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.

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.

[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.

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:

[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. <u>18</u>

[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.

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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,

23 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.

27 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. 29 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.

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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,

<u>31</u> 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.

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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

<u>34</u> 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.

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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.

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244 Don't fool with God's formula. Carry it out the way it was at the conference. That was the Orders. Amen. 1 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."

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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."

Tsaid, "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.

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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

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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.

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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."

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...

51 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.

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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?

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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.

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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.

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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,

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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.

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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."

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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

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?

61 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?

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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.

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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.

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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.

66 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.

67 26 And friends, it'll never fail. l'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,

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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

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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.]

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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.

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,

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.

75 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

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.

80 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.

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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.

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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."

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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.

90 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-greatgreat-great91 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.

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But we want to go some other way that Doctor Soand-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

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

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

take...

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, 96 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.

98 81 "My sheep know My Voice, a stranger they will not follow."

<u>99</u> 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.

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.

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.

108 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.

Temperaments

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 oldfashion, 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.

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

118 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!

120 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.

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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.

125 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 tobe.

128 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.

129 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,

130 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.

131 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.

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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.

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

136 16 And that's the way. We all have different makeup'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.

138 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.

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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.

140 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.

Personal Peculiarity

Friday Fellowship, 19th, 25th July 2024 Bro. James Maina

143 1 Corinthians 4:7 ⁷ For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst

not received it?

Ecclesiastes 10:10

10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.

Proverbs 17:8

⁸ A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

Proverbs 18:16 16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

Proverbs 19:21 ²¹ There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

62-1111M - DEDICATION

47 Now, we find that these great cedars were hewn down by hewers.

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And they were...had the blueprints. And they brought them together from different parts of the world.

48 Now, if you notice, Solomon never varied one bit from the pattern that Moses saw on Mount Sinai, in Heaven.

Moses, when he returned from his vision, pitched the tent, and made it just exactly like he saw in

Heaven.

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And when Solomon built the temple, he made it just exactly the way he—he seen the pattern, the type.

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Moses pitched the tent, for a—a perpetual type, because it was moved from place to place.

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But, Solomon, he made the—the tabernacle just exactly in the fashion that Moses had seen in Heaven. It was all put together, set in order, just exactly.

49 What a spiritual application we could apply here: that we are never to leave the Scripture. Stay exactly with the pattern.

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That's the reason, I believe, that the way the first Church was patterned, that's the way the next One should be patterned,

that's the way every one should be patterned, just the way it was at the beginning. And I believe that God has it that way, I believe, the real Church. All right.

50 The materials, cut out in their native land, brought into one place. But when they were brought together...

I'm reading now from the 16th chapter, or quoting from it. Now, when they were brought together, they were so perfectly fit, that,

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in the space of forty years that it taken to put the construction up, there wasn't one—one stone to be re-sawed.

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There wasn't a buzz of a saw, or a sound of a hammer, for forty years. Talk about masonry, architecture!

51 Now, that showed, that, when we are doing anything, and doing it in the pattern that God has set for us...

163 52 Now, many of those stones looked very odd. But there was a place in the temple for every odd, peculiar stone. God had a place for them.

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53 Our ministries, which is a beautiful type there, or an antitype to it, shows that, in our peculiarity, our way of worship.

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Yet, when the Temple, the real Temple that we will come to after a few minutes, comes together, there will be a place for every odd-acting person.

<u>166</u> We may look a little funny to someone else, and act a little funny; but, remember, it's the place there for us. God is cutting

out His Church.

54 And every little stone had its place fit exactly to it. And remember, it was cut, away from the place it

would be put together at;

but, when it come together, it didn't even need even honing. It was already honed. God had made it so it fit perfectly

into its place.

169 55 Oh, what a type there we find, of the spiritual, how that every gift of God, every odd act of

born-again Christians,

in their peculiarity, yet it's got its place. It fits in the Body. It goes to its right place.

