

**Bring up a child in the
way that it should go**

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**From The Sermons Of
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Proverbs 22:6

*Train up a child in the way he should
go: and when he is old, he will not
depart from it.*

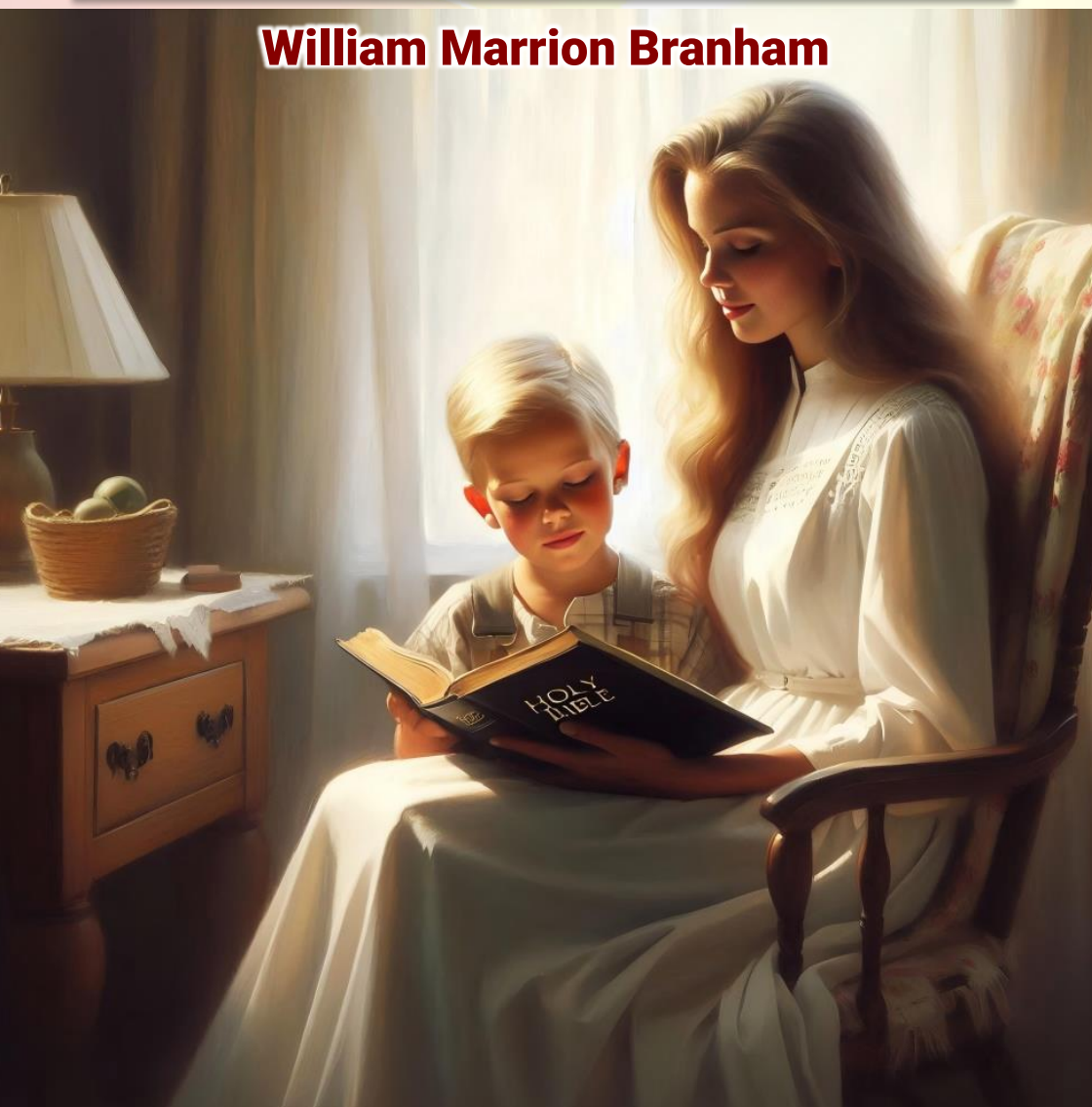


**Listen what the Prophet of God said
about it:**



**And all through the eternities
you'll enjoy the blessings of God
if you bring a child in this world
and raise it right.**

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Title: 56-1002E — Elisha The Prophet

36 I think of sometimes how mothers will refuse to raise children, bring up children.

And young women practice birth control, buy little dogs and lead them around.

And you only realize, lady, that just about twenty years of your life that you have, that

God's lotted to you, that you're going to be able to do this great duty for God?

Do you know your child might be a modern Finney or—or something like that?

