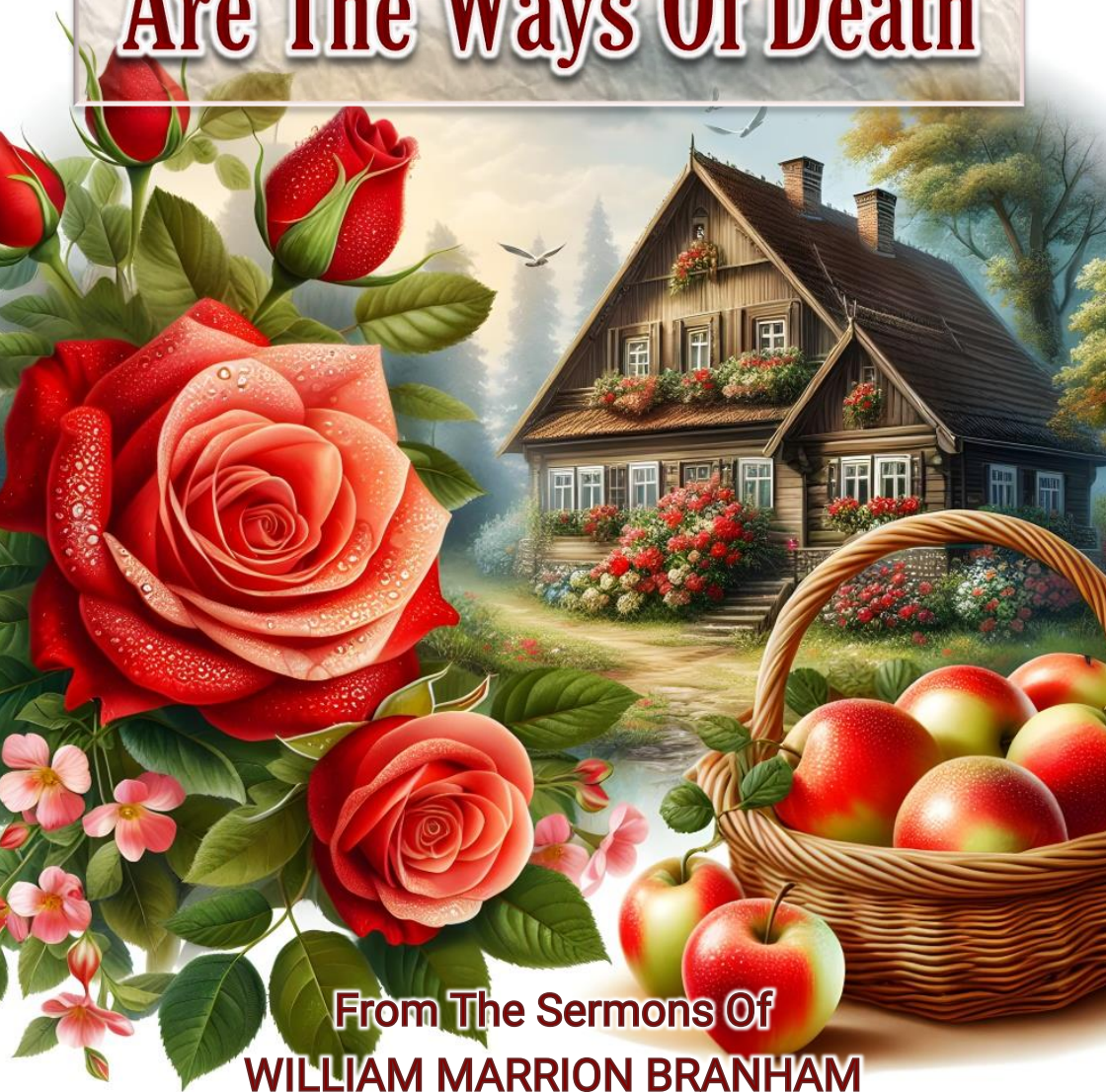


But The End Thereof Are The Ways Of Death



From The Sermons Of
WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Proverbs 14:12

*There is a way which seemeth right
unto a man, but the end thereof are
the ways of death.*



**Listen what the Prophet of God said
about it:**



*If you are born again, you are
bound to go up. If you are not born
again, you've got to go down.*



William Marrion Branham

Title: 53-0403 — The Cruelty Of
Sin, And The Penalty That It Cost
To Rid Sin From Our Lives

70 So, Adam taken Eve as his wife. And then when sin came in...And I have my idea of what that was. I don't express it out in the church, 'less it just having a little class of some sort, of what the sin was in the beginning. But, anyhow, when it did, it separated them from fellowship with God.

71 Now here's the picture I want to get. Now when God realized, or some Angel or some Being had come up

and told God, that, “Your son is lost. He—he sinned. He has fallen.”

72 Now watch the strain of man, the first thing, is make hisself a religion. A man, he’s got some kind of a religion.

73 I was talking to a famous man here in the city, the other day. Said, “You know, my religion, Brother Branham, is keeping the Golden Rule.” That’s good.

74 But, brother, unless a man is born again, he’ll perish. Yes. He’s got to, he’s got to be born again. Now, the Golden Rule is all right; that, a moral man can do that. But it’s got to be all

in the supernatural line. And you'll see what God had to do in order that we could be supernaturally born.

