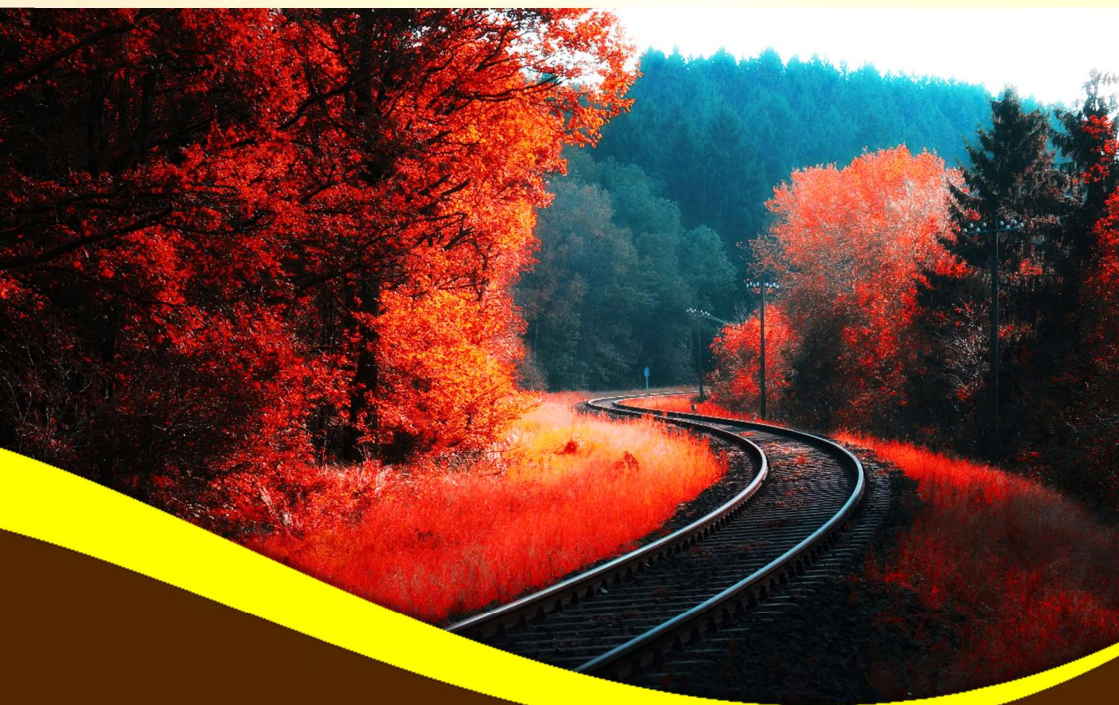


Patience Is Virtue



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He has promised to fulfill
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Message: *CAB 08* - Philadelphia

Revelation 3:10, “**Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.**”

What does He mean by the “word of My patience”?



Hebrews 6:13-15, “For when God made promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no greater, He swore by Himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.”

You see the Spirit is speaking about the Word of God which is given to us. To wait for the fulfilment of that Word required patience even as it did in the case of Abraham.



He endured as seeing Him
Who is invisible.

He was patient and then the Word finally was fulfilled.

This is the way God teaches His people patience.

Why, if He fulfilled His Word in physical manifestations the very instant you prayed, you would never learn patience, but would become even more impatient with life.

Let me show you this truth even more fully set forth.



Hebrews 11:17, “By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises (the Word of God) offered up his only begotten son.”

There it is: **Abraham was tried AFTER he received the Word of Promise.**

Most think that as soon as we pray in Jesus' Name over the good promises of God that there could not be a trial.

But here it says that Abraham was tried after he received the promise.



**That is exactly correct
according to the Psalmist**

referring to Joseph, 105:19,
“Until the time that his word
came: *the Word of the Lord
tried him.*”

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May God help us to learn this lesson even as we know the people of this sixth age learned patience.

We read the history of the lives of these great Christians; what a contrast we see between their lives and ours for they were so patient and quiet, and today we are all but

overcome in over-impatience and haste.

