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# A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE

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Thank you, very much.

<sup>2</sup> Let's remain standing just a moment, if you will, while we go to God in prayer. As we bow our heads now, before Him, I wonder if there's any special request we'd like to be known to God by an uplifted hand, and you raise your hand, in your heart say, "God, remember me on a *certain* thing."

<sup>3</sup> Our Heavenly Father, it's a grand privilege, tonight, to come and say "Father" to the Creator of Heavens and earth, knowing that He is concerned about us so much that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life. We're so thankful, tonight, that we have believed, and have received Eternal Life by our faith in Him.

<sup>4</sup> Now, we have many requests among us, tonight, Father. You seen every hand, You know every reason behind that hand being raised, answer, Father. I lay my prayer with theirs upon the altar, my faith with theirs, and ask that the merciful God will grant the request, as we plead over the Bloody Sacrifice, the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup> Now, bless the message, tonight, and bless the people who are here to receive it, bless the ones that give it. And may the Holy Spirit have the right of way in every heart. May we leave here tonight, happy and rejoicing, and saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us, as we met in His Presence again?" For we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

<sup>6</sup> May be seated. Very happy indeed, again tonight, to be here, and after last evening, and a glorious time with the Lord, had such a wonderful fellowship last night around the Word of God. I was having breakfast this morning with someone, and we were talking about it, and immediately I met another person and, someone had been in the meetings, and they said, "Brother Branham, I was in your former meetings, when you first started, about fifteen years ago, over here on the West Coast."

<sup>7</sup> It was down here at Santa—Santa Rosa, I believe, is the place. Santa Rosa? And one night there, there was a gentleman trying to get in the prayer line, and a minister was with me then, that takes . . . had . . . Billy had . . . has took his place. He was . . . he would give out prayer cards,

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and keep the line straight. And oh, my, people would drive a thousand miles in taxicab just to get to the meeting.

<sup>8</sup> And he kept wanting . . . Mr. Brown had put him out of the prayer line two or three times, he didn't have a prayer card, and he's got . . . I heard him say, "Well, I only wanted to speak to him."

And so I said, "What is it, Sir?"

He said, "I just wanted to know how you spell your last name."

And I said, "B-r-a-n-h-a-m."

And he said, "That's it, Mother," and walked over and set down.

And I thought, "Well, now, that's strange. Why would he ask a thing like that?" I said, "May I ask . . .?"

<sup>9</sup> He said, "Well, Sir, about twenty-five years ago, when Pentecost actually first come to the West Coast," he said, "wife and I received a gift of the Spirit." One of them would speak with tongues and the other would give the interpretation. And it give prophesies, and they wrote it down.

<sup>10</sup> And said, "Tonight, when I come home, I was reading in the paper an article of you being up here at Santa Rosa." He said, "And I said to my wife, 'Honey, doesn't that sound familiar to you somehow?'" And them people may be setting present right now for all I know. Said, "'Doesn't that sound . . .?'"

Said, "'Oh, well,'" said, "'paper has been writing this minister up.'"

And said—said, "'But that sounds familiar.'"

<sup>11</sup> And after dinner, they went up in the attic and got some old . . . garret up there, and got this suitcase out, or the old something that they carried their prophesies in. An old yellow piece of paper, and one of them had spoke in tongues, and the other one had prophesied and It said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD: It shall come to pass, just before the end time that My servant, William Branham, will come up the West Coast praying for the sick." And so . . . And said It spelled "W-i-double l-i-a-m B-r-a-n-h-a-m." And there it was, old yellow paper of twenty-five years before that, and I'd have been about seven or eight years old, that would have been about 1915, somewhere along there, see, that it happened.

<sup>12</sup> And the West Coast holds many great memories to me. And I'm constantly going on this West Coast. Why? Civilization has traveled with the sun. The oldest civilization we have is in the east, and there's where the Holy Spirit first fell, was in the east. And civilization has traveled westward, and has come to the West Coast, just a mile or two over here, or so, I suppose, and we're—we're on the sea, we go right back east again. Here is where all the heap of everything has pounded up,

here on this West Coast, over here. Here is where both good and bad, the worst and the best, comes together, right here at the West Coast.

<sup>13</sup> Before I leave the West Coast this time (This is probably my last mission trip up and down here.), and, I—I want to preach on *When The East And West Meets*. And I've had the context-like in my heart for a long time.

<sup>14</sup> I was saying to this person that said, "Brother Branham, when you come, it was just a little gift, every once in a while in the line, you'd catch somebody, and take a hold their hand, and stand there a few minutes, and look them in the eye and say, 'You have a *certain* disease,' and it was always right.

<sup>15</sup> "But you prophesied, and you said there would come a time, that the Angel of the Lord had told you, that commissioned you to go, that you would know the very secret of their heart, and would tell the people the things that they had done, and would do, and so forth. You prophesied that would come to pass."

<sup>16</sup> And says, "Your ministry, today, is a hundred percent plus higher than it was then, 'cause everything that you prophesied would come to pass, has did it, and your ministry is greater." Said, "You stood last night to some woman, down along the line," said, "just reeled off her history, what was going on." And said, "The people seemed to say, 'That's real nice.'"

<sup>17</sup> And said, "Just, when you'd take the people by the hand in the first place, and just say one thing, people would rush to the altar as fast as they could." And said, "You made an altar call last night," and said, "was there people setting there?"

<sup>18</sup> I said, "Backsliders, sinners, and everything else," see, and said, "not one would respond." I said, "You see," see, "God's gifts becomes perfected, but the revival has been over for a long time." See? The revival is gone, 1956 I prophesied at Chicago that Billy Graham, that year would return and cancel his meetings, Tommy Osborn would return, and America would see its last call, and from then the revival would die. Now, just count back and see. We got that on record. See? And the revival is gone.

<sup>19</sup> See, the light has to . . . The water has to fall on Seed that has got Life, or it won't come to Life. There's no Life there to bring it to Life, "All the Father has given Me will come. And no one can come, except My Father has called him." See? That—that's right. So today . . . The revival ended.

<sup>20</sup> The ministry of Oral Roberts, I remember the first time I met Oral Roberts, little, ragged tent setting on the other side, I was in—in Kansas City, Missouri, uh, Kansas, and he was in Kansas City,

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Missouri. We met around behind the stage, shook hands with me, and he said, “Brother Branham, do you think God would answer my prayers for the sick?”

<sup>21</sup> I said, “He answer anybody’s prayers for the sick.” And we got our pictures together, it’s in the old copy of *The Voice Of Healing* if . . . many of you have it, perhaps. And there—there Oral started out.

Look how his ministry has growed, and now into the millions and millions and millions of dollars, now building a great big school of theology.

<sup>22</sup> I think of Billy Graham, right down here in Los Angeles when all the *Youth For Christ* got to praying for him, how that the newspapers wrote him up critical, criticized about saying the—the lion, Leo, kicked him in the belly and said, “See if that’s one’s fat enough to lay his head on.” So, think of a minister saying something like that. Today, they’d be scared to say it, but Billy Graham, his ministry has growed in such a way. See?

<sup>23</sup> Oral Robert’s ministry has growed. The little gift that God gave me and prophesied, look how it’s growed. See? But yet, the revival is dying, dying, dying.

<sup>24</sup> Billy Graham said in Louisville, when he was . . . my hometown, and he set there, I was at his ministerial breakfast, he said, “I go into a city, and I’ll have there six-weeks’ meeting, and get thirty thousand” (What is it he calls them? Confessions? Or decisions.) “thirty thousand decisions.” Said, “I come back in six months, I can’t find thirty.”