75 Now when, then, they sinned, he—he made himself a reli-...A word religion means “covering.” It's like something covers. This coat is a—is a—a moral religion to me, because it covers my being. And your clothes is the same way. And it's a...It's a—a covering.

76 Now notice then, when, Adam, his fig leaves were all right as long as he didn't have to face God. But when he had to face God, he realized his fig leaves was no good. And now, friend,

you might think you're a pretty good person, see, and you might be. That's right. But when you come to face God, your...if you haven't accepted God's provided Sacrifice for you, you're lost and you'll know it.

77 I've stood by their side, watch them die; see the doctor shoot hypo's in their arms, to keep them quiet. And hear them scream and carry on. Say, "Oh, they're just beside themselves."

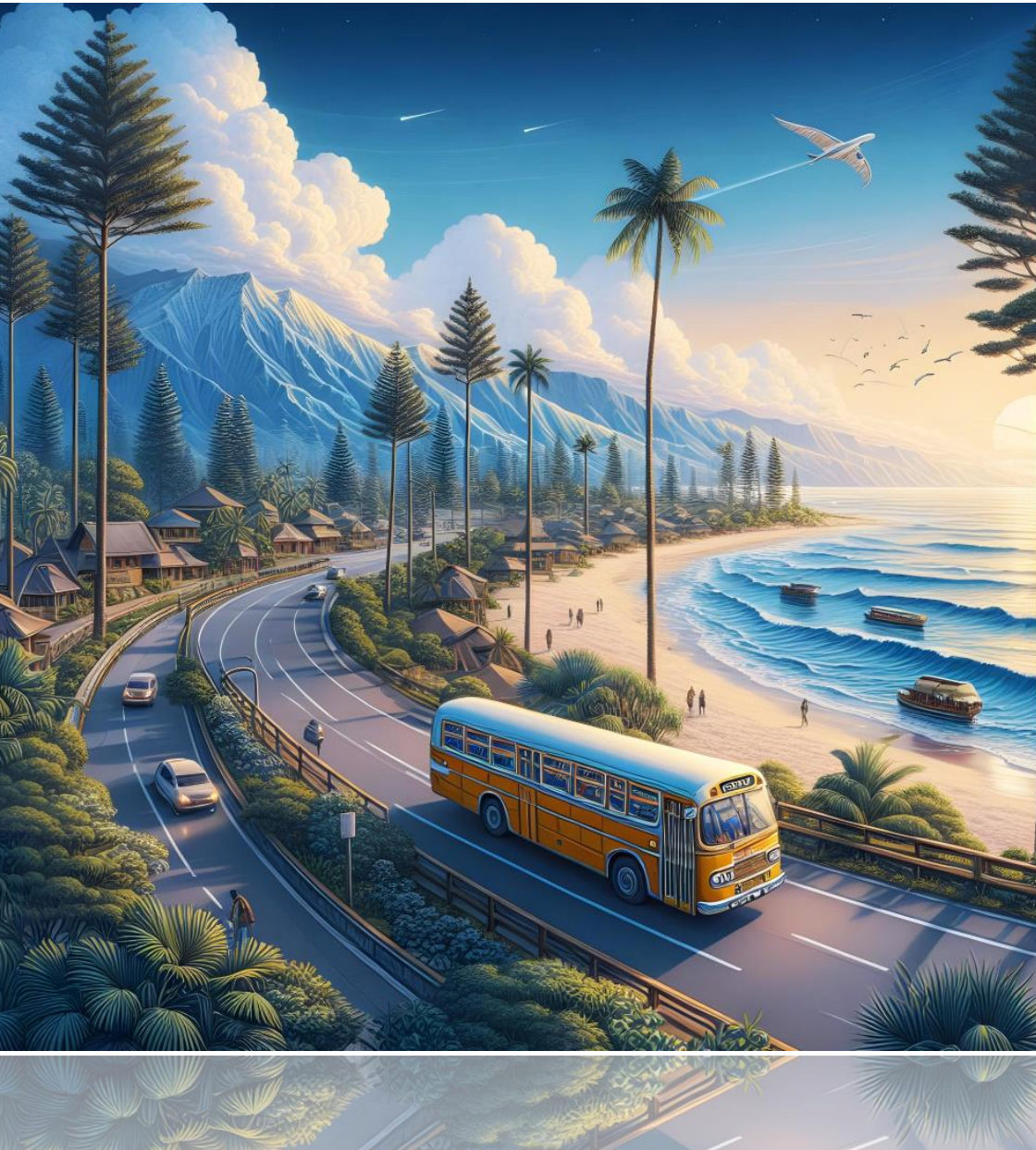
78 I said, "Doc, please keep it out, just a minute longer." See? And you can hear them when they—they think you're right.

79 “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.”

