

Painted-Face Jezebel



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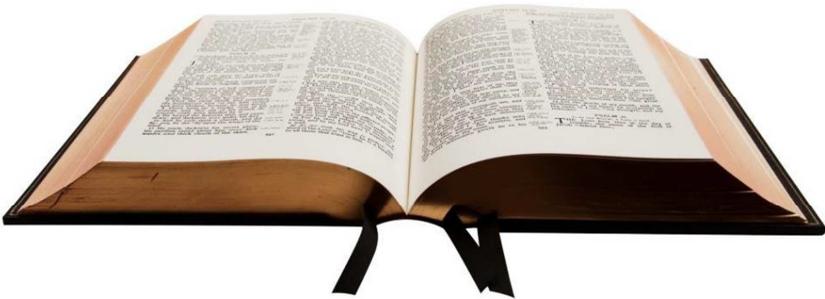
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**Message: 54-0403 - The
Hand Of The Lord Came
Upon Him**

9 Our scene tonight goes back in the days of Israel when they were in the homelands of Palestine.

It was immediately after a great tragedy had happened.

Judah and Israel had broken up and had become two nations, as it was.

And Ahab, the king, who got out of God's will by marrying a woman that was not of the faith...

Do you know that's still a good thing, young man, to think about, young woman?

Marry someone who is a Christian.

Don't marry unbelievers.

"Yoke yourself not up among unbelievers."

Paul said for us not to do that.

The Scriptures, all through, forbid us, for we...to yoke ourself with unbelievers.

But if you are already yoked up with an unbeliever, and he's willing to live with you, or she, in peace, don't leave them.

Just remain and live a Christian life, that you might win your companion to Christ.

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Message: **55-0228 -**
Separation From Unbelief

16 Now, this borderline believer, as I called him a few moments ago, oh, he kindly had a mental conception of his theology, that he thought, “Well, there is a God, but maybe Baalim is god too, and the others is so forth.”

And his wife kindly got him mixed up in that.

You know, boys, I'm telling you tonight, and you young ladies, be careful who you marry; you'll have a broken home the first thing you know.

And it's not good to—sinners and Christians to marry together.

Don't be unequally yoked together, 'cause that's what got Ahab.

She was pretty little thing, yes, paint all over her face,

eyes like a lizard, but she was a... The thing of it was, that...

Did you know what? That's the truth. That's the...

Ahab just fell for her, because she was, perhaps, pretty, because he couldn't have fell for her for character, 'cause she was a murderer; she was everything else. That's right.

And Ahab fell for her because she was pretty.

And then, he got himself infatuated with her, and then she just ruled him with her finger.

17 Do you know, the wisest man in the Bible outside of Christ died a heathen idolater because of a bunch of pretty women? Solomon. Pulled him away from God. All right.

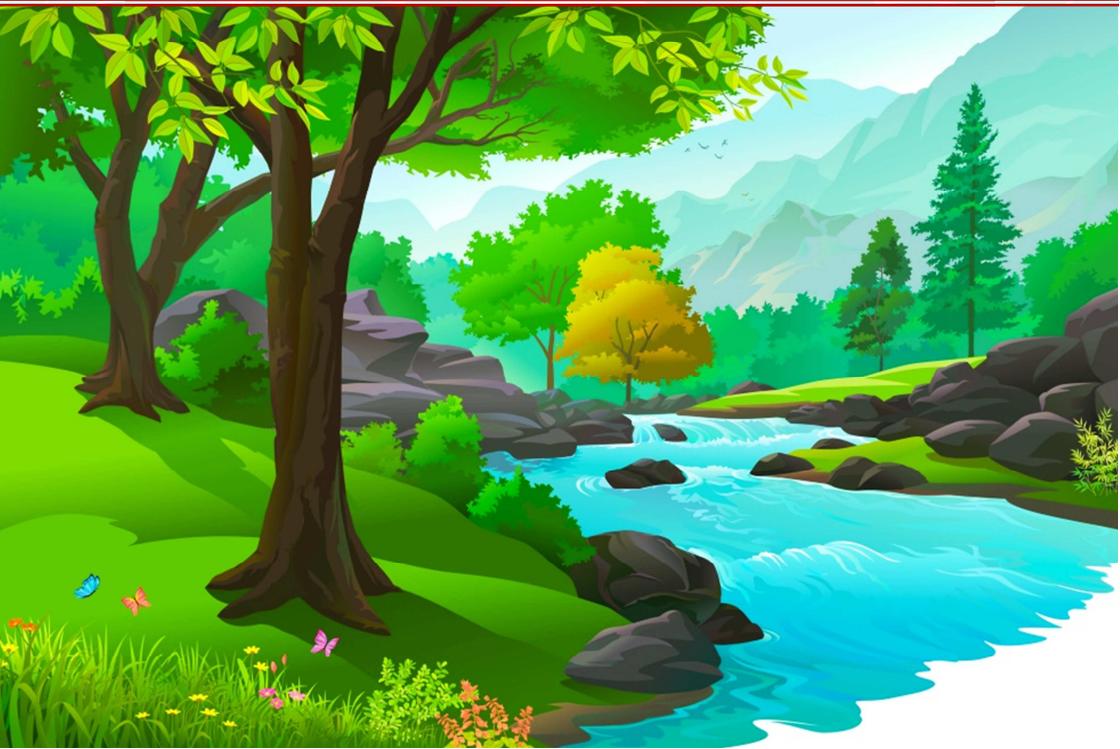
Don't yoke yourself up unequally.

And I've seen many people come to the platform, and be healed, and walk away, and mix up with unbelievers, and their sickness come right back to them again.

55-0228 - Separation From
Unbelief

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*God makes the
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Message: **57-1006 -
Questions And Answers On
Hebrews #3**

781 Listen here, the man is the ruler. Don't you think you'll rule the house. You're not the ruler of the house. You're absolutely... You're not a slave now, but you're a helpmate. And Adam...

The man has the rule over his wife, and he's responsible solely for his wife.

God makes the man answer for his wife.

**57-1006 - Questions And
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something, mister. You are
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Message: **53-0729 -**
Questions And Answers On
Genesis

74 Now, now, I think that would get that, *man* and *woman*. Now, a woman is...Let me get this in right good now, so you can see it, see. Woman is subject to her husband. And the Bible said that "A man should rule over his wife." But how they've

changed that! The woman rules over the man, “Now, you stay home, John! You’re not going!” And that settles it, “Yes, my dear.” See?

75 But let me tell you something, mister. You are going to have to answer for your wife, but your wife is never going to have to answer for you. You are the head of the woman, and God is the head of man. Therefore He said, “Let the man cut his hair because of Christ. And let the

woman have her hair, for if she cuts her hair she dishonors her husband.” See? You see what I mean by what the Scripture says?

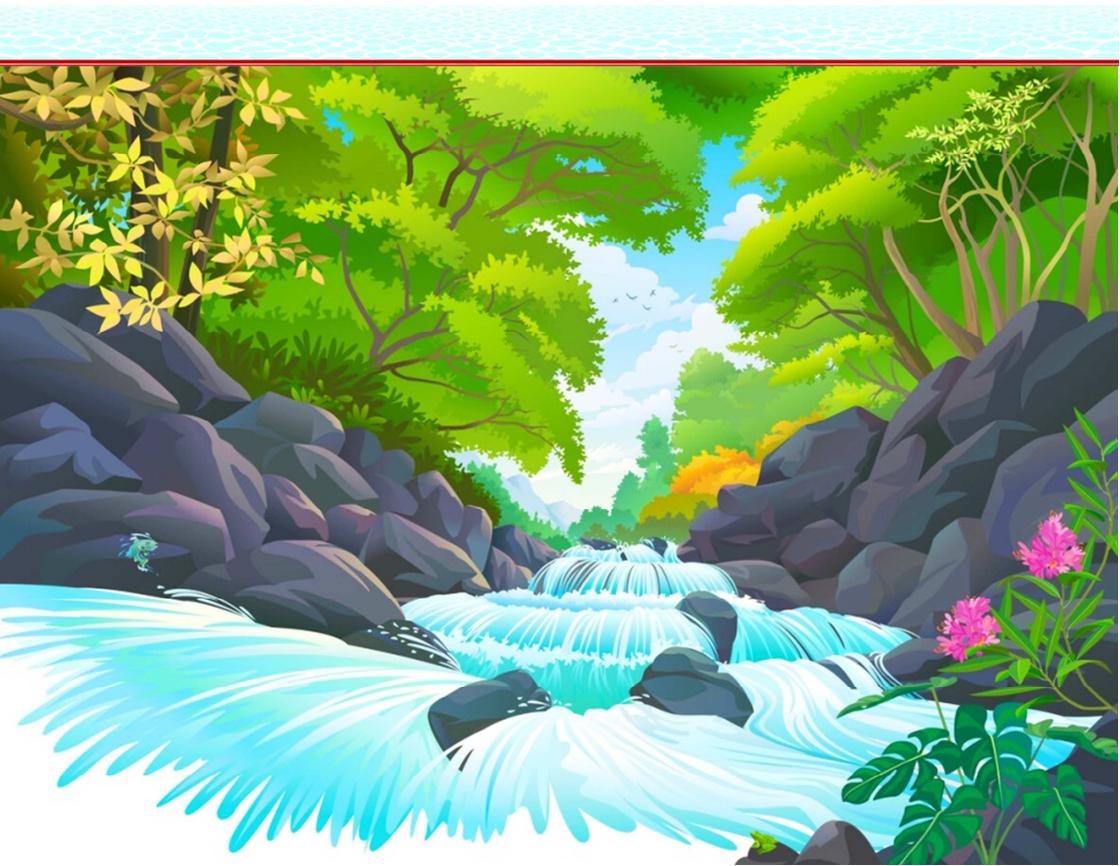
76 I had a hot one on that, down the other day in Shreveport. They was talking about the women, and should women wear long hair. And I said, “A woman that bobbed her hair, her husband had a right and a Bible right to divorce her.” That’s right. That’s what the Bible says.

