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## GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

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[Brother Neville says, “God bless you, Brother Branham.”—Ed.]  
Pray for me. [“Amen.”]

2 Good morning, friends. It’s a privilege to be here this morning, in the service of the Lord, and to feel this wonderful welcome and fellowship. Just means something to a traveler’s heart, to feel that welcoming spirit. You know, it just comes to you, and there’s just something, that don’t take its place. And to be back at the tabernacle again, and, too, in the service of our blessed Lord.

3 And now we have some dedication service for the babies, but I think maybe we’ll just get that in a few moments.

4 We are nearing Easter. I think it comes on about the twenty-first. And I was wanting to get here just a little early, to see the elders and Brother Neville. And about . . . I . . . Maybe it would be a good thing if we had a little meeting here, just before the—the Easter service. Maybe start, say, on a Wednesday and run through Sunday, and end up with the baptismal service on Easter Sunday. And have a little . . . a meeting, a gettogether. This is the little tabernacle that I was cradled in. It’s my first and only church. And I would just like to come back for these holy days, and—and worship the Lord with you all. All would be in favor of that, think it would just be the Lord’s will? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Yeah. Well, the Lord willing, we will begin Wednesday, before Easter on Sunday.

5 And I would like to say that we would maybe ask the treasurer, or the trustee and them, if they would put a little ad in the paper here somewhere. And tell the children that we are here to worship, and we’d love to have a little fellowship with them all. Little, kind of like coming home, and make ready for . . .

6 Maybe the Lord will give us a resurrection of a—of a—a greater portion of His Spirit, on for this coming Easter. It’s—it’s the . . . like the fall and spring. I think spring is such a beautiful time, when everything begins to take on new form and new life, and reminds us of the resurrection. Easter comes such an appropriate time, in the springtime. If we notice, God’s Word always runs just exactly right with His nature, and so forth. So we are . . .

7 If the Lord willing, now, we will start this. And—and if they’ll put a little ad, I said, in the paper. And don’t make it glamour. Just tell the folks that we want to worship the Lord together. And we would just

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love, as many as would like to come along, fellowship with us, a little while. We'll be glad to have them come along, all churches.

<sup>8</sup> And you get on the phone and tell your neighbors about it. And tell them that we're just going to talk about the Lord, and—and just all worship Him together.

<sup>9</sup> I'd kind of make a move, if it would be pleasing with the people, and good in the sight of God, and all right with the trio, I'd like for the Neville Trio to help us out during that time. Wouldn't you all? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That's right. And so we'll see that they're taken care of, in this manner, if the Lord so sees fit for us to do it. And so we invite other singers from different churches, to come in and—and help us as we go along. The singers from your church, we'd be glad to have them. See Brother Neville, maybe the night before, and be able to get them on the program, to have them to sing for us.

<sup>10</sup> We love good singing. I would just like to have a good, old-fashion homecoming time, just where we just get together. And get Angie. Where. . . Is Sister Angie here this morning? Get her out, so her and Sister Gertie can sing *Homecoming Time* for us once, and *Keep Holding On*. And that would seem something like beginning of a revival again, Sister Gertie. A lot of water has went down the river since we used to sing that here.

<sup>11</sup> I had a birthday yesterday, and I—I know I'm no boy no more. I said, "I'm past twenty-four now. So. . ." And, then, that's just my years. . . I don't count the ones I was literally, naturally born, and physical, I'm just count my spiritual years, you see. About twenty-four years ago, I was born again. And, that, that's Eternal. And it'll. . . It's one great, blessed birthday. And it'll never run out, that's one thing sure.

<sup>12</sup> Now, I want Sister Gertie, if she will. . . before we bring the little ones up for a baby dedication. Now, many times. . .

<sup>13</sup> In the Bible, we find out, the only place that I know of, in the Scripture, of where the order, of babies. . . Now, a lot of people sprinkle them, you know, and call it baptism, and so forth. Which, that's—that's okay. But I always just try to, like to stay just the way the Bible says it, you know. And in the Bible, they never baptize little children. Neither did they sprinkle them. They just brought them to our Lord, and He took them in His arms, and blessed them, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

<sup>14</sup> And the strange thing was, now, that I just turned right down in the Bible, just exactly where that's at, Mark 10. Just here it is, right before me.

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15 And so, the Lord, brought the little children . . . They brought the little children to Him, and He just blessed them, and said, “Suffer the little ones to come to Me, and don’t forbid them, for such is the Kingdom.”

16 Now, we know that our Lord has gone to Glory, and His Spirit returned back in the Church, to carry on the Message until He comes again. We’re looking for that.

17 And the way we do it here, is just bring the little ones up, and we bring the elders of the church up, and I take the little ones and dedicate them to the Lord. I think it’s such a sweet little service, to see those little bitty fellows. Cause, it’s, no matter how young we are, how old we are, one of those little ones has just got a place in our heart. Isn’t that right?

18 Now, when we come to God, that’s just the way we are in God’s heart. We never leave that stage. We’re always little children.

19 When Abraham was ninety and nine, he was still just a little baby, to God. God told him, said, “I am the breast that you nurse from, Abraham. See, just—just lean against Me, and nurse, and everything will be all right.” And He changed Abraham back to a young man again, just by holding onto His Word.

20 And I believe we sang a little song, of *Bring Them In*. And you bring your little ones up here now, you who want to dedicate them. I’ll ask the elders if they’ll come forward, too. All right.

. . . bring them in,  
Bring them in from the fields of sin;  
Bring them in, bring them in,  
Bring the wandering ones to Jesus.

21 Oh, how I love to see these little fellows! Now, what is your—your name? [Brother Riddle says, “Riddle.”—Ed.] What’s her name? [“Sharon Louise.”] Little Sharon Louise Riddle. And I’m sure we all love Brother and Sister Riddle. We know Brother Riddle here. He runs the bootery down here in the city. And they got the cutest little baby here, little Sharon, Sharon Louise, Sharon Louise Riddle. How old is she, Brother and Sister Riddle? [Brother Riddle says, “Four months.”] Four months. My, my! That’s a little idol to the heart, isn’t it?

22 And, now, the Lord has given to you this lovely little one, and now you are dedicating it to Him, putting it into His arms, that God, Who has give, you are returning back to Him. Giving it to Him, that He might bless its little life and make it a life of service. And make it a . . . Pray that God will make it a child that would bless your heart when you’re old, and if Jesus tarry, and be a great worker for God. And you’ll

be proud of this little girl. May God grant it now as we take her, to bless her.

<sup>23</sup> I want all the ladies, and, course, the men, too, look at this fine little baby. Isn't that sweet? Little Sharon.

Let us bow our heads now.

<sup>24</sup> Our blessed Heavenly Father, in the precious Word we read that they brought to You little children, that You might put Your hands on them and bless them. And now, this couple, this morning, this holy wedlock, You have given into their trust, this lovely child, little Sharon Riddle. And we pray, dear Heavenly Father, that You will bless this child, as they are coming this morning to give dedication, to bring the baby back to the One Who gave it. And I ask Thee, God, to bless them, bless their lives. And may this little child, live, grow and have perfect health, and be Your servant. And may it be a woman that'll be after the heart of God, and the—the heart of the parent. Grant it, Lord.

<sup>25</sup> And now, as Your elder, we raise the child to Thee, as they have placed it into my hands, and I raise it to Thee. In Christ's Name, may You bless this baby. And may it live and grow, and be strong and healthy, and a servant of God. We ask this as we present it to You, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Bless you, little honey. You're a mighty sweet little baby.

<sup>26</sup> God bless you, both of you. And may you have lots of joy in raising this little girl.

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.  
 Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
 We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves;  
 Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
 We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Won't it be wonderful then?

Now let us bow our heads just a moment, for prayer.

<sup>27</sup> O God, Who formed the heavens and the earth, just let His breath go forth with His Word, and everything taken its right position. The earth, the moon, the stars, all swung into place, just as God breathed on His Word.

<sup>28</sup> And, O God, today, we ask that You'll breathe on Your Word, as we are trying to bring It to the people. May It take Its position, this morning, Its place, and be rooted and grounded in every heart, that every person here might receive Your blessings.

<sup>29</sup> Help those, Lord, who are out of the way, crippled and lame in their spirits. And they don't know You as a loving Saviour, as we have been

privileged to. We pray that You will bless them abundantly, today. And may they, when they leave this building, be happy and rejoicing, over the newfound Christ that they have become acquainted with during this meeting.

<sup>30</sup> If there is some that's sliding away, to the cares of the world, O God, bring them back. And the sick and the needy, Father, we pray for them, that You will heal every sick person here, today. Encourage those who are weary. And bless those who are holding faithfully. Grant it, Lord. May Your Spirit be upon all.

<sup>31</sup> Bless the Word as It goes forth; the speaker that shall speak It, and the hearer that shall hear It. And, all together, get glory for this gathering this morning, for we ask it in Christ's Name. Amen.

<sup>32</sup> Now, I haven't got just exactly rested up from the long meeting, which has been now some four months, and this last five-weeks meeting has been very tearing down. For, we've had a wonderful meeting all the way across the nation, now, from New York to San Francisco; the whole nation, zig-zagging, back and forth, as we have crossed. And the Lord has saved many, many hundreds of people.

<sup>33</sup> Last Sunday, a week ago, alone, our blessed Heavenly Father, I seen between a thousand, to fifteen hundred, sinners repenting at one time, at the altar, at Oakland, California, in the big arena. It was just packed out. And we had—had to seat the middle of the place down in the middle, instead of the—the arena sides. And the Lord just blessed.

<sup>34</sup> And we had, in there, the great earthquake, as you have heard. And that was my wife's first one to be into. She was just a little shaky, afterwards. It was very strong, as the building shook, and the dust flew, and the bottles on the . . . We was standing in the drugstore, getting some post cards to mail home, and the bottles shook, and the chimney fell off. And the big buildings rocked together; roads split open, and part of it sunk underneath. And it just goes to remind us that the handwriting is on the wall. "There will be earthquakes in divers places."

