
ABRAHAM



Thank you, brother. Good evening, friends, very happy to be here tonight. I was just presented with some kind of a present. I believe it's a talking machine. Well, I'll—I'll use it a little later on. Can you hear me up on the platform all right, up and around the balcony? Okay? No, I guess, maybe, I'll have to get this thing around me. Thank you, brother. Now, is that better? Can you hear up there now, around this side? All right. That's fine. All right, sir. So we'll set this one back.

² Well, we're happy to be here, tonight, to greet you again in the Name of the lovely Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. And I am happy, tonight, that His grace, that it extends even to me. And by His grace, I one day came to Him and He saved me from a life of sin, and—and give me the opportunity to preach the Gospel to the . . . His people everywhere, calling them to a life of salvation, out of a life of sin. And along with that He gave me the great privilege of praying for His dear beloved sick children. And I am happy for that opportunity to be here, tonight, to do that for you.

³ And I am very sorry . . . Billy . . . They come got me a few moments ago, and our manager isn't here yet. So I may have to hire somebody, sure enough. And at this time I adopted Brother—Brother Thom here from South Africa: will, tomorrow night, if Brother Moore isn't here, will you give us the message before coming on? It'd be all right. That's fine.

⁴ And it makes the meeting a little hard on me to try to stand up here to—to speak to you, and then go ahead with the other service, too. I'm not used to it, and it throws me out on the line of praying for the sick, and so forth, 'cause it's a—it's a dual anointing; it's something different.

⁵ And Brother Thom is a very forceful speaker. I've knowed him for a long time, and . . . since we were in Africa. And I understand that his wife is here. I don't know whether I ever met the sister or not. I hope to get to do that. And Sister Thom, Mrs. Branham is looking for you to come by, soon as the service is over, and you all come that way. And I want to see that little boy that was named after me, little William. And so, we'll probably, maybe be able to see before going to Zurich. We just got one day to leave here and get to Zurich, to New York to go to Zurich.

⁶ Now, tomorrow . . . You know, this has . . . Half the meeting is already gone, would you think of it? This has been one of the shortest long meetings I believe I've ever had, so far. Seem like I just started a

couple days ago. You're such a lovely people, come out, nighttime, set out in the open air, listening, and the manager not here to preach to you, and put up with my slobbering and going on.

⁷ You know, I eat a lot of new grapes out of Canaan, and it cause you to slobber a lot, you know . . . ? . . . So I . . . trying to take his place, and so forth, and then hold the prayer lines and it certainly makes it kind of hard. So you pray for us, and tonight, I'll try just to speak a few moments to get aligned up with the meeting, just the feel of the Spirit and where It's all seated at, and then I'll—I'll . . . We'll form a prayer line then, and start praying for the sick.

⁸ And I just wonder, while we're speaking this way, don't you think that one night we ought to just come in and—and . . . usually when . . . come in of a nighttime, and not the discernment, just line up everybody that's got prayer cards and pray for them. And I think that would give everybody a—a good chance to get into the prayer line that wants . . . they have cards, are holding them. And we just have to take a few each time in these kind of lines. And then, give everybody an opportunity to come and—and be—and be in the prayer line. And soon, we're looking for something to happen, that when I'll be able then to just go and pray for the people right out.

⁹ If you only knew, my dear beloved friend, what it is to go through what you do under a vision. I brought it on myself; it's not—not . . . I don't operate it myself, but it come on. I just . . . The people rallied for it, and I kept going; and now I can't even hold a meeting without it, hardly. But if you only knew what you go through with; just imagine going into another world, back down the line, thirty, forty years in somebody's life, looking at somebody . . . And you know your voice is coming in here at Macon, Georgia, and yet, you're away somewhere else in, maybe, some other nation.

¹⁰ You know, Daniel had one vision, and he was troubled at his head for many days; just think: one vision. See? And you—you don't realize what that is. And there's no way to explain it, you just have to believe it, that's all.

¹¹ Someone asked me, said, "Why is it you get weak when you get off the platform?"

¹² It isn't while I'm standing here that I feel weak; it isn't after I'm out from under it that I feel weak; it's between the two places. And that's—that's just when you're coming out of it. Course, it's hard to explain that, but if you'll read the Bible, you'll see that it's truth. It's—it's absolutely truth.

¹³ So now, tonight coming over, I thought maybe if Brother Moore . . . Billy said he wasn't here. So I just got a little text of Scripture here that

I might read, if God willing. And talk to you just for a few moments to kind of get the crowd settled down, and on the thoughts of the Bible.

14 See, after all, whatever I say is just a man. And now, whatever God says, that's God. Mine will . . . Mine can fail 'cause I'm just a man, but what He says is the Truth, and It won't fail. And now, like the visions, what is that? Yes, sir, that's the Word of the Lord, but it's secondarily. If it's contrary to this here, in the Word, then it's wrong. See? It has to be . . .

15 Now, here is the Word of God to the whole world. The foundation, the plan of salvation, everything, this is in the Word. But as an individual who's did something, or something they might not have done, and should have done, now, a vision or a Word from God is absolutely the Word of God to them, but it must line up with this Bible. If it doesn't, it's not of God.

16 So I'm so thankful. And in these . . . Ever since I can remember as a little boy, visions come to me, just a little baby boy.

17 The first thing I can remember was the vision when I was born in the state of Kentucky, and told me I'd live in Indiana near a city called New Albany. I've lived in three year . . . three miles of it all my life. And I wasn't but eighteen months old when the vision came. And the very time when I was born, that Angel that you see on the picture here, was hanging over the little crib bed where I was borned on.

18 And my people, of course, formerly, the beginning, are Catholic. We . . . They emigrated from Ireland and come here. And then, but my father and mother didn't go to any church at all. And they was raised up in the mountains; my father, a logger. And when that Light come in that morning at six o'clock on April the fifth, or, April the sixth, 1909, and that Light hung over that little crib bed there, a little trundle bed . . .

19 I don't know what you all know what a trundle bed is or not, a straw tick, or a shuck pillow. How many ever seen a shuck pillow or a straw tick? Well, would you look? My. I'm not the only country boy around here, am I? There's just plenty of us. Well, my, that's mighty fine. I feel like I could come without a tie on now. That's just—that's just fine.

20 Well, that's . . . My mother, it liked to scared her to death. My dad . . . My mother was fifteen years old and my dad was eighteen, just kiddies.

21 And so, since then there it's been. Nothing—nothing that I had, nothing that I merited, it's . . . Now, it's just a little gift that God gave, sovereignly give. That's the only way they are given is by the sovereign grace of God.

22 And now, let us turn to His Word and read just a few moments. Be reverent, and we know that God will add His blessings to His Word.

Now, over in the Old Testament, I love to go to the Old Testament because it's a type of the New, a shadow of the things that's to come.

23 And now, if I speak just a little long, will you pinch me on the leg, or something, here, brother, and let me know that I've spoke too long; 'cause I want to try to pray for everybody I can before leaving Georgia. My first time in your state, and I sure fell in love with you, your first night here. You're just such a welcome feeling. I don't say that because you're here. If I'd say that just because I was in your presence, I'd be a hypocrite. And I—and I don't—I don't have to say that. I say it because I mean it from my heart. You're very nice.

24 And now, in Genesis 22:7, we read a portion of Scripture, and then, they read some of the 14th verse, also; 7th, 8th, and 14th, we'll make it.

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for the burnt-offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide for himself a lamb for the burnt-offering: so they both went on together.

Now in the 14th verse, we read this:

And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said . . . this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

Now, shall we bow our heads just a moment, while we speak to the Author of this Word.

25 Our Heavenly Father, we come to approach Thee in the all-sufficient Name of the Lord Jesus, knowing this first, that He's promised to hear us, and give us a hearing when we ask in His Name.

26 Now, Thou has said, that wherever two or three are gathered in Your Name, the Name of the Lord Jesus, You would be in our midst. So we know beyond a shadow of doubt that You're here tonight. And we pray, now, that You'll give us a few words, Lord. And encourage us tonight, Lord, from Thy Word.

27 And we pray, now, not knowing why that Brother Moore hasn't showed up in all these nights, and I pray, Father, that You'll help him and bless him, wherever he is.

28 And I ask Your blessings upon all that are unsaved tonight. May something be said or done here, tonight, that will cause the unsaved to believe You and receive You, the backslider to come back, those outside of Christ to be baptized into the Body of believers. And may every sick person here tonight, Lord, every one that's cancer-ridden, TB, whatever

it might be, may they be perfectly whole tonight. And may there not be a feeble person left among us. May every crippled person walk out without crutch or support. May those on cots rise up and walk.

²⁹ And may the Lord Jesus just throw out His arms of power and grip every heart in such a way that they'll know that He's here, granting these blessings. And when we leave tonight, may we say like those who came from Emmaus, "Did not our hearts burn within us because of His Presence?" For we ask it in His Name. Amen.

³⁰ Now, in the speaking of the reading, setting forth of the Scripture tonight, we're speaking on Abraham. And in the Book of Genesis, God gave or appeared to Abraham in five, or, seven compound redemptive Names. One of those Names was Jehovah-jireh, the one that we have under consideration tonight. Then He was *Jehovah-jireh*, "the Lord will provide a sacrifice," *Jehovah-rapha*, "the Lord the Healer," and the Shield, the Buckler, and so forth, on down of the compound redemptive Names.

³¹ The night in the discussion at Houston, Texas, when this Angel's picture was taken; many of you have heard the story perhaps, of how it happened about: We were having a lovely meeting in Houston, and sponsored there by many of the churches. And a certain minister said, that . . . wrote a piece in the paper, and said that I was a religious impostor, and imposing myself as a servant of God, and I ought to be run out of town; and he'd like to be the one to do it. So he challenged me to a debate on the Scripture. Said that I could not support Divine healing by the Scriptures.

³² Well, Mr. Bosworth was managing that meeting. And here he come in the room, you know, real excited, said, "Looky here, Brother Branham, looky here." Said, "Call his—call his hand."

And I said, "Now look, Brother Bosworth, all the fussing you could do with that man, he'd walk away with the same belief he had when he come in."

³³ You don't get nothing by fussing. Jesus didn't come to fuss. He just done what the Father told Him. If they believed it, all right; if they didn't, all right anyhow. So after all, if God confirms the Word . . . Jesus said, "If you can't believe Me, why, believe the works I do, that the Father sent Me."

And he said, "But . . ." Brother Bosworth said, "But, Brother Branham," he said, "I tell you," said, "I—I—I—I think you ought to take that up."

³⁴ And I said, "Oh, no, Brother Bosworth, just let it alone." I said, "Look. We're having about eight thousand people now, and there's about seven thousand of them want to be prayed for, and give one of the

nights to fuss with that preacher, and the only thing you go away . . .” I said, “If he’s born an unbeliever, God made him an unbeliever, and how are you going to be anything else but an unbeliever?”

I said, “God predestinated a man . . . Men of old was foreordained to this condemnation.” I said, “The Bible said so.”

So if they can’t believe, just like pouring water from a duck’s back; they can’t believe, ain’t got nothing to believe with.

³⁵ And I said, “Then, you never heard a man that was ever born again with the Spirit of God say such a remark as that.” I said, “Because he’s got God in him and he believes all things. What God wrote, he just believes it.” But I said, “Now, the man don’t believe so just let him alone.”

³⁶ And he said . . . Next day he put it in the paper, said, “It shows what they’re made out of because they’re afraid to preach Divine healing in the light of God’s Word.” That was too much for Brother Bosworth.