80 **And every man that's ungenerated, ungenerated of God, will go that way of destruction. You can't help it. Your own soul guides you. If you are born again, you are bound to go up. If you are not born again, you've got to go down. Just your—your own soul will do it. Just like a—a magic wand that would open a door somewhere; if you haven't got the—the wand, the door won't open. And if you're not born again, you're just rejected, automatically. That's all, now.**

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Penalty That It Cost To Rid Sin From Our Lives
Rev. William Marrion Branham



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There's thousands of people joins
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Title: 56-0213 — Hidden Life With Christ

70 What's the matter with the church of the living God today, who's promised that same blessing? What's the matter with us today? Because we can't get enough together to group ourselves together to come into the holiest of holies and there stay, and hide ourselves from the things of the world, and live a full surrendered, consecrated life for the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. That's what it is, coming into the glorious light of the Gospel. And in doing so, you receive it.

How many in here say, “Brother Branham, I’d like to live that life” let’s see your hands? Just put your... “I’d like to live that life.” God bless you.

71 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] Is there a sinner in here, say, “I never did accept any of it, Brother Branham, I’d like to even taste the manna tonight.” Let me see your hands. Say, “I’d just like to taste the manna.” God bless you, lady. Someone else say, “I’d just like to taste the manna. I’ve never even been saved yet. But what you’re talking about, I’d like to live that kind of life. Oh, I’m so tossed about. I got so many cares and worries. I—I just seem like I just can’t get along.”

God wants to give you that.
“Whosoever will, let him come and
drink at the fountain.”

72 You know the reason I ask? You
know why you raised your hand?
Anybody else wants to raise their
hand? I want to tell you something. If
God’s speaking to you, raise your
hand. I’ll tell you why He’s talking to
you. It’s a point that I want to make.

Another sinner raise your hand,
say, “Brother Branham, I would sure
like to be there. I’d like to eat that
manna, just see what the goodness of
the Lord is. Oh, I know I belong to
church. I’ve went there a long time.

But as far as being saved, I never have. I'll just...I—I'm not fooling myself; I got to live with myself. I have a little confession: Oh, I said I believe Jesus is the Son of God, but I know devils say the same thing."

Devils beg for mercy, beg for peace, beg not to be punished, and recognize Him, and confess before the crowd that He was the Son of the living God. That's right. That don't save you, no sir. The application of the Blood of Jesus to your heart is what saves you. Truly it is.

73 Is there another hand would go up and say, “That’s me, Brother Branham, I’d like to have that life.”

The only reason the lady raised her hand, because God was dealing with her. That’s right. That’s...“No man can come to Me except the Father draws Him first.” Is that right? You can’t do it.

Do you know we hate to say this from the platform, but that is the Bible truth. There’s men that’s in this world and women, who will never, no matter what the Holy Spirit would do, they’ll never, never, never accept the Lord Jesus. They were born for that purpose, not—

God not willing, but His foreknowledge foreknew it. That's right. The Bible said so. That they knew it.

74 And to think, what if your heart was far enough away from God till you didn't even have a desire to do what was right. Then you're in a bad shape. See, you can grieve His Spirit too many times and It'll go away, you never have no more desire no more. God keeps talking to you, you say, "Well, I really ought to. The next revival I'll straighten up; before I die I'll make it right. I—I intend to really be filled with the Holy Ghost 'fore I die. I—I

want to be living a sweet consecrated life, hid away with God. And when He knocks at my heart's door I want to be just ready to open my arms and say, 'Yes, Lord Jesus.'" Well, why don't you do it now?

You know at time you might not be able to do it. I'm forty-six years old, and I've seen...I've been in the ministry twenty-three years, and I've seen some horrible sights, and many times over the world, to watch and see people dying in all kind of a state. And I've watched them who thought they were real genuine Christians, but when they come

time to die...Oh, my, that camera turned, and they see them things coming up, that they had had a form of godliness and denied the power, and got away from God. They hadn't lived that life at all. And they scream and holler. And hypos can't stop it. That's right.

75 So be sure, friends; don't play with this; this is the Gospel. See? Don't just say, "Well, I believe I'll join church." There's thousands of people joins churches that'll never be in Heaven.

I preached here some time ago on the disappointments at the

judgment. I said the bootlegger, and the gambler, and the—and the prostitute, and so forth, they won't be surprised; they know what's coming to them. But what's going to be the surprise, is those fellow who thinks he's right and not. That's when you see your name is not on the Book; that's when it's going to be hard, when you think that you are a Christian, when you're not. "There's a way that seemeth right." You believe intellectually that you are right. You've done the things that you thought was right; you've been good; you've been kind. Naaman was the same type. Many

others of the Scripture we could call now. It's...

That isn't it friends, what I'm trying to say, the church of today: Instead of wallowing around out there in—in justification and laying here on the altar, they ought to be in here consecrated. The time of miracles is at hand. The time of healings, the time of great things is at hand. But where is the church to receive it? See what I mean? We—we play with it. We tamper with it. And just petty around with it, and never get right into it.



*There's something in man to thirst;
God made that thirst for man to thirst
for Him. But you try to quench it with
pleasure.*



William Marrion Branham

Title: 57-0630 — Thirsting For Life

25 Listen, friends. God created a man to thirst. God put thirst in a man. A man was made to thirst. And do you mean to tell me that you would try to quench that blessed holy thirst with the world, and with the devil's programs. You try to quench that thirst with drinking whiskey, that God put in you to thirst after Him? There's something in man to thirst; God made that thirst for man to thirst for Him. But you try to quench it with pleasure.

