GOD ALWAYS WORKS BY A FORMULA

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Mark 11:20-23

20 And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.

21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.

22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

- 1 John 3:20-22 KJU
- [20] For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.
- [21] Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

[22] And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 KJU

[1] Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

[2] And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

[3] And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

<u>James 4:7-8 KJU</u>

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Acts 2:1-2 KJU

- [1] And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- [2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Acts 2:38-39 KJU

[38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

[39] For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

1 Kings 18:30-38 KJU [30] And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

[31] And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

[32] and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

[33] And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

[34] And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

[35] And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

[36] And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

[37] Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

[38] Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

58-1004 - Faith Is Our Victory

16 Then I am told that Napoleon, the great victor of a day gone by...Some years ago, about five years, I had the privilege of stopping near Waterloo. And I was...picked a little book up there,



and I was reading the life of Napoleon. He hated the French. He come over into France, born out on a island, and come to France to get even with them, but become a great conqueror. He was a gentleman, to start with. But success went to his head.

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17 And it's said that women, when they were going to put their little babies to bed, that he was so feared...He put everything to death that didn't agree with him. That, the women, instead of saying, "The old booger man is going to get you,"



they would say, "Napoleon is going to get you." And the little bright-eyed fellows would get their heads under the cover, real quick, thinking of that great monster Napoleon.

18 But, you see, the victory that he won didn't last. He was a prohibitionist, to start with, and died at the age of thirty-three, an alcoholic.

20 And any one of you know, that in olympics or any other athletical exercises,

no matter if you arrive first in the race, but if you haven't played the game according to the rules, you're disqualified. You have to play the rule right.

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21 And that's the way it is with human life. You can't play the rules of the game of life wrong and expect to win. You've got to play it according to God's Word and the purpose that you were brought here for.

30 22 Now, there is so many people that doesn't seem to have any kind of a purpose in life, especially in this day that we now live. People just seem to think that all they have to do is to keep up with somebody else, with the fashions of the world,

and with the enticements that the world has given to them.

23 Just like this, if you go to school and some of the little girls wear a certain little frock, or dress, or whatever you would call it, all the

ambition the rest of the school has is to pattern after that girl. Some of the women see on the television some certain lady come out, and dressed in a certain fashion, well, that's their ambition is to dress and to act like that.

And that seems to be just about the limit of the American ambition, is to get a new job, or to get a raise in your salary, and to get a television, or a new car.

24 Let me say this. Those things may be all right, but there's higher

34 ambitions in the human life than those things. And Christians should set their affection on higher ambitions. 25 I think it would pay us all to sit down and wonder why we are here, in the first place. And ever Who was kind enough to bring us here,

we ought to consider and ask Him what He would have us to do, the purpose of us coming, to fulfill what He has purposed for us. But we seem to be just wanting to keep up with the world.

36 26 Now, the Bible said that we can overcome the world. And how do we do it? Not by keeping up with the fashions of the world. But the Bible said that faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

63-0608 - Conferences

243 When a doctor writes a prescription, don't let none of these quack druggists try to mess with it. They give you too much antidote, it won't help you. And if they put too much poison, it'll kill you.

244 Don't fool with God's formula. Carry it out the way it was at the conference. That was the Orders. Amen. I love Him.

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65-0119 - The God Who Is Rich In Mercy 63 Now that's the only way to obtain mercy, is to follow the instructions that God has give us to follow in. That's the only way He can show mercy, is when we follow what He said do.

64 As the little debate not long ago, with a minister that said that I was teaching an apostolic Doctrine in this day. I believe I spoke of it a night or two ago, or sometime, about how he said, "You're trying to inject, into this age, an apostolic Doctrine."

He said, "The apostolic age ceased, with the apostles." And I asked him, "Well, do you believe the Word?" He said, "Yes."

65 I said, "Revelation 22:18 says, that, 'Whosoever shall take one Word out of This, or add one word to It,' not just two words; one Word, take one Word out."

Said, "I believe that."

66 I said, "Then I can tell you where the apostolic age was given, the apostolic Blessings was given to the Church; now you tell me where God taken it out of the Church, by the Word. You can't do it; it's not there."

I said, "Now remember, that Peter, on the Day of Pentecost, he was the—the introducer of the apostolic age. And he told them all to, 'Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." 67 Now if you want to listen to the clucking of some denominational hen, and live back out there in the things of

46 the world, then it goes to show that there is something wrong. Because, That is the Word. "Whosoever will, may come." And if you've got a will, you should come. But if you haven't no will, then you're in a sad condition.

But if you've got a will to come, come follow God's formula! 68 And He never fails to fulfill what He promised. I once was young, and now I'm old, I've never seen Him fail in His Word. Because, He can do anything but fail. He cannot fail.

