

THE HIGH CALLING

If God has called you to be really like Jesus in all your spirit, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put on you such demands of obedience, that He will not allow you to follow other Christians, and in many ways, He will seem to let other good people do things that He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers, who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempt to do it you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord, as to make you sorely penitent.

Others can brag on themselves, on their work, on their success, on their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such things, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and your good works.

Others will be allowed to succeed in making great sums of money or having a legacy left them, as in having luxuries, but God may supply you daily because He wants you to have something far better than gold, that is, a helpless dependence on Him, that He may have the privilege of providing your needs day by day out of His unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honoured and put forward, and keep you hid away in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice fragrance for His coming Glory, which can only be produced in the shade.

God will let others be great, but keep you small. He will let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will let you work and toil without letting it be known how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious He will let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and this will make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch on you with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words or feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over.

So be clear in your mind, that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own, and He will not explain to you a thousand things that puzzle your reason in dealings with you.

God will take you at your word, and if you absolutely sell-out yourself to be His slave, He will wrap you in a jealous love and let other people say and do many things that you cannot say or do. Settle it forever, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue or chaining your hands or closing your eyes, in ways that others are not dealt with. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God, that you are in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have FOUND THE VESTIBULE OF HEAVEN.

(Found among the personal possessions of William Branham after his death.)