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It's prayer that changes things



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*Title: 52-0716 — Thou Knowest
All Things*

And after all, this... It's—it's prayer is the most vital force that God ever put into the hand of mankind. The most effective force that's known to man, is prayer. Do you believe that? It is. It's prayer that changes things.

15 Look at Hezekiah when...?... and the prophet went up and said, "All right, Hezekiah, you're not

coming off the bed. God's done said you was going to die right there where you're at."

And Hezekiah studied it over, if he just had fifteen years longer... Now remember, you've got to give God a cause, a reason. Now, he didn't say, "Just because I can get out there and ride around in a chariot, and show the people I'm a king." No, he wanted to rebuild the altars of the God; and a few things had to be done to get the kingdom in order right.

And he prayed that God would give him fifteen years longer, and he wept bitterly, just wept to God. He said, “God, I beseech You to consider me. I’ve walked before You with a perfect heart.”

How many of us can say that tonight, we’ve walked before Him with a perfect heart?

“I’ve walked before Thee, Lord, with a perfect heart. And I ask You to consider me. Now, I want...”

And God Almighty, Jehovah, reconsidered that man's case, because he prayed. Think of that. Almighty God, that had pronounced death upon the man, reconsidered His case. My, that's too much for me. Great Jehovah, to a mortal, to one of the earth, would reconsider His Word that He'd said to him.

16 Now, God has ways of doing things. Looked like He would have spoke right back and told him, "But I—I considered your case,

again; I'm going to let you stay for that, if you'll do that." But He didn't. He spoke to the prophet, and sent the prophet all the way back up there again to tell him. Said, "All right, God heard your prayer." See, God revealed to the prophet what was going to happen; he come back, "Your—your days is considered, and you're going to come off the bed now in three days." You got some poultices and so forth, put on him.

And Hezekiah come off the bed and was made well.

