

God Acts In Due Season

Eccl. 3:11, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

It just depends on how the Holy Spirit leads. We all want to be led by the Spirit; **just what the Spirit says do, then do it quickly.**

And let's remember, while we're obeying the Spirit, one great lesson that we want to learn is **never be hastily, take your time, have faith. If we have asked God anything, remember, God answers prayer (Mark 11:22-24). He does it in His time, the way it's best,** makes it work just right for us. [1]

If you can lay your hand a hold of something **that's real, catch a vision of God and see His Presence, and hold onto it until God sends the answer back and the blessing,** what a revival would break out, if people could do that, could see the power of the living God, something real. **No matter what form He comes in, we have our ideas. But God has a way of sending things to us, answering our prayer.**

I believe, **if we would just open our eyes and be ready to receive it, God would send it to us in His way of doing it. In His time God would grant it.** But we've got to recognize we have asked; **and if we asked, then we shall receive (Matt. 7:7-8).**

And He held onto it. **Unexpected time, unexpected place, and an unexpected way.** [2]

He just reveals it as you have need. [3]

In the season, the due time, God always makes His promise right.

Therefore, you can rest assure that what God has promised in this Bible, He's going to do it. Just no need of trying to think anything else, and say, "Well, the prophet was, maybe, was wrong," or, "that couldn't happen in this day." Looked almost impossible then, more impossible than it does now. **But God did it, anyhow, because He promised He would do it.**

And look how simple He does it. (Jehovah spoke to Moses:) **"I have come down. I heard the cry. I remember My promise. I've come down to do it. I'm sending you. You do it. I'm going to be with you. Certainly, I'll be with you. My never-, never-failing Presence will be with you wherever you go. Don't be afraid."** (Exod. 3:1-15). "I'm coming down to deliver." I'm sure the spiritual mind catches that. "I'm going to send you, to bring My people to an exodus. **Call them out, and I'll be with you."**

Now, **how we can rest,** how faith can catch that hold there. See? God is going to do it. He promised it. No matter how, what the circumstances are, or what anyone else says, God is going to do it, anyhow, **'cause He promised to. And He does it so simple,** that, it goes over the understanding of the cultured mind who would try to reason about it, "How could it be?"

I don't mean to say that a man now, with a good, strong mind, fine education, that that man won't understand It. That's all right, and wonderful, as long as he uses that not to reason, but, that culture that he's got, to believe God. **Let it be converted unto the simplicity** of listening to what God has said, and believe It. His culture will help him then.

Notice. But when the man tries to reason, "It couldn't be done," **then that drives him away from God, constantly, all the time, when he's trying to listen to his own understanding** (*Prov. 3:5-6*). See? If you don't understand, and the Bible says a certain thing, **just punctuate It, "Amen."** Just let it go like that. [4]

Now, you see, you must never leave that Word. You must stay exactly with that Word, the way It's written. **Don't put no private interpretation to It. Just say It just the way It's written.** That is God's Word, **and that is God. God and His Word is the same, just the same.**

There is a portion of Word layed for every age. And there is some anointing comes down, that projects that portion of Word for that age. And you see where we're at today. **Read what we're supposed to be doing, then you'll know how far we are. I only see one thing left, the Coming of the Lord Jesus, at any time, a Rapture for the Church, and we're to meet Him in the air** (*I Thess. 4:13-18*). Now these things have got to come to pass in this day, just as He promised that He would do it. [5]

Hebrews 13:8 says, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*" **And there He was in His time of justification for Luther. There was Christ in His time of sanctification for Wesley. There was His time in the Azusa Street, the Pentecostal, Laodicean, for what? What was it? The airplane age, Pentecostal. Now, here He is in the astronaut, that leaves beyond and goes to outer space.** [6]

Oh, what happened from Azusa street to this time? **Azusa street it was a shame to have a song book in the church when Pentecost first started. They sang in the Spirit. Everything was in the Spirit.** Now, it's like David duPlessis said, "We got too many Pentecostal grandchildren." God doesn't have any grandsons at all. You've had sons and daughters. You've brought your children into the church. Just because you were Pentecost, the kids come in and took the cradle roll and come on up and claim Pentecost, **and don't know nothing about the experience that made women clean up, and men clean up, and churches clean up.** I better shut up too, or... But it's the truth. **We got to get back to that experience again.** All right. **I'm expecting Him to do something before He comes.** And I believe I'll see it. All right.

Simeon said, "The Holy Spirit revealed to me that I'm not going to die" (*Luke 2:25-26*). **It was revealed to him; that's the reason he could stand on the Word.** "I know I'm an old man, but I'm not going to die before I see **the Lord's Christ.**" What David looked for it, and Moses looked for it. And ever since the garden of Eden, four thousand years, they looked for it. But he said, "I'm going to see it. I'm going see it."