<sup>25</sup> He said, “Paul went into a city, and he got one decision for Christ, he come back a year later and found thirty or forty from that one.” Said, “Now, there’s something wrong.” Sure. See?

<sup>26</sup> Just when the revival is going, and the Spirit of God is moving, God is moving with the people, then when He gets that crop out, weeded out, that’s it, that’s for that generation. And remember, He said, “As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls were saved, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.” See? Each generation will just produce *so many*. And that’s the way you see it today, everywhere, it’s just a dying away, a falling away. Sin is collapsing in everything.

<sup>27</sup> We’ve come to meetings, they’ll . . . I was at a meeting just down in Los Angeles last week at the exhibit yard there, where the place was packed out of great crowds of people. And they seemed to all love the Lord, but it seemed like it’s just—it’s just almost over. Make an altar call, and honest, you couldn’t get no one up at the altar, no one.

<sup>28</sup> And when you do, they’re not really Christians. They’re . . . What they are, (I mean just confessors.), they are people who has once

knowed the Lord, and just backslid away, and coming back. So that ain't. . . we couldn't call them converts, they've been converted when they accepted Christ. They just fell away, just renewing their fellowship. See? But converts, there's not a dozen a year, I guess, around, especially in—in our little meetings. So you see it's just about gleaning over the fields.

<sup>29</sup> But yet, the sovereignty of God to be sure that every one is caught, every grain is preserved, even the pieces that was left off of the twelve baskets is picking up. See? God lets nothing. . . He combs back and forth through the fields again to catch it again. Aren't we thankful that we have a Father like that?

<sup>30</sup> Now, tonight. . . Last night I said, "We'll let you out, nine thirty," ten o'clock 'fore I got out. So I'm always late. You know, my mother told me I was a full nine months baby. I was really a little late getting here, and I've always been late.

<sup>31</sup> Here some time ago I was preaching at a United Brethren church, and I was just about a hour late. So the minister, when he got up to a waiting congregation, standing around the walls, he said, "I now introduce you to the *late* Mr. Branham."

<sup>32</sup> When I got married my wife had to wait on me about a hour and a half, I held her there for a long time. If I can just be late for my funeral! That's the next thing. If I can just stay here long enough to be late for that, that's what I want to be, real late on that one.

<sup>33</sup> But some, you know, can. . . knows how to say it, and educated scholars to know how to place it out there; and I just—I just have to reach up and get it and just. . . And I love to reach after it so much, till I just don't know when to stop reaching, you see. And so, that's the only way I got of doing it, so you bear with me a little bit.

<sup>34</sup> And I got an alarm clock here that they give me over in Switzerland, but I'm just ashamed to make it alarm while I'm preaching, you see. So. . . They give it to me, I guess that was a hint.

<sup>35</sup> But I preached a sort—sort of a short sermon the other day at, tabernacle at home, six hours, just six hours. Don't—don't get scared, I don't do that now, my manager back here would pull me off before that time.

<sup>36</sup> Let us turn, tonight, for a Scripture reading, over in the Book of Saint Matthew, 12th chapter, and let's read a little for a context. Now, what little time we got, let's set it in for the Kingdom of God now. See?

<sup>37</sup> Now, the Lord spared my life a few days ago, all of you has learned about it, when that gun blowed up in my face, you see. And you see all around my eyes, and them marks and things, that's where a—a

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Weatherby Magnum blew up in my face, and blowed the barrel on the fifty-yard line, and cut down everything around me, and should have just cut my whole body plumb in two; *that* close to my eye when I was shooting targets on a range.

<sup>38</sup> And the man that was standing with me is in the service, tonight, setting right back here looking at me. He should have just picked up my legs, that was all; and it never hurt me.

<sup>39</sup> It weakened . . . Fifteen pieces made a half-moon right below the sight, and went plumb back to the back of the eye ball, *this* one, went through and knocked the top of the tooth off, and cut me through the face, and three or four pieces stuck in the skull and sinus glands, around like that; never bothered me.

So it looked like that He spared my life for some reason, and I'm here to place every bit of time right in on the Kingdom of God.

While we're looking, let me get a little . . .

<sup>40</sup> Now, the gun was not an original Weatherby Magnum. I've always wanted a Weatherby Magnum. As you know, I hunt big game the world over. And I've always wanted one, but never thought I could afford one. And then, some of my friends might've bought me one, but I couldn't see them pay nearly three hundred dollars for a gun and I got missionary friends that ain't got shoes on their feet, so I—I wouldn't do that.

<sup>41</sup> And Brother Art Wilson, up here, gave Billy Paul, my son, a little .257 Winchester, new one. And a friend of mine that has a Weatherby company, or, a Weatherby agency, said, "Brother Branham, I can have that gun rebored for you for a Weatherby for just a little of nothing." Said, "Let me do it." Said, "It won't cost me over ten or fifteen dollars. It's a . . . Here it is, right in *Weatherby* magazine, it's guaranteed."

And I said, "Well, okay," and he took it.

<sup>42</sup> And I ought to have knowed enough about a gun to know that when I shot the first round of shells to find the powder, just between the primer and the outside ring it swoll. I ought to have knowed it was leaking there, but I never noticed it, I was so thrilled with the gun. And the next time I put a shell in and pulled it down, it went off.

<sup>43</sup> I learned a lesson there, see. When you are becoming a Christian, or want to be a Christian, just don't fool around with this here handshaking stuff, this here "overnight conversion," it'll blow up somewhere down along the road. Now, if that had been a Weatherby Magnum, *begin* a Weatherby Magnum, *brought out* a Weatherby Magnum, it would have been all right, it would have been made for

the shell. But when you're trying to put a big shell that goes in another gun, in something that ain't able to stand it! See?

<sup>44</sup> If you want to be a Christian, you be borned again, die to yourself, and start from the bottom and come forth, there won't be no blow-ups along the road, you'll—you'll—you'll be able to hold the charge that the Holy Ghost puts in you. That's right. If you don't, you'll never be able to stand it, that's all. The Lord bless you.

<sup>45</sup> That's a rude thing to say, isn't it? But I hope you get what I'm talking about. I believe that you got to die so dead till you're no more yourself, that's all, and then, be borned again new, a new creature in Christ, built from the very bottom of your soul all the way through, a real borned again Christian. Then the Holy Spirit knows what kind of load to put in you. That's right. You'll be able to pack it.

<sup>46</sup> If you try to impersonate somebody else being a Christian, you're going to blow up somewhere, there's going to be a blow somewhere in it. Don't try to impersonate, be a real genuine article of God, or don't, just stay the way you are, see, that's right, just don't make any confession. All right.

<sup>47</sup> In the . . . Matthew the—the 12th chapter, beginning at the 38th verse:

*Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.*

*But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall be no sign . . . given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:*

*For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

*The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, . . . shall condemn it: because they repented not at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.*

*The queen of the south shall rise . . . in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.*

Now, may the Lord add His blessings to the reading of this Word.

<sup>48</sup> Jesus had been rebuking that generation. If you read the previous part of the verse, the verse before it, they had called the sign that He had given them (A Scriptural sign that He was the Messiah. We spoke on it last night.), and, they had declared it to be Beelzebub, a fortuneteller, a devil. The very thing that they seen Him doing, those Pharisees, now,

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they never said it right out in their heart . . . in their lips, they perceived it in their hearts, they—they said it within themselves, “He is Beelzebub, the prince of the devils.”

<sup>49</sup> And Jesus knew what they were thinking about, and He told them, said that, that sin, when the Holy Spirit come to perform the same sign that He had give, a word against It would never be forgiven. He had told the cities . . .

