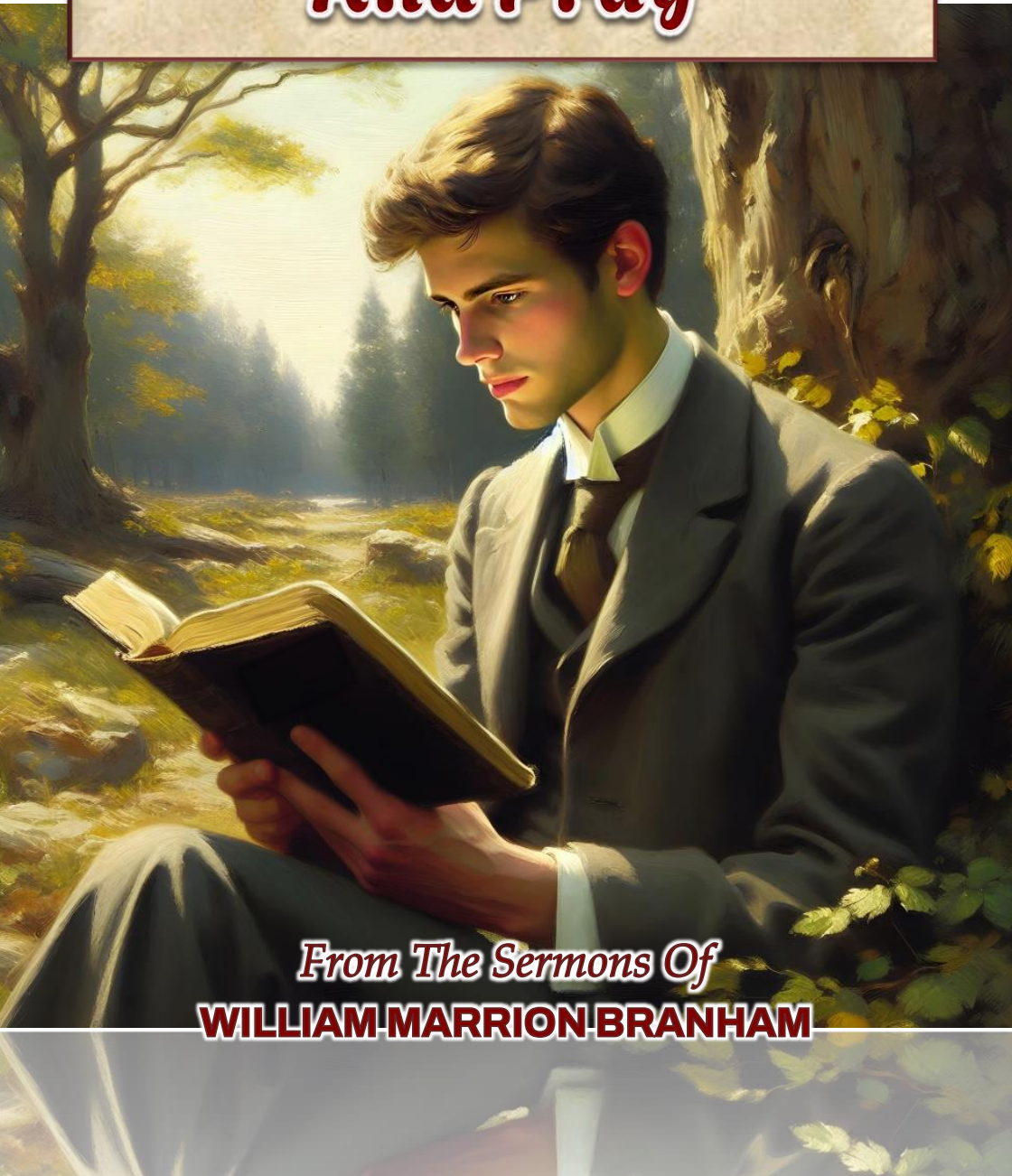


Read The Bible, And Pray



From The Sermons Of
WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM



*It'd beat all atomic
powers, don't you think
so? A praying...*



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*Title: 52-0713E — God Testifying
Of His Gifts*

11 And I will just...I have to get this Scripture reading, because I want to read a Scripture every night, **because I hope that you in your home, will read at least one chapter in the Bible every day and pray. See? Always do that.**

**That's the old-fashion
Christian home, and God**

knows that we need more of that, more than we need atomic bombs, in America.

That would be the best thing that we could have, was a fortress of God's love and power around us. It'd beat all atomic powers, don't you think so? A praying...

*52-0713E — God Testifying Of
His Gifts*



**You know, the best armor that
America has in this present
crisis is God-fearing, praying
people. That's the best.**



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*Title: 50-0816 — Looking To The
Unseen*

4 You know, the best armor that America has in this present crisis is God-fearing, praying people. That's the best.

It's worth more than all the bombs and tanks that we could produce.

God will always fight for His people. Let us...

If this whole nation with one accord would throw themselves to God in sackcloth and ashes of repentance, and come back to the old fashion pathways that our forefathers trod, there couldn't be a bit of harm come to us.

I believe it'd be worth more than all the ammunition plants and things that we could make (That's right.), and all the bombs that we could have.

There's nothing as great as prayer.

God holds all the future in His hands.

Someone asked me not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, what do you think about the future?"

I said, "I do not know what the future holds, but I know Who holds the future." So that's the thing, if I can keep acquainted with Him.

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*50-0816 — Looking To The
Unseen*



But, a real, real believer that's really spiritually built up, he reads his Bible every day, and talks to the Lord. That's right.



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Title: 62-0204 — Communion

96 Now, our bodies need food and drink each day, to survive, our physical body.

If we don't take food each day and drink, then our body weakens.

There's something in us that we must have food.

One day's food will not last for the next day.

You've got to have food each day, to strengthen your mortal being.

You can live over, but you're weaker. And the second day, you're still weaker. And the third day, you're getting tremendous weak.

97 Well, that's what many times that we do in the spiritual realm.

You see, each day we've got to commune with Christ.

We've got to talk to Him each day.

We've got to settle it with Him each day.

Paul said, "I die each day." See? "Each day, I die; yet I live, not me but Christ lives in me."

So, if your physical body needs food each day and drink each day, to survive, your spiritual body needs spiritual Food and communion with the Lord each day, to survive. Yes.
Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

So, each day we’ve got to study the Bible.

Some people doesn't study It at all.

Some picks It up every two or three times a year.

But, a real, real believer that's really spiritually built up, he reads his Bible every day, and talks to the Lord. That's right. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]
He has to.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that

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God.”