Do you realize just twenty, about twenty years of your life is the...as long as you—you'll be able to raise children?

37 And all through the eternities you'll enjoy the blessings of God if you bring a

child in this world and raise it right.

That star that's shining yonder in Glory, you'll be associated with it. See?

And then, to refuse to raise the little fellows because you'd rather take your running around and carrying on, that's ridiculous. You shouldn't do that. And now, don't do it. No, sir, don't you do it. You be a happy person.

38 Mothers of old, they loved to raise children.

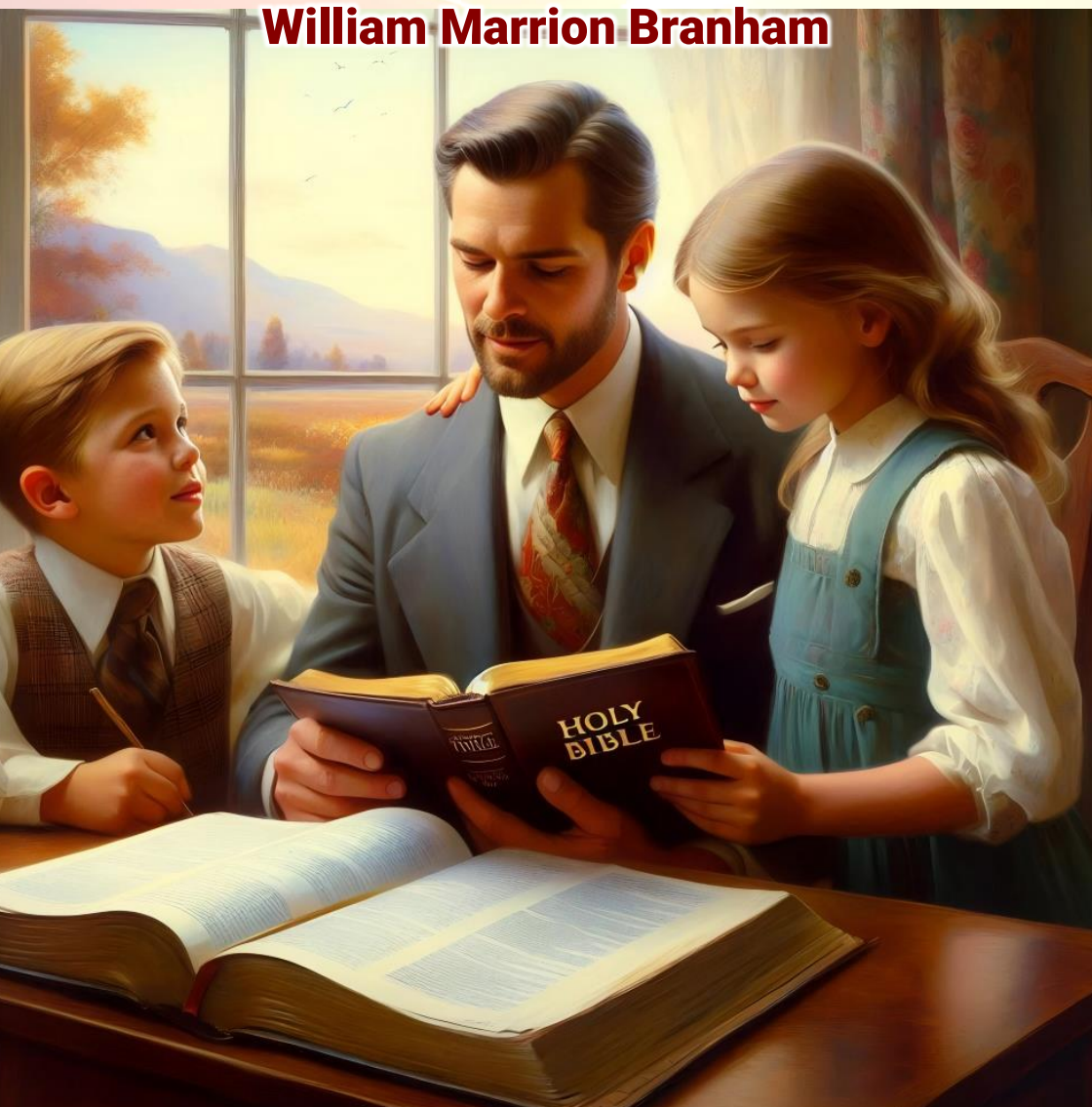
But, oh, this modern American day that we're living in now: I tell you, our nation is simply polluted. There's not a hope left for this nation, as I see. Only an old-fashion revival, and according to the Scripture, it'll never be nationwide. So then, we're just...now, lest, it'd be a revival among the people, the Elect of God; but there won't be a real

sweeping revival take the whole nation in, never was and never will be. And this great kingdom has got to fall, like all other kingdoms, to give way to the Eternal Kingdom of God, which to be issued in soon. We love our country, sure we do. But it breaks our hearts to see the pollution in it today. Oh, it's terrible. The stench has reached the nostrils of God and...of the condition.