<sup>35</sup> In that one day, eight earthquakes struck that same city. And then about ten o'clock that night, we had just got in, or ten-thirty, and gone to bed; and the—the lamp, sitting in the middle of the floor, liked to rocked over, from another great, heavy earthquake. Just goes to show, that eight thousand miles beneath us, there is nothing but burning, red lava.

<sup>36</sup> And it was just at the time, and was hear the (our) aggressors across the sea, saying that they have forbidding the people to go into Scandinavia, and so forth, that they would annihilate them with atomic weapons. And we wonder what would happen if they would start dropping those bombs and bursting those places into the earth. When,

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it would just exactly do what God said it would do. “No more water, but fire this time.”

<sup>37</sup> So, it brings joy to the heart of the waiter that’s waiting on the Coming of the Lord, and the blessed hour that when these old vile bodies shall be changed and made like unto His Own glorious body. And we shall see Him. No more struggle, no more sorrow, no more old age, no more infinite days, no more hunger, no more worry, no more sickness, no more death.

<sup>38</sup> Oh, we just can’t fathom! I’m telling you, friend! It’s hard because we’re human, and death is such a thing that we all hate to face it. But it’s—it’s a blessed relief, it’s a blessed thing, to know that He’ll come someday, and these things will be changed.

<sup>39</sup> Now, remember, and get onto your . . . especially your sinner friends, now, for to come to the meeting, this revival coming up.

<sup>40</sup> Now, just in the way of a little speaking, my throat, as I said, hasn’t been cleared, yet, exactly, and I’m still a little tired. But, I rested, this week, kept away from even the phone and everything, so I could get a few days of rest.

<sup>41</sup> And then, this coming week, I want to rest up a little, if I can, and then get ready for the little revival. Then I go to Canada, and from Canada back to Indianapolis. From Indianapolis then to Chicago. And from Chicago . . . That’s the Christian Business Men International Convention. And they got me booked. Now, you pray for me, and especially during this revival, that God will direct me. A complete world-wide tour to be start in June, and come back in November, or July, rather. And that’s to go into Europe, Asia, all down through the islands, the seas, and come back through, by the West Coast. Leave the east, and go plumb around the world, come back to the West Coast. Such a needy time!

<sup>42</sup> And now there is something kind of checks me a little. I don’t know whether it’s something in the road, or what, I don’t know. But, you pray for me, and God will surely work it out right.

<sup>43</sup> Now, I got two places in the Scripture that I have chosen this morning to read, because of this, that the people are coming, they’re to be prayed for. This is just a little time to pray for the sick and the needy. And I’d just like to teach a little on the Word.

<sup>44</sup> Then, maybe, the Lord willing, tonight, might not only teach, but preach a little from the Word.

<sup>45</sup> Now I want to read from two places, and that’s over in the Old Testament, both of them. One in Numbers, 13th chapter, and the—the 30th verse. And the other is in Joshua, the 1st chapter, and the 9th verse.

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*And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.*

46 And then over in Joshua, the 9th verse of the 1st chapter.

*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest.*

47 And may the Lord add His blessings to His Word. I just love the Word. And if I would say for a subject, this morning, I want to take to find the context in here, a text, called: *God Keeps His Word*. Now, it's . . . We could just dwell on that for weeks; hold a year's revival and still be just as fresh at the end as it was at the beginning, of that subject, of, *God Keeps His Word*.

48 There is one thing that God cannot do. Did you ever think of it? There is one thing that God cannot do, that's fail. He can do everything but fail, but He cannot fail. So, if our most holy confidence is built, this morning, upon that wonderful One Who can do anything there is to be done, except fail, how much confidence should we have in His Eternal Word!

49 My heart has been stirred in the last year, after I have looked across the nations and seen the things heap up, the way they are, and the little isms arising. It well brings to my memory what's wrote there in that cornerstone, on that morning when we dedicated . . . or laid the cornerstone. When the Lord woke me up; not knowing what visions was, in those days.

50 I'm looking at the chimney on top of the house, five feet or more from where I was sitting when the vision taken place, twenty-three years ago, in 1933. Be about twenty-four years ago, I suppose. I'm looking at the chimney right now.

51 It was long before I was ever married. I was single, and home. We were just building this church. And we was laying the cornerstone that morning, when the Lord gave me the vision. I had woke up and looked out the window. And it was along in June, and the honeysuckles, or the buds a blooming. And there looked like I went walking out, or something. And I—I saw the Lord Jesus, and saw my tabernacle. And He pronounced to me that this was not my tabernacle; and got me under the sky. Many of you know the vision, because it's wrote and published, and I believe the fourth or fifth edition, of nearly a hundred thousand books has went in seventeen different languages. And just watch how that has come to pass, word by word, just did never fail! How that we come together in a lovely little group of people, and how the Lord did bless us, and then from place to place, but finally into the evangelistic fields, and over the world now, how it's gone.

52 And how the time has come that—that they would be these things has happened. How that the world would heap up teachers, with itching ears, and the Truth would be rejected and would be turned to fables. And then that how that He said, “Preach the Word. Stay on the Word.” And if anything I’ve tried to do, is stay on God’s Eternal Word.

53 We’re living in the closing hours of this world’s dispensation. I don’t see how that anyone could look, just take a look at the newspapers, or turn on the radio, and not repent. I—I can’t see it. How that we’re just at the—the eve of some great something that’s fixing to happen. Even nature shows it. The world is becoming nervous. It’s bursting forth its volcanics, and it’s—it’s having a nervous prostration. The great earthquakes are shaking and splitting the roads, and fearful sights of a flying saucers, and missiles that they can hurl through the earth, and destroy, annihilate a nation in five minutes. We’re at the end time. Something is taking. . . There is no way to stop it. There is not a way. There’s is only one way out of it, and that’s up. There’s no way of trying to hide. There’s no hiding place but one.

54 As the little girls used to sing here, when I was just a boy preacher, they used to sing:

There’s no hiding place down here.  
I went to the rocks to hide my face,  
But the rocks cried out,  
“There’s no hiding place down here.”

55 But there is a hiding Place. “The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower: the righteous run into it, and are safe.” How glad we are to have this hiding Place, at the end time.

56 And as we look around and see these great signs a moving, and this coming revival, if God willing, I want to go all the way into Genesis, and bring out those great striking points, that, “We’re at the end. We’re here.” I believe that this existing generation, is on the earth right now, that will see the Coming of the Lord Jesus. I’m forty-eight. I may not see it. I don’t know. It may come tomorrow. But, I believe that there is some here that will see the Coming of the Just One, the ending of the time. And I believe that most all of us, especially that’s in this church this morning, will never die with old age, until we see one of the most horriblest things happen, that’s ever happened to a people, that’s going to happen right here in this nation. It is truth.

57 Brother, we’ve wade a past the borders of mercy until there is nothing left but judgment, but the righteous will not have to be punished with the unrighteous. God will come, and Jesus will redeem His Church, and we’ll go up in the air to meet Him. And It’ll be far

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beyond any bombs or any troubles, and we'll be protected during that time.

58 So, children, back to your God, quickly. Don't tangle with the world for anything. Stay out of this modern world. Stay out of these modern theologies. Just look to the Lamb of God. Read your Bible and pray, all the time. Don't be weary. Be rejoicing, happy, for the redemption of the Church is drawing nigh, when we shall see Him Who died for us.

59 Our text is a setting to kind of coincide with the age today. To begin with, the first Scripture, I was reading in Numbers. It was speaking of a people that had been called out from a great, mighty nation that was near, and had received their judgment.

60 I want you to understand that sin will not go unpunished, regardless, it's in a nation, or a church, or a home, or an individual. Sin must be dealt with on the basis of judgment. No other way. It cannot be atoned, say, "I done wrong, now I'll do good." That won't work. You cannot make reconciliations, yourself, because reconciliations is already been made.

61 It's a confession, that you're wrong, and then come and straighten up.

62 So, sin must be dealt with, and God always deals with sin by judgment. That's why our Lord died the death that He did, on Calvary, is because that sin was such a horrible thing, that judgment of sin was placed on Him. That those who desire, might go free, through believing on Him and accepting Him as their sin-barrier. Not how good we could be, but how we believe and accept Him. And when we accept Him, He comes into our heart, and that's where the good part is. It's not on what we could do; it's on what He has done, and what He has done for us. There is where, "He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were healed."

63 Now, these people had been down in Egypt some four hundred years. And we're all acquainted with the great going down of the children of Israel, and how that, down there, God had turned them over to the Egyptians. And they had mistreated them, because that God's Word said that they would do that.

64 Now, God promised Abraham, four hundred years, that his people would sojourn in a strange land. And when the time of the promise drew nigh, God has everything ready to meet.

65 Oh, I just love that, when I think of that. Just at the crucial time! He is not one minute late. He is always just on time. If we can just be like that! Oh, we try to push the thing. We try to make it our time. But

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we can never do that. God makes it on His time. We can't make it any different.

<sup>66</sup> Yesterday, standing in the back yard of—of my sister that lives next door to us, Sister Wood, we was noticing a little cocoon that had formed on a tree. And the wind was a blowing it back and forth. And she was telling it, that, in the Streams Of The Deserts, I believe, that she was reading an article about the cocoon. It's a little worm that goes in there and forms a little shell around him, to keep him through the cold. And, but when it comes time . . .