<sup>50</sup> The most horrible thing that there is, friends, is unbelief, that’s the only sin that there is; there is no other sin but unbelief. I was preaching on that some years ago in a Methodist church. It was a nice, big Methodist church, and—and they, most of them, or, some of them, believe in holiness, the southern Methodists. And they were . . . And I was preaching about . . . I said, “Committing adultery is not a sin,” I said, “telling lies is not a sin, taking the Lord’s Name is not in sin.”

<sup>51</sup> That was just too much for some dear ol’ sister setting there, with her little collar all up around, she said, “I pray you tell me, what is sin?” That right. She just couldn’t hold it any longer.

<sup>52</sup> And I said, “Sin, sin is this, my Sister, see, sin is unbelief. They do these things, they commit adultery, they tell lies, and they do these things, it’s the attributes of unbelief. If they were believers, they wouldn’t do those things. That’s . . . they’re unbelievers, that’s the reason they do it. It’s just the attributes proving that they are unbelievers. For Jesus, the Scripture plainly teaches us that “he that believeth not is condemned already.” See? You can’t even get started. So the most horrible thing there is, is unbelief.

<sup>53</sup> Why is it people say, “The days of miracles are past”? Cause they’re sinners.

<sup>54</sup> A man met me not long ago, said, “I don’t care what you do, and how many proofs you could show, I still don’t believe in Divine healing.”

<sup>55</sup> I said, “It wasn’t given for unbelievers, it was only given for believers.” That’s right. See? It’s only for those that believe, not unbelievers, they have—they haven’t got a chance. And don’t—don’t criticize them, but just think of that shape that those poor people are in. See?

<sup>56</sup> Jesus said, “You got eyes, and you can’t see. You got ears, you can’t hear,” and yet the highest of scholars in religion, the teachers and theologians of that day. Jesus said, “You blind Pharisees leading the blind.” See? Because they did not believe Him, when the Scriptures plainly stated that that’s what the Messiah would be. And they called Him a devil. That’s right. See? Unbelievers.

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57 He said, “No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him first.” And here’s the gracious thing about it: “All the Father has given Me will come.” That’s the part. I like that. Yes, sir. “All the Father has given Me will come.” And I’m happy for that. So we don’t know who is and who is not, we just scatter forth the Seed, that’s all we can do, “some falls by the wayside; some falls *this* way, and *that* way; but some does fall on good ground.” That’s right, ground that’s been prepared by God to receive the Seed.

58 I think of that little woman that we spoke of last night, the little prostitute. How that little woman, standing there in the condition that she was, five husbands and living with the sixth one, and what a horrible shape that poor little woman was in! And yet, you know she actually knowed more about God than a big bunch of the clergy of this United States? She sure did, she knowed more about It than the high priest and them of her days, for they said, “That’s a devil.”

59 But as soon as that Eternal Light shone upon that predestinated Seed, It come to Life right quick. They saw It, They recognized It right quick. Look at the shape she was in, there was plenty big churches in her days, plenty of them, she didn’t go to any of them, she just waited, because she seen there was something.

60 But the Bible said the antichrist in the last days would deceive all who dwelt upon the earth, whose names were not written in the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world. See? Now, there it was, and when that Light flashed across that little woman’s path, she turned, and she didn’t say, “You are Beelzebub.” She said, “Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet.”

61 What was it? That Light had caught It, right quick that Seed come to Life. See? Something in there, in her, she seen It, she was ordained to see It, she was called of the Father, had been given . . . the Life had been given from the foundation of the world. And as soon as that Light flashed across her, no matter how much ecclesiastical training had been seen, they was blind to it, but when that Light of God flashed across that little woman, she saw It.

62 She said, “Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet. We know that when the Messiah cometh, He will tell us these things.” There it is. See? It has to be put in there by God and Him alone.

63 Jesus had rebuked them, He said, “How can you be so blind?” Telling them, “How could you . . . your—your unbelief . . . ?”

And then they come to Him, and after all these, and then they said, “Master, we would see a sign from thee.”

64 And now notice, He said, “A wicked and an adulterous generation seeks after a sign.” What kind of a generation? “A wicked and

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adulterous generation seeks after a sign,” and it will get a sign, “and there will be no sign given that wicked and adulterous generation, only the sign of Jonas,” Jonah. They will receive the sign of Jonas, a wicked and an adulterous generation.

<sup>65</sup> Let’s stop for a minute. He surely was speaking of *this* generation. See? Look, did ever you see such a—an adulterous generation? Maybe you, some of you might not know it, in traveling around the world, there is no greater crime wave of adultery than there is in America, it’s the worst of all. They’ve even got clubs now, Los Angeles, Chicago has several big clubs, New York, where they all go together, and the men pitch their keys in a hat, and some woman reaches in there and gets it, that’s her “husband” till they meet again. Wicked and adulterous!

<sup>66</sup> I was reading in a Hollywood new- . . . , or, in a newspaper down in Los Angeles here, I was flew over Los Angeles out here on a call, and I picked up a newspaper when I was flying across in a plane, and said that homosexual on the West Coast had increased, I believe, twenty or thirty percent in the last year. Sin of Sodom! As He said, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be.” Wicked, adulterous!

<sup>67</sup> All we find, our telecasts, our newspapers, our signboards, everything is just full of vulgar, dirt, filth, corruption, half-dressed women. It’s a disgrace. And why? That’s the kind of a spirit that’s in people desiring that.

<sup>68</sup> How could you sell a woman an ol’ pair of button shoes like mother used to wear? Why, yet, they got more leather in them than a dozen pair that they wear today, better leather! But you couldn’t get fifty cents a pair for them, they’d rather have a little split of something, and pay twenty-five dollars a pair for it ’cause it looks like the neighbor’s, or some Hollywood star.

<sup>69</sup> Christians do that too. What a shame! We’re not supposed to pattern after Hollywood. Hollywood shines with brightness and . . . but while Hollywood shines in—in brightness and glamour, the Gospel glows with humility. There’s a difference between shining and glowing.

<sup>70</sup> And the churches begin to shine with polished scholar, and education, biggest church, and *so-so*. And our full Gospel people is getting right in that same trend. It’s a shame. Glowing with humility in Christ.

<sup>71</sup> I didn’t want to start preaching, and I said in this meeting I was going to stand here and talk about Divine healing. All right. Let’s go back to it. All right.

<sup>72</sup> “A wicked and an adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and they will receive the sign, the sign of Jonas.” Now, “Jonah laid in the belly of, whale for three days and nights; so must the Son of man lay in

the heart of the earth for three days and nights.” Then listen, bring it to yourself, it may be a new light on the Scripture, it may be something, but it’s in the Scripture: The sign of Jonas would be the sign of the resurrection. The wicked and adulterous generation that’s seeking a sign, will get a sign of the resurrection.

<sup>73</sup> Now, we got resurrection by history, but then we got resurrection by sign, that Jesus Christ lives, tonight, in His Church; He is not dead, He is alive. Saint John 14:12, Jesus said, “He that believeth on Me,” there’s a lot, professes to believe, but He said, “He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; more than this shall he do; for I go to the Father.”

<sup>74</sup> Now, I know King James says here, “greater,” they couldn’t do no greater, He raised the dead, He healed the sick, He stopped nature, He done everything, but the right translation of the original Hebrew, yet it says, “*more* than this,” that, Christ was in one Man there, and Christ is in His Church universal now, “more of the same works will you do; for I go to My Father. A little while and the world” kosmos, world order, “sees Me no more; yet ye shall see Me. For I,” and *I* is a personal pronoun, as I have said, “I will be with you, even in you,” How long? “to the end of the world.” “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

<sup>75</sup> The evening lights are shining, and they, this generation is receiving the sign of Jonas. The Christ that they thought they got rid of, the church crucified Christ two thousand years ago, and they could not kill Him no more, He said, “I am alive for evermore,” and here He is, after two thousand years, among His people, showing Himself with the same things He did back there, He is doing right here again. See? Two thousand years has passed, He is alive for evermore, and has the keys of death and hell. Amen.