62-0204 — *Communion*



**And take, a lot of times,
and lay something else
aside to read that Word**



William Marriion Branham

*Title: 58-0328 — God Keeps His
Word*

24 You know, the Holy Spirit feeds on the Word. Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” That’s what’s the matter, one of the things, today, that makes the church in its anemic condition, is because it doesn’t take time to feed on the Word. The church is hungry.

25 If I was a doctor, and a great big stout-looking man come to me, and said, “Sir, I’m sick.”

I’d say, “What is your symptoms?”

He would say, “I’m so weak, I can’t hardly pick my hands up.”

Well, I would say...ask him a few physical conditions.

“Yes, that’s all right.”

And I would say, “Well, sir, have you been eating regular?”

“Oh,” he’d say, “I eat a half a cracker day before yesterday.”

Well, I’d say, “You’re just hungry. You need strength, and you need to eat.”

26 That’s what’s the matter with the church: just read a Scripture, one little verse on Sunday morning. We ought to have our head in His Word every minute we have to spare! **And take, a lot of times, and lay something else aside to read that Word.** “Man shall not live by

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bread alone, but by every Word
that proceedeth from the mouth
of God.”



Meditate on His Word



William Marrion Branham

*Title: 58-0112A — His Wonders To
Perform*

**You go to singing hymns;
you start reading the Bible;
and that Stranger will appear
to you too. Meditate on His
Word.**

It was while those who went to
Emmaus, along the road, begin
to talk about Him, that He
stepped out of the bushes and
walked with them through the
day.

The reason we don't have the spiritual blessings, we have too much time to watch television, too much time to read the newspapers or listen to something that we ought not to be listening to.

And we are not redeeming the time, but we're giving it to the things of the world instead of our time to the Lord Jesus.

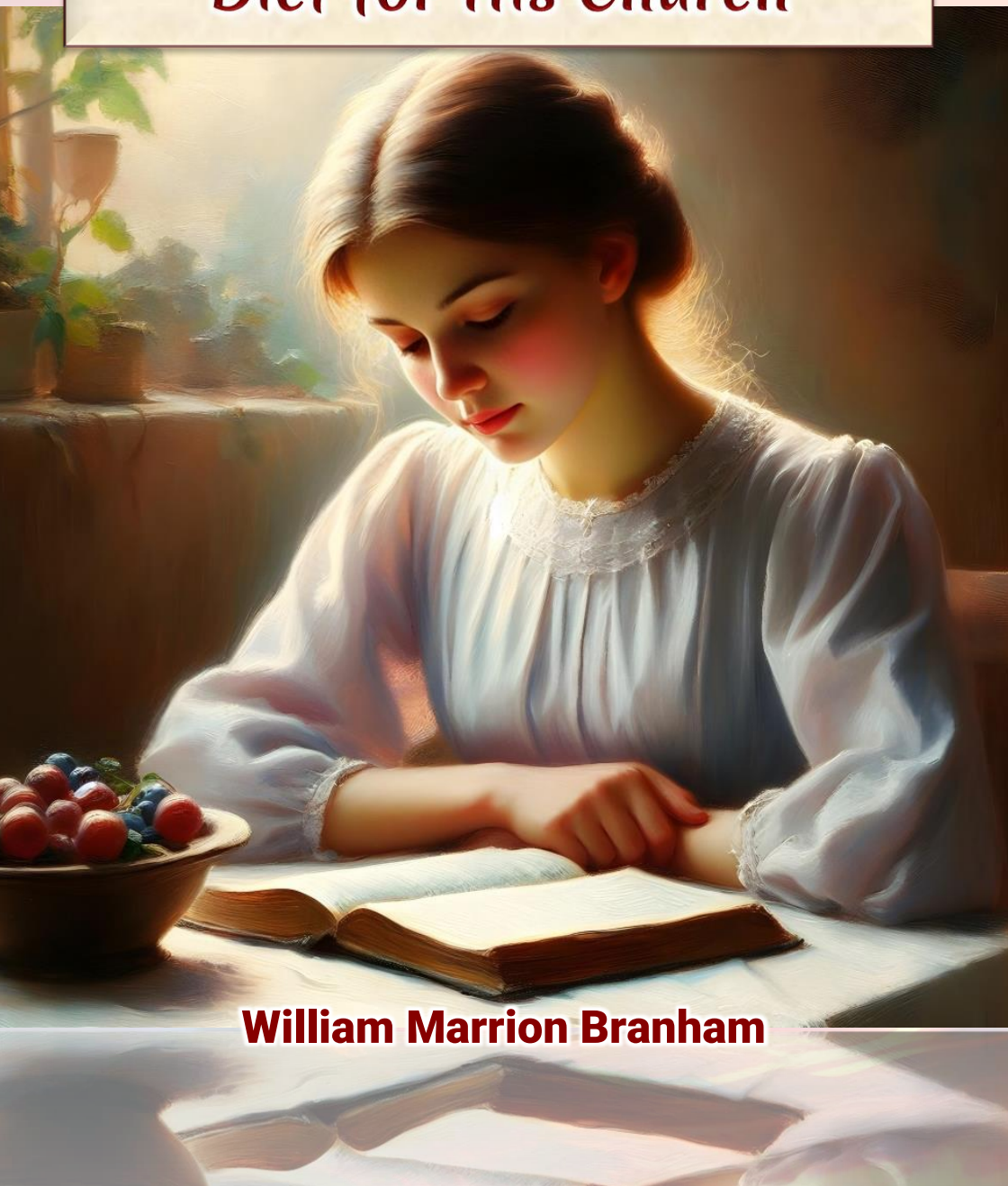
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from the mouth of God.”
Christians live on the Word.



The Bible is God's spiritual Diet for His Church



William Marrion Branham

Title: 57-0420 — The Entombment

53 Notice now, Jesus,
invested with all the powers of
God, but when He met Satan
He never used any of His
powers, He only referred to the
Word! He did. He said, “It is
written, ‘Man shall not live by
bread alone, but by every Word
that proceedeth out of the mouth
of God.’”

54 Then how can you say you can stay home and be just as good a Christian as you would be at church? You can't do it.

Read the Word! The Holy Spirit feeds on the Word.

The Bible is God's spiritual Diet for His Church.

And the Holy Spirit is the One Who brings It to you and places It in the heart, and with thanksgiving you water It.

