new, fresh, clean hearts out there, and plant it there with great faith that will just move them higher, higher up the road, until they're in Presence of the Lord Jesus and receive their healing, blessings that they're asking for. For, that's what we come for, is to pray to Thee, and to ask Thee, and to be cleansed and scoured out, and and healed, and set back into service again, Lord, to serve You in every little corner that Thou has sent us to. We ask this in the Name of the Lord Jesus, God's Son. Amen.

> 56-0617 – Revelation, Book Of Symbols





134 Now, how are we planted? We're planted in Christ Jesus. Now, I believe, this is my estimation of Him: He's the inexhaustible Fountain of Life, that you cannot exhaust His goodness. Some people think, "Oh, I hate to call on God so much." That's what He wants you to do.

135 "You have not, because you ask not; you ask not, because you believe not. Ask abundantly, that your joys might be full." That's what God wants, ask big things. I'm asking for hundreds of

souls in this meeting. I'm asking that every sick person, enters that door will go out of here well. I'm believing it. I'm believing that after we go, that it just won't be another gathering together, but it'll be a revival in Yakima here. Satan has kept me out of it long enough, and I believe the hour is here for a real, sweeping revival in every church and around the country.

60-0729 — What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief: Our Faith





38 Oh! Your family is what you are. You raise your child in a certain environment; it's got a ninety-eight percent better chance to go right than it has if you bring it up in the wrong way. "Bring up a child in the way that it should go, and when it's old, will not depart from it." Be brought up right. Teach your children to do right, to be honest, to be square and fair, even when they're in school.

39 Now, many times, children are prone to copy off of one another, and—and try to press their way through school. But, you know, I think, if you'll just get it, yourself, then it's something that you—you can appreciate, your good-graded paper.

40 You know, if you're going to have a test the next day, instead of running around all night, getting up the next morning, and think, "Well, I'll set next to *So-and-so*. They're smart, and they'll...I can copy off of them," if you'll just... Before dad returns thanks at the breakfast table, if you'll just say, "Dad, remember me, today, I got to take a test in chemistry," or whatever it is.

Then you, when you pray, dad, say, "God, bless John, Mary, in their test today." I tell you, it'll turn the tide.

41 Remember, we can have what we want, if we will ask in

faith, believing. Jesus said, "All things are possible to them that will believe." "You have not, because you ask not." And you ask not, because you believe not. He said, "Ask abundance, that your joy may be full." I like that.

42 Our teaching right: say the right thing, do the right thing, think the right thing. Always be thinking right. I have a little slogan, "Do right, that's your duty to God. Think right, that's your duty to yourself. And you're bound to come out right."

43 You can't be going east and west at the same time, nor you can't be going right and wrong at the same time. No matter how much you think you're going the other way, if you're not traveling directly west, you're not going east if you're going west.

62-1013 — The Influence Of Another





195 May, as they pass through this line and we lay our hands upon them, may they recognize it's just not just going by man, but God and man is one. God has come into man, and God does nothing apart from man. That's what He does. His works is through man. He made man His partner.

196 When Jesus stood, looking upon the harvest, He said, "The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few; pray the Lord of the harvest." And He was the Lord of the harvest. In other words, "Ask Me to do what I know is right to do."

197 But He had connected Himself with His disciples. They was the one to ask. He said, "You have not, because you ask not. You ask not, because you believe not." But, Father, we believe, and we're asking tonight for Your mercy again with us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

63-1130E – Go, Awake Jesus





98 Now when you go to see your Zacchaeus can't rest, just say, "Thank You, Lord, You're working on him now." When you see him get so crabby, he don't want you to go to church anymore, see, "Stay away from that bunch! Don't go down there no more! There is nothing to It!" Just be patient. God is working, you see. That's the way He does it, see. He just gets so restless he can't stand it.

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99 So we find, the next morning, real early, our little character slips out of bed and goes over and grooms himself in his very best clothes, you know, his finest robe he had, and grooms his beard and combs his hair. And Rebekah looks out from under the cover and she sees him. She knows right then something is up. So he slips to the window, and looks over and see if she is a look, awake. No, she wasn't awake, according to what he thought. He raises up the

curtain and looks out, and it was breaking day, so he gets hisself all ready.

