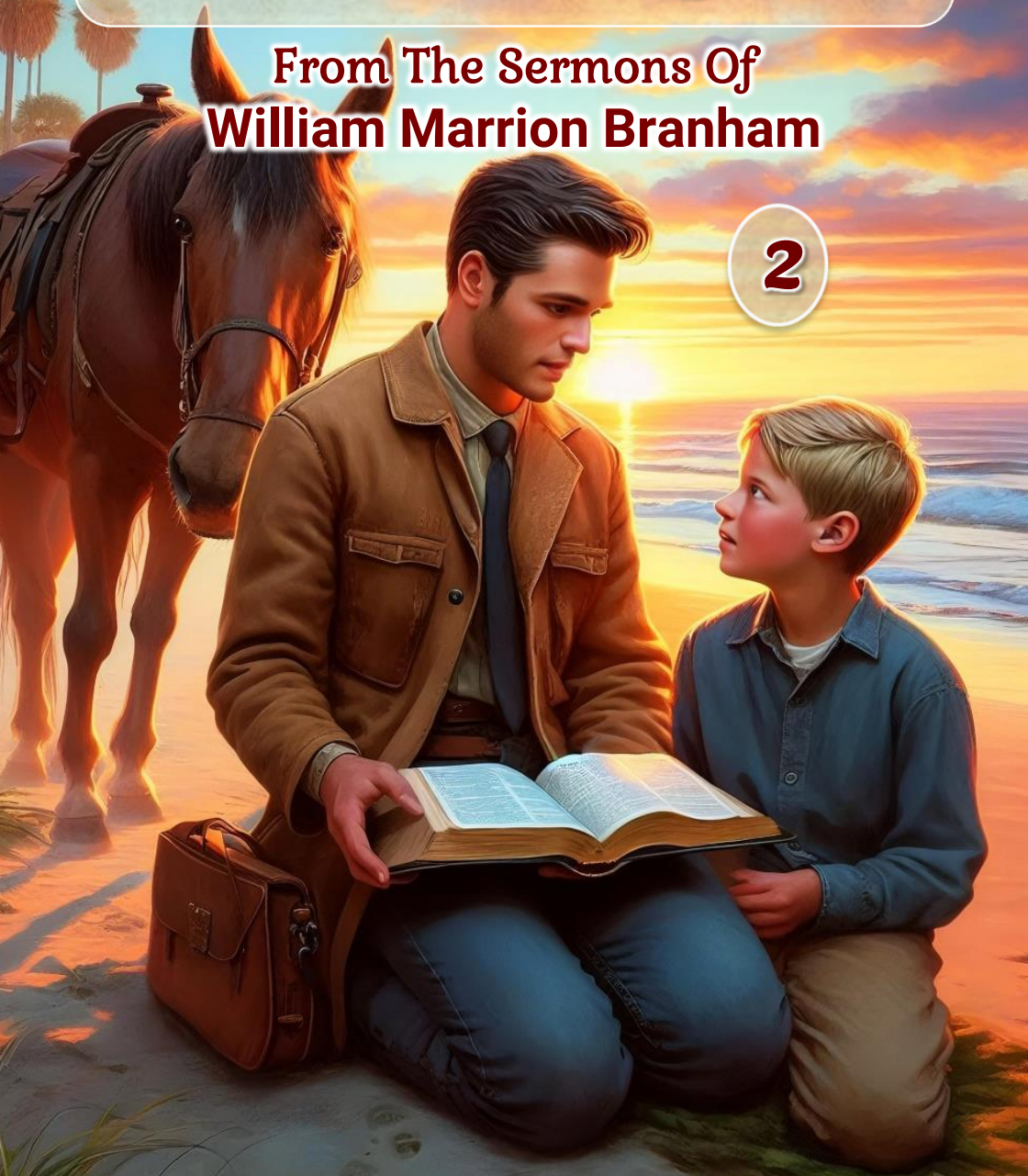


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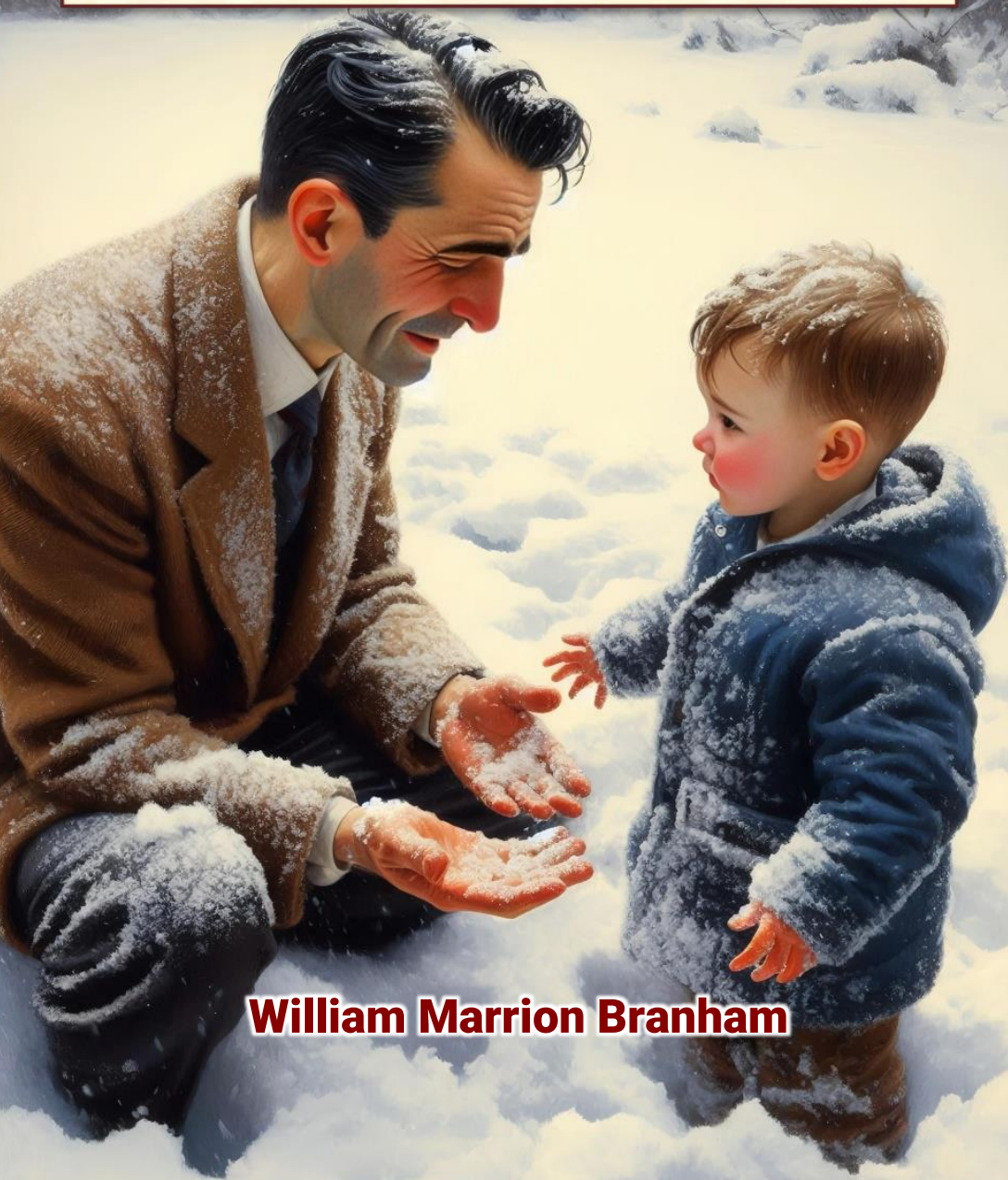
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**Listen what the Prophet of God said
about it:**

He said, “Daddy, I’m trying to
follow your footsteps.”



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*Title: 59-0301E — What Does Thou
Here?*

2 I was kind in the notion of calling a little missus here, tonight, to sing a song that I heard her singing in my house, the other day. I believe we still got time for it, if she isn't too backward. Miss Jefferies, what do you think about that, that little song that you sang over there? I come in and heard it being sung, and I liked it real well. And I hope

I'm not embarrassing you, to ask you to sing it again. *Tell Me His Name*, or something like that. Is that it? I'd like to hear it again. I know you'll all enjoy it.

3 [Blank spot on tape. Sister Jefferies sings *Tell Me His Name Again*—Ed.]

4 Oh, I just love that! I love His Name. You know what caused me to think that, that had that little lady to sing it? She's a little school chum to my little girl, Rebekah. And I was back, the

other morning, doing something in the room, and I heard that singing. And I thought, “Well, I’ll just have her to sing that in church some time.”

