

# ***Child Dedication***



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*Title: 61-0112 — Questions And  
Answers*

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316 Now, now He would...If you noticed, in Matthew 18:10, He was speaking about taking little “children.” They was little children, little tots, three or four years old, picked them up. “They brought unto Him children, child.” *Children* comes from the name of “child.” A child is just a little—little fellow, not an infant

but just between that and a teenager. See? It's not responsible yet for itself.

317 Now, He said, "Take heed that you don't *despise*." If you'd really take the interpretation of that word, is "mistreat." See, "To mistreat one of those." Mistreat a child, you should never do that. They're children, they don't know. See?

318 And now notice, said, “Because they...their angels always beholds My Father’s face which is in Heaven,” you see. In other words, “Their angels, their—their messengers, their bodies, angelic bodies that they’ll go to if they die, are always before My Father’s face in Heaven.” See?

*61-0112 — Questions And  
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*Title: 59-0329M — Water Baptism*

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5 Therefore all things that we do, to my opinion, as a Bible believer, must be based upon the Scriptures. All revelations, all visions, everything, must be solemnly based upon the Scripture, for That's the foundation that we rest on as  
THUS SAITH THE LORD.

6 In the Scriptures, we do not find where they ever sprinkled or poured, or consecrated little children in that manner. But in the Scripture, we find that they brought infants unto Jesus, that He might bless them. And He took them up in His arms and said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven." And He blessed the little children. And that's all the Scripture that's written



concerning it. That's the way we try to continue. Now if the...

7 Like in the Methodist church, and the Nazarene church, and many other churches who has the in-...I don't think the Nazarene church does. The Methodist church does, and many of the others or the Evangelical thinkers, that does christen little children by sprinkling them.

8 Now, that's all right, any form that you want to dedicate them to, but just so that you see that we don't put water on them. We just lay hands on them, trying to follow the example of our Lord. And that's the way we want the mothers to understand that, why we don't sprinkle water on them, because we don't have any Scripture for that. We don't have Scripture for sprinkling water on adults or children.

9 So, the child is too young to be baptized. And baptism is the outward expression that a inward work of grace has been done. And the child cannot express it, because there hasn't been any inward work of grace, you see, because it's just a baby.

It's the parents bringing the baby to God Who gave them the child, giving it back to Him in dedication. So, that's how we use that here.

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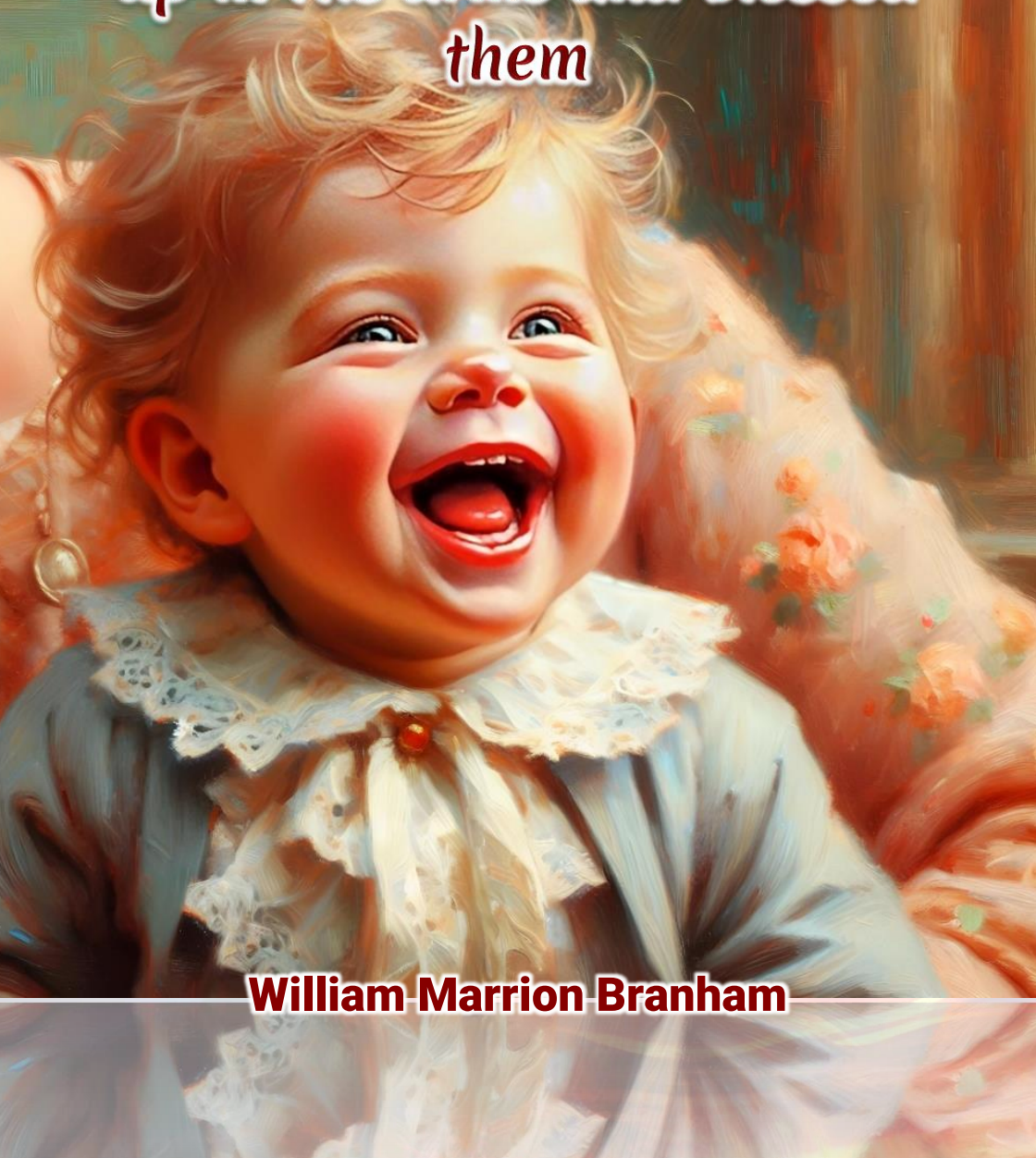
## 59-0329M — *Water Baptism*