<sup>67</sup> This person who was dealing with the little fellow, they seen the little cocoon a moving and wiggling around. And they felt so sorry for the little fellow, so they thought they would just cut the end of it off and let the little bug out. Because, when he come out of there, he was going to have wings. He went in as a bug, or a little worm, he comes out with wings, in more like a glorified state. And as he was wiggling, and pulling, and tugging, and beating, and biting, and trying to get out of the cocoon, they felt sorry for him. So they thought they would just give him a shortcut, so they go get the scissors and cut the end off. And when they cut the end off, the little bug come out. But he never was right, because he didn't have any strength in his body. He had no . . . He couldn't use his wings.

<sup>68</sup> And I think that's the way we've tried to duplicate, say, "Get down to the altar!" And—and say *this, that*, or the *other*, and try to get the people back to God, or into the church, or to come to Christ. Just let them boo-hoo it out. That's all. Just work your way out of it. That's all. If you try to give them a shortcut, they're never able to stand. I just like to see them struggle and work at it till God gives them a real Birth, in the natural way, just give them the real Birth. Just . . .

People say, "Well, honey, I think you've prayed enough."

<sup>69</sup> You just stay there until you're ready to fly. That's the only thing. God has a way of doing it.

<sup>70</sup> "Oh, well, if you want to be good, just go over to join the church. Mama went to the same church."

<sup>71</sup> That might be just fine. But, you know, it takes a death to bring a life. And we got to die, until, then, we are so dead that there can be a new Life come in. Then our wings will be valuable; and our—our experience, that we have, will be valuable to others and to ourself.

<sup>72</sup> Israel wasn't ready. But God was ready. And He had a little baby born, by the name of Moses. And he was right there, at the age of forty, to take the children out, but Israel wasn't ready. And by the reason that they wasn't ready, then they had to labor twenty years longer, or forty years longer, it was. Forty years longer, they had to—to toil, down in

Egypt. When, they would have been able to have come out, forty years before that, if they had only been ready.

<sup>73</sup> God was ready, because the time of the promise drew nigh. God sent an Angel down to the earth, to make ready the people, to fulfill His Word, for God always keeps His Word. He said to Moses, "I have seen the afflictions of My people, and I have heard their groans and their cries because of the taskmasters. And I have remembered. I have remembered My Word, My promise." Four hundred years had passed, but God still remembered His Word.

<sup>74</sup> Almost two thousand years has passed, but God still remembers His Word. "I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." And I believe the time of the promise is drawing nigh.

<sup>75</sup> Notice. As He was speaking and getting ready, and four hundred years had passed, and God was on time with His Word. Then we find out that . . . after forty years longer.

<sup>76</sup> And I might stop here just to say these words. Now you can quote me, because I know it's going on tape back there. I believe that we are . . . The Coming of the Lord Jesus is way past due. I believe it was due a long time ago. But, it's because of the Church, is not ready to meet Him.

<sup>77</sup> Now, if you'll notice, He said, "As it was in the days of Noah." In the days of Noah, before the flood, how it would be. And God was not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance, then He suffered long. The flood stage was way past due. Down in Egypt, it was way past due. Do you get it? In the antediluvian destruction now; way past due, the destruction in judgment. And coming out of Egypt; way past due, forty years overtime.

<sup>78</sup> But God was determined. God was determined that His Word would not return to Him. He was going to keep His Word. He has to keep His Word. He must do it, in order to be God. If He has to make a—a change of everything, and, by grace He'll do it.

<sup>79</sup> That's the reason I say . . . if the Church does not get Herself ready. That's your duty, to get ready. "The Bride has made Herself ready." The garments is paid for. They're ready, but you must be ready to wear those garments. "The Church hath made Herself ready."

<sup>80</sup> Now, brethren, listen. If the Church doesn't get ready, God is able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham. If this holiness people don't straighten themselves up, and get back into the harness again, get back to the Gospel, God will raise up out of . . . He can bring Catholics, the Presbyterians, or whatever He wishes to. He will do it.

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81 A few weeks ago, at Lima, Ohio. Many, some of you, are sitting here now, that was present. Amongst the Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist, they streamed to the altar. They received and responded to the Gospel, much better, much better than, many times, the holiness people does. We've just got it on our mind, that we are called by His holy Name, and let it go like that. It means more than to be called by His Name. It means to live for Him Who died for you. It's a life, a consecrated life to God. Oh, how we need, back to the Bible!

82 Here a few nights ago, I was saying to the Lutherans, where . . . at the meeting up there. Now they've just said, "Give us five more colleges like this, of those Lutherans, that seventy-one of them received the Holy Ghost that day at the college," when I was there. Said, "Give us five more schools like that, and Lord tarry ten years, we'll have the entire Lutheran church filled with the Holy Ghost." Oh, my! Sure.

83 God is able, of these stones! He is going to have a Church presented, without spot, or wrinkle, or a blemish. His grace is all-sufficient, and He can do the exceeding, abundantly.

84 And I said, here not long ago, the Lutherans did have the torch light to the world. What happened? If you was the light of the world, you Lutheran people, at one time, at the first reformation, what happened to your light? What, did it go out? This is the reason it went out, is because you left God's Word. You believed that, "The just should live by faith," which is absolutely the Truth. But there's more than that, "The just shall live by faith."

85 Then along come the Methodist. They, you Methodist people, you picked up the torch light of sanctification, and you did hold the torch light for a great revival. That's all true. But, what happened, what happened to the Methodist church? Is because you let the light go out. That's what happened. And you preached sanctification, the second definite work of grace, which is positive, the Truth, by the Bible, but you just let it go at that.

86 And then along come the Pentecostals, with the restoration of the gifts. And you spoke with tongues, and then you made a doctrine out of that. And then what happened? Your light has gone out. What's the matter? Is because you fail to stay with the Word.

87 God's Word we're unfolding, and we must unfold as God's Word unfolds.

88 As time unfolds, science unfolds. And if the natural world . . . This man is the same man he was six thousand years ago, when God made him. He's the same intellectual. He's the same intelligence. He's just the same man, with the same five senses, that he was thousands of years ago. But look what progress he has made in the past fifty years. Look

what that fallen son of God has did. He has invented automobiles, and radio, and electric lights, and atomic bombs, and jet planes. Look how fast. The pages are turning fast in science.

<sup>89</sup> But we are trying to linger back on some old church creed, and stand there, when God wants us to unfold the Word. We're living in the last day. We're living in the time that God's great beautiful Church ought to be standing on Its feet, shining like the Lily of the Valley.

<sup>90</sup> But we are back, some, "Well, I belong to the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Pentecostal. I'm *this*, or *that*." Oh, what a disgrace!

<sup>91</sup> We should be unfolding; God's Spirit pouring out. Not just one little gusher, not one little baptism; but, baptism after baptism! Not a revelation, "just shall live by faith," or, "sanctification," or, "the gifts of the Spirit." But, revelation after revelation, power after power, glory after glory! Why, we ought to be way up the road, ready for the translation. And we're lingering back down in the old things, and saying, "Well?" We keep going back. Let's go forward!

<sup>92</sup> Those Hebrews said, "Now, here, we are fed pretty well, though we work hard. And now we got the things that we have, we got the garlic pots, and so forth, so let us be satisfied."

<sup>93</sup> But, Moses had a revelation. He had been in the Presence of God. He had something else. He went back and showed them that the very God that existed many hundreds of years before that, was the very same God. And He done signs and wonders before them, to prove that He was the very same God.

<sup>94</sup> Oh, blessed be His Name! "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." The dispensations change, the times change, the people change. But, God remains. He has to be the same, all the time. His Word is Eternal Truth. He cannot vary from It, from right or to the left. He must remain the same.

<sup>95</sup> Then we find what takes place. Here comes Moses down, with the signs. "I've been in the Presence of God. I have seen God, and God has did great things." He performed a Divine healing act. He performed another act, as a miracle. And he showed them that the very God of Heaven had appeared to him. After hundreds of years of the supernatural being gone, he showed that God was still living.

<sup>96</sup> And God had sent him, and said, "Go tell them that 'I AM' hath sent you." Not "I was" or "I will be." "I AM," a present tense! He is not "I was."

<sup>97</sup> How people can claim God, and say, "The days of miracles are past, and Divine healing and all the blessings are gone," and still say, "He is

the living God, and the I AM”? If He is “I AM,” He’s just as real as He was at the burning bush.

<sup>98</sup> That great Name that He appeared there, no scholar yet has ever been able to interpret it, J-v-h-u. No one . . . They call it “Jehovah,” but it wasn’t. No one can interpret it.

<sup>99</sup> Why? It’s the Eternal One. Amen. He dwells in Light. He dwells in Eternity. He dwells in immortality; everlasting “I AM.” Hallelujah!

<sup>100</sup> My faith is stayed on that solid Rock. There is nothing can ever harm when you’re anchored to that Place. The storms may shake and bat it, but my anchor holds within the veil. When a man or woman has anchored and accepted it, there is nothing can ever shake you from it.

<sup>101</sup> Just as their time was for deliverance, and they failed to see it, so is the time for the deliverance, the marching orders for the Church. It’s at hand.

<sup>102</sup> Look, my friend. They had what? First, the Word. Second, a prophet. Third, an Angel to lead them, to guide them. Every one agreed with the other; the three of them. The Word agreed with the prophet; and the prophet agreed with the Word; the Angel agreed with all three of them, all of them. The Word; the prophet; an Angel! They were ready for the march.

<sup>103</sup> Oh, blessed be the Name of the Lord God! We’re at the end time; the Word, the prophet, and the Angel, all three of them together, one great testimony. God always said, “In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established.” And a true prophet will always agree with the Word; and any Angel will testify Truth. Amen. We’re ready for marching orders. Sure.

<sup>104</sup> And He brought the people out. On their road up, they started rebelling against the prophet, and against the Angel, and against the God, and against the Word. And they got into trouble. The Bible said, “There was a mixed multitude that went with them.” A mixed multitude came out.