Quit running around over the city
and gadding about; give your
children Bible lectures and things.
That's—that's the thing to do.

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*Title: 56-1002E — Elisha The
Prophet*

26 Now, the prophet we're speaking of tonight is Elisha, and he is the successor of Elijah. Elijah was a great man. He was...Spoke of him the other night here as the judgment or the justice of God. Elijah was a great and powerful prophet.

27 And every evening when I'm home, after we...everything's

cleaned out, I take my little girls and give them a Bible study: put them in the car, so nobody interrupts us, and ride around, wife and baby. And I give them questions like, “Who was Elijah? What was he?”

And right quick, them little old six-year-old and eight-year-old girls say, “Tishbite.” See, right quick.

And I’d say, “How do you know that he was a...How could

you tell if you'd meet him today,
what kind of a man was he?"

"Oh, he was a hairy man and
had leather around his loins."
Little Rebekah or Sarah, one, will
holler out. See?

**28 Just keep drilling that
into their minds, drilling it,
constantly. That's what you do
to your children, mother.**

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the city and gadding about;
give your children Bible**

**lectures and things. That's—
that's the thing to do.**

29 All these here societies and posts, although it's in the church, the church is so societied up, till there's no time to raise the children.

And I believe you've heard my expression of women preachers.

Now, I might have to crawl back on that.

**But let me tell you: every
mother is a preacher. Sure.**

And God gives her a little congregation at home to preach to. So, now, just keep it going. That's good. You get it first. So then, go right with your children.

30 And here some time ago, I was reading an article where there was a home, and five boys was borned in this home.

And as soon as the oldest one got old enough to go to the Navy, off to the Navy he went.

The second one followed, the next one, until all the whole five went away to the Navy.

And there was no Marines or Navy men in their family.

The mother and father couldn't understand just why these people, these boys, every one wanted to go to the Navy.

31 There was a—a real fine-combing investigation made of this.

And come to find out, in the bedroom where these boys all was brought up, in this bedroom, there's a beautiful big picture hanging there of a big ship sailing on a quiet, calm sea.

And it so impressed the boys as they went to bed at night, looking at this picture.

It was on their mind to sail that quiet, soothing sea.

And on the morning when they arose, the first thing they could look at was that ship

making her way through the quiet, calm sea.

And it impressed the boys so, that each one become a sailor.

32 Now, if the picture of a ship will impress boys to become Navy men, sailors of the sea, what ought the picture of the Lord Jesus Christ do? See?

Always have the right thing before your children.