56 And many of us would—would try to say, "Now, that's not of God," a good, holy, consecrated soldier of the cross.

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And we say, "Now, we stood in church the other night, and we heard suchand-such a thing. That can't be of God."

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But if it's in line with the Pattern, if it's in a line with the Scripture, it may be odd, but it's going to have its place. See?

57 Now we notice, in the building down here, the next chapter, that, in this building, there was one stone that was actually too odd to fool with,

176 so the builders rejected it. So they just pitched it over into the corner, said, "That stone is actually too odd to be used. There's no such a place."

58 Now, remember, it was the builders who should have knowed different. Jesus spoke of it.

59 But, come to find out, they had built the building so high until they missed the stone. And they didn't know where that stone was.

They might have searched all the ships. They might have run through every ox cart. They might have sent messengers up into Joppa, and down, say, "Has another load come in?"

180 Or, "Did you lose one on the road? There's something wrong. We just can't find that stone for

this place."

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And when they could not find it, nowhere else, come to find out, it was right on the ground. It was the chief cornerstone that the builders rejected.

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60 Jesus spoke of it, and said, "Have not you read of the stone that the builders rejected?

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Was the chief cornerstone, the head of all of it, where the rest of the building rested upon it."

\$1 And I think, in the—the building today of the spiritual house that God worships in, I think that that's been a great big failure today among the builders.

We have come with our denominations, and we have laid them in sincerity. We have sent our boys to school, to educate them to speak well before a congregation,

186 learned them psychology and Bible history. And we

have did everything, and built fine pews, and made high-towering steeples, and beautiful music, and so forth, have we built.

But we find out there's something wrong. We've tried to build it out of manmade material, what education could produce, what seminaries could bring out of them,

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what scholarship. We tried to build it upon education, upon scholarship, upon denomination.

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And all these things will not work as long as we have not accepted this odd Stone, this peculiar Stone.

62 But as the building begin to materialize, they realized that the hole that was left, the odd stone fit it, to the dot.

63 That's, where, the spiritual builders today. And that's why the Bride building, of Christ, is not ready for the Bridegroom,

192 is because that the builders has rejected the Chief Cornerstone that was laid on the Day of Pentecost, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. See?

It's been odd. People act funny. And they—they don't come into the order of our—of our psychology, of our educational, our learning, our creeds.

It don't fit in there. And they kicked It out, because It was too odd, too peculiar, too disagreeable with the-

the plans that we as men had, ideas of what the Church ought to be.

<u>196</u> 64 "It ought to be a group of polished scholars. It ought to be a group of fine-dressed people. It ought to be a group of something, where..."

or—or something.

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Most of it has been through the sight. "Look at our fine people. Look at our best crowd in the city.

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The mayor comes to our place. The—the chief executives of our city, the chief of police comes to our church."

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65 And then we find out, when it comes down to actual, the—the building, all we've got is some mortar and rock.

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And the Building did not go on. They rejected the Way, the Stone that God had so prepared for It. They rejected It.

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66 Now, we find out, oh, in the next chapter, that when the builders found out that they were wrong.

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Yet, they had all the other stones there, but the reason they couldn't get them together was because there was a hole left. There was something that wasn't right.

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67 Now, we already have the stones, the stones God foreordained. See? And we've got them, all the way from Ephesus to Laodicea.

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We're only waiting for that Headstone that the builders rejected, waiting for His Coming, the capping Stone. And when...

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68 These great stones are confessions. Now, we know that confession is a stone. Now, the...

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60-0309 - WHY?

108 I want to get on that this week, if I could: How that one tries to impersonate another. You can never do that.

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God never made two people alike. You just go the way the Holy Spirit leads you. We might take the millions that's in the world,

209 and no two of them has got the same thumb print. That's right. God made them different, He's a God of variety, He made them different.

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Don't try to impersonate the next fellow, you do what God tells you to do, and stay with it,

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because there's no one in Heaven, or in earth can take your place, God made you for a purpose, stay with that.