He said, “Brother Branham, if you won’t do it, let me do it.” Well, eighty years old.

And I thought, “My.” I looked at him, and I thought of Caleb, you know, standing there, “Let me take this city.” You see?

³⁷ And I said, “Brother Bosworth, that man’s just out of the cemetery, or, seminary.” Excuse me. About the same way. So, I said, “Brother Bosworth,” I—I said, “Brother Bosworth, that—that . . . You’re eighty years old, nearly, and that man’s just about thirty-five years old.”

He said, “That doesn’t have anything to do with the Word of God.” He said, “Will you let me do it?”

And I said, “No, Brother Bosworth. No, don’t fuss with him. Just let him blow or toot his own horn, and go on.”

³⁸ And he said, “Well, Brother Branham,” he said, “you know, to the public I feel like I’d just like to—to show him that he’s wrong.” He said, “If you’ll let me do it, I’ll promise you I won’t fuss one bit.”

So I said, “Well, all right. Go ahead.”

³⁹ And down the stairs he went to the reporter, you know, and—and so, he—he told them. And then the next day, great headlines “Ecclesiastical Fur Will Fly.” You can—you can imagine how the paper prints it, you know. So here they set. And that goes to show . . . I seen something that night that’ll make me believe that someday all born-again Christians will be one.

⁴⁰ I don’t care if they fuss down there, like they do everywhere else. One is a Trinitarian, the one is a Unitarian, the other one is a Oneness,

and a Twoness, and a Fiveness, and all these ups and downs, and scruples, and their baptisms, and so forth, all these things.

⁴¹ But that night, when they come, twenty or thirty thousand packed in the auditorium. They didn't care whether they was Oneness, or Threeness, or drinking from one fountain, two fountain, or riding one-hump camel, two-, three-, or four-, or five-hump camel; there was one thing on stake, and that was Divine healing. They all believed it. And here they come by trains, planes, and everything, packed out the big Sam Houston Coliseum. And so, I wasn't going down, 'cause I just don't like to hear people fussing around the Word of God.

⁴² So that night, Something kept telling me, "Go down." So a couple policeman come and got me and I went. I went way up in balcony thirty. And so then, when they got started, why, they come out there, and so after he . . . He wanted Mr. Bosworth to take the first part.

⁴³ So Mr. Bosworth said, "Well, I have written here of six hundred questions, six hundred Scriptures that proves that Christ's present attitude towards the sick is just the same as it was the days that He was here on earth. And God has never changed in His attitude towards the sick. And if Mr. Best, here, can take one of these Scriptures and disprove It by the Bible, there will be no debate. I'll just set down."

So Mr. Best kept saying, "I'll take care of that when I get up there."

⁴⁴ He said, "I'll ask you one question. If you'll answer me 'yes' or 'no,' I'll set down and give you the rest of it." He said, "Was the redemptive Names of Jehovah applied to Jesus, yes or no?" That settled it; that was all.

⁴⁵ If it wasn't, then He wasn't a Saviour, He wasn't Jehovah-jireh. And if He was, He's Jehovah-rapha, the same yesterday, today, and forever. So he couldn't answer it. So when he got up, he preached a pretty good Campbellite sermon. That's right. Just talking about the resurrection when this mortal puts on immortality, and Divine healing would be in the Millennium, when we're immortal. I don't get it. So now, he said it was a Baptist sermon. I was rocked in a Baptist cradle, I know what Baptists believe.

⁴⁶ But it was no—was no Baptist doctrine connected with it. And then, afterwards, he kept saying, "Bring on that Divine healer. Let me see him heal somebody. And then let me see them, he could work them up in their psychology, and so forth, and let me see them in a year from today and I'll tell you whether they're healed or not. Bring that Divine healer forward."

Mr. Bosworth said, "Aren't you ashamed to say that?"

47 So he knew I was up there. So he said, “Now, if the debate is settled,” he said, “all right.” Said, “Now, if Brother Branham wishes to come down and dismiss the audience,” said, “I know he’s here, but he don’t have to.”

So my brother was standing by me, and he said—said, “Now, you set still.”

I said, “Well, ain’t I setting still?” And so, my wife was standing there, you know.

And he said, “Now, you ain’t going down there.”

I said, “I never said a word about going.” And so, I was setting way up.

And so, he said, “Now, if he wants to come . . .”

48 And about that time I heard something go, “Whew!” That circle of Light come down. I don’t care who says anything then, that settles it. Yeah. I said . . . Raised up.

And Howard said, “Set down.”

My wife said, “Looky there, Howard.” So my brother set down.

About five hundred ushers put their hands together and made a line, come up to the platform.

I said, “I’d like to shake hands with Mr. Best.”

49 I said, “Don’t no one think hard of him.” I said, “We got boys over in Korea fighting that we can have freedom of religion, free . . .” I said, “I don’t believe what he believes.” But I said, “I differ with him in theology, but after all, this is America. He’s got a right to believe what he wants.” I said, “And don’t none of you think hard of him, because his mother loves him the same as mine does me.”

50 I said, “Now, I was reminded, though, when he kept saying, ‘Bring that healer forth’: The same spirit that said, ‘Come off the cross and we’ll believe you.’ Christ saw visions, and one day they put a rag around His head and hit Him on the head, and said, ‘Now, if you’re a prophet, tell us who hit you and we’ll believe you.’” I said, “That’s the same spirit,” but I said, “I’m sorry that our brother is anointed with it.” But I said, “Now, as far as healing anybody,” I said, “I—I don’t claim to heal anybody.”

51 I said, “If preaching Divine healing makes me a Divine healer, then preaching salvation makes you a Divine saviour.” So I said, “I only preach it by the Word. That’s all.”

52 And I said, “Now, as far as a vision, God speaks for His gifts,” I said, “that’s, if that’s questioned.” And about that time when he said that, the Angel of the Lord come above, where I was at, and made a

great big whirl, and here He come down through the building like *that*, coming down. People begin screaming.

53 I said, “He speaks now.” I said, “If I tell the truth, God’s obligated to speak for me. And if I don’t tell the truth, God will have nothing to do with a lie. You know that.”

54 And just then, here He come. And they took the picture of It there, and they took it down to the—the Douglas Studio, shot the picture of it, took it down, a Catholic boy took the picture, and a Jew. And so they went down to the studio to look it over. And they said, “I don’t believe it’ll show. I believe it just . . . We just imagined that, too, ’cause everybody was pointing to It, and so forth.”

But when they took it down, and pulled it out of the acid, and . . .

55 He was up there to take Mr. Bosworth’s picture. And when Mr. Best was holding debate with him, he’d pose like *this*, and put his finger under Brother Bosworth’s nose, and say, “Take it like *this*.” He said, “I want them to hang up in my . . . I want to take that old man and skin him, and take his skin and tack it on my study door for a memorial to Divine healing.”

Could you imagine a brother talking about one like that?

56 So he said . . . And that night when he put his finger under his nose, and he draw his fist up, and had the studio set that big camera out; se- . . . oh, there was several cameras there, and so, to take the picture.

57 Well, then, you know what happened? God wasn’t willing that His servant should be taken with a picture like that, and every one of them was blank. Not a one of them showed up. But the . . . when they pulled this other one out, there was the picture of the Angel of the Lord on it.

58 And they sent it to George J. Lacy, FBI fingerprint and document, he kept it in the place for several days. And then, it was copyrighted in Washington, DC, as the only supernatural Being that’s ever been scientifically proven. And that’s right. In Washington, DC, now: copyrighted.

And then, they come and said, “We’ll give the analysis of it.”

Mr. Lacy said, “Whose name is Reverend Branham?”

I said, “Mine.”

He said, “Stand up.”

59 And I stood up. Kind of a red-headed fellow, kind of hard-boiled eyes; I hope he’s not setting present to hear this. So he . . . hair hanging down in his eyes. When he seen it, first, he was very hard about it.

He said, “Reverend Branham, come here.” Said, “You’ll die like all men do.” See?

I said, "I'm sure of that, but I'm prepared for it."

⁶⁰ He said, "But as long as there's a civilization, your picture will never go out of existence." He said, "That's the only time a supernatural Being was ever photographed." He said, "The Light struck the lens; it's the truth," like that.

⁶¹ And he submitted it to me, and I give it over to the Douglas Studios in Houston, Texas. They're the ones that own it. And he said some little thing there to me, something, said, "The testament unto the testator . . ." something. Said, "For as long as you're living, that picture will never be in force, but afterwards," said, "wait till you're gone, it'll be on ten-cent stores, and things like that."

⁶² So what it is, is . . . what it is to me, if I . . . If this is my last night on earth, if this is my last night to be on earth, my testimony is the truth. The church knows it. Millions around the world, I've come in personal contact with just more than ten million people, and around the world. It's been seen by thousands times thousands of people, everywhere.

⁶³ I trust to God that It will come visible here in Macon before I leave, before the audience. And they see the works and signs of It. That's the Truth. And the scientific world can't say there's no supernatural Being anymore, 'cause it's scientifically proven, God . . . They're without an excuse now.

⁶⁴ So we're thankful to the Lord, tonight, to know that our great Jehovah God was with the father Abraham, and is still here tonight with His Church, moving on just the same as He was in the days gone by. To my opinion, the same Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel, Jesus Christ, the Angel of the Covenant, the same yesterday, today, and forever: scientifically proven.

⁶⁵ Now, Abraham, to speak for, about him, for about ten minutes, or so, Abraham was come down, with his father, from in the land of Chaldea in the Shinar valley, and dwelled in the city of Ur. They came out of Babylon, the people did, after the . . . Babylon was first called the "Gates of Paradise," later called "confusion" because languages was broken up there.

⁶⁶ Abraham, after coming down into this land of Chaldea, the city of Ur, Abraham was no more than anyone else. I want you to notice this tonight, Christians, and get this real good and deep, that, God calls His people by sovereign election. God only calls by election. "It isn't he that willeth or he that runneth, it's God that showeth mercy."

⁶⁷ And every man and woman here that ever had God to touch at their heart ought to be ashamed if they never heeded to the call. And there's many people in the world today that—that's gone and passed the line of conscience and will never, never come to God.

68 But God called Abraham, not because he was good: but because God chose Abraham.

69 Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." Jesus said, "No man can come to the Father, or, come to Me except My Father draws him first."

70 Why are you out here tonight? Is because you're interested. Why ain't you over at the ball game? Is because you love God more than you love ball games. That's the reason you're here. God called you and put a different desire in your heart.

71 Now, the election of God, God calls man by sovereign election. Do you notice it? I wish we had time to go into details. When you go to talking about the Word, the Holy Spirit just starts getting it right, just wonderful.

72 Abraham was election. Isaac was justification. Jacob was grace, but Joseph was perfection. See? As you get them moving, and Abraham being called . . . God saw Abraham and called him by sovereign grace and election, and told him, "Separate yourself from your people and among your kindred, and I'll bless you." You notice today, that God always calls a separation.

73 People today, when you're choosing your pastors, usually people today want mixers. I don't know how it is with you people down in here, but up in the north, the people want mixers. Oh, we want a fellow that's a good sport. We want somebody that can, oh, set in a pulpit, and can, oh, he wouldn't hurt if he did little things on the side, you know, just so he could mix with all crowds. People want mixers, but God wants separators. The Holy Ghost said, "Separate Me Paul and Barnabas."

74 There's some people, in choosing their pastors today, get a six-footer with shoulders about so wide; black, wavy hair to present, make hisself . . . dressed in a tuxedo suit, and everything, and a after-dinner suit, or something another in the platform, because it's a psychological effect. God don't care an ounce for that.