<sup>105</sup> What was it? The supernatural had been done. There had been miracles and wonders. Any person, a human being, longs to see behind the curtain from where he come, and from whence he will go some day. He longs to see behind the curtain. But, many time, when the supernatural acts has been performed, then there’s a mixed multitude that goes.

<sup>106</sup> That’s what happened in the days of Luther. When the mixed . . . God has trying to bring them out since that day. And in the days of Luther, “The just shall live by faith.” They tested it, and tried it, and found it so. A mixed multitude went. And as soon as Luther

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went, what happened? They organized the church and made a great big ecclesiastical system. And when they did, the church went back on the shelf.

<sup>107</sup> Along come John Wesley, one of the great, mighty warriors of the middle age. And he stepped right out and defied the Anglican church, and defied the Catholic church, and defied the world, that, "The holy God said, 'People must live holy!'" And he stayed on His promise, of God's promise, and he brought a miracle. What happened? The mixed multitude started with him. And when Wesley went, then the mixed multitude come in. And what have they done? Corrupted the church, till many of them won't even have "Blood" songs in their hymn books. Certainly.

<sup>108</sup> Well, after that come along the Pentecostal, and the Pentecostal begin to find the gifts. As soon as they got to the gifts, first thing . . . The littlest gift in the whole group is "speaking with tongues." That's the last and smallest. God started them with the amateur things, and they couldn't even hold that.

<sup>109</sup> Looky here. The first gift, in the line of gifts, is wisdom; the second is knowledge. And if you don't have any wisdom, how do you know what to do with knowledge? Seek the best things first, wisdom. And if you ain't got wisdom, what can you do with knowledge, or speaking with tongues, or these other things? It takes wisdom. It takes God's *wisdom*. Solomon said, "Call it your mother." Right.

<sup>110</sup> But what did they do? The Pentecostals received the speaking in tongues, and they made a denomination out of it. And they went, said, "This is It." Sure, they did. And a mixed multitude went with them.

<sup>111</sup> And, today, what's happened with the Pentecostals? There is two factions of them. One of them is just as cold, and formal, and stiff, and starchy, as they can be. And the other one is after a big bunch of isms; running oil and blood from their hands, and everything else, across the country, and call it evidences of the Holy Ghost; and frogs, and lizards, and things, jumping out of people, and then putting it into alcohol, and so forth. Anyone knows that a devil doesn't have a corporal body.

<sup>112</sup> And if the Blood of Jesus Christ dripped down on a man, it was a corporal body, that Christ has already come; and it's wrong, then.

<sup>113</sup> The Bible said, when Jesus comes, that, "Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess." He would be . . . "His Coming will be like the light that cometh from the east even unto the west, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess." We know that that's true.

<sup>114</sup> Then, when we see those things happening, when we see those things coming to pass, then we know that there's a mixed multitude

that's went up with the people. After a while, one faction become way over on one side, one become way over on the other side. And there is your mixed multitude. There is your reaction again. There you're coming.

<sup>115</sup> And when it did like that, they come to the place of Kadesh-barnea. And when they come to Kadesh-barnea, that was the judgment seat where trials must be settled.

<sup>116</sup> Oh, if you could only understand it, little church! Now here is where we want to squeeze just for a moment. Now listen closely. Kadesh-barnea was the testing time. And every child that comes to God has got to be tested. There is no exceptions, at all. God tests and tries every child that comes to Him. Is that right? The Bible said they are. And, as, we notice now when those trials come, and testings.

<sup>117</sup> There is testing times comes for nations. Now, I say this, I'm not a politician. God runs His own nation. He doesn't run these nations; the devil runs these. Every one of them, the Bible said they does. The devil operates every nation. Notice when the testing time comes for the nations.

<sup>118</sup> When the testing time come for Israel, she failed. And, when she did, God turned her over to Babylon. As a nation, she failed.

And when the testing time come for Rome, she failed.

When the testing time come for Greece, it failed.

When the testing time come for France, it failed.

When the testing time come for Russia, she failed.

<sup>119</sup> Listen. And I say this with the reverent heart to God. The testing time has come for America, and she has failed. The Gospel has been preached from east to west, from north to south. They've combed every little place, and crack and corner. Great revivals has went forth, Billy Graham's and Jack Schuler's, and Oral Robert's. And they have, oh, just hundreds of them, has combed every little crack and corner. The devil throwed out a television yonder, and then God worked it around to throw men on the television; and every drunkard in the barroom, or wherever he is, will stand without an excuse. Yes, sir. The testing time has come. What did I tell you from this pulpit? "Last year, America made her fatal mistake." I said, "Fatal mistake!" She sure did.

<sup>120</sup> And look what she is doing now. You see it in the governmental affairs. They are trying to go right over and hook up with the Arabs. Don't you know? God's Word said, "Ever who curses Israel will be cursed." Certainly.

<sup>121</sup> I stand with Israel. "Take our ground? They'll take it." Certainly.

122 They are doing the wrong thing. Sure, they are. Brother, look at every nation that turned against the Jew; they sunk. Look at—look at Germany when she turned against the Jew, and they burnt the bodies in incinerators; and look what it is today. Look at Italy, that turned against the Jews, when Mussolini ousted them from Italy; look at her today. If we wasn't feeding them, they would be starved to death.

123 And here the Gospel come and give a mercy call throughout the nations, for years, and we've turned it down. And now working, the devil taking his seat, is turning the hearts of these political men against Israel, and they're hooking up over yonder with the Arabs. Brother, we're as good as gone. That's right. We'll sink, as sure as the world.

124 I love my nation. I love it, what it stands for. But, brother, I love my Lord above everything. And I love to see my nation to its knees, but I'm afraid we'll never do it. We're at the end time. What happened? A mixed multitude got in.

125 Watch our churches, a few years ago, when they had the old-fashion holiness churches, when they stood for God and righteous, when women dressed and act like ladies, when men dressed and act like men, when people went to church on Sunday morning, when they had all-nights prayer meetings, when they had the old-fashion type. They had a real revival. God blessed. He cut off every enemy before them. They were journeying on. But when the wedge of Achan got in the camp, with nothing left but destruction. We're on our word, God. . . on our road. God keeps His Word.

126 The testing time come. The testing time come for the Lutheran church. The testing time come for the Methodist church. The testing time come for the Pentecostal church. It comes for every church. It comes for every person. The testing time.

127 And there's only one way that you can ever know that you're right: stay with God's Eternal blueprint. Stay with the Word. What God says, say, "That's right." Don't take nothing less or nothing more. Why should we have to have substitutes for *this*, *that*, and the *other*, when God's Word is full of promises? Yes, sir. We don't have to take any substitutes. *This* is the Truth. God keeps His Word. No matter how unreasonable It may seem, God keeps His Word, anyhow. He certainly did.

128 What would your grandfather ever said if your great-grandfather would have told him that there would come a time when the carriages would go through the streets without horses? He would have laughed at him, maybe. But, they're here. Right.

129 What about these other things that would take place, when all these great prophecies has been made? But, we're here.

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130 And someday Jesus will come, that glorious majesty of the Son of God. He promised He would do it. He promised He would judge sin. Brother, you'll either accept God's provided sacrifice for sin, or you'll stand it alone in Judgment; nation, church, or individual. The testing time!

131 Watch, they sent someone out, twelve of them, to find out what they'd say. Ten of them come back, said, "Oh, we can't do it! It's impossible. We just can't do it."

132 But little old Caleb and Joshua, climbed on a stump, they said, "We can do it. We're able to do it."

133 Why? It depends on what you're looking at. If you're looking on the outside, "Does it look this way? Does it look . . ." Don't look what them people says, or what anything else says. If it's contrary to God's Word, stay with the Word.

134 God promised them that land. That's what Caleb and them was putting their hopes on.

135 Read the Book of Deuteronomy, see how Moses corrected them. Said, "I've did *this*, and I've did *that*. And God did *this*, and said *this*. But you would not." God stays with His promise.

136 Oh, sometimes it seems like it's hard. Now, I want you to listen to this. It's a hard . . . It's a battle.

137 Way down in Egypt, God said, "I have given you that land, and all that's in it." Now, He never just said, "I'm going to pick you up, take you up there and sit you down." They had to fight for every inch of ground they had.

138 God, when He commanded Joshua there, He said, "Be of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest."

139 "The Lord thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest." No matter what it is, how hard it is, how great the obstacle is, that doesn't matter. If it's down through the valley of the shadow of death, "The Lord thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest."

140 Oh, how Joshua could call Israel together, said, "Stand here and watch the glory of God." God is with His Word. God made the promise. God said to Joshua, "Every place that the soles of your foot sets, that's yours. I'll give it to you." Amen.

141 If it's for salvation, if it's for a Divine healing, if it's for more blessing, if it's for . . . ? . . . if it's for anything that God promised, make footprints! Amen. "Every place the sole of your foot sets, that have I given you for a possession." God promised it. God keeps His Word. God's Word is everlasting true. I believe It. You believe It. Brothers,

it's time for us to make footprints. We can't stay right here in this same camp. The Fire is moving on. Let's move on, from glory to glory, from Bible experience to Bible experience. Let's unfold and open up our hearts, raise up our hands to God. Keep sane; stay in the Bible. Don't get outside of That. Stay right There.

<sup>142</sup> Follow! We've got the Prophet of God; we've got the Word of God; and we got the Angel of God. He is leading this Church just exactly like He led in them days. That's exactly right. The Word of God is before us; the Prophet of God is the Holy Spirit; the Angel of God is leading the Church. We are moving in the Pillar of Fire, in the Glory of God, "Sitting together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus." "Now we are sons and daughters of God." And the great revelation of the Word, the Holy Spirit sinking It into the hearts, and bringing forth the trees of salvation, righteous living, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, patience. Sure is!