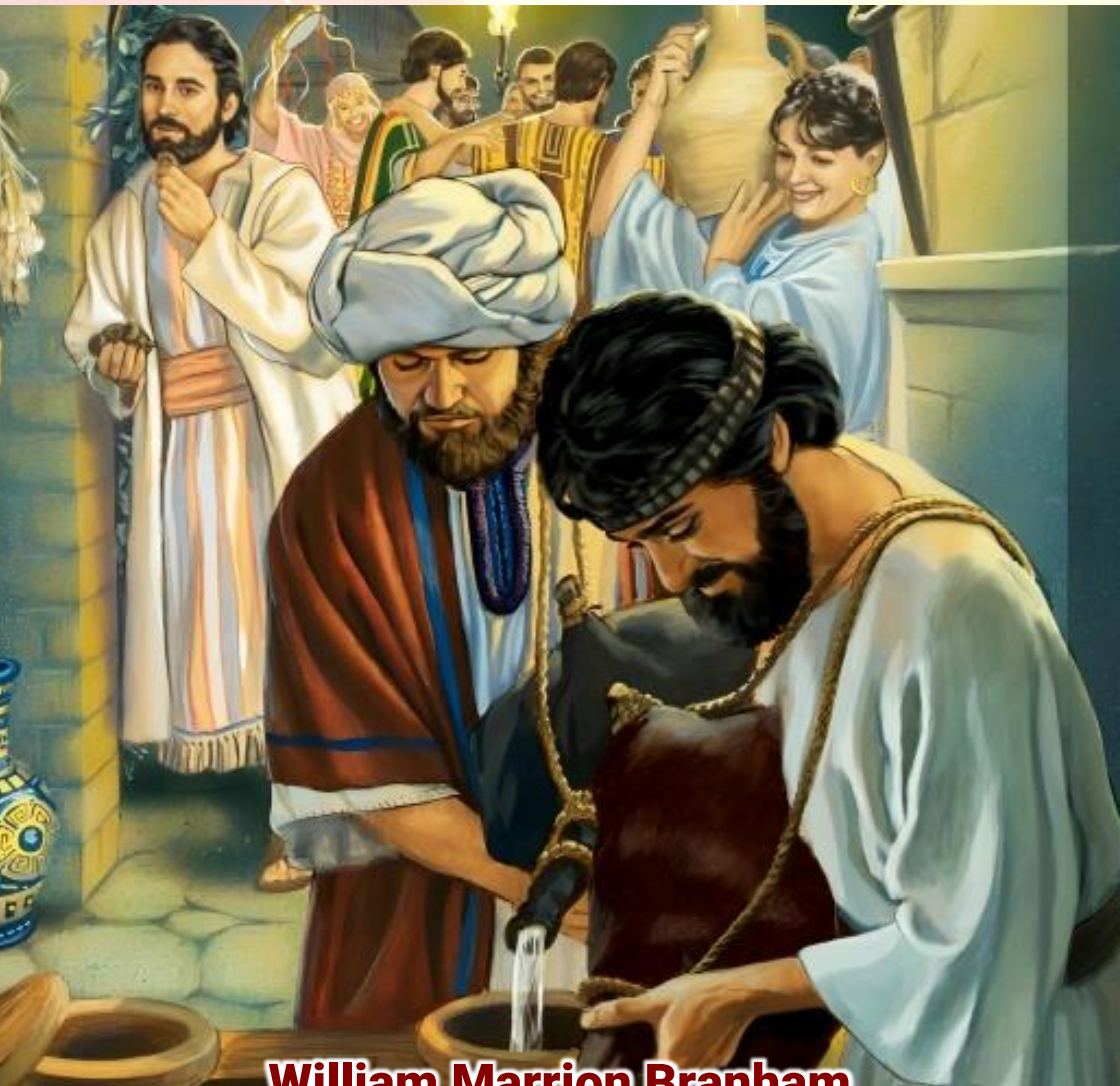
17 Now, see what prayer does? Prayer is not exactly bringing God down to man. It's bringing man up to God. See? As you pray, you lose—you lose sight of these earthly things. You sway out into somewhere else, way beyond, and on and on and on, till you be come into His Presence. And then a—a faith that you have laid it out before God, said, “Now here, God, here it is. And I—I want to get well

for, this cause.” Or, “I want You to do this for me, for this cause. I want You to heal me from—from—from this cancer, or this TB or—or this anemia condition,” or whatever it is. “I will walk before You, I will—I will do everything I can. I will give this testimony everywhere I go. I will be happy to do that, Lord. And I will use my life, not for myself. I will—I will use it for Your glory, to help others to see You.”

18 Now, then you lay that before God, and say, “God, will You consider my case?” I believe, just as Hezekiah was... O God, yet today, don’t you believe so? Every night He confirms it right here in the building. I believe He will do it again tonight, don’t you? He will come right down here among us tonight and confirm the same thing. As men and women, I don’t know no one here.



**He said, "You can't put new wine
in old bottles. If you do, they'll
perish."**



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*Title: 57-0120M — The
Impersonation Of Christianity*

92 The intellectuals! The old lady, they give her a face lift; she is still the same old woman. The old man, they give him a face lift; he's just the same old man. "I'll turn my new page, on—on New Year's, and I'll start life new. I'll throw away my pipe," and pick it up the next day. See? That's just you. It isn't a face

lifting; it's a Birth, the church needs.

93 Now you can't preach This in the old church. She won't stand It. Jesus said that in Luke, about the 5th chapter, about the wine in the bottles. He said, "You can't put new wine in old bottles. If you do, they'll perish."

94 That used to wonder me, that used to startle my—my boyish mind, when I used to think, "How could the bottle perish?" Now

what we call the bottle, being old, it makes no difference, because it's glass.

95 But, in Jesus' time, what He was speaking of, was the bottle that they used then, which was made out of an animal hide. And an animal hide had been tanned. And when the animal hide was old, why...When it was new and young, and just had been tanned, it was flexible. But when it got old, it got dry. Now, many of you people know what a hide is when it gets

dry. It gets old and dry, and it's all shrunk up and real hard. Now, if you put new wine in that, it hasn't got any life in it; it's going to burst.