And this American people has quenched it with pleasure, mad. That's right. That blessed, holy thirst...You strip yourself on these beaches. You'll lay in these pool rooms, playing cards, social drinking, all this nonsense that you do, and stay home on Wednesday night watching the television instead of going to church. What are you doing? You're trying to quench that holy thirst. You got to quench it some way. And you reject Christ, and the devil pours his slop into you. Right. And you think that you're right, but the Bible said, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof

is the ways of death.” Death is total annihilation, separation. Don’t you never try to quench that blessed thirst with something the devil put into you.

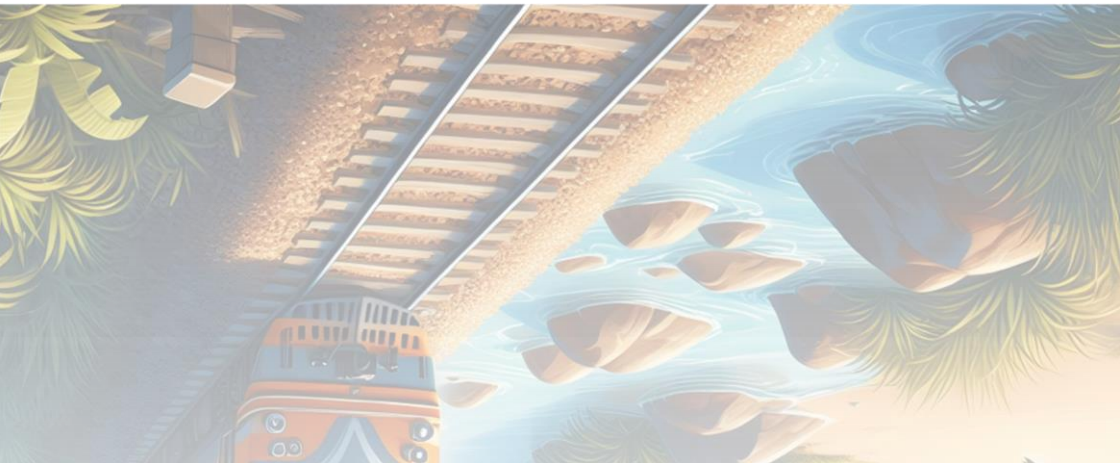
26 Now, not only...You say, “Well, I’m not a drunkard. I’m not a gambler. I’m not a pleasure seeker.” But, brother, if the devil can’t get you one way, he will try another. And the devil has tried to quench with his type of life, the thirst that God give you for His Life. He just let you join church. He’s let you shout. He’s let you speak with tongues. He’s let you do all kinds of demonstrations, and still, you’re

drinking from the devils slop pens.
That's exactly right.

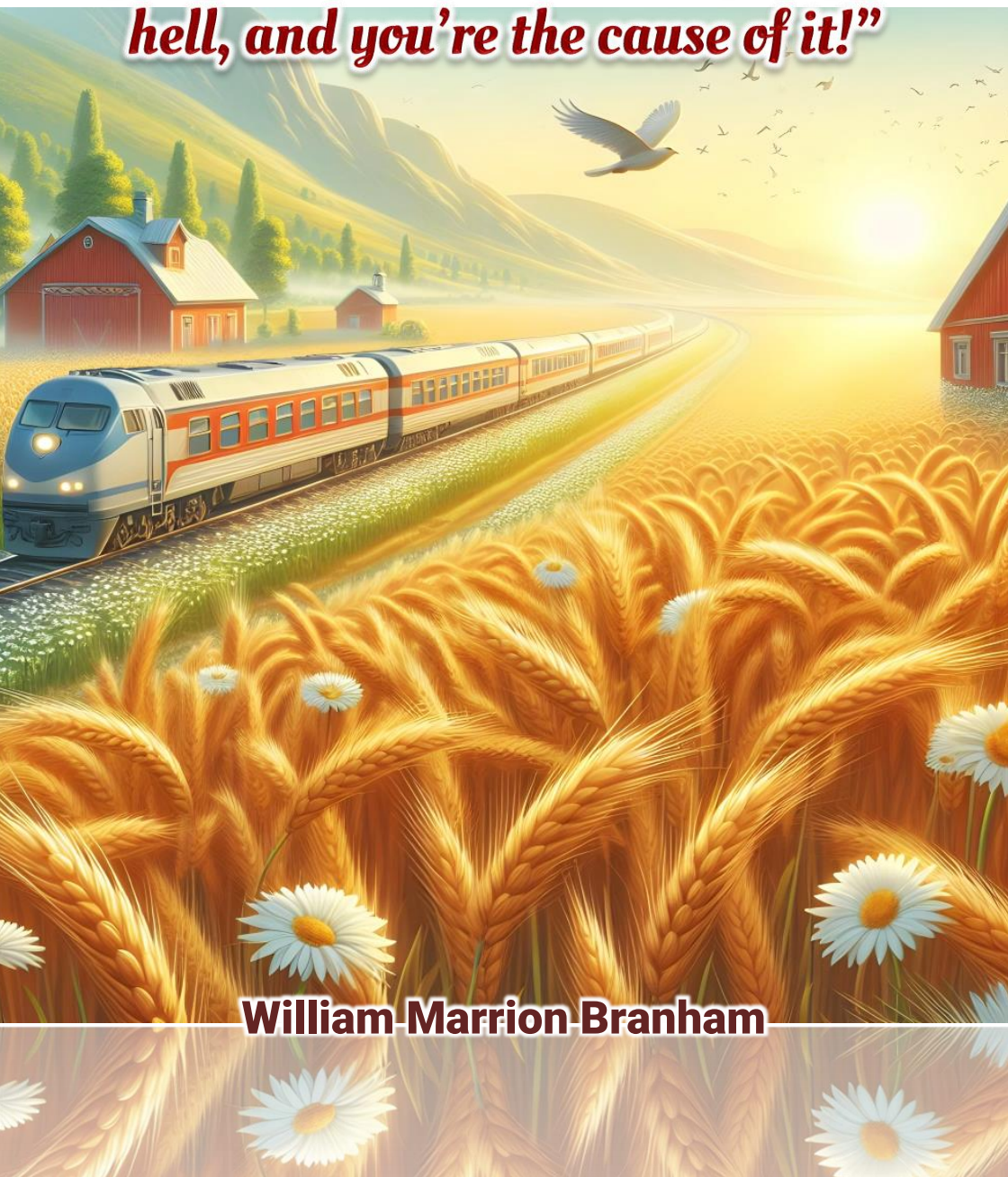
When a man thirsts after God, his whole being is surrendered to God. People goes around today, and joins churches, and lives like the devil. They think they quench that thirst. "I go to church; that settles it." Many times I told them when they come on Easter, that's usually when everybody wants to show their new hat. They'll come on Easter; you might as well bid them a Merry Christmas, 'cause you won't see them again till next Easter. And yet they're members of the church.