100 You see, when you go to praying for somebody, something goes to taking place. There is where we fail, friends, not praying. Prayer is the keynote. "Ask and you shall receive. You have not because you ask not; you ask not because you believe not. Ask abundance, that your joys may be full. Ask and believe that you

receive what you've asked for." Then hold onto it. Don't leave it. If it's a promise in the Bible, and it's been revealed to you that God is going to give it to you, hold to it.

101 That's just the way she had—she had. It was revealed to her that her Zacchaeus was going to be saved, so she just held right onto it.

64-0620B – Who Is Jesus?





9 I was just hearing last evening, the calls was coming, so many. I'm your neighbor now, I live in Tucson and the calls were so many I couldn't get out to get them all, so I just praying for them by phone. And they, then, they just had to leave their numbers.

10 And there was a lady, eightyseven years old, an old Christian, she had been out of her mind for a while. She was in the street, screaming, and calling the police, that somebody had taken her baby. Eighty-seven years old, see, her mind had left her. And she was a dear old woman. I never knew her in my life. And so Billy rang, and said, "Go immediately to prayer," said, "the lady is seriously, and they think she is going to die." Said, "She is just...she is beyond herself."

11 Then I just hung up the receiver, and went into the room and prayed. In a few moments, she was asleep. She woke up, normally well, eat a full chicken supper, with all the ice cream and cake, behind it. Yeah.

12 You see, God is sovereign. He is so real, He can...You don't have to be there; just—just ask this.

13 I believe our leader here, this morning, or someone, or maybe it was Brother Valdez in his prayer, said, "We have not because we ask not. We ask not because we believe not."

64-1212 — The Harvest Time



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16 Lord, we are grateful, above thought, for the opportunity to come and bow our heads to the living God, and know that we have been promised, by His holy Son, the Lord Jesus, that we can have what we ask, if we ask the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus, His Son. And we have been assured that we'll have an interview or an audition with Him, if we come in Jesus' Name, for He has said, "Ask the Father anything in My Name, He'll grant it."

17 And we're absolutely sure, tonight, that He hears us, and that what we ask will be granted,

because we feel that our asking is the will of God. For He has said, in a certain place, "You have not, because you ask not. And you ask not, because you believe not." Lord, the reason we are coming is because we do believe. And we believe that You will answer. And our-our prayers are not just to be heard of men, but we believe that You are listening, and are sure that You'll answer us because You have promised to. We would ask only Your will to be done.

59-0812 – Discerning The Body Of The Lord



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76 Now, I kind of like the way she said it, anyhow. "She said, 'As the Lord liveth and your soul never dies, I'm not going to leave you.'" I like that: determined to hold on. That's it.

77 If you start out for God, hold on until the Holy Ghost comes, until everything that you've asked for takes place. Just don't give it up. "I'll not leave You. I'm on Your hands, Lord, until You answer me." That's the way to do it. $\sim 67 \sim$

78 You know, Jesus taught it like that. He said the unjust judge, you know, how he—he—he wouldn't avenge the widow of her enemy. But he said, "To get her off of my hands I'll go ahead and avenge her of her enemies. Well, then how much more will your kind Heavenly Father be willing to give you." But now not...

He said, "Seek and you shall find; knock and it will be opened..." Now..."And ask." Now, if you notice, it isn't just [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit once—Ed.] "Lord, I want it."

79 "He that asketh, seeketh." Keep on seeking, keep on knocking, just keep on, on, you've arrived there, so just keep on knocking till it happens. "I believe it, Lord. I'm—I'm on Your hands. I'm on Your hands." I remember the Lord healed me of stomach trouble. The devil said, "You—you haven't healed."

80 I said, "Just stick around, listen at me testify then, if you you want to listen at it. If you want to hear God be praised, just stick around and listen at me awhile." He got tired and went on away. So he—he will do it.

81 The other day he tried to give me a bad cold. He handed it

to me, and I give it back to him. He handed it to me again. I give it back to him again. And we just fought on it for three or four days, and finally it went away. So there you are. See? Just keep handing it back to him. Just don't receive it, take, give it back to him. Give it back to him. That's the way to do it. Just be determined. Hold on.