<sup>76</sup> I’m so glad of that. Oh, it would make a Baptist shout! That’s right. I feel pretty religious myself right now, when I think about that. Think about it, He is positive alive, not dead, alive.

<sup>77</sup> I said a little thing here not long ago, sound profound to me. I thought of Israel down in Egypt, slaves, God’s people, slaves. And one day, coming down out of the wilderness come a prophet with a Light over him, and he told them that there was a promised land flowing with milk and honey. They had never seen it, nobody had never been over there. But they believed that prophet, It was according. . . his prophecy was according to the Word, and they believed him.

<sup>78</sup> They followed him till they come to a place called Kadesh-barnea, the judgment seat of the world. There was one great spring with several little tributaries, which we could go into details if we had time to

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explain what that was, where the waters of Life goes from the Throne to the churches and so forth. But it was the judgment, and Judgment begins at the House of God.

<sup>79</sup> And then, at this Kadesh-barnea there was one among them named Joshua, which means “Jehovah-Saviour.” He crossed over the Jordan, where none of them had been before, spied out on the land, and brought back the evidence that it was a glorious land, with good . . . filled with milk and honey. And everything that God had promised was in that land was there, he brought back the evidence. After crossing the river Jordan, nobody never been over there, come back, “Why, there’s—there’s grapes growing!” Two men packed one bunch. “What a place it is Jehovah has give to us! His Words are true.” They didn’t want to believe it, yet two of them, Caleb and Joshua, quietened the crowd while they explained it.

<sup>80</sup> Finally they crossed the Jordan, they inherited the land. They didn’t have to be slaves, their daughters ravished, their sons killed at the . . . and the bake-ovens, or in the slime pits, and so forth, under the rulers of cruel, dark Egypt. They didn’t have to do it no more. They could have their own trees, they could grow their own vineyard, they could raise their children in peace, other nations respected them. How I’d like to go in on that, a pattern of this nation!

<sup>81</sup> Then the first thing you know, what happened, after while they got old, begin to die. Graveyards become on the hillside of that glorious land, and no matter how God had blessed them, they still had to die.

<sup>82</sup> Then there came another great Warrior, come down from Glory, His Name was Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. He told them that there is a Land where a man don’t die, that there is Life after death. Nobody had been over There yet and come back. And He came to His Kadesh-barnea, Calvary, where He not only stood judgment, the judgment seat of the world, but the world was judged there, He paid the penalty of our sin at Calvary.

<sup>83</sup> After Calvary He crossed what we call the Jordan of death. On the third day He rose up again, coming back from that Land, bringing the evidence that a man, when he dies, he lives again. We are alive. Amen. We—we don’t have to take . . .

<sup>84</sup> Now, He said, “I’m going to give you the Earnest of this, give you the Evidence of it, but wait up there at the city of Jerusalem until I send you the Evidence that that Land is good, that Land frees you from sin.”

<sup>85</sup> And now, today, after two thousand years, we still stand with the Earnest of our salvation, the Evidence, to look down and see where we were once unbelievers, where we were once dead in sin and trespasses, and now we’ve raised with Him in the resurrection. We died with Him,

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we raised with Him, and we are setting, tonight, in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, already raised with Him in the resurrection, amen, with everything under our feet. Amen. Sickness, death, hell, all done destroyed by our great Warrior, at Whose right hand we stand by. Amen.

<sup>86</sup> What's the scare? No wonder one of them come and said, "Death, where is your sting? Grave, where is your victory? Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. And there is a crown laid up for me that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me at that Day, not only me, but all those who love His appearing." Amen.

<sup>87</sup> What if He would have lived in this day? I can't stay with my text, tonight, somehow. Now, they was condemning Him, He had showed them that He was the Messiah. That little prostitute woman, she said, "Sir," in so many words that we'd understand, "that's the sign that the Messiah is going to do." And they disbelieved it. See?

<sup>88</sup> Now, He said, "There will be an adulterous generation that will seek after a sign; and they will get it, and it will be the sign of Jonas. As he was in the belly of the whale, and then rose again on the . . . out of the belly of the whale after three days; the Son of man will rise again."

<sup>89</sup> Course, any Scripture reader knows that all Scripture has a compound answer, all prophecy. Take your margin reading, like "Out of Egypt I have called My son," Matthew 2, and find out if that don't refer back to out of Egypt He called Joseph. See? Joseph was His son, and so was Jesus His Son; It always has a compound meaning. So then, that also, that generation did not believe the resurrection sign to both Samaritan and Jew.

<sup>90</sup> And now, here it is again, after two thousand years of ecclesiastical scruples, and ball-ups, and everything else, and again that Messianic sign appears among us, and they still turn their heads from, say, "I guess it's all right." See? "A wicked and an adulterous generation will seek after a sign," and they'll get it.

<sup>91</sup> You know, so many people always condemn poor ol' Jonah, he was a prophet, said he was out of the will of the Lord. I'm going take up for him a little while, I don't believe that that prophet was out of the will of the Lord. I believe the Bible said that "all things work together for good to them that love God." The man surrendered his life to God, and trying to work . . . walk in the footsteps of God, God makes everything walk right, uh, work right for him. True.

<sup>92</sup> We find Jonah. . . Course, God told him to go to Nineveh, that great city about the size of St. Louis, Missouri, over there all in a . . .

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all in idolatry. They worshipped the animals, and the—the god of the sea was a whale, and—and they had all kinds of gods. Wicked, adultery, all kinds of things was going on, till their sins even come up before God. And He sent this prophet down there to cry out against their sins.

<sup>93</sup> Now, if that prophet went down there just, in them days and cried out against the sin, them people would have laughed at him and walked away, so God had him to take the other ship. And he took his ship, and went, instead of going to Nineveh, he goes to Tarshish. On his road down there, a storm came up, we know the Bible, and they bound his hands and feet and threw him out, and the whale swallowed him.

<sup>94</sup> Now, I know they brought a whale to Louisville, the bones of one, on a—on a flatcar not long ago, and the man was making a talk, said, “Now,” said, “you’ve often heard ministers say that—that this whale swallowed Jonah.” Said, “Looky here, a football couldn’t go through his throat.” He said, “That shows that that Bible story was a legend.”

<sup>95</sup> That was too much for me, I just waited till I got my chance, I said, “Sir, I’d like to say something to you. You’re saying that because you don’t know the Bible.” I said, “God said He prepared a fish. This was a different kind.” That’s right. “He had a throat big enough Jonah could’ve jumped in it.” See? I said, “That was a special whale that God prepared.” God prepared a fish. Yes, sir. He made him big enough to swallow Jonah.

<sup>96</sup> God brings His Word to pass, I don’t care how many critics says! And like it was in the days of Noah, “It isn’t going to rain.” It rained anyhow, God said so. And what God says, God is able to perform.

<sup>97</sup> What He says, Abraham believed it that way, and all of Abraham’s children believes that way. And if we be in Christ, we are Abraham’s Seed and heirs with him, with the promise. Then we got to have the faith that Abraham had in the Word of God. Right. That’s what brings the things to pass, is faith in what He said.

<sup>98</sup> You’ll never move it no other way but have faith in what God said. You must take His Word above everything else. “Let every man’s word be lie, and God’s be true.” What God said, just believe it. You can’t believe it that way, you’ll never get nowhere with God. You might be able to join a church somewhere, but I mean get somewhere with God. See? That’s—that’s a whole lot different.

