

Our testings and trials



From The Sermons Of
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**And the Bible said that the
trials that come upon us,
fiery trials, is more precious
than gold to us.**



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*Title: 56-0223 — God's Covenant
With Abraham And His Seed*

57 God doesn't make any difference between His children. Every son that cometh to God must first be tried or chastised. You get it? First be tried, or chastened, corrected, child trained, schooled, every one, not one exception, every son. Have you went through trials? Have you went through tribulations?

Have you suffered persecution?
Then you endure these things,
you are real children of God.

58 But when you can't bear chastisement, when the rod comes down heavy, and you run off and back into the world, the Bible said you're illegitimate children, and not the children of God. For when a man is born of the Spirit of God, he expects those things, and he loves those things. And the Bible said that the trials that come upon us, fiery

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trials, is more precious than gold
to us. Think of it.

*56-0223 — God's Covenant With
Abraham And His Seed*



**You mustn't question
anything, to God**



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*Title: 57-0901E — Hebrews,
Chapter Four*

33 You mustn't question anything, to God.

“For the footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord.”

And every trial is put upon you, to prove you.

And the Bible said, “They’re more precious to you than gold.”

So if God let a few light afflictions happen to you, remember, it's for the correction of you.

“Every son that cometh to God must first be chastened of God, and tried, child-trained.” There's no exceptions. “Every son that cometh.”

And these afflictions are done, are brought about to see what attitude you'll take. See? It's God, on this proving-ground. That's all earth is, is the proving-

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grounds, and where He is trying
to prove you.

*57-0901E — Hebrews, Chapter
Four*



Now, remember. When...God has counted you worthy when you have a test. Now, don't fail this, to get this. When you have a trial or a test, it shows the grace of God has found, you found favor with God, and God believes that you'll stand the test.



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Title: 63-0421 — Victory Day

172 Now, Abraham had had his focus right, because God said, “I’m going to make you a father of nations,” when he was seventy-five years old, and Sarah sixty-five.

173 And he believed God. He, what’d he do? He put his focus on what THUS SAITH THE LORD was. Yes, sir. And he walked right straight with that, what

THUS SAITH THE LORD was. Day after day, he walked. Year after year, he walked, confessing, “Anything contrary to That, was—was not right. No, sir. It had to be That way. God said so.”

174 I imagine some of his enemies walk around, say, “Father of nations, how many children do you have now?”

175 “Don’t make any difference how I have now. I’m a father of nations. That’s all.”

“How do you know?”

176 “God said so. That settles it. That’s just all there is to it. God said it, and that settles it.”

177 So along went Abraham. And he finally come to that very...then, you see, being so loyal; more loyal, more testings. See? So He brought him right back.

178 **Now, remember.**
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worthy when you have a test.
Now, don’t fail this, to get this.
When you have a trial or a test,

it shows the grace of God has found, you found favor with God, and God believes that you'll stand the test.

You remember, He did the same thing by Job.

179 Satan said, “Oh, yes, I seen Job down there.” Said, “He’s not...”

180 God said, “He’s a perfect servant. There’s none in earth like him. There’s nobody like Job. He’s a perfect man. Now, he, he’s My—he’s My pride and joy.”

181 Satan said, “Oh, sure. He gets everything he asks for.” Said, “Let me have him once.” And said, “I, I’ll make him curse You to Your very face.” Said, “I’ll just make him curse You.”

182 God said, “He’s in your hands, but don’t you take his life.” See? **God had confidence in Job.** Amen.

183 **When looks like everything has gone wrong, God is giving you a trial. He’s got confidence in you. He don’t**

have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid. You're a real Christian. God is giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, count it a joy. It's—it's more precious to you than gold."

184 And many times we hem and haw, "Oh, well, if I just..." Well, that, well, that's something God give you, to overcome. He—

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He—He knows you'll do it. He,
He's—He's put His trust in you.



**I'm happy that my heavenly
Father gives whippings to
those who are wrong, and
corrects me when I'm wrong,
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me straighten up, walk like
you should walk.**



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*Title: 55-1118 — The Faith Of
Abraham*

36 All right. When little Isaac come along, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham. Then he got to be about sixteen or eighteen years old, lovely, little boy; and here was Abraham and Sarah enjoying the blessings. Then God said—give Abraham some testing.

Do you believe that children of God have testings and trials?

“Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, chastened.”