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109 Now, we find out that this medicine, when they inoculate this guinea pig, that was a animal they inoculate,

and then give the serum to a human being, it's not too sure. That inoculation might not work on you, but I say one thing: God's inoculation will work on you, it's perfect.

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60-0313 - HEAR YE HIM

95 Do you know God never made two men the same? There's no two of you in all the world, or ever has been,

that's got the same thumburint. God make

thumbprint. God makes men different, and He has diversities of gifts and sends them to His Church.

But we just cramp down on one, and there you go, you see, you don't get the wisdom of the Spirit, that's the reason God can't place us into the position where we should be in His Body.

For to one is given this sort of a gift, to another, this sort of a gift, to another one, another sort of a gift, and so forth, but all the same Body.

But we want to be just exactly like that other one, you can't do that, you must use the wisdom of the Word. The Bible is what our Blueprint is.

*3-0412E - GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY

69 There's one place that man can meet and fellowship with God,

and fellowship with each other. That's under the cross, when each man accepts the Blood of Jesus Christ. I don't care, in all of his peculiarity,

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he can still reach over and put his hand in the next man's hand and call him "brother," when we meet at the cross where Jesus died.

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51-0413 - THE WORKS THAT I DO BEAR WITNESS OF ME

26 But someday, you're going to have to...You remember, there's young people setting here.

Someday those denominational barriers, and ideas that fanatics has got out there, and scooped around, and separated the people, will be taken away; and God will bring His Church together and take It home. Just as certain as anything in the world. That's...They're going to come; that's prophecy. Remember that.

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I spoke that in the Name of the Lord. Now, you can put that down upon the book. Now, that was true.

I didn't know I was saying, going to say that. Now, that's right. That's how God will bring His Church together.

You can depend on that And as long as you argue and fuss with one another, you're in the kindergarten. God will just keep you there, till you learn enough to get out of it.

That's all. Amen. Well, praise the Lord. All right. That's right. Get out. Have faith. Step out on the Word of God. Jesus said, "They..."

The disciples come, said, "We seen one casting out devils and we forbid him." There starts your denomination again. Said, "Forbid him not."

Amen. Be one with him; that's all. Go join up. If they won't join up, don't forbid him; go on. That's the way to do.

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<u>64-0313 - THE VOICE OF</u>

THE SIGN

30 When God has—has called a person for a job to do, there is no one can take its place.

There is no one can take your place, your peculiarity.

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.

93 How about a man to a woman? No matter whether she's pretty, ugly, or whatever it is, if she's a lady, a real lady, any man will respect,

that's got a ounce of man about him, see. No matter who it is, he respects her stand. See? And that's the way I think it is amongst brethren,

brethren who sees somebody that's convinced. I have the same respects to brethren who might disagree with me. I— I would say, certainly I respect his...

57-0807 - HEAR YE HIM

29 I'm forty-eight years old. I never was invited to join the Branham family.

Why? I was borned in the Branham family.

I become a Branham by birth. That's the way we become a child of God. Is not by Methodist, Presbyterian, nor Anglican, or Pentecostal, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness.

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We are born by the Spirit of God into the church of the living God. Certainly is.

And then our character is watched by the Holy Spirit. And if we're Methodist today, and they make us a little mad, and we go over to the Baptists the next day,

and they fuss at us a little bit, and something, the preacher says something steps on your toe, then away you go down to Pilgrim Holiness,

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or Nazarenes, or somewhere like that. No wonder. You pack your paper from place to place till it's about tore up.

Why don't you take your name off of it anyhow and put it on the Lamb's Book of Life? Let God take care of it and fellowship with all the brethren of like precious faith.

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Whether you see eye to eye alike that doesn't matter. We're at least Christians, brethren, borned in the same family.

God received us in our peculiarities; we should receive each other.

