

Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice

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FROM THE SERMONS OF
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***But I'm getting to be
an old man, and I've
been a Christian now
for thirty-three
years; and I know, no
matter what, how
ridiculous it seems,
mind the Lord, do
what the Lord says.***

*63-1110E - He That Is In You
Rev. William Marrion Branham*

***To Obey The Lord Is
Better Than Any
Sacrifice That You
Could Do***



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64-0207 - The Patriarch Abraham
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Book of Genesis again, the 22nd chapter, beginning with the 15th verse, and we expect now just to speak for a few moments and start the service. Genesis 22, beginning with the 15th verse.

And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,

And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:

That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sands which are upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemy;

And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be

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blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.



2 What a promise, because
of obedience! **Obedience is**

what God wants. It was once said, “Obedience is better than sacrifice.” To obey the Lord is better than any sacrifice that you could do.

3 We’re facing now a grand text, tonight, *The Patriarch Abraham*, which was called “the father of the Faith,” because that God made him the promise to inherit the earth, and his Seed. And it’s through Abraham we, being dead in Christ, become

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Abraham's Seed and are heirs
with Him according to the
promise.

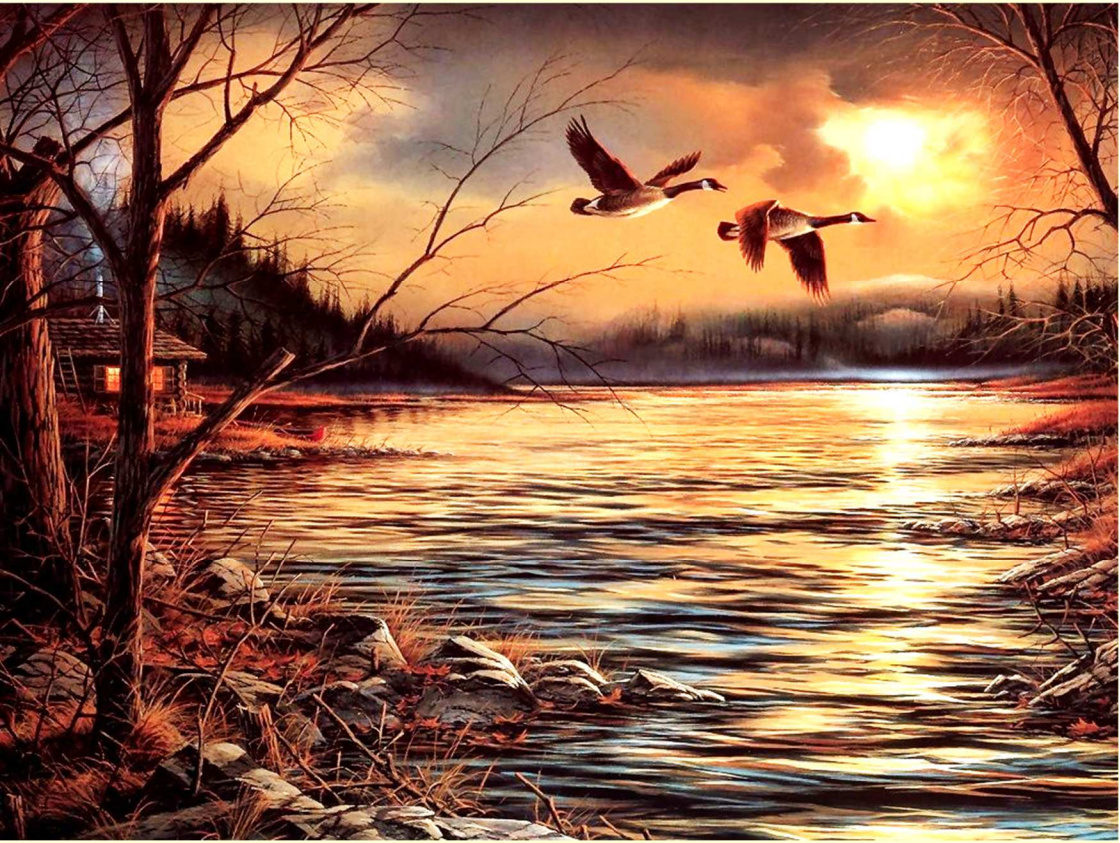


4 Now, Abraham was just
an ordinary man, wasn't

something special. God never called him, as far as we have any record, until he was seventy-five years old. His wife, which was his half sister, being sixty-five years old at the time, they had probably lived together since they were very young. And she was barren, and had no children. God called a complete separation, to separate himself from the rest of the world, and from all of his people, and from all of his

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kindred. There was a special thing for him to do.