That's exactly right. Oh, my! Holy Ghost women sitting there, just the way they been taught, that's all. See? Just, that's slipped loosely.

77 He said, "Now, if they would cut it, if there's something wrong they had to cut their hair," said, "let her take a razor and shave it all off," and make her hair real slick, until it comes out her head. That's right. That's what the Scripture said. And It says, "If she cuts her hair, she

dishonors her husband. And a woman that's dishonorable has a legal right to be put away and divorced." But, he can't marry again, now. But he—but he can put her away in divorcement. That's right. That's Scripture. Oh brother, what we need is some question nights! That's right. That's First Corinthians, the 14th chapter, if you want to read it. All right. Now, that—that...Now, this woman...

*What we need
today is men.*



Bro. William Branham

**Message: 61-0216 - The Mark
Of The Beast And The Seal Of
God #1**

59 You say, “You’re always talking on our women, about our women.”

All right, men, I will comb you down once then. Let me tell you something.

Any man that will let his wife smoke cigarettes and

wear shorts, I got little respect of him even being a man.

He's so sissified he don't even know what he belongs to. He ain't a man. That's right. Oh, hallelujah. That's right. He's a poor excuse for a man.

Oh, he may be six foot tall, weigh two hundred pound, but that don't look like a man to me.

That shows who's boss around your house.

She will stomp her foot, “I will tell you right now,” and you’d bow down like you was a sick kitten.

What’s the matter? We need... What we need today is men. We need Gospel preachers.

And any preacher that will stand in the pulpit and hold back on those things, I got little respect of him being called of God. Right.

A man that's ashamed to stand in the pulpit and tell the God's truth, when he knows it's an immoral thing for a woman to cut her hair... The Bible...

A man's got a right to leave his wife and give her a divorce when she cuts her hair. The Bible said so. Who's the head of the woman? Her husband.

And the Bible said, "If a woman cuts her hair she dishonors her head." No

dishonorable woman should be lived with. Amen. She cuts off her glory.

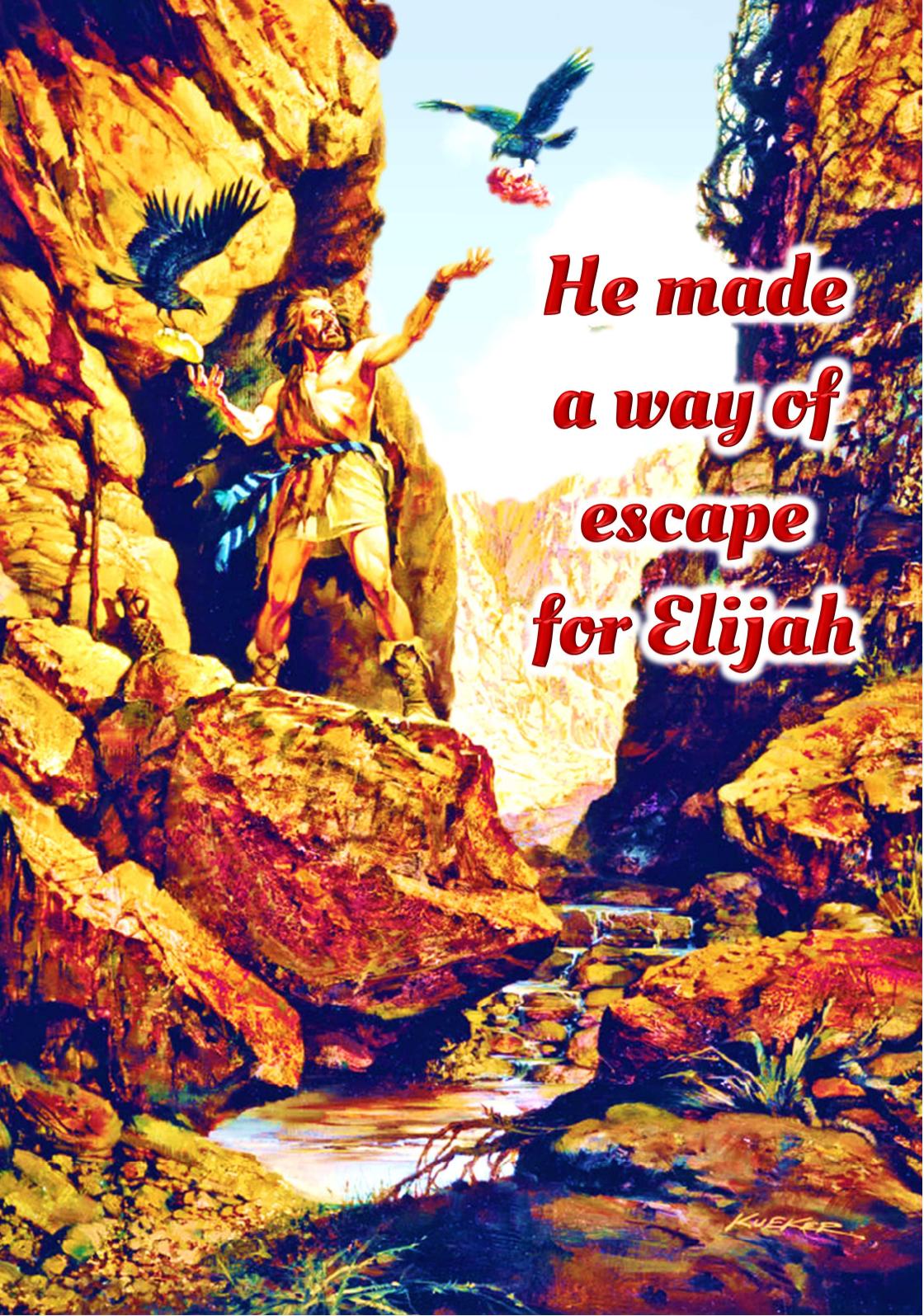
And so does the church. When she does the same thing she cuts her glory stream off. Um. Oh God, why do I say these things? But it's truth.

No, we don't—we don't need compromisers. We need men and women who will stand for justice and right and tell the truth, regardless of

what it is. Amen. The seal of God...

Trim your lamps, my brother. Let the light of the Holy Spirit burn out again, fresh. It's getting dark. Oh, it's such a horrible time. It's getting dark.

**61-0216 - The Mark Of The
Beast And The Seal Of God #1
Rev. William Marrion Branham**



***He made
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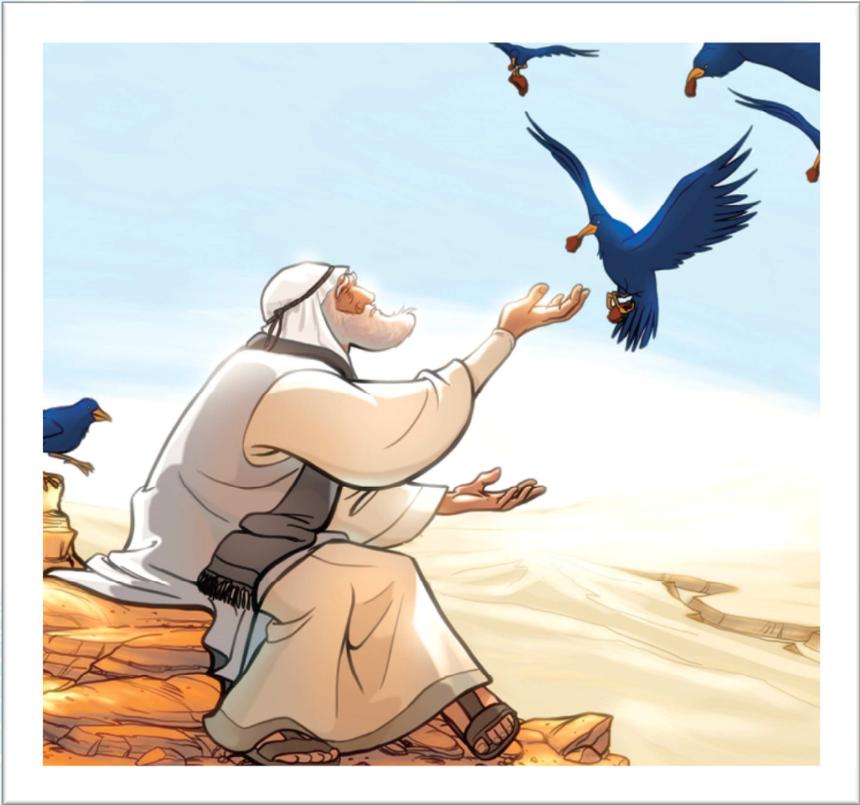
Bro. William Branham

Message: **53-1201 - God's
Provided Way**

133 One time there was a fellow named Elijah.

The Lord told him, said, “This country’s so sinful, till I’m going to send judgment upon it. But Elijah, I’m going to make a way of escape for you.”

“What are You going to do, Lord?”