He goes on to say to them, “Because you have taken my Word and lived it, and thereby become patient, I will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

Now here again we see the overlapping of the two ages; for this promise has to do with the end of the Gentile period

which culminates in the Great Tribulation.

“I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”



This verse is not a declaration that the true church will go into and through the tribulation.

If it meant that it would have said that.

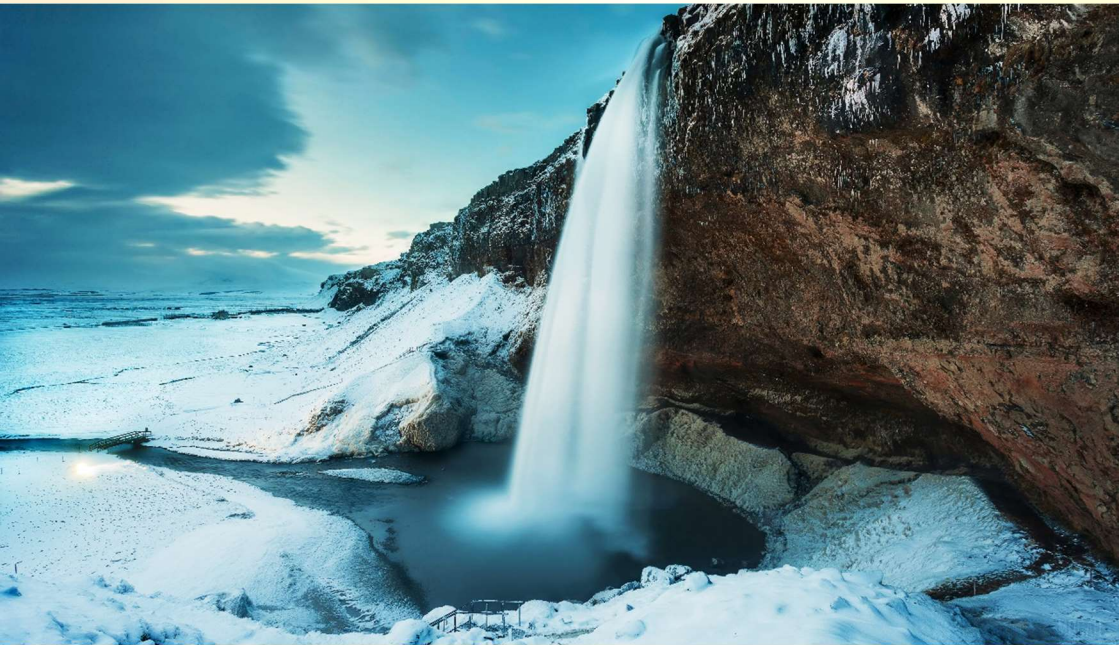
But it said, “I will keep thee from the hour of temptation.”

This temptation is exactly like the temptation in Eden.

It will be a very inviting proposition held up in direct opposition to God’s commanded Word, and yet from the standpoint of human

