

***It was well done, my
good and faithful
servant***

FROM THE SERMONS OF
WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Matthew 25:21

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

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

3 Our kind heavenly Father, it's with grateful hearts that we approach Thee tonight in the Name of the Lord Jesus to thank Thee for this great privilege that we have of coming to Thee and calling You our Father, and You call us Your children, "My beloved children." And how that through the one offering He has perfected forever those

that are sanctified, that are called, foreordained, chosen in God before the foundation of the world. And now, some glorious day He shall come the second time in glory to bring us from the graves, and then we will be like unto His own glorious body. We shall see Him as He is. No more prayer for the sick then, it's all finished.

4 We long with anxious hearts, thinking of the great time when we'll have the

Lord's supper together, drink the vine—the fruit of the vine and eat anew of the food in the Kingdom of God and see that great table spread out for thousands of miles, all the redeemed of all ages gathered around the table. As we look across at each other and shake each other's hands, a little teardrop run down our cheek, then the King in His beauty shall come out in His white robe, walk down along the table, and wipe all

tears from our eyes, and say, “Don’t cry, children, it’s all over. Enter into the joys of the Lord which is prepared for you since the foundation of the world.”

Father God, we pray that every person here in Divine Presence tonight will answer the roll call there and have the privilege of hearing those words said, “It was well done, My good and faithful servant.” If there be some here tonight, Lord, who doesn’t know You,

their sins are not under the Blood, may this be the hour that their final decision will be made and their names recorded in glory.

56-1215 - Hear Ye Him

**Rev. William Marrion
Branham**

27 We must love, divinely love one another. Then you don't see your brother's mistake. If he does make a mistake, you never, you look

over the top of it, and you love him anyhow. See? That's it. Love those that love you. Then does not the sinner the same thing? But love those who doesn't love you. That's what shows the Spirit of God is in you, 'cause He loved you when you were His enemy. And He loved you. And that Spirit's in you, it'll make you love your enemy, as you do your friend.

Can we bow our heads, after all this little talk, we could catch the Word.

Great Jehovah, we're an Eternity-bound people. We're bowing our faces towards the dust from where we were taken. And if You tarry, someday, one by one, we'll go back into that dust. But at that resurrection morning, we'll meet.

As I looked across this table this morning, as I have in many meetings, I looked up

and down this line, and out there, and I seen men, Gospel preachers here, setting here, that perhaps, preached the Gospel when I was a sinner boy. There's old gray-headed mothers here, who's allowanced her children at the table to help these churches that these boys represent. I may never see them again after this meeting's over. We may never meet again in a breakfast in this earth. But there's one thing sure, we'll

meet at a supper sometime in a better land.

28 When we think about that great meeting in the sky, when that great table is stretched across the canopies from eternity to eternity, and all the redeemed of all ages set around that table and we look across the table to one another, no doubt a little tear will trickle down our cheeks, remembering these meetings and times. Shake one another's hands and grip it

with brotherly and sisterly love. Then the great King will come out, whip all tears from our eyes, and say, “Don’t cry, children. It’s all over. Enter into the joys of the Lord that’s been prepared for you since the foundation of the world.”

Father, while it’s daytime, while it’s earth, and while we’re in time-space, let us work with all that’s in us, to get every person there that we can to set in that great fellowship.

Bless these men, these brothers, these...Some of these young men, and old men, and these women, and these little children. We pray that You'll mightily bless them with Your power and Presence. May this meeting grow into one constant revival from church to church. May arm and arm, and heart to heart, may we put our efforts together for the Kingdom of God, until we see Jesus. We

ask it in His Name and for His glory. Amen.

61-0415B - From That Time

**Rev. William Marrion
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13 Usually, as we're talking of expectancy, why, we think whatever we expect to do, that's what it'll be. And now, if I'm expecting to—I got an engagement or an appointment to meet you, I—I expect you to be there. And I

know one thing; that we, every one today, got an appointment that we're going to meet God somewhere, sometime or other. Do you know that? "It was once appointed to man to die and after that the judgment." And we're all going to meet that. Some men's sins go before them, if you confess them here. Some follow after. So let's meet God now. Let's get the thing right and then be expecting Him when He comes in His glory and power,

for Him to say, “It was well done, My good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord.”