75 Listen. Listen to the Scriptures. God told Samuel one time, said, "Go up and anoint one of Jesse's sons to be king."

76 Jesse thought the same thing that our modern thinker believes today. He set his great big son out there, a six-footer, you know, with his black, shiny hair. Said, "My, what . . . Well-well, He will look like a real king," great big husky fellow, fine-looking fellow. And said, "Look what he will look with a robe on him, a big gold crown setting on the side of his head."

77 And Samuel got the oil, and the Lord said, “But I’ve refused him.” That’s right. No matter how six-foot he was and how striking he looked, God said, “I’ve refused him.”

So he brought the next biggest one down and showed him. God said, “I refused him, too.”

And he went on till he showed the sixth one. Then he said, “You haven’t got another one?”

78 Said, “Yeah. I got a little ol’ scrawny, ruddy-looking fellow out yonder in the sheep pen, out yonder somewhere, taking care of the sheep, but I’m sure he’d never make a king.”

“Well, go get him.”

79 And as soon as David came forth, a little ruddy fellow, stooped shouldered, perhaps, with a little sheep coat around him, Samuel run and poured the oil on him and said, “This is the king. That’s God’s choice.” Amen. Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart.

80 Sometimes you get a great big church with a lot of crosses, and statues around it, and plush seats, and a ten-thousand-dollar organ in it: that don’t attract God. Sometimes there’s more salvation in a little mission down on the corner than you can poke into the place. That’s right. Man looks to the outside, but God looks at the heart. Always remember that.

81 Now, Abraham, called, out of the land of Chaldea, God met him down there. Probably a little fellow, seventy-five years old when God called him. Probably a little bitty fellow, long whiskers, baldheaded, and stooped shouldered, but God found grace, Abraham, rather, found grace in the sight of God, and God called him by election. Amen.

82 Through what? Someone that would follow Him, would listen to Him. And he had a wife sixty-five years old. He told Abraham, said, “Now, separate yourself from among your people.” That’s the best thing to do: come out from among it, get away from it.

83 Someone said, “Well, I still go to the poolroom. I think, maybe, I could win some of the boys.” Stay out of the poolroom. Stay off the devil’s ground. That’s right. You’ll never do it that way. Separate yourself and show your color. Be a Christian, act like it, live like it, talk like it. People will believe it.

Notice, Jesus said, “If I be lifted up, I’ll draw all men to Me.” Lift Him up in your life, in your living, what you do.

84 Then God called Abraham and he separated himself from his people to go into a strange land. Isn’t it strange? When God calls a man, He calls him from among his associates to dwell among strange

people, speaking strange languages. And kind of strange how God does that, isn't it? But He still does it.

85 Come out. You don't talk like the old crowd no more. You come over into a crowd. . . Out there where you are whooping and hollering and carrying on for the devil; you're shouting and praising the Lord in this other crowd. You have to go amongst a strange people, separate yourself from the crowd you once associated with.

86 How God, in His mercy, called him, and He said, "Abraham, I know you're an old man now, you're—you're seventy-five years old, Sarah sixty-five, but I'm going to bless you and give you a baby. And out of this baby the whole world is going to be blessed; all nations is going to be blessed by this baby."

87 Now, Abraham never wondered about it, he just simply took God at His Word. I like that. Just take God at His Word. And he—he went right on testifying that the baby was going to be born. I can imagine seeing him getting everything ready, buying up all the diapers, and the pins, and everything, getting ready for the baby, nothing wrong.

"Sarah," he said, "how do you feel?" The first week.

"No different."

First month passed, "How do you feel, Sarah?"

"No different."

"Well, Glory to God, we're going to have it anyhow."

First year passed, "How are you feeling, Sarah?"

"No different."

"Well, praise the Lord, we're going to have it anyhow."

88 He took God at His Word regardless of circumstance. He said, "God said so. And no matter how you feel, or what about it, we're going to have it anyhow. God said so." Amen.

89 And if we be the children of Abraham, we've got to have that kind of faith, regardless of what symptoms says. God's Word, we look at the unseen, what God says about it.

90 So many people rely on symptoms: "Oh, if I could look. . . If my hand was just a little straighter; if I felt just a little better with my stomach trouble; if my head would quit hurting," that has nothing to do with it. Go right on glorifying God, tested about that, things that you don't even feel, or see, or taste, smell, or hear. Believe it anyhow.

91 Why, if you'd tell about. . . There was a man by the name of Jonah, had the worst symptoms I ever seen. He was backslid, first. That's right. He done something God told him not to do. And he was on a stormy sea, caused a lot of trouble, had his hands and feet tied, throwed out;

and a big whale swallowed him and went down to the bottom of the sea.

⁹² Now, you talk about some symptoms; backslid in his heart, and in the belly of a whale, seaweeds wrapped around his neck. And anybody knows, when a fish feeds, it eats—eats his belly full, he goes right to the bottom and rest his swimmers on the bottom. Feed your goldfish, and see if they don't do it. Goes right down to the bottom, and it was probably, forty fathoms deep there. And here this preacher was: backslid, and his hands tied behind him, in the belly of a whale, in the bottom of the sea, and just a big storm up at the top.

⁹³ You talk about symptoms: He looked *this* way, it was whale's belly; he looked back *that* way, it was whale's belly; everywhere he looked, it was whale's belly. He had some symptoms. But you know what he said? "They are lying vanities. I don't believe a one of them." He said, "Once more will I look to Your holy temple," not to the whale's belly, but to Your holy temple. You can't hide a saint from his prayer. That's right. I want . . . There ain't nobody here that bad off tonight. That's right.

⁹⁴ But he said, "Once more will I look to Your holy temple, Lord." For he knew when Solomon dedicated that temple, he had prayed, and he said, "Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere and look towards this holy place and pray, then hear from Heaven." And he believed the prayer of Solomon.

⁹⁵ And if Jonah, under those conditions, could believe the prayer of Solomon, under a temple that was dedicated here on earth, how much more ought we to believe, tonight, by a resurrected Lord Jesus setting at the right hand of God with His Own Blood, making intercession following our confession. Refuse to see any symptoms, and say, "They are lying vanities," and walk away from it. Amen. Don't pay no attention to circumstance. It's what God says is the truth, not what you see; what you believe.

⁹⁶ Jesus never said, "Did you see it?" He never did say, "Did you believe it?" Or, I beg your pardon: Never said, "Did you feel it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" That's it. So you act on what you believe, not what you see; not what . . . just what you believe in. If you believe God will keep His Word, then go acting like it. Take Him at His Word and go ahead. Then you're going to get somewhere.

⁹⁷ I know It's the truth. I've trusted It, brother, in the hours of death and I know It's the truth. If It worked for me, It worked for Abraham, It worked for Jonah, It'll work for you. Just take Him at His Word and believe it.

And Abraham refused to see any symptoms of Sarah not having this baby. Oh, they told him he's a little off at the head.

98 Now, you'd imagine what a doctor would say today if an old man seventy-five or eighty years old going down say, "Well, here's my wife. She's seventy and I'm eighty, and, but we're going to have a baby."

Well, they'd say, "The old man's a little cracked in the head."

99 Sure. They did then. They would now. But Abraham wasn't cracked in the head. He took God at His Word. That made the difference, and God honored him for it, too.

100 I can see him as he goes on, he said, "Lord, will You give me a . . . How will You confirm this to me?" And He took him out there that day . . . I wish we had time to get into it. It's time to quit now. But I wish we had time to get into all those things to bring this up to this little point; but we'll jump, just hit a few high places.

101 Look out there that day, when He told him He would confirm it, and watch how it was to Abraham. He killed that little heifer of three, and the sheep at three, and the goat at three, and he cut them apart. And he put a turtledove and a young pigeon there; kept the birds off of them.

102 And the evening time, or, when the sun went down, watch what happened first. A real deep sleep fell over Abraham, showing: "Abraham, now, I made a covenant with Adam. 'Adam, if you'll do, I take you in partners with Me. If you'll do certain things, I'll do certain things.' And Adam broke his promise."

103 Man always breaks his promise. "But Abraham, this is not what 'if you'll do,' this is what I'm going to do. This is My covenant with you," amen, "unconditionally."

104 Oh, brother, if you ever see that, your eyes will come plumb open. That's right. It's not what you done, it's what God did for you in Christ. That's right. Nothing of yours, it's what He done.

105 And there, He said, "Abraham . . ." Put Abraham to sleep to show that he—he had nothing to do into it. "Now, Abraham, you haven't got one thing to do into it."

106 And then, before him went a horrible darkness, showing death, every man through the valley of the shadow of death. Beyond that went a smoking furnace: every man deserves to go to hell, but beyond that went a little white Light. And that little Light went right between each one of those covenants, each one of those beasts, like that, every one, they was cut together. Each one of the sacrificial beasts, except the turtledove and the pigeon.

¹⁰⁷ Now, if you'll notice, the turtledove and pigeon, the reason it wasn't cut apart, because a turtledove and pigeon represents Divine healing. The covenant was broke from grace, from law to grace, but the covenant of healing lasts always, from all the way through, there's no cutting it apart at all. That's right.

¹⁰⁸ Now, He made the covenant. And notice, He went between those, proving, showing to Abraham what, through his seed, He would do, Christ Jesus, in the years to come: that He'd make a covenant through Christ to the Gentiles for every man in the world. Everybody that would come, this covenant would be . . .

¹⁰⁹ It's with you tonight, unconditionally. If you become a Christian, every redemptive blessing of God belongs to you. It's your personal property. You got a right to claim it.

¹¹⁰ If you let Satan push you over in the corner, well, that's up to you. But, brother, stand up there toe-to-toe; with this Scripture, say, "It is written." That's right. That's the way your Lord did it.

¹¹¹ Any man, I don't care, you might be a weak Christian, you don't need people coming through with gifts of healing; you don't need these things. The only thing you do to, is take God at His Word, and stand toe-to-toe with Satan; you'll defeat him on the ground. Jesus brought it down to that picture.

When he, Satan said, "If thou be the Son of God, do this."

Jesus said, "It's written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

¹¹² He took Him somewhere else, said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast yourself down. Perform a miracle here before me." That spirit still lives, you know. "Let me see you do it and I'll believe it. You jump off this building here and show me you can do it, and I'll believe you're the Son of God."

He said, "Satan, it is written," right on the Word of God.

¹¹³ Took Him up on a mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment, said, "These belong to me." So you see where the kingdoms of the world belong to? He said, "I . . . These belong to me. I'll do with them what I want to. If you'll worship me, I—I'll—I'll give them all to you."

¹¹⁴ He said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' It is written, 'Thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God.'" And He kept throwing the Scripture to him, and defeated Satan with the Father's Word.

¹¹⁵ And any man or woman, tonight, if you're here sick and needy, stand toe-to-toe with Satan, and say, "It's written, 'By His stripes I'm healed.'" Stay with it and watch what happens.

116 There'll be a difference around Macon, here, with the sick folk. Take God at His Word. He will do it.

117 Now, in this covenant, when he made the covenant with Abraham there. . . Now notice, in the Old Testament. . .

118 Now when we make a covenant with one another here in America, how do we do it? We walk out and shake one another's hand, say, "Just shake on that." That's the way we make a covenant.

119 Down in Japan, when they make a covenant, they take a little salt and pitch it on one another, like that, to make the covenant.