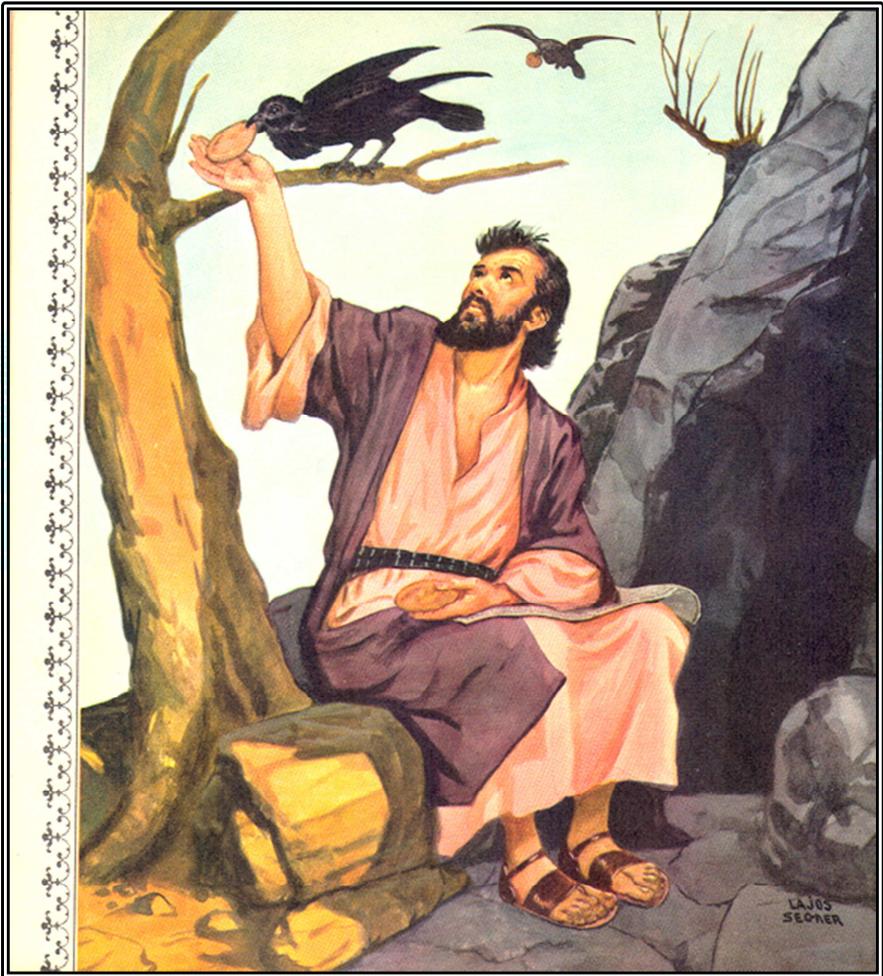


“I want you go up there and set down by the pool of— of Cherith, up on top of that mountain yonder.”

Elijah walked through the streets, said, “Well, now it ain’t going to rain till I call for it. I’m going up yonder and set down on the mountain.”

134 And when the drought come, could you imagine those people come home saying, “Look at that crazy old crank up there, setting up there by that little old spring on top of that mountain, when you know the water ain’t up there.” But God kept it running. I’m so glad He does.

Yeah, setting up on top the mountain. Said, "I bet that old guy's dried up, up there."



135 No, no, no, he's doing just...he's taken God's provided way. God said, "You go up there and set down, 'cause I've already commanded the crows to feed you."

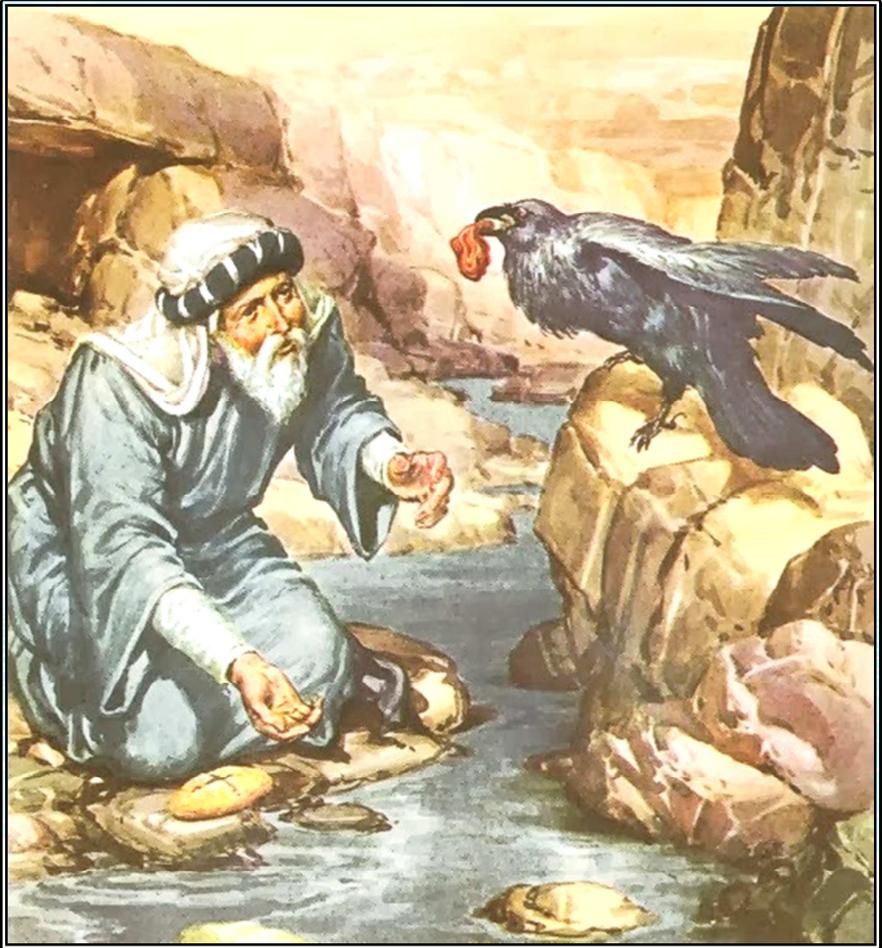
They said, "That poor old crank setting up there starving to death."

136 Well, he was doing better off. I bet he's better off than a lot—lot of you are here tonight. He had some colored servants to wait on him. I bet

you haven't got that. Yes, sir. Crows come by and waited on him. Is that right? That's right. He had colored porters, and half of you haven't got that. They come by and waited on him, the crows, as they passed by.

Some preacher said to me not long ago, said, "Billy, do you mean to tell me that you believe that them crows brought that fellow food?"

I said, "That's what the Bible said. I believe it." Yeah.



Said, “I want to ask you something.” Said, “How in the world did those crows get

them sandwiches and bring it to Elijah?”

137 I said, “I don’t know.” I said, “The only thing: the crows got it; the crows brought it; Elijah received it; that settles it.” I said, “Just exactly like now, I can’t tell you what makes me act like this, only thing I know: God taught it; the Bible said so; the Holy Ghost brought it; I received it; and I just have a good time.”



138 I don't know how it comes. I just...It's just here. Hallelujah! I don't know. God said so, so I just—I just eat it.

Holy Ghost brings it, I say, "Yes, Lord."

"Well, they're going to call you a holy-roller."

139 "I don't care, Lord. I just love it. It's just good. I just keep on eating. Send it down." Amen.

"Just give me a bigger bite of the sandwich." That's all.



I can hear them say, “Oh, my, seining around over there trying to find...”

140 And that old preacher, setting up there, was supposed to be the fanatic, setting down, not—not worried about a thing. See?

Set there all day long, saying, “O Lord, I love You. Praise the Lord. God, I just praise You.”