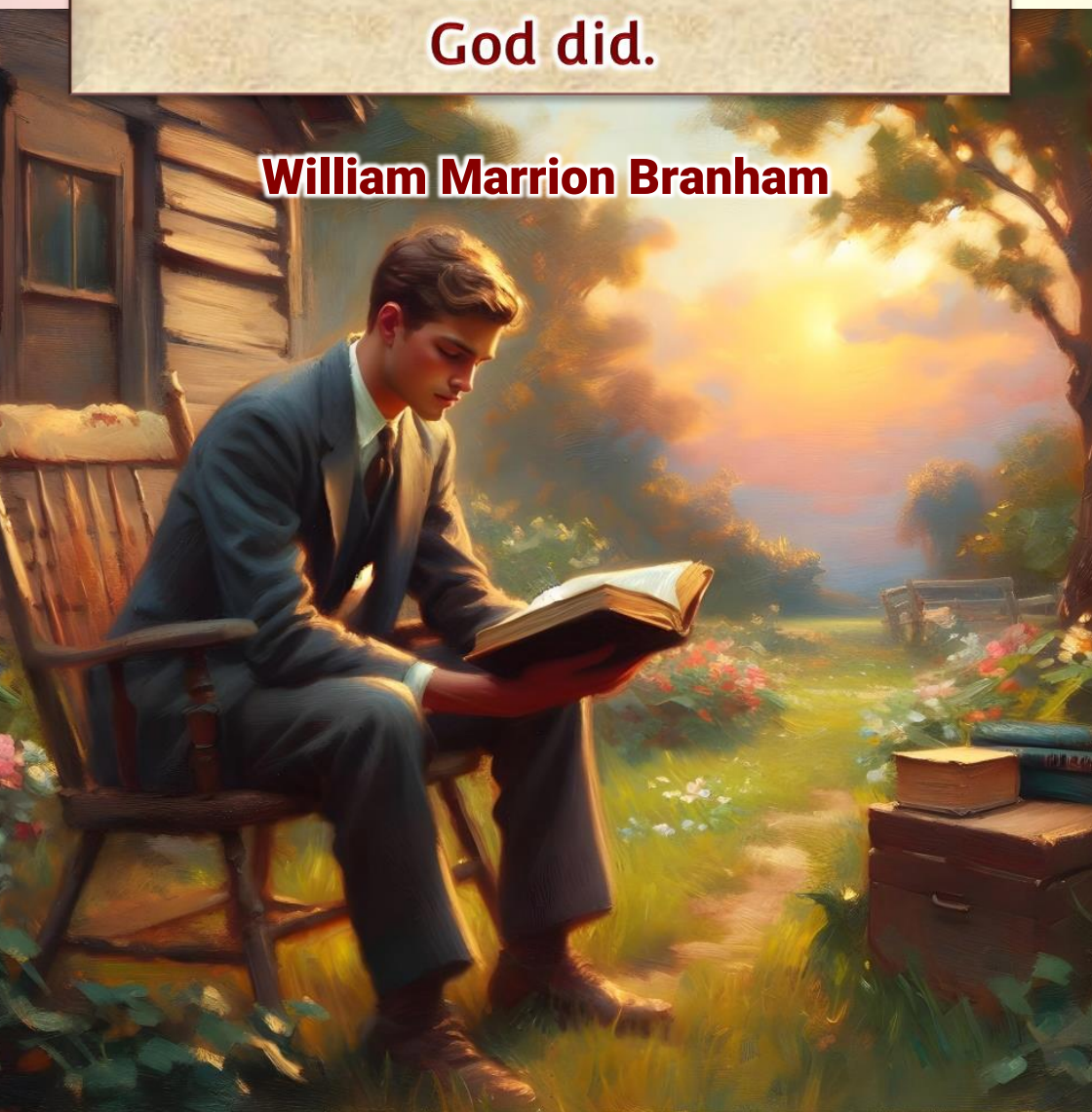
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**And every Divine promise
will produce just exactly what
God said it would do. It's got
to, It's His Word, and It's Life.**



So when you get saved, the best thing to do is set down with your Bible, constantly read, that builds you, you see what God did.

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*Title: 62-0124 — Have Not I Sent
Thee?*

71 The Holy Spirit, It feeds on
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by bread alone, but by every
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read, that builds you, you see what God did.

It's not like reading some novel, you're reading so you can hang your soul on every punctuation in It, that's right, because It's the Word of God, you see.

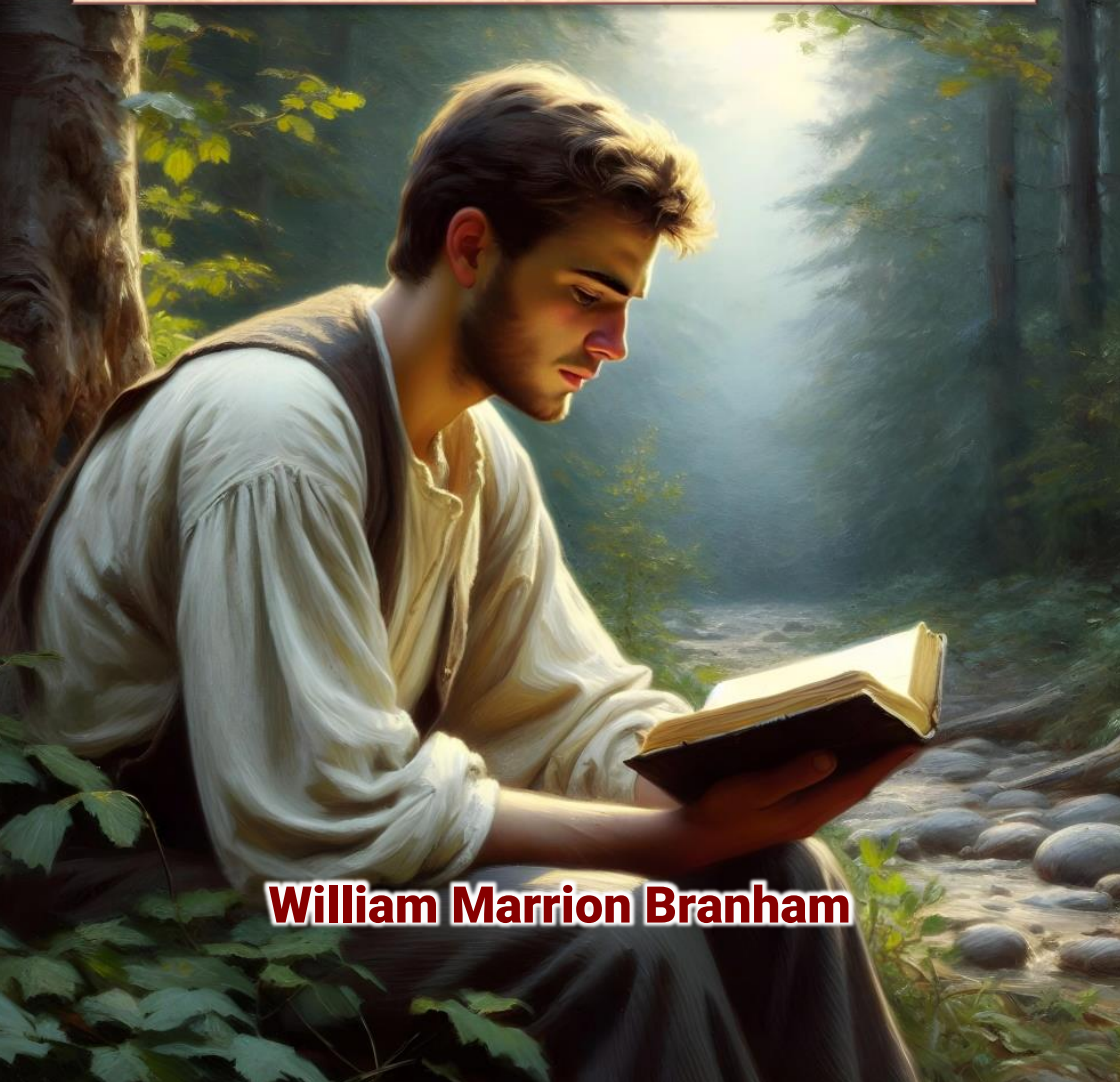
72 Every time God says anything, you know how I punctuate it? With a "Amen." That's right. "So be it." That's

