



If you reject God's way...

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What then?
When the great Book is
opened, what then?
When the ones that
rejecting this Message
today,
Will be asked to give a
reason-What Then?

*55-0109M - Melchisedec, The Great Prince
And King*

Rev. William Marrion Branham

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the last Gospel meeting you'll
ever be in.



William Marrion Branham

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118 While we have our heads down. I wonder if there's a person in here tonight would say, "Brother Branham," sincerely from our heart, "I—I want to go over Jordan. I want to cross over, but I'm not exactly right yet. I'm not fit to go over. I'd hate to meet the Lord in my condition. I'm going to raise up my hand and say, 'Pray for me, Brother

Branham.' And you do it, will you?" I'll do it. Raise up your hand. Who are you? God bless you. My, just hands up everywhere! Someone else put your hands up, "Brother Branham, pray for me." God bless you. God bless you, sir. God bless you, sister. God bless you, little lady. God bless you, boy. God bless you, mister. And you back there. All right, someone else put your hands up.

119 Now look, people, this may be the last Gospel meeting you'll ever be in. When I go away and come back, my wife says, "Bill, you know *So-and-so*?"

"Yes."

"They died. *This* one got killed. *That* one went in a heart attack."

"Oh, you don't mean it?"

"Yes."

120 “Oh!” I think, “Oh, my! I remember I made an altar call one time, and I seen that man sitting there. I wanted him to...” “Meda,” I said, “does anybody know, did he ever get saved?”

121 “No, he just died suddenly, coming from work. *He* started to put on his shoes, he died. *He* was killed in an accident. *He* never woke up out of his sleep, he went to bed one night and never woke up.”

I think, “Oh, my! I preached to that man, that woman, young people, too.”

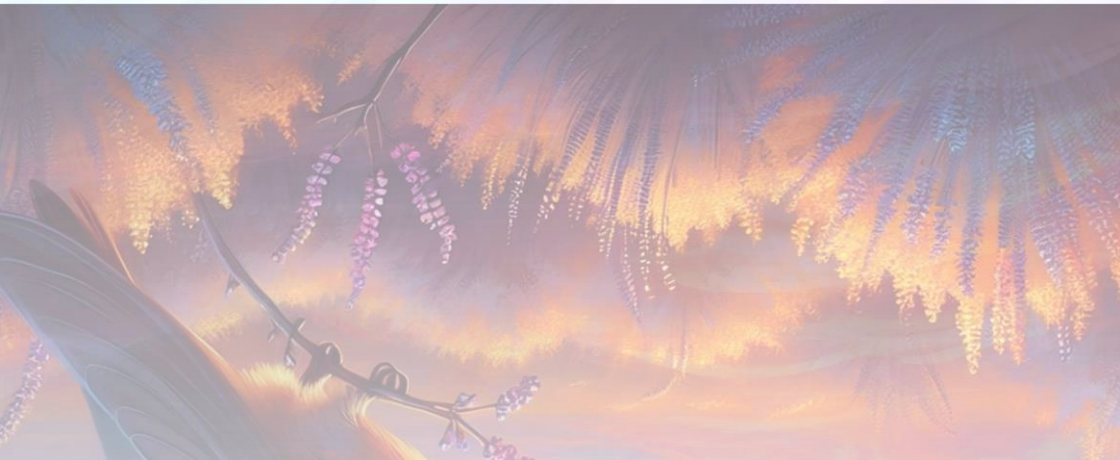
122 Now don't misjudge things, friend. Are you really a sinner tonight? Now listen, if you haven't been borned again, you're still away from Christ. Do you want to receive Him? If you will, how many of you wants to accept Him? We haven't room here, I don't think, for an altar call around here. But if you'll just stand up to your feet, and say,

“Brother Branham, by standing up, I’m giving this witness, I want to accept Christ right now as my Saviour. I want to get away from this old condition I’m living in.”

123 Will you be honest enough in your heart, to stand up to your feet? Who will be the first one to do that, say, “I want to accept”? God bless you, brother. There’s three men standing, just a moment. God bless you, lady. Just remain standing if you will, lady, if you will. God bless you.