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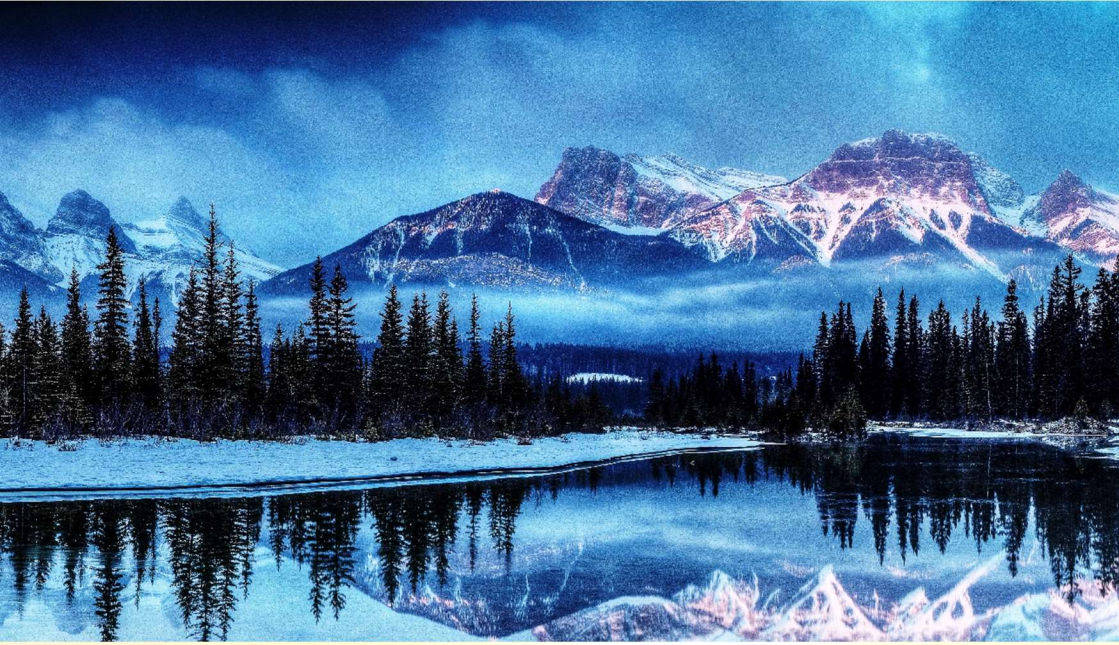
reasoning it will be so very right, so enlightening and life-giving as to fool the world. Only the very elect will not be fooled.



The temptation will come as follows. The ecumenical

move that has started on what seems such a beautiful and blessed principle (fulfilling Christ's prayer that we all might be one) becomes so strong politically that she bears pressure upon the government to cause all to join with her either directly or through adherence to principles enacted into law so that no people will be recognized as actual churches unless under

**direct or indirect
domination of this council.**



**Little groups will lose
charters, privileges,
etcetera, until they lose all
property and spiritual rights
with the people.**

For example, right now unless the local ministerial association approves in many, if not most cities, one cannot rent a building for religious services.

To become chaplains in the armed services, hospitals, etcetera, it is now almost mandatory to be recognized as acceptable to the trinitarian ecumenical groups.

As this pressure increases, and it will, it will

be harder to resist, for to resist is to lose privilege.



And so many will be tempted to go along, for they will feel it is better to serve God publicly in the framework of this organization than not to

**serve God at all publicly.
But they err.**

**To believe the devil's lie
is to serve Satan, even
though you may want to call
him Jehovah.**

**But the elect will not be
deceived.**

**Furthermore, the elect
will not only be kept, but as
this move becomes the
“IMAGE ERECTED TO THE
BEAST,” the saints will be
gone in the rapture.**



And this little delightful, winsome movement that started out in fellowship at Ephesus will become the monster of Satan that defiles and deceives the whole world.

For the church system of the Roman Catholic and the Protestant in coming together will control the

whole wealth of the world system and force the whole earth into its religious trap, or will kill them, by refusing them the privilege of buying and selling whereby they would make a living.

This will be accomplished simply, for the harlot's daughters are all but gone back to her.

In the meantime, Rome has acquired nearly all the supplies of gold.

The Jews have the bonds and all the paper.

At the right time, the harlot will destroy the present day money system by calling in all the paper, and demanding gold.

With no gold, the system falls.

The Jews will be trapped and come into the alliance, and the harlot church will take over the whole world.

CAB 08 - Philadelphian

Patience is virtue.
Patience is Holy Spirit
virtue. “They that wait
upon the Lord shall
renew their strength.”

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Message: 64-0119 - Shalom

110 Now closely listen.

Do as David did, put your future in His hand.

“How? What am I to know what to do, Brother Branham?”

Put your future in His hand.

No matter what comes or goes; trust Him.

He is the Word, now know.



David said, “His time is in My hand. Trust in Him all the time. Always trust in Him.”

He knew Who held the future, David did, that’s the reason he could say this.