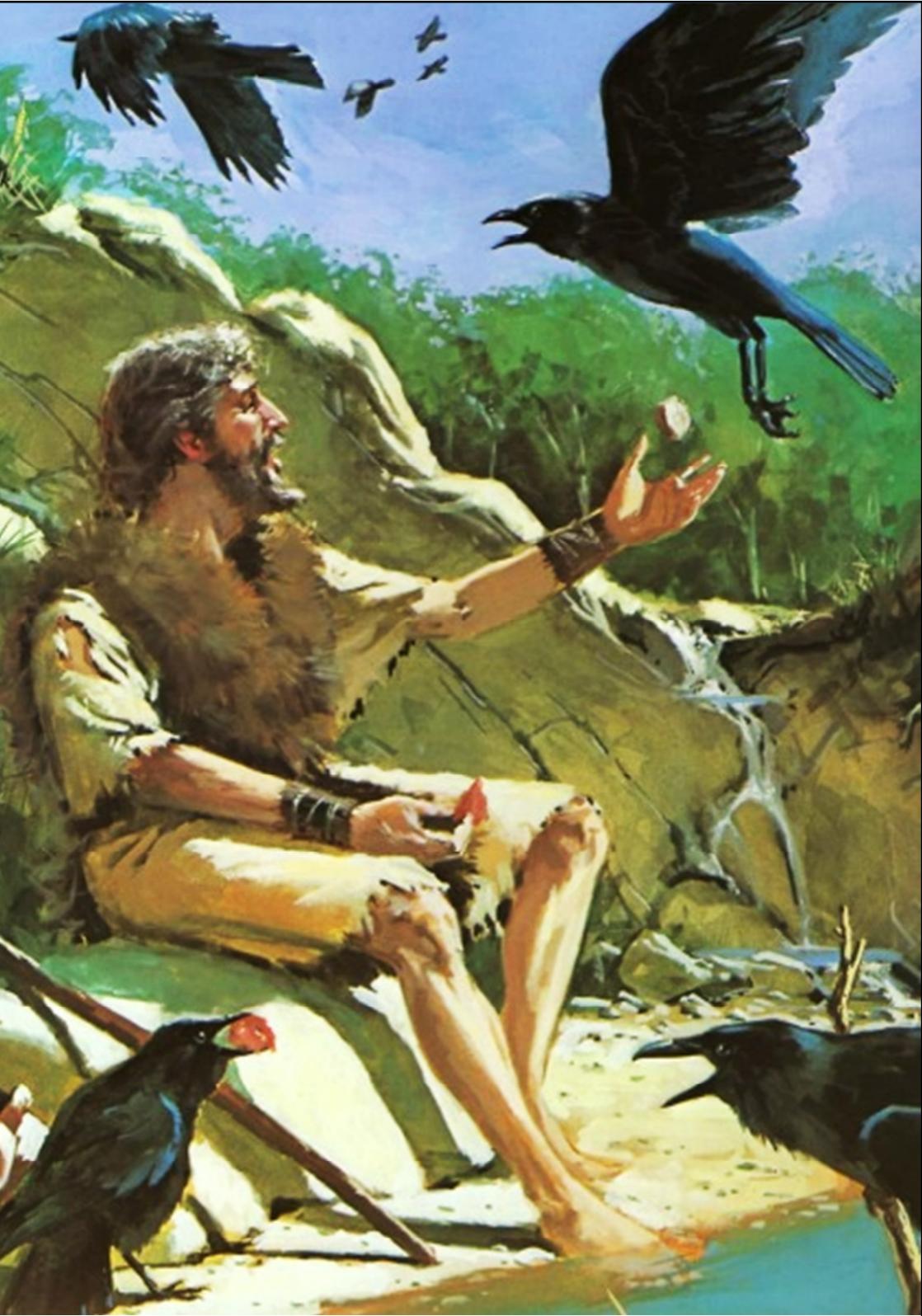
Crow come by, say, “Elijah, here you are.”



141 Take this great big sandwich, said, "Oh, my." Them fellows down there

gnawing their tongues...Just get right down at the brook and drink whatever he wanted to, and yet called “crazy.”

142 That’s the way it is, brother. They think that we’re crazy because we got the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother, we’re drinking from a Fountain that never runs dry of the everlasting Waters of Life that springs up through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Sure, it’s God’s provided way. Certainly, it is.

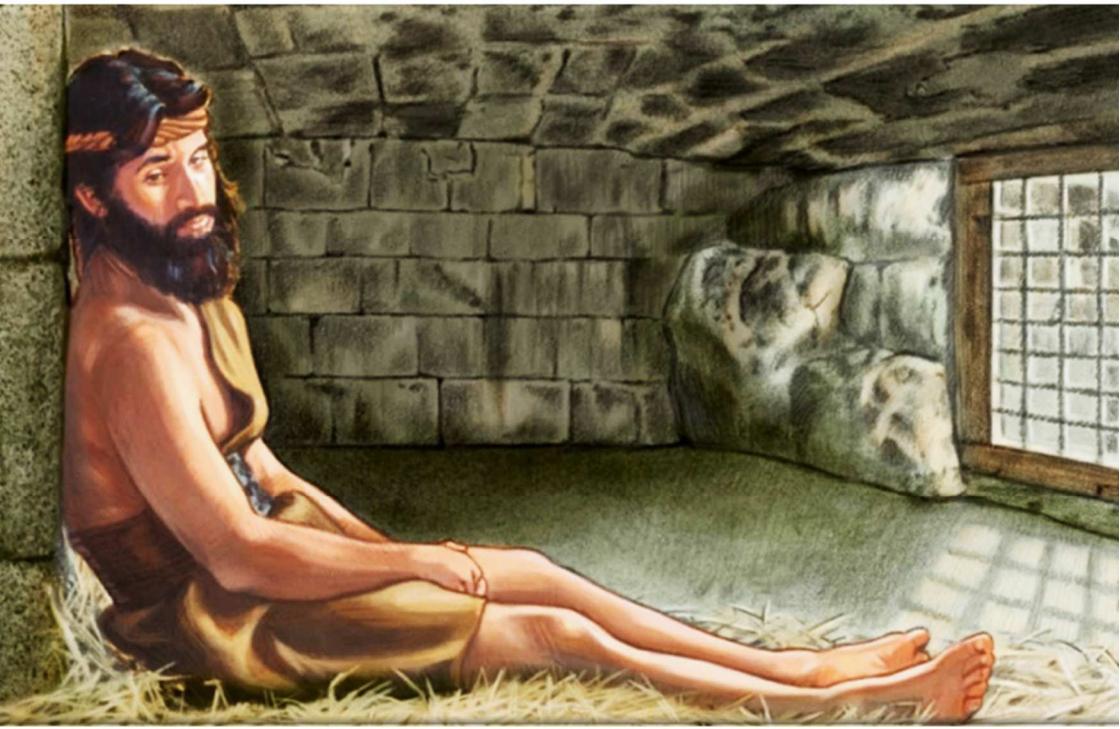


143 Don't try to join your church and shake hands with your preacher. Get right with God. Hallelujah! That's the way to do it, God's provided way for you to do it. He will make a way, every time, of escape if you just believe. You believe it? Yes, sir. He made a way of escape for Elijah.

53-1201 - God's Provided Way
Rev. William Marrion Branham



And men who live close to God are mostly considered neurotics or something wrong with them. That's right. They're always considered that.



WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

Message: *61-0425E - The
Forgotten Beatitude*

17 John, his eagle eye truly had filmed over. And John was—become weary. He and Elijah was a great deal alike, because the same spirit was upon this—a different man. See, God never takes His Spirit; He just takes His man. God took Elijah, took Elijah's spirit and put it on Elisha. Then He took it off of Elisha, and put it on John.

And promised to put it on again just at the end time, another one coming at the end time, another Elisha. Which we all as Bible readers know that that's promised to us.

Now, we find out then that the devil takes his man but never his spirit. And he just keeps it coming right on down just the same way. And we find out that those two are together.

And we find that—that Elijah and John was a great deal alike. They were real nervous men. Both of them almost had a nervous breakdown: both of them.

And men who live close to God are mostly considered neurotics or something wrong with them. That's right. They're always considered that.

18 Paul, this morning, when I was speaking to the ministerial group... Agrippa

said to him, or Festus said, “Too much learning makes you mad, or crazy.”

He said, “I’m not mad. I’m not crazy. I’m sober.” See? “And I—I’m all right.”

61-0425E - The Forgotten

Beatitude

Rev. William Marrion Branham

20 And I think about Jonah the prophet, God inspiring him, that great eagle for the air of that day. God inspired him so, till he went down there

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and laid in the belly of a whale
for three days and nights,
walked out upon the bank and
give a message that made
even them people put
sackcloth on their animals.



And when the Spirit left him, he went up on top of the hill, and set down and asked God to let him die. That's right.



We find this great Elijah, who John was a type of, the great eagle of that day, mighty, rugged man, great woodsman, lived in the woods in a cave. And he came out, stomped out into—amongst the people, and God would take him up into places that the Israel knowed nothing about and declare the message and say, “It’s THUS SAITH THE LORD,” and stomp back into the wilderness again.



21 Find that great eagle, when he stomped out there and told that king, “There will not even be dew come from the heavens, but according to my word.” Walked right back out there, when he walked down that Samaritan road that day, that stick in his hand, that

piece of sheepskin wrapped around him, that bald head a shining, whiskers hanging down, them steps just as steady as they could be, coming down that Samaritan road... But he knowed Who he'd been in the Presence of. He wasn't afraid of what Ahab was going to say, because he'd been in the Presence of Somebody greater than Ahab. He'd been in the Presence, and he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** Those old eyes,

setting back there with those wrinkles, was looking right towards the sky. He was walking steady, because he knowed he had THUS SAITH THE LORD.

22 Oh, he was a eagle. Went up on top of the mountain and drunk at the brook there until it went dry, and went back down there and called a—a meeting. When God give him a vision, and went up on top of the mountain, and said, “Let’s

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prove Who's God. Let's see Who's God. If He ever was God, He's still God." That's right. Oh, I like them eagles. Yes, sir.



Went up on there and said, “If He... Let’s prove God.” And he said—called the way that God told him in the vision. He said, “You take a bullock, and—and I’ll take a bullock. And you call on Baalim and I’ll call on God. And ever which one answers by fire, let Him be God.”

23 And while he was so certain of hisself, so certain of his vision. While they were calling on Baalim all morning and cutting themselves, and

screaming, and jumping, he walked around and said, “Say, maybe you better holler a little more. Maybe he’s pursuing, or maybe he’s taking a nap.” You see? Oh, he knowed where he was standing. It was.

But after he’d proved God, his eagle eye become filmed. And when Jezebel threatened that she would kill him, he run out into the wilderness. God found His servant laying under a juniper tree, running, after

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he had proved God to be God:
nervous, upset.



When you go up into those spheres, it does something to the human heart. When you come down, you can—you can't explain it. It takes you somewhere; there's no need of trying to talk about it. Visions and so forth that tear you to pieces... You can't tell the other people; they don't understand it. They never have been there, so how would you know about it? See? So it tears them to pieces.



24 God's so kind to His servant though to feed him and encourage him, and out under the juniper tree. But after he'd had such

confidence in Jehovah, so sure, that he could walk up before the king and said, “Not even dew will fall, but according to my word.” Stomped right out of the king’s palace, anointed.

