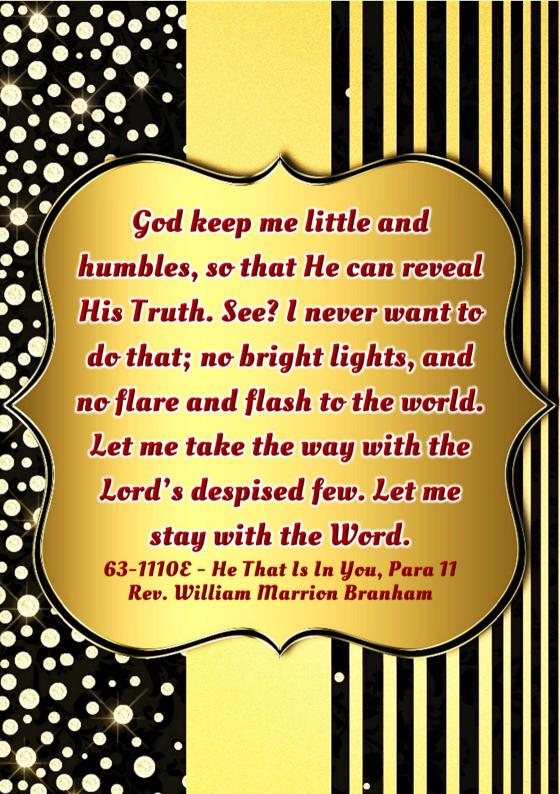


From The Sermons Of
WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM



l'd rather be the son of the Lord Jesus, and His fellow servant, and take my place with the rejected people of this world, than to be President of this great United States of America, or to be an Elvis Presley, or a Pat Boone, or whoever you want to make it. I'll take my way.

58-0720M - By Faith, Moses, Para 107 Rev. William Marrion Branham 142 So, the people tried, them Pharisees, and Sadducees, and hypocrites, and Herodians, and all tried to cast a shadow on Jesus. But them true believers that was predestinated to hear that Message, heard It and seen no fault in It at all.

143 Same now. Those who believe Him, love Him. Those who believe Him, see no fault in Him. They don't see any heresy. They don't see

anything wrong. They don't see anything wrong with His Word. They don't see anything wrong with His people. They just see Jesus. That's all. They, they're—they're predestinated to Eternal Life, so they just take sides with Jesus and stay there.

144 We used to sing a little song, Brother Roy Roberson. And we used to sing a little song here, I guess, time you come here.

I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few.

I started in with Jesus, and I'm going through.

I'd rather walk with Jesus alone,

And have for my pillow, like Jacob, a stone.

145 Well, you've heard the little song. That's right. I'd rather take the way of the discord, take the way of the despised, take the way of the talked-about, and walk with

Jesus. See no fault in It, at all. Don't see another fellow's error. Just keep on going. That's all.

Now, that's the way they did to Jesus. They didn't—they didn't...

And you must teach your people, you pastors, to do the same.

62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus Rev. William Marrion Branham 72 And in this faith walk, there comes a time there has to be a choice.

73 Lot made that sad mistake that we make. A lot of times we choose for our own good. We choose things that would be better.

74 Sometime if there's a little squabble comes in the church, and someone would say, "Well, the deacon or the pastor is on this side." Don't look at that. Look at what's

righteous. Get that thing out and bring them both together. That's godly.

75 There's a choosing. And we choose for ourself. We choose something that's for our own good.

76 But Moses chose the afflictions and the disgrace, that he might walk with the people of God. Think of it now. Listen to it. "Chose the afflictions of the people of God, and counted it a greater

treasure, for he endured, seeing Him Who was invisibly."

Now, Lot, one time, had to make a choice.

77 And it may be, this morning, that there'll be men and women setting here, that'll make your final choice. You are today what you are, because several years ago you chose to be what you are now. And what you choose now will determine what you'll

be five years from today. Five years from today you may be a missionary. Five years from today you may be a renown Christian.

78 Or, five years from today you may be in hell, because you made the wrong decision. Five years from today you may be cleaning spittoons in a barroom. Five years from today you may be a prostitute on the street.

79 Or, you may be a man or a woman that's a—that's a credit to any society, because of your choice for Christ. Five years from today you may be in Glory, gone in the Rapture, because you made your choice today.

And don't look at what you see. Choose what you see by faith. That's the only thing that will count, is what you choose by faith.

81 Lot, as he had to make a choice. Abraham give Lot his choice.

82 And God gives you your choice. "Choose you this day who you shall serve." In the garden of Eden there was a tree of-of knowledge, and a Tree of Life. Man was given the privilege to choose either one he desired. And so is it today. You're given your privilege, as free moral agents, to choose whatever you want to choose.