52-0817A - Expectancy

**Rev. William Marrion
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84 When I was a boy, my daddy was a different from what some of the modern fathers are today. My daddy believed in giving whippings, and he really give them. We

remembered them. And I, yet, today, of forty-seven years, I remember them. But it done me good. It trained me. If I could go to the grave today and raise him up, the first thing I'd do would shake his hands and hug him for what he done.

85 If I feel that way about my earthly father, what will it be that day when we stand in His Presence? When, we see the things happen to us for our good, that He had to cut

us a little bit here, and child-train us, and take off the things of the world, and let us walk as humble children before Him. May seem hard at the beginning, but God knows what He's doing. Sure. He knows what He's doing. And He, then, as the Holy Spirit begins to bring Word...

86 Then, if the child has not been obedient when it becomes of maturity, the age of maturity, then...The child is

always a son, certainly, but it loses something.

87 And here is the point that I want to drive home. May the Holy Spirit take it to every heart of you believers. Just because you are a believer, certainly you have everlasting Life; God said so. But would you want to just get in, as Job said, “By the skin of your teeth”? Would you just want to come before the Father, and the talent that He has give every one of you, as being

negligent, you just didn't use it, or you let something else stand in your way? You let little petty things that meant nothing to you, after all, little fusses, and stews, and arguments, and church differences, take the meekness and gentleness from your life. Would you want to stand before the Father like that? I don't believe you would. I don't believe that you would do it. Neither would I.

88 How I want Him to say, “It was well done.” Not by the skin of my teeth; but, “It was well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord, for you did well with what you have to do.”

89 Maybe you’re a housewife. If you are, God made you a teacher of your children. Do a good job out of it. Regardless of what you have to do, do it well.

90 Notice, then, if the child did prove to be a real worthy of the things that the father had over his kingdom, and had been a real faithful child, then the tutor brought message to the father, “Oh, your son...”

91 Oh, now, that’s the message I want Him to bring for you and I. “Oh, Your son, his whole thoughts is upon You. All he is trying to do is to please You. He is so

interested in Your affair, till it's hard to hold him down."

92 I'd rather be just a little over-zealous about the Father's Kingdom than to have no zeal at all, for It. I'd rather over-work. And as the church of Christ preacher told me, some time ago, "Mr. Branham, I'd rather—I'd rather wear out than rust out." And that is a lot of truth. I'd rather wear out, "and die in the harness," as Brother Neville said, than to refuse to have

the harness on. You can't do nothing any worst than to neglect to try. Let us do all we can with what you have to do with. And the Holy Spirit, our Tutor, will bring it to the Father.

56-0923 - Spiritual Adoption

**Rev. William Marrion
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9 I have just been notified this afternoon, as I'm staying with some friends, that you've

had some great meetings here in Phoenix, that many great evangelists which passes through this lovely city. And by you being geographically po—just in the place you are, you are a privileged people to hear these great evangelists that pass through here.

And they come in a wonderful time, while the winter seasons are on, many tourists are in. And you've had the privilege of setting under

the ministry of great men, and a joy when you see the advertisement up, a “Brother So-and-so is coming to the city,” how it makes you feel. And I know you rejoice, and I rejoice with you.

But, oh, I know that there’s One that you would love to see above everyone: that would be the Lord Jesus. “Sirs, we would see Jesus.” I don’t believe that there’s ever been a person who ever heard His sacred Name

mentioned through lips, but what that's been one of their hearts desires: "We would see Jesus."

10 I've often wondered what I would've done when I'd stood there that day and would've heard Him say, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." I've wondered if I could live long enough to find the time that they could pick that Word up by the radio wave, because

they say that—that your voice once speaks, it never dies in the earth.

It's just like a little pebble thrown out into a lake, and those little waves carry on and on, and sometimes till the human eye, can't see them no more, but yet in the little vibration, it finally reaches the bank. And, oh, how sweet it would be to hear the radio pick up the vibrations that's still in the earth from that word, "Come unto Me all ye

that labor and are heavy laden.”

And, by the way, if our voices carry on like that, then our own voices will be a witness to us at the day of the judgment. When the vibration of our voices is still going on, God will have the great microphone, or the great crystal there, that'll pick up every vibration that we...And our own words will judge us.

11 And then I know, perhaps, I'll never, may never

live to see that day that when the radio can pick up that little vibration of His literal voice. But I've longed live to see that day when I can hear Him say this: "It was well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord."

And if I...Got a promise in God's Bible. If I can only live true to Him until that day, that's what He promised He would say. And, oh, I look for

that day: “Well done, My good and faithful servant.”