120 But in the Orient, how they make a covenant, they kill a beast. And they stand between this beast, the pieces of the dead body, and they write out their covenant, whatever they make, sign their name to it. They tear it in half, give it to one man, the other man keeps the other half. And then they take an oath over this dead beast's body. If either one of them breaks this covenant, let them be as the dead beast.

121 And that's what God was showing that He was going to do in the days to come. That when God came down here on earth in the form of the Lord Jesus Christ, walked among men, and He was taken to Calvary and tore apart. And God taken the body up to His right hand and sent down the Holy Ghost upon the Church. And when we come together again, them pieces, just like the old covenant, it's got to dovetail one with the other. And if you ever go in the rapture, you're going to have to have the same Spirit in you that was on Jesus Christ. That's God's covenant with His Church. Amen.

122 Don't you take a cold, formal handshake. You take a heart-warming experience from God of being borned again. Don't care where you belong. Yes, sir. Cause God. . .

123 Remember, when these two met together, if these didn't dovetail, it was throwed out. It had to be the same thing. And the same Spirit was upon Christ has to be on the Church.

124 God taken the body of Christ and set it on His right hand of power above, and He sent the Holy Ghost back. And It's going around, looking out the Church. And when they come together, it'll have to be the same body, same signs, same wonders, same baptism, same signs and wonders, same Gospel. Amen. That's right.

125 Notice. When He made the covenant, and He confirmed it there, later on, Abraham went on. Glory to God. And after that experience, he really had the victory then. He got to be ninety-and-nine years old, almost a hundred. God appeared to him in the Name of the "Almighty God."

¹²⁶ The word comes from the word, the Hebrew word, *El Shaddai* which means “the breast, the bosom of a woman.” El Shaddai, the Almighty, the Strength Giver, the Nourisher. Like the mother to the baby, when the little baby is fretting and sick, the mother pulls it up to her bosom, and it nurses her strength and her life into it. And another thing it does, it means He’s a Satisfier. While the little baby is nursing, it’s satisfied while it’s nursing. It ain’t well yet, but it’s satisfied as long as it’s drawing from the mother.

¹²⁷ And God is El Shaddai, the Bosom, not one breast, two breasts: “He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed.” He is God of our strength for spiritual. He’s God of our strength for our physical.

¹²⁸ And no matter which one you need of it, move up to the breast tonight and take a hold of it, God’s Word, and go to nursing from It, you’ll come back to health and strength. The strength of the Holy Ghost lays in God’s promise. It is. Take up there one time and take a hold.

¹²⁹ Brother, I tell you, you see a little baby crawl up in his mammy’s arms, he’s just as satisfied. I don’t care how his little tummy’s hurting, it’s all right as long as he’s nursing from mammy.

¹³⁰ And I’m telling you, a believer that once takes a hold of God’s Eternal Word for a promise, if anything, come or go, he’s satisfied. He’s laying right there, nursing away, pulling the strength right out of God. “By His stripes we were healed. Wounded for our transgression; with His stripes we’re healed,” pulling down the blessings of God; satisfied as he’s laying there.

Come by, and say, “You don’t look any better.”

Say, “Glory to God, He healed me.” Amen. Stay right with it.

Say, “You ain’t got the Holy Ghost.”

“That’s what you think.” Amen. “If you was only pulling from where I am, you’d think he . . . you had it, too.” That’s right. Amen.

¹³¹ “I’m El Shaddai, the Almighty.” And He is still El Shaddai, the Almighty God, the Pacifier to the saints. If a saint is sick, if he can hear the Word of God correctly, if he’s a seed of Abraham, we are, being the seed of Abraham, when we are dead in Christ, we take on Abraham’s seed and are heirs according to the promise. But first you got to be dead in Christ, borned of the Holy Ghost. The same Holy Ghost that led Abraham back there, leads you then. Then you believe like Abraham, what God said is truth, and nothing else is going to work.

¹³² Don’t care what anybody else says, what the bishop says, or what the pope says, or what anybody else says; if God’s Word says it, that’s

truth to the believers and Abraham's children. The covenant is to you. When you're circumcised. . . Abraham was circumcised by flesh as a confirmation; you're circumcised, the heart, by the Holy Ghost as a confirmation.

133 Oh, my, I feel religious right now. I feel like I could almost shout, too. You know, Baptists shout, also. Yes, they do. When it gets right down to God, they really get into it.

134 Notice, brother, nursing from the breast of Almighty God, the Nourisher, the—the Life-giver, our Mother, our Father, the Nurse-Father. My, my, what a—what a picture we got here. Wish we could stay with it longer, but we have to hurry on.

135 Anyhow, after the little baby was born, little Isaac, as God promised, they was a hundred years old; the baby was born. Think of it.

136 Got to hit another little point here, might take me, if you'll forgive me for taking your time. It's just a little encouragement to you. You might not agree with this at first, but you look it all over. This will give you something to do tomorrow in—in your spare time. Look this over in the Bible.

137 Now, when Abraham. . . When Lot took his choice, and went down to the plains down there in Sodom and Gomorrah, we realize how he was a lukewarm believer, and what happened to Lot. But God never did bless Abraham until he fully separated himself from Lot. Lot kept hanging on. He was a hair in the soup. And he—he just absolutely couldn't go on.

138 And that's what's the matter today, we got little old Lots hanging around, and the reason that we can't go on with God. Somebody, one of the church members, said, "Well, if he preaches that, I'll get out of here." That's. . . Put the hair out of the soup, and go on; that's the only thing to do.

139 Preach the Gospel (Amen!), regardless if you have to preach It to four posts. I'd rather lay on my stomach, and drink branch water, and eat soda crackers, and preach the true Word of God, than eat fried chicken every day, and ride in a Cadillac. Amen. I'd rather do it, and know that you're right in the sight of God. Amen. I don't say that for a joke. This is no place for joking. I don't believe in joking, but that's the truth. Amen.

140 Now, I want you to notice, then, when this Angel came down, God Himself. Did you notice, Abraham talked to God in a body? A physical body, had dust on His clothes, eat the meat of a calf, drinking the milk from the cow, eat some corn bread that Sarah baked in there, God Himself. What did He do? He knowed He's going to be made flesh

sometime, so way back here, to prove to Abraham, He just jumped up a bunch calcium and a bunch of—of atoms and threw them together and lived in that body. Come right down and had a appetite. Amen.

¹⁴¹ Abraham called Him the Lord. That's right. He was. And as soon as He told Abraham what was going to happen, He vanished.

¹⁴² Sarah laughed when she thought, she was nearly a hundred years old, was going to have a baby. Hundred years old and going to have a baby, could you imagine that?

¹⁴³ Now, brethren, let's say . . . We all know that Sarah give birth to the baby. We'll all admit that. Look what God did. Now, here's some encouraging for all us old folks. I want you to notice this, what it is. And to you young ones that's coming on, to get old one of these days, watch what God did there.

¹⁴⁴ I was up on a lake here about six years ago, when that revelation come to me. And I'll tell you, they thought they had the Salvation Army out there. Oh, my. I was the noisiest guy they ever heard in their life.

¹⁴⁵ Now, I'll tell you what—what God did. If you'll notice real closely, the Bible is this . . . That's where preachers miss it. That's where these big schools miss it. See? The Bible is wrote between the line. The Bible said . . . Jesus . . . The Scripture claims, "I have hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and will reveal it to babes such as will learn." See? It's between the line.

¹⁴⁶ I got a little girl tonight that I married a few years ago. She's the mother of my three children. And she can write me a letter, she'd say, "Dear Bill, I'm setting here, tonight, thinking of you and I'm praying with you." Now, that's what she says on the letter. But between the lines, I love her and she loves me, so I know what she's talking about. See? I read between the lines.

¹⁴⁷ And if you want to really read the Bible with a spiritual understanding, get in love with the Writer. Amen. Then you can read between the lines, see where God pulls it out.

¹⁴⁸ Notice, I can see Sarah there, a little grandma, you know, great-great-great-great-grandma, hundred years old nearly, little dust cap on, little shawl over her shoulders, walking on a cane. And you know what? Something happened.

¹⁴⁹ Now, you know it would be hard for that woman to give birth to a baby, anyone knows that. The first thing, Abraham had lived with her since she was about seventeen years old, and she was about forty-five years past menopause. Now, the impossible . . . But notice, Abraham, the longer it went, the stronger he got.

¹⁵⁰ Now, today, if you get prayed for tonight and tomorrow you ain't perfectly well, you'd say, "Well, they ain't nothing in Divine healing. I never got it." Then you're not a child of Abraham. That's right. Cause Abraham knowed, older he got, the greater miracle it was going to be, so he was strong giving praise to God, said Romans 4. The longer it went, the more blessing it would be, the more miracle it would be, longer it took. So Abraham just kept getting stronger and stronger, giving glory to God. As his shoulders went down, down, he kept giving more praise to God.

¹⁵¹ Here's Sarah. Now, we know that God would have to make her womb fertile, we know that. Now, you're a mixed audience. You listen to a doctor. I'm your brother. Look. He'd have to make her womb fertile because she was forty-five or fifty years past menopause. Think of it. When she was a young girl, and healthy and everything, *then* she didn't have babies. But here, now, she's nearly fifty years past menopause, and *now* she's going to have a baby. Now, He'd have to make her womb fertile.

¹⁵² And besides that, if He was going to . . . She was going to go . . . And they didn't have caesareans in those days, you know. So it'd have . . . In order to give birth to that baby, to go in labor, she was going to have to have a new heart put in her, 'cause an old woman that old couldn't stand labor pain, you know that. All right. Then she's going to have to go in labor, so she'd have to have another heart. And in order to do that . . . The milk veins was dried up, so they just have to have new milk veins put in.

Now, you . . . God don't patch up anything like that. What God did to Sarah: He turned her back to a young woman.

Now, that kind of struck you a little bit, but just hold on. Now, don't—don't jump up and run. See? Let's—let's hold on just a minute.

¹⁵³ He turned Abraham and Sarah, both, back to about twenty-five years old, like He's going to do everybody one of these days that's His children. He showed in them what He was going to do to him and his seed after him.

¹⁵⁴ Notice, Sarah and Abraham immediately took a trip and went plumb to Gerar on camels. Follow it, take it on a map and see how far it is: about three hundred miles. Quite a trip for an old couple like that, don't you think? A hundred years old, little grandma in her shawl, running along like *this*; and Abraham, and his beard hanging way down. My, went on down with a three-hundred-mile trip.

¹⁵⁵ And above everything, there was a young king there named Abimelech, and he was looking for a sweetheart. And all of those pretty

girls around there, and he fell in love with this old grandma, wanted to marry her. Nonsense, brethren!

¹⁵⁶ Abraham said, "Sarah, you're fair." She was the prettiest woman there was in the land.

¹⁵⁷ And that man, with all them young women like that, wouldn't have wanted that old great-grandma with a little stick in her hand and a little shawl over her shoulder, little dust cap on, you know; he wouldn't want to take her for a wife. But God had turned her back to a beautiful young woman again, like He is going to do all the seed of Abraham someday.

¹⁵⁸ But what does old age or troubles mean, anyhow? Hallelujah! Doesn't mean a thing to the believer. Hallelujah! We'll laugh in the face of death one glorious day.

My wife looked at me the other day; I was combing what hair I have. She said, "Honey, you're almost baldheaded."

I said, "Yes, but I haven't lost a one of them."

She said, "You haven't?"

I said, "No."

She said, "Well, where are they at?"

¹⁵⁹ I said, "Where was they before I got them? If you'll tell me where they was before I got them, they are there waiting for me in the resurrection." Hallelujah!