“Bring up a child in the way that it should go.” See? Bring it

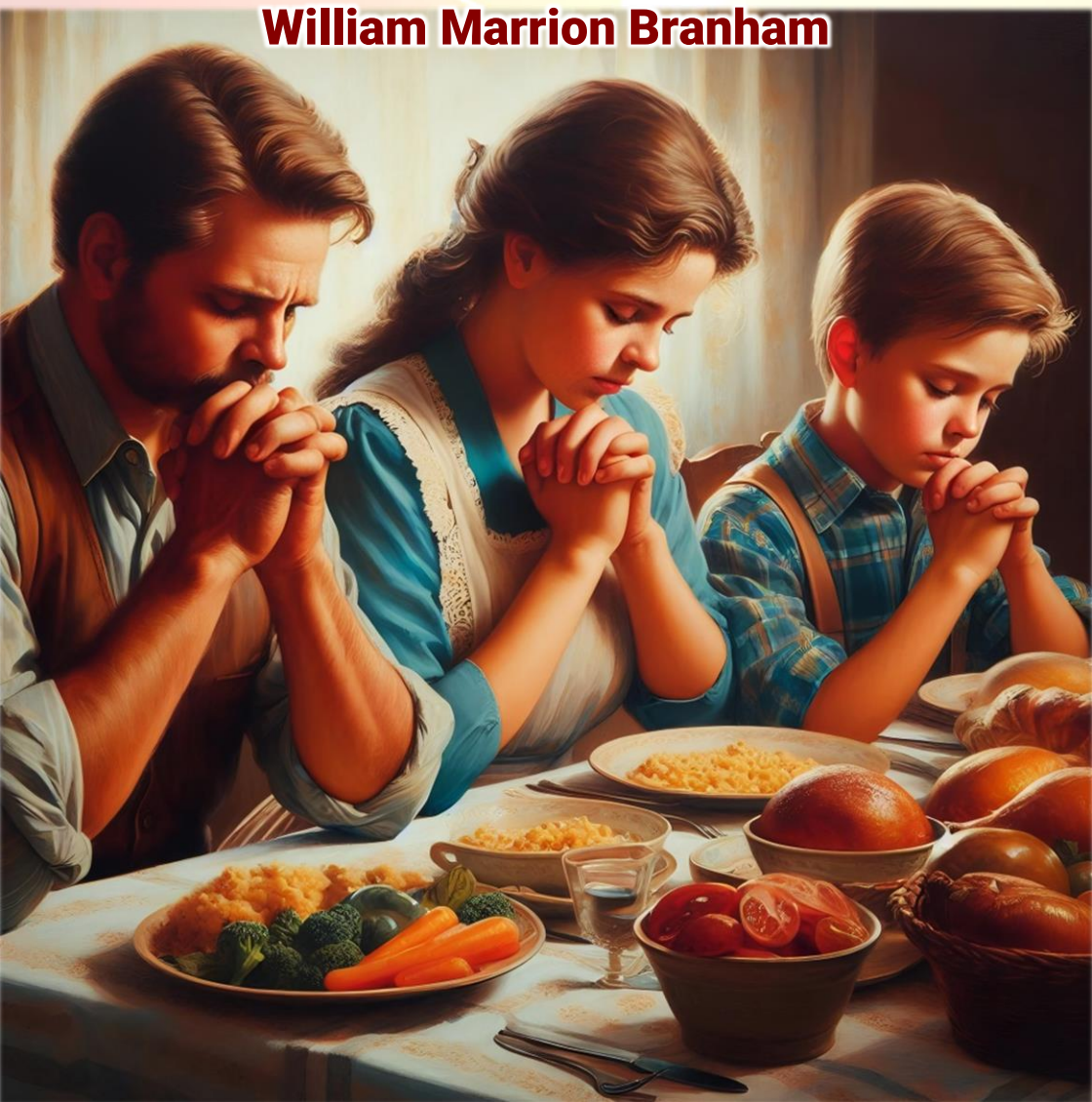
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**up and teach it right. It'll
certainly, won't depart from it.**



**There may be sometimes that
he may depart from it, but it
won't depart from him. See?
It'll—it'll always stay with him.**

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*Title: 58-0927 — Why Are We Not
A Denomination?*

3 It was certainly good, Brother Jeffreys, to get to shake your hand back here, and also to hear your boy sing that song, and you play.

I kind of like that, father and son. Don't you like that?

**“Bring up a child in the way
that it should go.”**

That's right, Mr. Guenther, you—you know that that's right, both of you.

“Bring up a child in the way that it should go, and when he gets old it'll not depart.” And that's true.

There may be sometimes that he may depart from it, but it won't depart from him. See? It'll—it'll always stay with him.

That early training and whatever he's been brought up

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**to do, it'll—it'll certainly stay
with him. Now, this is...**



You're the fifth Gospel, I think

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*Title: 54-0509 — The Invasion Of
The United States*

244 To you little mothers here this morning, that's been real mothers, and I know there's many of you; I think, every one of you. Let me tell you something. God bless you. You're the fifth Gospel, I think. Let me tell you what now for your children, just a little thing. Cause, Brother Neville will probably preach on the... about mother tonight, or

whoever, one of us that preaches, all right, about mother. But, listen, let me ask you something.

245 Remember, when Moses was a little boy, it was a mother who give him his instruction. It was a godly mother who took little Moses on her knees, and said, “Moses,” taught him all. He was her teacher, or, she was his teacher, rather, under Pharaoh, and said, “Now, these things,” said, “Moses, someday you’re

going to deliver the children of Israel. You're the boy that's called. Keep yourself pure and unspotted from the world, for you're the one. You're the one."

246 No other place do we know, where he ever went to any seminary, any teaching at all, he ever got. He stayed right in Pharaoh's palace, which was a heathen; but his mother taught him. That's a real mother. She taught him the precepts of the Lord. She told him how he must

be holy. She told him how and what he must live, and how, what God must do, would do for him. And it stuck with Moses all the days of his life.

247 And any good, true, loyal mother that'll take her little babies, instead of send them to picture shows and dances, and so forth like that, and she'll put them on her lap and teach them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

248 Here the other day, I was talking to a mother on the

telephone. And the mother said, “Oh, Brother Billy,” she said, “my poor boy is in trouble.” Said, “Oh, what a trouble he’s in.”