"How do you know you're going to see it?"

"I got a good reason; **the Holy Spirit revealed it to me.**" Oh, my.

Does He reveal to you out there going to make you well? If He does, you're going to get it. That's all. Does He reveal to you, sinner, that you're going to receive the Holy Ghost? You're going to get it if He reveals it. You just got heart trouble, cancer, tumor, whatever it is, revealed to you that you're going to be healed? You're going to get it. Just follow the leading.

"Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God" (Rom. 8:14), not led by some other fanatics or some organizations or something or another, they're led by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit was given to the church to be the Overseer, the Tutor that was to raise the children of God, not our bishops, and cardinals, and so forth, but the Holy Ghost (Heb. 12:4-11). I'm expecting the Holy Ghost to come down and set in order a church that'll go to meet Him, filled with the power and the resurrection of Christ. I'm expecting that; I believe it. God promised it, that there'd be a church there without spot or wrinkle on it (Eph. 5:25-27). I'm expecting it because God said it was so.

Someone said to me, "Brother Branham, aren't you afraid you'd make a mistake some night up there on that discernment?" No, sir. **He told me He'd stand by me; I'm expecting Him to do it. That's exactly right.** "Aren't you afraid some of them prophecies would be wrong?" If I was afraid, I'd quit saying it. **If I had confidence in the One was speaking to me, but I'm expecting it to be that way.** He said He'd do it, and it's never failed yet, and it never will, **because I'm expecting Him to keep His Word, revealed by the Holy Spirit. "Sons of God led by the Spirit of God."** [7]

The members of the virgin bride will love Him, and they will have His potentials, for He is their head, and all power belongs to Him (Eph. 1:20-23). They are subject to Him as the members of our bodies are subject to our heads.

Notice the harmony of the Father and the Son. Jesus never did anything until it was first showed Him by the Father (John 5:19). This harmony is now to exist between the Groom and His bride. He shows her His Word of life. She receives it. She never doubts it. Therefore, nothing can harm her, **not even death.** For if the seed be planted, the water will raise it up again. **Here is the secret of this. The Word is in the bride (as it was in Mary). The bride has the mind of Christ for she knows what He wants done with the Word. She performs the command of the Word in His name for she has "thus saith the Lord." Then the Word is quickened by the Spirit and it comes to pass. Like a seed that is planted and watered, it comes to full harvest, serving its purpose.**

Those in the bride do only His will. No one can make them do otherwise. **They have 'thus saith the Lord' or they keep still. They know that it has to be God in them doing the works, fulfilling His own Word. He did not complete all His work while in His earthly ministry so now He works in and through the bride. She knows that, for it was not yet time for Him to do certain things that He must now do. But He will now fulfill through the bride that work which He left for this specific time.**

Now let us stand like Joshua and Caleb. Our promised land is coming in sight even as theirs did. Now **Joshua** means "**Jehovah Saviour**", and he **represents the end-time leader that will come to the church even as Paul came as the original leader**. Caleb represents those that stayed true with Joshua. Remember, God had started Israel as a virgin with His Word. But they wanted something different. So did the last day church. Notice how God did not move Israel, **or let her go into the promised land until it was His own appointed time**. **Now the people might have put pressure on Joshua, the leader**, and said, "The land is ours, let's go and take it. Joshua, you are all through, you must have lost your commission, you don't have the power you used to have. You used to hear from God and know the will of God, and act quickly. Something is wrong with you." **But Joshua was a God-sent prophet and he knew the promises of God, so he waited for them. He waited for a clear cut decision from God and when the time came to move, God placed the full leadership in Joshua's hands because he had stayed with the Word**. God could trust Joshua but not the others. So it will repeat in this end day. **The same problem, the same pressures.** [8]

Now, Jesus in His time, He came to display the attributes of God. God was manifested in Him (*Col. 1:15; 1 Tim. 3:16*). Notice. Now, He'd showed this Messianic sign. And God in all ages has had signs to the people. And now, when the people believe that sign, **it was a golden age to the people**. But when they disbelieved it, it was chaos to the people (*Luke 19:41-44*). [10]

And in due season, Christ, the lovely One, came and took upon Himself the form of sinful flesh and was made sin for us (*Rom. 8:3-4; Gal. 4:1-7*). Oh, that great substitutionary, the beautiful One for we ugly ones, **the holy One for us the unholy, the righteous One for we sinners**. And God accepted Him, insomuch that He witnessed with His Own Voice, "*This is My beloved son. Hear Him*" (*Matt. 17:1-8*).

