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# 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 KJV

[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 KJV

[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.



James 4:7-8 KJV

[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 KJV

[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 KJV

[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 KJV

[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.



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.



19 Victory of that type don't last, because it's not wrought right. You can never get good out of wrong. You've got to play the rule of the game fair.

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.



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.



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



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.



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.



## 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



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.





*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."



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.



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  
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.



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,



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;



you associate with those that are  
Christians; and it works righteousness.  
After while everybody knows you are a  
Christian, because you hold your confess.  
You act like it. You go down the street, not  
saying, “Well, I’m just half...Maybe, I’m a  
Christian.”



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



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.]



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.