A Crisis Of Faith Pt13

William Branham

MALACHI 4:5-6

5. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

REVELATION 10:7

7. But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

ROMANS 11:29

29. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

JAMES 5:17

17. <u>Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are</u>, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

THE REVELATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME [60-0210]

I never did like women, but not--not you sisters, I--I mean, He told me not to defile myself. And <u>it made me have a complex</u>. And so then, because all my associates would be sinners in that day. And there's a great story there that I could tell. Being offered whiskey, and immoral, and how the Holy Spirit come down, makes me stand back from it. <u>It wasn't me</u>. See? <u>I would have did it. It was God taking care of that gift</u>.

VISIONS OF WILLIAM BRANHAM [60-0930]

So I--I was a little scared to go, 'cause that was one of my first (You see?) to go like that. So, but however, I went and got my buddy, which had just been converted, a little French boy named George DeArk. And I'd just led him to Christ.

LIFE STORY [51-0722A]

And I run into Brother George DeArk; he's in glory today. And he said, "I..." he said, "I just seen you down there by the United Brethren church."

I said, "Have you seen Brother Ryan?"

He said, "Down by the United Brethren Church."

And Brother George put his arms around me, said, "Brother Billy, if I never see you no more; I'll see you in the morning."

And that's our next meeting time; he left during time of the flood; in glory today. When he was dying he looked, when he said, "Oh, if I could only see Brother Bill one more time. Oh, if he could only be here." He said, "Oh, where are you at?" He looked at the window, said, "Oh, Jesus, I knew You would come." Threw his arms out and went to meet God.

LIFE STORY [52-0720A]

And I met Brother George. The last time I seen him in life, he put his arms around me, said, "Brother Billy, with all my heart..." And <u>he was a converted medium</u>. And he said, "With all my heart, I love Jesus Christ, and if I never see you again, I will see you in the morning."

I said, "God bless you, George," as he went on. He was trying to find Brother Ryan...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON GENESIS [53-0729] This Mrs. DeArk...

THIS MIS. DEATK...

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Her boy, George, <u>the boy was a medium</u>...

medium

"an individual held to be a channel of communication between the earthly world and a world of spirits" ~ merriam-webster.com

MARY'S BELIEF [60-0311]

And another minister, Mr. DeArk, standing by me... I said, "In the name of high heavens, fall." It didn't do it.

MY LIFE STORY [50-0820A]

I remember the last time I seen my little associate pastor.

MY LIFE STORY [50-0820A]

...a little boy, filled with the Holy Ghost, a little Frenchman, DeArk was his name.

THE COMMUNION [57-0418]

And I knelt down on my knees with the doors closed, and I said, "O God, Father, there lays my wife, the baby's mother laying yonder in the undertaker's morgue. There's Billy Paul on the bed, sick. And here's my baby, dying. You surely, Lord, won't take her. I love her. And she resembles her mother. I want to raise her. Won't You please, O God, spare my baby's life?"

And as I looked up... And as you all know, I've always been subject to visions. It seemed like a black sheet begin to unfold, coming down, as if God took my prayer and throwed it right back in my face. And I said, "What have I done, God? Have I transgressed Your laws, that I should have this punishment? If it is, You just reveal it, and I'll repent. I'll do anything, but don't take my baby." And I seen she was going anyhow. I raised up.

And then the tempter came to me. There was the one time in all my life that I can call, was the crucial moment, my Gethsemane. When I was just barely holding to the bed, the devil said, "There you are. That's the reward for trying to serve Him. You mean that He'll take that young twenty-two-year-old mother, and lay her yonder as a corpse in the morgue, and will take the precious baby, your own flesh and blood, and slam your prayer right in your face? And then you mean to say that you'll serve Him?"

AND KNOWETH IT NOT [65-0815]

And you just prayed; and God pulled a sheet down, said, 'Shut up!' Don't hear, won't hear you, at all! Turned His back on you. He's a good God? Huh? He loves you? And every girl you ever went with, every boy you ever associated with, your very best friends, has walked away from you as a religious fanatic."

Everything he was telling me was the truth. Everything that he would say, just fall right in line, see, here. I was just then about ready to say, "Then I, if that's the way He has to act, then I won't serve Him."

Just as I said that, there was <u>Something came from somewhere else, way down on</u> <u>the inside</u>. Said, *"Who are you, to begin with? The Lord gave, and the Lord taken away."* See, that's that inside man, don't reason at all.

I looked back, and I thought, "How did I get on earth? I come from a bunch of drunkards. How did I get here? Who give me life? Who give me that wife? Who give me that baby? Where did my wife come from? Where did my life come from?" I said, "Though He slay me, yet I'll trust Him." I said, "<u>Get away from me, Satan</u>!"

THE COMMUNION [57-0418]

I was standing between opinions. It had to be decided. Then I put my hand over on her little head; I said, "The Lord gave, and the Lord takes away; blessed be the Name of the Lord." <u>I felt relief</u>.

I said, "Sharry, honey, daddy cannot go where you are now, but daddy can come someday. I'll lay you on the arm of mother and bury you, but daddy will see you again someday."

THE COMMUNION [57-0418]

Mr. Isler, driving his old truck, jumped out and put his arm around me. He said, "I've heard you preaching on the street corner, Billy; I've seen you standing in the Tabernacle; I've heard you at the hymn singing's, how you exalted Christ, what you said He was." Said, "Now He has taken your father, your brother, your wife, and your baby." Said, "Now what does He mean to you?"

I said, "Mr. Isler, if He would send me to the regions of the lost, I'd still love Him. For one day down yonder in an old coal shed, <u>something happened down here in my</u> <u>heart that there is nothing that can rub it out</u>. <u>It was nothing that I did. It was God's</u> <u>eternal grace that held me in the hour of great decision</u>."

GO TELL [60-0417M]

You know, **I'm so thankful for a God-given wife.** Aren't you, brethren? A real wife, a real companion...

I set down. I motioned to her, and got her over close to me. And I said, "Meda, sometimes I wonder." I said, "I wonder what's the matter." I said, "Why would them meetings be there, and God let me lay like this?" I said, "Why was it?" And I said, "**Sometimes I wonder if He even called me**."

She said, "Ain't you ashamed of yourself?" And she told me, said, "Bill, don't you know that God knows what He's doing with you? Just--just be quiet."

STANDING IN THE GAP [63-0623M]

I had built myself a complex, because the people didn't hear my Message.

STANDING IN THE GAP [63-0623M]

And in my mind, I had it made up, "If these people didn't want to hear my Message, all right, they didn't have to." I had preached now for about thirty-five years

STANDING IN THE GAP [63-0623M]

"You've forgot the feeling of your people. You forgot the call that I called you to."

JOHN 6:28-29

28. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?
29. Jesus answered and said unto them, <u>This is the work of God, that ye believe on him</u> <u>whom he hath sent</u>.

ECCLESIASTES 5:6

6. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; <u>neither say thou before the angel, that it</u> <u>was an error</u>: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?