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, l will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

661 You love Him? Oh, how real He is. Don't you just feel like you'd just like to just somehow put your arms around Him? Wouldn't you just love to crawl up and touch His feet, you know?

662 You know, there used to be some people come to my services at Phoenix, Arizona, say, "I'd like to talk it over with Him. I'd like to say, 'Lord, You loved me when my path got so dim.'" I'd just love to talk it over with Him before we cross over. I—I want to see Him. I—I—I just want to see Him. To think how I'll feel, how my poor heart will quiver when I see Him standing there.

663 I've often wondered, "I wish I could have heard that Voice say, 'Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden. I'll give you rest.'" 664 I'll probably never hear that literally like He spoke it then, but I want to hear Him say, "This is the last day. It was well done, My good and faithful servant, now enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you." Since how long?

665 "Since you got saved?" No brother.

666 "Since the foundation of the world, when I saw you and foreknew you, and ordained you to Eternal Life," you were blessed then. "All that He has foreknew, He has called." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] "All He has called, He has justified. Those who He had justified, He has already glorified." There you are. He foreknew us, called us, justified us, and we're already glorified with Him, at the end of the world, going to our reward. Aren't you happy? ["Amen."] Sure, it would make you love Him. When you

couldn't help yourself, and here He come and done that for you.

57-0915M - Hebrews, Chapter Six #3 Rev. William Marrion Branham

85 Won't you come down and consecrate your life? If you are a Christian, and not living just in victory like you should, you know if Jesus would come tonight, you ~8~

wouldn't be ready to go. You'd be scared. There'd be something wrong. If you'd go home, started down the road, and you feel your heart failing...The doctor had to look at your pulse, say, "Oh, oh, can't help it. They're gone."

What if a wreck, and the blood starts running out, you feel your heart moving; you're under a car, pinned down...Oh, you wish you would've come. It's too late then. Come now. Don't you take a chance at no time, friends. Come.

86 Now, let me tell you; you'll never see nothing any more real from God until you see Jesus face to face, 'cause that's exactly what He did when He was here. And He would do it again, if He was standing here, while this day is going on. Won't you come?

I love (Everybody sing. Let's raise our hands), I love Him Because He first loved me And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's tree.

Someday You want Him to say, "It's well done, My good and faithful servant. He that will confess his sin..."

"But if I regard iniquity in my heart, then God will not hear my prayer," said David. What is iniquity? Iniquity is something that you know that you're doing that you ought not to do and still won't repent of it. If I regard iniquity in my heart, knowing that I should do it, and don't do it, then God promised, the Bible promises that God will not hear your prayer, if you know you should do it and won't do it. That right, brethren? That right, brother ministers? It's true, if you regard iniquity...

87 Now, if you belong to these churches, you say, "Well, there stands my pastor. He believes me to be a ~ 12 ~

Christian." Right. Come consecrate yourself over. Your pastor will be happy for it. Certainly he will. He will be happy to know. He knows a real sincerity, the desire of your heart is to do that what's right. I have...If it was my church, I sure would. And you are my church. The whole world's my parish. So you are my church, and I'd be happy.

Consecrate your life while we sing one more time. Then

we're going to pray. Come now.

I love Him, (...?...love's Him.) I love Him

Because He first loved me

And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's...

[Brother Branham begins humming "I love Him."—Ed.]

Let's bow our heads now, humming. Going to get among the people down here now. Everybody praying. Now, you come here. Now, the only thing that you can do is confess from your heart, confess your wrong and believe.

88 Now, God seen you walk up here. He's infinite. He knows all it. And He seen you walk up here. He was the One Who spoke to you. He knowed your heart. He spoke and you come forward. He sees you right now. You confess your wrong, say, "God, I'm sorry I did it. Help me tonight, Lord; I want to live for You. By Your grace I'll stand true to You to the end of the world. I'll be Your servant." Now, let everybody in the audience bow and pray.

Oh, God, our Father, we are approaching Thy throne of grace. Standing around this altar tonight stands some large group of people. Many of them are members of churches. Some of them maybe have never made a confession yet. Some of them has made it and failed. But, God, I know You have confidence in a man, that while he's trying, he fails, and then enough soldier to rise up on his feet and try again.

God, I pray that You'll answer every one of their requests. They're standing here now, their heads bowed, their hearts bowed. They're believing You. You're their God. They're confessing their wrong, and they—they're wanting to be right, Lord. They want all unbelief to be taken away from them. Let their little besetting sin that does so easy upset them, let it be taken from them tonight and never to return again.