¹⁶⁰ Every atom, everything that was created, they're still there, waiting. I've got the blessed old promise here in the Bible and Calvary's cross, and the Holy Ghost confirming every Word. Ready, some glorious day when He shall come. Let's do, people that won't do, it don't make any difference to me. Amen. I know in Whom I have believed, and I'm persuaded He's able to keep that I've committed to Him against the day. Amen.

¹⁶¹ Abraham straightened up, I can see Abraham, couple mornings after that the Lord had met him there, I can hear him say, "Sarah, honey, why your gray hair is turning black again, and your little withered-out brown eyes are becoming just as black and shiny again."

Why, I can hear her say, "Abraham, your shoulders are straightening up; your beard is turning black again."

¹⁶² And the first thing you know, there they was, back sweethearts again. Exactly! Wished I had time to go a little farther in it. But just before you get it, I want to show you grace again, brethren. So this might kind of squeeze my Arminian brother's toes just a little, but I don't mean to do it, you see. But now look here, that you might know truth.

Now, Baptists, if you don't shout over this, I'm going to say, "You're backslid."

¹⁶³ Notice, what he done. As soon as they got down there to Gerar, and Abimelech looked out and said, "Well, of all I've waited for, there she is." A little grandma, now. See?

¹⁶⁴ Why, it couldn't have been, brethren; that's—that's silly to think such a thing. See? But she was a beautiful, young woman. He took her over there, put earrings in her ears and fixed her all up.

¹⁶⁵ That night . . . Now, he was a very good holiness brother. Now, he went to bed that night, and said his prayers, and stretched his big feet out like that, and thought, "Oh, tomorrow I marry this beautiful girl I've waited for all my life, and there she is. Her brother is setting out there in the tent, but he—he said that was his sister, and she said, 'That's my brother.' So, oh, they're fixing her all up, and tomorrow is the wedding." My, my.

He dozed off to sleep and God appeared to him, said, "You're just as good as a dead man." Brother!

He said, "Well, what have I done? I'm just as—just as innocent of any."

He said, "You've got another man's wife."

¹⁶⁶ "Why," he said, "well, Lord, You know the integrity of my heart." He said, "Didn't that man tell me that was his sister? Didn't she, herself, say, 'Well, that's my brother?'"

¹⁶⁷ Said, "I know the integrity of your heart, that's the reason I kept you from sinning against Me. But if you don't restore her back, you're a dead man."

Now look, a good boy, a good—good fellow. But to show you the sovereign grace of God.

Said, "Her husband is My prophet. Now, I'll not hear your prayers, but you go back."

¹⁶⁸ "My prophet"? God told him not to leave Palestine, and he left; he's backslid. Not only that, but he's setting out there telling a lie, saying . . . A man cared no more for his wife than to do something like that. But He said, "That's My prophet. Take her back and restore her, and let him pray for you." That's Scripture, brother.

¹⁶⁹ I know that's . . . Where you at, Baptists? What's the matter with you? That's right. There it was, him backslid, running from God, setting out there telling a lie. Now that don't give you license to lie, or anything, remember that. We'll straighten that out in a few minutes. All right. God made him pay for it.

¹⁷⁰ But there he was setting out there in that condition, and God said, “He’s My prophet. Go take his wife back to him, and I’ll . . . Let him pray for you and I’ll heal you.” So he went out and did so.

¹⁷¹ Abraham, when he become older, first thing you know, the little fellow was born, little Isaac, age about twelve years old. Here he goes out. God had met him again and said, “Abraham, I know through this child you’re to have . . . be the father of the nations, but I tell what I want you to do. I want you to take him out yonder to a mountain that I’ll show you, and I want you take him up there and offer him up for a sacrifice.”

¹⁷² Well now, how is he going to be the father of nations, now about a hundred and fifteen years old, and here’s the only child that he had, and take the little fellow out there and kill him? But you notice, Abraham took the boy and some servants; didn’t tell his mother. So they went four days’ journey out into the wilderness.

¹⁷³ Now, a ordinary man can walk a good . . . I patrolled for about seven years walking thirty miles every day. And men in them days didn’t ride in automobiles like we ride today, so they could probably easy go thirty miles, or, say, twenty-five miles. But they . . . Four days’ journey would be a hundred miles back. And then he lifted up his head and saw the mountain far off.

¹⁷⁴ And then when he got close to the mountain (Watch, this is just sovereign grace here, watch him.), he said to the servants, he said, “Now, you stay here while the lad and I go yonder to worship. And the lad and I will return.” Oh, my. Oh, my. “The lad and I.”

“How you going to do it? You’re taking him up there to kill him. But how are you going to do it?”

¹⁷⁵ “It’s not my business to figure it out,” would say Abraham, “God gave the promise, and I received him as one from the dead. And God’s able to raise him up from the dead.” Amen. That’s the children of Abraham. That’s their hope they have in Him tonight.

¹⁷⁶ So they took the little fellow, put the wood on his back, very type of Christ (We’re hitting just the high spots, now.), and he walked up the hill. And when he got up top of the hill, way up the top of the mountain then, when he was going to offer the sacrifice, little Isaac, he said, “Father?” said, “Here is the sac- . . . here is the wood, and here is the altar, but where is the lamb, the sacrifice for the altar?”

And Abraham with trembling voice, the old man looked around to him and said, “My son, God will provide for Himself a sacrifice.”

¹⁷⁷ He took his own son, bound his hands. Look, a double proof of our salvation tonight. God gave him a double . . . We don’t have . . .

God proved it twice through Abraham and swore to it with His Own hands (That's right.), that He keeps His covenant.

178 We don't have nothing to worry about if God has called us into His loving grace. Brother, I'm telling you, if you've ever been born again of the Spirit of God, you ought to be the happiest person in the world, 'cause you have Eternal Life, Everlasting Life, cannot perish. Amen. You're sowed with the incorruptible Seed of God.

179 If a seed goes in the ground, a grain of wheat, it cannot produce anything else but a grain of wheat. So if you go around, say, "Well, praise the Lord, I—I been saved, I got the Holy Ghost," and living any kind of a life, you better get back to the altar of God again. Cause the incorruptible Seed of God cannot be one thing. . . you cannot be a wheat and a cocklebur at the same time. You've got to either be a wheat or a cocklebur. You all got cockleburs down here? All right, greenbrier then, ever what you want to call it, some other weed. You see?

180 You can't be a weed and a wheat at the same time. If you got the spirit in you of the life of wheat, you'll produce wheat. If you've got the spirit in you of the life of a cocklebur, it'll be a cocklebur. If the Holy Ghost is in you, you'll believe God, love God, and act like a Christian. That's right. If it isn't, you know them by the fruits they bear.

181 Oh, what we need today is a good old-time Holy Ghost revival. What we need today is an old-time shaking again of the power of God, a moving of the mulberry bushes to go forward to battle again. God's giving the moving, if people will just listen to it and believe it.

182 Now, up on the mountain there, he took his own son, tied his hands behind him, laid him upon the altar, reached down and pulled out the knife, pulled the little fellow's throat back, and raised his hand to stab his own son to death. And about that time, the Holy Ghost caught his hand and said, "Abraham, stay your hand."

183 Don't be scared to walk right down to the last row of life with Him. God will be there on the scene. He's Jehovah-jireh, "the Lord will provide a sacrifice." He will make a provision.

184 And about that time, he heard something bleat, and there was a little ram hooked in the wilderness by his horns. Where did that ram come from? They was a hundred miles from civilization. And they was up on top of a mountain where there's no water. How did that ram get there? God is still Jehovah-jireh. No matter what the circumstances is, He can provide the sacrifice at any time. Amen. No matter what the circumstance is in, He's Jehovah-jireh.

185 Now, look, it wasn't a vision. He walked over and picked up the ram, laid it upon there, and stabbed it with a knife, and blood run out of it. It wasn't a vision he saw, it was actually a ram. It was Christ,

the Lamb of God, slain from the foundations of the world. Hallelujah. There He was, Christ. Wasn't a vision.

¹⁸⁶ That lamb was spoke into existence in one minute, and went out of existence in another minute, the same way that God made Himself manifested in flesh before Abraham, and went out of existence in another minute.

¹⁸⁷ He's the same God, that, someday these atoms of ours will break and go out, life will go out of this body; and He will speak it back into existence someday in the resurrection. He's Jehovah-jireh. How will He do it? I don't know. That's His business, but He said He would do it, and I believe Him. *Jehovah-jireh*, "the Lord will provide for Himself a sacrifice."

¹⁸⁸ No matter what it is, the lamb was there. He provided a lamb when it needed a lamb. When you're sick and you needs healing, He will provide for you. If you need salvation, He provides for you. If you need a revival, He will provide for you. If the meal barrel's empty, He will provide for you. Amen.

¹⁸⁹ If you're all downhearted and drooped over, God will provide for you. "For He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; with His stripes we were healed." Amen. The Lord's provided Sacrifice, the Lord's provided Lamb.

¹⁹⁰ Here not long ago I was taking a little story on old blind Bartimaeus. It said that he was a blind man for years and years. He had, during the time of his married life, while he was blind, he had a little girl born in the home. And the little girl, he'd never seen her in his life. So one night . . .

¹⁹¹ He used to, well, he used to set up at the gate at Jericho and different places. He had two little turtledoves that done little tumbles, like that, back and forth, to entertain the tourists that come by, so they could give him a coin. He'd make his living.

¹⁹² And the poor ol' fellow, one night his wife got sick; he goes out and he prays. He said, "Jehovah, if You'll only let her live, I promise You, tomorrow, I'll offer these two turtledoves for You for a sacrifice." And his wife got well; he kept his word, went up and offered the turtledoves.

¹⁹³ Not long after that, his little girl got sick, and she was ready to die. The doctor had give her up. He went up and he said, "Jehovah, if You'll only heal my little girl, tomorrow, I only have one thing to give You, that's my lamb." And today they got dogs that leads the blind around; them days they had lambs that led the blind around. So he said, "I've got a lamb here that leads me, where I'm blind. That's all I got. But

if You'll just heal my little girl, I promise You, I'll give You this lamb tomorrow."

He went back in; the fever left the little girl. The next morning he was on his road up to offer the lamb for a sacrifice.

¹⁹⁴ When he passed by, Caiaphas, the great high priest, was standing there, said, "Blind Bartimaeus, where goest thou this morning?" It was a beautiful spring morning. Said, "Where you going, blind Bartimaeus?"

¹⁹⁵ He said, "Oh, high priest," he said, "I'm going up to the—the altar to offer this lamb." He said, "My girl was sick and God healed her, and I promised I'd offer, give this lamb, today."

"Oh," he said, "Blind Bartimaeus," said, "you can't offer that lamb, blind Bartimaeus." Said, "I'll give you some money and you go buy a lamb."

¹⁹⁶ He said, "Oh, high priest, all that's appreciated, but I never offered God *a* lamb; I offered Him *this* lamb." And this is the lamb. God have mercy, the Lamb. And he said, "I offered Him *this* lamb. I promised Him *this* lamb."

And he said, "Blind Bartimaeus, you cannot offer that lamb; that lamb is your eyes."

¹⁹⁷ He said, "That is right, oh, high priest, but if I keep my promise to God, God will provide a lamb for blind Bartimaeus' eyes." He went on and kept his word to God.

¹⁹⁸ On one cold November day, setting by the side of the gates of Jericho, shivering in his rags, with no turtledoves, alone, they heard a noise. Usually, Jesus is around where there is a lot of noise. They said, "What's the matter?"