Then he had a vision of what to do. Then he went right out there on that mountain and took—and called down fire out of the heaven, proving He was God, then called rain down out of the heavens on the same day, and then killed

four hundred men. Priests, pagan priests, cut their heads off, and then run when the vision left him.

25 Nervous, setting out there, said, "I'm no better than the rest of my fathers. I'm no more than any of the other prophets. Now, Lord, take my life. I'm the only one that's left. I'm the only one that's preaching the right Gospel. So just take my life. Let me go." They get all flusterated like that.

But God said, “No, I—I—I—I—I got—I got seven thousand more, that had never bowed their knee to Baalim yet. (See?) But I—that’s all right Elijah, you’re doing a great work. But I—I still got another bunch (You see?) that you don’t know yet.”

“But take my life. I’m no more than my fathers was, prophets before me. Let me die.”

61-0425E - The Forgotten Beatitude

God's people needs a juniper tree—rest

78 *You know, Jesus said, “Come aside, into the wilderness, and let’s rest a little while.”*

Some of these guys that think you don’t have to rest, we find out they burn out pretty quick, too.

If they don’t take rest, they find themselves wrecked up somewhere.

I think that’s where our Brother Billy Graham is, tonight, trying to overshoot the mark.

These human bodies are strong, but they need rest.

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54 When God gets a hold of a man, the first thing He does in a church is bring it from worldliness to holiness, and He brings it from death unto Life. It's born again. It's new. Its ideas are new. What we need is a revival like that, today. Really is true. Oh, we've had a dip of the Spirit. We had spiritual blessings and spiritual uprisings, but we don't need that no more. We need a revival of the Spirit of the living God, in the hearts of the people. We don't need so much of the dips of the Spirit, or spiritual awakening. We need a revival, that's, revive what we've got. Not a

spiritual awakening; sometimes that causes mixed multitudes. But we need a revival that'll sift down, shake down, and will cut out all the things.

55 Like standing by the seashore. I was talking to some brethren over in Puerto Rico a few weeks ago. That, when I seen the great sea, and a great storm, the waves were higher than this tabernacle. And I said, "You know what? It hasn't got one more drop of water in it than when it's perfectly calm. But, what does that churning and jumping, and what does it mean? It throws all the trash out of it, upon the bank."

56 That's what the Church needs, is a revival, to shake from It all the worldliness and the things of the world, and bring back purity and holiness of God, in the hearts of Its believers, humility.

57 Why, men, to suit hisself, they don't get a revival once in a while, on their spirit, they become so carnal and so indifferent, till they get self-styled, starchy, self-righteous. They read and study, and that's good, but that ain't the thing we're talking about. You know more about the Word. It's good to know the Word, but it's better to know the Author of the Word. See? That little Something that you leave out, that Something

in the heart that makes you what you are, that's the thing.

58 And I tell you, Elisha, and his nerves on the edge, anyhow. I always felt sorry for him. His nerves was about ready to break, anyhow, and that great pound from Jezebel finished the stroke. Then he run, and went into the wilderness and laid under the juniper tree.

59 Oh, that experience of the juniper tree! There's many of us find ourselves under the juniper tree. I get myself under there, many times, to a place that you don't know what to do. You're flusterated. Frankly, I'm right under

it now, and wondering, “O God, what would You have me do?”

60 You know, people under the juniper tree is like Elijah, they like to sleep. I—I preach to more tired people than anybody in the world. People is so tired. They—they—they—they’re so mentally strained until they’re filling the insane institutions and the hospitals, everywhere. They’re went in such a nervous condition till they don’t know what they do believe, and what they want. They’re just laying there. They don’t know what to do. Oh, it’s such a sad sight.

61 Listen here, my brother. You can’t drink it off. You can’t

shout it off. Neither can you play cards till it's dull. And you could take a thousand siestas and try to sleep it off, and you can't do it. All of our little remedies, only thing it does is help the symptoms. We've got to have a cure for the disease. We got to have a...All the psychiatrists in the world cannot cure it. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.] It only helps the symptoms. The cure is in the Blood of Jesus Christ. Not take a rest at the seashore. Not go get an anthem, a choir to sing anthems. That's what we're trying to do, today, sing it off.

62 "Oh, we'll make ourself like the Joneses." And we're—we're

trying to do something different, trying to educate it out. There's only one way to do it, that's, face the facts. That's right. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit two times—Ed.] Oh, if you're upset and flusterated, don't join church. Come to Christ. That's the only remedy. Don't apply and turn a new page. Just get a new Life. Christ is the answer.

63 There he laid, under the juniper tree. He didn't know what to do. His nerves was broke. He was shaking. He was crying, no doubt. And he was in a terrible condition.

64 Many of us hit those places, especially after a Mount

Carmel experience. It was asked of me, the other day, by someone, about that. And how that...What would we...What can, we, be done? What can be done for us at that time? There's only one thing to do: commit yourself to God. Now, I know that a man can overwork himself, and a man can underwork himself, a man.

65 God knowed this man need feeding. He needed something to eat. And under this place here, where he was laying, God had to do something for him.

66 God has to do something for every man that comes under the juniper tree, or he'll go to pieces. He has to do it, if His

servant is laying under the tree, yonder, don't know what to do. He's carried out his commission.

Elijah said, "O Lord, let me die."

67 I've had those feelings after I had come out of a meeting, and looked like I tried, and preached, and begged, and persuaded, and seen the Angel of God sweep through a meeting and do signs and wonders. And sit in a car on the outside, and hear them cry, say, "That wasn't nothing but psychology. There is nothing to It. Nothing to That. That's all nonsense."

68 Oh, then I crawl under the juniper tree. I think, “Lord, why did You—why did You let me do it for? What can it be done?” But we all hit those experiences. But, the mercy of Jehovah, to His servant! God knows your trials. Just know this, He knows all about it, so He comes down.

69 And He knows His servant needs some rest, so He just puts him to sleep for a little while; while he’s laying there, waiting to recuperate, or praying to die. “Lord, my fathers died, before me, and now take my life. I’ve done done enough. I’ve fought a good fight, I’ve finished the course.” But there was work to be

done yet. God wasn't through with His prophet. He still had work.

70 No matter how much we cry out, and think *this*, *that*, or the *other*, nothing can take us until God is finished with us. I'm so glad to know that.

71 Sometimes you feel like, as I did one time, put a pistol against my head, to commit suicide, but I couldn't do it. I took my glove off, to lay it on a high voltage line where I was working, but I couldn't do it. Something still held. The same God that was with Elijah, that same God, today! He seen me under the juniper tree. My wife and baby laying yonder in the grave; and my daddy, my brother,

and all. I was just about gone, myself. I've laid under the juniper tree. It's hard. And I got to a place, I was so beside myself, I tried to make a gun shoot my brains out; it wouldn't do it. See? There's work yet to be done. Something has to be done. God wasn't finished. He'll always take care of you.

72 Poor, tried, weary servant! He saw him. He knowed where he was.

73 He knows where you're at, tonight. You may be under a juniper tree, everything gone, but, remember, He knows where you're at. We don't need a whole lot of re-fixing up.

74 Like the old colored woman said, down in the South. She had had an accident; a car had hit her. And it was...It hurt her pretty bad, and the—and the lawyer said, “Do you want to sue for damages?”

75 She said, “Laws-ee, mercy! No, honey.” Said, “I have enough damage. I want some repair.”

76 And I think she spoke well for this community, and this church, tonight, and this hell-bound America. It ain't backslidden; it's already gone. It ain't—it ain't on its road to hell; it's already met hell. It ain't lost, going to be lost; it's already lost. It doesn't need to sue for damages; it needs a repair. It's the truth. He

knows where you are. He knows where you're laying.

77 And He sent an Angel. And the Angel touched him, and he went to sleep. And when he woke up, there was some corn cakes, or some kind of cakes, baked, laying by the side of him. And He said, "Elijah, rise up and eat." There's the grace of God, to His servant. See, He's resting him.

78 You know, Jesus said, "Come aside, into the wilderness, and let's rest a little while." Some of these guys that think you don't have to rest, we find out they burn out pretty quick, too. If they don't take rest, they find themselves

wrecked up somewhere. I think that's where our Brother Billy Graham is, tonight, trying to overshoot the mark. These human bodies are strong, but they need rest.

79 Then you can take a little rest, and go somewhere, and they'll criticize you, say, "I thought he was a preacher. Look at him, out yonder on the bank, fishing," or something like that. But that doesn't matter. Jehovah will take care of His Own.

80 And while he was laying there, under the tree, wearied and upset, God quietened his nerves. He fed him. He woke him up

again, and fed him again, and put him back to sleep.

81 You know, I've often wondered what was in those cakes. What kind of a vitamin did he get in those cakes? However, whatever there was in there, it lasted him forty days and forty nights. He went in the strength of those cakes.

82 God knows, tonight, I need some of them. And I'm sure that this church needs some of them. Come aside, away from the world, and let's rest a while. Let's talk a while.

83 You don't have time to rest, you say. John Wesley said that,

one time. He said, “I’m afraid to rest. I ain’t got time to rest.” And you find yourself broke up, if you don’t take these rests.

59-0301E - What Does Thou Here?