I believe that we’re living in one of the greatest hours for the Gospel that has ever been on the earth. I believe this is the ripening time, one of the greatest times.

I wonder what would take place if Saint Paul could stand on the streets of Phoenix tonight, and see the things taking place that’s taking place in the world. I’d imagine he would preach day and

night, getting the Word out, for the time is at hand.

12 Traveling around the world, and the different nations, and seeing their condition...There seems to be a great drama fixing to take place. And looks like that everything's moving right into the—to the scene where God can just make that great thing come to life, just at once.

I want to say this tonight, that I believe with all that's within me, that we are just

fixing to have one of the greatest shakings that this world has ever witnessed of the Gospel power being poured out. All heavens will turn loose after while. And remember, at the same time all hell's going to turn loose too.

But, oh, to make your choice tonight, and put your anchor in the Rock of Ages...How beautiful it is to just set with that perfect

assurance, to know that all is well.

13 And then, at this great crucial hour that we are now approaching, where everything's taking place in the great scientific world, and they're trembling, and to know that we are living in the day that the Gospel made many great promises for this day. Now, is those promises true? And if they are true, then we should live by them; and if they're not true, we should get

away from them and find out what is true.

Now, this Word is either the truth or it is not the truth. Now, the Bible teaches us here in Hebrews 13:8, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Now, that either is the truth, or it is not the truth.

14 Now, if He is the same, there's only one thing that would make Him any different from what He was when He walked on the banks of

Galilee: that is that He would not be in a corporal body. Now, that body has been lifted up, and it's on the throne of God tonight. He that overcometh shall set with Me on My throne, as I have overcome and set down on My Father's throne.

And when He comes, He will come like the Light, coming from the east to the west. And every eye shall see Him, every knee shall bow,

and every tongue shall confess, when He comes.

Coming down the road this afternoon, when I got out of our eastern cloudy skies, and was looking up into the bright blue...My little wife had went to sleep over at the side in the little truck. And as I looked up towards the skies and seen how blue it was, I looked back to Billy to see how far he was behind me. And as I looked back, I looked in the glass, and seen a little-bitty spot of

blue in my eyes. I thought, “Wonder, God being so great, wonder if all the skies is just the blue of His eye. And that sun yonder, that this little earth turns around, is the sight that’s in His eye just looking all over the earth?”

And that’s just His eye. How great Thou art. How great Thou art. He can see. And I thought, “O God, how wonderful You are.”

57-0226 - Sirs, We Would See Jesus
Rev. William Marrion Branham

119 You hear on the television, and on the radio, in your magazines, in your papers, that there's going to be a whirl across this country someday. What are you listening for, to hear that all-alarm, your radio on, all day long, with all that nonsense carrying on, to hear when the bullets are going to drop, or the bombs? I'm not listening to that stuff. [Brother Branham claps his hands one time—Ed.]

120 I'm listening to hear a Voice say, "Come up higher. It was well done, My good and faithful servant."

121 What hearest thou? You know, I think that we're so interested in listening so close to all the things of the world, and things like that, we can't hear that little, still small Voice.

**59-0301E - What Does Thou
Here?**

Rev. William Marrion Branham

15 But I'd like to go to a testimony meeting. And just set down and get me a seat and hear the apostles testify. Oh, I've always thought, I'd love to do that. Now, I've always thought I'd like to hear Jesus when He said—stretched forth His loving arms and said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Oh, you know they got so...They claim, if a voice has ever spoke (you know it more

than I do), a voice, it never dies. It lives on, like radium, goes on, and on, and on, like a pebble dropping in the water. The little waves carry on and on for miles, vibrations till you cannot see them with your natural eye. But they're carrying on and on and on.

And your air...When you speak, that's where you get on electronics and the—the radio that air wave, it goes on. It never dies.

16 I'd like—thought I'd like to live till science maybe could pick up that voice of His. They claim that someday, if they keep going on, they'll be able to do it, pick up His literal voice, when He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest."

Well, I may not live to that day. Frankly, I don't think the world will stand that long. We're so close to the end time. But I would like to be with you to preach to you

awhile on those things. But I've tried to make our little messages just simple in drama, 'cause I'm tired. And then you'd understand it better.

17 But I may not live to hear that, but there's one thing I do want to hear and I believe I'll hear it. "It was well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord." That's what I'm expecting to hear someday.

I'm sure He won't disappoint me.