61-0215 – Thou Son Of David, Have Mercy On Me





92 Then he remembered, too, that his mother told him, that years ago, that that great prophet Elijah and Elisha, the one that took his place, two mighty men of God, come right down that same cobbled street, arm in arm with one another, going down to the Jordan to open the Jordan up. Oh, my. Passed right by within thirty feet from where he was setting.

93 But alas, the priest told him, "All the days of miracles are past. Jehovah doesn't heal the people anymore, you know." That spirit never did die out. So they, that: "Oh, Jehovah don't do those things no more. We're just supposed to live good, and—and pay our tithe, and go to the church and...at every meeting, and then that's all we're supposed to do. But Jehovah doesn't heal. He-He was Jehovah back there, but today He—He's not concerned about it."

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94 Oh, what a mistake. He's always concerned. If He ever was concerned, He's still concerned. Yes, sir. He cannot change His motives. He cannot change His attitude. He's still Jehovah. I don't care how many says that He's changed. His people has changed, but He hasn't changed. The reason that we don't see Him doing those things is because we won't let Him do it. He's willing.

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95 We think we'll—we'll exhaust His bountiful blessings. We think, "Well, I asked God to give me my daily bread. I shouldn't ask Him too many things." Oh, my.

96 Could you imagine? little fish about *that* long, way out in the middle of this ocean, saying, "Wait, I'd better drink of this water sparingly. I might run out someday."

97 Could you imagine? a little mouse about *that* big under the

great garners of Egypt, saying, "I better allowance myself to one half a grain of wheat a day. I might run out before next harvest." My. Well, that would...Just multiply that by a hundred billion, and you—you try to exhaust God's goodness and mercy.

98 He's trying to force His way into you, everything He can. "Ask abundantly that your joys might be full." He wants His people to be happy, asking great things, believing for great things. You are a city sets on a hill, high ambitions, expectations. Well, mercy, if we see the blind receive its sight tonight, I want to see the dead raised tomorrow night. Yes, sir. And I want to... I—I just keep on believing for greater things.

99 When the church begin to receive the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues, why did you settle down on that? My, just keep moving on. Go on to the promised

land. We're on our way to the promised land. Sure, just don't take just one thing. Say, "Well, <mark>we'll just... H</mark>ave you spoke in tongues? Well, you haven't got a great blessing till you got..." Well, you ought to be a million miles up the road from that right now, sure, greater things; high expectations. Certainly.

61-0215 – Thou Son Of David, Have Mercy On Me





A man said not long ago, said, "I—I don't want to bother God, you know, I—I know He's awful busy."

Nonsense.

"I—I don't want to..."

112 Well, you can't exhaust His bountiful blessings. Could you imagine a little fish about a halfinch long, out in the middle of the Pacific Ocean say, "I better drink of this water sparingly, 'cause I might run out"?

113 Could you imagine a little mouse about *so-big* under the great garners of Egypt saying, "I'd better eat, ration myself this winter to just two grains a day, I might run out before the new harvest"?

114 That's ridiculous. Well, it's twice that ridiculous, a thousand times more, to think you can exhaust the mercies of a merciful God. Why, He's trying to force His way into you. "Ask abundantly that your joys might be full." No way to exhaust Him.

115 Like a pump, more you pump, the fresher the water gets. Oh, I like that! Just keep pumping. "Living at the spout where the Glory is coming out." I love that.

60-1125 – Conference





30 Quickly, look now; we'll go quickly to it because my time is getting away, about six minutes. Watch.

Now, when he crossed Jordan, and he—then he said, "What will you that I do for you?"

He said, "If...I want a double portion of your Spirit."

People's afraid to ask for a big thing. Well, this man's been crippled for a long time, Brother Branham; you think he could be healed?" Well, that's a easy thing to ask for. No more for God to heal that man, is somebody with a toothache. It's just the same to Him. Ask for a big thing that your joys may be full. Ask abundantly.

Then He said, "Well, now, you've asked a great thing; but nevertheless, if you see me when I go, it'll be as you've asked."