249 I said, “Yes, I know about it, sister, dear.” And she said, “He may be wrong. I don’t know.” Said, “One says *this* and one says *that*. I don’t know. But,” said, “no matter whether he’s wrong or right, I love him.” There you are, “I love him.”

250 He said to his mother, said, “I’ve been so deceived by

this and *that*.” Said, “Mother, I believe you’re about the only sweetheart I really have; a woman that’s true to me, and sticks to me.” That’s mother’s love. That’s a real mother that’ll put her arms around her baby. Regardless whether he’s right or wrong, she goes right on through. And if God...If a mother can think that of her baby, how much more will God think that of His. You see? You stay right with Him. Go right.

251 And now let me just tell you another mother, right quick, in the Bible, 'fore we close. There was a mother called Herodia. She taught her daughter to tap dance. She wanted her to be popular. And she danced before the king, and required the head of John the Baptist. We have record of seventy of her offsprings, this damsel that danced before (Herodias' daughter), danced before Herod; seventy of her offsprings, they

either died prostitutes or on gallowses.

252 One mother taught hers the things of the world; the other mother taught hers the things of God. One became a great leader and a conqueror, is immortal among men today; and the other is debauched and in hell, and taken thousands times thousands with her. See what I mean? “Bring up a child in the way it should go.”

253 And I certainly
sympathize with you poor
mothers setting here with your
white roses on. There's a Heaven
that a mother has gone to, today,
where a good old-fashion mother
that lived for God, probably has
passed beyond the veil. She is
waiting for you to come. That's
right.

254 I respect and honor you
there with your red roses on.
Your mother, if you want to do
anything for her, do it three

hundred and sixty-five days a year. Go to her house and offer prayer, and live for God. That's the thing to do. And bring up your children. And when your children come up, they'll call you "blessed," after you have passed on beyond the veil. That's the real spirit of motherhood, the real spirit of mother's day. Mother's day is three hundred and sixty-five days a year.

255 This is the day they sell flowers and pass presents, the

world does. If it passes, if the world should stand another twenty years, they'll have son's days, daughter's days, and, cousin's days, and uncle's days, and all them things like that, just enough to get the world in a commercial glamour. That's just where it's going, right into hell, just as hard as it can go, to destruction.

But, you, God bless you, is my prayer. Shall we pray.



And he cursed those children, and that wasn't so much for the children's sake; it was for the parents that didn't raise up their children to respect God. That's what it was.

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Title: 56-1002E — Elisha The Prophet

46 Now, notice. Then Elijah, Elisha, rather, as he returned back he made bitter water sweet with a little cruse of salt. Oh, miracles was just flying everywhere.

47 And then there was a...Oh, he got a...Now remember, he had a temper, too.

And some children begin to make fun of him because he was baldheaded.

And he cursed those children, and that wasn't so much for the children's sake; it was for the parents that didn't raise up their children to respect God. That's what it was.

The parents lost their children because two she-bears killed forty-two of them; must have

been a hundred or more running after Elijah.

And going right down through Samaria where they'd had the Word preached so long, and the prophet...

But do you see something there? **It was the people's attitude towards God's messenger.**

48 Never in the world was God's messenger ever received by the ecclesiastics. Show me in

the Word where it ever was. Never. The church, so-called, since the very beginning of time has rejected the true Message of God every time. And you can't expect it to do any less today.

49 When Jesus come, He was rejected. And He said, "Which one of your...of—of you, or, your fathers didn't stone the prophets? Which one didn't reject the prophets?"

50 Now, look at this little story right here. Read between the

lines (I love it, don't you?), between the lines. Why, look at these little children going out and making fun of this preacher that was baldheaded. Look what they said to him: "Go up, thou bald head, like Elijah, won't you?" They didn't believe that Elijah went up, they doubted it.

51 Their priests and them had told them, perhaps, "Oh, he didn't go up. It's just some fanaticism. And that guy's supposed to be anointed with the

same anointing that he was anointed. Oh, it's nonsense. Tell him to go up."

52 And here went the little kids. "Bring up a child in the way that it should go." And here they went down because the parents didn't believe it.

53 And how can you expect your children to go to Sunday school and serve the Lord, when you, yourself, don't even go?

How can you expect your children to be something when you're nothing?

That's a little sassy, but I don't mean it that way; but He had me to say it, so I... This is not premeditated. All right. But that's... I didn't mean you wasn't nothing, but I mean when you know that you make no profession.

How can you expect your children to be righteous when you're putting such an

example before them? How can you do it?

You're the best example that they have.

They're going to look to you when they look...won't look for no one else, because your nature is in them.