96 It's just like trying to preach the baptism of the Holy Ghost, in the real genuine power of the—of the resurrection, is trying to place that before the people. When you do, what happens if you put it in? The new Wine has got Life, and the new Wine is still fermenting. Oh, I

hope you see it. The new Life is fermenting.

97 The new wine is still fermenting. And if it's in a new flexible bottle, where the oil of the animal is still in the skin, when the new wine goes to pushing out, the skin will stretch.

98 In otherwise, when the Bible said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever," the new skin will say, "amen," stretch out with It. And when the new

Wine says, that, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, “I am the Life of God that’s working in you,” the new skin will say, “amen,” stretch out to It. When the new Wine says, that, “the Holy Ghost is sufficient for our healing today,” the new Wine will stretch itself out, the Wine being the Word. And when It says that, then the new bottle will say, “amen,” stretch out to It.

99 But what will the old body do? “Days of miracles is passed and gone on.” Then, what are we

doing? What are we accomplishing? We are... He said, "The old bottle will perish, and the wine will perish with it." And it's almost like casting your pearls before swine. They turn and tramp under the feet. Do you see it?

100 Now, Christ doesn't anoint ministers to preach the Gospel just to have It return back to Him void. But, He expects you to receive the Word. And when receiving the Word, be ready. Take that old cow hide you been living in over there,

that old formal condition, and swap it off for a sheepskin that's flexible to the Word of God. Everything the Bible says, you'll say, "Amen." But it must come from the Bible.

101 For, the new wine only ferments wine. It only verifies the—the elements that's in there. The yeast only presses forth the bulb of the alcohol, which makes it a bursting procession, as the yeast bursts this little bubble, to make it a more perfect; to give it the

better taste, to give it the better substantial holding, to make it more stronger, to make it so it can't sour. Amen.

102 And when the leaven of the human element, that's brought into the new Wine, that seeks to burst the bubble, to spread forth its strength of the alcohol; it shoves, from the church, all the worldly elements like that, and preserves the church.

103 Grape juice will sour in twenty-four hours, but wine will never sour, 'cause the germ of life is in the wine, fermenting, and pushing, and sterilizing. And the older it gets, the better it gets. So much for that.

104 The new Wine, It can only be put in new pentecostal bottles. God had a hundred and twenty of them gathered into the upper room; after He had oiled by His Word, and had softened up, and had renewed and got all the old

orthodoxy out of them, of the old system. And God had a hundred and twenty bottles laying in the upper room, when, with their necks up, and a funnel on the top.

105 And when the Holy Spirit begin to rain, these bottles got so alive, until they begin to run outside, preaching the Gospel, bouncing from place to place. And one jumped on a stump and said, “This is that,” right back with the Word. “This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel, ‘It

shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I'll pour out My Spirit, My new Wine, into My new bodies.'” What a revival they were having! That's God's order.

106 Here come a couple bottles of it, bursting by, and there laid an afflicted man. And when this afflicted man touched the hand of one of these, why, his affliction left him. And he got some of It, and begin leaping and praising God, and running into the temple, shouting, and glorifying God.

107 That's God's order; not a big school with a degree, but a living, acting experience of the Holy Spirit; not fanaticism, but the real, genuine Holy Spirit put in action. May you see it, is my prayer.

108 Now notice the order of the Scripture. It's perfect. God said, "First, I'll take away the old stony heart; you can't receive nothing. Then," He said, "I'll give you a new spirit." Now, that ain't the Holy Spirit.

