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63 Oh, when God meets a man, he's changed. When Noah met God, his whole achievement was to build that ark.

People come out, "What are you doing, Noah?"

"Building an ark."

"What is an ark?"

"It's a boat."

"What's a boat?"

"It's a thing... There's coming water, going to fall down out of heavens, and God's going to destroy this old wicked world."

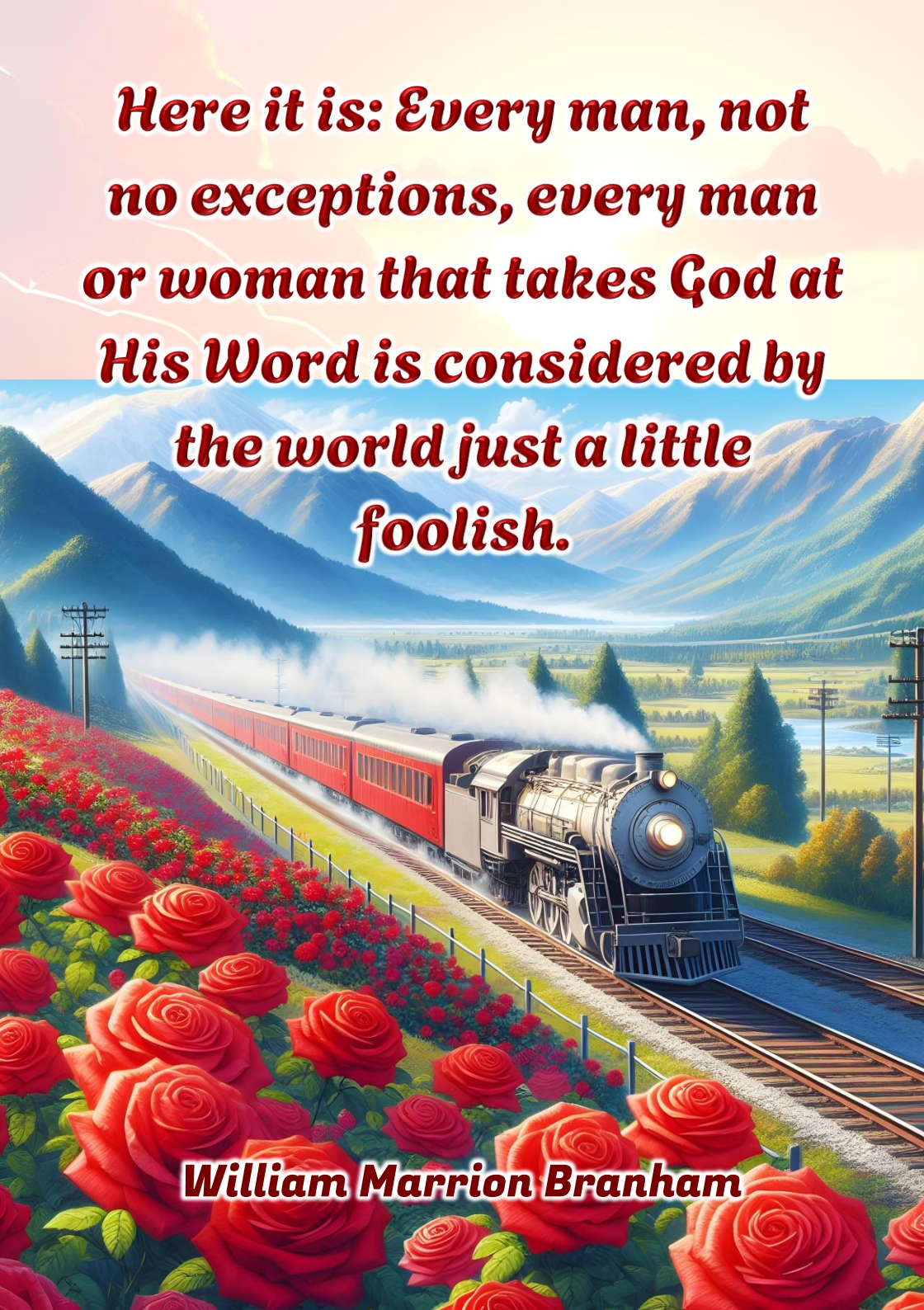
And all that don't come in this ark is going to—going to be perished.”

“Oh,” say, “you all ought to take him down to a psychiatrist. There's something wrong in the old man's head.” Well, what was it? He believed God. And a man that believes God, acts foolish to the world, because it pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to achieve this. Amen.

*60-0729 - What It Takes To Overcome
All Unbelief: Our Faith*

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no exceptions, every man
or woman that takes God at
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15 And the Bible said that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God. You get it? Oh, doesn't it make something just go over you to know that that's our God too, to know that this is His Word, and His promise to you, every promise? And He said that he was going to have a child, so Abraham wasn't afraid to testify. He goes out on the street and begin to say, "Now, we're going to have a baby, Sarah and I." I

suppose he bought up the birdeye and the pins and things, and made things ready.

People say, “Abraham you’re just a little bit slipped in the head old fellow.” What do you think a doctor would say to him, if the— today if a man took his wife down to the doctor’s office and her sixty-five, him seventy-five, and saying, “Doc, we want to engage you. We’re going to have a baby up at our house.” They’d want to put him in a mental institution.

Here it is: Every man, not no exceptions, every man or woman that takes God at His Word is considered by the world just a little foolish.

Because the—the wisdom of the world is foolishness to God, but it pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that was lost. How we love Him.