54 Like Satan, he knows a whole lot about human beings.

He said to God, to Job, he said, "What would a man give for his skin?" Sure. He knows

something about human nature. He helped pervert it. He knows... He had a hand in it. He knows a whole lot about it, and he still knows how to...what to do to cause people to fall. He knows human nature.

55 And he knows just to...what to present before you to make you fall for it.

He knows just how well to put the smell of whiskey, how tantalizing to make a cigarette, how well to put a—a place out

here of a young boy and girl just in their teen-age, drinking beer.

He don't try to place the picture a few years later and look at them old batty-eyed hags. That's right.

56 He'd be daresn't to put a picture of a complete nude woman, but he knows just how much clothes to take off of her to make her tempting. Sure he does.

57 He knows human nature. He knows how to catch you in it, too. And he's awake day and night, going about like a roaring lion devouring what he will. Certainly, he is. So there he knew just how to do that.

58 But God turned around, and in Elisha, he cursed those children, and forty-two of them was killed by bears that run out of the woods and killed forty-two of the children, because they were disobedient, and

had been raised in the wrong kind of a home, and the wrong schooling, to make fun of God's prophet in the stead of respecting God's prophet.

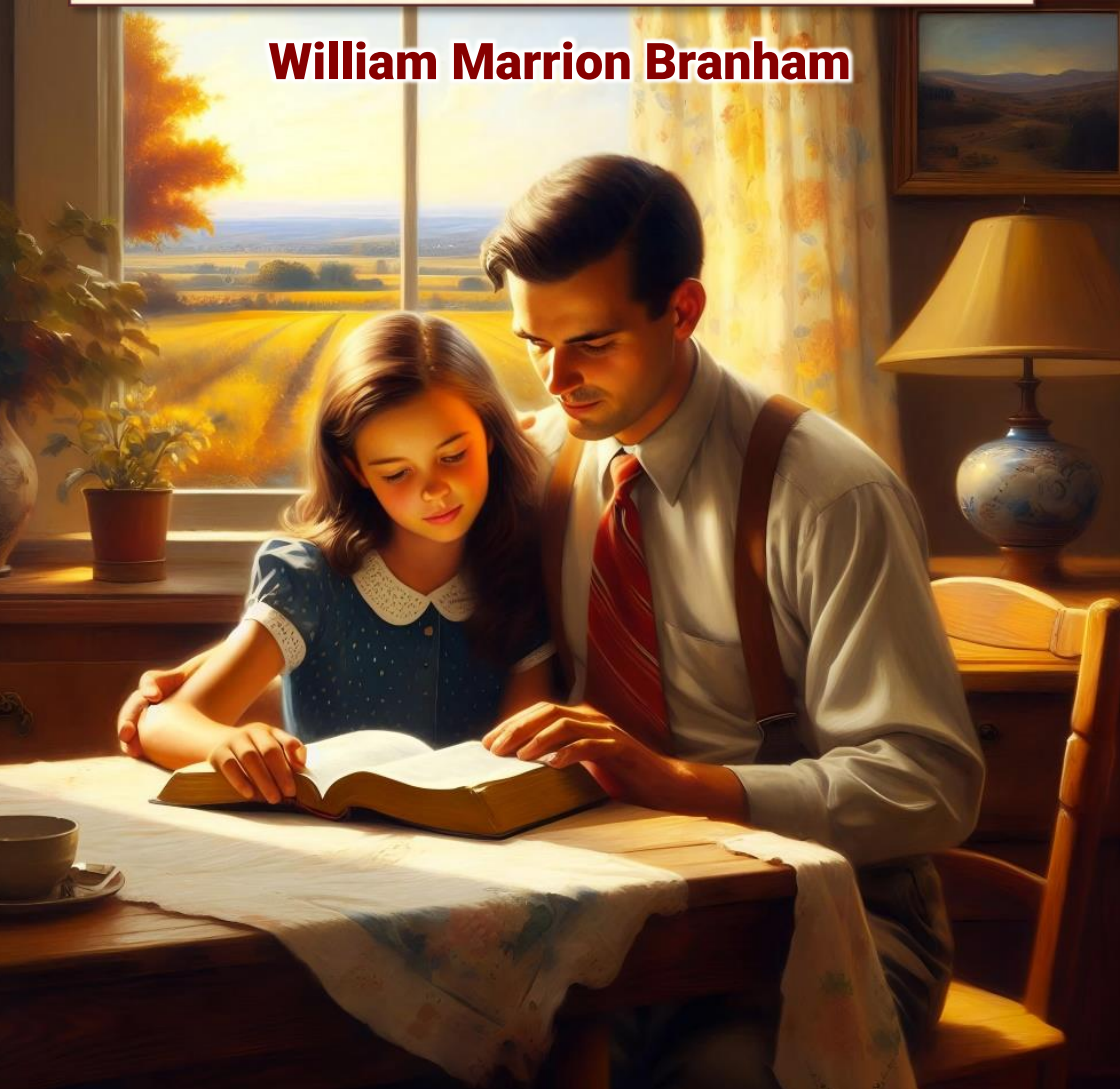
I tell you, as you respect God's servants, you respect God. As you respect Christ, you respect God.