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*Title: 62-0513M — The Way Of A  
True Prophet Of God*

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19 Many people, what they call, “baptize” little babies in the Christian faith. Well, that’s all right, if you do that. That’s up to you. Course, they don’t really baptize them. They just sprinkle water on top of them. But, to me, I like to stay with just what the Bible said do. Therefore, just what the Word said, that’s what I

want to do, just whatever It said. And, now, I—I don't find any place in the Bible...

20 In the Old Testament, they brought the children for fleshly circumcision, the little males, and the mother offered an offering for purification, two turtledoves or a lamb.

21 But, in the New Testament, the only place that I can find to commemoration of this great service of...It was a dedication.

They brought infants to Jesus, and He picked them up in His arms and blessed them. That's what the parents did of His day. And His life was an example of what we should do. See? These things He did for an example.

22 Now, we just take the little ones, and they bring them to us, and we just hold them up to God, and ask God's blessings upon them, and pray a prayer of dedication from the mother and father, to God, as they present

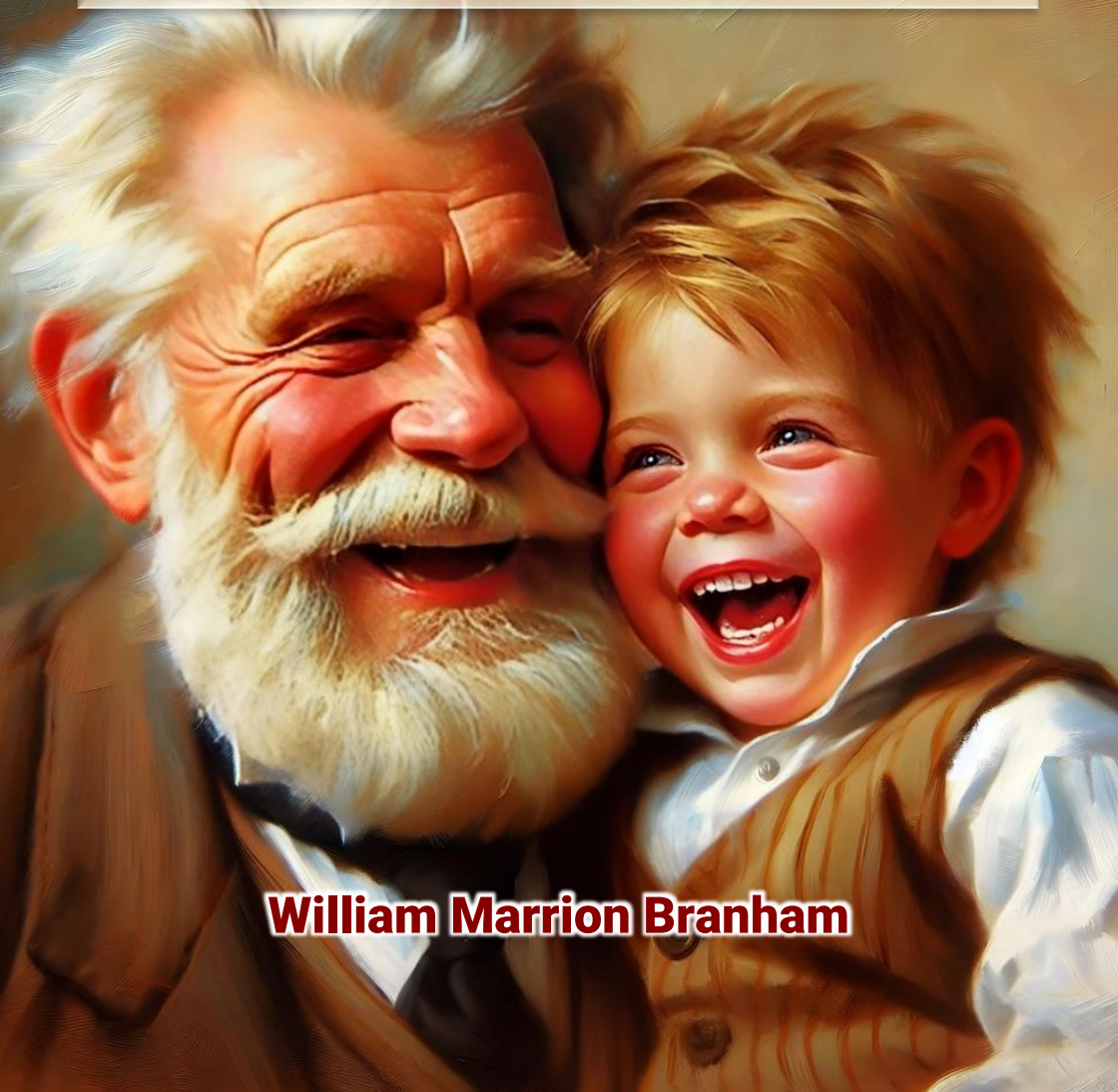


their child. And...or dedicate them in the Name of Jesus Christ, until they're old enough to be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. And now, He said, "Whatever we do in word or deed, do it all in the Name of Jesus Christ." So—so that's what we wish to do.

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and earth, guide our feet, Lord,  
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*Title: 65-1031A — Leadership*

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141 Dear Jesus, one day, in Your pilgrimage here on earth, they brought to You such little fellows as I have been speaking to this afternoon. And the disciples said, “The Master is too tired. He preached this morning. He preached, this and that, and He is too tired. Don’t trouble Him.”

142 But, Jesus, You said,  
“Suffer the little children to come  
to Me, for of such is the Kingdom  
of Heaven.”

143 Lord God, today receive  
these little boys and girls here, in  
this school of righteousness,  
here where our brother has  
come apart into the side of the  
wilderness here, to bring out the  
families that desire to separate  
themselves from the things of the  
world, to sojourn only for You.  
