

QUOTES FROM BROTHER BRANHAM - CHAPTER 11
The Mystery of God's Will

In 1960, Brother Branham explained there was an aspect to God's will that is mysterious and must be sought out by each individual man:

*"The mysteries of His will." And remember how we hung on that? How many was here this morning, let's see. **How we stuck on that, "the mystery of His will."** Now, it is not just a little thing, then it's a mystery. God's will is a mystery. And each man has to seek out the will of God for his or her self, God's mystery.*
60-0522E - Adoption #4

God's will must be discerned at times. This quote from 1953 shows how Brother Branham taught we must line up every dream, word, prophecy, etc., with the Word of God. If the dream doesn't agree with God's known will in the Bible, then it was from the devil:

*Now, then the Urim Thummim today is this Bible. **If somebody has give a prophecy or a dream, and it don't compare or echo with God's Bible, it's false; don't believe it.***

A man come to me not long ago from India, where I'm just fixing to go, a fine little preacher; he said, "Brother Branham, I come over here." Said, "A woman had the Holy Ghost," and said, "she was just a sweetest, nicest woman." He said, "And she had been married four times, and was living with her fourth husband." And I said, "Well, how could that be, Lord?" And said, "I went to Him and said, 'Oh, glory to God!' Said, 'Hallelujah, praise the Lord.'" Just one of that type, you know. Said, "Hallelujah. Praise the Lord." Said, "The Lord told me. Here I'm going to give you a dream." And said, "I dreamed that my wife; I seen her living in adultery. And she come back to me and said, 'Oh will you forgive me, Victor? Will you forgive me? I didn't... Why I said, 'Sure, I'll forgive you and take you back.'" He said, "Now, that's what I did." Said, "See, I forgive."

I said, "Victor, your dream was mighty lovely, but the devil give it to you." He said, "Why?"

I said, "It don't compare with God's Word. She's living in adultery. Absolutely. She can't live with four men. That's right. She leaves that and goes back to her first, she's worse off than she was in the beginning. She has to live single the rest of her life." I said, "You know it. That don't compare with God's Word, so her--your dream was false." And I said, "It won't compare with This."

53-0609A - Demonology Religious Realm

In 1955, Brother Branham taught the best road is the will of God and it won't always be the easy road:

*Now, here they are, around a hundred years old. And one day, Abraham after Lot had chose to go down to have a big time in the city as... perhaps maybe he become down in Sodom there, the well-watered plains... **You know, the easy road's not always the best road. The best road is find the will of God and then***

travel it. Amen. That's right. Find the will of God, no matter how hard it is, just raise up your hand, and say, "I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few, started in with Jesus, now Lord, I'm going through."

And Mrs. Lot went down there, and maybe become the president of many ladies clubs, and so forth, down there. And Lot became the mayor of the city, or whatever it was, backslidden, away from God, down there amongst those perverted people.

55-1117 - Jehovah Jireh

God's prophet, Brother Branham, gave "five musts" for finding the will of God, two of which included the right time and season and it must be according to God's Word:

Now notice, there, in following God. Now I want you to kind of jot this in your mind. To keep God's commandments, to do anything right for God, to do--do God a service correctly, there is five musts, to do God's service correctly.

Now David was doing God a service. He was doing everything he knowed to do, except leaving off God. See? He was doing something was right, something good for the people, something good for the church.

But there is five musts. I want you to remember these. No matter how sincere a man may be in doing it, doing God a service, this, these five must be there.

First, it must be His time to do it.

What if--if Moses would come, say, "We'll build an ark and float up the Nile, like Noah did"? Noah's time was all right for an ark, but not his time.

What if Jesus would come, said, "Now I'll tell you what we'll do. We'll just go up on the mount, like Moses did, and get a new declaration of laws"? See? Huh-uh! He was that law. See?

You must be in His time. It must be in His season. You got that now? Must be in His time. It must be in His season, time and season.

And it must be according to His Word that has been spoken. *It must. I don't care how well you say this ought to be, or that ought to be, or this ought to be. It's got to be according to His Word; according to His time and His season.*

And it must be given according, to the person He has chosen to do it by.

65-0718M - Trying to Do a Service Without Being the Will of God

In 1965, Brother Branham taught it was God's will to give each person the baptism of the Holy Ghost because it was given "whosoever will" in the Bible. Also, Brother Branham said the will of God will always be found in the Bible:

Now, many times, I meet people that's prone to be a little nervous. When they find out that they're trying to do something, and--and everything is just blocking it off on both sides, they say, "It might not been the will of the Lord." See? Now don't let the Devil lie to you like that.

The first thing, is find out whether it's the will of God, or not. And then if you want to know whether it's the will of God, look into the Bible. There is the thing

that--that sets you straight, is the Word of God; and then if you see it's in the Word of God, for you to do it.

Like, for instance, seeking for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Many times, I've run into people, say, "Well, I have sought for the Holy Ghost, and I just couldn't receive It. I don't believe It's for me. Every time I get down, I get sick. And I go to praying, if I fast, I get sick. And if I try to stay all night, I stay up, I get so sleepy. I--I can't get off my feet." Remember, that is the Devil. Because, God intends for you to have the Holy Spirit. It's for whosoever will.