And now, we who are once way off has been brought **nigh by the washing of the water by the Word** (*Eph. 5:26*). And now, we are nigh unto God, even to be called sons and daughters of God. It does not yet appear what we shall be in the final end, but we know we shall have a body like His, for we shall see Him as He is (*1 John 3:1-3; Phil. 3:20-21*).

That glorious hope rests within us to know that **someday we'll never pray no more for the sick**. There'll be no sick to pray for. We'll never preach a sermon of repentance, because there'll be no one there to repent; **they'll all be perfect.** [11]

Christ has redeemed us now. We are now redeemed, **but He has not claimed His possession yet. He took the Book of Redemption**, everything that Adam had and everything that he lost, **Christ redeems back; and He's already redeemed us, but He hasn't took the possession yet. He cannot until the time appointed, and then will come the resurrection, and then the earth will be renewed again**, and then He will take possession, His possession

which He got when He redeemed us, **but will do it at the appointed time** (*I Cor. 15:51-57; Rom. 8:18-23*). [12]

To keep God's commandments (*John 14:15-21*), **to do anything right for God, to do God a service correctly, there are five musts, to do God's service correctly.**

No matter **how sincere a man may be in doing it, doing God a service, these five musts be there:**

1) **First, it must be His time to do it.**

What 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"? He was that law.

2) **It must be in His season, time and season.**

3) **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.** [13]

If the true Spirit of God there, It'll direct it into the Word; not just one place in the Word, the entire Word for the entire age. [14] **It must be according to His Word; according to His time, according to His program.**

4) **And it must be by the person He has chosen to give it and to do it.** Moses tried to run from it, "Take somebody else." But God chose Moses to do it. Many of them; Paul tried to get out of it; many others. **But it's got to be by the one He chooses to do it.**

5) **And it must come, first, to His prophets, and the prophet must be a vindicated prophet.** We find out, many of them in the Bible, it come to the prophets and it wasn't vindicated. **Our Prophet is Jesus Christ. The Word of God must come to His prophets.** *Amos 3:7, "The Lord God will do nothing until first He reveals It to His servant the prophet."* **And the prophet must be vindicated by the Word of God.** [13]

And may the Lord bless us as we fellowship for a few moments around His written Word. **And may the Holy Spirit take the things of God and deliver Them to every heart just as you have need of them.**

Now, that can be done **if we'll take our right attitude towards Him. If we come to see Him, and to love Him, and to worship Him, then God is obligated to give us them things which we desire.** And He will withhold no good thing from them that walk upright before Him. Just remember that. [15]

Don't never be weary in well-doing, **for you will certainly reap in due season if you faint not** (*Gal. 6:9-10*). **Always do that which is right. And whatever God has said in His Book, you believe that;** for you can hang your soul on any phase of the Word of God. You believe that, don't you? Now,

whatever He has promised in the Word, that God will do; **for God is under obligation to His Word.** [16]

"The time is at hand."

The time was not at hand previously. In the wisdom and economy of God this mighty revelation (though fully known to God) could not come forth hitherto. Thus we immediately learn a principle--**the revelation of God for each age can come in that age only, and at a specific time.** Look at the history of Israel. The revelation of God to Moses came only **at a specific time** of history, and even more specifically it came as the people cried unto God. **Jesus, Himself, came at the fulness of time,** He being the complete Revelation of the Godhead. And in this Laodicean age **the revelation of God will come in its due time** (*Rev. 10:1-7*). It will not falter, neither will it be premature. Think on this and heed it well, **for we are in the end-time today.** [17]

Notice, look, each one of you people. Do you know, years before you were born, you were in your father as a gene? That's right. **A germ, a seed, was in your father;** comes from the male sex, not the female. See? Female furnishes the egg, **a bedding ground.** But the germ come from the father...

Or, my son setting here, when I was sixteen years old, my son was in me. I didn't know him, but he was there. Now, **through a bedding ground, through holy wedlock,** he becomes in the image of me. I know him. I can fellowship with him. **And he come just at the time when it's the right time.**

Now, so were you in, **if you've got Eternal Life, you were in God before there ever was a world. You are a part, a son of God, an attribute of God. He knew the very age you were coming. He predestinated you to that age, to take that place, and no one else can take it;** care how many impersonations and things (*Eph. 1:3-5*). **You've got to be there,** because He knew you would be there (*II Tim. 1:8-10*). **Now you are made manifest. Now you can fellowship with Him,** and that's what He wants. **He's longing for fellowship, to be worshipped.** But if your life did not... always was as an attribute in God, you're just a mimic of Christianity. See? There'll be millions and billions of them, they'll just be mimics of Christianity. [18]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]