And now their little ones are



here, watching the lives of their father and mother, as we—we are examples in all that we do. O Dear God, Creator of Heavens and earth, guide our feet, Lord, that we'll not do nothing before these little ones, that would put a stumbling block in their way. For it is said, it would be better that we have a millstone tied at our neck, and be cast into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones. You said, "Their Angels always behold My Father's face which is in Heaven," the great

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Angel, and guardian Angel, over  
each of these little souls.



But being that we are here in representation of Him, that we represent Him, they bring the children to us. And we dedicate them to the Lord, by laying our hands upon them, in commemoration of His great Word and His act. So that's how we dedicate the little ones.

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*Title: 63-0623M — Standing In  
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22 And now in dedication of children, many of the people, the Methodists sprinkle them. And—and I think they have their first communion in the Catholic church, or Lutheran, along about twelve years old, and kind of a—a baptismal service when they're born. I—I think the babies are sprinkled. And—and I think that split the Nazarene from the

Methodist, many years ago, in infant baptism. I think that's right, Brother Brown. I—I—I believe that that was what split the Methodist church and the Nazarene, 'cause the Nazarene didn't accept infant baptism. But to us, here at the tabernacle, if we are going to stay with what the Bible said, there is no place in the Bible where they ever did sprinkle anybody, let alone a baby, not even an adult. But they...The Bible says, the only place of our Bible for the



children, “They brought infants to Jesus, and He...that He might put His hands upon them and bless them.” And He said, “Suffer little children to come to Me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

23 Now, therefore, we know that we are poor hands, the pastor and I, or any other pastor, to take the hands of the Lord Jesus. And if He was here this morning, these parent would bring that baby to Christ. But

being that we are here in representation of Him, that we represent Him, they bring the children to us. And we dedicate them to the Lord, by laying our hands upon them, in commemoration of His great Word and His act. So that's how we dedicate the little ones.