247 60-0221 - HEARING, RECOGNIZING, ACTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

1 Now, these tapes, that of this meeting this morning, is not sold, it's just for the Church or for someone, 'cause it's on Doctrine. And in the meetings out there, it causes confusion, because hardly two of us see perfectly eye to eye,

but we ought to be heart to heart, anyhow. But it, we in the tabernacle here, these tapes are, you notice on the...lt's for just friends, and so forth.

64-0119 - SHALOM

209 It's an individual affair, you and God. There is no two man see eye to eye, together alike; no two thumbs alike.

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God deals with a individual. And how you know whether he is right or not? Then look back and see if he is with the Word.

If he is with the Word, then God is dealing with him; if he isn't, something else is dealing with him. See? That's right.

53-0216 - MY ANGEL SHALL

GO BEFORE THEE

12 Jeremiah, the prophet,

God said, "Before you was

even formed in your

mother's womb,

I knew you, and sanctified you, and ordained you a prophet over the nations." Is that right? Before he ever come from his mother's womb...

See, gifts and callings are without repentance. See? God gives them. You can't help 'cause you have blue eyes, all "who, taking thought can add one cubit to his stature."

Therefore the thing has got out into the world today with a bunch of "ism," you see, and it absolutely,

Baptists and so forth, has had down through the age, is somebody trying to impersonate something that they know nothing about. It be better to keep still.

"Who, taking thought, can add one cubit to his stature." If God wants you to be a certain thing, He brings you to this earth to be that, and you'll be it. See?

If He called you to be a do a thing, like a man said, "Well, I believe I can make more money if I was a preacher." You'll never make a preacher.

God has to call you to be a preacher. How can a preacher preach 'less the Lord has sent him. Is that right? It's all in God. Everything moves right back into God.

Is that right? Everything right back to Him, He sets the program. We just fall in line (You see?), and carry it out.

63-0428 - LOOK

284 Oh, there's more than a governor here this morning. Jesus Christ is here.

And that little cell, called man or woman, He's here to give pardon. Don't, don't turn Him away. Don't do it. Find your purpose that God brought you here in life.

63-0714M - WHY CRY?

SPEAK!

43 God has got a purpose of you being here. See?

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If you can only be, get to that place, how much trouble you save God and yourself, too.

63-1114 - INFLUENCE

9 Now, you that like to read the Word, or mark the places. I thought tonight, been preaching so much on Divine healing,

I kind of changed the subject tonight, a little bit. Not exactly change it, but just the running of it.

Because, you can't change one Word in the Bible, because It just coincides with the other Words with It. All Scripture just binds together. It's just like a—

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65-0206 - DOORS IN

DOOR

86 Some time ago there was...l read a story of the days of our noble...

One of the greatest Presidents I think the nation ever had was—was Lincoln. Not because that he come from Kentucky, but because he was a great man.

He was deprived of an education, but yet was was something in his heart, some purpose.

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87 I—I like a man of vision. I like people that's got something they're fighting for, just not just lay around,

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"Well, ever what comes along will be all right." Oh, be up and at it! And Lincoln never let his education stand in the way; he had something to do.

I think every Christian ought to be that way, find your purpose and go do it.

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88 Every member of this chapter, just not, "Well, we have a breakfast once a month," that isn't it, "or once every Saturday."

Have a purpose in life, something you're going to do. Let's...God has placed you here; do something about it, every member of every church.

There is a revival in town. That revival is there for a purpose. Let's get something out of it. Let's do something about it.

279 T Corinthians 4:7

⁷ For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

1 Corinthians 15:41

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

God's Varieties

<u>63-0113M — Letting Off</u>

Pressure

11 Now, God, creating the creation, is expressing Himself back in the creation.

And He is not a God just of one solid Sears and Roebuck Harmony House. He—He—He is a God of variety. He makes big hills, and little hills;

and He makes the deserts, and—and He makes lakes; and He makes little trees, and big trees; and white flowers, and red flowers; and makes little men, and big men;

and red-headed women, and black-headed women. And He—He makes us different, 'cause He wants us that way. He's a God of variety.

