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I KINGS 13:6

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

I KINGS 13:7

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

I KINGS 13:8

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

I KINGS 13:9

9 For so was it charged me **BY THE WORD OF THE LORD**, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

I KINGS 13:10

10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

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Notice, as God said to Balaam, after he had heard the true-cut decision, Word, "Don't go." Yes, then He told him, after He seen in his--in his heart, what it was to do; **He give him His permissive will, so He said, "Go."**

170 And you can do the same thing. If you don't want to walk in the Truth, you can go and HAVE--HAVE A GREAT MINISTRY. Certainly, you can. But you're taking His permissive will. You're walking over His Word. He'll prosper you, certainly. The...

Just like He did Balaam. He was a success, but he couldn't curse that people. He couldn't do it. Cause, every time he started to curse, he blessed. See, he couldn't do it. But when he come to being prosperous in his achievement, he taught those people, through Balak, to commit adultery......

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175 Yet, He grants you permission for to make, permit your will, a permissive will, knowing that... WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART, He knows it.

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I do so-and-so. It don't bother me. God blesses me every day. I sing in the Spirit. I dance in the Spirit. I..." **HE'LL PERMIT IT**. Go ahead. That's right. But what are you going to do?

176 "I wear shorts, and I do this. It don't bother me. I know my faith is in Christ, not in what I wear."

But, the Bible said there is something to it. See? What'll you do? You'll make a stumbling block, like Balaam did, before every one of the other women. What'll you do to your young girls? You'll have a bunch of Rickettas, that's exactly right, a bunch of little painted-up Jezebels. See?

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177 But God will prosper you. "Why, He blesses me." I don't doubt that. He blessed Balaam, too. See? Certainly He will. You'll walk in His permissive will, not His perfect will. God doesn't change His mind, 'cause He blesses you.

He blessed Israel right out there for forty years. What did they do? Married wives, raised families, kissed the children, paid their tithes, lived right out there. And the God blessed them in the wilderness, fed them with the manna, on and on. **And every one**

of them perished, 'cause they never kept His original, permissive... His original will, His Word. They took His permissive way.

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187.....So, remember, friend, as long as you live, don't you never forget this: God doesn't change His mind. Yet, He will bless. **He will let you go His permissive will, but He won't change His mind.** He won't change His plan. He won't change His Word, for you. No, sir.

You've got to change. You can't have God's Word to match your experience; you've got to have your experience to match God's Word. See?.....

I KINGS 13:11

11 ¶ Now there dwelt **AN OLD PROPHET** in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

I KINGS 13:12

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

I KINGS 13:13

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

I KINGS 13:14

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

I KINGS 13:15

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

I KINGS 13:16

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

I KINGS 13:17

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

I KINGS 13:18

18 He said unto him, **I am a prophet also as thou art;** and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. **BUT HE LIED UNTO HIM.**

I KINGS 13:19

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

I KINGS 13:20

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

I KINGS 13:21

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

I KINGS 13:22

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

I KINGS 13:23

23 ¶ And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

I KINGS 13:24

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

I KINGS 13:25

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

I KINGS 13:26

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

I KINGS 13:27

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

I KINGS 13:28

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn the ass.

I KINGS 13:29

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

I KINGS 13:30

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

I KINGS 13:31

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

I KINGS 13:32

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-40 Before I left, while preaching in Shreveport one day, the Holy Spirit fell upon me and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, there is a snare set for you in--in South Africa.".....

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-33......About three o'clock in the morning, He came into the room. I felt Him. He moved over to the side of the bed. I said, "Who are these men and what do they mean?"

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-34 He said, "Go on." Said, "Go on." Said, "They got you tied into it." **Said, "Go on. But remember, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT."** He said, "You'll know." And He said, "Now, that you might know that you have My permission to go, tomorrow morning... You go wake up your boy." God honored Billy. He said, "You go wake up your boy and tell him that, 'Tomorrow morning at Sunday school, when they have their Sunday school meeting in the morning, going to be a clear day.'" And it was rainy and cloudy and bad then. He said, "But it's going be pretty. The sun will be shining. It'll be warm again."

