

God, Writing His Bible pt11

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E-24 Jesus said, "When the Son of man is revealed from heaven." Let me close by saying this: that the Son of man is now being revealed from heaven.

"Will it come after while, Brother Branham?"

It is now. And I hope I won't have to make this so personal of this own meeting, but that your spirit within you that's give you by God, can read what I'm talking about. **The Son of man has already come from glory and is revealing Himself for the past few years to His Church in mercy, showing them His great Presence, doing the same things that He did when He was here on earth, revealing Himself like He did to Abraham. Before the destruction, He has come now in mercy, revealing Himself to the Church.** It's being laughed at and scoffed at. **The next time He reveals Hisself, it'll be in judgment on the world and the nations that's forgot God and sinned their way of grace--their day of grace, rather, away.** Because they have forgotten God. And they're doing the same thing that they did to the Angel of the Lord back there, mocking and making fun of it. But He's here now in mercy.

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3 Now, a couple nights ago, or two weeks ago, it has been... The Lord gives visions, as we're all sure of that here. And I had a strange vision to happen to me while I was down in Kentucky. I said to the party I was with, "something's surely fixing to happen." I saw standing before me, about three o'clock in the morning in the room, a man, hideously dark; not like our beloved colored brethren and sisters. This man was different. His body was wrinkled iron, and he was coming with great clutching hands to get me. And in my protection was a small blade; but it was no good; it couldn't protect myself with it. So somehow, the Lord come in and helped me to get away from this hideous man. He was wrinkled iron. I could see him as he raised his hands, the great wrinkles in his skin, just like iron moving back and forth. I suppose, maybe, a hard pressing bullet would not pierce that hideous shell, like a--some animal, a tortoise or something, over him. And he was after me. I have a good idea what that was and what it means.

5 But then last Tuesday morning, about three o'clock, something else happened. I was at home. And standing before me in a room, was a Divine One that spoke words that I did not understand. And the time that He appointed is near at hand. And I did not hear Him too good, but He was a Divine One. And He said, "Seven more days, and you'll

stand as Moses stood," or "will be as Moses was," or something concerning Moses. That leaves me one more day after today; that was the sixth. I don't know what that means. I know that He will work it out, whatever it is, "You will stand," or "have to stand," or "be as," or it was something pertaining to Moses. And I never thought too much about it. I told my family and told some of my loved ones, that I had saw this Divine One. Yet He spoke as a Man.

And then I noticed that my message of last evening, the Lord let me choose Moses. And this morning it's Moses and his successor. And the Scripture that I'm about to approach this morning for, is concerning Moses and Joshua. And this Scripture, Joshua the 1st chapter, has always been a very outstanding Scripture: never preached on it in my life; I'm going to try it this morning.

7 But about two years ago, I saw the Bible, in the room, come down and stand where I was at and a hand from above came down and parted the pages, turned them out, and come down Joshua 1 to the 9th verse and stopped, going slowly. **I've waited for this hour to approach to when I would feel that it was God's will for me to speak concerning it.**

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11 And then I trust that today that it will not be that none of these words that... When I come down to the commission, that no one will fail to see it, because it's very important that you lay aside everything now and think as we wait on the Holy Spirit.

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16 In the 5th verse and about the middle of the verse it is written: "As I Was With Moses, So I Will Be With Thee." That is what, if I should call it a text, I would like to wait on a few moments, and call your attention to that. "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee."

Now, last evening we were journeying with the children of Israel, all the way from Egypt, till we got them into Kadesh. Oh, what a great lesson, what a great thing, as we typed the natural church to the spiritual church. **God dealing with Israel in the natural, with the church in these days, as He's calling out of the Gentiles a people for His Name, He's dealing with them in the spiritual, as He dealt with them in the natural: just parallel one to the other. All that God did with them, and all that God did for them, and all they did in response, falls to us as an example.** And we see, so far, the Word has been carried out exactly the same. How that in the natural, when they got their victory, or two, they settled down to rejoicing, and shouting, and dancing, and

praising God, just the way the church did, and now has waited forty years for the opening of something else.

29 But we find here that God in spite of all the failure that Moses had done, He still had His hand on him. And He called him to go, do His service, calling him to his commission. **And what a consolation that must've been to Joshua, when he heard God say, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you."**

Although if I'm trying and I fail, God won't leave me. I don't have much confidence in anybody that's too afraid to do anything. I'd rather be found a failure than too lazy to try.