24 I thought maybe some mother might be here with her baby that's never been dedicated to the Lord, that she might want to come along with these

mothers or fathers who will be dedicating their children. We just bring them up here and present them to God, and pray over them, and tell the Lord that we lay our hands upon them, in—in a substitute way for His. And that's as close to the Scripture as I've ever found yet. Now, you might get your textbook out and find something that some group of men said, but I mean what the Word said, you see. Now I think I've made it real, real clear what it is.

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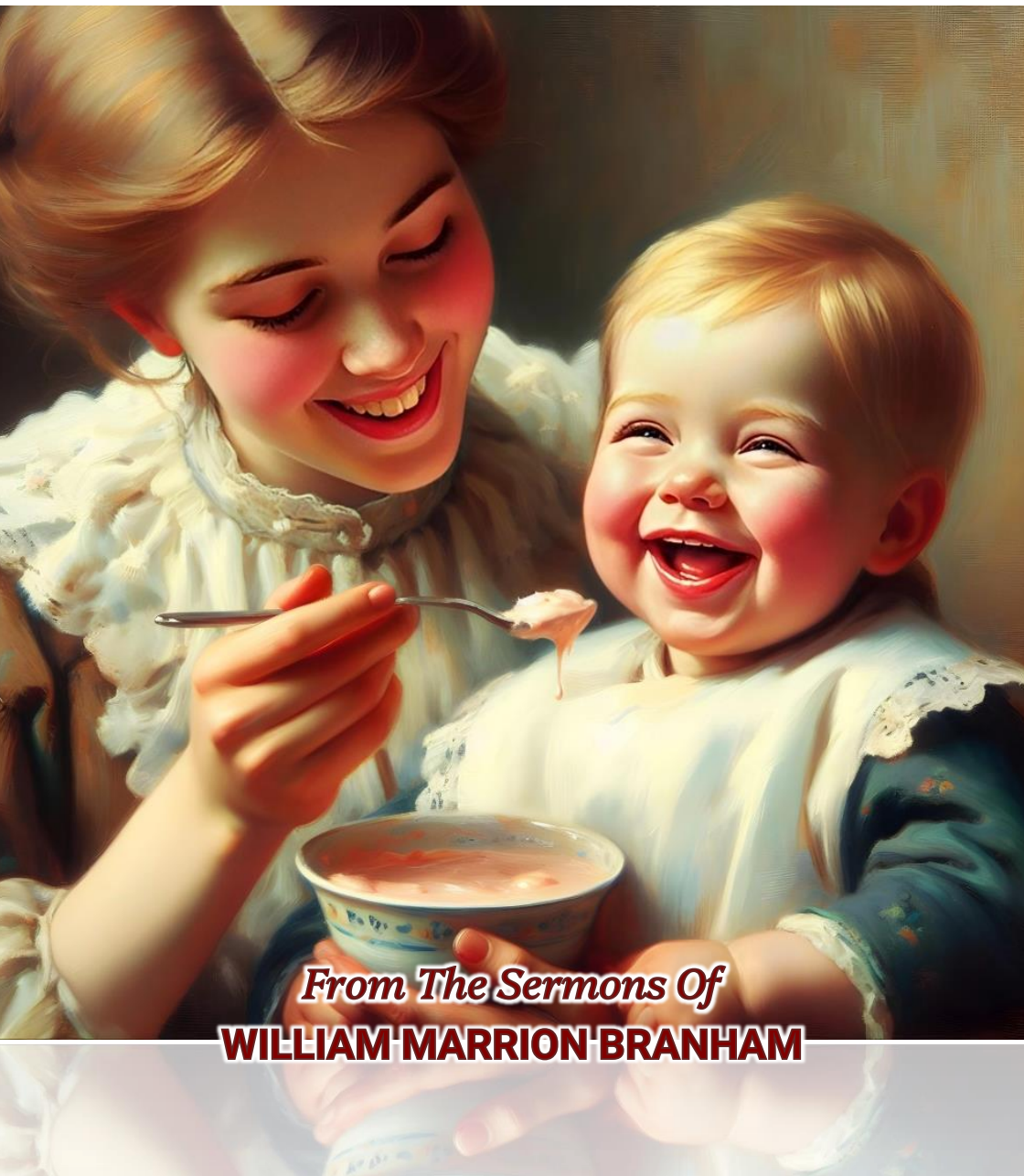








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