Chastised, did you ever have any of it, child-training, bringing you up, giving you a little protoplasmic stimulation once in a while by the Gospel, making you, correction...?

My daddy was awful good at that. Yes, sir. He believed in the golden rule. It laid up over the

door, had all the ten commandments out on it, a hickory stick about that long, brush on the end of it. I tell you, that made discipline in the Branham home. But we love him. What would we have been if he hadn't have did it?

That's the way God is; He brings discipline to His children, trying them, whipping them when they're wrong.

I'm happy that my heavenly Father gives whippings to those

who are wrong, and corrects me when I'm wrong, gives me whippings, makes me straighten up, walk like you should walk.

37 So He told Abraham...He's going to try him, or gave him trials.

And every Christian—every Christian has to be tried.

Peter said, "Think it not strange, beloved, when fiery trials come upon you, for it's only done to prove your faith, that's

more precious to you than—than gold.”

Look when you sick
sometime...How is it the
righteous suffer? Wish we had a
night to preach on it, that how
God does it for His own glory,
turns right back around and
heals that, and starts a testimony.
Amen. God's wonderful.

*55-1118 — The Faith Of
Abraham*

It's one good evidence to us
that God is with us, when
we're tested, for all children
of God are tested and tried.



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*Title: 63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?*

75 In the days of Daniel's time, there was four overcomers that could stand the test of fire and lion.

Now, we're expected to be tested.

That's a good lesson for my—
my brother back there, also.

**“He that cometh to God
must first be tested.”**

Tested (what?) with the Word.

That's God's test.

Do you believe it?

“He that cometh to God must be tested.”

That only shows a true child, then, see, be tested.

And when the test comes on...You can't overcome 'less there's a test give to you. And when test is given, it's to see whether you can overcome or

not. And Jesus said, “To him that overcometh,” the test.

The test is the greatest thing that ever happened to you.

I believe it’s written in the Scripture, Peter said, that, “Our trials are worth more to us than precious gold.”

It’s a testing time.

It’s one good evidence to us that God is with us, when we’re tested, for all children of God are tested and tried.

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63-0825M — *How Can I
Overcome?*



When you get the Holy Ghost,
and—and husband is going to
run you out of the house, or—or
mother is going to make you
leave home, them things, don't
give up and go back into the
world. That's only a testing
time.



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*Title: 62-0120 — The Unchangeable
God Working In An Unexpected
Way*

**When God makes a promise,
and the opposition rise, that's
only to test whether you've
really got the Word, or not.**

The man that's got good gold
don't mind going to the touching
stone. See? That's true. See?

It's only a...**Peter said, I
believe it was, that, "These**

trials are come to test us, try us,” see what we’ll do with it. That’s right.

When you get the Holy Ghost, and—and husband is going to run you out of the house, or—or mother is going to make you leave home, them things, don’t give up and go back into the world. That’s only a testing time.

*62-0120 — The Unchangeable God
Working In An Unexpectable Way*

**We are taught that it is
more precious than gold,
to us.**



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*Title: 59-1108 — Possessing The
Enemy's Gates*

32 Was only a few years later when the trials come, and the church got all shook up, as is so easy for a congregation of people to do when something just don't seem to happen the way that it's supposed to be.

God makes it that way.

God brings tensions into the church, “Every son that

**cometh to God must be tried,
and proven, and tested.”**

He lets sickness strikes you.

**He lets diseases come on
you, to test you and to prove
you, to show the world that
you're truly the Seed of
Abraham. He permits it by His
Own will.**

He permits disasters.

**He permits the friends to
turn against you.**

**He permits all these things,
and turns the devil loose, to
tempt you. And he'll do all but
take your life.**

**He could throw you on a bed
of affliction.**

**He could turn your
neighbors against you.**

**He could turn the church
against you.**

**He can do most anything,
and it's God's will for him to do
it.**

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*59-1108 — Possessing The Enemy's
Gates*



**Now, if God did not spare His
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you or I from the cruel testing.**



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Title: 57-0418 — The Communion

26 Now, if God did not spare His Own Son from the cruel testing, then He will not spare you or I from the cruel testing.

27 And Jesus was here confronting the greatest test that He had ever had, Gethsemane laid just before Him, where that once and final all-sufficient test must come, [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] when the burdens of

the entire world laid upon His blessed shoulder. There was no one in all Heavens or earth could ever stand it but Him. And to know that all of the sins, of past sins, and present sins, and future sins, rested upon this decision. And it was one of the most greatest victories that Christ ever won, or proved His great Messiahship, as when He said to God, "Not My will; Thine be done." That was the greatest victory He had ever won. All the

demons of torment was around to tempt Him and try Him.