right. What He said is right, and so we ought to punctuate all of God's Words with an, "Amen." When God says, "Thou shalt," "Shalt not," and so forth, say, "Amen. Amen." Not saying, "Well, I believe it ought to be *this* way." Just say, "Amen," to what He says, that—that does it.

62-0124 — Have Not I Sent Thee?



**And if you neglect to read
the Bible and to believe the
Bible, and the Holy Spirit to
feed upon That, you will die.**



William Marrion Branham

Title: 65-0919 — Thirst

177 By your desire, you can tell who is on the throne of your heart. By what you love, that's what tells. You, you say, "Well, I think them things are all right, Brother Branham." Well, just remember now, in your heart, you know what's there. Yes, sir. By what is feeding your soul, what your soul is thirsting for, and you can see it satisfies that;

if it isn't this Word, then there is something wrong, because the Holy Spirit lives on the Word only. See?

178 I want you to see another great danger, just before we close, if you are not—if you're not guilty of any of these things that I've mentioned, and, that is, the danger of neglecting a thirst. See? You say, "I have a holy thirst. But I—I'm not guilty, Brother Branham, of just go and joining church, and things like

this.” But, see, to neglect a thirst!
**If you neglect to satisfy a thirst
of water or food, you will die.
And if you neglect that thirst in
you, for God, you will
spiritually die.**

179 You call for revivals, you wait for your church to have a revival. Well, that ain’t—that ain’t the revival for you. The revival ought to begin right in you, when you begin to thirst for God. There might not be another member, of the church, wanting that revival.

If it breaks out in you, it will break out other places. See? But, see, you neglect that thirst.

180 You neglect to milk the cow, when the cow is...the udder is full of milk; and if you let that cow stay like that, she'll go dry. That's exactly right. If you neglect to take a drink of water, say, "I just ain't going to drink anymore," you'll die. You neglect to eat food, you'll die.

**181 So if you neglect to give
the Holy Spirit the Word of
God, you'll die.**

182 You Christians, you
Baptists, Methodists,
Presbyterians, Pentecostals,
Assemblies of God, Oneness,
Twoness, Threeness, whatever
you are, see; don't care, that
don't matter nothing to me, I
don't think it does to God. See,
you're an individual, you're a
unit. You'll never go to Heaven
as a church, or a—a

denomination. You'll go to Heaven as one single person, between you and God. That's all. Don't care what church you belong to.

183 And if you neglect to read the Bible and to believe the Bible, and the Holy Spirit to feed upon That, you will die.

Jesus said in Saint John 4:3; the Scripture, got it right...Jesus said that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word," not just part of It.

184 We take a little, bit *here*. I call that a Bible hitchhiker. They say, “Well, I believe *This*, but now let’s go over *here*, see.” See?

185 You’ve got to take It, Word by Word. Jesus said, “Man shall live by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Did you know that?

65-0919 — Thirst



**How many reads the Bible, let's
see your hands. Oh, it's
wonderful. Read it. Study it.**



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*Title: 56-0728 — Making The
Valley Full Of Ditches*

How many reads the Bible, let's see your hands. Oh, it's wonderful. Read it. Study it. And you, especially you born again Christians, that's the—the bread and the meat for the Holy Spirit. “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

13 What if I was a doctor tonight, and a young fellow come to me, had a great frame on him, and yet he looked so weak and run down, and I say, “What’s the matter, son?”

He said, “I’m just so weak, doctor. I can’t hardly stand up.”

I asked him a few physical things. “All right?”

“They’re all right.”

I’d say, “Well, what makes you weak?”

“I don’t know, doctor.”

I’d say, “Well, what did you eat last?”

“Well, I eat a half a cracker day before yesterday.”

Why, I’d say, “Only thing you need is a good square meal. You become anemia; you become run down, weak.”

14 And that’s what’s the matter with the church.

You got to have a good, square, Gospel meal, about every day.

If you don't, you're going to be anemia. You're going to get run down.