There is only One holds the future, that’s God.

So, He holds the—the future, let Him hold you. All right.

111 Some people says, “But, Brother Branham, I have tried and I have tried.”

112 But wait a minute. Patience is virtue. Patience is Holy Spirit virtue. “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

113 You say, “How can I wait any longer?”

Just keep on waiting.



When you've done all you can do to stand, then stand, see, just stand.

“How am I going to do it?” Stand! He said it's the Truth, and it's the Truth. He said it'll happen. “How?” I don't know; but it'll happen. He said so. He promised it. If He promised it, it's going

to happen. That's all. It can't waste.

114 So now just remember, God took thousands of years to fulfill His promise of a coming Saviour.

Four thousand years, God took to fulfill that promise.

But He knowed, from the beginning, just when it was going to happen.

He knew; no one else did. He just said it would happen.

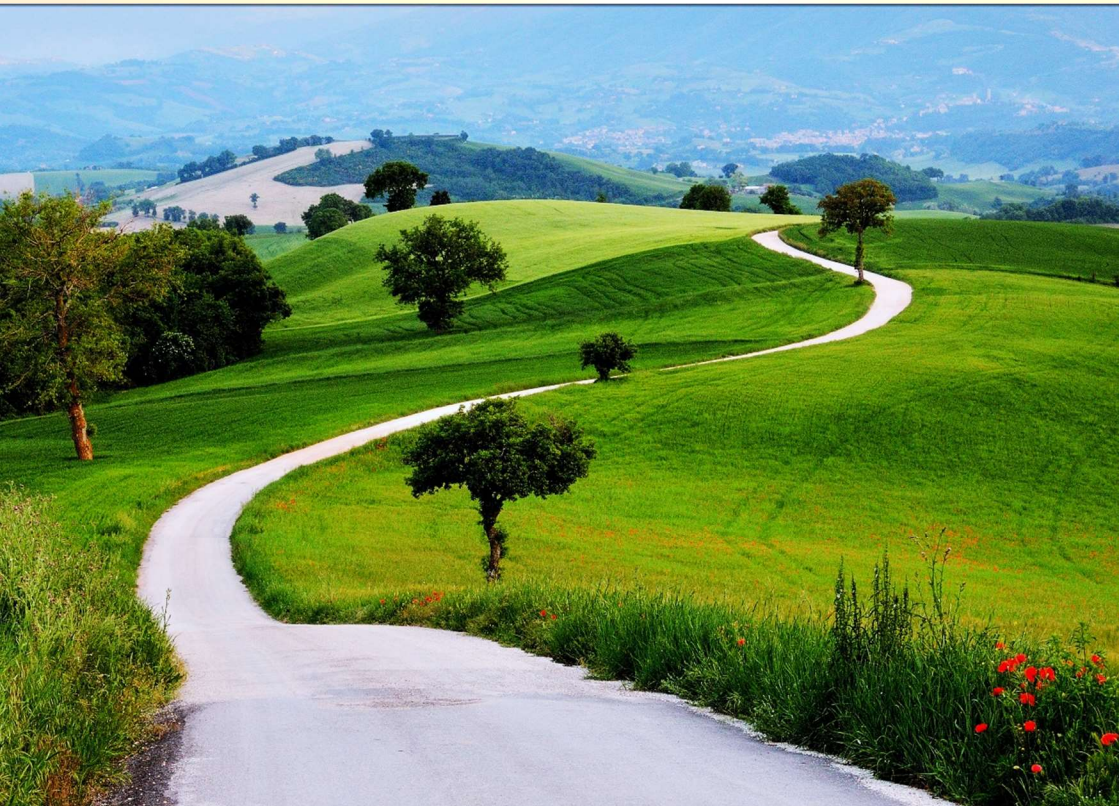
And when it happened, the people was in such a

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delusion, till they didn't know
how to accept it.

If that same thing hasn't
repeated again! It always
does, never fails, both sides,
always.