28 And when we get right with God, when our hearts become pure, and the Holy Spirit has taken Its place in our heart, it's the most glorious thing to have testing. The Bible tells us that, "Our testings and trials are more precious to us than silver and gold of this world." So, we are, should be thankful.

29 I do not wish to bring my own self into some experience, but just as it comes on my mind, I remember the great and final test that I had of my Christian experience, it was yonder in the hospital out here on Spring Hill. When, my wife was laying in the morgue down here, a corpse, and she had just moved out of this life, to be with God. And the testings and trials was on! Not just someone saying, "Billy, you're a holy roller." Or, that wasn't much testing. And these

other little trials, and so forth, of criticism from the men that I work with, it wasn't much testing. But my great hour of testing come when the doctor, Adair (that I rehearsed it to him yesterday in the hospital when we set together), and when he come down the hall to meet me, and took me by the hand, and said, "Billy, your baby is dying, and there is not a chance for it to live. It's got tubercular meningitis."

I said, “Surely not, doctor!”
And its mother laying, a corpse!

30 And I’d go in. And he said,
“Just come with me.” And we
went to the laboratory, and there
he picked up a little glass tube,
and he shook it. And there
seemed to be a streak in it. He
said, “That is the meningitis germ
and it’s in the baby. We drew this
from the spine, to release the
spasm.” And he said, “In this, we
find that it’s tubercular
meningitis.” Said, “It nursed it

from its mother.” And said, “If that baby should live, it would be crippled, afflicted. But,” he said, “by the mercies of God, the baby is going to be with its mother.”

I said, “Doctor, I want to see the baby.”

He said, “You can’t do it, Billy, because of Billy Paul, your boy.” Said, “You would pack the germ back to him.”

31 And, after trying to encourage me the best that he

knew how, when he left the building, I slipped around and went down into the basement. And when I got there, the hospital at that time wasn't fixed as it is now, and the window was up and the screen was out, and some flies had got into the little fellow's eyes. And I shooed the flies away and looked down at her little body, all drawed, and her little legs moving back and forth. And I said to her, "Sharry, honey, do you know daddy?"

32 And it seemed like that she was trying to wave her little hand to me; about eight or nine months old. And I looked at her. And she was suffering so hard, a little innocent baby, until one of her little baby-blue eyes crossed. So much pain! Oh, I would have took it at anytime, in her stead.

33 And I knelt down on my knees, with the doors closed, and I said, “O God, Father, there lays my wife, the baby’s mother laying yonder in the undertaker’s

morgue. There's Billy Paul on the bed, sick. And here is my baby, dying. You surely, Lord, won't take her. I love her. And she resembles her mother. I want to raise her. Won't You please, O God, spare my baby's life?"

34 And as I looked up...And as you all know, I've always been subject to visions. It seemed like a black sheet begin to unfold, coming down, and as if God took my prayer and throwed it right back in my face. And I said,

“What have I done, God? Have I transgressed Your laws, that I should have this punishment? If it is, You just reveal it, and I’ll repent. I’ll do anything, but don’t take my baby.” And I seen she was going, anyhow. I raised up.

35 And then the tempter came to me. There was the one time in all my life, that I can call, was the crucial moment, my Gethsemane. When I was just barely holding to the bed, the devil said, “There you are. That’s

the reward for trying to serve Him. You mean that He'll take that young twenty-two-year-old mother, and lay her yonder as a corpse in the morgue? And will take the precious baby, your own flesh and blood? And slam your prayer right in your face? And then you mean to say that you will serve Him?"

36 I was standing between opinion. It had to be decided. Then I put my hand over on her little head, I said, "The Lord gave,

and the Lord takes away, blessed be the Name of the Lord!” I felt relief.

37 I said, “Sharry, honey, Daddy cannot go where you are now, but Daddy can come someday. I’ll lay you on the arm of Mother, and bury you, but Daddy will see you again someday.”

38 Mr. Isler, who is probably sitting present now (I can’t see through the crowd), the ex-state

senator here of Indiana. I was going up the highway. Mr. Isler, I guess you can well remember it.