Said, "Jesus of Nazareth comes by."

¹⁹⁹ He screamed, "Oh, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." God had provided a Lamb for blind Bartimaeus' eyes, because He kept His promise to blind Bartimaeus.

²⁰⁰ Let me say this tonight, my dear brother, sister: That same Lamb that was—was provided for blind Bartimaeus' eyes is provided for yours tonight, "For He was wounded for your transgressions, bruised for your iniquity."

You say, "Can this be applied at this time?"

He's Jehovah-jireh. He will provide, if you will believe. Shall we pray.

201 Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight for the provided Lamb. Praise the Lord for sinners slain, give Him glory all ye people, for His Blood can wash away each stain.

202 We're so thankful for that Lamb of God that was provided back there, come from the foundations of the world. All down through the ages they've drawn remunerations from His great supreme sacrifice. And tonight, Lord, we pray that You'll let every blind man that's blind in sin and trespasses, walking around and stumbling in darkness, not knowing where he goes, may he, tonight, look to God, to the Lamb of God, and receive his spiritual sight at this time.

Grant it, Heavenly Father. For we ask it in the Name of the Lamb of God, Thy beloved Child, the Lord Jesus.

203 While we have our heads bowed, I wonder if there'd be a sinner here tonight, say, "Oh, God, pass me not, O gentle Saviour. You make these other people happy. You give them security of their salvation. We see that when they're anchored in Christ, they feel so happy. They go around like a little bunch of children out playing somewhere, carefree, love of You. Make me one of them tonight, O Lord God. While the Lamb of God is passing by, God's provided Sacrifice, I raise my hand to Thee, Lord, and say, 'Be merciful to me, a sinner.'" Is there one in the audience anywhere, would raise your hand? God bless you back there, brother. Bless you, brother. You, brother. You, you, you, you. Oh my!

204 Up around in the rims above, say, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." God bless you, my colored brother back there, and all those along there, the whole group of you, the Lord bless you, back up, way up back in the balcony there.

205 "O Lord God, let that same Lamb come this way tonight and save me for Christ's sake." Will you just raise your hand? Say, "Lord, I'm not putting up my hand to Brother Branham, but I'm putting it up to You. Here's my hand, Lord. Don't let me die in my sins. I want to be saved."

206 God bless you here in the wheelchair, sir. God bless you over here, my brother. God bless you here, the old aged gray-headed mother, trembling hands raised up; sure, mother. God bless you back there, a young lady with her hands up. God bless you, little girl. God bless you, this man here. God bless you, over here. Yes, my, He sees your hands. God bless you, young lady. The Lord be with you and bless you. God bless you, little boy. That's right. Everywhere, now, God sees your hands. Anybody else?

207 You say, "Does that help me, Brother Branham?" Put up your hand once and see how you feel. Just try it once, right now while the anointing of the Holy Ghost is on the meeting taking the Word of God.

208 God bless you, little boy. God bless you, sonny. God bless you back there, sister. I see your hand. God sees it. If I don't, He sees it anyhow. He knows. God bless you, sister, standing in the back. Someone else just before we pray? God bless you, honey, over there, the little girl. Anyone else?

209 Someone wants to say, then, "Lord, pass me not. I want the baptism of the Holy Spirit." Would you raise your hands everywhere who, those who want the Holy Spirit? All right, God be merciful, now, while we pray.

Every Christian, now, join with us in prayer while we go to Him to take these conditions to Him.

210 Now to you who are outside of Christ, you know what made you raise your hand? God told you to. You couldn't do it 'less the Holy Spirit told you. Said, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him; and all that comes to Me I will in no wise cast him out." Oh, what sovereign grace.

211 Our Heavenly Father, You see every hand goes up for the needy condition tonight, lost men and women, boys and girls. Literally, somewhat, around seventy-five or a hundred, I'd guess. I pray, God, that not one of them will be lost. I know they won't if they come sincerely. They raised their hand.

212 They couldn't do it theirself. A human being is bashful. He's backward. He's like Adam was in the beginning. He's got a fallen nature. He'll run and hide from God. But not these, they heard Your Voice. They moved right out, raised up their hand, saying, "Here I am, Lord." Now, You said, "He that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out. I'll give him Everlasting Life and will raise him up at the last day."

213 Oh, merciful Father of Life, the only One Who can give us Life, and we know, Father, just as sure as a grain of corn would go in the ground without the germ of life in it, it'll never raise again. It'll rot and stay there. And so is it with a Christian, Lord, or a—a man, if he goes into the ground, fall upon this earth without the Spirit of God: the way the tree leans, there it'll lay.

214 O God, I pray that, this night, that every one of them will have this hope anchored, ensured in their heart that Jesus Christ forgives them of every sin, right now, that they have committed. While they're confessing their sins, Lord, may they find a real good church home, here, somewhere in their community, and be faithful from here on. And every time that they start to do something wrong, may they imagine seeing that old blind beggar running forth to accept the Lamb.

215 May everyone needing the Holy Ghost tonight, may their hearts be filled with Thy blessing, Lord. May He come like the rushing mighty

wind before this night is over and chill every heart, Lord, and seal Himself into the heart of every believer, in that little compartment in the heart called the soul. Grant it, Lord. May some glorious day we all meet there together.

216 Bring the backslider in and every backslider that had his hands up, remember him or her tonight, Lord. Do it. And someday when life is all over, God, give me the privilege of setting with them up there at Your House, at Your throne, after we raise there and You come down . . . walking down through, and wipe all the tears away from our eyes, say, "There's no more sorrow, no more tears. It's all over now. You're home." God grant that I can see every one of them there. May we all be joined together there around the throne when we sing Hosanna to the King, and crown Him Lord of lords. Until then, Lord, may His Spirit lead us and guide us. We ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

217 God be merciful to every one of you. I believe that every man and woman, boy or girl that put up their hands, all over the audiences everywhere, every one of you, I believe now, accept Jesus Christ, you will never perish, but got Everlasting Life.

218 What did Jesus say? Listen: "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath . . ." present tense, "Everlasting Life, and shall never come into condemnation; but is passed from death to Life." Have to argue that with Christ, He was the One said it. Saint John . . . you every one raised your hand tonight, read it when you go home. Saint John 5:24. Think of Saint John and think of five, a handful, and two dozen eggs, 5:24. Saint John 5:24, Jesus speaking, saying, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath . . ." not will have, "hath," right now, "Everlasting Life and shall never come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto Life."

219 Oh, my. If that wouldn't set souls afire, I don't know what it would. Amen. How we love Him. How we appreciate Him and adore Him with all of our hearts.

220 Now, can we . . . It's not too late for a healing service, is it? Sure. Is all right? I'm a little late. Tomorrow night, Brother Thom or Brother Moore, one, will be speaking, and I'll—and I—I'll come so we can start right into the meeting.

221 I love you and thank you so much for giving me your attention and listening to me these nights that I've had to come and struggle through this. But may the good Lord bless you abundantly. Let's pray now for the healing.

222 Our Father, now after You've saved souls, I pray that we have found grace in Your sight, in that of tonight that You'll show Your great mighty power among us, now.

223 I've tried to preach the best of the Gospel that I know how, telling the people not to be scared. What we got to be scared about? God gave the promise. It's unconditional. We couldn't have come 'less He drewed us and all that come He give Everlasting Life, promised to raise us up at the last day.

224 So there's nothing to be worried about, all upset. We're just walking along having fellowship one with another while the Blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

225 Oh, how we thank Thee for that to know that there is a burning Sacrifice, a bloody Atonement, laying there on the mercy seat, tonight, crying, "Father, forgive them." And how thankful we are that the door of mercy is still open.

226 And now, Lord, I pray tonight that You'll heal the sick. Thy servant can only pray for them, and that's what You asked us to do. You said, "Lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." You said, "The things that I did so will you, even greater, for I go to My Father." And we know that's true.

227 Now, after hearing the Word, the Holy Spirit moving in the church, may the great Angel of God come and anoint Your servant now, Lord. And maybe there is something in people's lives that should not be, maybe they ought to have done some things that they did not do. Father, we pray that through Your sovereign grace, if it is that You'll make it known tonight so that the sons and daughters of man may become sons and daughters of God and get back into the right harness and serve Thee all the days of their life. We ask it in Thy beloved Son's Name, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

228 Now, if our sister or brother, who plays the organ, will just give us a little chord of *Only Believe*. My, what a wonderful time, just looks like. . . it's just. . . everything is so peaceful, seems to me like, around over here, just. . . There's something about souls coming to Christ. How I love to see people come to Christ. I tell you, to me it's greater than Divine healing, to me. It really is, cause it's Eternal Life to everyone that believe.

229 Now, remember this, now to everyone, I ask you as a brother, if you'll just give me a few minutes, well then, we'll—we'll hurry right on. And custodians, we promise tomorrow night to be just a little quicker. I'm sorry to keep you long, but my, it's such a wonderful feeling to be. . . I don't do this very often, way out here. I don't have to, 'cause the managers speak it. But, I will appreciate it if you'll be lenient with us as this is our first time being together.

230 And now to the sick and the needy, now there's prayer cards give out here, everywhere. Billy did you—you give out prayer. . . ? And there's

prayer cards out here, probably a hundred of them. And maybe, perhaps tomorrow night or next night, we're going to gather them all up, and start just as soon as I come in, and bring them all through, and pray for them. And we're going to try to minister to every person that we possibly can while we're here.

²³¹ And remember, I'm not the one to pray for the sick, the only one. Your pastor is just as much ordained to pray for the sick as I or any other man in the earth. The Bible said, "If there's any among you sick, call the elders of the church." And then It said, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for the other." The laity, even, can pray for each other. So healing doesn't lay in the man, it lays in Calvary. And any true gift of God will testify the same thing. That's right. Healing lays in Calvary, not in a man. That's right. Salvation, all lays right in Calvary.

²³² Now, what was the num- . . . What? P. One to a hundred? Well, let's take from beginning with . . . Get your prayer card. It's a little—a little bitty thing like *that*. It's got my picture on it, and it's got your . . . it's got a number on it and—and it's got the letter P, like in Paul. And it's, and it runs from one to a hundred: numbers on it.

²³³ And let's see, let's—let's just start from one, then. Who has prayer card P, number one? The lady there? All right. Number two. Who has P, number two? Would you raise your hand? Put—put your hand up so I can see who you are, right quick, or say, "Here I am," or something. All right, two. Who has three? P, number three? You, lady? All right. Number four? Who has P, number four? Would you raise your hand somewhere? If they're up, way up in the balcony somewhere? Number four? Way back? All right, lady, come on. All right. Number five? Who has P, number five? Let's see your hand. Now, it's over here? All right. Number five, come here, lady. All right. Number six, P?

²³⁴ Look, it's a prayer card, with a number . . . letter P on it and it has number six. Is that person here? Raise your hand. Number six? Do you have it, lady? Number seven? Who has seven? Number seven? All right. Number eight? P, number eight? All right. Number nine? Who has number nine? Would . . . number nine? All right, lady. Ten, who has prayer card P, number ten? You have it, lady? All right, ten. Let's see how we're getting lined up here, now. Number ten? All right. See if they're all there, if you will, number one to ten. All right.

²³⁵ Let's get a few more. Number eleven? Who has eleven? All right. Number twelve? Twelve? Would you raise your hand? Here's the lady. Number thirteen? P, thirteen? All right, here. Fourteen? Who has P, number fourteen? Would you raise your hand? Fourteen? Fifteen? Who has number fifteen? Would you raise your hand? This lady? Is that

number fifteen, lady? All right. Number fifteen? All right. Number—number . . .