89 I plead for each of them. You watched them when they raised from their seat, come down from the balcony, come down out of the aisles. You say, "Well, that...I could stood back there and done just as well." God, the altar call was to come up here, and that showed that they wasn't ashamed to admit their wrong. And they're come, confessing before God and the holy Angels, confessing before their fellow man, that they been wrong, and they want to be right. When they walked up here, they-their own walking up here made their confession.

Now, You promised that they'd be forgiven, and I know they are, Lord. And I turn them to You now, as Your servant, in a word of prayer, believing, feeling in my heart the great Holy Spirit is well pleased with what they've done.

90 And I pray, God, that they'll live a victorious life all the rest of their days, the rest of their days may be full of victory. May Satan, may sickness, leave them. May there not be a thing bother them. And may they serve You all the days of their life. And someday, if You tarry,

and they go down to the hour of death, and the old chilly winds begin to break across the bedside, or the cold vapors of the Jordan catching across their face, we know that the old ship of Zion will blow her whistle and she'll come by and pick up that pilgrim to take it across the river. Grant it, Lord. Land them in the-the land of promise safely.

Give them Eternal Life, Lord, and raise them up at the

last days. Grant it, Lord. May tomorrow each of these church members go to their church with a shining face and a testimony to the glory of God, that they found a new Anchor tonight and they are now dedicated Christians to Your service. In Jesus' Name I commit them to You with my prayer.

And O Lord, if I've found grace in Your sight, take each one of them. I give them to ~ 22 ~

You with all my heart, in Jesus' Name.

62-0721 - Behold, A Greater Than Solomon Is Here Rev. William Marrion Branham

32 Now, what little I have to do with, I'm putting it with you brethren, laying it upon God's great golden altar, with our sacrifice and common grounds, Jesus Christ. See? There we're working. I'm going to work with everything I can, and anything that I...If you see that I could—think I could do a little better, you just be at liberty to tell me (You see?), and I'll sure do it. I'll do everything I can to work right with you and do all that I can for the Kingdom of God. And then, at the end time then, we all want to hear, say, "It was well done, my good and faithful servant."

Remember, this meeting here, it'll be history in another

five days. See? And then it'll meet us again someday. So let's do everything we can to make it good.

62-0719B - Life Rev. William Marrion Branham

29 [Blank spot on tape— Ed.] And that You will come into their heart as Lord and Saviour. Bless those who's raise their hands, who has already accepted You, but have not fully opened every door in their heart. Grant, Lord, that every door may be opened now, that the Son of glory will come in. And anoint their eyes that they might see His glory and His Presence. Get glory to Thyself, Lord. For I, as Your servant, present them to You as the trophies of the message, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

[Blank spot on tape— Ed.]...as many as believed was added to the church. They believed and accepted Christ. But I do love to see the altar and people at it, repenting. No matter how much you cried, how much you begged, until your faith looked there and accepted Him as your personal Saviour, wouldn't do you no good to pray or cry.

Peter said, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children (and them that's at Chicago), and as many as far off, just as many as the Lord our God shall call." And if you raised your hand, He's still calling. Believe Him now.

30 I wonder, before we start the meeting that I could say this: Go to some good church now, and be baptized, and call on the Name of the Lord, and He will give you the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Now, do that for me, won't you. No matter what church you affiliate with, as long as you receive the Holy Spirit, that settles it. You're a son and daughter of God.

And I forgot something that the Lord reminded me of. They told me that they'd taken a love offering for me a while ago. Wasn't necessary...I've never took an offering in my life. The brothers usually come around and give me something to live on. Thank you for it.

I didn't mean to be rude. I'm sorry. You forgive me for forgetting to say that vital thing that you did. I appreciate it. The Lord bless you. It'll go, to the best of my knowledge, to the Kingdom of the Lord. It's the only way I have of living and feeding my family, is by what you give to me for that purpose. Anything over that goes straight into the missions. So when I answer

that day, I want Him so say, "It was well done, My good and faithful servant." That's the words I'm longing to hear, "Well done."

58-0112E - The Door To The Heart Rev. William Marrion

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42 And, God, draw them in out of this drunken, sinmaddened love, pleasureloving world, before it's too late, before the mountains are leveled down, before the great wrath of God is poured out an unbelieving upon generation. God, bring it so close to us this week that we'll see it, and our hearts will be so filled, till every person in here will become a minister in the street and in the neighborhood, to bring others to Christ.