39 I had my hands behind me, going up to the graveyard, right after the flood, weeping. I used to go up there in the evening. An old turtledove would set over in the tree, and would sing to me. It seemed like down through the breezes of those pines and trees, seemed like the song would whisper through it, saying:

There's a Land beyond the
river,

That we call the sweet
forever,

We only reach that shore by
faith decree;

One by one we gain the
portal,

There to dwell with the
immortal,

Someday they'll ring those
golden bells for you and me.

40 Mr. Isler, driving his old truck, jumped out, and put his arm around me. He said, “I’ve heard you preaching on the street corner, Billy; I’ve seen you standing in the tabernacle; I’ve heard you at the hymn singings; how you exalted Christ, what you said He was!” Said, “Now He has taken your father, your brother, your wife and your baby.” Said, “Now what does He mean to you?”

41 I said, “Mr. Isler, if He would send me to the regions of the lost, I would still love Him! For, one day, down yonder in an old coal shed, something happened down here in my heart, that there is nothing that can rub it out. It was nothing that I did. It was God’s Eternal grace that held me in the hour of great decision!”

42 And when our blessed Lord, in the Gethsemane, when going there, when He was re-

...to be rejected at Jerusalem, and the council was going to take His life, when the Eternal destination of every soul, that ever was or would be on the earth, rested upon His decision.

43 Oh, how little mine was, comparison to that! How little yours was, in comparison to that! Such a pity that we can't stand these little things!

44 But in that great crucial hour, until He suffered, knowing

all things, until the water and Blood separated in His body, and great drops of sweat-like Blood dropped from His brow. He died more death in Gethsemane than He did on the cross.

45 He was just at the event of this, just before the great battle was to start, and He took the Communion. He brought His disciples together, to talk over things with them.

46 And that's the way He does you and I, just before the great battle of life starts. Before the great battle of right and wrong begins to battle within us, God brings us to a Gethsemane. He brings us to the communion, and He talks it all over with us.

47 Way out in Phoenix, Arizona, there used to be a little trio that used to sing for me, "I would like to talk it over with Jesus. I'd like to say, 'Jesus, You loved me when my path got so

narrow. When it was so dim that I could see no farther, You loved me when it was dim.” And the little song goes on to say, that, “I’d like to talk it over.”

48 And it’s a good thing that men and women of this earth, stop in life’s long travel, and talk it over with Jesus, have communion with Him, in a fellowship. Then the battle begins, of the testing and the trying. “Every son that cometh to God, must be tested.”

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57-0418 — *The Communion*



The branch that bears
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that it'll bring forth more
fruit. The trouble of it is,
we think sometimes God's
angry with us.



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*Title: 55-0123A — The Approach
To God*

Yes, Job, thinking maybe, that his children might sin, peradventurally, he said, “That they may sin, and I don’t—I don’t know about it.” So he only had one way that he could make the approach. And that was under a burnt sacrifice.

31 So he took the burnt sacrifice and made an offering

for his children. He sacrificed for each and every one of his children, that maybe...Listen, see, maybe they had sinned. Maybe they never sinned around Job. Maybe he didn't know nothing about it. But knowing that they were out in the world alone...

I tell you; what we need today is more good, old fashioned praying mothers and daddies for their children. If we had that, would be the greatest support to

do away with juvenile delinquency I know of. First, give me old fashion mothers and daddies who pray for their children.

32 Looky here, boy or girl, this afternoon. If you've got a mother or dad like that, the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart, that's your mothers prayers you're walking over the top of. Remember that. And you'll never prosper at all till you turn and

surrender yourself to Christ.
That's right.

Now, Job said, "They may have sinned." So he offered the best that he had, all that he knowed, because that's all the approach he had to God. So he killed one lamb for his own approach. He killed another one for one boy, and another one for another one, making a burnt sacrifice for each one to have a way of approach to God. God seen the honesty and sincerity.

33 Oh, you say, “Now, Brother Branham, now wait a minute. I don’t believe that the influence of the father...I believe it’s an individual affair.” True. But we are commissioned to pray for one another (That’s right.), and to offer up our loved ones to God, that He will save them.

Now, notice. In all of this Job kept his mind on God in offering the sin offerings, that if they did sin, maybe the approach...You

say, “Well, was that in the New Testament too?”

Yes. Certainly does. Well, he said, “If I get saved in my house, should I leave my house?”