<sup>99</sup> Now, we find out that this whale swallowed Jonah. And then anyone knows, you sisters can. . . you feed your little goldfish, when it gets his little belly full, he goes right down to the bottom of the—the little jar you got him in, the little vase, or ever what it is, he goes down there, and puts his little swimmers right down on the bottom, and rests, because he’s fed. He’s prowled through the waters until he’s

found something to eat, when he gets his tummy full, he goes right down and rests.

<sup>100</sup> Now, this certain big fish, that God prepared, had his tummy full of prophet, so he goes down to the bottom of the sea to rest. It might have been about forty fathoms down there.

<sup>101</sup> And I've often heard people say, "I was prayed for last night. Look at my hand, it's still crippled." "My stomach hurts just the same." It's going to always do that too. See, you are looking at the symptoms, don't look at symptoms, look at God's Word.

<sup>102</sup> Here some time ago, a precious old patriarch, about fifteen years ago, lovely old brother, he had one son, and that son was dying, he had black diphtheria. And he asked me, he kept day and night to get me to go pray for that boy, and I was just so busy I couldn't do it. Finally, I got chance to run over, the doctor wouldn't let me go in, said, "You're a father, you've got children, you, now, you just can't go in there."

<sup>103</sup> And I said, I perceived he was Catholic, and I said, "I want to ask you something. If I was a priest, and I had to go in to give him the last rites, would you let me?"

He said, "That's different."

<sup>104</sup> I said, "Not to these people it isn't. I'm just as much to those people as your priest is to you." And I said, "I'm going in to anoint him for life, not for death." And I said. . .

He said, "Well, he's dying."

I said, "Well, if he is, then won't you respect the faith of these people?"

<sup>105</sup> And he dressed me up like a Ku Klux Klan and finally sent me in there. And so, we went in there, and the little nurse come around, and—and she watched, and she was kind of upset about me coming in anyhow. The cardiogram, some kind of a machine there, we was looking at, had went way down, the heartbeat was only *so-many* times.

<sup>106</sup> And so I prayed for the boy just a few words of prayer, laid my hands over on the little fellow, he was about twelve, fourteen years old, and I said, "Heavenly Father, upon the basis of the faith of this old father and mother, calling me to pray for this child, and upon Your Word, You said, 'These signs shall follow them that believe. Now, if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover.'"

<sup>107</sup> I said, "I just come from the meeting where I seen You do great signs and wonders. I believe to be a believer, if I'm not, help my unbelief, O God." I said, "For the sake of this child, I lay my hands upon this child and bless it in the Name of Jesus Christ for its healing,

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that it will be well. Thank You, Lord, for giving us a promise, I believe it." Committed it to God, walked away.

<sup>108</sup> And the old father raised up, and put his arms around the mother, and they hugged one another, said, "Mother, isn't it wonderful? Isn't it wonderful?" Not one change in the child, still laying there, pumping the artificial respiration to him with Pulmotor on him. Said, "Isn't it wonderful? Oh, thank God for healing our son!"

<sup>109</sup> And that little nurse stood there and looked, she was just a kid, just on about eighteen, twenty years old, a little Snicklefritz as I'd call it, you know, standing there chewing that, popping that gum, looking around like *that*, she said, "Did you understand what the physician said?"

And the old daddy turned around, said, "I understood very well, Child, what he said." He said. . .

She said, "How can you stand there and laugh and pat one another like that, when your child, laying here dying?"

<sup>110</sup> And the old father cleared the tears back out of his eyes, and threwed that bald head back, and looked her in the face, he said, "My child, my son is not dying, he's living."

<sup>111</sup> She said, "Sir, of all medical history, when that chart," *ever what* that hand is, "that drops down on there, it's never been known in all the medical history for that hand to ever come back again. The boy is dying, he's been in a coma for two days. He's dying."

<sup>112</sup> He put his hand over on her shoulder, he said, "Honey, look, you are trained to look at that machine," said, "that's what you're looking at, I'm looking to a promise."

<sup>113</sup> The boy is married and got two children now. What is it? See? It depends on what you're looking at, don't look at the symptoms. If you fulfill what God said, believe it, that settles it. He has done it, that finishes, it's all over. The boy never changed for three or four days later, but he got well, 'cause that father and mother wouldn't have nothing else on their mind, they wouldn't let the devil put his trash in their mind, they stayed right with it, and they held it. And he lives, he's a missionary in Africa, tonight, with two children.

Would you like to know who that was? That's Bob Bosworth, that's exactly who it is, old Dr. Bosworth's boy. Now, there you are.

<sup>114</sup> Now, this preacher, and I've always thought of people having symptoms, if anybody had a right to have symptoms it was Jonah. Now, he was. . . So now you want to think he's backslid: He's got his hands tied behind him, his feet tied, he's in the belly of the whale, probably forty fathoms under the water, with a storm on top. Every which way he looked, it was whale's belly, laying there in that vomit,

looking all around, if he looked *this* way, it was whale's belly, *that* way was whale's belly, everywhere he looked it was a whale's belly.

115 And he knowed that he was in the bottom of the sea. The fish had swallowed him, went down at the bottom of the sea, and there was a storm on the ocean, when he wasn't even safe in the ship up there, and here he is in the belly of the whale. Now, he had a good case of symptoms, he could have had, but you know what he said? "They are lying vanities, I will not believe it."

You can't hide a saint from his prayer, no matter . . . David said, "I make my bed in hell, He will be there." That's right.

116 Now, he believed that when Solomon dedicated that temple, and prayed, and said, "Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and look towards this temple and pray, then hear from Heaven." He turned over on his back, the best direction he could get which was east, north, west, or south, towards that temple, and begin to pray.

117 Oh, my! And God, by that kind of faith, I don't know what He did, you scientists want to argue about it, I won't know, He could have put a oxygen tent down there, for all I know. I don't know what He done, but He kept him alive for three days and nights.

118 And the man that prayed that prayer, Solomon, finally backslid, and the temple was tore down. And if Jonah, under those circumstances with that kind of a symptoms that he could have had, refused to have it, how ought we, tonight? When we don't look towards a temple that a man dedicated, we don't look towards a man that backslid, but we look towards Heaven, where Jesus sets at the right hand of God in the majesty on High, ever living to make intercessions upon anything that we confess that He has done.

God is able to provide a oxygen tent or whatever it takes, He is still Jehovah-Jireh, "The Lord will provide for Himself whatever He has need of."

119 What . . . ? Then we see people over the earth being healed everywhere, and taken care of like that, and then fuming, a little bit of symptom, "My finger ain't no better." "My tummy still hurts." What difference does that make? Don't look to your tummy, look to what God said. God made the promise, it's God's business to take care of it.

120 What about Abraham, when God told him he was going to have a baby by Sarah? He married her when she was about seventeen years old, he was ten years older than her, they'd lived together as husband and wife all their years, and Abraham was seventy-five and she was sixty-five, when God made the promise. She was about ten years past menopause then, change of life, and there she was, and God said, "You're going to have a baby by her."

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<sup>121</sup> Why, I can see Sarah say, “Well, my husband is a man of God, he’s a prophet.” She started making booties, getting the birdeye ready, everything ready, she going to have this baby.

<sup>122</sup> Could you imagine an old couple going downtown now, and saying, “Doctor, we want to make arrangements at the hospital. I’m seventy-five, my wife, sixty-five”? God . . . Faith is ridiculous to everything but the person that’s got it. That’s all. But the one’s got it knows what he’s talking about, he’s anchored.

After the first month passed, see, Sarah was past that time, “Honey, how you feel?”

“No different.”

“Glory to God, we’ll have it anyhow. God said so.”

One year passed, “Honey, ain’t you felt no different yet?”