²³⁶ Let's . . . How many now is that? It's fifteen of them? Let's try a few more. I believe we had about that many last night, didn't we? Let's try a few more. Who's got sixteen? Sixteen? All right. Seventeen? Number seventeen? Do you have it, lady? Eighteen? Who has number eighteen? Is that the lady there? You have eighteen? All right. Nineteen? Who has number nineteen? Would you raise your hand someone? All right. Number twenty? Who has number twenty? The man?

All right. Let's see. I don't know as I get to them, but I—I'll try my best. Will you pray for me now? The Lord bless you. All right.

²³⁷ While they're lining up back there and getting straightened out, now, to you setting here, some of you don't have prayer cards. I see a lady setting here with a little baby covered over or something. I see a lady laying on a cot here, a stretcher, a couple of men in wheelchairs, a colored man laying out here on a stretcher. Look, my friends, you don't have to have a prayer card. You just have faith. You just give God the chance one time. Just have faith and believe Him and watch what will happen. All right. Let's sing together, now, with our hands up, not "Only Believe," but let's sing "Now I Believe" to the Lord. Now, everybody together:

Now I believe, now I believe,

[Someone speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.]

Now I believe, oh, now I believe,

All things are possible, oh, now I believe.

²³⁸ I can remember in the Scriptures, seeing coming one morning, a bunch of disciples there that had been given power to cast out devils, and they had a boy there that had epileptic fits, and they were trying to cast it out of him, and they couldn't do it.

²³⁹ And I look coming down the hill yonder, I see One, a little aged for His age, turning a little gray, walking quietly as He walked down. I can see them all run to Him. And this father of the boy run to Him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my child." Said, "I brought him to the disciples, and seem like they can't do nothing for him." Said, "He—He's, has a bad spirit that throws him in the fire, and makes him pine away, and he froths at the mouth, and falls into the water, the devil trying to kill him." They call it "epilepsy" today, but then, it was a devil. It's still a devil.

And he said, "And I took him to the disciples; they couldn't . . ." said, "Lord, can You help me?"

Jesus turned around and said, "I can if you believe, for all things are possible to them that believe."

The father said, "Lord, I believe. Help Thou my unbelief."

Oh, is that our cry tonight? "Lord, I believe. Lord, I believe. Help Thou my unbelief."

²⁴⁰ Now, in this vast audience here, I realize that there's many peoples, and many I don't know. Frankly, there's none that I know except my own associates that's here with me, and this minister, I can't call his name, but he was with me the other day at the hotel. I—I. . . He's one of the chairman, or something, of the committee. He's the only one that I know of. There's another minister with him but, I believe, but I don't know who the man was.

²⁴¹ Now, if Jesus, the Son of God, has raised from the dead, He will do the same things in His resurrection, if He is the same, that He did when He was here on earth. Is that right?

²⁴² When He was here on earth, He did not claim to be a healer. He said, "I do nothing of Myself. I. . . The Father shows Me what to do, and then I go do it. I do what the Father shows Me." Is that right? "I do nothing of Myself. Verily, Verily I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father doing: that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto."

²⁴³ Now to make that plain to some of you, you new converts: Jesus said, "I can't heal the sick. I can't do a thing. First, the Father shows Me a vision, and then, I go act it out in drama, and do just what He told Me to do."

²⁴⁴ Look at the grave of Lazarus. Look at all the places through the Bible. He did just as the Father showed Him. He passed by the sick, the afflicted, dead, died on every hands, and everything; but when the Father showed Him what to do, He went and done it.

²⁴⁵ Now, He said, "The things that I do shall you do also. And a little while and the world, the unbeliever, won't see Me no more; yet you shall see Me, you'll see Me." He promised that He'd be with us to the end of the age, the end of the world. The world hasn't come to the end yet. "Jesus Christ," the Bible said in Hebrews 13:8, "is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Is that right?

²⁴⁶ Well, my contention is, here in Georgia, as it has been three times around the world now, that Jesus raised from the dead, and is alive tonight among men. And He's here in the same principle, same power, same signs, same wonders, working in His Church, continuing the work with His Church that He paid for, while He was here on earth, with His

supreme Sacrifice. I believe that, with all my heart. I believe it because the Bible said so, and because God comes and confirms it to be so.

247 What do you think Jesus would do if He was here tonight? He'd be doing the same thing He did then. He looked out . . .

248 There was a fellow named Philip, got saved. This is for the newcomers. A fellow named Philip got saved. He went out and called his friend, Nathanael. He found him under a tree, praying. Now, listen close. So he said, "Come, see Who I found, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

249 Why, the man was a very good church member, real aristocratical sort of a fellow. He said, "Could there come any good thing out of Nazareth?" It was a mean little old city, cutthroats and things lived there.

He said, "Come and see." That's a very good answer. "Come and see."

250 Well, he came. And when he walked up, perhaps, maybe as many people as standing here, was standing around where our Lord was teaching. And when He was teaching the people, well, the first thing you know, why, up come Philip walking along with Nathanael with him. Nathanael looked over to see Him, Jesus standing in the prayer line. He might've been in the prayer line for Him; anyhow, he was in the Presence of Jesus. And He looked over and said, "Behold, an Israelite in whom there is no guile."

Now, if I'd say it in the words today, I'd say, "You're a Christian, a honest man."

Why, it astonished him. He said, "Rabbi, when did You know me?"

Why, He said, "Before Philip called you, when you was under the tree I saw you."

He said, "Thou art the Son of God. You're the King of Israel."

251 He said, "Because I told you that, you believe? You'll see greater things than this." Because then, he just become a believer. You see? He could see greater things. And he did; and his name's immortal tonight.

252 What did the educators, and Pharisees, and religious of that day say about Him? They said, "He's a fortuneteller. He's Beelzebub, the prince of the devils. And he casts out devils by the prince of the devils."

Jesus said, "Now, if the devil cast out devils," said, "his kingdom's divided and can't stand." The devil cannot heal the sick.

253 Someone got the other day on that, they called me up on the telephone, said, "I'll differen with you." Said, "Look, when Jo- . . .

when Moses and Aaron went down,” and said, “those magicians done everything that Moses did.”

²⁵⁴ I said, “Whoop, wait a minute. The magicians could bring the curses, but they couldn’t take them away. Healing lays in God alone.” Amen. That’s right. They could bring it. When boils broke out, they broke out, too. That’s right. They could bring the curse, but they couldn’t take it away. Cause God: “I am the Lord thy God that forgiveth all of thine iniquity, Who healeth all of thy diseases”; comes through God alone.

²⁵⁵ Now, I want you to remain seated. Now, in the—in the line there, the prayer line, I suppose I’m strange to each and every one. Is that right? If you are, raise your hand. If you all are strangers to me, raise your hand. How many out in this audience that doesn’t have a prayer card, and you want God to heal you tonight? Raise your hands, regardless . . . Oh, it’s just a solid mass, you see.

²⁵⁶ I’ll say this: If I have correctly represented Jesus Christ to you, and I claim that this is a Divine gift sent from Him; then if Jesus, standing in a crowd, and a woman touched His garment, and He looked out in the crowd and found her; if blind Bartimaeus, and all that mass over there, could be in such agony . . . Jesus couldn’t hear him, of course, his . . . that distance is from here to the other end of the place down there, and thousands of people standing around, but his faith touched Him. He said, “Thy faith has made thee whole.” See? “Thy faith.”

²⁵⁷ He looked upon the people, perceived their thoughts. The woman touched His garment, went out into the audience. He looked around. See, He said, “Somebody touched Me. I got weak, virtue went out.” And He looked around over the audience to see who it was; directly, He seen the little woman. He said, “Now, your faith healed you; your blood issue stopped.” See, because she believed.

²⁵⁸ Now, Jesus is alive tonight making Hissself manifested in the spirit of man. He did, even before the cross. That seems to be a hard thing for people to understand, somehow. Before the cross, Jesus was in Moses. Jesus was in David. Jesus was in Joseph: look at his life, carried out, just exactly portrayed the life—the life of Christ, two thousand years, nearly, ’fore He was born. See? And He’s here after the cross. He died that He could come back and be among men. So He’s among men tonight, alive. How many believe it? God bless you.

²⁵⁹ Now, of course, you know I’m talking, waiting for something. I’ll tell you just what it is. It’s this Person right here, the Angel of the Lord. It’s exactly, the Pillar of Fire of the Lord. I’m just as you, a man, that’s all; born a sinner, saved by grace, just like you.

260 And many of you old-timers here tonight was back yonder preaching, you old Baptists, and Methodists, and Pentecostal, and Nazarenes was back yonder preaching, when I was a little boy. I respect you, my brother. You've made the way, hewed out the stumps and things, so when these things come along, they could run clear. I respect you; and so does God. If there's any credit to be given at the Day, I want to stand and see you get it. And God bless you.

261 Now. Now, His Presence is here. Now, in the Name of Jesus Christ the Son of God, I take every spirit here under my control. Now, listen. Be quiet. Don't move around; just set still, pray. Be in prayer.

262 Look this way, you without prayer card. And you with prayer cards, when you come here, if He goes to speaking to you, don't say no- . . . Just wait, let Him get through talking, then you know whether it's truth or not. See what He tells you to do. Sometime when you break up, then you break the vision, you see, and that—that stops me. Cause I hear you talking, and back *here*, and then *here* you are as a little girl, or, little boy talking, then it brings me out of the vision. Just let Him get through talking, to hear me ask you, and then the vision's over. See? Now, be reverent everywhere.

263 Now, is this the lady? (Stand.) Now, if you will, and someone watch time. And Brother Wood, you watch real close, tonight, if you can; don't let me stay too long, and . . . but let me stay as long as possible.

Now, everybody real reverent, and be in prayer.

264 Now, you can imagine my position standing here before this, I suppose, three thousand people, right on it, maybe more. And standing here, to this woman, a stranger . . . Would you like to walk up and take the place before the audience? See? Neither would I, but I'm depending on Him, the Lord Jesus, Who promised, said, "I'll be with you." And He has been to this time, and I believe He will, and will help me, now, 'cause I believe Him and I trust Him. And I—I believe that He will do it. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, surely will help us tonight.

265 And let's just keep in prayer as we talk, and believe on the Lord with all of our heart. And I'm trust that the Lord Jesus will bring these things to pass each one.

266 All right, sister. Now, just a little talk with you. Now, the first thing I see, you're, course, you're wearing glasses. You see. But now, being that you're the first patient here, are we strange to each other? We don't know each other? Our first time meeting in life? If . . . so the people would know that, would you just raise your hand, so that they'll know it? We . . . Not no way at all, I ever know you? You're—you're a perfect stranger to me?

267 But God has knowed you since you were born and before you were born. He's knowed me the same way. Now, if I was a . . . If you need healing of your body, I don't know. But if you do (See?) if I could do it, I would. If I wouldn't, I'd be a brute (See?), if I could do it, and wouldn't do it. But I can't do it, because it isn't in man to do it; it's God, God's mercy.

268 Now, if He will let me know, just like you and I talking, like the woman at the well of Samaria talked to the Lord Jesus; He talked to her just long enough to get a conversation to strike her spirit. And that's what I'm doing, the same thing. Just to know. And if He will reveal to me what you're here for, will you accept it as His Presence, and Him doing it, and will believe then? You'll accept it? If it's—if it's for finances, you believe you'll get it. If it's for salvation, you believe you'll get it, if it's . . . Whatever you're asking, you believe you'll get it. If God will reveal it to me what you're here for, then it shows He knows what you want.