54-0403 — The Hand Of The Lord Came Upon Him





172 I want to say something else. You know, they have never been able to scientifically get, find a better way for a baby to get what he wants besides crying for it. You know, they can't educate him to grunt. And they can't educate him to talk that quick. But you know how he gets it? He just takes God's provided way for it. He cries for it, yells, and kicks, and screams till he gets it. See? That's right. That's the only way, is cry for it. They can't find a better provided

way than God's provided way. That's right. Just let it go. And those natural things...

173 I stopped, here not long ago, in Germany, and was speaking to a large group of people. And I said, "What's the matter with you Germans? You know, I was coming down the street, and a dog barked, and he barked in English." I said, "A mother was trying to pacify her baby out there at the car, a while ago, and he was crying, and he was crying in English." I said, "What do

we get all scrupled up about? See? They are going God's provided way. And we come from a tower of Babel, you see, got all scrupled up." That's right!

174 Knows God's provided way is the best way. They know no better way for the baby to get what he wants than to cry for it. As Dr. Bosworth used to say, "The baby that cries the loudest gets the best service." That's about the way it is. ~ 90 ~

175 That goes for God's children. I could parallel that for you. A man get up, on, say, chew his chewing gum real well, "You know, Father, I'm here tonight. If You want to give me the Holy Ghost, all right. I'm here. But if You want to heal me, I'm setting here. But if You don't, why, all right. It's Your will, Lord." He's done wrote the will out, here in the Bible. "This is Your will." All right. This is His will, right here. "And if You want me to have it, I'll have it. But,

nevertheless, if You don't, why, it's all right." You'll never get nowhere.

176 But let that one get there and cry out, like Buddy Robinson. He stopped in the middle of the corn field. He tied up his mule. He said, "Lord, if You don't give me the Holy Ghost, when You come back you'll find a pile of bones laying right here. I'm going to stay here till I get It." That's business. 177 God always recommends to His people, His believing children, to always go in His provided way. That's God's idea, to recommend to His children, His provided way. Cry for what you have need of. He wants you to cry out.

178 When Peter started out, walking on the water, he thought he was getting along all right. "See how big I'm doing?" He started sinking. He didn't say, "Well, I guess it failed," on down to the bottom, a few bubbles come up, and that was all of it. See? No, no.

179 He cried out, "Lord, save me." Amen. And that Eternal hand reached down and picked him up again. Why? He cried out.

180 That's what's the matter with the church. We don't lay there long enough. We don't cry out long enough. We don't hold onto it. If a little baby wants something, he'll kick and scream, turn red in the face. We're afraid we'll take the (what is it, you call it?) mascara out of our face, or whatever it is, that paint. You get you get what you want from God, you'll take it off, anyhow. So, you don't have to worry about it. You'll mess your hair up, but that don't make any difference. No. No, sir.

181 Now, God don't expect us to come to Him with some intellectual speech. I remember I tried that when I tried to get saved. I was going to write Him a letter and put it in the woods,

'cause I knowed He'd come through the woods and tell me. Tell Him I'm ashamed of myself, and I-I didn't want to do it. And I got down there to pray. I said, "Now, let's see. I seen a picture one time, that they held their hands like this." I said, "Mr. Jesus, I wish You would come here a minute. I want to talk to You just a minute. I'm listening." Nobody. I said, "I did it wrong. All right. Mr. Jesus, maybe I'm supposed to do it like this." I said, "Mr. Jesus, would You come help me? I'm a sinner. I want to talk to You a minute." Nobody come. I folded my arms. I said, "Mr. Jesus, would You come here? I want...I hear people say, 'God talked to me.'" I said, "Mr. Jesus, would You come here? I want to speak to You."

182 Course, then the devil come on the scene. That's the way he does. He might tell you, "Your knees are hurting. No need of asking, see. You wait, get it tomorrow night." He's always around when you're not ready. And then he said to me...But always, what he says, take advantage of what he says. Take advantage of it.

183 He said to me, "You know what? You're already nineteen years, or twenty years old." Said, "You're already twenty years old. You've waited too long."