And if I...If He does turn me down at the end of the road, I'll still love Him. If He sends me to hell, and I can still love in hell, I'll love Him anyhow. See? Because I deserved to be turned down at the beginning. See, and if I had ten thousand lives to live, and there's nothing after the end of them, if there was—if there's no God, no Christ, I'd still take this Christian way to

live, anyhow. To have men and women that I can associate with, it makes life so much different (See?) if you just be a Christian.

61-0517 - It Is I

**Rev. William Marrion
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25 Our gracious Heavenly Father, we have assembled this morning again in the Name of the Lord Jesus, Thy precious Son. God, incarnate,

came to the earth, for the propitiation of our sins, and died, the Righteous; that we, by His righteous, being unrighteous, may be made perfect in Him. We come confessing that we are unworthy, Lord. There is nothing good about us. And we're all in one big jail house. No matter what corner we stand in, we're still all in jail. One could not help the other. But, God, in His infinite mercy, came down and opened the

prison doors, to set us free. We're no longer caged up now. We're not in the zoo of the world, but now we are free. We're outside.

26 Oh, how we love Him and adore Him! How we can walk through the great fields of His promise, and see them made manifest before us! And by our own eyes, see the great God of Eternity unfold Himself before us, and make Himself real, like He did to the prophets of old. Knowing this,

that they rest with an assurance, that someday we will again be restored back, after this life is over, on the resurrection, unto an Eternal Life that shall never fade. Our bodies will not get old. And we'll never die. And we'll never be hungry. And we'll never have a want. But we shall walk with Him. We want to hear Him say, "Enter into the joys of the Lord, that's been prepared for you since the foundation of the world."

Back before sin entered in, how He had the preparation made, like for Adam and Eve, that they would never have to be sick or have a trouble. And now He prepared it for us, and He foreknew we were coming. Sin made the great blockade, and now sin has been took away, by the Blood of Jesus. Now, we are bound for the promised Land, by the promise of God, which is Eternal.

62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

**Rev. William Marrion
Branham**

347 But remember, the Bible said, “The hour is come that God will destroy them that destroys the earth.” And the whole world!

348 Look at them valleys. I was standing up there, the other day, looking down on the valley at Phoenix. Went up

on South Mountain, the wife and I was setting up there, and looked down at Phoenix. And I said, “Isn’t that awful?”

She said, “Awful? What do you mean?”

349 I said, “The sin. And how much adultery, and drinking, and cursing, and the Lord’s Name used in vain, in that valley there; with about a hundred and—and forty, fifty thousand people, or maybe two hundred thousand people, in that valley!”

350 I said, “Five hundred years ago, or a thousand, there wasn’t nothing but cactus, mesquite, and the old coyotes running up and down the sand river there, the—the washes.” And I said, “That’s the way God made it.”

351 But, man come in. What did he do? He saturated the ground with filth. The streets are full of gall. The sewers, the...And the rivers are polluted with—with filth. They couldn’t...Why, you’d

better not drink a drop of some of that water; you would get anything. See? Look at it. Not only here, but, the world over, the thing is polluted!

352 And the world, the nature, (God have mercy!) the whole world's in—in birth pains. The world is trying, she is “travailing,” Isaiah said. What's the matter? She is in...trying to bring forth a new world, for the Millennium, where all the...?...Trying to birth a new world, for a new

people that won't sin and pollute her. That's right. She is in travail. That's the reason the—the...We're in travail, Christ, to bring forth the Bride. Everything is travailing and groaning. See, there is something fixing to happen.

353 And this Sixth Plague lets her go. Brother, the earthquake bursts open, and the stars shake, volcanics will come forth, and the earth will renew itself. New lava will break forth from the center of

the earth. And she'll crumble,
all around and around and
around, when she spins out in
yonder.

354 And I tell you, one
morning when Jesus and His
Bride comes back to the
earth, there will be a paradise
of God there. That, oh, my,
them old warriors of the battle,
walk down through there with
their friends and loved ones.
The anthems will fill the air, of
an Angelic host. "Oh, it was
well done, My good and

faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord, that's been prepared for you, like you should have had back there before Eve started the ball a rolling in sin." Amen! Whew! Yes.

355 Sixth Seal is going to do something. Yes, sir. Truly the whole world is groaning and paining, for the Millennium age!

63-0323 - The Sixth Seal
Rev. William Marrion Branham

452 I want to tell you a little thing happened. This was a dream. I was asleep. And I have never told this publicly before. I told it to a couple of people, but never publicly before, as I know of.