64-0119 - Shalom



Go down and buy me a
quarter's worth of
patience, you see. Just
couldn't do it. And, but
yet, God gives us that.
We possess that. That's
our possession.

WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Message: *62-0531 - The
Conflict Between God And
Satan*

11 And the other night, I was preaching, I believe it was the tabernacle, and I struck something that's done me more good than anything I've thought of since I been converted.

And that was...I might repeat it again, if it's all right. I know where you know where I'm going to, but, it was that

evidence of salvation. See? I...It just struck me, and I—I said it. I went home, I got in my room, and I walked up-and-down the floor. I—I just had a little, good time by myself, you know, just in there thinking about it.

12 And here's what it was. I might pass it on to you just for a minute.

I was talking about, “We are possessors of all thing. Everything is ours.”

They say that we're the crazy bunch, you know. But

yet, after all, it all belongs to us. See? See?

And we might...That's the reason we act a little funny, you see, we're heirs of all things. See?

13 And I was thinking, we possess love, joy, courage.

We possess faith, and longsuffering, gentleness, patience, meekness.

You couldn't buy that with no kind of money.

No matter, there's not...Go down and buy me a

**quarter's worth of patience,
you see. Just couldn't do it.
And, but yet, God gives us
that. We possess that.
That's our possession.**

And then buy us a little
faith. We'd be willing, give all
we had, for a little faith. You
see? But, it's give to us, and
everything is free, coming
from the Lord. Isn't that
wonderful?

*62-0531 - The Conflict
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Message: *62-0519 -
Fellowship*

25 If God met a man, and upon the basis of his faith under the shed blood, saved the first man, Adam, He has to forever remain under the same program. If He didn't, He done something wrong when He made His first decision.

If God saved a man, and the only way that He saved

him was by the shed blood of an innocent lamb, if that was the basis God decided to save man by, anything...



If He ever changes it to somebody's creed, or a church, or some dogma, then

God made the wrong decision in the garden of Eden.

For the first man He ever saved, He saved him on the basis of his faith in the shed blood of an innocent lamb. That was the only place that he could come.

God chose a place, called Adam and Eve, and shed the blood of an innocent one and covered them with the substance of this innocent one, with the blood upon them. That was the basis that

man could talk to God, and hear His Word, and get His Word, was under the shed blood.

26 And the only way that men, or churches, or peoples will ever know the real truth about God, is come under the shed Blood of the innocent One into His Presence. Then the Spirit that comes upon you will testify that this Word is right, every Word of It, and It don't need correction nowhere. That's right. It—it has to remain that way, 'cause

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He's God, and His decision has to be perfect, and forever perfect.



Let's run the thing just for a few moments. The first thing you know my thirty minutes will be up and I won't be started.

Now. And under the shed blood...Now, we realize that the oldest Book in the Bible is Job, the oldest written Book. It was wrote before Moses wrote Genesis. It said it was written before Moses wrote Genesis, rather.

27 Now, notice. Job, righteous man, godly man.

Everything against him one day.

Satan took a notion to make him deny God. And when he did, Job...

I love to read Job. Many people say it's a riddle. It isn't. It's the Word of God.

Jesus referred to Job about “Have you not heard the patience...”

No matter what was going on, how much he was persecuted, how much he was called that he was in the wrong path, Job stayed pat on the Word. I like that.

He said, “Peradventure my children have sinned. I'll offer a sacrifice for them.”

Now, the only thing the man knew was the burnt offering. That was God's requirement.

And many people think, sometime, because disaster happens to a Christian, “Oh, he got off the will of God. They left the church; they went out...?...” Sometimes that's not right, because God chastens every son that comes to Him. He cleanses him, and purges him, and tries, to see if he will stand. That's what He

was doing in the time of Job.

28 I preached on Job one time for about six months when I pastored. There was a lady had the honesty enough...I got him up to that ash heap, setting out there, you know, all full of boils and a piece of crock combing off his boils. And a lady said, "Brother Branham, are you ever going to get Job off that ash heap?" About three Sundays, but I was building around to make it.