“Not a bit.”

<sup>123</sup> “Hallelujah! It’ll be a year-greater-miracle than it was if it happened last year.” “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong, giving praise to God.” Sure.

<sup>124</sup> After twenty-five years passed, now he’s a hundred and she is ninety, “How are you feeling, Darling?”

“No different, but I still got the booties. We’re waiting for it. We are going to have it anyhow.”

<sup>125</sup> Why? God said so. That’s right. That settles it. God said so. That takes every wish, care, everything else out. You know it’s going to happen, because God said so, that settles it.

<sup>126</sup> And we are supposed to be the Seed of Abraham. If we have the Holy Spirit, we are the Seed of Abraham, the Royal Seed of Abraham through the promise, not through Isaac, the natural, but through Christ, the supernatural; you minister brothers knows what I speak of. But he was going have it anyhow, believed it.

<sup>127</sup> Jonah believed it, no matter where it was at, what conditions, how many symptoms, God made a promise. “If Thy people be in trouble” Solomon prayed and said, “Lord, if Thy people be in trouble, and look to this holy place, then hear them.”

<sup>128</sup> Jonah, the prophet, was in trouble in the belly of the whale, in the bottom of the sea, and he turned towards the temple and prayed, and refused to see the whale’s belly, “I don’t see nothing but the temple, the Shekinah Glory, I see the Pillar of Fire hanging over it, I see Solomon, God’s anointed, standing there with his hands up, praying. God, You will answer me.” He got to breathing good, the ropes come off his

hands, he might have stood up, might have set down, I don't know what he did. He stayed there for three days and nights.

<sup>129</sup> And after while that ol' whale circled all the way around, on a taxi trip around through the bottom of the sea. And after while, all . . . about ten o'clock one day, all the fishermen was out there on the sea. And they had prayed to the big gods of the sea that morning, you know, to give them a good successful day, living in adultery, and everything else, walked out into the sea, and was pulling their nets.

<sup>130</sup> And after while up come the sea god, licked out his tongue, and the prophet walked right out of his mouth, begin to say, "Repent! Repent! Within forty days this land will be destroyed." God knows how to do things, the god spit forth the prophet. Amen. Walked right down through Nineveh saying, "Repent!" Yes.

<sup>131</sup> Jesus said, "As Jonas was in the belly of the whale for three days and three nights; so will the Son of man be."

<sup>132</sup> God through all ages has sent gifts, and recognitions, and signs to the people. Prophets has always been signs. Every time you see a prophet rise, you better be careful, Judgment is on its road. Look at Noah, look at Moses, look at Jeremiah before going into Babylon, look at John the Baptist 'fore the rejection of Israel, and oh, so forth, all along. Prophets are signs, and the Jews were commanded to believe these prophets, and, when they come forth with these—with these message. God, through all ages. . . And He was telling this wicked generation what they had done.

<sup>133</sup> And listen, every age that God sends a gift to the Church, and the Church receives it, it's a golden age for the Church. But when the Church rejects it, it's Judgment for that age.

<sup>134</sup> Now, there come an age of Solomon, Jesus referred to. Now, we all know that the days of Solomon was the—was the golden age of Israel, no wars and all the nations feared them. Why? God gave them a gift, and the whole nation believed it with one accord. It was a golden age.

<sup>135</sup> If we Americans would only do that, tonight, all the missile race, and atomic bomb, and all these other things could be sunk out in the middle of the sea. God has give this nation a great Gift, the Holy Ghost, but they don't believe It. Even the clergymen, tens of thousands of them, reject It. The churches turn It down, when It is doing the very same things It did at Pentecost, and down through the age, until the Roman cankerworm and palmerworm eat it up, but He said, "I will restore it again, saith the Lord." He will.

<sup>136</sup> Now, notice, Solomon in his days, how great that . . . he had a gift of discernment, and all the people rallied around that gift, nobody talked against it.

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<sup>137</sup> What if it was, today, that everybody, even Full Gospel people, would just talk just so glorious, against . . . about the Holy Spirit? “How wonderful It is to everybody!” What if every man in America that claimed to be a Christian just rallied around the Gift of the Holy Spirit? Oh, my! The Millennium would be on, sure it would. But our little petty differences between our organizational fences, and so forth, has separated them as far as the east is from the west. And God will never be able to do nothing to us until them walls are broke down, and we become one in Christ. That’s right.

<sup>138</sup> We find them there, and there they was, all, everywhere you’d go, say, “Oh, wasn’t it wonderful? They tell me that God came upon Solomon yesterday and a great thing taken place. Oh, glory to God!” Somebody else told somebody else, and somebody else, “Oh, hallelujah to God!” It was a golden age.

<sup>139</sup> What if the Church was like that today, brethren? Wouldn’t it be wonderful? Just, oh, what could we do? Wouldn’t it be wonderful? There would be no . . . Nothing would . . .

<sup>140</sup> We would have a bomb shelter all right, it wouldn’t be dug down in the ground. Them bombs will blow a hole in the ground a hundred and fifty yards in, or two hundred yards, or something like that, deep in the ground, and spread out for a hundred and fifty miles. Why, if you were a thousand . . . if you was down into the lava, it would break every bone in your body.

<sup>141</sup> You can’t dig down, you have to dig up to get out of the way of it. We have a shelter, and it’s made out of feathers: under His wings. Amen. Carried away. Oh, I’m so glad for that shelter! Yes, sir. Under His wings. Why, the dust won’t be settled till we’ll be in Glory. That’s right. Safely under His wings. Oh, how the great wings of an Eagle will pack us out of here one of these days!

<sup>142</sup> Now, then we find out, then, that in this great time, God moving, the whole nation blooming into one great, glorious thing. Why, you know, it didn’t only stay in that nation, but it went to other nations, nation by nation!

<sup>143</sup> They didn’t have television then, they’d have polluted the world like they have now with it. Everybody staying home on Wednesday night to see *We Love Susie*, or some kind of a silly thing like that. Christians! Tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk! That shows what kind of a spirit is in people, when they love that kind of a Hollywood tommyrot, filth and dirt, married several times, living out there like dogs, and then come around and . . . This stuff! And then people stay home from prayer meeting. It shows where their heart is at, that’s the reason there can’t be a—a revival. That’s right.

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<sup>144</sup> However, that's your pastor's place, see, he tells you that. Listen, I'm just telling you too, so you'll know my part, believe of it, too, I believe the same thing. Yes, sir. O God! What we need is a revival of coming all the way from the pulpit to the janitor, stir it up, a—an old fashion, backwoods, sky-blue, God-sent Pentecostal revival. That's right. Not whitewashed, but washed white. That's right. Not saying, talk about the glory of God, but the God of Glory revealing the glory of God. That—that's what we need in—in the Church today.

<sup>145</sup> Notice, that great age of Solomon, how it went on, how glorious! Other peoples begin to tell others, and they traveled then by caravan, and so they come through a group of camels going into another country, and they'd go down in another country and say, "Say, I'm telling you, that Israel, you never seen such in your life! They've got a revival going on up there, the God of Glory is among them. And they've took that man with that great gift and made him their king. And God is honoring everything he does, just perfect."

<sup>146</sup> You know, it finally reached plumb down to the utmost parts of the earth, to Sheba, that's a long ways down there, way down below the Sahara desert, and there was a little queen down there. You know, somebody come by and told her about it, and she just couldn't wait till the next caravan come.

"Did you hear . . .?"

"Did you come through Palestine?"

"Yes."

"Is it so?"

"Oh, it's just, I went and seen it, it's marvelous!"