Someone else. God bless you.
God bless you, son. Somebody
else. God bless you, sir.
Someone else stand to your feet,
say, "I want to accept Christ right
now. I want to get out of my
condition." God bless you, sir.
Someone else. God bless you
with your hand up, back there
with the baby. God bless you,
lady. Just remain standing.
Someone else stand up right
quick now. How about here, and
some of you little children up
here? You, young lady, God

bless you, sister. God bless you there. Just remain standing, if you will. God bless you, little girl. Someone else want to accept Christ, stand up. That's right. God bless you. God bless you. Stand up. Someone else say, "I now want to accept Christ right now. I want you to remember me, Brother Branham, right now." Will you stand? Waiting on you. "I want to accept Christ." Do you know you're a sinner, or is the doubt just...?...



Oh, there's people in Eternity tonight, out in hell screaming. If we could walk and pull open the gate like this and let you look down in there, I'd never have to make much of an altar call. They'd be screaming and climbing over one another for the opportunity, but they have passed beyond the veil and beyond mercy now. It's too far. They can't never be redeemed. They're gone forever. They will never, never be redeemed.

WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Message: *54-1204 - God
Perfecting His Church*

87 My sinner friend, why do you wait? Why don't you come now? Life. Remember, you and I, just as certain as we're standing here tonight, will meet yonder in the Presence of Jesus Christ some of these days. And this recording tonight, will be showed on the screen of time.

And you setting where you are tonight, and me standing where I am, trying to stand between the dead and the living, I am inviting you to Jesus Christ. Will you come?

Once more. Remember, that I won't be responsible, but you know you're a sinner and outside of God and outside of Christ, without hope, in the world, dying. What if God called your soul

tonight, friend? What would
you give in exchange for it?
While we sing one more
verse, won't you come, sinner
man?

...dying thief rejoiced to
see

...fountain in his day;

And there may I, though
vile...(Won't you come?)

Wash all...(Won't you come
accept Him? While there's...a
little...?...come.)

Wash all my sins away;

And there may I, though
vile as he,

Wash all my sins away.

88 All right. I trust that God
will grant to you, my friend,
maybe not the courage to
come. I am not a persuader.
See? The only thing that I can

do...If the Holy Spirit can't get you to move, my efforts are too poor to do it. See? When the Father has struck at your heart. And no man...

Just think, what if God wouldn't call. There is people in this world, that'll never be—never receive the call, that'll never come. Many...Said Jude, "These man of old was foreordained to this condemnation." And to think,

that God in His goodness tonight...Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first. And all that comes will receive Everlasting Life." And God is good enough to knock at your heart tonight. And would you be foul enough to refuse Him?

Say, "I don't want You, go away." It's a dangerous thing. See?

89 Oh, there's people in Eternity tonight, out in hell screaming. If we could walk and pull open the gate like this and let you look down in there, I'd never have to make much of an altar call. They'd be screaming and climbing over one another for the opportunity, but they have passed beyond the veil and beyond mercy now. It's too far. They can't never be redeemed. They're gone

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**They had the same
opportunity that you have.
You wouldn't want to take
their place tonight, would
you? So why not take the
place at the right-hand of
Christ? To set with Him in
heavenly places. And with
the saints. And with the
redeemed of the age, to live
in the blessed forever.**

90 And you without the baptism of the Holy Spirit, while we sang the third verse of the song, will you come now? Let's stand while we sing this and everyone remain, if you will. And I wonder if them who wants the baptism of the Holy Spirit would walk forward for prayer tonight, while we sing the third verse.

...precious blood

...Never lose its power,

Till all the ransomed
Church of God

Be saved, to sin no more.

Be saved, to sin no more,

Are saved, to sin no more;

The...all the ransomed
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God bless you. Just look
around the altar tonight.
Young women and so forth,

coming down at the altar, The tears running down their cheeks, wanting to receive Christ. Aged men and women, with their hair frosted, turning to an eternity. Won't be long till the gates will open and they'll move in. Down to the altar, wanting to be borned-again of the Spirit of God.