5 And when God expects you to do a special thing, He demands a complete

separation from any doubt. You've got to come to full obedience, to obey what He says. God demands it. You can't do it no other way.

And, now, He always sets an example, and that was His example, of a complete separation from all of his family, all of his kindreds, and so forth, to walk a life separated to God.

6 Years passed, nothing happened, but still Abraham held on. He was not

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discouraged. “He never staggered at the promises of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God.”



7 Year by year, as it went by, no doubt many critics come by and said, “Abraham, father of nations, how many children do you have now?” That didn’t stagger him. No child, and Sarah was past the time of life, of bearing children, course, way beyond menopause, but still Abraham believed God just the same. He made preparations for the baby, because he knew and was fully persuaded that God could not make a promise that

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He wasn't big enough to back up.



8 His Seed should think the same thing. **Regardless of how unreal it seems, how**

unnatural it seems to the natural mind, yet God cannot make a promise that He is not big enough to take care of. We believe that same thing today. Every true Seed of Abraham believes the same thing. No matter what circumstances in, how much knowledge we've accumulated, how many things has happened, how unnatural it is to the natural mind, how foolish it is, rather, to the natural

**mind, it doesn't make a bit
of difference. If God said so,
that's it. And the Seed of
Abraham are settled upon
THUS SAITH THE LORD.
That settles it.**



9 We find out, at twenty-five years later, no children. And still God was faithful to keep His promise to Abraham, for Abraham believed God. The little boy came on the scene, little Isaac.

10 Then after little Isaac had come on the scene, then we find out that God gave him a double test. He said, “This child...” After being now about a hundred and fifteen years old, or twenty, Abraham was. He said, “I want you to take

this, your only son, and take him up to the mountain that I will show you, and there offer him up, on this mountain, for a sacrifice.” In other words, destroy every evidence that he had that the promise would be fulfilled. That’s taking away all the natural things.

11 And Abraham said, “I received him as one from the dead. And I’m fully persuaded that He is able to raise him up from the dead.”



12 That's the people now
the Seed of Abraham,
because He raised us from
the dead. We were dead in sin
and trespasses. And He Who
was able to change my mind,
change my thoughts, change
my nature, change me all

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over, He can do as He pleases. Whatever He says, I believe it's the Truth, and every Seed of Abraham believes the same thing.



13 Abraham, not disobedient to God, taken the little boy. And on this morning, told the servants, “You wait here with the mules. And the son and I will go yonder to worship, and he and I will return.” Oh, how is he going to do it? When he goes up to the top of the mountain, to take his own son’s life, yet he says, “The child, the lad and I will return.” He knowed that something had to happen. And he didn’t know just how

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God was going to do it; that isn't his question. He knows that God promised it.



14 That's all we care to know, God promised it! How is it going to be? I can't tell you. But God said so! He will send Jesus Christ, the second time, He will come in a physical form. He will claim His Own. There will be one thousand years, millennium reign upon this earth, with Him, with the redeemed. That's what He promised, and we are looking for that hour to approach.



15 He promised to heal the sick, to raise the dead, to cast

out devils. He promised to do it. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. How? I don't know. He promised to do it! We believe it; that settles it. When a man believes God, he believes all He says.

16 And that's the way Abraham believed God. Now was asked to destroy every evidence that His promise would be taken care of, but he was persuaded that God could do it.



17 Now, not only did He give this great promise, He give it to his Seed, also. And because Abraham was faithful, and kept the—the Word of God that God promised him, and knowed that God could raise up this

child. And he spared not his own child; but (God) was a type of God giving His Son, of course; as he packed the wood up the mountain, and so forth; as Christ later packed His Own sacrifice block, up the hill, to where He was crucified.