34 Not unless you have to. I’d stay right there. For Paul told the Philippian jailer, said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy and thy household shall be saved.” That’s right. The sanctified wife sanctifies the husband. Live like a Christian. Be like a Christian. Pray all the time.

Believe that God is there, and is going to answer your prayer. Offer it through the provided approach.

35 That's the way Job did; he had an approach; that was through the burnt offering. So he taken a burnt offering, and went out and offered it, and approached God in behalf of his children. You see it? He had an approach. So he used the approach in behalf of his children. "Now, God, here I come

with this lamb, I'm offering it for John. Now, if he has sinned, Lord, I pray You forgive him." See? See? Through the approach of the burnt lamb, because that's the only thing he had to approach in.

36 Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything...And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking

Job. He was only purging Job.
Amen. I like that word, a purge.

**The branch that bears fruit,
then God purges it, that it'll
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purge us that we'll bring
abundance of fruit, giving us a
few trials. The Bible said that
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precious gold.**

37 Did you ever know, that every son that cometh to God, must first—first be tried, whipped, child whipping correction? It's not easy. When God gives you a whipping, you go out here and say, "Well, I'll mingle around a little bit." God will give you a real old fashion spanking for it. And I tell you, if we had more of that in the natural today, we'd have better children. God wants His household straightened out. So He gives you a little whipping, so

you can get straightened up.
Makes you love Him more.

My father used to give me whippings, and I thought, “Oh, my.” I wished I could call the old gray-headed brother, father of mine, back from the other lands today. I would respect every whipping he ever give me. I never got even as much as I needed. I thought so then, but I don’t now, because it corrected me. Though he didn’t do right

himself, yet he wanted me to do right. Amen.

38 He wants us to. If the earthly parents wants us to do well, what about our heavenly Parent the Lord Jesus? He has to correct us. And the Scripture says, “If we cannot stand chastisement, or a whipping, child-correction, then we become illegitimate children and not the children of God.” See?

If you’re really born again, get it now, if you’re really born again,

there's nothing can separate you from God. That's right. "Neither starvation, perils, trials, suffering, death, nothing can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus."

You say, "Well, I started to be a Christian one time. Everything begin going this way, and that way, and I thought, 'My, I was better off the other way.'" You never did come to God, brother. If you ever really come to God, and got a taste of the heavenly

gifts of God, partakers of His Divine nature, why, you could no more become a sinner again, unbeliever, than a stalk of corn could become a cocklebur. That's right.

39 It's your nature. You're made up. You've come the right approach. You come your own approach. You come God's provided approach one time, and see what happens. Yes.

Job was taking his children through every—the only

provided approach there was, the burnt offering. And now, here's a little thing I want you to notice. After all the turmoil, and everything was over, and then, God had taken all of his sheep, and his cattle, and his horses, and things, then, at the end of his chastisement, or purging, God, doubled to him.

If he had ten thousand cattle, He give him twenty thousand cattle. See? Oh, isn't that

marvelous? God purged Job for the purpose to bless him.

40 Say, “Brother Branham, I’m a Christian, and I got a sickness now. I wonder why it come.” God may be purging you (Amen.), give you some trials, make you draw a little closer to Him, pray awhile, then heal you, that you can have a testimony.

Christ heals you. You say, “Well, I heard He healed others.” Then you’re a—you’re a...The

husband is the partaker of the fruits then. See it?

41 I thought it was awful hard when I was getting mine. And if it had just been me, I would've failed. But something in me, not me keeping It, It keeping me. The question is whether I'll hold out or not, it's whether He held out or not. And if He held out, I'm sure to be there then. The question isn't whether I can do it or not, it's whether He did it or

not. I believe He did it. That settles it. Amen.

42 That's coming from my heart, which I trust to God that it is, then it's not whether, or at all what all I do; it's what He has done.

You say, "Well, then, what about...Does it give you license to go sin?" No, brother, certainly not. What does it do? If you sin, and go on out into, what we call sin, drinking, and carrying on, and doing things wrong. It shows

that your heart's not right in the first place. It's got to come from here. Then when you come that way, God's way...And notice.

43 At the end then after Job had done everything laid in the way, these provided ways of approaches to God for all of his children, he approached for his children, praying in their behalf. If you ever notice, at the end of the road, Job restored back double. God gave him double what he

had, purged him, and restored to him.