Rev. William Marrion Branham

God’s people needs a juniper tree—rest. Let’s just wait on the Lord, then we renew our strength as we wait on Him

What a fine man I found in Brother Grant. He’s having the rallies in his own meetings, and wanted to turn it over for the sick

people, to pray for the sick. Brother Grant very humbly has been used of God himself in praying for the sick. And a great man of faith. But he just stayed too long in the service once. It's almost killed him. Weak and nervous. And almost to a nervous breakdown completely.

5 Brother Tommy Hicks, I hear, is in a heart attack, overworked. Oh, as I said the other night? **God's people needs a juniper tree—rest. Let's just wait on the Lord, then we renew our strength as we wait on Him.** Don't try to do it all.

I remember staying in the prayer line for seven days and

nights, and eating my meal at the pulpit, determined I would pray for every one that come before I set down. **There were ten times more on the last night than there was when I started. Then I almost died. I couldn't sleep, didn't know where I was at hardly, I was so tired and weary. Doesn't pay to do that. Jesus doesn't want us to do that. He wants us to take care of ourselves...**

59-0611 - The Time Of Decision
Rev. William Marrion Branham

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***Remember, if you've done
your best, God's still got
those Angels in order. He
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He loved Elijah.***



WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM





1 Kings 19:1-21

1. *And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.*

2. *Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to*

me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

3. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself

*that he might die; and said,
It is enough; now, O LORD,
take away my life; for I am
not better than my fathers.*



5. *And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.*

6. *And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.*

7. *And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched*

him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him,

and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10. And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

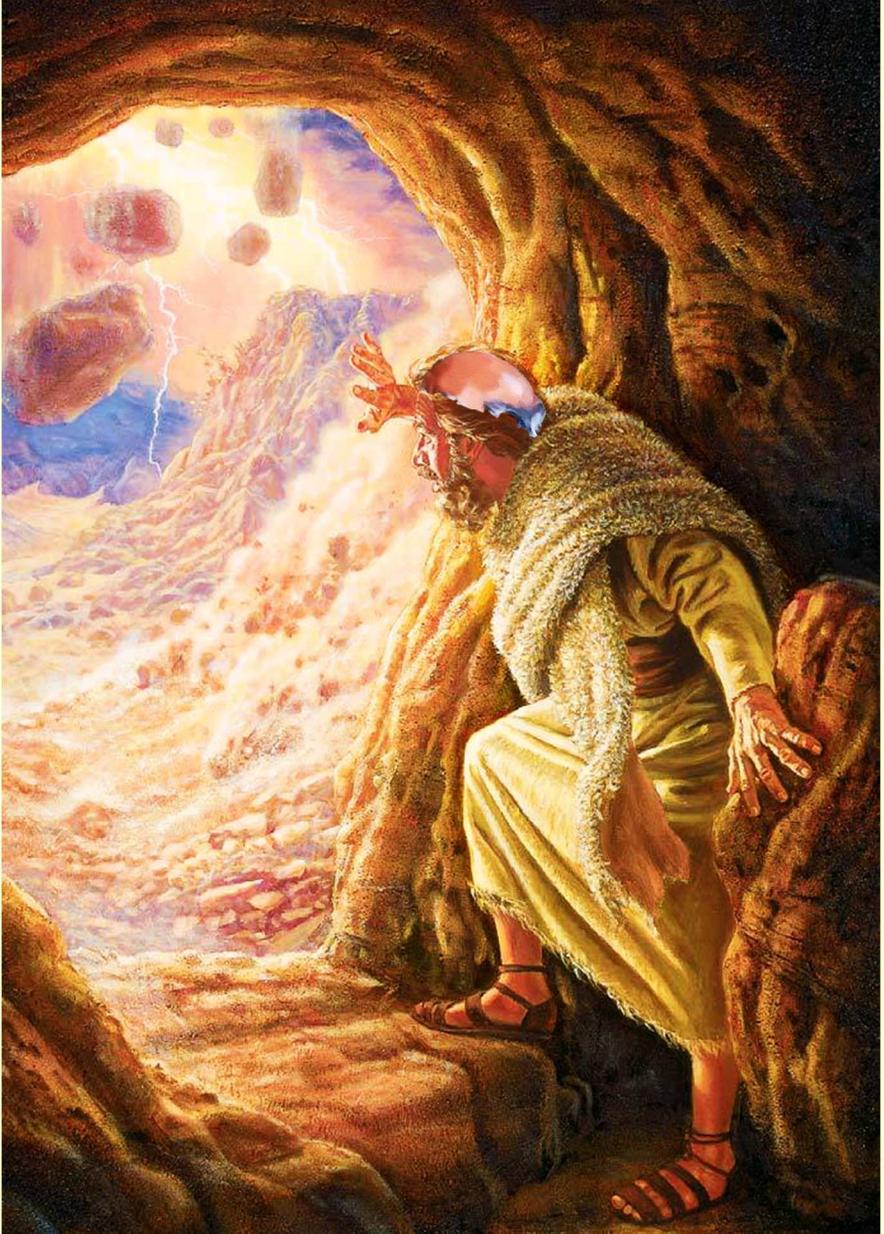
11. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount

before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:

12. *And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire:*

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and after the fire a still small voice.



13. *And it was so, when Elijah heard it that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?*

14. *And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant,*

*thrown down thine altars,
and slain thy prophets with
the sword; and I, even I only,
am left; and they seek my life,
to take it away.*

*15. And the LORD said
unto him, Go, return on thy
way to the wilderness of
Damascus: and when thou
comest, anoint Hazael to be
king over Syria:*

*16. And Jehu the son of
Nimshi shalt thou anoint to
be king over Israel: and*

Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay.

18. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every

*mouth which hath not kissed
him.*



*19. So he departed thence,
and found Elisha the son of
Shaphat, who was plowing
with twelve yoke of oxen*

before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

20. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

21. And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of

oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.



Message: *59-0412E* -
What Hearest Thou, Elijah?

21 And Elijah knew that his God was real. And so he had brought it to a showdown, but then when the people had turned down the supernatural sign, “Oh, there was nothing to it. The lightning might’ve struck...” Jezebel made her threats, and all of her gang. They didn’t want to give up

their social societies. And little old Elijah's heart was broke.

Any minister knows what Monday morning is after a hard day on Sunday. Compare that; you preacher's wives you know how your husband is on Monday morning after he's preached hard two or three times Sunday. He's so worn out.

What do you think about poor little old Elijah? There he was, no one to comfort him, and he stopped under this

juniper tree. And he knelt down, and looked up to God and said, “Lord I’m so tired and so weary. Why don’t You just take my life and let me go. My fathers all went, so let me go.”

22 Men who deal in the supernatural, who stay in the Presence of God, and when you see God’s program turned down, and you preach it, and you try your best, and do everything that God tells you to do, and still they walk away

from it, it's heartbreaking. God Almighty has done enough here in Angelus Temple this last week, till it had Los Angeles set afire. No wonder He said, "It'll be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of the judgment."

And the poor little fellow, skinny, laying there and his gray hair hanging over his shoulders... God said, "My servant needs some rest." God's mercy to his servant,

He just laid him down on the bunch of weeds and he went to sleep.

I'd imagine there was ten thousand Angels watching him sleep. There's one assurance the believer has, though the world turned him down, yet God loves him. The world may call you holy-roller; they may call you fanatic; but if you're true to God there's one sure thing: God loves you, and His Angels are

encamped about those who fear Him.

23 I'd imagine on every limb, all around through the place, was swarms of Angels. And God came down, and He said, "My poor little tired servant. He's so nervous and tore up, he don't know what to do. I want to pick out the Angel standing here that's got the softest hands. Don't you scare him; walk over and stroke his brow right easy. And I want the best cook

among you, and go up there, and get all the vitamins that you can find, and put in this corn meal. The world's turned him down, but I'm going to treat him right." Hallelujah. That means "praise our God." Don't get scared of that.

"Bring forth the best that we got; cook him a corn cake and set him down some water." And this soft-handed Angel went over and stroked the little servant of God on the brow.

Remember, if you've done your best, God's still got those Angels in order. He loves you just the same as He loved Elijah.

24 And he stroked his brow, and Elijah woke up. And I may hear him say something like this, "The Lord your God Who loves you... You done your best, Elijah. I only sent those signs for a witness, that in the day of the judgment, they'll have to stand it alone. I... You done just as I told you

to do. I know you're tired and weary now. And the Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth has sent Me to feed you this bread and this water.”

Elijah, rubbing his eyes, raising up, little frail shaking hands, took a hold of the bread and eat it. Just then the great Angelic choir come out, formed a little panoramic around him like that, and begin to sing the songs, like no mother could coo her baby to sleep. Let him sleep again.

Then Father turned around and said, “You know, I love him so much; the journey is great. He has got a lot to go through with yet. I’m not through with him. So I must feed him again.”

So He called the Angels, and dumped in another big bundle of vitamins, and cooked up another corn cake, and set him a cruse of water, and stroked his brow, and fed him again.

25 I'm so glad that there is a juniper tree, when we get all wore and tore up, we can go under that juniper tree and find spiritual vitamins to travel any kind of a trip.

There he laid. Woke up feeling a little better, and he went forty days and forty nights. I'd imagine if there's a doctor a listening in, wouldn't you like to know what kind of a vitamin he used, that'll keep a man on a corn cake and a glass of water for forty days

and forty nights. That's the power of our God.

Then he finds the cave way back in the wilderness. And the first thing you know, God found him back in there. And He called to him, and there went a rushing wind through that tore up the mountain. The rocks rent and fell down. Elijah just set and listened. And there came a shaking, an earthquake that shook the mountain. But Elijah just set still. And then come the fire

fell; lightning flashed, and Elijah set still. But then a still small Voice spoke, and Elijah answered. He wrapped his mantle over his face and walked out.