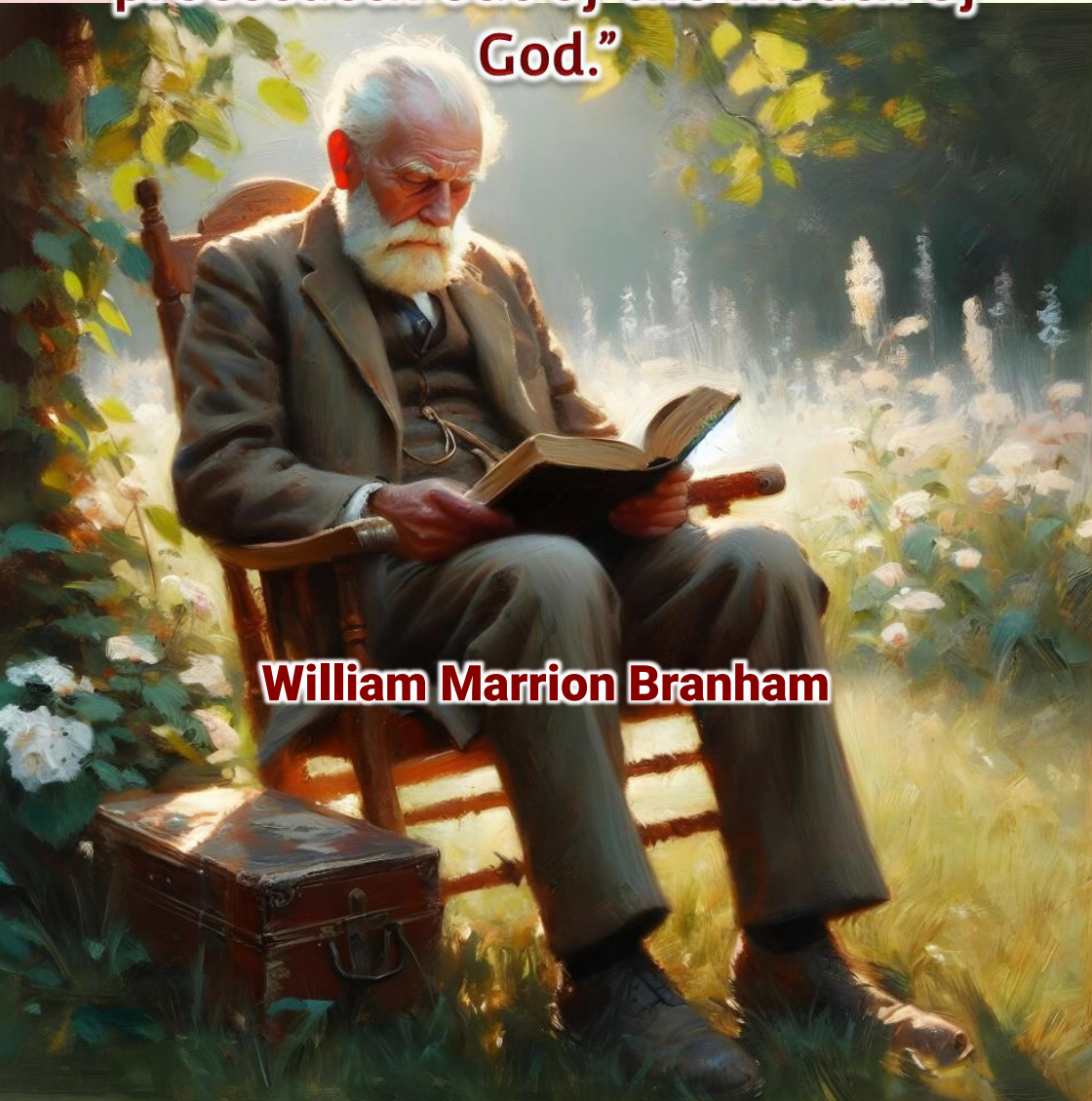
Taking a lot of God's vitamins out of His Word, and it certainly does bring up the Spirit of you, and makes you feel refreshed and renewed.

*56-0728 — Making The Valley Full
Of Ditches*



**Every Christian should read the
Word every day, for Jesus said,
“Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every word that
proceedeth out of the mouth of
God.”**

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Title: 57-0519A — Hear Ye Him

15 There's something about the reading of the Word that's eternal. **Every Christian should read the Word every day, for Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."**

And I wish to state this too: And remember, that every promise in this Bible is good, and

it will hold tight, and God's guilty of His promise if you'll take the right mental attitude towards it, it'll bring it to pass. Every Divine promise in God's Word, if you can take the right mental attitude towards it, God will bring it to pass. Think of that. For It's a Seed that a sower sowed. And It's got—It's—It's Life. And any...

You farmers here know that if you put your seed in the ground...Now, every morning you don't go out and dig it up,

see if it has sprouted yet or not. If you do, you'll never get a crop. You—you hinder it every time you dig it up. You place it in the ground, commit it to the ground, forget about it. It is up to God to do the rest of it.

That is the way you take His promise. You place it in your heart, say, "That means for me. And I'm going to keep it there." Don't every day say, "See if I'm getting any better." That's not even in the subject. Just keep on

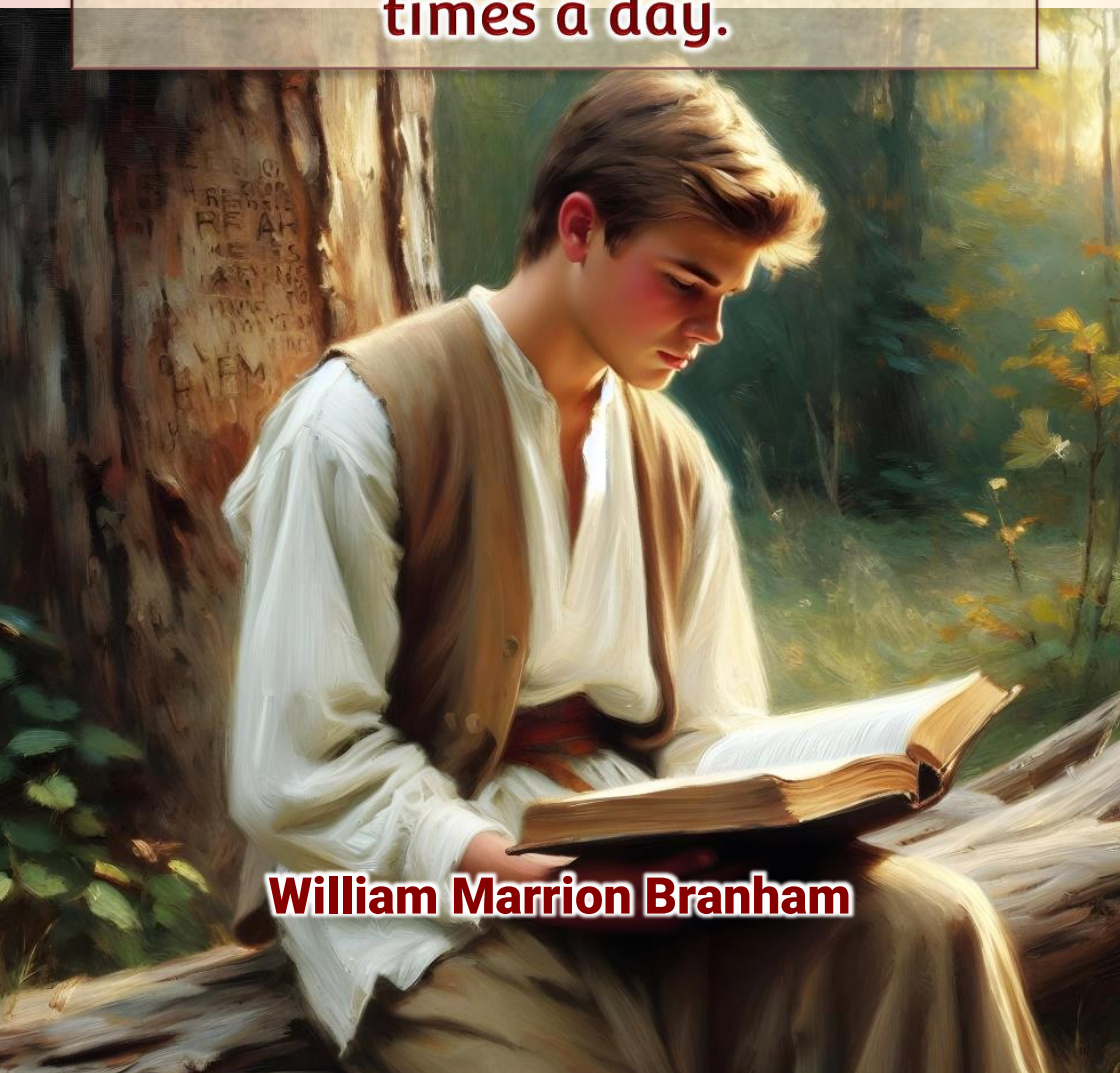
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come to pass, for it's a Seed.