43 We know not whether that we'll ever finish the revival here, or not, until You

come. But we know this one thing, that someday You will come, and we don't know what hour that will be. But let us live each hour that, if it was that hour, we'd be ready to go to stand in Your Presence, to hear it be said, "It was well done, My good and faithful servant; enter into the joys of the Lord, that's been prepared for you since the foundation of the world." We dedicate ourselves, with this building, and Your Word, to the honor

and glory of God, through the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen. 62-0704 - We Would See Jesus Rev. William Marrion Branham

345 One woman said to me, not long ago, about a year ago or two, she said, "Brother Branham, when in the world, when you're home, the sick people pouring in, when you are out here in the meetings, when do you ever have any rest?"

346 A few years ago...You look in the book back there, you wouldn't know I was the same man. When I returned home after my first great meeting, even my baby was scared of me and run from me. I'd lost most of my hair, had come out. My shoulders had shrunk down. Something had happened. What's the matter? It's by the revelation of the vision of God that moves down, and I know it's sapping my life, daily.

347 I looked the other day, when I was standing, using my razor. I thought, "Oh, how can it be that these few years has made such in you, boy?" But one of these days when I cross over on the other side, things will be different then.

348 I love you. I am here at this place of Hammond, Indiana, to do my very best to help you. I'm here to pray with you; I'm here to do all I can. And as you see me laboring with all my soul to try to get people to believe on Jesus Christ; and at that glorious day when I come up before Him there, I'd like to look back and see this whole mass of people standing there, and say, "Lord Jesus, that's the best that I could do."

349 To hear Him say, "It was well done My good and faithful servant: enter into the joys of the Lord," That's where I expect to be someday. One ~ 37 ~

of these days when it draws out, I'll—I'll be done, and I'll have to stand before Him.

Let's bow our heads just a moment.

350 Heavenly Father, as I look back, trying here, knowing that I got a service tonight, realizing that I must hold myself together with all that I've got, to minister to the people. As I think back down along that life's journey there, all the sorrows, and heartaches, and hungers, and mistakes.

351 God, there may be a young man setting here today, or a young woman, just stepping out on the crossroads of life. There may be some man or woman that's spent the most of their days and yet never has accepted Thee.

352 How thankful I am when I walk over to the grave of my loved one laying there, knowing this: that that is like a corn of wheat that fell into the earth, that in there lays a germ of immortal life, that it, too, shall come, just when the Son comes. When the Son of God shines His righteousness upon the earth, then will my little Sharon Rose rise, then when I embrace her in my arms, say, "Darling baby, God knowed best. He knowed I had no way to take care of you. He knowed what was best. Maybe you'd have got out here in some of these

roadhouses, or something, and been like some of the modern girls. He took you. I know where you are now, sweetheart: with Mommy. And someday Daddy will come."

353 O God, I pray today, as Your servant, I pray that if there's that person here that doesn't know You just at this time, that they will say, "This is the hour that I'm going to bypass all those troubles. I'm going to accept Christ as my Saviour. I'm going to be filled with His Spirit, and I'm going to live for You." If there's a young couple here, Lord, that doesn't know You, I pray that this will be the hour of their decision. Grant it, Father.

354 Excuse me for being a baby, Lord, but just the memories of old times, how those sorrowful days of sweat, and tears, and toils, and heartaches, and death, and hunger. God, may Your Spirit now speak peace to some heart.

355 And while we have our heads bowed, if there's anybody in the building that would—would like to become a Christian just at this time, would you raise up your hand? Say, "Brother Branham, I believe that God hears your prayer. I want you to pray for me. I want to now accept Christ."

356 God bless you, you, you, someone on down here on the lower floors again. Someone else wants to accept Christ as personal Saviour, wants to be remembered in prayer, believe that God hears my prayer, would you come forward? Would you just raise your hand, first?

357 Up in the balconies to my left, is there a sinner up there would like to accept Christ? If you see the miracles of God, and see that God answers my prayer, would you accept Him now as your Saviour, believe it? I'd just remember you in a word of prayer. Will you raise your hand? As you're setting up there. You may all be Christians. I don't know. God knows your heart. I love you.

358 To the balconies to the back, if anyone back there would want to say, "Brother Branham, remember me, I am a sinner. Just pray for me that I'll be saved." Would you raise your hand? God bless you, sir, I see your hand. God bless you, sis, I see your hand.

52-0720A - Life Story Rev. William Marrion Branham