91 Is there a backslider here tonight, would say, "Brother, preacher, God


knows that I need Christ. I'm coming." Oh, yes. I believe you can backslide.

If you're backslid, won't you come too, and take your place here. Say, "God, I want to renew my fellowship with Thee"? God hasn't cast you away.

The prodigal son was a backslider, but the father was more than glad to receive him. He's waiting for you tonight.


Won't you come tonight?
Won't you come while we sing
another verse of a song? Is
there another verse to that,
sir? The fourth verse.
Backsliders and those seeking
the Holy Spirit, will you move
forward? Forgive me for
keeping you a long time, but,
oh brother, just think what
Eternity is. See?

*54-1204 - God Perfecting His
Church*

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Title: 50-0827A - Prodigal

11 I laid in the hospital not long ago, the best medical doctors, I guess, a patient could ask; looked into my face after anesthetic by mistake went to my heart. Shocked to find the anesthetic was above where that it should have been...?...it went to my heart. My heart was only beating seventeen times per minute.

The doctor told my father...?... has three minutes to live. Oh, my, how would I ever get out of that place? Three minutes to live. All of my sins stood before me, and I...faith that I did not claim. Sin to stand before me as sin. Many times, we Christians here, we try to justify ourselves. You say, "Well, this isn't very bad; but the least sin should be confessed, always, no matter what, how little it

looks to you, it's sin in the sight of God.

Look how little the first sin was, but look what it did to the human race. When the first sin was committed, look at the difference. When the message came to Heaven that, "Your son, has fallen." Well, it looked like Adam ought to have been running around through the garden, hollering, "Oh, Father! Oh, Father, where are You?"

But Adam went and hid hisself. And it was just vice versa, it was the Father calling, “Son, son, where art thou?” See how man will try to justify themself. He’ll try to stand behind something. Instead of coming right out and saying what he is and confessing his sins before God, he’ll try to hide behind something.

12 And here was the searchings of God, walking, running up and down through the garden, screaming for His lost boy. The Father hunting, searching for the son; it should have been the son searching for the Father.

And today, it's just the same. Just as soon as man sins, and instead of coming out and confessing his sins before God, he'll try to get

back. He'll try to hide behind something. He'll try to get a self-made religion.

Look at Adam. Made...they made aprons of fig leaves, and put that around them, the fig leaves. But when they came to the place where God called Adam and Eve to stand before Him, they realized that they had a man-made religion. The word religion means “a covering.” And they were

covered by a self-made apron.
You see it?

Now, that strain is in man yet today. And instead of trying to come God's way of repentance and believing on His Son, letting the Blood of His Son cleanse us from our sins, we slip around, try to find some other way, some way of escape from coming God's way. We'll say, "Well, this religion... We'll join this, or

we'll do this where it's not quite so strict." And the fig-made leaves, when they had to face God was no good.

And you'll find out, my dear friend, that man-made theories will not stand when you're coming down to the last breath of this body and this life. It's good to live by those things, but you can't die by them.

And I guess for my age in the ministry, I've probably stood by as many dying people as—as anyone of my age, because I've been much called-on to the dying.

13 Not long ago, a certain young lady in our city had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. She came up to the tabernacle. Another young lady of the city, very popular, belonged to a modern type of

religious group that denies the Blood and the covering, and said that we were a cult and a bunch of—of holy-rollers because that we believed in the saving grace of Christ. If that's what it takes to be a holy-roller, then I am one for I believe in the Blood.

This young lady went to dances and shows, but she was the Sunday school teacher in the church. The

church denied the Blood of Christ, said there was no such a thing. The pastor said it dried up nineteen hundred years ago: a social gospel. And by and by the young lady got out with some boys, fine looking little lady.

This little girl come up to the tabernacle. She kind of dressed kind of old fashion. She used to go down the street, and her hair combed

back just as tight as she could get it without these, ever what you call the manicure on her face, or ever what the stuff is that they wear; on down the street she would go.