They are members of that denomination. But a member of the Church is borned again of the Spirit of God and their soul cannot live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. That blessed holy thirst that God give you to thirst after Him. Then you pervert it. Give it something else. That hunger, that thing that you want to do, test out and see what it's thirsting for; see what it's after.

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Rev. William Marrion Branham



*She said, "You deceiver of men!
You're the cause of it, I'm going to
hell, and you're the cause of it!"*



William Marrion Branham

Title: 60-0713 — Blind Bartimaeus

73 And I—I love people, I just love people, and I—I want to live forever with them, I want to live in Eternity with them. And I would rather kind of stir you up just a little bit now, than to hear you stand there on that Day like a girl that died in our city recently.

74 And there was a girl come to the tabernacle up there, she a little old-fashioned girl, and—and so, this girl made fun of her, called her old-fashioned, and everything. And—and

she asked her to go to a dance with her, and the girl from the tabernacle said, “We don’t go to dances.”

75 She said, “That narrow-minded pastor of yours, Mr. Branham,” she said, “if he wasn’t such a crank and a religious fanatic, you would have more liberty.”

76 She said, “I do not do this because of Mr. Branham’s convictions, I do this on my own convictions of Jesus Christ.” Hmm! God bless that girl. This lady that said that to her was a Sunday school teacher.

77 Mr. Perkins works for a, for the undertaker there in the city. About six months after this remark was made, this girl taken sick and died, they didn't know what it was, it was venereal disease. Mr. Perkins, when he was pumping the embalming fluid into the girl's body, he kept smelling something, it was leaking, like. And he opened up, and she had holes eat in her like that, from a venereal disease. That's right. And, lot of room to make fun, say somebody is fanatic.

78 When she died, if it's all right, I'll tell you the testimony, when the girl died, she brought all of her Sunday

school class in, they was to watch her go Home to Heaven, of course. But she was very worldly, very, very worldly. And then when she got ready to die, she thought it was all right. You know, “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof is the ways of death.” Well, this girl, when she got ready to die...

79 Her pastor smoked cigarettes in a holder, long holder. Wore one of these turned around collars, that’s perfectly all right, if he wants to do that, but if he would just preach the Gospel!

80 Jesus, I don't think Jesus marked Himself any different from any other man, He dressed like ordinary men, and went among men, He was a Man among men. And so, He was our Example when it comes to dressing, or anything else. I don't think we have to dress, I think our lives tell it better than our dressing does, of what we are. And so then, this...No disregards to that though.

81 But the man was out in the hall, and—and so when the girl got ready to die, when death struck her, instead of seeing Angels come, she said, “My God, I'm lost!”

82 And they called the pastor, and she said...he said, “Here, here, here, here, here!” Said, “You know you’re all right,” said, “you been a member of the church.”