18 We realize that in this, in doing this, it pleased God so well to see that Abraham loved Him above everything on earth, even his only son. He loved Him above what

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**anybody could say,
anybody could do, he still
loved God enough to
believe His Word.**



**19 All Abraham's Seed
believes God like that. They**

are believing God. And we know that it pleased God so well that here is what He said, “Thy Seed shall possess the gates of its enemy. Thy Seed shall possess the gates of its enemy.” Remember, that’s **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Abraham’s Seed believes that. If you are genuine Seed of Abraham, the faith that Abraham had in God, it’s in you. And you believe,

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that what God has said, God keeps His promise.



20 And He said it, now remember, He only made this promise to Abraham after He had give him a test.

The Seed of Abraham must first be tested, to see if they really believe the Word. Remember, the only way that he could keep the promise of God, because he believed the promise of God, and was tested whether he believed It or not.

21 We are brought to that test. The Seed of Abraham, today, is brought to that test. Will we take God's Word, or we take what man

said about It? Will we take what some organization has made up as a creed, and accept that, or do we take what God said? If God's Word is true, we believe God's Word, regardless of what anything else is. We let every man's word be a lie, and God's be the Truth. The true Seed of Abraham! But before you can become that true Seed, you've got to go through the test, like Abraham did, himself. He

**promised not only to
Abraham, but his Seed
would possess the enemies'
gates. Oh, my!**



22 Just think, the patriarch was fully persuaded in it, in his test of the promise of the Word of God, was right. Regardless of what the circumstances was, he still believed the Word was right. The Abraham, the great patriarch, never wavered in faith, when he was brought to that testing time. He believed that God was able to raise him up from the dead. He believed it, because God made the promise. And when God made

a promise that he would be “the father of nations,” and he believed that that was so. He didn’t know how it would be. When the baby come, after he had trusted, twenty-five years, then asked to destroy the baby, he still knew that God’s promise was true, and he gave his son.

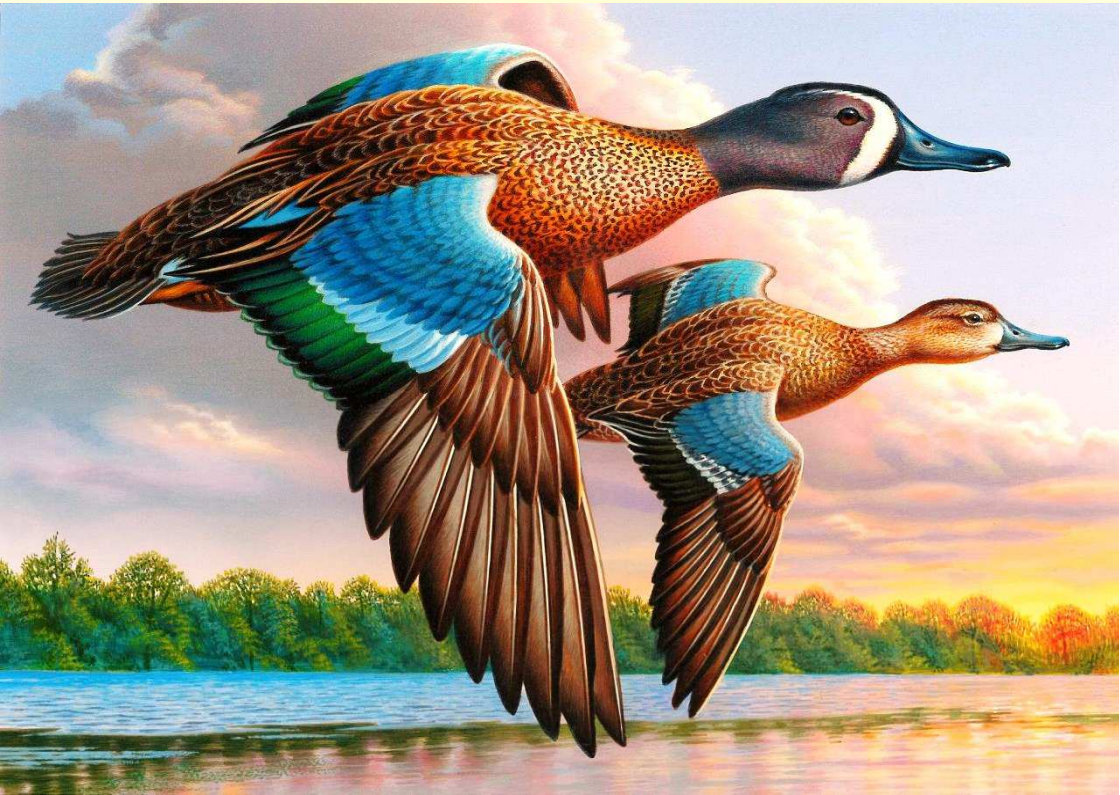
23 His Seed, the same thing! The promise of God is the seal, to those who are the Seed of Abraham. The promise is a seal, a signed