453 I—I dreamed, about a month after that, that I was standing, one day, and I was watching the great time that...Not the judgment, now. I don't believe the Church ever comes to, (I mean, the Bride), goes to a judgment. But, I was

there when the crowns was being given out, see. And the great—great big Throne set up here. And Jesus and the recording Angel, and all, was standing there. And there was a stair steps, like, come down this way, of white ivory; run down, a circle, made a panoramic like this, and went out, so that all this great host standing out there could see what was happening.

454 And I would stand back over, way back to one

side. And I was just standing there, never an idea I had to walk them steps. I was standing there. I'd see...

455 The recording Angel would call a certain name; and I would know, recognize that name. I looked, and way back out there, here come the brother, walking with a sister, walked up to you, like that. The recording Angel standing there by the side of Christ, (just a dream now), and was watching. And their name was

on there, it was found in the Book of Life; He would look out over them, and say, “It was—it was well done, My good and faithful servant. Now enter in.”

456 I looked back, where they was going. There was a new world, and the joys. And said, “Enter into the joys of the Lord, that’s been—that’s been for yours since the foundation of the world.” See? And, oh, I thought...They’d go through there, and meeting one

another, and just rejoicing,
and going over mountains and
great big place.

457 But I thought, “Oh,
isn’t that wonderful! Glory!
Hallelujah!” Just jumping up-
and-down!

458 Then I would hear
another name called. I think,
“Oh, I know him. I know him.
I...There, there he goes,
there.” Watch him like that.

“Enter into the joys of the
Lord, My good and...”

“Oh,” I’d say, “praise God!
Praise God!”

Just say, for instance, like
they say, “Orman Neville,”
see.

459 And then I’d say,
“That’s old Brother Neville.
There he is.” See? And here
he comes, out of the crowd,
goes up.

460 Now He say, “Enter
into the joys of the Lord, that’s
been prepared for you since
before the foundation of the

world. Enter in.” And old Brother Neville just change, and just start back in there, just screaming and hollering.

461 Boy, I just shout and say, “Glory to God!” Standing over here by myself, having a wonderful time, watching my brethren go in.

462 And a recording Angel stood there, and said, “William Branham.”

463 I never thought I’d have to walk that. So then I

was scared. I thought, “Oh, my! Will I have to do that?” So I went walking down there. And just everybody patting me on the—the...[Brother Branham illustrates by patting on himself many times—Ed.] “Hi, Brother Branham! God bless you, Brother Branham!” Patting me as I go along, through a great big crowd of people. And all of them reaching over and patting me like that. [Brother Branham illustrates by patting on

himself many times.] “God bless you, brother! God bless you, brother!”

464 I was going. I said, “Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.” Like coming out of a meeting, or something, you know.

465 And I was going to have to walk these great big ivory steps. I started walking up through there. And just as I made the first step, I stopped. And I thought...I looked at His face. I thought, “I want to get a

good look at Him this way.”
And I stopped.

466 I had my hands like this. I felt something slip in my arm here. It was somebody else’s arm. I looked around, and there stood Hope; those big black eyes, and that dark hair hanging down her back, white robe on; looking up at me like that. I said, “Hope!”

467 I felt something hit this arm. Looked around, and there was Meda; that dark eyes looking up, and that

black hair hanging down, a white robe on. And I said, “Meda!”

468 And they looked at one another, you know, like that. They was...I got them in my arms, and here we went, walking Home.

469 I awoke. Oh, I woke up. And I—I got up and sit down in a chair, and cried, you know. I thought, “O God, I hope that comes like that.” Both associated with me in life, and bringing children, and

things like that; and here we are, walking into the new world, oh, my, where perfection and everything. No, nothing...

470 Oh, it's going to be a wonderful thing! Don't miss it. Don't miss it. By the grace of God, do all you can do, and that'll be up to God to take care of the rest of it then.

I love Him, I love Him

Because He first loved me

And purchased my
salvation

On Calvary's...

471 Let's sing it again, with
all of our heart. Now lift up our
eyes to God.

I love Him

63-0323 - The Sixth Seal

**Rev. William Marrion
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61 Now, when He was on
earth here, they asked Him
what would be the sign of the

coming of the end of the world. And He said, “As it was in the days of Sodom...” First He said, “Of Noah,” the rain. And when He said about Noah, He went ahead and give what happened in the days of Noah: about the morals of the people, how immoral they would be, about they were eating, drinking, marrying, given in marriage. Then He comes to Sodom. He said, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the

coming of the Son of man.”
Now, listen close.