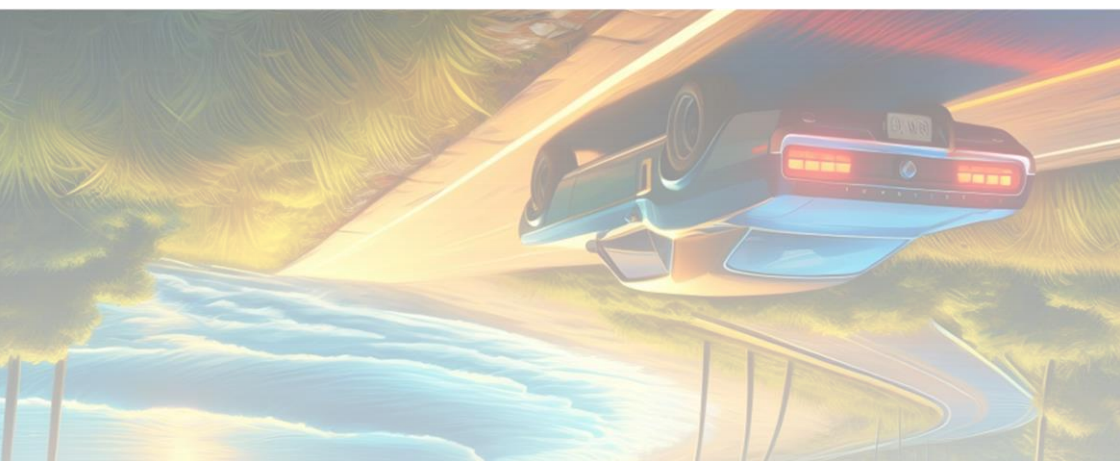
83 She said, “You deceiver of men! You’re the cause of it, I’m going to hell, and you’re the cause of it!”

84 And she called for that girl that she had said that up there at the tabernacle, little Mrs. Humes, but they didn’t get her there in time, the girl died in that...And the—and the minister said she was in hysterics, and

asked that the doctor come and give her a hypo, but she was gone before the doctor got there, saying all kinds of evil things against that minister.

85 Brother, sister, I'd hate to stand before one of the people I preached before and hear somebody say that to me. If I have to make it real rough sometimes, I—I'd rather be that way and be good, and clean, and straight with God when the time comes.

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Bro. William Branham

Message: **55-1001 -**
Expectation

What's the matter with the world today, we got too much intellectual religion. There is such a things as having intellectual...I don't mean to be rude, I don't mean to hurt people's feelings, but the trouble with these evangelists today, that's crossing the nation today a preaching the Word, they say they go and

have a big meeting and thousands are converted, and go back a few weeks, and there's not hardly any of them left. What is it? They receive a intellectual faith.

24 Now, God is not known by intellectual faith. God is known by the experience of new birth, only alone. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again of the Spirit of God, he cannot even see the Kingdom of God." Now, any Bible scholar here knows that the

word “see” there does not mean “look with your eye.” It means “understand.”

You—you say, “I...Looking at something or other, say, “I just don’t see it.” You mean; you don’t understand it; you’re looking right at it. You look with your eyes, but understand with your heart. That’s right. You can’t understand it. And no man can know nothing of God, until first you’re borned of the Spirit of God.

The Bible said, “No man can call Jesus, Christ.” Only by the Holy Spirit is the only thing that...You can say, “Well, I believe He’s the Son of God.” If you haven’t been born again, you’re taking somebody’s word for it. You say, “The Bible said so.” That’s right; the Bible’s right, but what about you? You say, “The preacher said so.” The preacher’s right, but what about you? “Mother said so.” Mother’s right, but what about

you? It's a personal experience of your own that you've got to be borned again or you'll never understand God.

25 And then He will reveal Himself to you just as He knows you have need of. Now, there's two things in you that—that draws the opinion. First there's an intellectual part, which is your mental part. And the next is your soul. You have a soul and a mind. And the...

Now, here not long ago, the old timers and the science said, “Well, you know, God sure made a mistake when He said that you, ‘as a man thinketh in his heart.’ There’s no mental faculties—no mental faculties in the heart that a man can think with, it’s flesh.” And the critics re—said it was ridiculous to think that a man could think from his heart.

About six months ago, you people in Chicago and

around, found out that God was right. The scientific search has found that in the human heart there's a little teeny cell that hasn't even got blood in it or anything, it's a little compartment, the animal doesn't have it, just the human being; and they say it's the occupation of the soul. So after all, a man believes in his heart. You think with your mind, but you believe with your heart. God's right after all; it's in your heart.

26 Now, your intellectual faith will reason. You'll say, "Now, I know the Bible teaches that, certainly. But let me think now, the days of miracles is past. Pastor said so, somebody said so. I—I believe that this day we don't have that." Now, see, you're using intellectual faith. And that intellectual faith will reason with God's Word, but a borned again experience from the heart will not reason; it will say, "God's Word's right.

There's no more to do with it; it's right." Because something down here that says it itself; you have nothing to do with it. It's God in the heart.

Now, an intellectual faith will reason. Now, today that's what's the matter with our churches. We've got away from real old time experiences of receiving the Holy Spirit. And we've got away from it, and substituted for it a intellectual college a—a college education. Now, I

have...I'm not trying to support my ignorance now. But I am trying to say this: If it come between education and salvation, I will take salvation. Yes, sir. If my children didn't know their abc's I'd rather they'd know Jesus Christ. That's right, it is true. I think education's wonderful, but it'll go so far.

27 But the trouble of it today, we've leaned altogether on education and have adopted it instead of

salvation. We don't need today...You know what's happened? We've substituted then the old fashion upper room to receive the Holy Spirit, for a supper room to sell soups and things to pay the preacher with, when we don't need that. We need back to the Bible, to the old fashion Holy Spirit, good old time Saint Paul's revival and the Bible Holy Ghost, is what we need back in the church again tonight. It's right.