There he was. He was a prophet. He was God's anointed.

And the only thing the man knowed to do was stay with the Word. That's all.

They come and they said, "Job, you know you've done wrong. Look what's happened to you. Everybody's turned

their back upon you. And here your friends are gone and all. The only thing you can do is set out here, and look at, you're a miserable looking wretch with boils and everything broke out on you. And look at your condition."

But Job said he had not sinned, because he is coming God's appointed way under the shed blood.

29 Then God's obligated to a man who will stand like that.

He let him go right down to the last person, even to his wife come out and said, “Job, why don’t you curse God and die?”

Just think, his own wife turned against him.

And because someone will turn against us and think that we’re funny and odd...All God’s people are funny and odd to the world. Sure, they are. “You are a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, offering sacrifices to God, the

fruits of your lips giving praise to His Name.”

Now, we notice that even Job’s wife turned against him. Turned her back on him and said, “Why don’t you curse God and die?” In other words, “You look miserable. Why don’t you just curse God and die?”

He said, “Thou speakest like a foolish woman.”

Now, he never called her foolish; he said she talked like one. He never said she was

foolish. After, let me...I correct this. Sometimes I'm calling down you sisters; I'm not saying you're worldly; but sometimes you look like it. So I—I—I don't say you do wrong. But sometimes you dress yourself like—like looks like it. You see? So Job told his wife...I won't get on that.

Job told his wife, said, "Thou speakest like a foolish woman."

30 And after while...Oh, God's always faithful when

we're coming God's provided way.

Job said, "I've made my confession. I have burnt the offering." That's exactly what God required.

He worshipped God under the shed blood.

And all of a sudden then the Spirit come upon the prophet, and the thunders roared, and the lightnings flashed, and he said, "I know my Redeemer liveth. And in the last days...Though after

the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself.” See, under the blood...

There set the rest of them as far away as anything. But Job stayed under the blood with the Word (That’s it.), under the blood with the Word.

No matter how dark it gets, just keep going on.

Hold to God’s unchanging Word. Go right

**down. If you hold the Word,
you got His hand. Go on
down.**

31 And then, him being a prophet, the lightnings flashed and he saw the vision of the coming of God. He knew that his skin worms would destroy his body, but he said, “Yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself. Mine eyes shall behold, and not another. For we brought nothing into this world; it’s certain we take nothing out. The Lord gave, the Lord taken

away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.”

He stayed on that shed blood and the Word, the promise.

He was spiritual. He was a prophet.

Looked like God turned His back on him but just to try and see if he would stay with the Word.

We’re all tried. Every Christian, every son, every child that comes to God is

tried by the Word, see if you'll be loyal to It.

When the showdown comes, what decision are you going to make? That's it.

And he that cannot stand chastisement, but goes on with the world, he is a illegitimate child, and not a son or daughter of God. Certainly not.

Now, but the spiritual-minded catches the Word, lines up with It, and the Spirit

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comes down under the shed
Blood and takes that person.

62-0519 - Fellowship



“How much more ought we to set aside every weight, and the sin does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience this race that’s set before us, looking,” not to the creed, to the denomination, to some other person, but, “to Jesus Christ Who is the author and finisher of our Faith.”

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Message: 64-0215 -
Influences

19 Now, this king, Uzziah, being such a wonderful child.

He had a godly father. His mother came from Jerusalem, and a godly father who was king before him, and that kind of a teaching melted into that boy.

20 I'm neither Democrat nor Republican.

I just made one vote, and that was for Christ. And He is—He is...I'm going to win on That.

21 Now, I—I think the greatest President, though, that we ever had, was Abraham Lincoln.

Not because he was a Kentuckian, too, but it was because that the man come up from nothing.

And all the books that man ever owned, from the time he was a young boy, until he was

of age, almost, was the Bible and—and Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*.

See, that molded into him (what?) that “honest Abe.”

He...What you read, what you do, molds your character.

It—it tells what you are.

