50-0827a - "Prodigal" Rev. William Marrion Branham

Our Heavenly Father, we, the prodigals from the Kingdom, strayed away. Many of us, dear Father, are not fit to be called Your children. You could just make us Your hired servants, but You don't want us to be Your servants. You want us to be Your son and daughter, to have the privileges of home, to go to the icebox when we know that we're home, when we're hungry, go eat; when we're tired...?...

Luke 15:11-32

Psalm 40:2-3 KJV

2] He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3] And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

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Psalm 103:2-5 KJV

- [2] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
- 3] Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
- 4] Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
- 5] Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. ...

65-0221E - "Who Is This Melchisedec?" Rev. William Marrion Branham

84 But one day his mammy flew over, and she screamed. He recognized it. That sounded right. Why? He was a eagle, to begin with.

That's the way it is with the Gospel, or the Word, or the Power of Jesus Christ. When a man has been predestinated to Eternal Life, he hears that true ring, scream of God, nothing can keep him from It.

The church might say, "Days of miracles is past," cluck, cluck, cluck. "Stand here and eat this, and stand here and eat that."

85 That barnyard stuff won't do for him, anymore. He is gone! "All things are possible!" He gets off the ground.

That's why, the matter with so many Christians today, they can't get their feet off the ground.

The old mammy said, "Son, jump! You're an eagle. Come up here where I am."

He said, "Mom, I never jumped, in my life.

Exodus 2:9-15 KJV

- 9] And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. *And the woman took the child, and nursed it.*
- 10] And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.
- 11] And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.
- 12] And he <u>looked this way and that way, and when he saw that</u> there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.
- 13] And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?

- 14] And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.
- 15] Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the h face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. ...

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages (4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age)

Rev. William Marrion Branham

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule.

Exodus 3:1-14 KJV

1] ... Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

- 2] And the <u>angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of</u> fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.
- 3] And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.
- 4] And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.
- 5] And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.
- 6] Moreover he said, *I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.* And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.
- 7] And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
- 8] And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [
- 9] Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. [
- 10] Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

- 11] And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?
- 12] And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.
- 13] And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?
- 14] And *God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM*: ...

65-1031A - "Leadership" Rev. William Marrion Branham

116 So now look, he did, and that—and that—that bush attracted him, on fire, and he said, "I will turn aside and see what it is."

117 And God said to Moses, "Take off your shoes, the ground you're standing on is holy. *I have chosen you to go down and deliver My people. I'm giving you power*; you can smite the earth with plagues, you can turn the water into blood, you can bring fleas and lice. Nothing is going to harm you. I'll choose you." Why? Because he chose Christ. See? You choose Christ,

and He chooses you. See? Now He said, "You chose Me, and I have chose you to go down there in Egypt."

59-0802 - "Without Money Or Without Price" Rev. William Marrion Branham

121 The prodigal son. In closing, I might say this. When he had wasted all his living, the father's living, with riotous living, and when he was returning home...He was laying in a pig pen, and he come to himself. And he said, "How many hired servants, my father has got, that has enough to spare, and here I am dying, for want." What if he tried to say, "Wonder if I've got some money I could pay dad back (what I spent in running) with?" But he knowed the nature of his father, and he said, "I will arise and go to my father."

bringing my money back?" No. He never charged him for his sins. He was glad that he was coming back. He was glad that he had come to himself, because he was his son. He was his own child. He was glad he was on his road home. Now, he didn't endorse his sin, but he was glad when he come to himself and said, "I have sinned before my God, and before my father. I will arise and go to him."

Romans 8:14-19 KJV

- 14] For as many as are *led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*.
- 15] For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have *received the Spirit of adoption*, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16] The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- 17] And if *children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ*; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- 18] For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- 19] For the <u>earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the</u> <u>manifestation of the sons of God.</u> ...

Romans 10:17-18 KJV

17] So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18] But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. ...

60-0417m - "Go, Tell" Rev. William Marrion Branham

128 Easter means much to us, because we have joined in and enjoined the fellowship of His resurrection. For we are once dead in sin and trespasses, like the prodigal son, but now we have found grace, and God has forgiven us of our sins. He has also give us the Seal, like He did Father Abraham, to confirm that He has accepted us. Father Abraham said he believed God, but He give him the seal of circumcision, as a confirmation that he did believe Him. And now, Father, today we are circumcised by the Holy Ghost, all the things of the world has passed away. We have one objective: serve You. We have one desire: love You, be Your disciple.

65-1125 - "The Invisible Union Of The Bride Of Christ" Rev. William Marrion Branham

204 <u>But, to the Elected, God is calling to the Elected. They know it: calling the virtuous Bride, the Word, the last-day</u>

<u>Church, the elected Lady of our Lord Jesus Christ, Word. If...</u>

<u>Jesus is the Word</u>. How many believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right. Then, the <u>Bride is always part of the</u>

<u>Bridegroom, so the Bride will not be a denomination. It'll have to be the Word, manifested, to be the Bride of Christ</u>. He promised to do it. He said how He did. Never uses...loses His pattern. He always did it by the pattern. He done it, every time, by the pattern. He does it again, <u>calling out His virtuous Bride in the last day</u>,