And, friend, it'll only come through the experience of the new birth. A man cannot go to the Kingdom of God without being borned again, no more than a bird could fly without his wings. He couldn't do it; no matter how much bird he is, he hasn't got wings; he can't fly. And neither can a man go to heaven without being borned again. Jesus said so. And we know that it is not intellectual. And you can hear people today in their

churches; they reason out, say, “Now, I will tell you; that’s not right.” Because, see, they doubt. And what your soul is...

28 Here an experience I had recently with a woman. There was a woman who lived in a neighborhood. She was raised up a good woman. And she was raised in a fine home, although she went to church; but she never become what we’d know to be a Christian, being borned again, though

she was very loyal in the church, and she was the pianist in the church. And she married a fine boy that hung around the church there, and he was a good boy. And they lived together for a while.

After while they moved off into a neighborhood; she still joined up with, taken her letter to another church. And she lived in this neighborhood here. She be—she was raised of an old fashion mother who really knowed God, an old

fashion mother. God help us to have some more of them, instead of these cigarette-smoking, cocktail-drinking, night-running females that we got today called mother. And that's awful to say that from the platform, but that's the naked truth. It's a shame, brother. I tell you; it's disgracefully to think that the motherhood of America has broken down. That's the backbone of any nation.

29 The first preacher that ever gets a child is a mother. There's four...five Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Mother. And a mother should be a Spirit filled woman, who can teach her children, and teach them to pray and to know about God, and so forth. Instead of that, they give them to a babysitter and run all night long. And then go to Sunday school on Sunday morning and call themselves Christians.

I better get off of that, hadn't I? 'Cause I just an old sassafras type that believes the truth about these things. That's right. And I'd rather scorch you now than have you be burnt after while, so that—that's true. So you just remember; it's the truth; it's the Gospel truth.

30 And how today that we've got away from that. It's a...They go to the—the church. And this woman, she went into the church out there.

She done a very good job; she was a piano player. And after while, she begin to notice the women in her neighborhood begin to dress immodestly, how they get out and mow their yards with them little old clothes on. I hope there's none of them here tonight. And it's a disgrace to you, sister. God be merciful to your sinful soul. What else would do that but an evil spirit full of lust. You don't want to think that, but

that's exactly. The only person that ever stripped their clothes in the Bible was a maniac. That's right. Put on your clothes and act like a lady. Your husband ought to be whipped for letting you do it in the beginning.

So then the first thing...Now, she thought she'd go get by with that, 'cause the rest of the women in the church was doing the same thing. The—she thought she would do it. So she

started to doing it. That led on till they begin to smoke cigarettes, so she thought she'd smoke cigarettes. And she continued playing. There's was nothing said too much about it around the church.

31 That's what's the matter, pastor. What's the matter, our people will go to hell is because you let down the Gospel in the pulpit; that's exactly what it is. If you keep those little old rosary things

out of the pulpit and preach the Gospel, the power of God unto salvation, have an old fashion altar call and have people cleaned up in their life, it would be different. It would be examples set forth in Christianity. That's right. But we've let down the bar somewhere.

A good old Methodist preacher friend of mine, he used to sing a song:

We've let down the bars;

We've compromised with
sin;

We let down the bars;

The sheep got out,

But how did the goats get
in?

You let down the bars;
that's just simple. That's the
only thing it is. They could join
church today and live any kind
of life or anything. But I tell
you one thing; you can't be
borned again and live any
kind of a life. You'll live for

Jesus Christ when you're borned again. And you'll act like a man. And you'll conduct yourself as a real Christian, if you're borned again of the Spirit of God.

32 So this woman, finally, she got—fell in love with a man, neighbor. And she left her husband, and run off, and married this man, and continued playing the piano in the church. And after while, she left him and married

another one. And she thought she was doing all right.

And then finally, ended up as a common-law wife. What was it? Her soul told her in the beginning, “Don’t do that.” But she reasoned, “Now, if the rest of the woman can do this, why can’t I do it?” But down in her soul was a Spirit that said, “Don’t do that; keep away from that; that’s not right.” But yet, she fought against that, and cast that aside, and she went to reasoning. Don’t you

see? Don't reason, just believe. Believe God's Word; don't try to reason it out. Just what God said is the truth. And believe that to be the truth. And don't go to your reasonings; go to your experience, to Christ in the heart and compare it with God's Word.

33 Now, she went on. And after while, she was called, or the pastor of our church was called to her bedside to pray for her. Well, she was laying

there smoking cigarettes and everything, living in the house, a common-law wife, and he said, “Sister, is everything all right with your soul to die?”

She said, “Everything is at peace.”

Now, she believed it. She had went so long with her intellect, until she had grieved the Holy Spirit from her. It no more spoke to her; she didn’t know which was right. She had reasoned it out. She had a—a mental conception, that if

she went to church and did what was right, why, she would go to heaven. That went on down till the very hour of her death.