<sup>143</sup> It just only won't happen to a Branham Tabernacle, or to another tabernacle. It happens to individuals. If the whole Branham Tabernacle gets together in that one accord, the whole thing will be moving in one big unit for God. But if there's only one in that Branham Tabernacle moving like that, God will move with that one.

<sup>144</sup> And only one way to do it, that's, fall in line with It, march on. Blessed be the Name of the Lord! God keeps His Word.

<sup>145</sup> Why, those fellows said, "We can't do that. We can't have a revival over there. Everything is against us. Oh, my! The Amorites are there, and the Hittites, and all. They're all walled up. And we look like grasshoppers."

<sup>146</sup> But little old Joshua, about forty years old, beating hisself in the chest. And Caleb was saying, Caleb was standing there, saying. Caleb said, "You know what? We are more than able to do it!" Oh, brother! Little bitty, hook-nosed Jew standing there, bouncing up-and-down, saying, "We are more than able! We're not only able, but we're more than able!" Why? God said so! [Brother Branham claps his hands together two times.] That settles it.

<sup>147</sup> Brother, we can have healing. We can have miracles. We can have revival. We can have the blessing. Why? God said so! We can have a true Pentecost. We can have a real revival. God said so! God keeps His promise.

<sup>148</sup> Just as God keeps His promise with His blessings, God keeps His promise with His judgment. We've got to take judgment or the blessing. We've got to walk forward or walk backward. We've got to go with Him, or go alone. No one can go there with it. Stay on His Word.

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149 I can think of a very good friend of mine, that's gone on to Glory; oh, blessed old brother, a sainted man, filled with the Holy Ghost, by the name of Paul Rader. One time, out yonder on the West Coast, when just before he died, you know his testimony. His song that he has written, *Only Believe*, that's called me to the pulpit. I wonder if Paul, in Glory, hears that old song being sung by the thousands and thousands, and by the different languages. How did he know that that poor little old boy sitting before him there, with ragged shoes on, and not even a neck tie, needing a hair cut, that God would let me take that song around the world! God keeps His Word.

150 "I, the Lord, hath planted It; I'll water It day and night," He said, "lest some should pluck It from My hand."

151 It may seem like it's sinking, but it'll never sink. Oh, that little old ship that night, when all hopes was gone, and she was tossed about, looked like the last hour was there. But, all at once, Someone come walking on the water, just as calm. He is always there. He is never late. One more dash and the ship would have went down. But He's always there. Certainly.

152 That day, down there in Babylon, when the Hebrew children was walked into that fiery furnace, it looked like that the very end had come. But, as they stepped in, "there was One like the Son of God," stood by them. He is always there. He's never late. He keeps His Word. "I'll be with you."

153 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil," said David. He is always there.

154 He keeps His promise. He is Eternal, True. He cannot fail. His Word can never fail. "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Words can never pass away."

155 Paul said, one time, he was having a—a struggle. He was out in the islands and he had a fever. He was nearly a hundred miles from a doctor. Out in the swamps, and the swamp, black-water fever had took him; and that's sudden death. And it got dark. And he told his little, faithful wife, said, "You stand right by me, honey, and pray. It's getting so dark in the room, but," said, "I am believing God. And I don't care what happens. I believe God. I'll stay right with it." Said, "You stay here and pray, honey." And she prayed. And it got darker, said, "Dear, it's getting darker in the room. But, oh, I feel at peace."

156 And after a while, it got so dark, he went out. He went into a dream. He thought he was dreaming. He was back up in Oregon, where he come from, cutting some timber. And the boss said, "Paul, go up to the top of the mountain there, and cut me a tree, *so-many* inches though, *so-many* feet long, and bring it down to me."

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Said, "All right, boss. I'll do it."

<sup>157</sup> Went up there, and downed his little old tree, and stuck the ax in it, reached down to get a hold of it, and he just couldn't lift it up. He just . . . He said, "I've lost my strength. I just can't go any further. I have lost my strength. Why," he said, "here I am, a big man. I weigh better than two hundred pounds. I got a great muscle, back. Why," he said, "I used to just kick my knees together, get a hold of most any size log, and could raise it up for them to put chains under it." He said, "And here, that I . . . little limb, no bigger than *that*, and I couldn't lift it." Said, "I tussled and I tried, till all my strength was gone. Oh," he said. "Then I thought, 'What can I do?'" Said, "I sit down and leaned up against a tree." He said, "Oh, I'm so sad. My boss wants this little tree down there, and I'm not even man enough to take it down."

<sup>158</sup> Oh, what our Boss wants! He wants a Church without spot, without wrinkle. He wants a Blood-washed bunch of people. He wants a people with faith, who will stand on His Word and say, "That's God's Eternal Truth. It was meant for me, and I believe It."

<sup>159</sup> And said, as he sit there, he was leaned against a tree, and he was weeping. And said he heard his boss speak, and said, "Paul?"

<sup>160</sup> And he said, "Yes, boss, here I am. But I've lost all my strength. I just can't go any farther. I've tried to do, and I've tried to obey you and do what you said do, but I just can't get this thing off the ground." He said, "I've struggled. I've tried. I've done everything."

<sup>161</sup> And I just wonder if that ain't the attitude of a many good true-hearted preacher today, that's longed to see a Church built without spot or wrinkle, to see the promises of God made manifest. We've tussled and tried, and screamed and cried, and preached till we was hoarse, and laid on our pillows and wept. "O God, why is it, just when we get straightened up, that in comes the devil, and busts up and tears up, just knocks down everything we got? What can we do when we see our lovely people, and how they be scattered and gone about like that?"

<sup>162</sup> Then said, when he heard his voice, of his boss, he thought, "That sounds strange. I never heard my voice speak . . . that boss speak so gentle to me."

<sup>163</sup> And said, "When I turned around, it was my real Boss. It was my Master, my Saviour."

<sup>164</sup> He said, "Paul, you're just struggling yourself to death. That won't do you any good." Said, "Paul, don't you see that little stream of water running there?"

He said, "Yeah."

165 He said, “Just pitch the thing in there. Get on it and ride it on down to the camp. It goes to the camp.”

166 He said, “I jumped up and rolled the log in, and jumped on the log. Went down over the riffle, just a screaming to the top of my voice, screaming, ‘I’m riding on it! I’m a riding on it! I’m a riding on it!’”

167 And when he come to hisself, he was right out in the middle of the floor. And his wife screaming to the top of her voice. He was out in the middle of the floor, saying, “I’m riding on it! I’m riding on it! I’m a riding on it!”

168 And, brother, sister, I know the trials are hard. I’m getting old, and I’ve preached. I’ve done everything that I know to do. I’ve got to a place, to where I see I can’t do no more. I’ve just laid the whole thing in the lap of the Lord Jesus, and I’m riding on it. I’m riding on God’s promise, “I the Lord hath planted It. I water It, day and night, lest some should pluck It from My hand.” God’s Church will endure forever.

169 The Word of God will stand, emphatically right, forever. And regardless if kingdoms come, or atomic bombs fall, or America backslides, whatever takes place, *This* is His Word. He keeps It. And I’m riding on It. I believe It with all my heart.

Let us pray.

170 Blessed Jesus, oh, what a ride! Down over the ripples of joy, down through hallelujah current, oh, just riding on it! You promised. Your promises is all true. And we know that every one of them bears record that they’re true. And through the ages, we’ve seen the blessed old Bible unfold to us, and now the great hour is approaching, the midnight hour.

171 Lord, great, holy ministers of the Gospel has went across the nation, preaching, crying, drinking branch water, persecuted, run from pillar to post, run out of cities, locked up, made fun of, scorned, laughed, starved.

172 But, the Church has moved right on, for Your Word said, “Upon this rock, I’ll build My Church, and the gates of hell shall never prevail against It.” And we’re riding on it, today, the Rock, God’s Eternal, revealed Truth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Upon that solid Rock, the Church stands today. The atheist, the communistic, the elements of this earth, has rose, and they beat and they’ve stormed. But, she is built upon that solid Rock.

173 The devil has sent—sent in fault-finders. It’s made fun. It’s persecuted. It’s called everything, in the world. And we’ve been knocked about, and tested and tried, and, oh, everything. But, O God, as Caleb and Joshua of old, we still say we’re standing Eternally on the

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Word of God. He keeps His promise. He said He would do it, and we believe it.

<sup>174</sup> And may each individual here this morning, get a close view of that now, what it means, that now—now we are riding on This. Someday we'll be there at the camp, where the saints are camped on the breadth of the earth. God and His children will be rejoicing, forever. Grant it, Lord.

<sup>175</sup> And while we have our heads bowed, our eyes closed, in this tabernacle this morning, I wonder if, in Christ's Name, if someone would have the courage to say, "Brother Branham, this day, right now, in this church, I now raise up my hands to Christ, and saying, 'From this day, henceforth, I'll ride on Your Word, Lord.' I'll stand there, accept Christ as my Saviour; never try to do things to try to merit my own salvation. I'll just believe on the Lord Jesus and accept Him. And let Him put that deep Divine love in my heart, and the peace that passes all understanding. I'll wait on the Holy Ghost to give me . . . I raised up, one time, and thought I could go do it, but I found out that I couldn't." Sure, you never will. But, if you'll just stay there long enough, till He does it, then it'll stay there, then it's anchored.

<sup>176</sup> But if you just try to do it, you're going to fail, and you got to fail. That's the reason you have your up's-and-down's, and in's-and-out's, and all the things you're doing. It's because you try to do it. You say, "Oh, I believe I'm all right now." That ain't it. That's isn't—that isn't it. No. It's the Holy Spirit that comes in. He takes the place. He takes all the old roots of bitterness out, the old anger, and temper, and jealousy, and love of the world and things. Takes it all out of you, and then you're a new creature.