witness. And when we believe every promised Word, then the seal is given to us, to confirm the promise by. See, if we—if we, being the Seed of Abraham, we go through the test whether we're going to believe the Bible, or not. The Bible is the Word of God, because It is God. And then after you've went through the test, to believe.

24 When some of them says, "The days of miracles is

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passed.” If you accept that,
that’s contrary to the Word.



25 If you say, “You do not
receive the Holy Ghost, today.
There is no such a thing. Just

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the twelve apostles received
It.”



26 The Word said, Peter
preaching It on the Day of
Pentecost, he said, “Repent,

every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

27 That's just exactly what It means. It's, now if you are ready to take the test, of God's acid test, and follow that prescription, I'm telling you, you will find out that God

keeps His Word, if you'll believe It. That's right. But you've got to go through that, because that's the seal; when you can receive It, then you will receive the promise. Because, It's God's prescription, the way we should do it, and that's the way we've got to follow It, just what He said. Now not just to some, but "whosoever," whosoever believeth, whosoever repenteth, whosoever believeth. It's to all

generations, to all peoples,
whosoever wants to believe It.
And faith in God's Word
brings you to this promise.
Then, and then only, can you
have power to possess the
seal of the promise.



28 And the promise that we receive, the seal, is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That's right. For that is God in form of Spirit, you being His Word in you, then He comes in. If you receive the Word in you, the Holy Spirit is the only thing that can make That live, and then you have the promise of possessing the gate of every enemy that tries to attack you. That's right. God promised it, and it's so.



29 Now, remember, you can only do it then, and then only, after being tested by the Word.

30 Abraham was tested by the Word. “Will you believe,

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Abraham, that you'll have the son?"

"Yes."



31 The son come. "Now destroy him. Do you still believe it, Abraham?"

32 “I believe it, yet, for You’re able to raise him up from the dead.”

33 And after that, He said, “Now, your Seed shall possess the gate of its enemy.” Amen! After the test come!

34 Let’s check up on some of the seed of Abraham, in the natural seed. Which, we be today the spiritual Seed. But let’s find out, by the natural seed, of some of them that believed the full promise of

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God, and never que-...[Blank
spot on tape—Ed.]



35 I said, “By the way, what
does a Christian girl want to

show her underneath skirt for?
I can't understand that."

36 You are born again, of God, you got the beauty of the Holy Ghost to show that what you are, you are. You've got virtue that these scandal skirts don't have. That's right. A real woman of God, that stands out with virtue, you might be laughed at, and called old fashion; but you got something that they can't touch, and done lost it and never can have it again.

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That's right. You got virtue.
That's what God looks for, is
virtue. See?