57-0519A — Hear Ye Him



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*Title: 59-1120 — A Prophet Like
Unto Moses*

I think one of the great things among Christians today; they don't read the Word enough. I think every home should have the Bible read in it two or three times a day.

I remember recently in Italy, even at the table when the sainted old father had his Bible

laying on the table, before they would even eat they'd stand with one hand on the table, their left hand, the right hand ready to raise up to God.

And the sainted old father would read a portion of Scripture, and they'd bow their heads and pray, raise up their hands and praise God for the bread that was on the table.

**Oh, the Holy Spirit feasts on
the Word.**

**“Man shall not live by bread
alone, but by every Word that
proceedeth from the mouth of
God.”**

And this is God’s Word.

**Learn to bring your Bibles
now and read with us.**

*59-1120 — A Prophet Like Unto
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**So, read the Word;
study It**



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Title: 65-0829 — Satan's Eden

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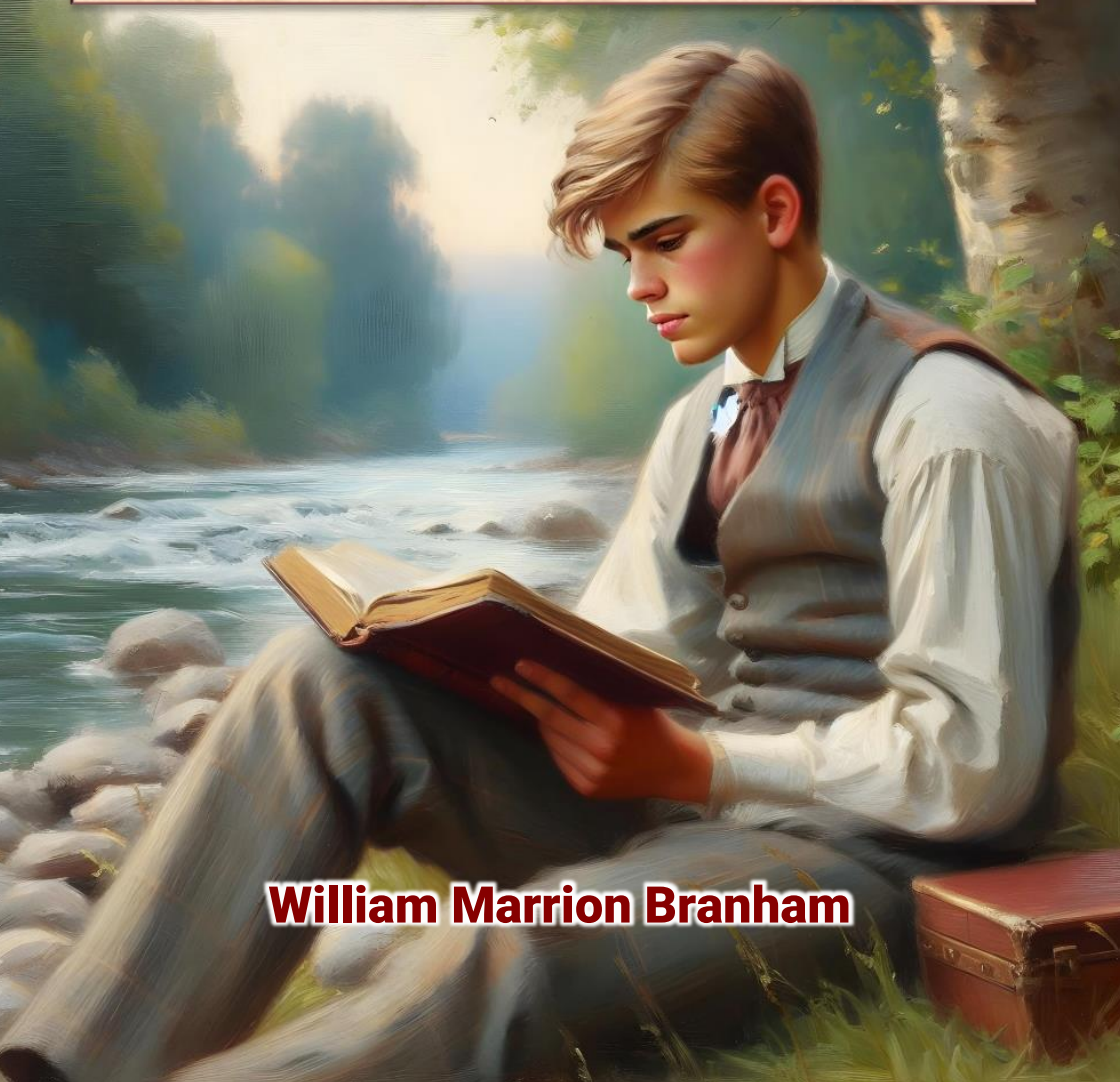
So, read the Word; study It.

And study It with the eyes of God, to give your intellectuals understanding of how that we should live in this present day.

65-0829 — Satan's Eden



*And the Word will defeat
the devil anywhere, any
time, under any
conditions*



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Title: 58-0112E — The Door To The Heart

And the Word will defeat the devil anywhere, any time, under any conditions.

Jesus proved it when he defeated Satan, not using His power, but just on the Word of the Father.