26 I just wonder, that if we haven't listened too much to rushing mighty winds, and fire, and blood, and everything else, and have failed to hear that still small Voice. Wonder if we've looked so much to gifts that we can't see the Giver. You know, America is

prone for noise. That's the reason rock-and-roll is so popular, and all these other lots of noises.

Now, we've had rushing mighty winds; we've had great shakings; but where has God been in all of it? Elijah said He was not in it. What did we do with rushing winds? What have we done with all kinds of sensations? Where has it got us? Denominated so tight that we won't give fellowship one to the other. What have we

done by it? Is the church better off? Is it unified by rushing winds? No, sir. It's only unified when them people will hear that still small Voice of God.

That's where we're failing, friends. When God appears on the sign with something, and proves Himself to be God; instead of going after the noise, let's go after the One that made the noise. We forget the Giver.

27 Paul said, “Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Though I can have faith to move mountains, and have not love, it profits me nothing.”

See, we’re so prone to go after the gift instead of the Giver. When you see signs and wonders take place, don’t notice the signs so much, but look what’s behind it. It’s that still small Voice that speaks.

That's the reason we can't have revivals in America, is because people go after gifts instead of the Giver. That's what's the matter with the world tonight. Oh, we got if you want great crowds and audiences, you have to have a real classical Hollywood outfit with a lot of show. American people want entertainment. They don't want the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. So therefore, the radio and the

television will give them more entertainment than the church can do it, and they stay home. All that comes out is the elect of God that's still hungering, and thirsting, and calling, and crying for the real thing of God.

*59-0412E - What Hearest Thou,
Elijah?*

Rev. William Marrion Branham

1 Kings 21

Ahab & Naboth's Vineyard

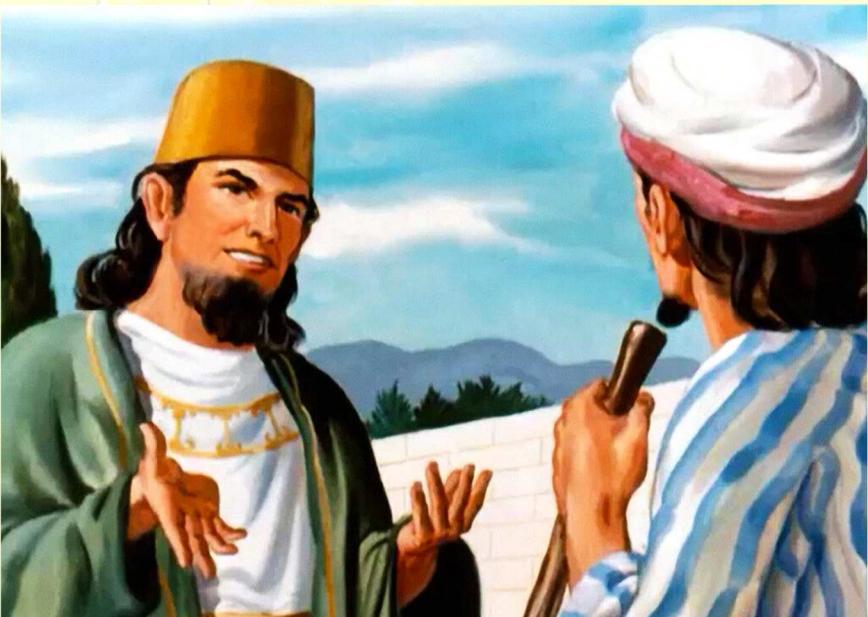


1 Kings 21:1-29

1. And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.



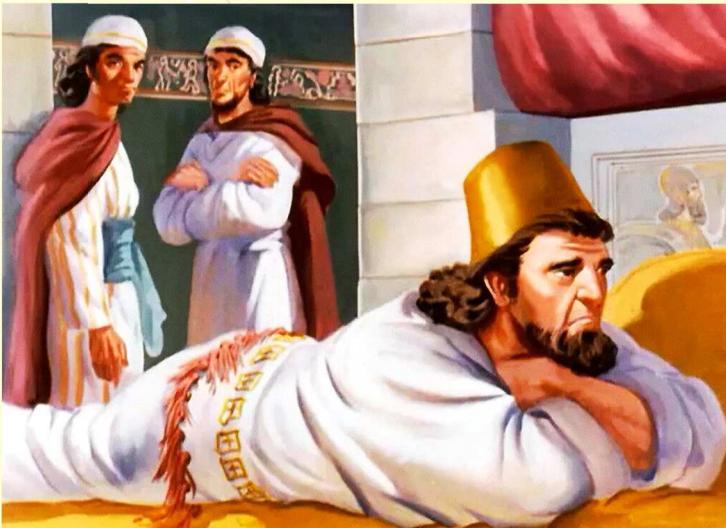
2. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.



3. And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.



4. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.



5. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?



6. And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

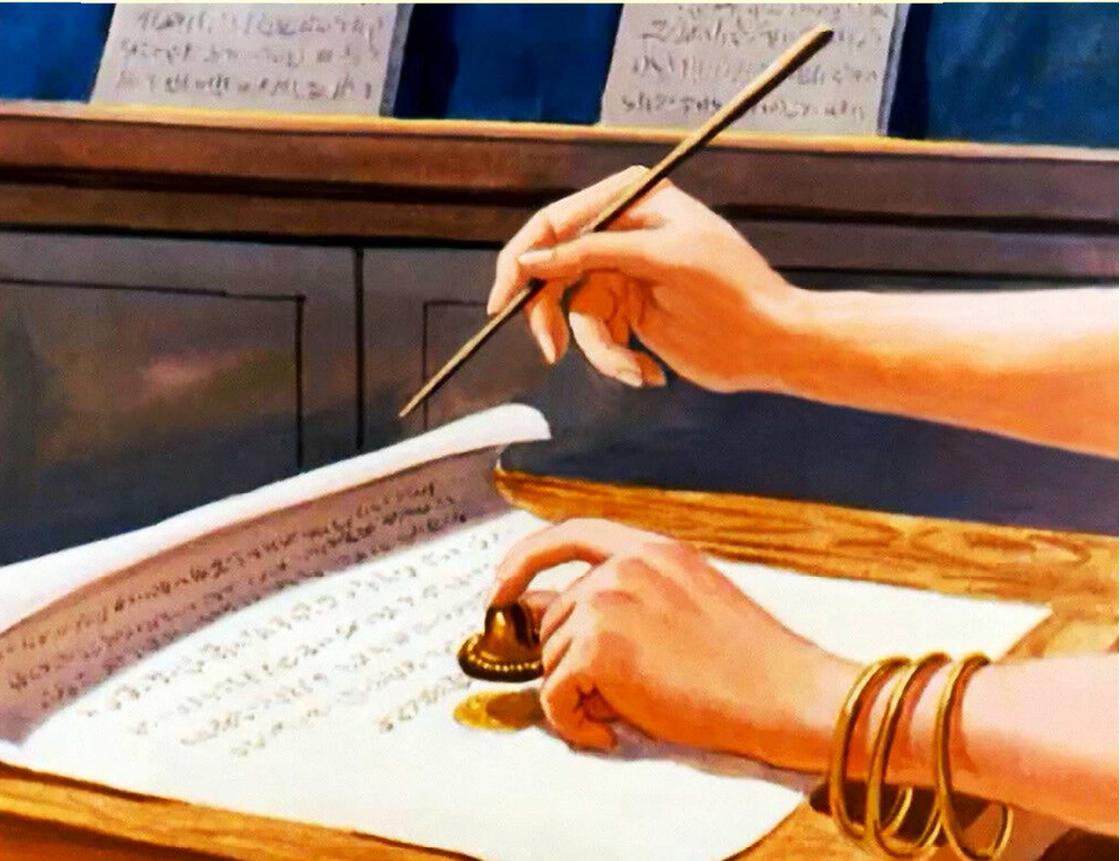
7. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will

give thee the vineyard of
Naboth the Jezreelite.



8. So she wrote letters in
Ahab's name, and sealed
them with his seal, and sent

the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.



9. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a

fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:

10. And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.



11. And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.



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12. They proclaimed a fast,
and set Naboth on high
among the people.



13. And there came in two
men, children of Belial, and

sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.



14. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.



15. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that

Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.



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16. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.



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17. And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18. Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.



19. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.



20. And Ahab said to Elijah, hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.



21. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel,

22. And will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and made Israel to sin.

23. And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

24. Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat.