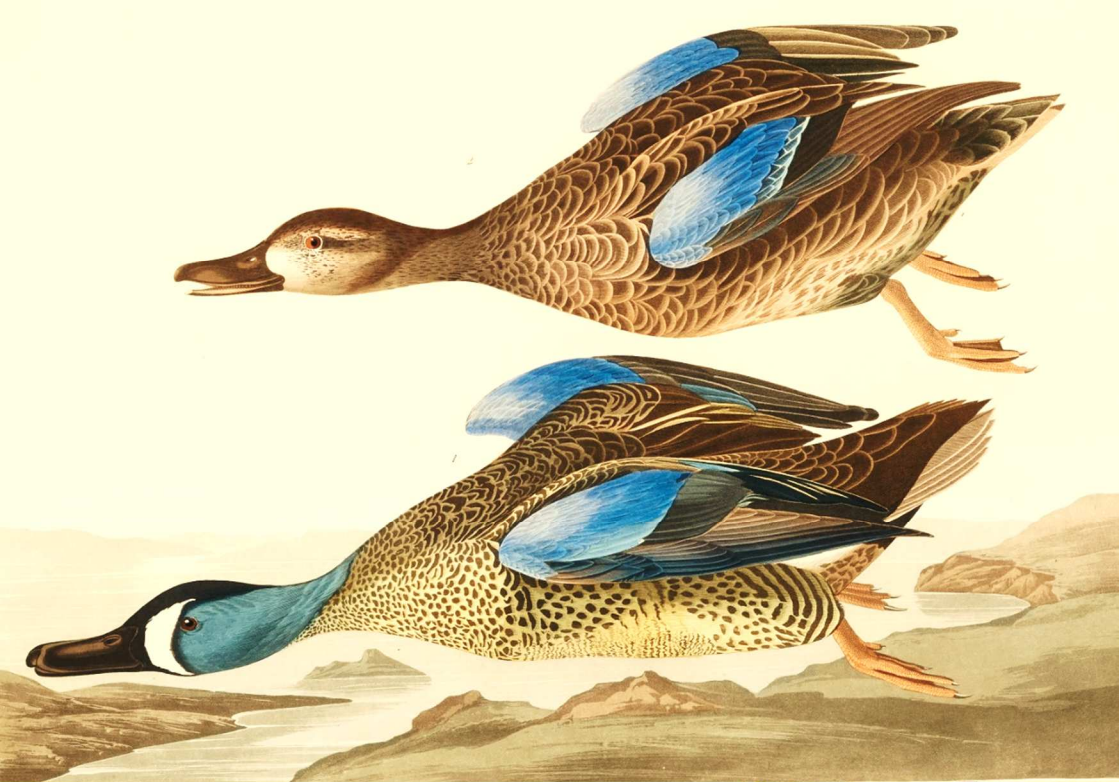


37 But the first thing, if
there's a question in your
mind, don't you do it at all.

Don't you come in a prayer line if there's a question in your mind. Don't you come unless you absolutely believe it, emphatically, there's not a wave in your mind, at all, but what you're going to be healed, then you'll go off this platform a well person. That's right, when there's not a question in your mind, at all. You must believe God, not make-believe. Really believe!

38 And the Seed of Abraham believes it because the Word said so, and that's

the reason we believe it. Not because somebody has criticized, because somebody else said so. Because God said so, that makes it the Truth. When God says it, that settles all questions. He is the last word. He is the ultimate. When God says anything, that settles it. There is nothing else can speak against It. "Every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth."









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down one time, down in...
Philip was there preaching,
and the Samaritans were being
saved, and great joy and
power. And the Lord called
him aside to talk to one man
there: a eunuch of Ethiopia.”**

**Is that right? He never did
return to the city any more.
See? Obedience is better than
sacrifice (Is that right?),
hearkening to the farts of rams.**

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Message: **54-0321** - *What
Think Ye Of Christ?*

10 Here's something
stayed on my heart for twenty-
four hours. I don't know
whether it's the Lord or not.
It's never come to a vision.
That's what I watch, is the
visions; then I got **THUS
SAITH THE LORD**. But this
has been impressed on my
heart. I spoke with Billy today

at the hotel about it. Our meetings are too short. We just come in and our meetings from, say, five nights. That's still too short. I like to come to a city this size and stay a month or two (See?), and just go to a place here. 'Cause most of the time, just about time for me to say, this will take place and that will take place, that you're gone.

Mr. Brewer called me from the Peace River—or not Peace River but Wood River,

and he said, "Brother Branham, we have taken you on tape recording." And said, "And everything that you've said while under inspiration, the different things that was going to take place," said, "everything is absolutely fulfilled to the dot." See? Well, it's God. He said, "Just come back, just one night, just one night." Said, "Could you come tomorrow?" That was tonight.

I Said, "No, I'm in Chicago."
And then...



11 Now, my meetings has never been able to be set up, because—like it ought to be, like Brother Roberts and them does, because Brother Roberts has his meetings set two and three years ahead. And he goes to a city, and he can stay there till it's over. And that's all. He can stay as long as he wants to, put his meetings for two or three weeks at a time, sometimes six weeks at a time. But mine, I can be right in the midst of a

meeting; He'll give me a vision and send me somewhere else, and just walk right out and leave it. See? So I can't have meetings like those men. They are—they... 'Course they're doing just what God told them to do. I believe. That's—they're to do that.