83 My advice to you, is, don't look at the modern things around you, and the popularity and the glamour that you could be. But choose, rather, by faith, Him that give the promise that some day He will come and will righten all wrongs, and will give you Eternal Life, and raise you up. No matter if you take the despised way with the Lord's

few, make that choice. If there is troubles in the hand, if there is troubles in the land, if there's troubles in the church, if there's troubles in the home, no matter where it is, make your choice, "By faith, I'll serve God. I'll humble my heart in His Presence. I'll take the way with God's children. I see them despised and rejected, and drove out and made fun of, but I'll still take my post of duty. I'll stay right by. And when they cry, I'll cry with

them. And when there is sorrow, I shall sorrow with them. The way they live, I'll live."

84 Like Naomi said...Or, Ruth said to Naomi, "Your ways be my ways. My ways be your ways. Where you live, I'll live. Where you go, I'll go. The God that you serve will be my God." Take that choice, though it pulls the very skin off of your conscience, of thinking that you're

somebody. Skin yourself down and take your way with the Lord's despised few, and stay loyal on the field of service and at the post of duty.

85 Lot looked around. He said, "I got a choice." And he looked towards Sodom. He saw the good grassy fields were better than what Abraham saw, and where Abraham was. He saw the opportunities to graze his

cattle, to have fatter and better cattle.

86 I hope I'm not hurting anyone's feeling. But that's been the stand of too many preachers, to compromise with the Gospel, thinking that they get more money out of it. [Brother Branham claps his hands three times-Ed.] A meal ticket! I'd rather live in the barren land, eat, drink from a branch, and eat soda crackers, than to compromise

upon the conviction of my faith in the Word of the living God. I'll take my way.

87 Some of them said, "Billy, what's the matter with your meeting, as there's too many Pentecostals at it." A great denominational minister said that.

I said, "Will your denomination sponsor my meeting?"

88 Not long ago, in the Look magazine, I believe,

there was an article. And the writer said there, talked about the Pentecostal people. He said, "The Pentecostal church is the fastest growing church in the world today." Why? Is because men and women has raised up their eyes and looked far off.

89 And the writer also complimented the Pentecostal people. Oh, of course, he said, "There was some of them that went

radical, and so forth. But, the Methodist worship a creed. They worship God by a creed. The Baptist does the same, and the Presbyterians. But the Pentecostal worships by his Bible."

90 By faith we see the promise. I'll take my lot with them, no matter how much they're despised, I'm still one of them. Though they be made fun of, and have their up's-and-down's, as Israel did,

I'll never want to stand with the false prophet on the hillside, a Balaam, and try to curse what God has blessed. Because, in that camp is a smitten Rock, and a bloody Sacrifice, and a Pillar of Fire. No matter what they're in, it's leading them on to victory, and they've got to come to it, because they are the promised people that's walking by faith. Though they be not a denomination, they were wanderers around, and

so is the people of God. But I want to take my way with them, join up with them in their ranks; not in their denomination, but in their fellowship around the articles of God's Eternal Spirit, which, by faith I have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God help me to always have that attitude.

91 Notice. As they moved on, we find that Lot saw the opportunities for a—a fatted

cattle. Many see the opportunities of a fatted pocketbook. Many sees the opportunities of a better social standing. He saw the possibilities of a few extra dollars. He saw the possibilities of being the mayor of the city. Being a stranger, and a pretty smart man, as he was, "Maybe I will become the chief man of the city." He saw the possibility because they were laying before him. But he did not see

the fire that was to destroy the land. He did not reconcile himself, that the land was full of sin, and God had to destroy it.

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102 Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ. He foresaw Christ. Later he spoke some mighty inspiring words about Him. "See, the Lord your God shall rise up a prophet

like unto me." He knew. He foresaw Him, and he esteemed His reproach greater riches than all the glamour of the world.

103 Christian friend, today, can't you do that? And all the glamour and popularity of the world, by faith, we see Him who promised. And the worst of the church today, in all of its condition, yet It'll out-weigh everything the devil can offer you. If we are tore up, if we are

broke to pieces, if we are confused and broke up, in denominations and fanaticism, it'll out-weigh anything the devil can offer you. Certainly.

104 He esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. Then he had to do something. He forsook Egypt. Oh, I love that word. He forsook Egypt. See, he was looking through the same

window, but he was looking different from Pharaoh. What if Pharaoh could have seen his end? What if Pharaoh would have seen his nation drowned? Moses saw it. How? By science? By faith, Moses saw it. Everything that he did was by faith, because God promised Abraham, his father, that He would-He would visit this nation after four hundred years, and would bring them out. And by faith, Moses believed the Word that God

said, and knowed himself, as by faith, to be the chosen leader to bring them out. He knew where he was. He took his place in the slime pits, as a mud dauber, and counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than to sit on the throne of Egypt. He took...He never did said, "I sympathize with it." He took their place and went with them! Glory to...He took their place. We went with them.

105 No wonder the inspired writer said:

I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few.

I've started in with Jesus, now I'm going through.

I'm on my way to Canaan's land. (Sure.)