And now, you see, he read where “if you did wrong, you paid for it; if you did right, God would honor it,” and that molded him what he was.

And his mother, a—a godly woman, too.

He said, “If there is any credit given anybody, it was a godly mother,” that raised him right.

Now that made, I think, I would say at least one, if not the greatest, President that we had. **He come up from nothing, and God made him President because he was an honest man and a good man.**

22 Now, we find that this boy was the same. Having

these godly parents, he did that which was right.

When he was made king, and when he was sixteen years old, he ignored all the politics and the popular opinions of his day, and served God with reverence.

That made him a real king.

To ignore the politics and the modern opinion, and serve God with reverence, that was very good. His kingdom, God blessed it, was so great till it was next to Solomon's.

And Solomon had the greatest that there was; but this boy was next to Solomon, in his kingdom.

23 It was a—a great help to the young prophet Isaiah, and him being a young chap at that time, just coming on. Being born a prophet, he watched the influence that this man had upon the people; and seen where his influence come from, because he trusted God, emphatically.

And had...**He noticed again, Isaiah did, how that God will bless them that will be true to God's Word.**

24 Now we realize that this young fellow wanted to stay with the principles of what God said.

He kept His laws.

Uzziah wouldn't turn right or left.

He stayed right with what the Word said, and God honored him and blessed him

in everything he done,
prospered, went right on.

What a—what an example
that is for any young person!

**25 I think if we had
people today, our churches
who claim to be Christians,
if they would abstain from
the things of the world and
live that kind of a life, it
would influence the
younger Christians to do
so.**

But, today, when they let
down, and drink and smoke,

and carry on, and still try to hold their confession as Christianity, that puts a bad stumbling block in other people's way, and it makes it very hard.



26 Remember, the Bible said, “You are living, written epistles, read of all man.”

Now, many people won't read the Bible, but God has made you a living representative.

You are a walking letter, should be a walking Bible, Christ in you.

You should be the walking Word of God.

And if you profess to be a Christian, and not that, your influence, your...What you're influencing, will make you have to answer for many souls that you've

turned aside, away from Christ, in that Day of the Judgment.

27 I think it behooves us, tonight, to think about that, for every man, woman, boy and girl, knows that you are coming to the Judgment.

You might escape *this, that,* or the *other*. You might beat the income tax, and you might escape the Internal Revenue. You might do one thing or another.

You might have run over the speed limit and the cops never catch you.

But, one day, Judgment is going to catch you. That's certain!

28 **“And we know that man must die, and after that the Judgment.”**

Death is not a hard thing. It's the Judgment after death, that's the bad part.

And there, what you've done on life, and how you've influenced others,

you'll have to answer for it at that Day.

29 “How much more ought we to set aside every weight, and the sin does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience this race that's set before us, looking,” not to the creed, to the denomination, to some other person, but, “to Jesus Christ Who is the author and finisher of our Faith.”

30 How we should think them things, friends, sternly and reverently, as we see this Day approaching, and knowing that any time your life's pages, the book, may be closed tonight, and tomorrow will be too late for you to do it.

Don't put off what you can do today, for tomorrow, for tomorrow may never come.

Men and women, boys and girls, may be sitting

here tonight, will be in the morgue before daylight. It's true.

And then your book is closed, and you'll never have another chance. This may be the last chance that you'll ever have. Think of it, seriously.

You say, "Well, it probably isn't." It probably isn't, but it could be. But, remember, someday the book is going to be closed,

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**and what you are doing
now.**



**31 And especially you
people who are claiming to
be Christians, separate
yourself from the things of**

the world. Have nothing to do with the world.

Shun it, for some person is watching you.

Somebody is watching you.

And you're going to not only send yourself there, but going to take them to the bad place, and you are going to have to answer for your influence.

32 How this prophet watched this man, and seen that God blessed him, and

how what an influence that was! How that man prospered, what God did for him.

He lived a—a life that was wonderful, blessed of God, and he wouldn't turn right or left.

64-0215 - Influences







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