Said, "You... They're going to send for you. And Brother Baxter is going to send for you to come pray for the sick, being that meeting's so delayed." It's to be there three days anyhow. Said, "Your meeting is so delayed, you... He's going to send your boy

back to get you to come pray for the sick. So be ready and go." And said, "Then when--when you do," said, "your son is going to come after you with a young man in a little black car. And on the road back, on the road to get you, he's going to pick up another young man. That's contrary to the rules, but he's going to pick up another young man. And on the road going back," said, "he's going to call your attention, they'll be a native in a white safari suit, standing near a Eucalyptus tree by a bridge, with a stick, fixing to strike another native." And said, "By that, you'll know that I give you permission to go. BUT REMEMBER, YOU'LL SUFFER FOR IT."

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-36......And I walked in the room, I said, "Brethren, I have THUS SAITH THE LORD." I said, "We are doing wrong when we're going down to Kimberley, Klerksdorp, and Bloemfontein, and Cape Town. **We're doing wrong.** The will of the Lord is for us to go back here, and come down, or go back to Johannesburg, and go from there over to Brother Jackson's, and from there over to this Durban."

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-37 And I said, "But He gave me His permissive will this morning, and gave me these signs." And I told them what He told me. And I said, "It's--it's daylight outside now. It's a pretty day." And I said, "These things shall come to pass. But remember, it's not the will of the Lord."......

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-39......You remember, one time where there was a--a prophet in the land, and another one went down and prophesied, God told him what to do. And he said, "Don't eat or drink," it's in I Kings 13. And this prophet sent and told him, "The Lord said to come back here." **And he minded the prophet in the stead of God.** You know what happened? He lost his life. Both of them prophets... No matter who they are, you do what God tells you to do.

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-41......Down along the road, we all got sick. Every one of us got sick.

And when I come home, **I ALMOST DIED**. I had ameba. Ameba, it's a parasite, a little animal, gets into the intestinal tract, in the stomach, like little barnacles; sticks there and sucks till it... Well, it takes its course in about so many hours. After it gets into the blood stream, if it comes on the liver, and bursts, you live. It goes to brain and bursts, the heart, you die. There's nothing they can do about it. And I walked the floor, and prayed and cried, and prayed and cried, and prayed and cried, till my eyes were swelled nearly... My wife had to lead me to breakfast. No answer from God at all.

One morning, I laying there, my hand behind my head, saying, "God, what shall I do?" Falling off weight, getting thinner, and thinner, worse and worse all the time. Was nothing... Getting worse. Weren't nothing could be done: worse all the time.

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-42......And my wife would say, "Honey, what's the matter?" I'd say, "Oh, sweetheart, if you only knew how I felt." I said, "I've went against God's will." I--I said, "Here I am broken, nearly. And my ministry... I told Brother Baxter. I said, 'The Lord has spoke to me..." Well, he's witnessed right now, if I had him come to the platform.

I said, "If I take that itinerary, THUS SAITH THE LORD, I'll not even be able to have a meeting between six months and a year." It was. This was the seventh month, or the eighth month......

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725 E-44 One morning, laying yonder, as I said, about three o'clock, I was...?... I said, "What does my future hold?" And about that time, I felt Something move into the room. Get your memories ready now. I'm going to tell you something that's going to happen. He come into the room, and I knew it was Him. I laid real still, felt moving around here; It come, going "whew-whew-whew." Like a laps of fire, like that, moved down into the room, come where I was.

Just then, I seen One come walking to me. He had paper, something like typewriter paper. It was folded like this in His hand. He walked up to me. Said, "As you were meditating upon your bed, what would be your future?" I said, "Yes, Lord. I have wondered what my future held."