106 Moses. It was said by one that Moses had rather, when he could have been the son of Pharaoh and had the glamour of the world, he would rather be a son of

Abraham than to be the son of Pharaoh. A son of Abraham, the despised, than to be son of Pharaoh, the king.

107 I'd rather be the son of the Lord Jesus, and His fellow servant, and take my place with the rejected people of this world, than to President of this great United States of America, or to be an Elvis Presley, or a Pat Boone, or whoever you want to make it. I'll take my way.

108 Young ladies ought to take their way. Instead of being a—a Mary Pickford, or some great movie star, some glamour girl, take your way with the Lord's despised few.

109 I'd rather be a preacher in the pulpit, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, than to be a Hollywood movie star, or the greatest person on the earth. If I had to eat meager, beg, or whatever I had to do, I'll take my way with

the Lord's people. By faith, I do that. I've been offered opportunity. But, by God's grace, I still see by faith.

By faith I can see it afar;

And our Father waits over the way,

To prepare us a dwelling place There.

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112 Moses, he had to make a choice. And then he had to,

after making a choice, he had to fight the faith, then, for he feared not the wrath of the king. Now, humanly, he had a right to fear the wrath. He had a right to fear the wrath of the king, but he didn't. He did not do it, because he had a job to do, and he was in the line of duty. And he didn't care what the king said about it. He took His way just the same.

113 Now, Pharaoh, of course, when he sees he's

defeated, he wanted to give Moses and the children...He said, "All right, I'll tell you what I'll do. You all just stay in the land and go out and sacrifice to your God."

114 That's the way the devil works. "Oh, you can be religious. Why don't you go over and join some church? You don't have to do all these things." A man says to his wife...

115 The wife says, "Husband, I got saved. No more manicure, or lipstick and stuff. No more of this. No more parties. No more of these society things. I'm out of it! I'll put my time to reading the Word, taking care of home."

116 "Now, look, dear. You, you can be religious, all right. Now, look, you—you go over here. You got the wrong church."

117 No, you ain't. You're in the right one. If you got a preacher that will preach that to you, you ought to stay with it. Search back through the Scriptures and find if that's right.

118 "Oh," said, "go over here. They don't—they don't have to do that over here. See? They don't do this over here." That's the way... "Just go so far." But he don't want you to get out of the land.

That's the way the devil does. He don't want you to get out of the things of the world; just bring the world in with the church.

119 The other day, coming down the road, I turned on my radio. And there was a—a song, and I kept listening, and I had to take, nearly, the song through, before I could tell whether it was absolutely a religious song, or the devil is trying to bring down the things

of God to the level of the world. You can't do that! God be merciful!

120 I don't care how many albums Elvis Presley writes, of all the good religious songs. He's still possessed of the devil. He sent more children to hell, and all the moves I know of, in all the world in this day. Pat Boone and the rest of them, he belonged to the church of Christ; and Elvis Presley, a Pentecostals;

they're Judas Iscariot, in the form of those men. The devil is trying to bring the high things of God, so that they can mix them down here. The people won't look up Above, This. They just look here, say, "Well, it's all the same." It isn't same. Get out of the land.

121 Said, "You can just go a few days. And you go, stay in the land." Sure, he knowed they'd be back. Then he found out that wouldn't work, so he

thought something different. He said, "I'll tell you what you do. You go on out anywhere you want to go, but you leave all your wives, all your children, and all your cattle, back here. You leave them here, and you go out." Cause, he knowed they had possession back there, that would lure them back.

122 And that's what the devil says to you. Just long as you leave some of the things

of the world hanging on you, you still want to smoke, you want to drink, you want to dress like the world, that's as good as the devil wants.

123 I hear so much about backsliding. I don't believe there's so much backsliding as people think there are. They just leave too many possessions in Egypt to lure them back, that's all. Backslidings are not what they say it is. You left too

much of the world back there, that lures you.

124 Brother, I tell you, when Israel got ready, at midnight, they had everything they had in this world, packed up and ready to go.

125 God send us a revival like that. We pack up everything, and get ready to go. The midnight cry is a coming, "Go ye out to meet Him." You better have everything packed up. You

better not have nothing, this world, luring you back, any strings to hold you down. Pack up. Let's get ready. We're going.

126 And you know what? I tell you, they was so true to God, till Pharaoh got so excited at midnight, he said, "Get out! Get out, and get going. Take everything you got, and go!"

127 I'm so glad that a man can live so close to God, till the devil don't know what to

do with him. That's right. Get out! Get going! Obey God!

128 By faith, he saw the promise. Mud dauber, or no mud dauber, he taken his way with the Lord's despised few. Pharaoh said, "Take all you got and get out of here! I don't know what to do with you." He was so true to God, by faith.

129 Faith will work miracles, if you'll stay true to God. By faith, we see Him.

Our time is up; past time.

130 But, by faith, this morning, lift up your eyes. Don't see what's around you, this modern world, but look and see Him Who give the promise. The Bible said, "We don't see all things perfectly now, but we do see Jesus." You look at Him, this morning, and your ways will be changed.

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