184 I said, "O God, I've waited too long. Lord, even You don't hear me, I'm going to tell You, anyhow. I've always wanted to do this." Oh, brother, that brought Him on the scene. See? What was it? Cried out, just simple. Cry out! "Lord Jesus, You promised it, Lord." He come on the scene.

185 That's the way to bring Him on the scene. You're just a baby. Cry, cry out for it.

186 Don't try to say, well, most something, another, and some great wrote-out prayer you practice on, for an hour or two. That don't do any good.

187 Like they say, "Did you say a prayer?" No. It's a sin to say one. You pray one. Don't say one. Pray one. "Say a prayer for me."

188 I said, "Don't do that for me. You can pray for me, but don't say no prayer." No, sir. No. Just, pray for me when you pray. All right. $\sim 100 \sim$

189 Cry for your needs. That's God's provided way. Didn't Jesus explain it when He said the unjust judge, to the woman that cried day and night? How much more will the Heavenly Father give them the Spirit who cry out for It, day and night? Seek, keep seeking. Knock, keep knocking. Just keep on till He opens. Stay out with it. Cry until the promised Word is vindicated, then you got it. You don't have to worry no more. You see the Bible

promised it, then stay right there and cry until you get it.

190 If a little baby sees a cookie and he wants it, he just cry, and cry, and cry, and stick, kick, and scream, and holler, and turn red in the face. His mommy get him a cookie, and it's all over. See? He got what he saw, what he wanted. If he wants to lick off your ice cream cone, he'll just keep raising a fuss till he gets it. See?

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191 Well, that's the way we're supposed to do. If I see a promise in the Bible that's God's Word, then I just stay there and cry out till God gives it to me. And He'd do that, get you off His hands; you see, that would be in the natural. But He's wanting you to do it. He likes for you to ask. "Ask abundantly that your joys might be full." Yeah. Yeah.

192 Cry until His Word is vindicated. Now, friend, let's watch

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just a minute now. Cry until the Word is vindicated.

193 The trouble of it is, we get a cookie and think that's all there is. There's a whole table full. We get so we can speak in tongues, we say, "Oh, brother, that's it." Oh, no. That ain't. That's just some of it. That's right. "Oh, I got happy enough to shout." That's some more of it. But there's a whole lot more of it. Just keep on crying out, until...

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194 That's God's provided way for His people. God's provided way always is to take His Word and hold onto It until It's vindicated to you. Now, do you follow me? God, a provided way, hold onto the promise until it's made manifest to you.

63-0115 — Accepting God's Provided Way At The End Time



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33 And while we're praying, would anybody like to be remembered in prayer? Raise up your hand, say, "Remember me, God." Oh, that's good. God bless you. "I want to be marked by God. I want to be His bondservant. I want to be so in love with Jesus, that all the things of-desirable in my life of this world will be crucified, and I'll be more like Jesus each day. I'll be so much like Him, till others will see Jesus in me. That's the way I want my life hid." $\sim 107 \sim$

Is there others who would raise their hands that hasn't? God bless you, all around, up in the balcony. That's good. God bless you. Let's bow our heads humbly now and pray. Whatever you have need of, just ask. "Ask abundantly that your joys may be full. Ask and you shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock; it'll be opened unto you.

59-0612 – All The Days Of Our Life





20 After Elijah had crossed over, got over on the other side, he said to the young prophet... And them prophets represented two perfectly, Christ and the Church. Elijah going away, leaving the authority with the Church, was a type of Christ going away, leaving the authority with the Church. But the church had to come through Lutheran age, through Methodist age, through the baptism of the

Holy Spirit, die out to self in order to receive the blessing.

Now, they crossed the Jordan. And they're going up the hill. Elisha turns around and said, "What would you that I do for you, seeing that you've been patient to follow me from every place, and won't turn back. You're determined to go on?."

Elisha says, "That a double portion of your Spirit might come

upon me." That's the way to ask. See? Ask plenty. So God likes to give it that way. Just a little... The trouble... People say, "I—I ask the Father so much..." Oh, my, don't be scared to ask Him: ask just all you can ask. He likes to give you just as much as you got faith to receive. He won't run out. God's got plenty a blessings.