My ministry, I've been right in meetings where people would be packed and jammed and standing on their feet, in a hour's time, be on the road somewhere else. See? It's

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wherever He calls me, I have
to go right then.

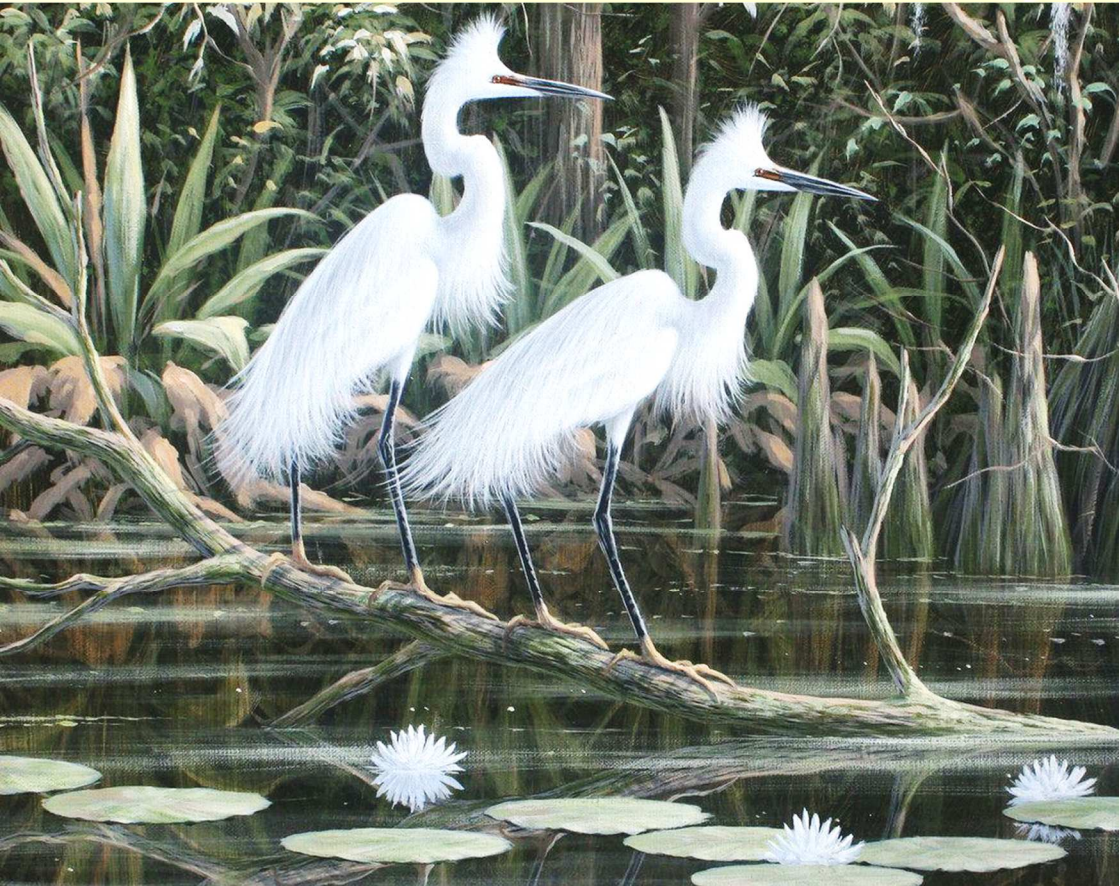


I had a group of ministers,
recently... Oh, they was about

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to tear me to pieces over here about it. And said, “Oh, Brother Branham, you can’t leave.”

I said, “Oh, yes. It’s God first.” See? I must go.



And he said, “Well, what about if God told us to set this meeting here?”

I said, “God had a meeting down one time, down in... Philip was there preaching, and the Samaritans were being saved, and great joy and power. And the Lord called him aside to talk to one man there: a eunuch of Ethiopia.” Is that right? He never did return to the city any more. See? Obedience

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*54-0321 - What Think Ye Of Christ?
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and go into your house."***

***Now, the man never
questioned Him. He just
obeyed. And obedience is
better than sacrifice. Is
that right?***

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Message: **48-0304 - The Angel Of God**

31 Remember... As I was speaking to Doctor Bosworth a few moments ago about Saint John 5:19, where He said there that... When He healed the man at the pool, and He went up and the Jews were testing Him, He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son doeth nothing in Himself; but what He sees the

Father doing, that doeth He also.” See?