Yes, it's the truth; we teach against it. God help preachers to get down to the Gospel. Listen, ladies, there was only one woman in the Bible that ever painted herself to meet a man, and that was Jezebel;

and God fed her to the dogs. So when you see them wear that, say, “How do you do, Miss Dog Meat?” That’s exactly what it was: God fed her to the dogs. You don’t want to be like her.

God will make you pretty in your ways: pretty is, as pretty does. But even our holiness churches are letting down. You know that’s the truth. You better come back to the old

hewing line again, back to the Gospel.

14 Now, notice. And this young lady, she just carried on every way: went out to dances and parties, and so forth. She taken sick. She didn't understand what was the matter. But when the doctor got to her, she had a venereal disease, she was too far gone. Tried some shots, but it didn't work.

So the pastor told her she would go right on to Heaven because she was a Sunday school teacher. So, they all gathered in the room to see her go out, the Angels of the Lord come to get her.

I just passed by the street a little while before that. The pastor was setting out in the hall of the home, lovely big home, fine people. He'd just stepped out of the room, the

Sunday school class was all in singing songs, to see her go to Heaven. And the pastor stepped out to smoke, out in the hall. And when death struck the girl, she begin to get hysteric, she said, “Where is that girl?”

They said, “What girl?”
She said, “Here’s all of your class.”

She said, “I’m not talking about them. I’m talking about

that girl that (called her name), that's from up there at the tabernacle, that used to speak to me about my soul." Said, "Go get her."

15 They went to the pastor, and he came running in. He said, "Now, honey, listen." Said, "We'll call the doctor and give you a shot. You're getting a little hysteric."

She said, “I’m not hysterical.” She said, “You deceiver of men. I’m lost and going to hell because you taught me that.” And the girl died and went out to meet God, lost, crying for the girl that had tried to tell her what was right.

Look, brother, when you come down to the end of this life’s journey, you’ll wish you had lived a holy

clean life before God. Be sure to remember that.

Now, about your church, what you belong to, that doesn't mean nothing to God. It's what you are in your heart. That's right. God ain't going to ask you whether... what church you belonged to; it's what you are in your heart is what God is going to look at.

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that soul that’ll haunt her
through eternity. That’s right.**

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Title: 55-1001 - Expectation

What's the matter with the world today, we got too much intellectual religion. There is such a thing as having intellectual... I don't mean to be rude, I don't mean to hurt people's feelings, but the trouble with these evangelists today, that's crossing the nation today preaching the Word, they say they go and

have a big meeting and thousands are converted, and go back a few weeks, and there's not hardly any of them left. What is it? They receive a intellectual faith.

24 Now, God is not known by intellectual faith. God is known by the experience of new birth, only alone. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again of the Spirit of God, he cannot even see the Kingdom

of God.” Now, any Bible scholar here knows that the word “see” there does not mean “look with your eye.” It means “understand.”

You—you say, “I...Looking at something or other, say, “I just don’t see it.” You mean; you don’t understand it; you’re looking right at it. You look with your eyes, but understand with your heart. That’s right. You can’t

understand it. And no man can know nothing of God, until first you're borned of the Spirit of God.

The Bible said, "No man can call Jesus, Christ." Only by the Holy Spirit is the only thing that... You can say, "Well, I believe He's the Son of God." If you haven't been born again, you're taking somebody's word for it. You say, "The Bible said so."

That's right; the Bible's right, but what about you? You say, "The preacher said so." The preacher's right, but what about you? "Mother said so." Mother's right, but what about you? It's a personal experience of your own that you've got to be borned again or you'll never understand God.

25 And then He will reveal Himself to you just as He

knows you have need of. Now, there's two things in you that—that draws the opinion. First there's an intellectual part, which is your mental part. And the next is your soul. You have a soul and a mind. And the...

Now, here not long ago, the old timers and the science said, “Well, you know, God sure made a mistake when He said that you, ‘as a man

thinketh in his heart.” There’s no mental faculties—no mental faculties in the heart that a man can think with, it’s flesh.” And the critics re—said it was ridiculous to think that a man could think from his heart.