God cannot. It's impossible for God to fail, and remain God. He has to, to do that.

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53-0511 - We Have Found Him, Come And See 21 Then He's here. Is that right? He said, "Wherever two or three are gathered," no matter how small a group, two or three, "I'll be in their midst. What anything they ask, shall receive it."

50 Now, that's either right or it's wrong.

Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, you can ask what you will, it'll done to you. Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it." That's...

But watch the order of the Word now. You believe now, you receive it, it shall be given to you tonight. See? He can't do nothing for you, until first you believe it and say He has done it. Let me let that soak real deep.

52 22 How many correctly understands that? Hebrews 3:1: No matter how sick you are, what about it, you've got to first believe He does it, and then confess that He has done it, before He can even go to work on it. How many knows that?

When you come to the altar to pray to be forgiven your sins, it isn't 'cause you cry, it isn't because you confess. It's because you believe. And when you believe and stand up and testify...Now, watch.

You go outside after you accepted Christ, the old crowd says, "You're no different.

There's nothing different " But you believe

There's nothing different." But you believe you're different.

Well, if you go say, "No, I guess I didn't get it." Well, you just got another trip to the altar coming.

55 23 But when you believe you have, you say, "Yes, I am." Then you believe you're a Christian; you can't show nothing that you are. But you believe you are. You believe you are. And then when you confess that you are, and when you confess Him,

56 and He confesses you, He's a High Priest working on what? Not on your crying, not on your repenting, not on your faith, but on your confession. No matter how much faith you got, it'll never do you any good, till you put works with it.

For faith without works is dead. Is that right? Just like this...The body without the spirit is dead. Then when you say, "I believe Christ," then accept it, go saying so. Then you believe you're a Christian; you say you're a Christian; you act like a Christian;

Christian."

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No, you go down say, "I am a Christian."
You're bold with it. Then He's bold with it.
See?

24 He can only do as you say, because
He's the High Priest of what you confess.
And He's there before the Presence of the
Majesty to make good

60 anything that His redemptive blessings calls for, His sacrifice. That's what He paid for, and standing there to make good to you anything that you say, that you accepted what He has done. What was He done? He was wounded for your transgressions. Is that right?

Let's quote it together. [The congregation repeats after Brother Branham—Ed.] "He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The tres...our...was upon Him, and with His stripes we were healed." Is that right?

25 Now, any of those things, if you're weary, upset, fretting, nervous, sick, sin, whatever it is, when you accept that from your heart, go to confessing it, and then saying it's right, God's right there to make it right, when you go to confessing it.

But if you're afraid to say so, and afraid to act upon your confession, no matter how many times you're prayed for you'll never get well. You got to believe it first. See? He's the High Priest of what you confess that He has done for you.

How many understands that now? Raise your hands. See? That's right. Only when you say so. Now, if you are prayed for, and you say, "Now, I believe. Yes, sir." Now, you can't say you believe until you really do believe.

If you do, you're just—you're—you're doing something not right. You can't say you believe, until really in your heart you believe. But when you firmly have prayed through and really believe, then you can say, "I believe." Then you can accept it.

And now remember, He's there, will make good anything that you believe in your heart that He has done and will confess it. Then everywhere you go, testify of your healing. Say so. Believe so. Tell others so.

26 And friends, it'll never fail. I've seen sarcomas cancer healed with it. And I know that it...You know what a sarcomas cancer is? All right. We got dozens, yes, piles of letters like that, from that type of cancer, files full of testimonies, doctor statements,

lame, halt, blind, cancer-ridden. Everything that can be thought of, in a...?...way of diseases been healed: Faith. Now, preach the Word; that's one way; then God has other gifts. Now, may the Holy Spirit come tonight and declare to you that

that same Jesus that resurrected from the dead is here. And may He send His Angel to His humble servant to manifest His Divine Presence to you. God bless you. All right, Doctor Reed, where...[Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

70 All that is within him, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgiveth all of thine iniquities; who healeth all of thy diseases;

I was happy when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

71 63-0731 - There Is Only One Way Provided By God For Anything

72 Now, that's God's provided way, a swarm, all of them get together. One was way over here, and one way over there, and one way over somewhere else,

one in one rice paddy, and one in a wheat field; but something another, some way, on a certain day, (I don't know why, how), but on a certain day, here they all come together,

just looked like something drawed them. We call it "instinct." It's a God-given instinct, a get-together before the flight.