5 On the road down, I taken the children to school, and I spoke to her about the singing. And she said, “I just raised up...” I might not say it in the same words. But she said, “I raised up the other night, or, and was in the bed, and was thinking of that song, and I got such a blessing!”

6 Well, I thought, “That’s outstanding, for a teen-age girl, talk about the Holy Spirit blessing them, especially in this community, in this city.” We need more teen-age girls like that. We do.

7 This other little girl that just sang, too, here, a few minutes ago. I don’t know her name, but enjoying those little children, little teen-age girls, singing. **Do you know, the walk that we make**

**makes an example for others?
Really is.**

8 An old story of some years ago, in England, there was a man. He thought he would go out and have a little friendly drink at Christmas time, just for fellowship. And he went out among his neighbors and he was exchanging presents, and everybody would say to him, “Now, John, just take a drink of this.” And a little sip *here* and a

little sip *there*, and he got really intoxicated.

9 And on his road home, there had come a snow, about six inches. And—and his little boy was following him. He couldn't pack him; he was too drunk. And he was on his road home, and he happened to turn around and notice his little boy just almost wallowing in the snow. And he said, "Son, why are you wallowing in the snow?"

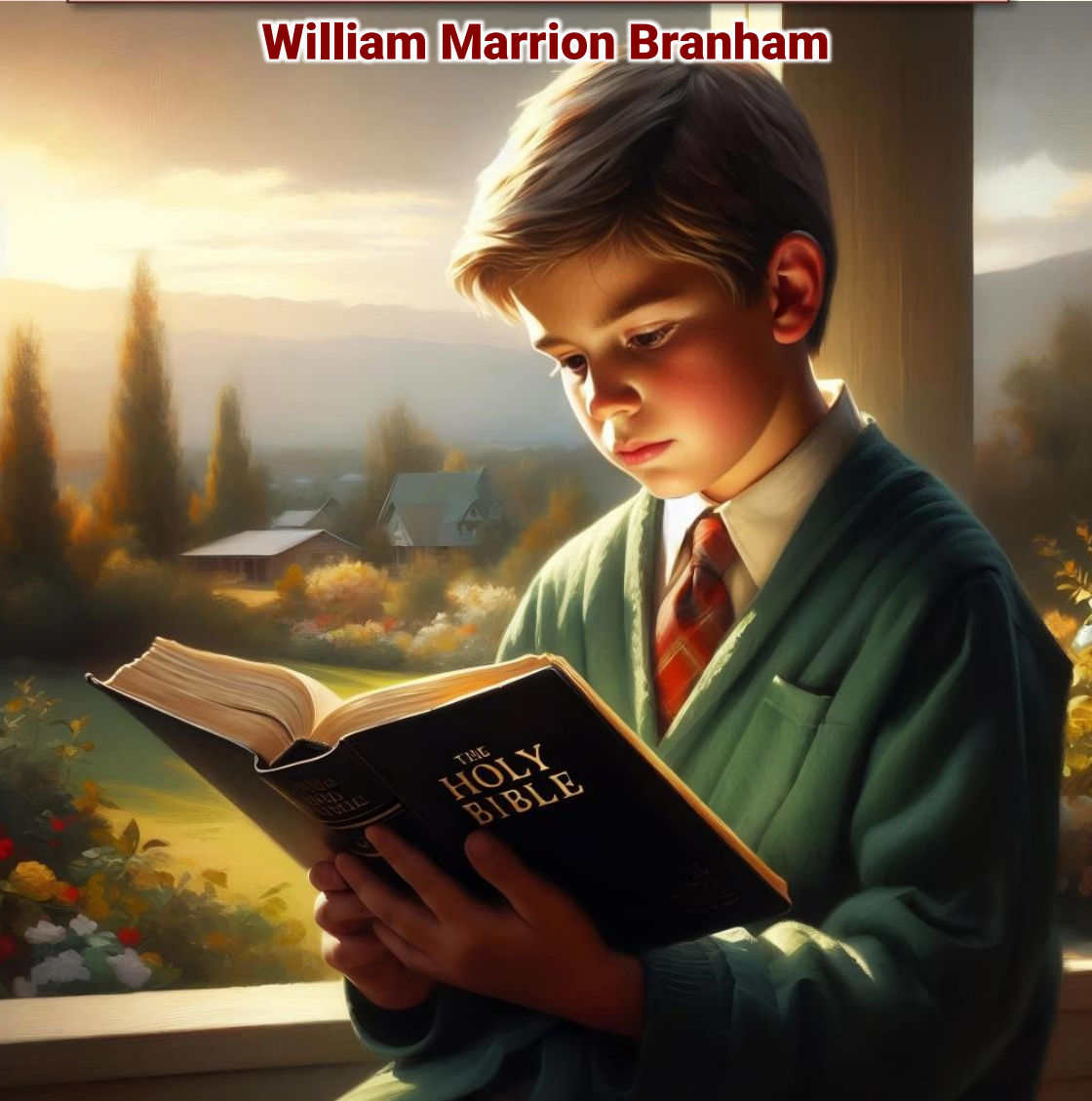
10 He said, “Daddy, I’m trying to follow your footsteps.” And he picked the little lad up in his arms, and said, “God, from this day on, I’ll never take another drink.”