Will the rest of you all do the same? Believe with all your heart? All right, just believe.

269 Now, as I look to you, as Peter and John said at the gate called Beautiful to the crippled man, "Look on us." See? Course, he was trying to see, perhaps the vision struck as it does for all thing, showed him that the man could walk, and he just picked him up, 'cause he knowed he could walk, after he seen the vision that he could walk.

270 Now, to you: Your trouble, you got a hurting in your back. It's in your back, where your trouble is. Then, also, you've had an examination of some sort, and it's a growth on your spine. You have a growth on your spine. And then I see him looking at your wrist. You got a growth on your—your right wrist, right above the little knot. You can't see it here, but it's there, anyhow. That is true.

271 Then, you're not from here. I see you come from the south, this way, and you're passing a street, walking. It's got a lot of great big palm trees, and you're by a seashore where . . . You live in a city where the sea rolls in and out like this, and it's a . . . It looks like I ought to know. It's Flagler Street, you're from Miami. That's where you're from. That's right, you are. Now, go back home and be well. Jesus Christ will make you well in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

272 Have faith in God. Don't doubt. Believe. You shall have what you ask for, if you can only believe.

273 Now, oh, if I could only, my audience to know, and know what a feeling that that puts on you. I just feel like I was shaking to pieces right now. You see? It's because of that woman's healing.

274 Now, it—it just seems like there's streams from out in there, just pouring every way. What is it? You're conscious, now, that Something's here besides man. See? And your spirit . . . See, it isn't me that does this, you're the one who does it. See? The woman . . . It wasn't Jesus healed the woman; the woman caught this, pulled it through Jesus. It's God's gift, but your faith is pulling God's gift. See? God can use His gift or you can use it.

275 Now to this woman standing here. I suppose we're strangers to one another, lady? Well, God knows you, does He? I don't. But if God will reveal to me, just for His glory, which you know that He receives all the glory, for man cannot do those things. Now, if He will reveal to me what—what you're—what you're here for, will you believe it, and accept, that you believe that you'll get what you ask for?

276 There's some contact with somebody else. You are . . . You suffer with a—a trouble that upsets your stomach, but it's under your right side, which is the gallbladder. You have gallbladder trouble. And you have, I believe, it's a blood condition, diabetes, also. You have a sugar diabetes.

277 And I see someone standing near you. You're . . . It's a—it's a—it's a young man, kind of husky. It's—it's—it's your son. He's a preacher. And he's—he's—he's with somebody that's got a—a . . . wearing shawls or something another, that's got a—a *D*, no, it's Foursquare, a Foursquare preacher. And he's kind of a husky fellow, and he's red-headed. That's right. Go home, you have what you ask for. Your faith makes you well. Amen.

278 Come. You believe? God bless you, lady. We're strangers to each other. Course, I can see your trouble. It's this place on your nose. Now, you look to me just a moment. Maybe, seeing that's your trouble, maybe God will tell me something else that you can see. Anyone can see that. You see? Like, if you would go out here, say, "This man setting here is crippled in a wheelchair." Anybody sees that. "This man here on the stretcher, this man here," sure, anybody sees that. But the thing, if somebody looks well, and then the mysterious part is, "What about them?" That's the part.

279 Now, you look to me as . . . You realize that Something come over you then. That was the Spirit of the Lord. Now, that is a growth that you're afraid of being a cancer. And that was caused . . . You got it hurt. You hurt your nose some time ago, and it's been coming like that, growing up to this place. And somehow or another, between you and I, there comes great roaring waves, like water rolling. And you're leaving, or going to some . . . It's a—it's a sea. You're a missionary. And you're from, I believe, it's Bermuda Islands, or some of them, one of those

places where it's off of a . . . [The sister says, "Bahamas."—Ed.] Yes. Where you're . . . And you're trying to go back, aren't you? God bless you.

Have faith in God. Believe.

²⁸⁰ Lady, are we strangers to each other? We are strangers to each other. I don't know you, but God knows you. Now, quickly, I begin to see like a little dark shadow moving, and it's a—a wearisome spirit, causing you to be nervous. You get real nervous, don't you? You have a nervous condition, especially, I see you in, kind of late of a afternoon, like that, you get your most nervousness, sometimes you set down from your work. That's right.

²⁸¹ Then you have something wrong in your back, kidney trouble, that's in your back. Then you got . . . You're wearing your glasses, and that's from weak eyes. And that was caused from some kind of a something that happened, like I say, smallpox, or something, settled in your eyes long ago. That is true.

²⁸² You believe you're in His Presence? You believe that that's Him speaking through me? That wasn't my voice then, that was His. Now, this is mine. Do you believe then, if He's that present, I lay hands on you, what did He say would happen? They shall recover. Is that right? Come near.

This I do in obedience to the commandments of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Let this woman be healed. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Go rejoicing now, and God be merciful and bless you.

How do you do, lady? You believe with all your heart? We are . . . be strangers to each other, I suppose?

Oh, you want to get healed of that throat trouble? You was healed then. Jesus Christ made you well, lady. Amen. Amen.

²⁸³ See, you don't need your prayer cards. You don't have to have them. You just have to have faith in—in God. Just look this way and believe that I've told you the truth. See, that's all I ask you to do.

²⁸⁴ The lady was setting there praying. And she was praying, saying, "Lord, let the man turn around and call me and I'll accept it." If that's right lady, wave your hand, raise up your hand and wave. See, just quoting your prayer to you. See? In this dimension, you're—you're not in this world, you're somewhere else. See?

²⁸⁵ Oh, isn't He wonderful? He's raised from the dead. Let's just say, "Praise be to the living God, the great Jehovah." He's not left His people without a witness. He's come to us in this day, and we worship Him and praise Him with all of our heart. Amen.

286 Now, look this way just a moment, lady, that I might be able to say something to you, perhaps, that would help you. I hope so. It'll have to come through God, you know that. I see you—you've been to a doctor, and a doctor was examining a left eye. And it was in some sort of a place like a . . . No! This is . . . Yes, now wait, there's another vision moving into my . . . it's far back behind this. You was in a place where they operated, or, burnt something another, burnt a growth off your eye. And then it's come back again, and this doctor tells you it has to be cut out now. That's the truth. You believe that Jesus will let you get well? Come near.

287 Almighty God, in the Name of Him Who sees between us, God be merciful to the woman. May she be well and live a long life. In Jesus' Name I ask it. Amen.

God bless you, lady. Go now, and be healed.

Have faith. Don't doubt.

288 You believe, lady? Now, we're strangers to one another. But there's one thing that's sure, God knows us both, doesn't He? You are suffering with a hideous thing; it's called cancer. And there's a death spirit lingering near you. And then one thing you need worse than that is salvation to the soul. That's right. Will you accept Jesus as your Saviour now? You're a sinner. If you will repent now and give your life to Christ, Christ will heal you. Do you give Him your life?

289 Almighty God, her sins be forgiven her. And I pray, God, that You'll take every sin away and heal her tonight and make her well. I condemn the devil that's bound this woman. Come out of her in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

290 All right, little lady, you've tried hard. You knowed you'd been condemned. On your road through here, you was praying that God would do something for you. You was ready to repent. Is that right? And your sins are forgiven now. Go on your road rejoicing and serve the Lord Jesus. Amen.

291 No, I didn't read the woman's mind. I'm not . . . This woman here, lady, lay your hand over on my hand just a minute. I won't look her in the face. If God will reveal to me what's wrong with you standing here like this, never looking at you, will you believe that Jesus sent me? Will you do it, lady? You have diabetes. Jesus Christ make you well. Is that right? Go on your road rejoicing, then.

292 You don't have to do that, just take . . . Let me have your hand a moment, lady. God! Yeah, I see you trying to get out of a bed, lady. You're stiffened in your body. It's arthritis. That right? Go off the platform, Jesus heals you, makes you well.

Come, will you, lady?

²⁹³ Just a moment. Where's the colored people? It's you on the cot. Do you believe me as God's prophet? You have no prayer card, do you? You believe that God can tell me what's wrong with you? Will you accept me as His prophet and obey me? Then get up from the cot, and go home, and eat your supper. Jesus Christ will make you well. Amen.

Lady, you believe that God heals you of diabetes? Go on your road rejoicing and be made well. Jesus Christ heals you. Amen.

Let's say, "Praise be to the living God." Let us say, "Praise be to God."

²⁹⁴ All right, sister, do you believe? Jesus make you well. Believe with all your heart. Jesus Christ heal you. Go on your road rejoicing, saying, "Thanks be to God."

²⁹⁵ Sir, what if I told you, you was healed standing there in the line? Would you believe me? You are, my dear brother. Go on the road, and be happy and rejoice.

Come. You believe, lady? Go eat your supper. Jesus Christ heals you of your stomach trouble now. You go be made well.

You all believe.

²⁹⁶ Come, lady. You believe with all your heart? Do you believe me to be God's servant? The kidney trouble leaves you then. Go on your road rejoicing, and your back's made well. You go and be made well in Jesus' Name.

Come.

Won't you believe?

²⁹⁷ Just a moment. Do you believe me, lady? Look at this foul, black streak coming across this way. Can't you see it? Here it is. It's them two women setting right back on that second row. Both of you are suffering with female trouble, lady's trouble. That's right. You have the same thing. All three of you stand up. Jesus Christ heals all three of you. There goes the streak away from you. Go on your road rejoicing and be made well. Have faith in God.

²⁹⁸ The lady setting right back there with back trouble, do you believe Jesus Christ makes you well? Do you believe it with all your heart? If you do, you can receive it. God bless you. Go home and be made well, if you can believe. Amen.

²⁹⁹ You want to get over that hay fever? You believe that God will make you well? You do? All right. He healed you. Lay your hand on that lady next to you there, she has heart trouble. Let's see if she gets healed, too.

Lord Jesus, I pray that You'll bless her, also, and make her well. Amen.

³⁰⁰ You know the reason she was healed? Lady, with the baby, that heart trouble you been having, this lady here had heart trouble, too. You was both healed the same time. So you can go home and be made well. God bless you.

³⁰¹ And now, you had the same thing. It left you at the same time it left from her. There's that's triune hook-up right like that. You're healed, go home rejoicing and be made well. Hallelujah!

You believe? Have faith in God.

Your arthritis is gone. Go home. Amen.

³⁰² You want to get over that phlebitis, setting back there? You believe that God makes you well? Your faith healed you just then, lady. Rise to your feet, Jesus Christ makes you well.

Come, lady. The anemia condition is gone, also. So you can go on your road rejoicing. Um-hum.

³⁰³ Come. Amen. (Just a minute, just a minute. I can't get my breath hardly.) You believe? All right. Your female trouble is gone from you. Have faith.

³⁰⁴ Is this one of the patients? Are you the patient, sir? You believe? You believe on me as God's prophet? I believe you're telling the truth. You've been hurt. You've been struck with a piece of steel or metal, and you've had a brain operation. I see something like trains, or railroads. You was hit. You had an operation. You're a Catholic also, by faith, you're a Catholic. And your—your name is Davis; your—your first name's Walter. You live at 909 Second Street. Go home, sir. Serve the Lord Jesus, He makes you well. Jesus Christ grant it to you.

Why don't you get up, with the gallbladder trouble, laying on that cot, lady. Rise up, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. May the Holy Ghost . . . 

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