109 There is where the mistake has been made. A lot of people, many people, rather, come to the altar to pray, and they get down there to pray, and, in praying, they get to feeling a little better. They might get up and go on, and jump around a little while, and after a while you find out they just bounce, bounce, bounce...?...back again. They never received the Holy Spirit. No matter how much they bounce, or how much they screamed, or how much they...oil

had run out of their hands, or they had bloody faces, or how much they spoke in tongues, or how much they shouted, or—or what they did. That has nothing at all to do with it. That was only human emotions. They got a new spirit, and they rejoice with it.

110 I'm going to say something, and I want it to sink deep, and may God help. There is the—the emotional side of the so-called Holy Ghost church today. They get a lot of build up of

fanaticism, and run off out there, because they disregard the Word. They go only, together, “Oh, we had a great meeting! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” Now, when you do that, and don’t bear the fruit of the Spirit, then...You’re in the new spirit. You didn’t used to do that, that’s right, but God had to give you a new spirit. Why, the spirit you had, you couldn’t even get along with yourself, so how you going to get along with God?

111 So, God had to give you a new heart, not a patched up one. A new heart; that's your intellects that you think with, a new way of thinking. Then, when He give you a new way of thinking, "Yes, that's right. The Bible looks to be reasonable. I used to didn't believe That. I believe It now." Now, there is your great revival. See? They say, "Yeah, sure, I don't want to go to hell. I want to accept Christ." That's all right. That's good. That's just your first step.

Then He said, after that, “Then I’ll give you a new spirit.”

What’s that? A new desire. “I want to do right.”

112 “Now, I know I’m a Christian. I got to... I’ll smoke one more, and then I’ll throw it away.” See? “And I’ll—I’ll—I’ll just see. I’ll—I’ll—I’ll just stay home tonight, you know. I’ll just...” All these little “just’s, just’s,” that’s exactly. Eve stopped just for a moment. That’s all she had to do.

But, now, that's the new spirit.

113 Then notice the order of the Scripture. After He give a new heart, and a new spirit, He said, "Then I'll put My Spirit." Now what? That's what the Scripture says here. That's the order, the numeric, numerical order of the Scripture, "A new heart; a new spirit; and then My Spirit." Then, God's Holy Spirit...

114 God's new heart that He put in you, sets right in the center

of you. That's your—your impulse, where you—you... your—your emotions goes out. And the new spirit sets right in the center of the new heart. And God's Spirit, the Holy Spirit, sets right in the center of your new spirit. And, there, It controls your emotions.



**That's what we need,
some weaklings. Sure!**



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*Title: 61-1119 — Perfect Strength
By Perfect Weakness*

181 Did God feel sorry for Moses with all of his weaknesses, said, “Poor little Moses, something—something sure has happened to you, you fell from your degree. Oh, my! Here, yeah, you was a great man, an intellectual, and there wasn’t nothing going to stop you. Brother, you had all your Ph.D.’s

and LL.D.'s, and everything else, and now here you come confessing that you are nothing, you can't do a thing. You're—you're just so weak"? No! God wasn't sorry for him. God never took pity on him. God had him cured then of all that stuff. He wasn't sorry for him.

182 But we find out, if you're putting it down, Exodus 4:14, "The anger of God was kindled against him." God wasn't sorry for him 'cause he was weak.

183 You say, “O Lord, I just feel so bad, I don’t believe I could do it.” God don’t feel sorry for you; feels like kicking you around a little bit. See? See? Sure. God don’t feel sorry for you; He—He gets angry with you. You’re just getting in shape then to where He can use you. Yeah.

184 Moses getting cured up, God could use him. He had the cure, he was away from human abilities then. He didn’t have nothing he could rely upon then,

'cause he—he was ready then for the service.

185 God said, “Forty years out here I’ve had you and Zipporah fussing and carrying around out here in this wilderness, whether you could find out there’s human weakness or not, where you’re standing up there as a big prince, ‘Hello, Doctor Moses. Good morning, Reverend, Sir. Yes, sir. Moses, you’re the coming prince. All...We all think of you.’ Now you’re out here in the desert with a

bunch of sheep and a high-tempered wife.” See? That fixed him up. Yes, sir. Moses in an awful shape, but He said, “Now I can use you, when you realize that you’re nothing. Now come on up here by this burning bush, I want to send you down yonder.” Oh, my!