11 Somebody is going to follow your footsteps. Let’s walk that straight line, from the cradle to Calvary. That’s the footsteps; let’s have them to walk in.



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.

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Title: 63-1130B — Influence

24 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—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.

25 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—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."

26 Now, Uzziah was a boy had been brought up in such a parenthood till it influenced him.

27 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.

28 And that's the same thing it is today. Our markets are—are loaded with vulgar and—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.

29 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.

30 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.

31 This new President that's just taken over since...President

Johnson, since the assassination of President Kennedy. When he asked, the other day, that he called for all the clergy throughout the nation for prayer, to help him. I—I admired that in the man. See, he's calling for God to—to help him. I understand that he is a believer, and trusts in God. So, we need men like that.



**I think of Susanna Wesley.
I think she had seventeen
children. I think that's right.
But she found two hours or more,
every day, to pray.**



SUSANNA WESLEY
1669-1742

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Title: 63-1114 — Influence

26 Now, this young fellow, Uzziah, was the king. But before he become king...He was a king during the reign of Isaiah, the prophet. And he was a shepherd boy; he liked the outdoors. He was a great influence on—on Isaiah's life. Isaiah was a young fellow, also, just a young prophet. And you read the story, if you want to take Second Chronicles

26, it'll tell you how that at the age of sixteen, after the death of his righteous father, he became...they taken him and made him king over Israel. At the age of sixteen he began to reign. And he had seen the influence of his parents; his mother was a godly woman, and his father was a godly man, before him. And, in that, it put the influence in the child to do that which was right.

27 I tell you. I think, today, we have such a juvenile crime wave

across the nation, but, really, I think it started in the home.

I—I think the parents began to let go.

And if the child had been raised up in a good, old-fashion, godly home; I don't say it would be all over, certainly not, but it would certainly give that child the right kind of influence.

I think, many times, that, homes that children has been

brought up wrong, turned loose on the street, and just lived for themselves while the mother stays in a barroom, or the...and the father, and so forth.

They don't take care of this child.

Another thing, they don't love it and give it the affections, to take it up.

It's young.

**You've got to teach it to love
and respect, and to read the
Bible.**

**28 I think of Susanna
Wesley.**

**I think she had seventeen
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**But she found two hours or
more, every day, to pray.**

Down at the—the end of her
dress, where the little boys knelt
around, out of there produced a

John and a Charles that changed the course of the world, saved the world in that day.

And she didn't have a washing machine and a dryer, as we have today, and a dishwasher, and so forth, or a maid.

The thing that...She did it all herself, but yet she could find time because she was putting an influence to some children that

finally changed the course of the world.

I think that's the old-fashion mother, the old-fashion home, where prayer and the understanding of the Bible.

29 I believe, Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, till he was of age, but the Bible and I think it was either the *Foxe's Book Of Martyrs*, I might not... might been another book, I think it

was *Pilgrim's Progress*, to be right, it was *Pilgrim's Progress*, and—and the Bible.

You see what kind of a character that molded?

30 Just let me go in your house and see what kind of pictures you got on your wall. Let me go to your home or your office, and let's see what kind of music is playing. See? What you read, what you look at, I can pretty well tell you

**what's on the inside of you,
see, because it feeds on that.
See?**

**And, oh, to a home, if we
made a home more lovely,
children wouldn't want to run
away.**

**Make things more for them,
where they feel welcome and
nice and comfortable at home;
where, home, they can't hardly
wait till they get there. And
that's the way home should be.**

31 And I think that's the kind of a home that Uzziah must have been raised in, because of the influence of his godly parents.