And He makes some rich, and some poor, some in between. But we got a place to serve God, and that's the place that He's placed us in, if we'll just abide in that place.

63-1118 — I Am The Resurrection And Life 28 Now, God is a God of variety. He doesn't have everything just the same.

He doesn't have just all mountains. He has desert, plains, grassy fields. And He has yellow flowers, white, blue, pink, different colors.

He has large men, small men; and dark-headed, brown-headed, redheaded. He's the God of variety, for everything is to serve His purpose.

He's got everything to serve His purpose. And everything that does serve His purpose, correctly, there is a resurrection to it.

64-1205 — The Identified Masterpiece Of God 65 We're always going to be that way.

Because, God is not a Sears and Roebuck Harmony House. He is a God of variety. He makes one one way, and one another.

But we must serve Him in the way that God made us, and be glad, and stay behind His Word. And that's the way God did it.

64-1212 — The Harvest Time 46 "The potter," as Romans 8 tells us, "who can tell the potter? Can the clay say, 'Make me thus, thus'?" See? No. God has to display all of His attributes.

47 And He makes us different. Even the...there, we're told, in the Bible, that the stars different one from another, one star differents from another.

You know, there is a difference in Heaven, in Angels, Angelic beings; there is Angels, there is Cherubims, there is Seraphims, and their—their difference There.

And we are all different.

And God has big mountains, He has plains, prairies, grass, desert, water. See, He's—He's different,

He's a—He's a—a God of variety. And look at His people here this morning, some of us white, some black, some brown, some yellow, some red;

see, it's—it's His people. He's a...He's—He's a God of variety, and so I think He has the same thing among His ministers.

Nature/Make-up As A Burden/ Gift

50-0713 — Obey The Voice Of The Angel 21 How do you do, sir? Are you from here in the city?

[The brother says, "No, l'm from Zion."—Ed.] You're from Zion, a great city. You're a stranger to me. I don't know you.

Just maybe l've never seen you. You're from Zion. l've probably seen you, but didn't know you. Now, you're suffering with some cause somewhere.

And I will be able to tell you, maybe, if I can hold your hand here...?... Yes, my brother, you're a sick man. You have many troubles wrong with you.

One of them is a heart trouble, that's been bothering you for some time. You have a stomach trouble also. Isn't that right?

You've consulted a doctor about this too, and they don't give you much hope.

But that...?...You believe with all your heart? Look, I want you to look at me when I'm talking to you.

Your whole trouble has been, is your make-up. You're more of a—kind of a deep thinker.

310 You're nervous to begin with, an inward nervous, a type of nervousness that...?...causes you trouble. Really, your heart trouble is a nervous heart, is what it is.

l believe you were told that. And your stomach is caused...it's a peptic ulcer in your stomach that causes you this trouble, stress.

And sometimes, when laying down, your heart hurts you worse than your peptic ulcer did. Now usually, in that case, it causes fluttering itself, makes the heart flutter and jump.

53-0903 — Expectancy 52 How do you do, sister? You believe with all your heart? You do. Now, you're a very nervous person. See?

Not in a nervous of shaking and jumping. But what you're nervous at, it's a mental nervousness, because you are a deep thinker.

You're always thinking and taking other people's troubles. You cross bridges 'fore you get to it. Isn't that right? That's the old expression.

That's your nature, your make-up. What your trouble is, you got stomach trouble. And that's just exactly what caused it.

and think you have heart trouble sometimes. But it isn't heart trouble. It's just—it's just excess gas going up that tube to your heart.

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You believe you're
healed? God bless you.
Your faith...?...
Let's say "Thanks be to
God."
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Your Burden & Gift

61-0319 — Jezebel Religion 153 Your trouble is nervousness, that's what you're suffering with. If that's right, raise up your hand.