36 And to Joshua, the new commander of the army after Moses had passed on, seeing that God stayed with him in his mistakes, he held his commission up... No matter what Moses done, it was Moses' office that God respected. He was a prophet; he was above all the prophets; he was really more than any prophet they had. When his own sister laughed at him for marrying an Ethiopian girl, He called them together, and He said, "Don't you fear God?" Said, "If there be one among you who's spiritual or a prophet, I will speak to him in visions and make Myself known to him in dreams. But it's not so with Moses; I speak lip to ear with him. Don't you fear God?" **See, that's not a good thing to tramp upon God's people. You hurt Him when you do so. God had commissioned Moses; his failures meant nothing. God knowed his heart.**

54 Now, last night, preaching, going up to Jordan... **Now, when we get to that river, it divides us. It separates us. Once on the other side, something's happened to you.** Now, Joshua, in all his knowing that the command was great, but having the assurance, he could be fearless. He could be, and we'd call it reckless, as long as he was pointed the right way. He might break up against a hill that would knock him backwards, **but he was headed the right way.**

So can the church of the living God be reckless and fearless, **in faith if we're pointed the right way.** For He said, "As I was with Moses, I'll be with you. I'll not fail you nor forsake you." He never forsaken Moses. He never failed Moses. He will not fail Joshua. He will not fail us. He'll be with us.

63 Oh, I got to stop here on something just a moment, won't take me but a minute. **Many people refer the promised land to the Millennium. It is not.** The

promised land had wars and killings. The Millennium won't have any wars or killings. It referred to the Holy Spirit, the battlegrounds.

Justification: they left Egypt. There's three stages of their journey. They left Egypt under justification, believing the Word; they separated themselves from the Egyptians and come out. They crossed the Red Sea and killed the things behind them; which was sanctification through the Blood that kills all human desires of evil, second stage of the journey. But the third stage was when they crossed Jordan into the promised land where their inheritance laid. Their inheritance never laid in Egypt, though God blessed them in Egypt.

72 But to you who believe (O God.), to you who know, to you that's got something in you that's calling to the Deep... If all the deep you've got's been satisfied, then stay where you are. But for me and my house, for me there's something more than what he sees. **There's a land beyond the river somewhere; there's still a deep calling to the Deep.** I cannot be satisfied with theology. I cannot be satisfied with a good church. I cannot be satisfied with a good campaign. I cannot be satisfied with a little healing service. There's something beyond that that's calling.

74 So just let them alone. Go on through. **Don't argue with them. But we're passing to another land. They wasn't ordained to go with you.** They won't walk with you. How can two walk unless they be agreed? But to those who love God, to those who go--called of God...

Well, they say, "God give us this church. God did this."

That's right. God said, "I give Esau this mountain; don't touch him. But I've got something different for you. Cross over." Amen.

That's my desire, brethren, to see my church cross over into another land, a desire to move over to the other side. If there is something in you here first calling, there'll be Something to respond to that call. Just settling down to sheep raising ain't enough for you. Go into some sort of a business is not enough for you. Just to join the church and put your name on the book, is not enough for you. **Because, there's something calling, all across the ridge yonder, across the next ridge, and all across Jordan, until you fall into the arms of God yonder. A deep calling unto a Deep**

81 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy hand--or thy mouth;... ("Thy mouth," what you're saying. **Just don't read it and walk away. Speak it. Live it. Teach it.)... but thou shall meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:...**

See what a Joshua of this day is going to be? See what a Joshua of the church spiritual's going to be? It's the same kind of a Joshua they had in church natural. Church spiritual has got to be the same thing.

If the Bible said, "Except a man be borned again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God," **the spiritual Joshua will say amen.** If the Bible said, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," the spiritual Joshua will say the same thing. He is the same. If the Bible says, the Book, the Word says that, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem till you're endued with power from on high. After this the Holy Ghost is come on you, then you'll be witnesses of Me," the spiritual Joshua says the same thing.

93 The Jordan was three or four times its size: spooky, horrible-looking, muddy. But Joshua said, "God said within three days we're going over. And we're going over." Now, the clergy'd say, "Now, just a minute, Joshua. We are educated men. We are smart. Many of us here are engineers from Egypt. We know how to do these things, so we'll just wait a little while until the stream clears up, then we can walk across it. Isn't that much easier?"

"I don't care what you think. God said three days we're going over. And we're going over. We're going over in three days."

Watch what Joshua did. What did he put first, the clergy? No, sir. He put the Word first. Said, "Take that ark. And all you priests stay away from it; get behind it. **Don't try to lead it; let it lead you.**"

97 That's the trouble today. **We try to get ahead of the Word, and bypass, and make the Word to fit this, and the Word to fit that.** Bless your hearts. **What we need today is, follow the Word.**

The Word led the way. When it got to the Jordan, she opened up and they went over. His first campaign, he put first things first. He had a reason for that. He had a reason, because God had commissioned him, "Stay with the Word. Let the Word do it."