But when her reasoning power...When you die, your brain breaks up, of course, when the spirit leaves you, and then what's left? Here's your soul that you've neglected back here, which comes to you then, when you're dying. And this mental reasoning breaks up; you

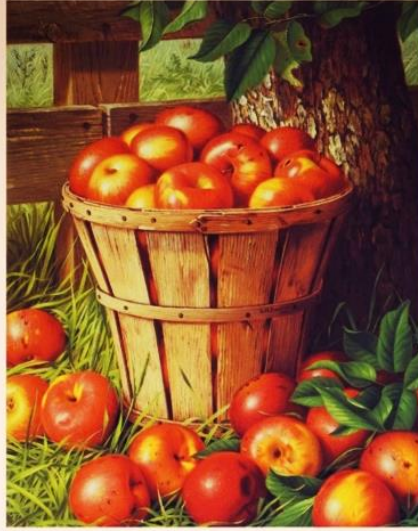
don't reason no more. It's your soul that's been in your heart, that you've grieved away; then it caught up with her. And when she did, she screamed, "My God, I'm lost." Too late then; the soul that had been grieved away...

34 Now, the doctor can shoot a hypo in her arm and keep you from screaming. "Oh, she's excited"; said the pastor, "she's not lost. Give her a hypo."

He give her a hypo, and she, [Brother Branham pants hard, then softer, then real quietly—Ed.] Sure, quietened her down. Oh, preached her funeral and said, “The sister’s in heaven.” That I cannot say. But let me tell you; that hypo can quieten those lips, but it’ll never quieten that soul that’ll haunt her through eternity. That’s right.

Don’t you let that be your state. You mind God. Be borned of the Spirit of God,

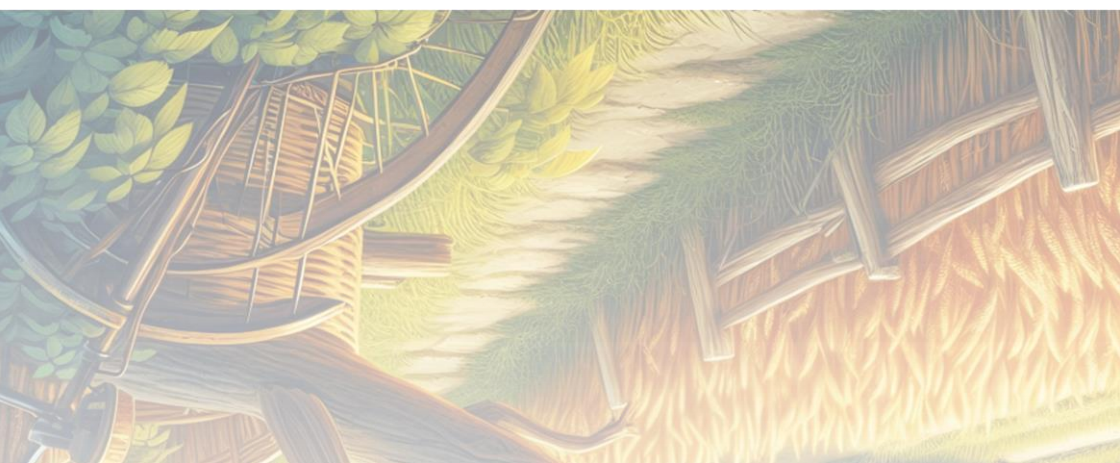
and quit reasoning things, and just believe what God said to be the truth. Be filled with God's Spirit, and then God will lead you, and the Holy Spirit will lead you in the paths of righteousness. And you see yourself conducting yourself unlike a Christian; you know that that's wrong; then go back and check up with God, with His Word here and with His Book; and get right with God.



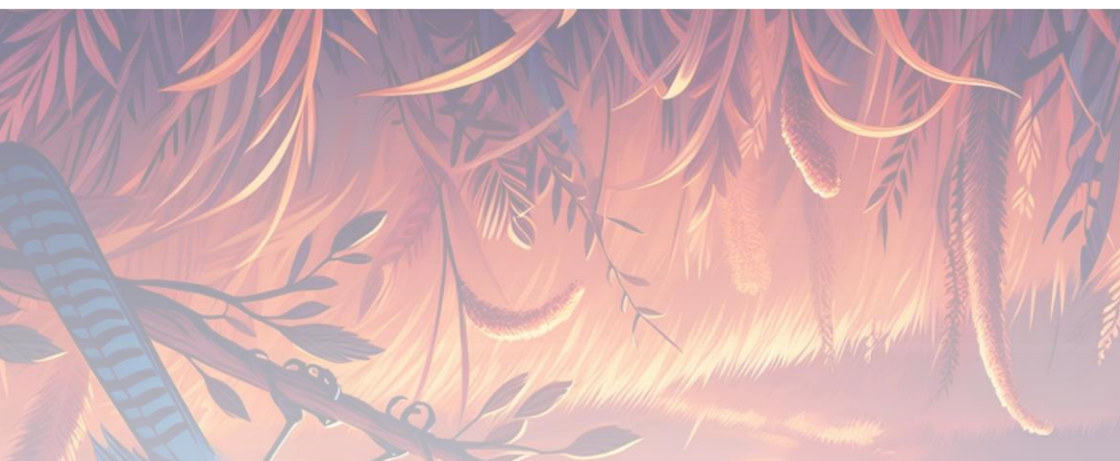
**Brother, I don't care how
much theology you learn,
unless you're born again
you're lost. Hallelujah!
That's right. It's the truth.
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53-0611 - Show Us The Father And It'll Satisfy Us  
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