Now, she sure doesn't look it, does she, brethren? She doesn't, but that's what her trouble is. She's been that way a long time.

Always crossing your bridges before you get to them, and so forth. That's true. It's your make up, just made that way, nervous;

324 always imagining something's fixing to happen, it doesn't. Sometimes the devil tells you, "There's nothing to It, just you backslid, you're across the line."

I'm not reading your mind, but I'm reading what's...I'm knowing what he's talked to you about, 'cause I see what's crossed your mind.

63-1128M — Testimony 25 l'm not a preacher. Anybody knows that. I'm not a preacher.

And it's just...

That's my make-up. I can't help that, no more than you can help your makeup. But God has put us, each one, in the Body, to do certain things.

And I watch every little move, every objective, every motive, 'cause everything is governed by...governed by spirit. 62-1111M — Dedication 6 Mrs. Hoover was just telling me, Mrs. L. G. Hoover, was just telling me that was her little girl playing the song,

a few minutes ago, the coming song of Only Believe, and is a pianist here at the—at the piano. Three months ago, when they came in, they...she couldn't strike a tune. But now she can play. That's very, very fine.

7 l've got a girl setting back here, that's been taking music lessons for about five years, or more, and I don't know what it's cost me, and a new piano.

She couldn't play a hymn that good as that little child was going. So it shows what God-given talents are, and then something you try to manufacture. You see?

53-1204 — At Thy Word 9 There's just... There's many things that happen, and you know that, each one of you.

There's things that only God and I know alone, and there's that way in your life. There is in everybody's life. There's just you and God knows alone.

And many times l've heard people say, "Brother Branham, how do you see visions? How do you do this?"

Well, just as soon as I said you, "Why do you got blue eyes? Why have you got brown eyes? Why did you have a ear on the side of your head?"

Now, why, that's just the same question.

"God put it there," you say. Well, that's the same way. See? It's just that way.

It's just...There's nothing you can put in yourself. God, when He...We are come on this earth, them qualities are in you for different things.

Like for instance, this musician here. I want my little girl to be—to do that same thing this lady's a doing here, to play music.

Well, now if it's in her, she'll do it. If it isn't, won't do any good to give her lessons, 'cause she'll never make it.

343 53-1204 — At Thy Word 10 Here some time ago l was buying my little baby one of those little pianos for Christmas. Oh, I think it cost a dollar and a quarter or something.

It's about that big, and I was...Had my finger trying to pick out a tune on it, you know. It had little keys, and I'd hold up my hand.

1345 Was picking away on something, and my wife, she might know about two chords so she was trying to show me how to make that chord or something.

I was standing there trying to pick on it, and a little boy came up, oh, poor, little ragged looking fellow.

He said...His teeth out in front, and his face needed washing, and his little trousers was raggy and dirty, and he looked at me. Said, "What are you trying to do, mister?"

11 I said, "Well, son, I— I'm wondering myself." I said, "I—I was trying toto—to hit this key here to make this chord here."

And he said, "Let's see you do it." Well, I tried it.

And he said, "Can I try it?"

I said, "Yes, sir. Sure can." He set that little thing down and played as pretty a tune as you ever heard on that. He knowed just how to hit it.

And then he looked at me, and kind of grinned and walked over there and there's one of these little xylophones,

you know, just about that long, little old hardware store where they had little cheap things for children. So...

And he got up these little things here and played: "Silent Night," just as pretty as I ever heard it on anything.

That's right. And I said, "Well, son, did you ever have a music lesson?" He didn't even know what it was.

12 So he picked up a piece of gas pipe back there that Mr. Rusher had been cut off, and blowed the "Star Spangled Banner" through that gas pipe like that.

Now, there...l said to Mr. Rusher which was a Catholic by faith, I said...We was school mates together. I said, "Al, you see what I'm talking about.

That boy don't need a music lesson. He was born that way. (See? That's right.) He don't need it. lt's just a gift."