103 I want to draw a picture. Maybe it isn't right, but I want to make a point by it. We have no history of Rahab. We know that she was a prostitute. Let's think she was raised in a home that was real poor, and she became ill-famed. And she's a beautiful young woman. She went into the streets to make her crippled mother and father a living; no way for her to work, only sell the morals of her body. But I can imagine, all the time, she knew that was wrong. There was something in her, told her, "Now, that's not right to do that." She knew it wasn't.

One day she heard that there was a God that was moving. Her heart begin to tremble. She found a messenger from that great move, that told her what was going to take place. What did she say? Now, Joshua had signs; Joshua had the same signs that Moses had, exactly. So when he... Rahab didn't ask to see Joshua's sign; she just heard: A type of the church, a type of the true church that's been pulled the way of prostitution. "I'm a Methodist today, a Baptist tomorrow, a Presbyterian the next day," pulled away in prostitution.

106 But all of a sudden, a little preacher enters the city and said, "There's a God that lives, that lived yesterday, and is the same today. His power is just the same. He does the same works that He did when He was here on earth." His agents are on the road. Now, Rahab the harlot, known as a harlot, she was a type of the believer today, the real believer. **She didn't say, "Now, I hear that--that Joshua can do signs, because he's the successor of Moses. I'd like to see those signs. And if I could see those signs, then I'll believe it." Well, he didn't absolutely have to show those signs, because she believed it anyhow. She wasn't a Thomas. She believed it.**

120 This great harlot Rahab become a believer. I took her history here not long ago. After she was considered and brought into the faith, because of her belief in God, she was brought into Israelite faith, a proselyte. She courted a general in the army, of the Israelite army. Watch what God did for that woman. And they had a... They moved up in Bethlehem, and they had a son; and this son, they called him Boaz. Out of Boaz, he married Ruth, from Ruth and Boaz come Jesse; out of Jesse come David; out of David come Jesus. Hallelujah.

Why? "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of a God that's God of heaven and earth, and believing on Him." **Believing what? The commission that God had given to a man named Joshua, believing that commission.**

122 Joshua had faith in his own commission, as Moses had faith. Things went wrong for Moses, looked like he failed many times, but he rode through triumphantly and died on the Rock. The Angels packed him away.

God, let me go like that. Let me hold my commission, till someday when I get ready to die, I'll see the Rock laying there by me. Joshua's keeping his commission. Although he had... God hold it sacredly, because he stayed right with the Word.

Now, Rahab knowed that Joshua had this commission. Now, don't miss it. Hold those things in your heart. Joshua had the commission; Rahab recognized it before she seen anything. She knowed Joshua had the power of God that was going to take the land.

She asked for mercy. God granted her mercy. Now, when Joshua came into the land, of course, we know she was spared.

150 Now, now I said, "I cannot do it, because I am insufficient to do it. They won't believe me; I'm poor. I have no education." That was me questioning.

He said, "As Moses was given two signs to a-vindicate his commission, so are (not you will), you are given two signs. One of them will be by your hand. The other one will be you'll know the very secret of their heart, the thoughts of their mind. And by this they'll believe, by these two signs." Now, remember the... Listen, don't you fail to get this. The sign is not the commission. The sign only points to the commission.

You get out here on the road and see a sign and it says, "Five miles to Jeffersonville." That isn't Jeffersonville. That's a sign to show you you're on the right road.

153 What if Moses, when he went down there, he had a sign, with a stick and with his hand. The sign here is no more the commission than it was with Moses. Well, if all the Israelites say, "Say, all you Egyptians, all the rest of you Israelites, come over here, we got a man can do a trick with his hand. You ought to see it. We got a man can take a stick and make a snake out of it. Come, see it." **That was just a signpost. That wasn't the commission. They wasn't waiting for a signpost. God help us. They were waiting for a deliverance.**

And this poor, sick, crippled-up world is waiting for a deliverance, and looking at a signpost. Have mercy. The signpost is nothing but a sign to prove the commission.

There's the new ministry. It's just been revealed to me. "Pray for the sick. Get the people to believe you." God can never leave that. That's His commission; no matter what goes on, how much I fail. I fail miserably. **I should've never went ahead with them signs; that wasn't the will of God, but God's blessed it anyhow.** But I'm ready to leave this mountain. I want to go across Jordan. I want to carry the commission. "Get the people to believe you."

I said, "They won't believe me."

"There'll be added two signs."

155 Now, the trouble of it is, we've been looking at the sign. "Oh, Brother Branham (See?) you put your hand on him. Oh, you ought to see what takes place. Stand before him when the anointing is on him, and he'll tell you everything that's in your heart."

158 Another woman there said, "My back." She said, "They can't find what done it."

I said, "Do you believe me to be His prophet?"

She said, "I do."