44 He had ten thousand head of cattle, he had twenty. He had ten thousand head of sheep, he had twenty. If he had thirty thousand head of—of a goats, why, he had—he had a—a sixty: God doubling to him. And then again, I believe he had seven children. And God restored his seven children. Did you ever notice? He never doubled his

children, He just restored his children to him. Amen.

Why? How did He do it? Through the approach, the burnt sacrifice. That's right. Yes, sir.

They were all in glory, waiting for him to come. God restored Job his children after they were dead. He never restored back, making him fourteen children. He restored his animals and so forth back, but he restored to him. Because why? He become God's provided way of approach

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55-0123A — The Approach To God



**And the Bible tell us that our
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*Title: 60-0804 — As The Eagle
Stirreth Up Her Nest*

130 What's He going to do?
Now, these big wings, they've
got to trust those wings. Now,
she looks her brood over, since
they've been in this old,
ecclesiastical nest, and they
don't look very good. Now, they
got a lot of loose feathers in
them, and she knows if she ever
takes one of them eagles up in
the air, and drops him with them

loose feathers, he'll break his neck.

131 And there's just too much doubt in the church yet to take a flight. That's right. Got too many quills, too many loose feathers. So you know what He does? He gives it the third work of grace. She stands back there, and takes these big wings, and she begins to flop them like *that*, and a mighty rushing wind comes down through there, and all the loose feathers begin to fly.

132 Oh, when that mighty rushing wind comes from Heaven, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, all the doubting feathers will fly out of you. Amen. Now, I feel religious, amen, begin to feel like talking to you now.

133 Oh, when them ol' doubting days, little ol' feathers sticking in there, saying, "Days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing as the Holy Ghost."

134 Let that rushing mighty wind from them wings of the New

and Old Testament begin to fly back and forth, saying, “Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever!” How all the little ol’ pin feathers begin to fly! You better not start off with them in you, if you’ll do, you’ll bust up in the air somewhere, you’ll never take that solo flight.

135 She’s getting ready. Well, she fans all the feathers out of them, see if they’re all good and tight. Now, she’s fixing to take them on a flight. They don’t want

to go, they're pretty well satisfied walking in that nest. So you know what she does next? She flies right into that nest, and takes that big bill, and picks that feathers out, she picks out the sheepskin, dumps it outside, and throws it over the side of the walls, there isn't nothing left in there but stickers, and these little fellows is having a hard time.

136 You know about the first time that you ever got the Holy Ghost, you know, and

everybody begin to talk about you, and make fun of you, and everything else. You remember how that was? Every time he set down, it's a sticker, "*Oomph!* Uh!" and back there, you know. But He don't want you to get adjusted to this world, He's ready to take you Somewhere. Sometimes He lets a disease hit you, he let a cancer, let a tumor, or something hit you to see if you're ready for a flight. Oh! See if you're ready.

Where's all the feathers? See if everything is right. Yes.

137 The doctor looked at me, and said, "You got three more minutes to live."

"Yes, but if I would listen to that, I would have been dead years ago." But He just blowed all the loose feathers out *somehow another*.

138 And the little ol' eagle, he'll start up and he, everything is a miserable type, he'll set down, "Oomph!" he

**sticks his feet, and he gets
stickers all in the nest, them ol'
greenbriers, she puts them in
there for a purpose. And the
Bible tell us that our trials are
worth more to us than precious
gold, and then we fuss about it.**

**Oh, must I be carried home
to Heaven**

On a flowery bed of ease,

**While others fought to win
the prize,**

And sailed through bloody seas?

139 Why, we American people, just wants to set back and be entertained, and if somebody says something, “Say, I heard you joined the holy-rollers!”

“Well, I guess I won’t go back over no more, wife.”

140 Oh, my, you’re a poor eagle, you might be a buzzard, but you’re not an eagle, that’s one thing sure. Let me tell you,

brother, yes, sir, if you're a vulture you eat the things of the world, but a eagle eats fresh meat. Hallelujah!