73 You see what God is trying to do now? Pull His Church from one side to the other, to get the revival, old-time revival like the geese has always done. 74 Now what if they tried another way, said, "Well, now we'll just take it another way"? They would never get there. No, sir. What if you'd say, "Well, now I'll tell you what, we'll make a better way for

them. We'll herd them all into a coop and take them up in the coop, put them in a little chicken coop, or make it a duck coop or a goose coop, or whatever you want to do it, and put them into

that and then take them up there"? You think that would be a better way, say, "Oh, we can give them...Oh, I tell you, we could feed them better, along the road"? No, you couldn't.

75 There is such grain that's in the ponds and in the fields, weeds and things that they have to get, in order to give them strength to be what they are when they get there.

They, if they didn't get that, they wouldn't be...they couldn't raise their young ones. They wouldn't be genuine ducks. They would be hybrids like we are, you see, if they had to take that.

But God has got a way of—of doing it. 76 Put them in a coop, you know what them ducks would know right now? Put them in a denomination like that,

they knowed that they were ready for the slaughter. That's all. That's what you do when you put them together in a coop, they're going for the slaughter. The ducks got better sense than we got, on that.

When you go to cooping them all up together in a man-made prison, well, then, you see, the duck knows he hasn't got his freedom to fly in the air, and do as God provided for him to do.

And put him in a coop, then he—he is gone. That's all. You coop them when they're slaughtering. And the duck knows better. We ought to know.

77 Neither can you choose them a better route to go. Route, if you want to call it, up here, I think. Down home, in the South, it's still route, but up here I think they call it a route.

Do you think, if you could say, "Now listen, I'll tell you what you ought to do. You ought to go back a certain way and come down another way, and down over this way."

Do you think you could choose a better way for them to go, than God's provided way for them to go? Well, you would get them in some kind of a—a something, you would draw them across here with

some magnet or something. They would never...You would draw them through storms, and through everything else, half of them would be lost.

78 Well, you can't give them a better way. They, they go God's provided way. They can scent those storms, miles away, and know how to ground themselves and get ready for the storm,

and rise again. God has got a provided way for them, and they got duck sense enough to follow God's provided way. We don't. We try to make a better way than God made for US.

See, we want to have something into it, ourself. A duck don't pay no attention to what; he just goes the way God wants him to go, the way his ancestors did, the way his great-great-great-great-great-

91 grandmother did, and on like that. 79 If we would just take our ancestry on back, to Pentecost, we'd know how to get there. God had a provided way, by His Word and by His Holy Spirit.

But we want to go some other way that Doctor So-and-so said, or a certain group of man got together and said. That's way off of God's provided way. The church sailed good in God's

provided way, to the council at Nicaea, Rome, and there is where they made their fatal mistake. What if you could take...

80 And now you think about finding them a better way,

or could you find them a better leader than God's provided leader for them? Now maybe you would take an old gander out here somewhere, and take him out there and feed him on certain

vitamins, and so forth, and give him a special call, you know. Send him out there, and put a little honker on his mouth, that you might have a—a—a melody that he could almost yodel with that,

and you might write it up in all the papers, "A—a duck that can yodel. And, oh, all the ducks is bound to find him. He'll know

which way to take them, because he is really cultured and educated,

and he is fixed up. He can do it." You might...He might set out there and yodel, all afternoon, there never be a duck come around him.

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81 "My sheep know My Voice, a stranger they will not follow."

99 64-0705 - The Masterpiece 35 Now, a genuine sculptor is inspired, like a genuine poet, or any genuine singer, musician, whatever it might be. All real has to come by inspiration.

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Michelangelo must have had the inspiration of what Moses really looked like. And he caught it in his mind, what Moses must have been. So he set forth on this great piece of marble,

the cutting to the pattern, and bringing down, and honing down, until he got to the real picture of

what it must have been in his mind.

36 And then when he got it all so

perfect, every corner off, and every place rubbed, and the eyes just right, every hair, and beard, all just the way it was, he stood off and looked at it. I—I think of—of many, many hard years of labor,

103 and how he had to hold that same vision all the time, in his mind, of what he was going to do. And just think, that vision on his mind for so many years, to make it look just exactly to what it was!

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He caught the vision first, and how he had to work to that vision, cutting off and making down! And when he got it to where he perfected it, till it really got perfect;

105 he stood and looked at it when he finished up that morning, with a hammer in his hand. And he was so inspired when he looked at it, because the vision of his mind was standing before him, in reality.

106 What he had seen, and the...his conception of what Moses was, there it was figured before him, what he had had in his heart all these years.

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And toils, and hours of sorrow and distress, and critics, and everything else, but yet he stayed right with the vision until it was completed.

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62-0630B - It Wasn't So From The

Beginning

92 But you're not your own, you are bought with a price, you are commissioned to a job. You must be loyal and true to it, no matter what it

is.