About six months ago, you people in Chicago and around, found out that God was right. The scientific search has found that in the

human heart there's a little teeny cell that hasn't even got blood in it or anything, it's a little compartment, the animal doesn't have it, just the human being; and they say it's the occupation of the soul. So after all, a man believes in his heart. You think with your mind, but you believe with your heart. God's right after all; it's in your heart.

26 Now, your intellectual faith will reason. You'll say, "Now, I know the Bible teaches that, certainly. But let me think now, the days of miracles is past. Pastor said so, somebody said so. I—I believe that this day we don't have that." Now, see, you're using intellectual faith. And that intellectual faith will reason with God's Word, but a borned again experience from

the heart will not reason; it will say, “God’s Word’s right. There’s no more to do with it; it’s right.” Because something down here that says it itself; you have nothing to do with it. It’s God in the heart.

Now, an intellectual faith will reason. Now, today that’s what’s the matter with our churches. We’ve got away from real old time experiences of receiving the Holy Spirit.

And we've got away from it, and substituted for it a intellectual college a—a college education. Now, I have... I'm not trying to support my ignorance now. But I am trying to say this: If it come between education and salvation, I will take salvation. Yes, sir. If my children didn't know their abc's I'd rather they'd know Jesus Christ. That's right, it is true. I think

education's wonderful, but it'll go so far.

27 But the trouble of it today, we've leaned altogether on education and have adopted it instead of salvation. We don't need today... You know what's happened? We've substituted then the old fashion upper room to receive the Holy Spirit, for a supper room to sell soups and things to pay the preacher with,

when we don't need that. We need back to the Bible, to the old fashion Holy Spirit, good old time Saint Paul's revival and the Bible Holy Ghost, is what we need back in the church again tonight. It's right.

And, friend, it'll only come through the experience of the new birth. A man cannot go to the Kingdom of God without being borned again, no more than a bird could fly without

his wings. He couldn't do it; no matter how much bird he is, he hasn't got wings; he can't fly. And neither can a man go to heaven without being borned again. Jesus said so. And we know that it is not intellectual. And you can hear people today in their churches; they reason out, say, "Now, I will tell you; that's not right." Because, see, they

doubt. And what your soul is...

28 Here an experience I had recently with a woman. There was a woman who lived in a neighborhood. She was raised up a good woman. And she was raised in a fine home, although she went to church; but she never become what we'd know to be a Christian, being borned again, though she was very loyal in the

church, and she was the pianist in the church. And she married a fine boy that hung around the church there, and he was a good boy. And they lived together for a while.

After while they moved off into a neighborhood; she still joined up with, taken her letter to another church. And she lived in this neighborhood here. She be—she was raised of an old fashion mother who

really knowed God, an old fashion mother. God help us to have some more of them, instead of these cigarette-smoking, cocktail-drinking, night-running females that we got today called mother. And that's awful to say that from the platform, but that's the naked truth. It's a shame, brother. I tell you; it's disgracefully to think that the motherhood of America has

broken down. That's the backbone of any nation.

29 The first preacher that ever gets a child is a mother. There's four...five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Mother. And a mother should be a Spirit filled woman, who can teach her children, and teach them to pray and to know about God, and so forth. Instead of that, they give them to a babysitter

and run all night long. And then go to Sunday school on Sunday morning and call themselves Christians.

I better get off of that, hadn't I? 'Cause I just an old sassafras type that believes the truth about these things. That's right. And I'd rather scorch you now than have you be burnt after while, so that—that's true. So you just

remember; it's the truth; it's the Gospel truth.

30 And how today that we've got away from that. It's a... They go to the—the church. And this woman, she went into the church out there. She done a very good job; she was a piano player. And after while, she begin to notice the women in her neighborhood begin to dress immodestly, how they get out

and mow their yards with them little old clothes on. I hope there's none of them here tonight. And it's a disgrace to you, sister. God be merciful to your sinful soul. What else would do that but an evil spirit full of lust. You don't want to think that, but that's exactly. The only person that ever stripped their clothes in the Bible was a maniac. That's right. Put on your

clothes and act like a lady. Your husband ought to be whipped for letting you do it in the beginning.