59 Now, Who is God's major Servant? Not some man here on earth. It's the Holy Ghost. And that's the One you make fun of. That's the One that

people laugh at, say, “Now, look at them people. Don’t they act funny? I believe they’re a little bit crazy.” When you do that, you’re making fun of God. That’s right. And you’ll commit the unpardonable sin; it’ll never be forgiven you in this world or the world to come. For Jesus said, if you speak a word against It, it’ll never be forgiven.

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.

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*Title: 62-1013 — The Influence Of
Another*

36 Now, now we find out that this young man taken the throne. If you want to take some of the Scriptures down, in Second Chronicles, the 26th chapter, you can read where tells that King Uzziah, after his father died.

A-m-a-z-i-a-h, Amaziah, after he died, being a righteous man, and had turned from the Lord

and was slain by his own people, Uzziah taken his, or Uzziah, rather, taken his place as king.

And he was set on the throne and anointed, at the age of sixteen years old, just a boy.

But he was in line to be king, yet being just a lad. And he did well.

The Bible tells us that he had a godly father and a godly mother.

And he could be nothing else, hardly, with such influence, as to be a godly boy, because that had been what had been placed before him at all time.

37 You know what I think?
Everybody has their own opinion.

But one of the greatest, and to my opinion, the greatest president that we ever had in this nation, was Abraham Lincoln.

Now, not because he was a Republican, but because he was what he was, a godly man.

And he was raised, and he... to serve God.

And he said, “If there is anything that I want to give praise to,” he said, “or my life was influenced by, was a godly mother who taught me to pray and to know Jesus as my Saviour.”

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.

44 So this young king, being influenced by his father when he was a young man, and taught Israel the precepts of God. And then, all at once, he turned in his last days and taught against God. And his own people...He was slain by his own people. It looked like that would have been a great lesson to Uzziah, about this. But we find, that, when Uzziah taken the throne, that he started right in the way his daddy did, bringing back the things of God,

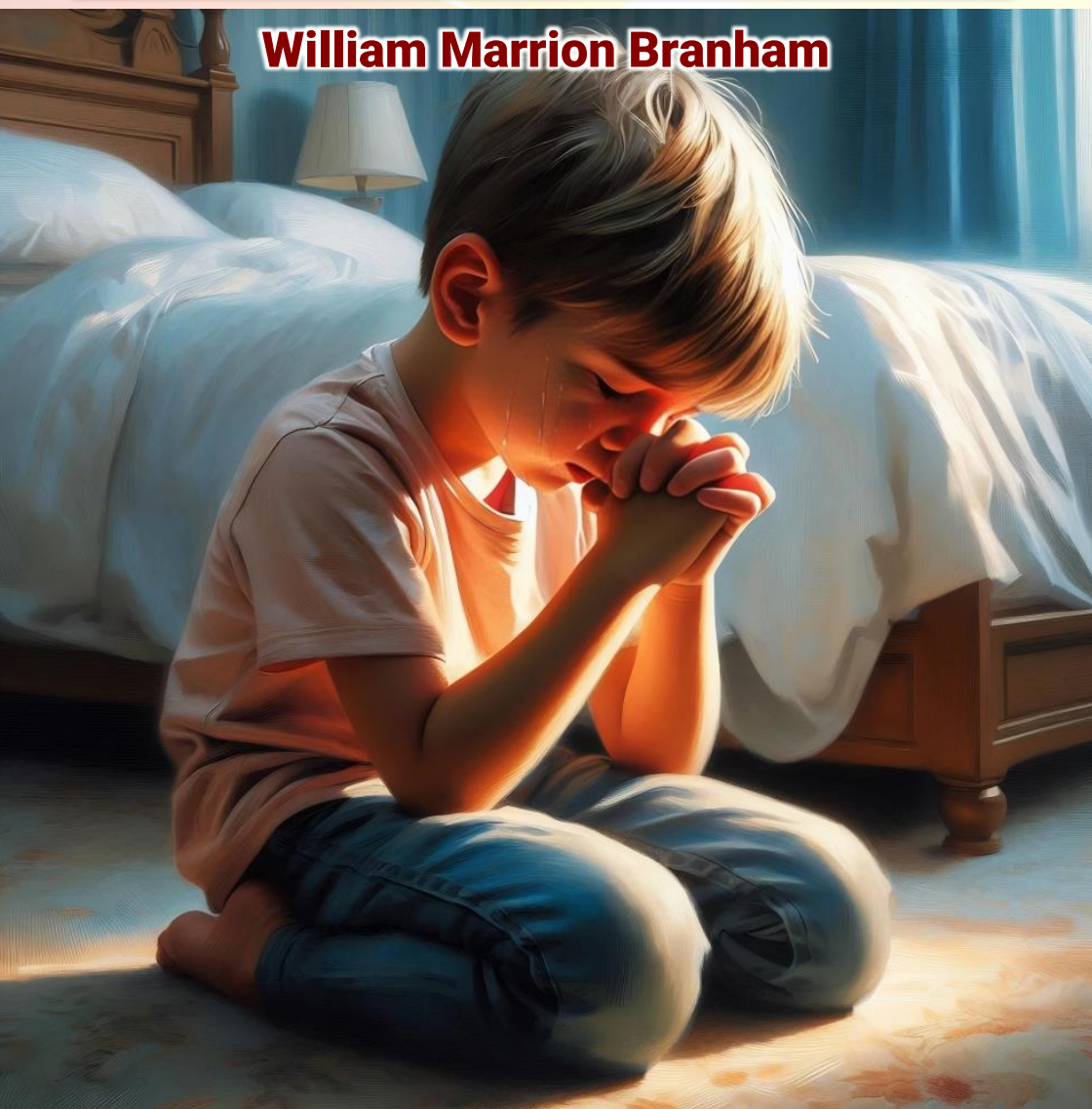
bringing Israel back to the worship of God. He strengthened himself.