56-0613 - Jehovah-Jireh

*Why, the wisdom of
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158 Moses went up there then, when they were all... said, "Take the rod, and go out there, and stand before the rock. I'll meet you on the rock." Oh, I love that. "I will meet you on the rock."

159 He smote the rock the first time, brought forth waters; a type of Christ was the Rock. Look, the carnal mind would have quickly said, "The worst place in the world

to try to find water was in the rock. That was the driest place on the desert. Well, surely, if there's no water down here under the palm trees, where the spring was, there's none up there in that rock." Yet, God in... Why, the wisdom of God is foolish to man.

160 "Why, it's the driest place in the country, to try to ever find that."

161 But yet, God said,
“Right there’s where the water
is.”

162 And the people today,
say, “Oh, Divine healing, if
there’s anything, it’d be up in
the big up-and-ups, and it’d
be in the big churches, and
the Vatican City. It’d be
probably with the archbishop
of Canterbury, some of them
would have the gifts.” Or
would it be in one of them little

ol' missions down on the street, where they're clapping their hands and going on, the foolishness. "Yet, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them was lost." Amen. Do you see it?

163 The water is sometimes where you wouldn't ex-... least expect it to be. Why? The carnal mind would say, "Why strike the rock? Why, Moses," some of

the dignitaries of the camp would say, “Moses, what are you going up there to strike the rock for?”

164 “God said so.”

165 “Why, strike it down here where water’s at.”

166 “God said, ‘Strike it up *there*.’”

167 Naaman said, “Isn’t the waters up yonder in my

country, better than these muddy waters?”

168 But God said, “Dip in *these* waters; *this* is the water.”

169 He held his nose, went down, but kind of hurt his prestige, but he sure got healed. That’s what we need tonight, is to forget our prestige, forget our own mental conception, and believe what the Holy Spirit

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says, and be led by the Spirit
of God.

*55-0224 - Water From The
Rock*



**What man calls “foolish,”
God calls “Great”; and
what man calls “great,”
God calls “foolish.”**



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Chapter Four Part I

23 John was one time...John the Baptist, the—the Scriptures spoke of him coming. And said, “When he come, that...” Why, Isaiah said, about seven hundred and twelve years before he was born, “There’d be a voice of one crying in the wilderness.” And said, “All the mountains skipped like little lambs, all the leaves

clapped their hands, the high places was made low, and the low places was made high.”

24 Such prophecies as that! What do you think ministers of that day...When they picked That up, they must have said, “My! When that great prophet comes, everybody will know him. God will just spread back the canopies of the sky, the corridors of Heaven will lower down, a chariot of fire will move down, a

angelic band escort him to the earth.”

25 When he come, he was an ol’ fuzzy-faced preacher with a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him, with a piece of leather for a belt. Probably never took a bath; every three or four months. Out there in the wilderness, come out, stand in mud, knee deep, preaching, “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!” He never went to no cities. If anybody

wanted to hear him, they come out to Jordan to hear him, them that want to. What did he do? He shook the nation, he shook the world.

26 There's a shaking going on that people don't know nothing about. When Jesus come, He never represented Himself among the big high's. He come to His Own, He come to those who were looking for Him. There's where the shaking come. That's what He does today. The

Holy Spirit comes to those who God has called. There's a great shaking amongst the Elect. Great, powerful thing going on, but the world knows nothing of it.

27 They think, all this big flowerily stuff, and world-wide broadcasts, and televisions, and million-dollar buildings, and everything, that that's the things that's going great. That's foolish to the sight of God. God don't look at big things. What man calls "foolish," God calls "Great"; and

what man calls “great,” God calls “foolish.” “It pleased Him, through the foolishness of preaching, to save those which were lost.”

28 Now, John. What do you think they say? “There’s an ol’ fanatic out there, ol’ fuzzy-faced-looking fellow, come out of the wilderness with a sheepskin wrapped around him. And, why, he stands in mud, barefooted, out there on the side of the Jordan, and carrying on out

there. Who ever heard of such a thing?”

29 When Jesus come. “A Messiah, born over there in a stable, over a pile of straw, and—and the cattle lowing around? And—and you mean with a mother...Illegitimate, as his father...The mother was to be mother before they was even wed, why, He was born out of holy wedlock. That fellow?” Oh, my! See? But It was Great, they

just didn't know It. See? They didn't know It.

30 And so is the Gospel today "Great." And the Gospel is shaking like It's never shook before, but It's shaking in the remnant. That's right, fixing them ready.

*60-1231 — Revelation, Chapter
Four Part I*



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103 And the rude expression, Lord, of being a nut. And we know, that in this day, that it takes sometime when the world gets in a rut like the church is today, just joining new churches and new denominations. **A man who comes forth with the Word is considered a nut, an insane person.** As the great apostle Paul, who was trained to be a

theologian, a priest, and yet he said he become a fool, for the glory of God. He forsook his education, that the people might...listen to his high-polished words. And he said he come not with enchanting words and wisdom of man, that their faith would be in such. How the church has turned to that today, as he prophesied, “After my departure, wolves shall enter in, not sparing the flock.” But he said he came to them, “in power

and manifestations of the Holy Spirit,” that their faith would be in God. Father, he became a fool, to the world, to know Jesus.

104 And so do we today, Lord. There is people setting here that’s considered crazy, because that they’re ready to trust God for their healing, for their Eternal destination. Placing their reputation at stake, in worship to Him. Thanking Him, praising Him, giving freedom to their spirit, to worship God;

they're considered crazy. But You said, that, "The—the foolishness of God," if we are fools, "was stronger and wiser than the wisdom of man; for man, by wisdom, knowed not God. But through the foolishness of preaching, it pleased God to save them that was savable."

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