FAITH.AFRICA.TRIP.REPORT_ ZION.IL FRIDAY_ 52-0725
E-45 He took the paper like this, and creased it; He said,
"Looky there. There's a...?... where some of them laid, but a
great stack of it. **He swung it like that; it went plumb out sight, up into the Heaven. He said, "It is clear."**I came to myself. I was setting on the side of the bed, and I said,
"O God, oh, please speak. Oh, if I've found favor with You, Lord,
please... What about these ameba? What's going to happen,
Lord?" I said, "Please, if it's Your great heart, if my sins are
forgiven me, and You speak to me; what about it, Lord?" I said,

mercy?"
About that time, I felt Something coming again, "Whew!" Come back into the room, moved down over me, and said, "As thou was thinking about that, it shall be no more." That settled it.

"I'm laying here. I'm just about to die." I said, "I've trusted You.

I've believe in You. I've taught of it." I said, "Won't You have

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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 bypassed 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.

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38......that's what we should strive for, His perfect will, not His permissive will. The Kingdom of God, which He... is in the earth today, will... can never be set up, justly, on a permissive will. It's got to come back to His perfect will.

THE.WORKING.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT_ PRINCE.ALBERT.SK THURSDAY_ 56-0816

E-43.....You were lambs, but you got to arguing and fussing and drawing denominational barriers, and the dove just took her flight and went away. That's right. **You don't have the love like you ought to have.** They don't have it in America. I don't know where it's at.

But long ago, you remember when your heart used to be so tender and pure before God? Oh, you didn't mind the troubles, "My, it's all right. Just let it go on." But when... The first thing you know, when you got that temper up, said, "I'll get back at him," the Dove took her flight. The Holy Spirit cannot stand nothing but gentleness. God's gentle, and peace, and loving. No matter how--how much you know, how much theology you know, and how you can stick your chest out, and how well you can preach, that doesn't mean nothing. If that gentle, quiet, loving Spirit of God doesn't rest on you, it's all gone. You're nothing.

No matter how many gifts you can show, no matter, though... Paul said, "Though I can speak in tongues like men and angels, I could have enough faith to move mountains, and not have that gentle, meek love, I am nothing." That's where your trouble lays. See? That's it.

THE.WORKING.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT_ PRINCE.ALBERT.SK THURSDAY 56-0816

E-44......Just keep humble; just keep walking; keep in love with everybody. No matter what they say about You, go ahead, be a lamb.

You know, a lamb is a odd animal. A lamb has... It's got its own wool; that's its God-given rights. But it's willing to lay upon a block and not kick. If you never sheared any sheep, I have... And it'll let everything be shaved off of it, give its rights, and forfeit it, because it's meek, it's gentle.

THE.WORKING.OF.THE.HOLY.SPIRIT_ PRINCE.ALBERT.SK THURSDAY_ 56-0816

E-45......You say, "Well now, look, Mr. Branham, I--I've got a right to get back. I... He done something to me. I--I've just got a right to go bawl him out." **But are you ready to be shaved off and forfeit them rights?** "Oh, I tell you what I ought to do to that old denominational church of mine." That may be so, but are you ready to be shaved off? **God wants lambs that's willing to be shaved off and become creatures of God.**

Notice, Abraham up there with Sarah, his wife. No doubt but many times the meal barrel got way down to the bottom. But they still served the Lord. They were in the perfect will of God, though they had to suffer just a little bit to make ends meet.

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E-46 Nearly every one that really truly serves God meets them kind of times. Sure we do. And when... Sometimes you wonder how you're going to get the kiddies some shoes for school, how you're going to make this bill and that bill. **Don't worry. There's only one thing to do, is rest on His promise.** I've never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread; so it doesn't matter.

Oh, how we could stop here and sow testimonies of the great power of God.

One day, while, Abraham, sitting in that condition... He raised up his eyes and looked one hot day, and he seen three Men coming, walking, had dust all over their clothes. And Abraham was spiritual. He recognized immediately Who that was. And he run out and fell down by the side of the Man's feet and said, "My Lord, stop by a little while and set under the tree. And let me bring a morsel of meal. And refresh Yourself, and then you may go on. For this purpose have You come to Your servant." What? They looked like Men. But you know Who it was? It was two Angels and Almighty God. That's what the Bible says.