<sup>177</sup> Would you raise your hand, say, "Christ, make me that kind of Christian, this morning." God bless you. God bless you. God bless you, lady. And God bless you. God bless you, brother. God bless you, sister. "Make me that kind of a Christian, this morning. I want to be like Jesus. I want all the roots of bitterness taken out of my heart."

<sup>178</sup> Now, there's been a number of you raise your hand. Now, right where you are, if you will, with all your heart now, not—not just imagine, but believe that Jesus Christ, God's Son, is standing right by you, and will take that old bitterness away from you, that will make you what you long to be, He'll do it right where you're . . . He'll perform the operation in *your* hospital, if you'll just let Him do it.

For all things are possible, only believe.

Only believe, only believe,

All things are possible, only believe;

Only believe . . .

179 Just keep praying. Lord. . . Remember, child, it's your soul. You may not be in another service, at all. This may be the last one. Let God do it right now.

180 Say, "Brother Branham, should I come up to the altar?" If you want to, sure. If you don't want to, stay right where you are.

181 You just believe it. "He that heareth My Words, believeth on Him that sent me, has everlasting Life, and shall never come into judgment; but has passed from death to Life." That's it.

182 If you'd like to come to the altar and pray, it's open. You want to stay where you're at, and pray; it's your soul, it's, you're the one.

183 The time is at hand, brother. The Church is just about made up. The old stream is muddy. We've seined and fished, and thrown these old lead sinkers out there until the whole thing has become muddy. Too many hogs in the wallow. She is muddy.

184 As me, a minister, I just feel this, that, if God is going to do it, it's going to have to take God. I can't. So, it's up to you. There is the Word, there is the Truth, you see It unfolding right here before you. The end is at hand. Jesus may come at any time. It may be that there may not even be any United States, time the sun goes down tonight. They could send five thousand atomic bombs at one time; there wouldn't even be one living creature on the earth, in another hour from now. If you want . . . Now it's up to you.

Think of it now while we pray.

185 Blessed Heavenly Father, at the closing of this Word, as I turn the pages back, the Message is sealed up now. The Coming of the Lord is drawing nigh. Several in the building, this morning, raised up their hands and said, by that, "I want to become a Christian. I want to be a real, real born-again servant of God."

186 Lord, maybe many years, You've dealt with their hearts. You— You've told them that. Your grace has still reached out to them. They're not altogether gone, yet. Some has done gone to a place, they have no more desire. A year ago, they used to put up their hand, say, "Well, I'd like to be a Christian." Now it's done too far; they don't feel it no more now.

187 Just about all over! And that seems to be the general run of the nation, hearing great evangelists, as they've crossed the nations. They've sent out feelers. They've done everything. They've organized groups. They visit homes, to those who would raise their hands and try. Where thousands and thousands made start, two or three would hold on. Well, it's over, Lord. It's over, God. We are gone.

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188 O Father, I know that You said, that, “All that had come to Christ, You would keep.” And I believe that with all my heart. And I believe, Lord, that You will keep those whose hearts and minds are stayed on You. And I thank You, Lord, for the Church, and for the saints of the living God that’s in that Church, this great spiritual Body!

189 But, O God, how my heart quivers for those outside of That, knowing that they see the handwriting on the wall, seeing the great things a happening, the sign posts. And America still full of old dirty jokes, and uncensored programs on television, radio, and love story, and scoffers and laughers, and big-time frolics, and Hollywood evangelism.

190 And, O God, it’s—it’s the midnight hour striking, truly. She is ready to go. And what can I do, Lord? I’ve worried; I’ve cried; I’ve begged. I—I. . . It’s just on You now, Lord. I—I. . . That’s all I can do. I’ve preached it. I’ll just stand right on the Word, Lord. I’m trying to ride right into the camp now. Time won’t be long.

191 Now, God, to those who has the honest heart today. God, do something for them just now. Let them become Your children, from this day on.

192 Heal the sick in the midst of us, Lord. Make them well. Bring back those cold backsliders, Lord. Let them know they’re just. . . They’re playing on such treacherous ground. Soon they’ll be gone, it’ll be too late then. Grant now that Your Spirit will deal greatly with us. In Christ’s Name. Amen.

193 To the young people, I would say this: If I could. . . This morning, after a birthday yesterday of forty-eight years in this life, twenty-some-odd years of that, about twenty-four years I’ve spent for the Lord Jesus, as a boy of about twenty-three years old I—I started preaching the Gospel, if there is any regrets that I have, any regrets, if I could touch a button this morning and go back to the—the fabulous age of about sixteen or seventeen, I would only want to do it for one thing, that is to serve Christ.

194 That’s what it means, to serve Christ alone. God Who knows my heart, knows that’s true, serve Christ alone. I have never seen anything, or thought anything, that ever compared with this blessed anchor of Christ in my heart, I don’t know nothing.

195 I have sailed the seas, I flew through the air, I’ve seen all the sights the world has, I seen the seven mysteries of the world, I’ve seen the seven outstanding sights, rather, of the world, I have seen all the mountain sides, pretty near, of the world, I’ve, I’m a hunter, I’ve hunted in all kinds of nations, I’ve done everything, fished, I’ve rode horses, I’ve ranched, I’ve done everything that I knowed to do, and I’ll say this:

that there is, all of it put together won't make one little dot to the love of the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>196</sup> What could I do? What could . . . Oh, yes, that's these little kiddies here. I've had my little girl friends, and slicked my hair down. And put my windshield back on my car, and went out with my date. I thought . . . But it just didn't satisfy. There is something you're lacking, all the time.

<sup>197</sup> I've seen the girl with the pretty brown eyes, and it would . . . You know how you would feel, as young folks. I thought that was just it. "If I could only have the date with this young lady, it would just . . . it would—it would just take all my anxiety. That, that would just settle it." I'd have a date with her, and be out with her, fifteen minutes, and looking for someone else. It just doesn't satisfy. Oh, there is nothing.

<sup>198</sup> But, that blessed hour! Blessed be His Name! Down in a little old coal shed, in a back of a building, kneeling on an old grass sack, in an alley, where I knelt down there in the wet ground, and said, "Lord Jesus, can You do something for me?" That's when a peace that passes all understanding, twenty-four years ago, anchored here in this heart of mine. And it's worth all there is in the whole world. I've never seen nothing to compare with it.

Through the many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
It's grace that's brought me safe thus far,  
It's grace that'll take me on.

<sup>199</sup> I trusted Him in the hours of sickness and accident. I've trusted Him when the airplanes was spinning in the storm, and you didn't know what. I said, "Lord Jesus, are You finished with me? If not, straighten this plane out." And see her smooth around, to her right condition.

<sup>200</sup> I've stood in the clinics where the best of doctors in the nations, to . . . And they'd look at me and say, "Just a few more minutes to live; he is going." And when the best doctors that could be got for me.

<sup>201</sup> And I said, "Lord Jesus, are You through with me?" And all of a sudden, I was normally back to myself. Certainly.

<sup>202</sup> Oh, amazing grace, how sweet that sound! How I wish I had tongues to explain what it is. It's too great for the human mind. Take my word. Don't you take a substitute, friend. Don't take a substitute. Don't just go and say, "Well, now, I do *this*. I—I tell you what, I'm a pretty good person." Don't rely on that. Don't do it. Just stay there until Something just reaches out, takes away all the sin, and puts a kiss there that just burns. And when the trials come, you don't have to wonder if I'm going to do that, it just Something holds there.

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203 And as a middle-aged man now, I've got to come down and think this, that one of these days I got to go. If Jesus tarries, I got to go. I don't know what it'll be when I get down to the end of the road. I don't know. I'm not trusting upon my preaching. No, sir. No, I'm not trusting upon the things I've done. O God, no. Oh, let that be far from me. I've done things, since I been a preacher, neglected and done *this* and *that*. I don't want to trust in nothing, that. No, sir. I don't want to say, "Lord, I've won over a million souls to You." That has nothing to do with it; not a thing. The only thing I'm trusting, is His grace, His promise, His Word.

204 Lord, You've said. . . Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I'll fear no evil. You said, "I'll never leave thee nor forsake thee." When I'm pressing that pillow, and the cold death sweat is running off of my brow, He'll be there. Just as sure as I'm standing here, He'll be there.

205 When I preach my last sermon, close the Bible and walk away the last time, the work is over; He'll be there. Yes, sir. And just as sure as I believe that He is Coming; when He comes again, I'll be there, too. Yes, sir. Not because that I merit. It's because He has, for me. And I accept it upon the basis of His Eternal Word. And I know, by that, there was something happened. Something happened. Not how much noise I can make, how well I can say. If I was the greatest preacher in the world, if I had raised the dead, whatever, that has nothing to do with it. It's because something happened. Something taken place in *here*. It taken all the old jealousy, and bitterness, and evil, and everything, from my heart. And now I just love Him, day and night. Something happened. I want to see Him, someday. I want you, too, also.

206 Little church, struggling now for the Kingdom of God, don't never falter in this day. If you do, quickly repent, jump right back. See? If you stump your toe, don't fall. If you fall, get up. Get up. My! Get up. Sure.

207 If you've made a mistake. Now, in this revival coming on. . . You just went back and got cold, indifferent. Wake, get down to your Bible. Walk out in the apple orchard somewhere. Get out to yourself, and say, "God, now here I am. I'm sorry of this thing."

208 You're going to get a whipping for it, just remember that. Yes, indeed. You'll reap what you sow out. Yes, sir. But, whatever you do, take your whipping here. Get right up and straighten up, and say, "Father, here I am. Whip me just as Thou sees fit, Lord. Here I am." That's right. Then walk right back, with a "hallelujah" on your heart. God lets the whip down on you, just say, "Yes, Lord. I deserve every bit of it." Just keep on going. God will take you through, all right. It'll be over, one of these days.

209 I think that good old song Brother Neville and them used to sing, “I’ll soon be done, of the troubles and trials.” Yes, that’s right.