So then the first thing... Now, she thought she'd go get by with that, 'cause the rest of the women in the church was doing the same thing. The— she thought she would do it. So she started to doing it. That led on till they begin to smoke cigarettes, so she

thought she'd smoke cigarettes. And she continued playing. There's was nothing said too much about it around the church.

31 That's what's the matter, pastor. What's the matter, our people will go to hell is because you let down the Gospel in the pulpit; that's exactly what it is. If you keep those little old rosary things out of the pulpit and preach

the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation, have an old fashion altar call and have people cleaned up in their life, it would be different. It would be examples set forth in Christianity. That's right. But we've let down the bar somewhere.

A good old Methodist preacher friend of mine, he used to sing a song:

We've let down the bars;

We've compromised with
sin;

We let down the bars;

The sheep got out,

But how did the goats get
in?

You let down the bars;
that's just simple. That's the
only thing it is. They could join
church today and live any kind

of life or anything. But I tell you one thing; you can't be borned again and live any kind of a life. You'll live for Jesus Christ when you're borned again. And you'll act like a man. And you'll conduct yourself as a real Christian, if you're borned again of the Spirit of God.

32 So this woman, finally, she got—fell in love with a man, neighbor. And she left

her husband, and run off, and married this man, and continued playing the piano in the church. And after while, she left him and married another one. And she thought she was doing all right.

And then finally, ended up as a common-law wife. What was it? Her soul told her in the beginning, “Don’t do that.” But she reasoned, “Now, if the rest of the woman can do this,

why can't I do it?" But down in her soul was a Spirit that said, "Don't do that; keep away from that; that's not right." But yet, she fought against that, and cast that aside, and she went to reasoning. Don't you see? Don't reason, just believe. Believe God's Word; don't try to reason it out. Just what God said is the truth. And believe that to be the truth. And don't go to your

reasonings; go to your experience, to Christ in the heart and compare it with God's Word.

33 Now, she went on. And after while, she was called, or the pastor of our church was called to her bedside to pray for her. Well, she was laying there smoking cigarettes and everything, living in the house, a common-law wife, and he

said, “Sister, is everything all right with your soul to die?”

She said, “Everything is at peace.”

Now, she believed it. She had went so long with her intellect, until she had grieved the Holy Spirit from her. It no more spoke to her; she didn’t know which was right. She had reasoned it out. She had a—a mental conception, that if

she went to church and did what was right, why, she would go to heaven. That went on down till the very hour of her death.

But when her reasoning power...When you die, your brain breaks up, of course, when the spirit leaves you, and then what's left? Here's your soul that you've neglected back here, which comes to you then, when

you're dying. And this mental reasoning breaks up; you don't reason no more. It's your soul that's been in your heart, that you've grieved away; then it caught up with her. And when she did, she screamed, "My God, I'm lost." Too late then; the soul that had been grieved away...

34 Now, the doctor can shoot a hypo in her arm and keep you from screaming.

“Oh, she’s excited”; said the pastor, “she’s not lost. Give her a hypo.”

He give her a hypo, and she, [Brother Branham pants hard, then softer, then real quietly—Ed.] Sure, quietened her down. Oh, preached her funeral and said, “The sister’s in heaven.” That I cannot say. But let me tell you; that hypo can quieten those lips, but it’ll never quieten that soul that’ll

haunt her through eternity.
That's right.

Don't you let that be your state. You mind God. Be borned of the Spirit of God, and quit reasoning things, and just believe what God said to be the truth. Be filled with God's Spirit, and then God will lead you, and the Holy Spirit will lead you in the paths of righteousness. And you see yourself conducting yourself

unlike a Christian; you know that that's wrong; then go back and check up with God, with His Word here and with His Book; and get right with God.





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