I said, "What happened, back yonder in the early month of June, you... They're trying to work on you, and trying to operate for a slipped vertebra. It's not so. It's a pinched nerve. You got it by lifting the load, when you worked for McSpaddin's Market.

She said, "I remember when it was done. I remember it now."

That doesn't heal her. **That only points to the commission. Quit leaning on the signpost; let's go on to the city. Let's get away from this mountain; let's get to the city. Let's cross Jordan.**

163 The other day, I was trying to work the ministry, got it into the room. And a man come on the platform and said, "Now, Brother Branham, wait a minute. My case is different. I've just got to know something."

I said, "Well, the doctor can examine you."

"Oh, I don't want that. I want to know right now. My case is so different."

I said, "Well, I hate to do this, brother." Went on into it, and the first thing you know, the Holy Spirit...?... it.

He said, "Praise the Lord. That's right."

I said, "The rest of you come on now, let me pray for you."

When I did that, you know what the next one said? "My case is just as important as his. Then I got about six or eight, and closed the meeting; like to killed me.

I've always wondered why would that do that to me? Is because I was doing it wrong.

That's just the signpost pointing to the commission. It's not the commission. That signpost has been nailed down around the world. And languages, Africa, India, Asia, Europe, around the world, through tens of thousands and millions of people, they know about that signpost. I'm ready to leave this mountain. I want to go on across Jordan; I want to get into something yonder, where my faith will rise to a spot, when I pray for people, they'll be healed.

168 Watch, God puts it right back in the people's lap. "You were born to pray for sick people. If you can get them to believe..."

I said, "They won't believe."

He said, "I'll give you two signs, and by this they will believe." Notice, then these signs, they've rallied for them, the signposts, instead of the commission. "Believing that you were sent to pray."

Now, when the people comes into the line to be prayed for, as soon as one absolutely hits the spot... There's nothing I can do about it till they hit that spot. And when they do, then I say, "I give you..."

171 Hattie Wright, she--I guess she's here this morning, setting right there. She was the first one, when we seen those squirrels; and she knowed the commission about that, and when them seven straight times that God created something, I said, "That's the same God that could create a ram for Abraham to convince him of his commission, is the same God that can create a squirrel, because that's what I had need of."

And little old Hattie Wright there, setting in the back of the building, with her heart off the things of the world, she was believing; she said, "Brother Branham, that's nothing but the truth." She didn't just say it from here; God spoke out of her heart.

I said, "Hattie, ask what you will; I'll give it to you."

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176 Ed Daulton, setting here somewhere, right down here: about his children, the same thing.

I seen, at least, in a campaign, eight or nine hundred, maybe a thousand people cross the platform in a meeting, one by one. First thing you know, I go up and pray for them. Sure, they get well. And here come a little girl dying with leukemia. Sure, I knowed what was wrong with the child, never said a word to any of them; but when that child got there, I said, "Honey, I give you the desire of your heart. You got leukemia, and I give you your healing in the Name of the Lord Jesus." I turned to the audience, and I said, "I challenge any of you here, take that girl to a doctor, have her examined, and see if she's got one spot of leukemia." Why? **That child had heard like Rahab the harlot; she believed it with all of her heart. Then God, through His Spirit, moved back and said, "That's her."** Hundreds had passed over the platform without (as far as I know) receiving anything. I just prayed for them.

180 Now, my ministry's changing. It's already changed. There will still be the discernment; they will still carry on just as I feel that God wants me to say them. But until then, I'll pray and lay hands on the sick as He told me to do and carry out my commission. **I've waited a long time for this, but I believe now that we're ready to take the promised land. And just as sure as there will be, there'll be some Rahab's waiting; there'll be someone waiting that'll believe it with all their heart.**

Can you understand? Everybody understands that well, raise your hand. How many believes that that's absolutely Scriptural? That's exactly what He said. This is the commission; these are signposts pointing to the commission.

200 And I'm ready to go to Jordan this morning. I'm ready to stand to my commission. I've loved people. I've catered to them. He's met me, vision after vision, which I don't have time to tell; and you know, it's wrote right here in the backs of these books. **Saying, "You're catering too much to people. To walk with Me, you'll walk alone. You're putting too much emphasis on those signs."**

I didn't know what the rest of it was, but the hour has come. The hour has come, when I seen the hand come down to Joshua, said, "I was with Moses. I'll be with you." I believe it this morning. From henceforth and this day on, I serve God in my commission. He wants to show me signs or wants to show me visions, He can show them to me. If He does not; never will I stand before people, trying to let their faith pull something out of me any more. I'll pray for the sick, and commit them unto God, and let them go. If they believe the commission, God is just as true. He's brought me to this far, just as He did Moses. Just as He did Joshua, so has it did the same.