45 And I want to always be thankful for him in his young days, because he never played any politics. Although politics might have been against him, but, yet, he stayed right on the line of God.



**Do you have a secret place
where you go pray, where
mommy and daddy don't
even see you?**

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Title: 56-0513 — Teaching On Moses

128 Do you pray?

How many little boys and girls prays? Let's see your hands. Oh, that's fine. Now, that's good.

Do you have a secret place where you go pray, where mommy and daddy don't even see you?

Do you pray like that?

You—you don't pray like that?

Have a little place, slip out and pray, and say your little prayer.

You say it every night before you go to bed? When you get up at morning, and thing?

Oh, that's good.

How many other little boys and girls (raise up your hand) that prays?

Way over the building.

Oh, ain't that fine?

Well, now, that's good.

That shows you got a real mother and daddy that teaches you to do these things.

Now, now when really you get in need, you better pray sincerely. Hadn't you?



**And I tell you, parents, I...You put
the right kind of a home before your
children. That's the thing to do.**

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*Title: 53-1201 — God's Provided
Way*

It saved me and it's kept me happy all these twenty-three years now, that I've been very happy in Jesus Christ, preaching the Gospel.

And I'm...There's only one regret that I have in my life: that is, that I didn't know Jesus Christ

in the forgiveness of my sins
when I was just a little baby boy.

**12 And I tell you, parents,
I...You put the right kind of a
home before your children.
That's the thing to do.**

**Because if I had a Christian
home I'd been reared in,
perhaps I'd have been farther
along with our Lord Jesus
tonight and more people would
been saved; but my people
was not a religious family.**

**And God just had, by His
amazing grace, to—to save me.**

**And then, since then I have
led several of them to the Lord.**

I baptized my mother; my
father gave his heart to Christ,
died in my arms.

My grandfather, I baptized him
at nearly ninety in—in the river;
some of my brothers and so
forth.

And all...and—and my little...
my boy here, and then my little
girl was seven.

My other one's too young to
be baptized yet; she's only two.

So I trust if she lives, why,
when she's old enough to be
baptized, I will do that.

And so she's already been
committed to the Lord, or we call
it “dedication.”

So we just dedicate the baby
to the Lord.

Try to follow the Scripture just as close as we can.

13 We never do see where Christ, or any place in the Bible, they ever baptized babies.

They just brought them to the Lord and that's the only Scripture I can find.

He took them up in His arms and blessed them, said, "Suffer little children to come to Me."



A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a plaid suit jacket, white shirt, and red tie, is sitting and reading a brown leather-bound Bible. The Bible has "HOLY BIBLE" and "DOUBAY'S CHINESE" printed on it. He is outdoors, sitting under a large tree with many red apples. A wicker basket filled with green and red apples sits on a wooden bench next to him. In the background, a white picket fence is visible. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

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