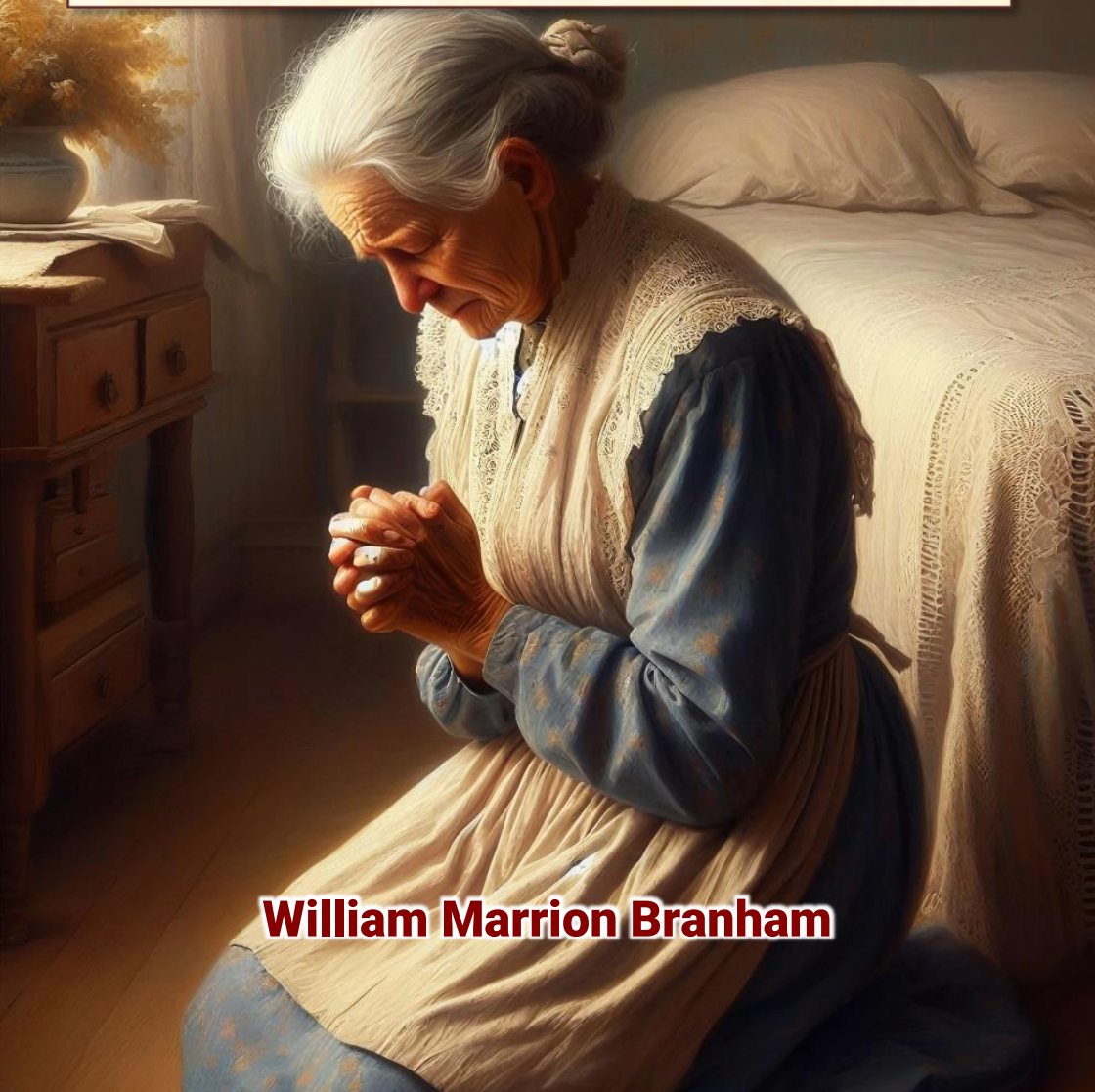
And as soon as he become king, he ignored all popular opinions and all political differences, and he set his mind for one thing: he would serve God, regardless! We need some more politicians like that. He—he was determined that he was going to serve God, because that's the way he was raised, and

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his father give him the right
influence, that he—he could
serve God and live.



Then after that, the secret place is the bedroom, where you go in and kneel down, where you a bunch of you mammys used to, a long time ago, go in there and pray for your children when they was out at night.



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*Title: 55-0606 — The Waters Of
Separation*

33 You come first to the kitchen. The kitchen's where you eat.

After you come and eat, like the church, you set on the bench and hear the Word.

“Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word.”

Then after you have eaten the Word, then you come into the

living room, which is into fellowship with the rest of the church.

Then after that, the secret place is the bedroom, where you go in and kneel down, where you a bunch of you mammys used to, a long time ago, go in there and pray for your children when they was out at night.

That's what's the matter with the world today, instead of them old fashion mammys back

yonder a long time ago, that prayed for their kiddies and things, they're out with their kiddies tonight smoking, drinking, carrying on like they are.

That's the reason we got juvenile delinquency.

They talk that we're more civilized than they were. I doubt it. Uh-huh. Then we sure don't act like it. That's one thing true. I like that old fashion type.

Why, let me tell you, brother, they talk about the illiteracy of

Kentucky. I preached up in them old mountains there, when they was standing on the hillside, and those old mammys out there, them big, old, long bonnets on. And the women around, said, make fun of them, say, “Look at them. Don’t they look like old models or something like that?”

**34 Let me tell you
something.**

You let one of their girls go out and stay all night, come in the next morning, the way

some of yours does, brother, I mean there'd be a difference in that family. Yes, they sure would.

She'd about blister her all over that hillside with a tobacco stick or something.

You know that's the truth, and then you call her illiterate.

Look. I got two girls too, I don't know what they'll come out.

I see them laying out, stretched out in these yards even

around here. Didn't think the south would ever allow that. I was surprised. Laying out on the streets, them little old clothes on, getting a sun tanning...

My, kids might do that; I don't say they won't. But, brother, they'll get a son-tanning, but it'll my father's son, tanning with a barrel slat, as hard as I can, bringing them in. That'll be the kind of tanning they'll get. And that's what we need today, some more

old fashion, God-sent Holy Ghost, that can...?...baptizing of the Spirit of God. Where the Word, preaching under the Blood a Christ-centered thing that separates. Christ hates sin. The Holy Ghost hates sin. No wonder people hate sin. No wonder people hates the Holy Ghost, I mean, is because they can't love Light when they're walking in darkness. Amen. That's true, and you know it's true.



**But prayer, cast that evil devil
away from that child. That's
right. Prayer does it.**

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*Title: 59-1223 — Questions And
Answers*

110 Notice! I can start in the morning, and say I'm going, the Lord lead me to go to a certain place for a meeting, well, brother, you just watch everything take place. Or you let me get at my home, and some long distance call comes in.

Now, I got to pray for the sick.

Little Joseph will climb right up on top of my neck.

Sarah will want to ask me a question.

Becky will start on the piano.

I say, “Sh, sh, sh!” Put my hand over, “Hey, sh, sh, sh, I’m going to—Daddy’s going to pray for the sick.”

“Well, Daddy, look; Joe done this...” You see? Just let it start. And as soon as the prayer is

over, they got their toys and just as sweet and playing. It's the devil. Certainly it is.

111 And then I'll come around and say, "Joseph, you shouldn't do a *certain* thing." And you know, the first thing you know, he's got in a habit.

And you'll find in your children, they'll lie to you. Well, that's a lying spirit on that baby.

There's only one remedy for it. The gun stick ain't my idea,

you know, the ramrod we used to get the beating with, Brother Jess. When we got—got—got into trouble we used to get the ramrod out of the old guns, the hickory stick, you know, old muzzle loaders. That isn't the idea.

But prayer, cast that evil devil away from that child. That's right. Prayer does it.

112 If little Martha starts stomping her little foot, and

running out, and turning up her little nose, you could beat her till she didn't have any clothes on her; she'd do it anyhow.

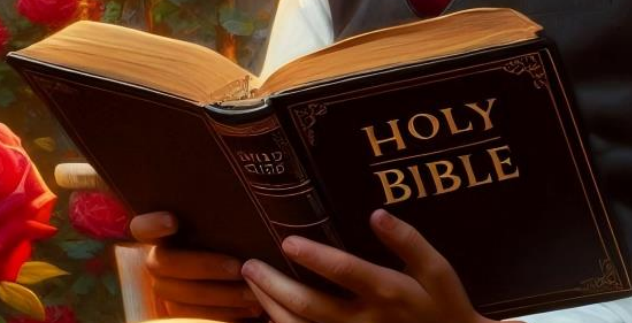
But you just lay before God and claim that child's soul for God. Just stay right there with it. I believe it's the best thing that I know of. Yes, sir! That's the best remedy I know of, is prayer.





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