25. But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

26. And he did very abominably in following idols,

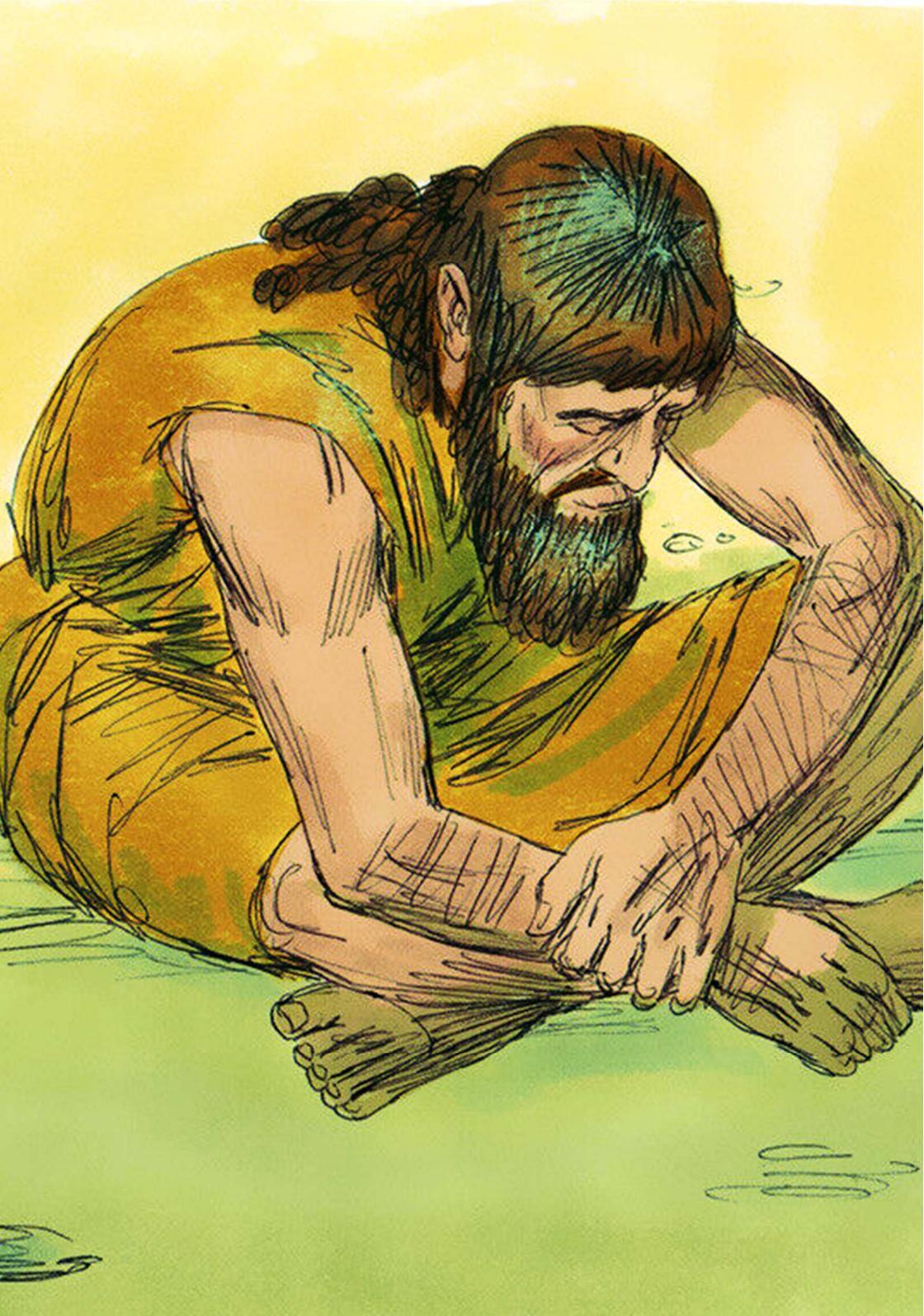
according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

27. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

28. And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

29. Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.





If you only know what. That has to be a strange thing, 'cause dogs won't touch human blood. That's right. It was God pushed them to do it. That's right. I know that.



Bro. William Branham

Message: **56-1003 - Painted-Face Jezebel**

47 One day when the final time come for God's Word to be answered, Elijah's prophecy to be fulfilled, the dogs licked the blood of Ahab right in the same place before they could wash the chariot in the pool of—at Samaria. When they went down to wash the chariot where he

was shot and killed, the dogs licked his blood.

And when Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the righteous man with the right daddy behind him, it made a right man and a real king. Jehoshaphat was a man of God. See what he produced? See? And Jehu, when he come riding through there fiercely on this chariot, he cleaned up everything that was called sin. I mean he cleaned house. **We need**

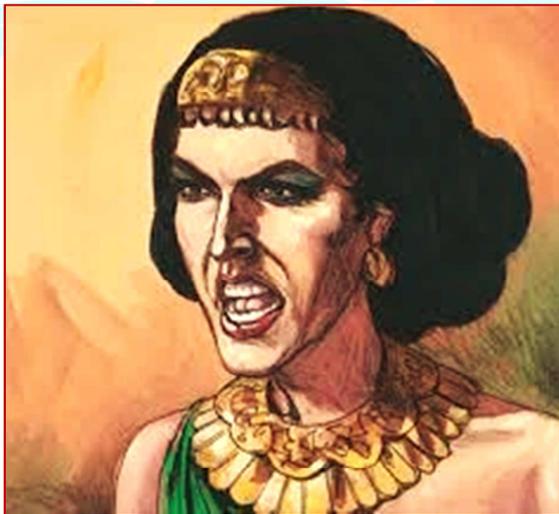
**some more Jehu's today
(That's right.), ride fiercely
through the ranks and
scatter the thing and call
black, black and white,
white. That's right. Right,
right and wrong, wrong...**

48 And when he come
down through there, little Miss
Jezebel, she thought, "Well,
I'm a vamp anyhow, you
know." Said, "I'm all pretty."
And she goes over there and
gets her makeup kit, you
know, and she begins to fix

her face all up with all that makeup and stuff, and you know.



And I seen women do that in a restaurant, and then take a piece of paper, a napkin, and bite on it like that. Put me in the mind of a mad dog trying to bite a stick or something, and on like that, and look back again, and make it around like that.





And then she fixed herself all up, and she fixed her hair all manicured up, just the way it was supposed to be, you know. And she thought she looked all pretty. She come strutting out, you know, with that new type of dress on. She looked out the window, she said, “Did Zimri have rest?”

49 Jehu was a man of God; that didn't go with

him. He was the right kind of a pastor. He was a real evangelist. He said, “Who’s

for me and God up there?”



And two of her eunuchs had enough gall about them enough, said, “We are.”



Said, “Throw her out the window.” Amen. Say, he got rough, didn’t he? And when she hit the street the blood splashed on the horses and up on the chariot. Said, “Let her lay there,” and drove on over her. He didn’t know even

want...He was still in the will of God. For the Word of God will work with the will of God always.



Goes over, sets down, eats his dinner, said, “Well, that’s pretty good clean up today.” Said, “You ought to go

bury her 'cause she was a king's daughter." And when she got there, he forgot that the Word of God must be fulfilled. What was left? The palms of her hand and her skull. The dogs had eat her up.



**If you only know what.
That has to be a strange
thing, 'cause dogs won't**

touch human blood. That's right. It was God pushed them to do it. That's right. I know that. I know that for truth. Yes, sir, they won't touch human blood. And so then these dogs had eat her up, because God had commanded them to do it. And there she was in that disgrace.



Listen. There never was but one woman in the Bible that ever painted herself up to meet a man, and that was Jezebel. God fed her to the dogs.



Bro. William Branham

Message: **55-0611 - What Is
That In Thy Hand?**

158 Here not long ago, I went down, here was one of our Christian sisters, painted up like a Jezebel. I said, “What’s the matter?”

She said, “Well, glory to God.” Said, “My pastor told me it was liberation of women.”

159 Liberation of women! What’s the matter with you?

No such a thing as that. Christ liberated you from sin, then act like it and dress like it. About time the church gets built up and get a good start, then something like that has set in. Yes, sir.

160 She said, “Well, I tell you.” Said, “My pastor told me I could do all this...” And had enough paint on to paint a barn. Her—her fingers looked like she’d been eating raw beefsteak and blood over her fingernails.

I thought, “Woman, you don’t look like a Christian to me.”

161 Listen, lady, don’t you let that kind of nonsense be poured down your throat. A good old-fashion case of the baptism of the Holy Ghost will take that out of you just exactly like...?...Right. Just remember you’ve lost some ground somewhere. I don’t care what that woman preacher...She wasn’t ordained of God, I’ll tell you

that in the first place. That's right. It's a contrary to the Word.

Listen. There never was but one woman in the Bible that ever painted herself up to meet a man, and that was Jezebel. God fed her to the dogs.



162 So if you see a woman all painted up. You just say, “Howdy do, Miss Dog-meat.” That’s what God made out of her, just an old dog-meat. So don’t you pay any attention to that; that’s of the devil; right. Where she ought to be: clean up and act like...Like Jacob said to his wife and daughter: “Make yourself like what you ought to be.” Amen.

163 What we need tonight, is a good old-fashion, Holy

Ghost revival, preached back with the power of God moving in and out amongst the church, and the starch and collars taken down. Hallelujah! Yes, sir. That's what we need. Yes, sir, all right.

55-0611 - What Is That In Thy Hand?

Rev. William Marrion
Branham



32 It is a total separation. We're not to go back into the world no more, or have anything to do with the world, but cleave only unto God.

Jesus is coming after a Bride, a Woman, a Church that's separated from the things of the world, or the cares of the world.

She is separated from the fashions of this modern age that we live in. She is separated from the—the cares and the traditions of churches.

She is separated only to God, and God is the Word.

And as husband and wife is one, so does the Bride and the Word become One, for the Word is living through the Bride. That's how. That's her credentials. That's her identification.

A separation, from everything, anything; from church, from— from a community, from a belief, or from family, or anything that would stand between you and believing the entire Word of God.

If your soul will not punctuate every promise for this hour, with an "amen," there is something wrong somewhere.

You need a separation.

64-0121 - God's Word Calls For A Total Separation From Unbelief

*Only believe, Only believe
All things are possible,
Only believe.*



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