65-0919 - Thirst

Next, in The Church Age Book, Brother Branham taught God gives each man his heart's desire, whether it is the perfect will of God or the permissive. We know Balaam chose the permissive will of God:

*We learn in no uncertain terms that this false vine is the vine of Satan. Their gathering is of him (Satan). They meet in the Name of God and lie that they are Christ's. They preach, they teach, they baptize, they worship, they partake of various rites given by Christ to the church, yet they are not of God. But since they say they are, God will hold them responsible and in each age He speaks of them and to them. They remind us exactly of Balaam. He had the prophetic office. He knew the proper approach unto God as demonstrated in the sacrifice of the clean beasts. Yet he was not a true WORD PROPHET for when God told him not to go to honor Balak with his presence he sought to go anyway for he was motivated by his lust for gold and prestige. So God let him go. **The perfect will of God gave way to the permissive will of God because of the "heart desire" of Balaam.** God actually said, "Go ahead." Did God change His mind? No sir. God had His way regardless of Balaam going. Balaam did not annul the will of God. God had His way regardless. It was Balaam who was the loser for he by-passed the Word. And today we have that very same thing. Women preachers, organization, false doctrine, etc., and people worshipping God, manifesting in the Spirit and going right on as did Balaam, claiming that God has spoken to them even when the commission received is opposite to the revealed Word. And I will not deny that God spoke to them. But it was just like when He spoke to Balaam that second time. As He knew that Balaam wanted his own heart desire above the Word and He gave it to him, yet all the while in the end having HIS OWN way; even so today God tells folks to go ahead in their own hearts' desires for they have already rejected the Word. **BUT THE WILL OF GOD WILL BE DONE REGARDLESS.** Amen. I hope you see this. It will not only clear up much of what is seen in all ages but it will especially help in this last age which has so much manifestation and external blessings when the whole period is so against the 'Word-Revealed-Will' of God.*

The Church Age Book - Chapter 10

It is God's will to have fellowship with each person. Therefore, He put a holy thirst for His fellowship inside each soul, making each person accountable on the Day of Judgment. Brother Branham said there will be no excuses at the Judgment Bar:

There is another nature, natural, just a natural thirst, in that thirst of the soul. You might say, "Brother Branham, is that soul thirst, is that natural?" Yes, that's natural for a soul to thirst. And it's, for God made you this way, that so that you would thirst for Him. He wants you to thirst after Him. Now, God made you like that. He didn't have to make you like that, but He did do it. And if He hadn't have made you like that, so that you would thirst, there would be an excuse at the Judgment Bar, say, "I--I--I never did thirst for God." But, there is no excuse, you do. You will make it somewhat; you might make it your wife, you might make it your car, you might make it something else, you might go to church and try to satisfy it. And I have nothing against going to church, but that isn't the satisfaction. It's to find God, the living God, the God of Heaven, into your soul, that satisfies that longing and thirsting that you long for.

65-0919 - Thirst

Brother Branham taught women have the right to have and operate the nine gifts of the Spirit:

*Now, someone had give me a note here, just a little question. We won't take too much time now to answer it. And remember, each time you lay a little question up, I'll try my best to get to it if I can. **But this was an important question: One wanted to know if it was wrong for women to testify, or to sing, or give messages in tongue, interpretate the messages, or a prophecy, in the church. No, it isn't wrong, it's a... as long as it comes in the place in order. See? The church is in order, and only when... The real, true way to do it is for those who speak with tongues and things, their messages are given before the message from the pulpit, never during that time; 'cause the Holy Spirit's moving just from one place at a time, as Paul spoke of there. But women are gifted with prophecy, and gifted with tongues and interpretations, and everything but being preachers. They're not to be preachers. They're forbidden to preach in the churches, that's right, take the place, or be a teacher or anything in the church. **But as far as gifts, the woman has all those, can occupy one or any of those nine spiritual gifts according to First Corinthians 12, and is under no bondage that her message should not come forth in its place.*****

*You see, each message waits for its time. If there be one who speaks with tongues, there be no interpreter, let him hold his peace until there be an interpreter. See? And these messages are given usually just before the meeting. Then the prophet... or the preacher, which is a New Testament prophet, a preacher, when he comes forth, God begins to move through him, see. Then when he's finished, then messages begin, another; then, just before. **It's always in order, always. But a woman does have the right.***

60-1204E - The Patmos Vision

Brother Branham taught the gifts of the Spirit would remain in the apostolic church until Jesus returned in the rapture:

*Paul was the first messenger and he said in Galatians 1:8 that if any angel, any messenger, any vicar, no matter who he was--if he preached any other gospel than what Paul preached, let him be accursed. Paul knew that after he was gone grievous wolves would come in. He knew that Satan, himself, could appear as an angel of light so how much more his ministers. So he warns that this Gospel would always be the same. Now Paul had baptized in Jesus Name and rebaptized where people had not been so immersed. **He set the church in order and taught the proper use of the gifts of the Spirit and confirmed that they were to remain in the church till Jesus came.** Thus the next messengers, all the remaining six, would by the same Holy Ghost, burn with the same fire and give the same light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the signs would follow them. Did Irenaeus qualify? Yes. Did Martin? Yes. Did Columba? Yes. Did Martin Luther? Most assuredly. Did Wesley? Yes sir, he had a great ministry and even prayed for his horse to get well and it did. There you are. Seven church ages and seven messengers who were alike, and Paul pronounced a curse on anyone who said he was a messenger but had a different gospel and lived in a different light.*

The Church Age Book - Chapter 7

*Now let's sing again that good old song, I just love that, "We'll walk in the Light." Jesus said, "I am the Light," and you are in Him. See? How do you get into Him? Joining Him? No. Shaking? No. Baptism of water? No. **"By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, which is the Body of Christ." And in that Body is nine spiritual gifts operating through the local body, the local church. That's apostolic, if I ever knew of it. That's right.***

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