And I think most all real level-thinking people will respect that, even though they might disagree with you, they'll respect it.

<u>Temperaments</u>

111 56-0101 - Why Are People So Tossed About? 112 The heart is the abode of God.

And in the Old Testament, God dwelt in His glory, over the ark. And the heart is the ark.

112 God dwells not in the head, in the heart. God is not known by theology. God is not known by mental conception. God is known by an old-fashion, sanctified, born-again experience that's in the

human heart. Yet, men and women live a good life and love God, by mental conception. But the real hiding place is in the heart, hid with Christ.

114 113 And when Christ, the Holy Spirit, comes into your heart, He is in you, with your temperament, and He is living His Own Life to His Own will, through you.

115 Hallelujah! Know that sounds awful, but it's right. Christ...So yielded you are, that Christ speaks the kind of words He would speak. He thinks the kind of thoughts He would think,

116 through you. He does the kind of works He would do, through you. You are yielded and resting. What a beautiful picture of a consecrated Christian, yielded, Christ working through.

114 Paul said, "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Not me that liveth anymore, but Christ that liveth in me." Christ living in the individual so surrendered, when Christ speaks through the

lips, and thinks through the mind, sees through the eye, acts through the temperament (Hallelujah!), then the things of the world has passed away.

How can it be anything but sweet and pleasant all the time? Christ has got control. Amen. You see it? That's what it is. It's Christ in you. Christ in you!

You say, "Well, you see," you say, "I believe that to be the truth, Brother Branham." That's right, it's in here.

121 115 But has it come here? If it is, then your whole makeup is Christ. Your attitude, your desires, your appetite, your everything is Christ, yielded, resting, everything perfect.

No matter how dull it looks, or how black it looks, still it's the same. Christ is in you. He speaks to the sinner, in the voice that He would speak to him in. He speaks to the prostitute, in the voice that

He would speak to them in. He thinks through your mind, the very thoughts that He speaks through your heart, the very way that He would if He was here on earth. And you are no more your own, but you're surrendered.

124 64-0830M - Questions And Answers #3 9 I'm something like Abraham was; I'm looking for a City. See? I can't find it, but I know it's there. But I certainly can't get adjusted to any certain place on this earth.

It just don't look like...Fine people, fine places, and you go here, it's too wet; go out there, it's too dry; go up here, it's too cold; go down there, it's, too hot. See? And you...There's no place;

it just ain't Home. Don't want to take up my time crying on your shoulder, but I'm...

Well, we're thankful to the Lord.

Amen! Be thankful for all things. I am
thus, because I am thus.

God made me what I am. And I can't be nothing but what He made me, melancholy, and those kind of things. They tell me I just have to be that way in order to be the help that He sent me here to

be. And I want to be that kind of a person. If that's the way I was supposed to be, that's what I want to be. Whatever's the Kingdom of God's will, or God's will, that's what I want to be.

58-1005M - Hear His Voice

14 If I taught a Scripture of some historical God, and I wasn't sure that

He was right here, I—I'd be all confused. It'd make me so nervous,

I wouldn't know what I was doing. See? And I wouldn't know where to tell people, "Well, now, He'll do this, or He'll do that." I—I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

But when you know what He promised He would do, and have seen Him do it, then you know where you're standing. See? And see how God, in His great plans, just knowed how to make every

person just exactly to be a certain thing, 'cause He's going to use them for that purpose.

15 You hear that little lady up here, a while ago? Mrs. Stricker, singing without any music. She had some kind of a little thing she was blowing through, to get her tune,

her—her key or whatever you call it. And could stand and sing with that real low voice, and raise it up, that, Ship Ahoy! Now, you ought to hear me try that sometime. It would be terrible.

But, you see, God knowed just how to make that woman up so she would do that.

16 And that's the way. We all have different make-up's. If we would just find our position in Christ, and there abide and serve Him.

137 64-0614M - The Unveiling Of God 185 Notice, veiled in a human flesh. Moses with that Word, speaking what was to be later put behind badger skin. So that...So is Christ our Moses.

Christ is our Moses. He was God veiled in human flesh, veiled in humanity, in flesh. That's right. And He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. He was veiled by badger skins. He was veiled.

And this time He was veiled in a Man. See? Now notice, "same yesterday, today, and forever," promised His Word to this age. He is still Christ, the promised Word to this age, veiled in human flesh.

The Word is God.

186 The anointing is a person. The word Christ means "a anointed one," see, "the anointed one." Then, Moses was Christ in his days, he was the anointed one.

Jeremiah was Christ in his days, with a portion of the Word for that day.