<sup>147</sup> "Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God." Her little heart begin to hunger. See? What was it? The Light flashed on that Seed, though she wasn't a Jew, she was a heathen, but she was ordained to Eternal Life. She heard it, others might have heard it and paid no attention to it, "Oh, nonsense, bunch of holy-rollers." But she believed it, there was Something on the inside of her, said, "That sounds awful good."

Next time another caravan come through, "Did you pass through Palestine? Tell me."

<sup>148</sup> "Oh, wait, I know what you're going to ask me. Them people are one heart and one accord, the whole nation, and God is working with them. They has got a man up there has got a gift of discernment. You never seen anything like it, God working with them."

She didn't know what discernment was, she was a pagan, "What do you mean by that?"

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149 “It means that the God of all wisdom comes down in a man and reveals the secrets of the people to him.” Oh, what a wonderful thing that was! Her heart begin to hunger.

150 Now, she had a lot of opposition, she sure did, but her faith didn’t have any. You know, faith don’t have no opposition. No. You might have a whole lot, but your faith doesn’t, if it’s real true borned-again faith. Her faith had no opposition.

151 Now, she was a pagan. Let’s give a little drama here so the kiddies will get it. The next morning I see her get up, and take her bath, and get ready, and her little maids got her ready, remember, she’s a queen. And she takes off over to the temple to say her morning prayers, and, oh, everything she had to do, you know, and meet the holy father, and all of them, probably kiss his rings and his feet, and so forth, and do all of her religion.

152 And while she got up there, she said, “Holy Father, I wish to—to say something to you. I understand that up in Palestine, they’ve got a God up there that’s living in a man, showing Himself through a man.”

153 “Hmm, my daughter,” there’s your opposition, “now, that’s just nonsense. Those people are always that kind of people, always something going on, there’s really nothing to it, about crossing Red Seas, and all these kind of things, there’s nothing to it, child. If there was anything going on like that, your own god here would be producing it, it would be upon your own priest.” But you see, God has ways of doing things. “It would be right here in your own organization. If anything took place like that, it would be right here.”

154 I can hear that little queen, she might have had a good answer to him, she might have said, “Now, listen, my mother served in this temple, she read all of your books, she taught me all the books, her mother taught her all the books, her mother taught her all, for generation after generation. We’ve seen statues, and idols, and heard of stories, but we haven’t seen one move of anything yet. And they tell me that there’s Something up there that is real. There is Something, is real, you can see It with your eyes and watch It move through a man called Solomon.”

155 “Now, looky here, Daughter, you’re a queen, you wouldn’t mix up with such a bunch of people like that. You wouldn’t do that, you just couldn’t afford to lower your prestige.”

156 “Prestige or no prestige, Something tells me that I must go. Someone brought me a Scroll, and I read that that’s what their God is, Jehovah, and He is *reacting* Himself in that man. Now, I haven’t seen one of those idols move yet, but we find Him in a man.”

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157 “Ah, nonsense! Now, look, Daughter, if you do that, though you be queen, I’m high priest, I will have to excommunicate you from this loyal faith that your great-grandmother, -mother, -mother, -mother, and so forth, all served in this temple.”

“Well, you might as well take my name off the book right now, because I’m going.”

You know, there’s something about it, when God gets a hold of a human heart, there’s nothing going to stop them. That’s right.

158 Now, she goes back, she had a lot of opposition, she had to first forsake her church, then she said, “Now, let me think, if that is right, now, I’m only taking somebody else’s word, if that is right, I’m going to take some money up there and support it, but if it isn’t right, I’ll bring it back.”

159 Now, that would do good for Pentecostal people to hear some of that. Support radio programs that make fun of you, that’s right, radio programs that makes fun of you, and your own men begging for money, that’s right, to support his own program. That’s right.

160 If it’s of God, stay with it, if it’s not of God, get away from it. “. . . God be God, serve Him,” said Elijah, “if He isn’t God, then find out Who is God and then serve It.”

161 She heaped some camels full of the big packs full of diamonds, and frankincense, and myrrh, and so forth, and she loaded them down. Now, she had some good philosophy, “If it’s of God . . . I’m studying the Books of what that God is, and if I see Him *reacting* Himself in that man, I know He is God that’s concerned about His people, and living in His people. And I’m going to find out.”

162 Now, remember, she had a long drive. It takes ninety days, three months, on the back of a camel through the hot Sahara desert, on the back of a camel, not a air conditioned Cadillac, now, on the back of a camel, to come from Sheba to Jerusalem. Think, ninety days! No wonder Jesus said she’ll stand in the last days and condemn this generation. She come all that distance, and made all that sacrifice to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and people won’t come across the street, right here, in Santa Maria. Look what she did. Why, the Light had flashed on that Seed, and come to Life! No matter what the . . .

163 Listen, here’s another thing: Remember, Esau’s children was in the desert in them days, and they were fleet-footed horsemen, and robbers. What ease it would be to, that little bunch of guards that she had, to cut them right down and take all that treasure!

164 But you see, faith don’t see any opposition. I don’t care if the husband’s against it, the wife’s against it, if *this* is against it, and *that*

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is against it, if you've really got faith for your healing, you're going to hold on to it, I don't care, even the doctor says it's not so, you're going to believe it anyhow. It know no opposition, stays right with it.

<sup>165</sup> Bunch of little eunuchs with her, her guard, and a few maids with her, on a camel, probably traveled by night, it was so hot in the desert, and rest in the oasis through the day, and she was reading these Scrolls, what Jehovah had promised. She wanted to be sure that she read the Word and seen that this gift compared with the Word.

There's the thing to do, check it. Check these things that's going around today, and see if it's of the Lord, check it with the Word.

<sup>166</sup> You know, God had a way of doing things in the Old Testament. If it was, a prophet prophesied, and he went down to the Urim and Thummim, the breastplate that hung in the temple, and then, when they prophesied, and if the Urim and Thummim, the supernatural Lights flashed on that, the prophet was telling the truth, if It didn't, no matter how real it sound, it was wrong, or the dreamer, or whatever it was, it was wrong if the Urim and Thummim didn't flash it to be the truth. Now, the Aaronic priesthood, when it ceased, the Urim and Thummim went with it, the breastplate.

<sup>167</sup> But God has got another Urim and Thummim, that is the Bible. Let it flash in the Bible, and let the Lights go . . . Lights flash through the Bible. Say, "God promised it, and *here* it is. It's a promise." Then you know you're right. God and His Urim and Thummim! "If they speak not according to the law and prophets, there no Light in them." Now, let that be the—the Light.

<sup>168</sup> She was going to find out. She read It, all through the daytime she set under the trees and read these Scrolls of the different prophets. And she was watching to see what would take place when she got there. Finally she arrived, she arrived in the courts.

<sup>169</sup> Now, a lot of people, when a revival comes to town talking about God, a Pentecost revival, some of them say, "Well, I believe I'll go over, hear the holy-rollers, tonight." She'll . . . They'll go over and set down, and the first thing that's said that crosses up their little, petty doctrine, whether it's Scriptural or not, out the building they go, that's all of it.

<sup>170</sup> She didn't come for that, she just unpacked her camels and set up the tents, and she was going to stay there till she was convinced. That's a good idea, I like that. She had all the Scrolls, she could read and see whether it was right or not, she would compare it with the Word that this God had spoke of. That . . . She was a smart woman, she sure was.

<sup>171</sup> We need more of them today. Then . . . They would be better-dressed women, wearing long hair, getting away from shorts and everything else, like they should do. Instead of pattern after some,

down here in Hollywood, they'd be patterning after God's example here in the Bible. That's right.

172 Then the first . . . Remember, Sister, while I'm on the subject, a woman that dresses like one of these skinned wieners out here on the street, walk down the street, do you know Jesus said, "Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her in his heart already?"