Now, notice. He passed by that pool there where there was probably ten thousand people laying. Now, when the Bible said, “Great multitudes,” that meant, “many people,” didn’t it. Maybe ten thousand people there of lame, blind, halt, and all kinds of people laying there: deaf, dumb, lunatics. And He went to a man that’d had an infirmity for twenty-eight years. And He

said, “Sir, would you be made whole?”

And he said, “I have no one to put me in the water. And when I’m going to the water...” See, he could walk. “When I’m going to the water, somebody a little better off than I am steps down before me.”

He said, “Take up your bed and go into your house.” Now, the man never questioned Him. He just obeyed. And

obedience is better than sacrifice. Is that right?

He never said, “Well, Who are You to tell me that?” He just obeyed what he was told to do, picked up his bed...

48-0304 - The Angel Of God
Rev. William Marrion Branham

***Whatever the Spirit of
God says do, do it.***

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Message: **50-0815 - Who Is God?**

Notice. Now, the only way that you'll ever get anywhere with God, is to believe that He's here, and He's a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. You've got to believe that. And God...

If I should say to—to this man, young fellow, two of them setting here in wheelchairs. If I would say to

them, “Rise up, you’re healed. You can walk.” And now, many of these people sitting along here in these wheelchairs, if I’d say to them, “Rise up and walk, for Christ has healed you.”

Now, if they’d say, “Now, look. I’ve been crippled a...” That would be all of it. That’s all.

You’ve got to have faith to believe that I have told you the truth. And I would not tell you, unless first I knowed it

was the truth. And I'm sure, though me being a man, and subject to mistakes, that God is infallible, and can't make a mistake. See?

And He said, "If you believe. According to your faith, be it unto you." Is that right? We believe it.

26 Now, many times, I look on the sick. People criticizing and poke their finger at me, say, "Well, I brought somebody down there, and they wasn't nothing happened

to them.” That same old devil that said, “Come down off of the cross, we’ll believe You.” It still lives in man today...?...

Friend, I couldn’t say nothing, to be honest before God, until I knew about it. Would you expect me to stand up here upon the—the... Well, I call the “intoxication” of your rebuke, or something, and do something wrong to cause God’s Church to have a reproach upon it? Never.

I listen to one person, and that's God. Managers, or anything, I have, I think, the best managers in the world. They don't... They can set a meeting anywhere they wish to, but I'm at liberty.

Whatever the Spirit of God says do, do it. If He called me from this platform right now to go pray for somebody across the nation, I'd go right now. That's right. And no matter what happened here, I'd go

right then. It's better to obey than to sacrifice. That's true.

27 But if He tells me something... Sometimes I'll catch the person and look right at them. And many times, if you'll notice, I'm always turning. That's... I know that, the pull of the faith coming in to me. If I stop, It'll start calling people. See? And I try to keep from that just as much as I possibly can, looking right upon the audience, 'cause as soon as

you contact a person, the visions start raising. Nine out of ten will start. And when they do, then that...

But that doesn't heal the person. But if... If you can get the people to believe then, sometimes, speaking to them, telling them what's wrong, well then, it'll—it'll... they'll believe. That'll give them faith. But I couldn't tell you what's wrong with you until God first showed me. I'm...

28 Jesus passed by the cripples and left them lay there. He said, "I can do nothing except the Father shows Me first." Is that right? Saint John 5:19. "Verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself but what He sees the Father doing." See? It has to be showed first.

Balaam, when he tried to curse Israel, he blessed Israel. And Balak asked him why. He said, "How can any prophet say anything 'less

God put it in his mouth.” See? You can’t say it. There’s no need.

So, just keep praying, everybody in the attitude of prayer, and then believe. And if God tells me anything to say to you, I’ll say it. And when I say it, believe it.

29 Here not long ago, a lady come in the prayer line. She’s having a fast line. She’s walking across...?... I believe it Tulsa, Oklahoma. And she was walking through the line

on her crutches. And I said, “Sister, will you believe me as God’s servant?”

She said, “Yes, sir.”