141 A eagle of God eats the Word of God and That alone. He has no...He can't stomach that old thing of the world, that's right, it won't—won't digest, he just couldn't stand it, anyhow. He wants fresh meat, he wants the freshness of the Holy Spirit, the meat of God right out of the Bible. He longs for it, he'll drive

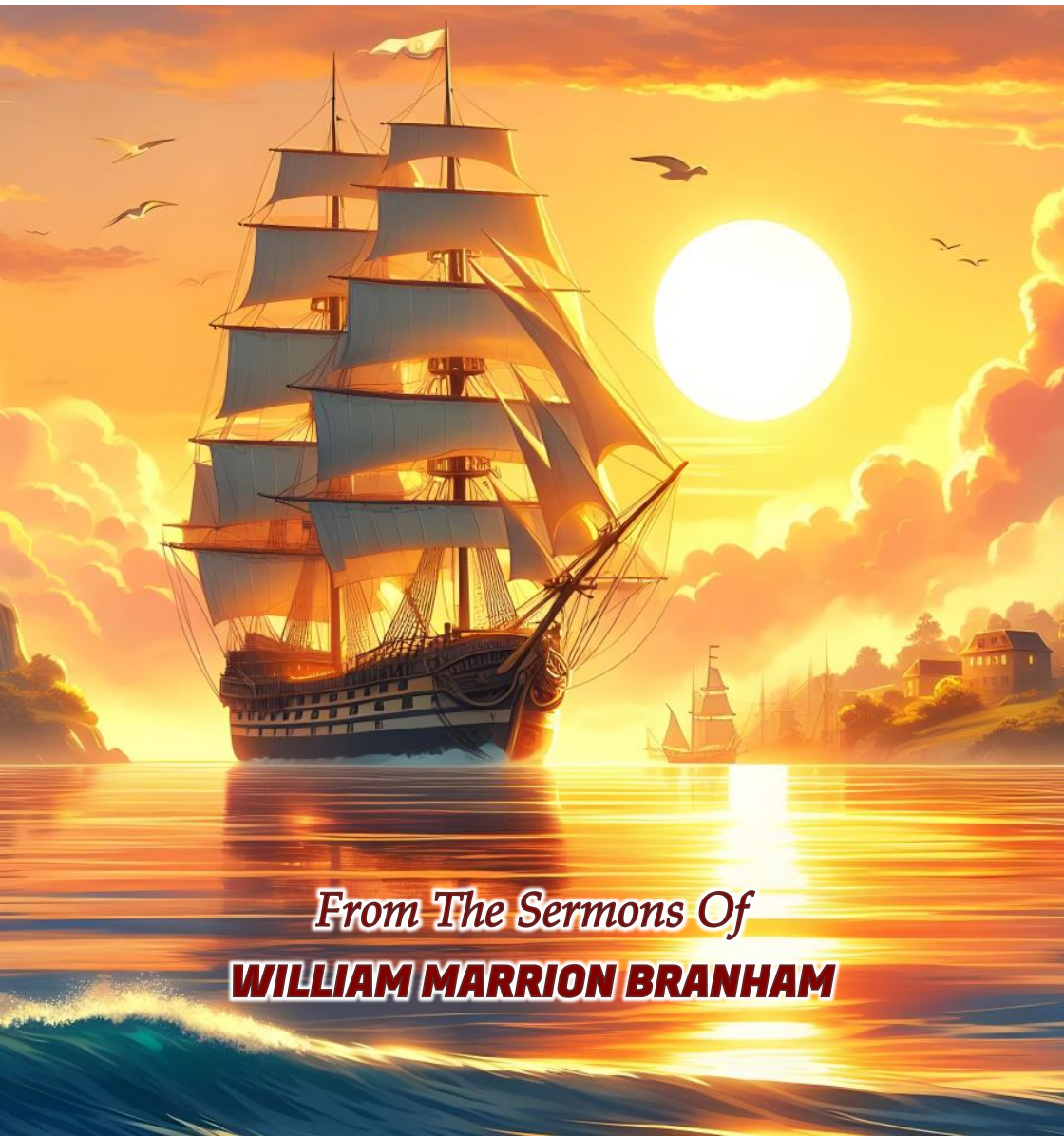
through snow storms, and everywhere. When he hears there's a revival going on, he'll take off to it just as hard as he can. Jesus said, "Where the carcass is, the eagles will be gathered." Amen.

142 Whether they're Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, or whatever they was, when the power of God begins to fall according to the Word of God, real genuine eagles will come to that feast, there ain't nothing in

the world keep them away from there. They'll go anyhow, where the power of God is fall-...You can say they're holy-rollers or whatever you want to, they'll go just the same, don't make...'cause their eagles, they—they eat on that, that's what they feed on.

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