21 Could you imagine a little fish about that long, out in the middle of the ocean saying, "I

better drink of this water sparingly; I might run out someday"? Oh, my...that... Why, my... That's nothing compare with what the blessings God's got for you. Could you imagine a little mouse under the great garners of Egypt saying, "I just better eat a few grains each day, because it might not last through the winter"? Why, he could never eat it in a thousand lifetimes. Neither could you "offsurp" the blessings that God's got

laid up from you if you live ten million years here on earth. There'll still be plenty of blessings for you left, for He is the inexhaustible fountain of Life. When you plant yourself in Him, by this fountain, it's like the tree that's planted by the rivers of water. How glorious. And how He likes to push forth His blessings to His people and give to them abundantly.

54-0723 – The Prophet Elisha





59 On to the Jordan they went. They crossed over. And Elijah said, "Now, what will you that I do for you?"

60 He said, "A double portion of your spirit to come upon me." He knowed he had a work to do. He said, "A double portion." Not just a good warm experience, not just a good handshake, or a good fellowship with the rest of the church. But, "What I want is a double portion of what's the best now."

61 I tell you, when God sets a man for a world task, he has got to have something better than the world has got. He has got to have something better than the church has got. He has got to go for a double portion.

62 And if there ever was a time that a double portion is needed, it's today, in the realms of the people; something better,

something higher. I can't...I think beans and cornbread is very good, but sometimes I have to reach up a little higher. And we do that; we've <mark>got to. We've</mark> got to keep climbing. Israel was backsliding if it kept staying on the same ground. She has got to be moving on or moving back. And that's the way the church is.

56-1125M – A Secondhanded Robe





9 I was just hearing last evening, the calls was coming, so many. I'm your neighbor now, I live in Tucson and the calls were so many I couldn't get out to get them all, so I just praying for them by phone. And they, then, they just had to leave their numbers.

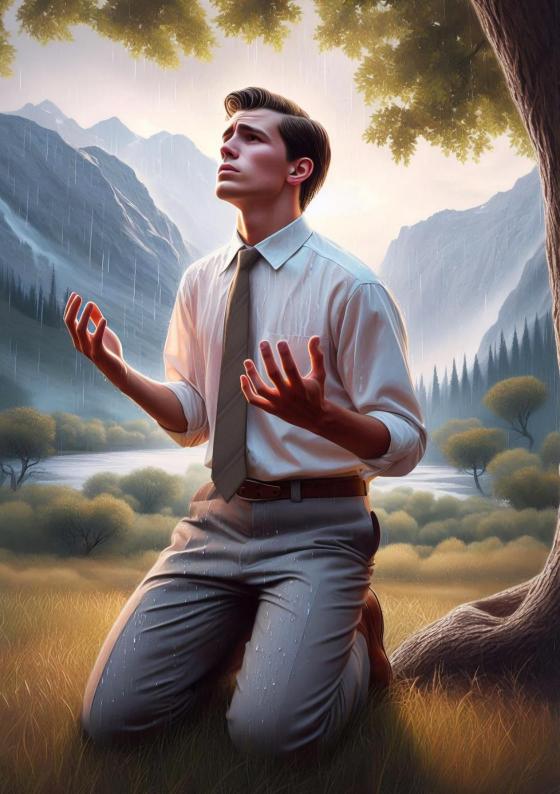
10 And there was a lady, eightyseven years old, an old Christian, she had been out of her mind for a while. She was in the street, screaming, and calling the police, that somebody had taken her baby. Eighty-seven years old, see, her mind had left her. And she was a dear old woman. I never knew her in my life. And so Billy rang, and said, "Go immediately to prayer," said, "the lady is seriously, and they think she is going to die." Said, "She is just...she is beyond herself."

11 Then I just hung up the receiver, and went into the room and prayed. In a few moments, she was asleep. She woke up, normally well, eat a full chicken supper, with all the ice cream and cake, behind it. Yeah.

12 You see, God is sovereign. He is so real, He can...You don't have to be there; just—just ask this.

13 I believe our leader here, this morning, or someone, or maybe it was Brother Valdez in his prayer, said, "We have not because we ask not. We ask not because we believe not."

64-1212 — The Harvest Time





Ask Abundantly

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