**“It is written. It is written.”
And He defeated him.**

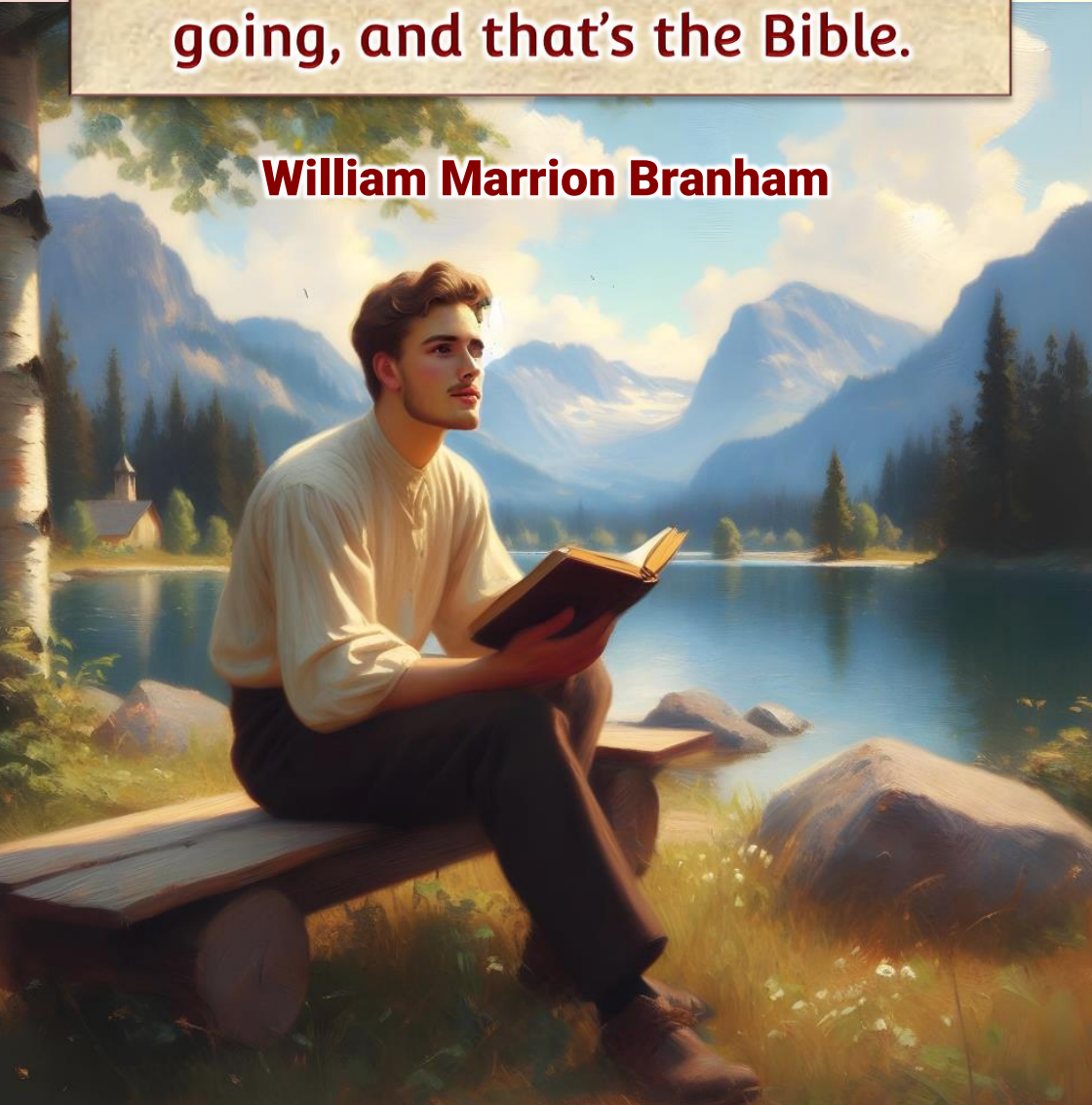
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58-0112E — *The Door To The
Heart*



And there is only one Book in the world that tells us who you are, where you come from, what you are, and where you're going, and that's the Bible.

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*Title: 64-0306 — A Greater Than
Solomon Is Here Now*

70 You know, there is something about it, man knows that he come from somewhere; and he is here, he don't know why he is here; and he is going somewhere, and he doesn't know where he is going.

And there is only one Book in the world that tells us who you are, where you come from, what you are, and where

you're going, and that's the Bible.

It's the only one that tells you, and it's God's Book.

It's God Himself manifested in word form, called a Seed. That Seed in the right kind of ground will produce every promise that He made, 'cause it's God Himself. But it has to be watered by faith, to make it come to pass, like any other seed. The germ is in it. Knowed! Notice now.

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*64-0306 — A Greater Than
Solomon Is Here Now*



**See, what you read molds
the character that you are**



William Marrion Branham

Title: 59-0510M — Mother's Day

39 Now, I'm neither Democrat or Republican, I just...I'm a Christian. For, I think one side could not say anything against the other side; it's all corruption. But, Abraham Lincoln, to my thoughts, was one of the...and was one of the greatest Presidents that this United States ever had; including Washington, and so forth.

40 For, Abraham Lincoln had a—a bad start. He was poor. He had no background, as far as education, or—or some great something, or money, or something that could have helped him, like Washington did. Washington was a college graduate, and he—he knowed; he was a smart man, a great man, to begin with. But Lincoln was raised in a little log cabin, under the great grounds of Kentucky, and with no floor in the little old cabin, which sets as a

memorial here at Louisville now. But, being the great man that he was, and had to learn to write, upon the ground that he plowed, to plant the corn.

41 But I might pass this on to the young people.

Do you know Abraham Lincoln never owned a book in his life, until he was after twenty-one years old, but the Bible and the Foxe's book of the martyrs?

**See, what you read molds
the character that you are.**

No wonder we got a bunch of
neurotics today; little old fiction
magazines, and vulgar and
nonsense, is placed upon our
newsstands.