210 How many loves Him? Let’s see your hands? All right. Give us a chord, *Amazing Grace*. Everybody just be quiet, a minute. Slowly now.

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I was once was lost, but now I’m found,  
Was blind, but now I see.  
Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Now all of us, together.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun;  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we first begun.

211 I used to hear old Doc Davis, many of them, and I have heard many of the old saints, when they was coming down, after they had passed up, and the ministry was getting ripe. I’ve heard them talk about they felt. Just begin to realize that now. Amen. Just begin to realize it. Oh, how, what a wonderful thing!

212 What would I hold to today? Where would I go? Where you going? Amen. What would I do? Where? What would happen to me today if it wasn’t for Christ? Where would my hopes be anchored? I’d be a maniac. When I see what’s fixing to happen, and know that was all of it, forever, oh, my, what would I do?

213 But, oh, I am so glad. I’m so glad. It’s just a dawning of day. We’re just in a dream. We’re fixing to wake up. Oh, in a nightmare, as it was; to come out of it, into a springtime; everlasting youth, everlasting health, everlasting joy, everlasting peace. Isn’t it wonderful? He is so real!

214 I wonder how many here is sick now, and wants to be prayed for? Let’s see your hands. All right.

215 Want to tell you what’s happened this last week. We’ve had some of the most marvelous things to happen in the meeting, course, at the platform. And I have coming into a—a type of something, that it just seems to be greater than what it was.

216 I have come to the platform, and God has given a gift of a—a prophetic gift, which can. . . That’s beyond question. I can prove it to you, right here. See? That’s beyond question. But I see it just doesn’t get

the job done the way it should, because it's just a gift. Another thing, it's an individual, you see. It pertains to an individual, through a gift.

<sup>217</sup> But I done something the other day, tried to get the people in Oakland, just to where the . . . in the big arena there. I said, "Just His Presence," and just stayed right with that Word. And got the people with . . . You know what? There was more healing than I believe I ever seen in any one meeting taking place, outside of the big meetings like in Africa and around like that, but for its size. The people just recognizing the Presence of God, in the meeting, just sitting there and get in the Presence of God. And the people would get up, healed; cross-eyed, straightened. And, oh, it's . . .

<sup>218</sup> I believe it's coming to a time where the . . . Paul said, "Where there is prophecies, it shall fail; where there is tongues, they shall cease." I believe it's coming to a time till when the saints will get together like this, and just a love spirit will just sweep over the audience. And just, every person in there, all that's wrong will be taken out. It'll be such a Presence of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>219</sup> I believe, while we're to lay hands on them and pray for them now, it's a contact maybe of a minister anointed, and laying hands on, just as a blessing to God. But I believe it's coming a time when God's Church is going to be so called out, like that, where the saints will sit together, and the Holy Spirit will just come in, just woo, just like it was on the Day of Pentecost. See? And just heal the people, and raise up the people, and great things. I begin to see it happen.

Because, I tell you for why.

<sup>220</sup> Men has went forth with gifts, that's true. I have no doubt to say. I'm not a critic of anybody's. What they believe, that's up to them, see. But, I've seen men with gifted ministries, but they went forth and, more or less, made a—a . . . What would I say? Now, with respects and with love, and God knows it's from my heart. See? That they have made more like a—a money-gathering affair out of it, you see, just get people together and want to put on some great big something. And maybe they put the money out, and, well, that may be all right. But it seems to me . . .

<sup>221</sup> They say, "Well, the end is a coming, what's the people need with their money?" Well, what do *you* need with it, yourself? See?

<sup>222</sup> So, the—the thing of it is, is just get the Gospel to the people, you see, is to preach. I believe if we just . . .

<sup>223</sup> And gifts, you see, signs, and now, a person could come here, this morning, and stand here in this pulpit, and work great miracles and signs, that wouldn't even mean the person was saved. Devils work signs and wonders. Sure, they do. Sure, they do. And the Bible said they

would do more than that, in the last day. Well, Jesus said, “Many will come to Me and say, ‘Lord, have not I cast out devils in Your Name? And have not I did *this*? And have not I done *that*, and all these things?’” He said, “I didn’t know it. Depart from Me, you workers of iniquity.” See?

I believe the time is coming. . .

224 “The manifestation of the gifts was give to every man to profit withal.” That’s—that’s true. I believe gifts are wonderful, and we need them and respect them.

225 But I believe the time is coming when it’s going to be on a higher standard than that. Why, “After all these things is done away, that which is love will endure forever.” See? It’s the love of God. We’ll just—we’ll just be standing, preaching like this, or talking, and just the love will just settle over the building. Whew! My!

226 You see, this is the day of preaching. This is the day when we got to move in and get sinners and pull them out. See what I mean? That’s what the preaching of the Word is for, is to the sinners, and to bring them out. Now we have to watch, in there, and we. . . Signs and wonders are done by the laying on of hands, and so forth, ’cause it’s preaching.

227 But I believe the time is coming now when she is just about. . . The Church is about anchored away. See?

228 God won’t have a freak body. He won’t have six fingers on one hand. There will just be five fingers on one hand. The Body of Christ won’t be freak. And when the last person has come into the Body of Christ, then it’s over. It’s over. I don’t know which one. This might have been the last one, this morning. You might have been the last one. Maybe over in Africa, today, the last one will be brought in. But when the last one is done, I mean the. . . You may go ahead, preaching the Gospel, but there’ll be no respond. See, there’s no respond.

229 Talking with Billy Graham and them, where they went into a place where thirty thousand, or twenty or thirty thousand was converted. They couldn’t find twenty or thirty people, within a year. Think of it, just think of that. See?

230 Now, that makes me a Calvinist, exactly. See? What God has made, God has made.

231 Now, Jesus never come to earth just to say, “I’ll have preachers go down and preach some, tell them about what I’ve done, and maybe somebody will feel sorry for Me and get saved.” God don’t run His office like that.

232 There, God, at the beginning, knowed exactly who would be saved. Jesus come to save those that God knew would be saved. He wasn't willing that they would be lost, but, to be God, He knowed who would be lost and who would be saved. Therefore, He could predestinate. Not predestinate, He—He fore- . . . By foreknowledge, He could set in order, to make everything work to His glory. Because, that's . . .

233 The devil—the devil isn't omnipresent nor omnipotent, neither does he know the end from the beginning. God alone knows it. That's one thing, God is just up *Here*. He knows. The devil don't know what's going to happen. He doesn't know what's going to happen. Only thing he knows, he's just a devil, and he just does what he can do. And everything he can get into, he does it.

234 But, God knows the end. Amen. So, God knowing the end, He can make everything work right to His glory. Amen. Oh, I love Him. My, oh, my! See? He is God. So, remember, when the last person that had their . . .

235 When was your name put on the Lamb's Book of Life; yesterday, last year, year before last? No, sir. "When the world was created, your name was put on the Lamb's Book of Life," what the Bible said. The Bible said, in Revelation, "And the antichrist deceived all that dwelt upon the face of the earth, whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life, from the foundation of the world." Your name was written then. Now, the only thing . . .

You say, "What's preaching the Gospel, then?"

236 Well, the Bible plainly explains it. See? He said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that took a net and went to the sea or a lake. And he cast a net into the sea, and he pulls out." That's preaching the Gospel. See? There's a whole sea. The United States is a lake. And the ministers . . .

237 Now, I go down here, stand in Jeffersonville, on *this* corner of the lake. Say, "Brother Neville, you been seining?"

"Yes."

"Doing any good?"

"Not too much."

238 "Well, let's . . . I'll seine with you a little while." And I'll throw my net out, and he throws his. And here we pull, preaching, pull in.

239 Bunch of people come up, say, "Yeah, I want to accept the Lord Jesus." All right.

Look around, "Which is fish? Which one?"

"I don't know." See?

“Well, now, what are you going to do now?”

<sup>240</sup> “Well, I’m going over to California. The Lord sent me over to California. I’m going to seine over there a while.”

<sup>241</sup> I’ll go there and throw my net out like *this*, and push in, fifteen hundred comes at one time. “Was all them saved?” I don’t know. There they are. I take the net up. That’s the Gospel net.

<sup>242</sup> Some of them, the Bible said, with all kinds of things that was in the water. They all breathed on the same water, lived in the same water. That right? See? There was terrapins, mud turtles, snakes, frogs, lizards, scavengers, and real fish.

<sup>243</sup> Now, those that were fish when the Gospel net went over them, was fish when they were on the bank. Those that were terrapins in the Gospel net, were terrapins on the bank. It won’t be long till they’ll take right back for the mud again. “As a hog to its wallow, and a dog to its vomit,” away they go. See?

<sup>244</sup> But, at the beginning, they were terrapins, to begin with. It’s not my business to say they’re terrapins. I don’t know. I’m just seining, see, just pulling the net. But when the last fish has come out of the water, brother, that’s it.

Oh, the Lord Himself will come  
And will say the work is done,  
The station will be changed after while.

<sup>245</sup> That’s right. That’s right. Yes, sir. He’ll say, “The work’s done, and it’s finished. It’s all over,” when the last one is come out.

<sup>246</sup> And there’s been an old bunch of hog wallows around, and everything. God is pulling them fish out of there, just as fast as He can. Preachers from every side, just swinging nets from one way to the other. We’re even wrapping nets around one another. We’re just pulling as hard as we can, seining. She is just about ready. He’ll blow the old pond up, one of these days, and she’ll all be over. But the fish will go to the good, clear waters out yonder, where they’ll have Eternal Life forever. Amen. Oh, when that last one comes! My!

<sup>247</sup> How, what a privilege it is, for God to say, “Would you like to be a fish?” Amen. “Would you like to be a fish on My table? Would you like to come and be meat at My table?” Oh, my!

“Sure. Sure, Lord.” See? But, their nature is fish. See?