I said, “Go up to the place and throw your crutches down, and go on down walking.”

And she said, “But, sir, I— I’ve been on these crutches here for two years.”

I said, “You’ll probably always be on them.” And she went on. It was over.

30 About a twenty minutes later, a lady come through that two ushers had to help her. And I felt the Spirit drawing to her. She looked up, and she was crying.

I said, “Mother, do you believe?”

She said, “I believe with all my heart, that whatever you’d ask God, God would do it.”

I said, “Walk up there (as I told the lady a while ago), and throw those crutches away and go on.”

Just stood and watched her. She walked up there. They had to help her, poor old thing, so feeble. She held one like that. Took her crutches, and throwed them down. And down through that building she went, around and around just a screaming.

Now, what if she wouldn't have done that. See, see? I have to know first. And you obey and do what you're told to do.

31 When you get out of here and some critical doctor... All doctors won't be that narrow minded. But if some critical doctor tells you you're not healed, and so forth, and don't believe in that. You just go right on, and do what God told you to do. Don't you listen to none of it. Go to another doctor if you want to see a doctor, that'll serve God—serve God. Now, you...

Now, remember. I am not against doctors, or medical

treatments, hospitals, or any of them. Anything that can help anybody, relieve poor suffering humanity, God bless every effort that's put forth. I pray that God will send some kind of a—a serum somewhere to those scientists, that'll kill every cancer there is in the world. I hope that He will send something that'll kill TB, or anything can be done. I trust that He will do it. I pray that He will do it.

32 But now, brother, there's no healing can take place unless God calls for it Himself. "I'm the Lord that healeth all of thy diseases." It can only be through God. The best of doctors take their own medicine and die. That's true. They'll go along here...

Here not long ago, I seen where a Christian Science woman was trusting God for her child in California. It died. And from Maine to California, the papers throwed it out:

“Divine Healing. All Fanaticism. Baby dies without medical treatment.” And the same time that was passing over the nation, the doctors lost at least ten thousand cases. But they wouldn’t want to brand medical science fanaticism.

33 If I could go here at the graveyard here tonight, and say, “All you died under medical treatments, stand up. And all you died under trusting the Lord, and stand up.”

Weigh it in the balance. Sauce for the goose is for the gander. And if you have to measure all Divine healing because one case was lost; then if one case is lost under medical treatment, it's fanaticism. Come, let us reason together. That is right.

If one case was lost by Divine healing, 'cause someone had not enough faith to walk up to receive it, and it all had to be branded fanaticism, then one medical

treatment that was lost, one patient, when there's hundreds dying in your city and around about, daily under medical treatment... That's right.

34 Now, the thing that men ought to do, if you got any heart, if they're not wild about money, and afraid they're going to lose a few pennies, if you'll just come together and say, "Brother, ministers, and all together, let's work together with this thing, and

try to help our fellow man," it'll be better off, the world will be. God would bless us then. That's true.

I do not say anything against medical science, or against anything. I'm not here to make judgment. I'm here to preach the Gospel, and pray for the sick. And I can heal no one. No doctor can heal anyone. They never did claim to be healers. Mayo's is the best authorities, I guess, they have. They said, "We do not

claim to be healers. We claim to assist nature. There's One Healer; that's God." That's right. That's the best authority.

So if a doctor tells you he's a healer, he's a quack. That's all. That's true. As a minister, I've seen just as many quack ministers as I have doctors too. Anything that don't believe in God's Word, to me, is a quack. That's right. You're willing to stand out and take the Word the way it is, and say it's right or wrong. True.

Now, believe God. Have faith in God.

35 And when the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is here to inspire you, remember, God will make your body come into your confession. If you say you're a drunkard, and want a drink. Don't worry, you'll soon be one. If you say you're a sinner, and want to sin, you'll be right into it.

If you say you're a Christian and believe it all along, God will bring... Your testimony will

bring you right into it. If you believe in healing, and believe that God has healed you, confess it, and God will make your body obey your confession, for He's the High Priest of your confession; setting at the right-hand of the Father now with His own Blood to make intercessions for any confession upon anything that He died for.

And He died to rid sin. And sickness is the result of sin. "He was wounded for our

transgressions, with His stripes we are healed.” Remember that. Have faith. Don’t waiver. Stand on it.

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