186 God, give us some more of that kind, give us some more weaklings. That’s what we need, some weaklings. Sure!



**He that was in Moses, was
greater than Egypt**



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Title: 63-1110E — He That Is In You

165 Greater was He that was in Joshua, than the sun. And Joshua was a man, sin-born, like you and I. And greater was He that was in Joshua, and in the sun that was running by the commandment of God. God commanded that sun to shine and turn itself around, and it's governed and controlled by the laws of God. But greater was He

that was in Joshua, than the laws of God was; because the Creator, Himself, was in Joshua when Joshua looked up to the sun and said, “You stand there where you’re at. And, moon, you hang there where you’re at, till I finish this battle.” And the sun and the moon obeyed him, for He that was in Joshua was greater than the— the sun and the moon. He that was in Joshua!

166 He that was in Moses, was greater than Egypt. Egypt was the

mighty armies of the world, they had the world conquered at that time. But greater was He that was in Moses, than Egypt was, because Moses overcome Egypt. Greater was He that was in Moses, than even nature itself. Did you ever think that God took His Word and give It to Moses, and said, “Go out there and command that the sun don’t shine”? And the sun was pitch dark! Is that right? He can make the sun to shine and the clouds to go back, or He can make

the sun to be black. He is God; He can do whatever He wishes to, and He is in the believing child! Amen. That's it.

167 There wasn't a flea in sight. It might have been wintertime, there's no flies, but God said to Moses, "Go speak My Words, and I'll put in your mind what to say. And you go out there and pick up some dirt off the ground, and throw it up into the air, the dust."

168 And said, “Let there be fleas!” And fleas was crawling probably several inches deep, all over the ground, in a few hours. Is that right? The Creator!

169 There wasn't any frogs, so he stretched out his rod and said, “Let there be frogs!” And they were everywhere, piled up, till the whole land was stinking. Is that right?

170 When he come to the Red Sea and it was in his way, God said,

“Speak to the sea.” And Moses spoke to the sea; and greater is He that was in Moses, than the sea was itself. Is that right? Oh, my! Now, you see, greater was He that was in Moses, than he that’s in the world. Greater is He that was in Moses, than any nature there is in the world. He commanded nature. At whatever God told him to say, he said it, and that’s the way it was.

171 That same God is with us tonight! Not only with us, but in

us! He's proved He was in us.
“Greater is He that's in you, than
he that's in the world.” What are
we afraid of, the world?

172 Here the other day they
found a—a some kind of a dinosaur
tooth, up here around of...I guess
you all heard about it; up here at
the Niagara Falls. Said, “It weighed
six pound.” I thought they was
going to say it come out of a man,
but I—I think they finally defined it
as some kind of a prehistoric
animal. Those animals probably

lived one time on the earth. Where are they now?

Do you know, God Almighty could command dinosaurs to come upon this earth, in the next hour they'd be forty miles deep? You know, God could destroy this world with fleas? He could call for fleas. Where do they go when they die? What happens to the housefly? What happens to the grasshopper? Wintertime comes, and goes forty below zero; and, go out the next spring, grasshoppers

all over everywhere. Where did they come from? He's the Creator that speaks it into existence! He is God! Nature obeys His Word.

173 Where many of our brethren gets excited, they get impressed that God says do a certain thing, and they say it's **THUS SAITH THE LORD** when it isn't. That's the reason it don't happen.

But when it's God really telling you, it's got to happen, it's got to

be that way. See? When God speaks it, it has to be.

174 Greater is He that was in Moses, than he that was in Egypt. Greater is He that was in Moses, than anything Pharaoh could do, all of his enchantments. Greater was He that was in Moses, than the he that was in the magicians. See? Greater was He that was in Moses, than all nature.









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