<sup>248</sup> When you’re a Christian, your nature is a Christian. You don’t have to say, “Now, you—you—you can’t, you can’t smoke. You can’t drink. You can’t do it.” You don’t have to say that. They just don’t do it, anyhow. See? Their nature is different. The Spirit of Christ is in the person, and Christ don’t do those things. See?

249 You say, “You have to love the Lord. You ought to go to church.” You don’t have to tell them people that. They go, anyhow. They’ll walk through rain. They’ll go. They’re going through death, to go to church. Sure. They love it. They just got to get there. That’s all there is to it. It’s their life. If they don’t, they—they feel like they’re perishing. Sure. Yes, sir. You just got to get there, and whenever just something is burning in your heart. Not to go there to argue, now, not to go there to fuss, but to go there to worship. My! And you go home refreshed. Isn’t that a wonderful life? How many has experienced that? Let’s see your hand. Oh!

250 That’s right, Gertie. Let’s sing that. “Peace! Peace!”

. . . Peace! Wonderful peace,  
Coming down from the Father Above;  
Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,  
In the fathomless billows of love.

251 Want you to do something now. Ever who is sitting right next to you, shake hands with them, say, “God bless you, brother, sister. Want to meet you in Heaven.”

Peace! Peace! wonderful peace,  
Coming down from the Father Above;  
Sweep over my spirit forever. . . (Oh, my!)  
In the fathomless billows of love.

Down at the cross where my Saviour died,  
Down there for cleansing from sin I cried;  
There to my heart was the Blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His Name!  
Glory to His matchless Name!  
There to my heart was the Blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

252 Now while we sing the next verse, I wonder if the sick could line up, right up here now, for the prayer, right over on *this* side. And I want the ministers, if they’ll come forth now to help us pray for the sick. Line up on the right hand side, come around *this* a way. That’s right, over on the right side, those to be prayed for.

I am so wondrously saved from sin,  
Jesus so sweetly abides within,  
There at the cross where He took me in;  
Glory to His Name!

Glory to His precious Name!  
Glory to His precious Name!

There to my heart was the Blood applied;  
Glory to His Name!

253 Chord *The Great Physician* for us, will you, Sister Gertie, if you would.

254 Now I want to ask you something. (I'll get those. Yes, sir.) Are you coming with anticipations, or with expectations, rather, that you are going to be healed this morning? Is that what's in your heart, real down deep? If you are coming like that, my friend, I'll just assure you that your healing is just as assure as your salvation, just as surely.

255 Now, your healing is not as permanent as your salvation. Your healing will fail you. You can be . . . If you're healed, you'll be sick again. You could be healed today, with pneumonia, perfectly normal and well, pronounced "well," by the doctor, and next week die with pneumonia. That's right.

256 You could be totally pure of TB, this week; and two months from now, die, with tubercular. They could pass a test, with not one germ in your body, that they can find; and then die in two more weeks, with tubercular. That's right. See? And you've got to die, anyhow.

257 But, the benefits! David cried, "Forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy Name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits." Benefits! What is the benefit in the journey? "Who forgives all of mine iniquity." *Iniquity*, is something that you're going out and you do it, and you know you oughtn't to have done it. He forgives it. You ask Him, He forgive you. "Forgives all of my iniquity; who heals all my diseases."

Now I want to settle this for you, forever.

258 Then somebody says, "Brother Branham, do you believe in Divine healing?"

259 Now let me say this sensibly and sanely. I want some person, some doctor, some science, somewhere, I invite them in this revival, to come to this pulpit and show me one place where anybody was ever healed outside of Divine healing. I—I want you to go to your doctor, or to anybody that you wish to, and show me any person that was ever healed outside Divine healing.

260 I want you to bring me the medicine that'll heal. I want you to bring me the doctor that says he's a healer. He'll be heeler, all right, "heel," the heel of a doctor. But God is the only One Who can heal, or ever did heal, or ever will heal.

261 If we had some medicine that would heal, we could build a man right here on this platform, with the medicine. That's right, we could build a man, create him right here on the platform.

262 Just think of it, all healing is Divine healing. God has methods of doing it.

263 Now, you say, “Well, Brother Branham, I had an operation, the tumor, or appendicitis. If the doctor hadn’t have cut it out, I’d died.”

264 That might. That’s probably the truth. But did you know the doctor never healed you? The doctor moved the obstruction. He just cut the appendix off. That’s the thing was hurting you. But he never healed it.

265 You broke your arm. You say, “Well, I broke. . . I bet, if you break your arm, you’d go to the doctor.” I sure would. But he couldn’t heal it.

266 What if I go in, say, “Doc, heal my arm, right quick. I got to work on my car this afternoon”? See? Why, he’d—he’d know I need mental healing.

267 He would say, “I can set your arm.” But who does the healing?

268 You say, “Brother Branham, what about penicillin, when they give it to you for—for disease, germs in your body, like venereal and—and whatever you got, pneumonia? Does penicillin. . . Don’t penicillin heal you?” No, sir.

269 Penicillin, penicillin is an antibiotic, and an antibiotic is a killer. Antibiotic kills. All other medicines kill. Medicine does not build; it kills. Medicine is a killer, not a healer. Show me a medicine that heals. Show me a medicine that isn’t a killer, and you ain’t got no medicine. Medicine kills, kills germs.

270 Just like if you had rats in your house, and you put out rat poison. And the rats was eating holes through your house. Well, the rat poison kills the rats, but it doesn’t patch your house. See? Penicillin, penicillin kills the germ, but God has to heal the place where the germ has eat. See what I mean?

271 Anyway, God’s Word, we’re going to get into that. God’s Word cannot cross Itself up. It’s absolutely the Truth. It. . . I just want the person to come put your finger on the Word, any time during the revival, to show me a contradiction in God’s Word, where It crossed Itself up, it can’t be straightened out by the Word of God. It isn’t there. Sure. It isn’t there. There’s no contradictions in the Word, at all. Absolutely.

272 You get a subject. I can write you one letter and tell you something. Write you another letter and another letter. First thing you know, these two were talking on two different subject. See? Certainly.

273 But God is the only One that ever did heal, that ever will heal, or ever could heal. You break your arm, now, I’d say. . .

“Well, I got a tumor, what about that?” All right.

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274 Now, if that little place where that tumor is hooked on, if God, by casting out the evil, and the life goes out of that tumor, it'll die.

275 If the doctor cuts it off, then God has to heal up the place where the doctor cut it. If you don't, you bleed to death. Is that right? What if he takes the appendix out of you, and God doesn't heal you, then what about it? You'll die right there.

276 You clog up one of the main veins in this street out here. You get out here and clog one of the main veins, and find out, on this street out here, this sewer, and watch what happens.

277 You go out here and clog up a main, cut off the main water valve down here, one of the water valve, watch what'll do it. It'll blow it out, down here at the pumping system.

278 There's not a place, not a thing, a system in the world, like the human body. But you can cut an artery in two, and clamp it off here, and God will make a way to bypass that blood and take it into that artery again. If it didn't; in one minute's time, if that backed back and hit your heart, you, [Brother Branham snaps his fingers—Ed.] you'd be dead, like *that*, the first time you scratch yourself.

279 Who is the healer? Oh, my! God is the healer. See, you can't have no mechanical systems work like that. It's got to be supernatural.

280 I had the artery shot in two, in both of my legs. See? And God . . . there, me, a little old sinner boy, dying on that field. God knowed He wanted me to preach the Gospel. He bypassed the blood. I don't even know about it, 'less somebody tells me, or I happen to look down and see the scar. See? God, in the arteries!

281 You break the main band on this, the pump out here on this pumping system, watch out here at the government, what takes place. It'll back up there and blow it out. Sure, it will. That water is forcing down like that, it'll push right back.

282 But God makes a bypass and goes around. Who does that? What intelligence does that? Show me a water system will do it. Hallelujah! It's the intelligence of God. It's the great Creator who does it. Yes, indeedy.

283 What makes a tree different from the other? What makes a bird color from another, different? What makes his speech different? What makes us what we are? Is an Intelligence. It's God.

284 Don't be afraid now. He made . . . This is His promise. It ain't Brother Branham. It's His promise. "I'm the Lord Who heals all your diseases." "If any is sick, call the elders of the church, anoint them with oil, pray over them, prayer of faith shall save the sick. These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay hands on the sick, they shall

recover.” And then when that order has been done, accept it just the same as you would to repent and be baptized here. Walk right away, say, “It’s a finished work. It’s all over.” See?

285 But we’re watching for some great outstanding miracle to happen. It does happen when there’s faith enough there to make it happen. But if there’s not faith enough to make it happen, it’ll happen anyhow, by and by.

286 Look what Jesus said in the translation there, when He said about the mountain. He said, “By and by, shall come to pass. If you ask this mountain to move, and believe in your heart it’ll do it,” said, “by and by, it’ll come to pass.” See? It will.

Now you’re sick. Many of you are dying, in bad shape.

287 I see them holding a man here now. Man very sick. Cancer is a horrible thing, but God can heal cancer. My! I can show you in here. How many in here has ever . . . Has anybody here now, been healed with cancer? Raise your hands. Look here, it’s all over the church. See? Sure, everywhere. We’ve had them brought, ’cause God is the healer.

288 Now, every one of you out there, in appreciation, I want you to bow your heads, want you to pray. Brother Neville, come here. And now as you people . . . I want the elders to get here, so we can pray for the people. And when you come by here . . . Do this now. When you come by here, believe with all your heart. And just take my . . . not my word, but God’s Word, for it. Just believe with all your heart. That settles it. That’s it. It’s all over. God said so. His Word said so. It can’t fail.

289 “I don’t care how I feel. I’m going right on, anyhow, saying It’s the Truth.” Watch what happens.

290 But, see, if we stand back and, say, come by the prayer line like *this*, just never happen. That’s all. 

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