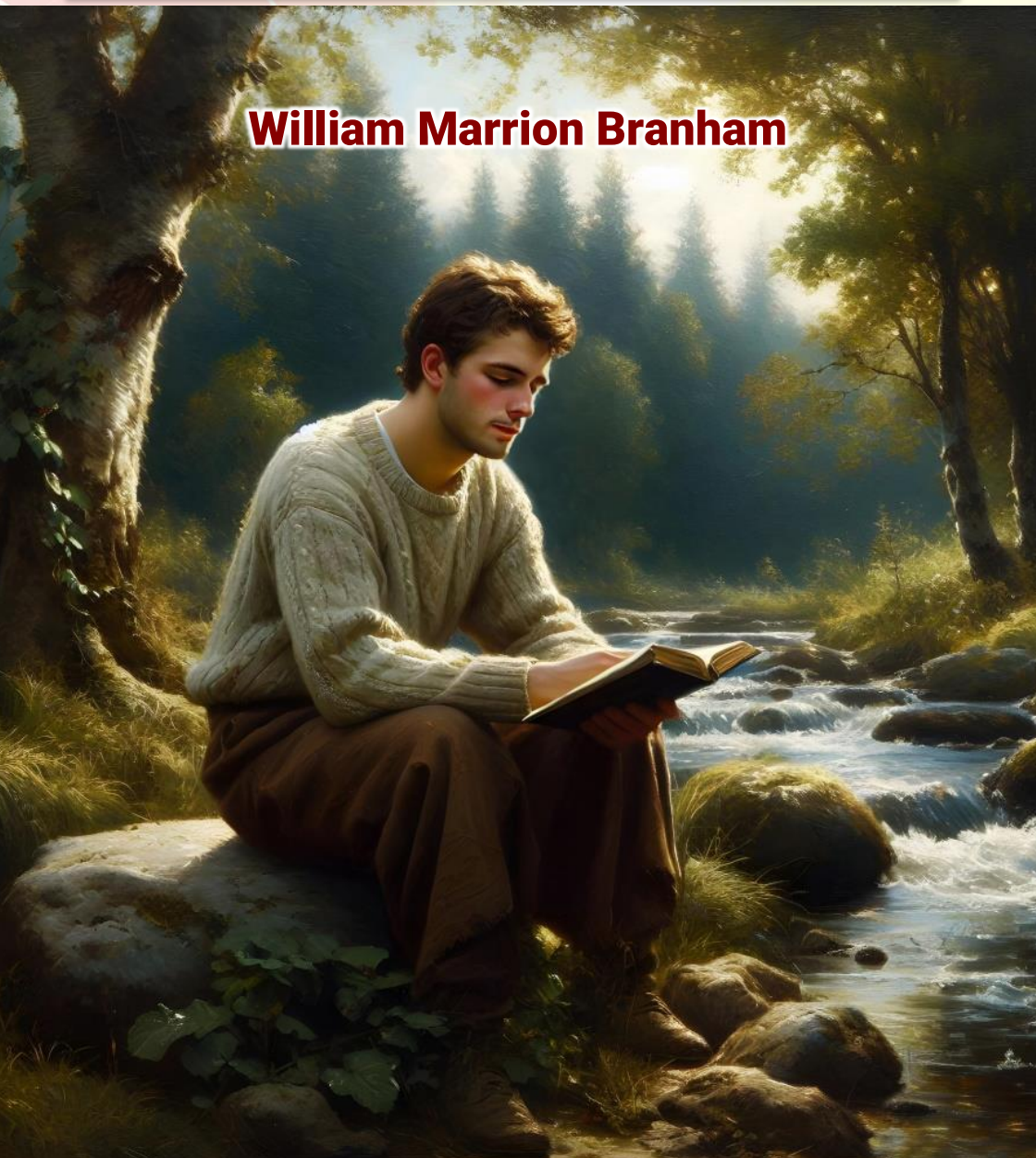
**He owned the Bible and the
Foe's book of the martyrs.
Look what it made him!**

59-0510M — Mother's Day



Isn't it wonderful how God cares for His Word?

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*Title: 61-1231E — If God Be With Us,
Then Where Is All The Miracles?*

8 Any, anybody else in here ever knowed Rabbi Lawson? Just a few of you. I want to say this, then. A strange thing happened to him. He was a real, little preacher, fine brother. And he—he didn't have no big charges; that wasn't his mission. But, I believe he lived true to

what he was put in charge over, that's the main thing.

9 And his wife thought he wasn't making enough money, preaching, so they, wanted him to get a job. **He studied the Bible all the time.** So one day she got so angry with him, she just grabbed the Bible right out of his lap, took It over, and raised up the stove, and stuck it in the stove and burned It. A few months after that, she was putting up some Christmas lights,

fire of the Christmas tree caught her and burnt her up, right in the same place. See, you reap what you sow. “Touch not My anointed, do My prophets no harm.” See?

10 Thinking about the Word of God. Them people that had the accident out there, and then Satan tried to destroy their...I just see them raise up back there, just then, to let someone in. Their trailer, practically everything in that room burnt to a

crisp. I was out there. The only thing that existed, I think, was a blessed old Bible and, I think, my book and Brother Osborn's. Everything was burnt to a crisp, in their trailer. I picked up the Bible, it's just smoked a little on the outside. I told the sister and brother that someday, the Lord willing, I would like to take that to the pulpit here, and preach on the text, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not." **When it's all gone, the**

Word is still there. Isn't it wonderful how God cares for His Word? And then let that Word be in you, He'll take care of you. That's right.

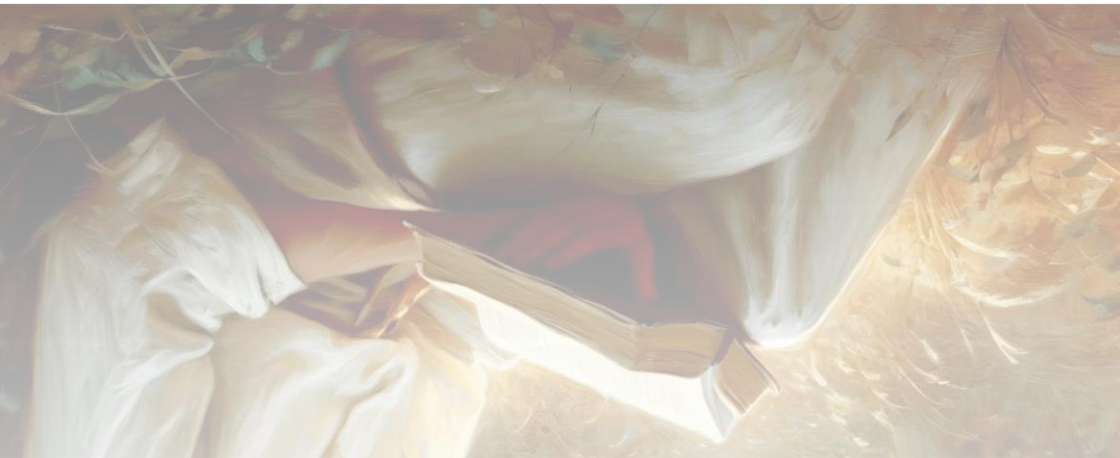
11 During the time of the flood. I was preaching here one night, left my Bible. The '37 flood came overnight, almost, as it swept through the tabernacle; picked up this same pulpit, raised it right up (there was no other ceiling in here then) and set it right against the ceiling.

The Word being under the pulpit; instead of it sinking, it floated, took it right up to the ceiling. And I rowed all around over here, in a boat. And then when the waters went down, it came down and was laying right here at the same chapter I was reading out of, after the flood. “Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not.” That’s right. He’s wonderful. Isn’t He?

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