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**TITLE: PUTTING THE BLESSING AND THE CURSE
BEFORE MANKIND**

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BOOK OF THE SEALS

The Breach – Pages 79-80

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⁸⁸ Now, something is lost, and it's groaning. It's trying to get back, to be back to its original condition.

⁸⁹ Would you imagine someone falling from the earth, down into a deep pit somewhere, and was struggling, climbing, pulling? They must, by some means, get out of this pit. They're not in their original state. And, frantically, they're screaming. They're clawing the walls, making a noise, or doing some way. They're—they're groaning because that they want to get back to their original state.

⁹⁰ That's why a person, that struck with disease, aches and pains. One time they wasn't that way, but they are groaning. Why? They're not right. There is something wrong. And they're groaning, and trying to get back to where they was when they had health.

⁹¹ And when nature and peoples, as the Bible said, "are groaning," it shows there is something, that they're not in their ought-to-be condition. They have fallen from somewhere. Now, we don't need anybody to interpret that for us. See? For, of course, we know it was Eternal Life, they had fallen from. And they lost their claims on Eternal Life, by the fall of Adam and Eve, who fell from Eternal Life, to death, in the garden of Eden, and brought all nature, under them, to death.

⁹² A tree never died, before Adam. An animal wouldn't die,

before Adam. And there's only one thing that cannot die, and that's God, because He's Eternal. And that's the only way we can ever keep from dying, we have to have Eternal Life in us, to be sons and daughters of God.

⁹³ But when we died, as I said in the Message this morning, to sin, we sold out our birthrights and crossed this chasm. Now we're beyond the reach of God, on this other side of the chasm. Now, of course, when Adam fell, to death, he brought death upon all creation.

⁹⁴ Now, he was given free moral agency. It was given to them just as we, so to make a choice. Now, Adam and Eve, in the beginning, there was a tree of right and wrong before them, and that same tree sets before each and—and every one of us. See, God isn't doing for Adam or for Eve... You say, "Well, it's their fault." No, not now it isn't. It's your fault. You can't place it on Adam now. You got to place it on yourself, because right and wrong is set before you. We're on the same basis as Adam and Eve.

⁹⁵ But, you see, when we are redeemed, we no more want our own choice, but we want His choice. See? See?

⁹⁶ Now, Adam and Eve wanted their own choice. They wanted to, they wanted to find out what it was to have wisdom, so they probed into it, and it caused death.

BOOK OF QUOTATIONS (in Spanish) – Page 171

Leadership

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Rev. William M. Branham

1537 – "You must choose your leader. Choose today. You choose Life or death. Your choice will determine your Eternal destination, what you choose. Remember, Jesus said, 'Follow Me.' And you're invited tonight to do so. And to follow Him to Eternal Life you must come on His terms, that's right, the Word. Not upon the creed, not upon the public opinion, not upon what anybody else thinks about It, but on what God said about It."

THE STRUGGLE FOR ETERNAL LIFE

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We are in the time in which we have a struggle, a fight for eternal life.

“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”

Remember that all of God’s blessings are for the overcomers; so we are fighting for eternal life on this Earth, in this end time.

He has said:¹ “And He shall send forth His Angels with a Great Voice of a Trumpet, and they shall gather together all His elect.” The Lord will gather the elect and a fight for eternal life will take place.

He has said:² “Behold, I set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; choose life that you may live.”

When a person chooses life, when a person chooses heavenly things, he has a struggle; and that is when the person shows that he has really chosen eternal life, he has chosen the heavenly things; and there it is fulfilled in the person: “If any man will follow after me, let him take up his cross and follow me.”³

He doesn’t promise a path full of roses, of flowers, but of struggles; but He promises to help each one of His children. He has said that He will not put a burden on a person that he can’t bear, that he will not be tempted more than he can bear. Therefore, with God’s help, all of God’s children, we will obtain victory, as God’s other children have in the past.

In this end time we have the promise of a confrontation of human beings facing life and death: “Behold, I set before you life and death; but choose life (what for?) that you may live.”

When a person chooses life to live, the blessing, he has to fight; because the enemy doesn’t want you to live eternally; because he is not going to live eternally: he is going to be thrown into the lake of fire, because he rebelled against God and His Program; therefore, he doesn’t want other people to receive eternal life, to live eternally; he wants to take all human beings with him.

1 Matthew 24:31

2 Deuteronomy 30:19

3 Matthew 16:24

But God says: “No; choose life, the blessing, that you and your family may live.” That is in Deuteronomy, chapter 30. There you can see how God places before the human being life and death, blessing and curse; and then He recommends: “Choose life, that you may live, that you may live forever with God.”

Because if he doesn't choose life, then death will automatically overtake the person, the curse will overtake the person, and he will have to go to the same place where the devil will be until he is totally disintegrated in every way; and also the person who goes there, where he will be, in the lake of fire, will also be disintegrated: soul, spirit and body, and will cease to exist.

So we all desire to live eternally with God; and for that reason we have chosen life and we fight for that eternal life.

Remember that the Hebrew people in order to reach the promised land they had to fight, to receive the blessings that God had promised, they had to fight; and every person, in order to obtain the blessings that God has promised, has to fight; because the devil will not let the person obtain that victory, those blessings; he will fight so that he can't obtain them. Because he lost all blessings and divine privileges that he had, and he wants you and me to also lose those blessings of God, those privileges of God; he lost the ones he had and he can't get them back.

And remember that when a person loses those blessings, he can't recover them even with tears afterwards; and that is what the enemy wants to happen to you, that the same thing happens to you that happened to him, because he rebelled against God's Program.

But we will fight and overcome in the Name of the Lord, because He is with us and we were born on this Earth with a divine purpose: With the divine purpose of obtaining eternal life. And we will fight and we will obtain eternal life.