Now, notice, Abraham represented the elected and called-out people. There’s always three classes of people. Keep them in mind. Lot represented the lukewarm, formal church. The Sodomites was the world. And Abraham had separated himself from all that unbelief and had come out.

[Blank spot on tape—
Ed.]...the elect church. Now,

remember, in the three Angels that came to meet Abraham...They were three Men, and They were three Angels of God. One of them was God Himself.

62 Some minister said to me not long ago, “You don’t mean to say that was God?”

I said, “The Bible said it was God. Abraham called Him Lord; capital L-o-r-d, Elohim. He ought to know. He was the one talking to Him.”

He said, “Well, that was just a theophany.”

I said, “A theophany don’t eat a calf and drink buttermilk.” That’s right. He was God. The Bible said He was. He was God, brethren. These three Angels...He said, “Why, do you mean they were Angels?”

I said, “Sure.”

“In dusty clothes and eating?”

I said, “Sure. You just don’t know how great our God is. He wanted to come down to investigate the situation down in Sodom. So I can imagine...”

63 What is our bodies made out of? Sixteen elements: potash, and calcium, and petroleum, cosmic light. He just reached over and got sixteen elements, and went, “Whew,” [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound—Ed.] blowed it

together and said. “Come here, Gabriel. Step in here.” Sure. Blowed one over there for Michael, blowed another one for Himself. He just stepped in and come down.

Oh, I’m so glad I know Him. One of these days when my body’s just dust blowing on the earth, He will, “Whew, [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound—Ed.] come back.”

I’m so glad to know the God of that type: just blow it

together, that's all. "Come on, now. I promised you. You was faithful over a few things, I make you ruler over many." See, heir of all things through Christ...He just don't realize Who He is, how great He is.

**61-0118 - Jesus Christ The
Same Yesterday, Today,
And Forever**

**Rev. William Marrion
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52 Like to speak tonight on the subject of: The Marriage Of The Lamb, just for a few moments to...We are so familiar with this Scripture. No doubt but your lovely pastor here has approached this subject many times.

53 And, that, we know that there is going to be a Bride, and there's going to be a wedding supper served in the skies. That's just as sure to be, as God is, because it's His Word. And we know that

those that are going to make up that Bride is going to be His Church, and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle. And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, It said, "She has made herself ready."

54 So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him."

55 But that's up to you. See, you got to do something, too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things." They that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? "She has made Herself ready." I like that Word.

56 You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end, and then saying, "Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome; He just

pushed you through. But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

57 Abraham was promised a child, but he must maintain this promise for twenty-five years, the ups-and-downs that he had, and temptations, in those twenty-five years. But he held to the word of the promise.

58 And Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it. “Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that have I given you,” God said to Joshua. It was all there. The land was there, and God gave it to them, but they must fight for it.

59 The same way it is about Divine healing. God has got the power to heal you, if you’ve got the courage to

accept it, but you'll fight every inch of the way.

60 God has got amazing grace to save you, and He will do it, but you'll fight every inch of your way.

61 I been behind the pulpit, going on thirty-one years, and every inch of that has been a fight, constantly. It certainly has.

62 "But we must fight if we must reign." So we find out that the Bride has to make

Herself ready. “Be willing to lay aside every weight that does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that’s set before us.” We must lay them aside, ourselves. We can’t say, “God, You come, lay them aside for us.” We got to do that, ourselves.

63 Now, I like to think of weddings. I’ve had the privilege of marrying quite a few people. And I think, when I bring a young man and a young woman down to the

altar, and see them come down through the church; and she, pretty with her wedding garments on, and the veil over her face and hanging down; and the bridegroom, straight, dressed beautiful; and young and full of vigor, as they walk down there in their very best of life, and take that marriage vow, I think there is something sweet about it. There is something sacred, because that it reminds me that there will be another great wedding

someday, when Christ's Bride will come walking down the corridors of Glory.

64 The Bridegroom will have everything ready. There'll be a wedding and a supper. How we love to think of setting across the table from each other, and shaking one another's hands, and tears running down our cheeks. And think, He will come around, wipe all tears from our eyes, say, "Don't cry. It's all over now. Enter into the

joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you since the foundation of the world." Oh, brother, that will make us love one another more.

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