And now you hear these singers come on the air, these fellows like different ones.

I don't want to mention names in public, but men become millionaires a week's time or two just singing songs on these programs.

Which America has become full of ballyhoo and all kind of programs, and everything, till even the other nations laugh at us for our nonsense.

(Inspiration)

Introduction

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Bro. James Maina

362 63-0317M — God Hiding Himself In Simplicity, Then Revealing Himself In The Same 228 There is one side that's highly intellectual, cold and

indifferent, they deny everything there.

And the others get on the other side, on the other side with a radical bunch of an emotion, and deny the Word.

229 But the real true Church stays right in the middle of the road. Now, if you notice, it's—it's—it's got the Bible knowledge of what God said,

365 and it's—it's spiritual enough to be warm in its heart, and it's just the road. Isaiah said it would be that way. He said, "There shall be a highway..."

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Masterpiece Of God 64 In heaven, we look at the celestial bodies.

The Bible says that even one star differents from the other. There is Sirius and the different ones.

And Mars and Jupiter, all those different ones, they different one from the other. The sun differents from the moon, and the moon from the stars.

And there is Angels, such as, there is Seraphims and Cherubims, and Angels and great Angels, in—in degrees.

And even in the new world to come, the kings of the earth bring their honor into the city.

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. 376 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 l'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.

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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. 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.

60-0712 — Hear Ye Him 138 You stay right on the Word, and that Word is Life. And every time you receive the Word, you receive Life.

Take It into your heart and believe It as your own possession, every promise is yours.

God gave you a checkbook, when you received the Holy Ghost with Jesus' Name wrote at the bottom of, for whatsoever you desire.

Are you afraid to fill it out? "Ask what you will in My Name, God will give it to you."

I like that. Oh, my, stand there with just unadulterated faith. Ask and believe, and it shall come to pass; that's the way to do it.

398 51-0714 — Expectation 23And I said, "Surely, someday when life is ended, and the sun of my life is setting, and your life, God has a way somewhere."

There's something that tells us there's something out there: The deep calling to the deep.

24 I read in the paper here not long ago where a little baby eat the pedals off of a bicycle, eat the rubbers off of pencils.

The doctors said what it was: his little body needed sulfur. And he was eating that rubber, because there was sulfur in the rubber.

Now, before he could've—there could've been any crave for that sulfur, there had to be something in here craving it, creating that desire.

And if there's something here creating that desire, there's bound to be something out there to respond to that—to that Creator, creation.

In other words like this, as l'd say this. Before you can have a desire, there has to be a Creator to create that desire. Is that right? Before there is a creation, there has to be a Creator.

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<u>63-0606</u> — Show Us The

<u>Father</u>

40 And surely, if there is a human desire in a human's heart, who is a creature of God, calling out for God,

there has got to be a God somewhere to respond to that call. But when the deep calls to the Deep, there's got to be a respond to that call.

Before a deep can be in here, calling, there has to be a Deep out there, to respond to that call, or there'd be no call in here. <u>408</u>

60-0731 — Show Us The Father And It Will Satisfy Us 106 Surely, we ought to have duck sense.

If God can use the instinct of a duck to lead his people, or, his duckling friends away from a place that would freeze,

surely the power of the Holy Ghost ought to lead us to Christ Who is our Healer, and away from danger.

411 God gave a duck instinct, He gave you the Holy Ghost. Oh, I feel religious right now! Yes, I do. Yes, He gave us the Holy Ghost to escape those things, certainly.

412 58-1005M — Hear His Voice 95 Hear His Voice speak back, in your heart, and say, "Yes, I'm the Lord that healeth thee." Then it's all over.

You can settle then. See? "I'm the Lord Who forgives all thy sins. Now go and sin no more. I don't condemn you." Then you can go free. You're all right.

But you want to be sure that you heard that Voice speak. Moses heard It. He was a changed man.