173 You say, "I'm just as pure as a lily." You may be to your husband or your boyfriend, but if you dress yourself like that, and a sinner looks on you like that, and he answers for it at the Day of the Judgment, who did he commit it with? You. Whose fault is it? Yours, for you presented yourself. That's right.

"Oh," you say, "that's the only kind of dresses they make."

174 They still make sewing machines and sell goods, there's no excuse. Because that ol' lusting spirit come upon women, driving a many a pure lady into such tommyrot and . . . That's the Word of the Lord. We got to restore back again that real faith that was once delivered back at the beginning. Our Pentecostal churches, termites has eat the foundation out from under it with such nonsense, sure. The Bible said so, it's a shame and a disgrace. Used to be, it was wrong for them to do it, but now they've let down the bars.

An ol'—ol' Methodist minister used to sing a song, he said:

We let down the bars, We let down the bars,  
We compromised with sin.  
We let down the bars, the sheep got out.  
But how did the goats get in?

175 You let down the bars, that's what it was. Got back on some kind of a dogma, then holler about the Roman church and their dogma, and we got it right here in our own back door. Pot can't call kettle dirty. No, sir. That's sure. There's the Bible right before us. It's a—it's an abomination.

176 A woman said to me, said, "I don't wear shorts, I wear these . . ." What did she call them? When they pull up like . . . ? "Slacks."

I said, "That's worse than ever. The Bible said it's a abomination for a woman to wear a garment that pertains to a man." It's a shame.

177 Oh, our women, our men! And you men with a wishbone instead of a backbone, to let your women smoke cigarettes, and act like that, shame on you! I don't call that a ruler of his own house, I call that led around by the ears somewhere. Shame on you. Oh, "Our—our whole body," Isaiah said, "has become putrefied sores." We need a housecleaning and a Holy Ghost revival, for the Coming of Lord Jesus

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Christ, a cleaning from the pulpit . . . That's right. You know that's right.

<sup>178</sup> Now, here we go. The little queen took off her bundles, and set them down, put up her tents, and she was going to stay till she was convinced. I can see her come in the first morning, the trumpets played, and the organs played, and all the music played, and the psalteries and all went on. And had a great meeting that morning, they rejoiced in the Lord, and praised the Lord while a thousand trumpets blasted out His glory. And the sacrifice was made, the smoke went up, and people fell on their faces and worshipped. It was all new to her.

<sup>179</sup> Then after while, Pastor Solomon come walking out. Oh, how everybody loved him! My, wouldn't it be wonderful if our people just loved the Holy Spirit when He come down like that? We just obey, and being so submissive to Him.

<sup>180</sup> Pastor Solomon walked out very politely, bowed himself to the people. And the . . . Well, yet a king, but in his humility, sweet and humble, didn't pray for great things, just to have wisdom to lead his people.

<sup>181</sup> And she begin to notice the prayer line, as it was, that morning, that the secrets of the people's heart was being made known. I imagine she stayed up all night long reading those Scrolls, "I seen it with my own eyes. I seen it with my own eyes. I watched it."

<sup>182</sup> Finally her number was called, her time come. She come up before Solomon, and the Bible said there wasn't one thing that God didn't make known. Oh, my! Her heart mu- . . . She got so thrilled, she turned around and blessed the God of Solomon, and she blessed the men that went with him, she said, "Blessed are you who set here, and your eyes behold this glory day by day." Amen. Amen. No wonder Jesus said she'll rise in the Day of the Judgment and condemn that generation, because a greater than Solomon was there. That's right.

<sup>183</sup> Brother, sister, what happened? She seen something real for her first time in life. We just ought to have more time, but we ought to be closing right now. She seen something real for her first time, it was something that was genuine, something that wasn't put-on. She seen something that come from God, that man couldn't have that wisdom of hisself. He would know the secrets and reveal it, a gift, he was a prophet, and he—he could understand and tell the . . .

<sup>184</sup> And here Jesus, the anointed Son of God, standing there, was greater than Solomon, and they called it a spirit of the devil, "He is a fortuneteller."

He said, "That queen will rise in the Judgment with this generation, and condemn it."

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185 Now, if she rises and condemns *that* generation, how much more will she condemn *this* generation? After two thousand years of the Gospel, and sweat and toil, and the Holy Spirit working in the churches and confirming it, with a printed Bible and everything laying before us, and we see His works going on, and yet we stand as if we was a haystack somewhere. What? The little queen, I'll close in saying this, she seen something that was real.

186 Now, listen, just before we start, and call the prayer line, I'd like to say this, I like to hunt as you know, I told you about the gun, a little story comes in my mind I want to tell you, just before closing.

187 I used to, before I went into the evangelistic work, I used to . . . had a baking powder can, I saved nickels and things, when I—I was a game warden. I worked and I pastored a Baptist church, Baptist Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, for seventeen years without one penny of salary, I never drawed a salary, never took a offering in my life. So I'd drop my nickels, when I get paid, in there to take a hunting trip once a year.

188 And I used to hunt up in the north woods with some friends up there. And a good hunter, a fellow I hunted with, his name was Call, Bert Call, fine fellow, about a half-Indian also. And he—he was a good hunter, I liked to hunt with him 'cause you never had to hunt him up, he knowed where he was at. And a good shot? My, he was a dead shot! But the meanest man that I ever met in my life. That man was actually mean. He had eyes like a lizzard, and they set sideways, you know, like that.

189 And he used to shoot little fawns just to make me feel bad. And he'd shoot the . . . You know what a fawn is, it's a little baby deer. And he'd shoot them does, mother does and fawns, and things. Now, it's all right, if the law . . . Now, I'm not, you hunting brothers, I'm not condemning killing a fawn, that's all right, if the law says kill it. But just to shoot them just for fun, that's wrong, that's murder. In my book it's murder, that's right, to kill them just to be killing.

190 Now, not because it was a fawn, now, Abraham killed a calf, and God eat it. So there, not the sex, or the—or the size, but it's just killing them to be cruel, to kill. And that's what Bert would do, just—just to be mean, to get . . . make me feel bad. He'd shoot those little fellows and watch them tumble over, just for fun.

191 And I . . . One year I went up there, it was kind of late, and I went up. And Bert, we was . . . he'd been waiting for me for two days. I was . . . Told you I was always late, and even on my hunting trips. So he . . . I was late.

He said, "Where you been, Preacher?"

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I said, "I just couldn't get off from work, Bert." We was right in time of quail season. I said, "I couldn't get off from work."

<sup>192</sup> He said, "Well, it's going to be late." Said, "Been hunting up here now for several days." Said, "Them little whitetails are like Houdini, the escape artist. They're gone just in a second." And said . . .

I said, "Well, we'll try it, we know where we're at. We got about ten days now, we'll get one."

So we started off that morning, and he said, "I want to show you something, Preacher. You never seen nothing like it."

I said, "What is it, Bert?"

<sup>193</sup> He reached down in his pocket, and pulled out a little whistle, and he whistled it, blowed it, and it sounded just like a little baby fawn, crying for its mama.

And I said, "Now, Bert, you wouldn't be that cruel."

And he said, "Oh, you're like all the rest of the preachers; you're too chicken-hearted to be a hunter." He said, "Get next to yourself, Fellow."

I said, "Bert, that—that's not being chicken-hearted, that's just—that's just acting with sense." I said, "Don't you do a thing like that, Bert."

He said, "Aw, go on, Billy. What's the matter with you?"

<sup>194</sup> So we always carry some chocolate, chocolate is better than coffee, 'cause it's stimulating. Sometime you get turned around in the woods, and may have to stay out overnight, and you'd better have a little chocolate with you, or something, to keep you warm through the night, if you can't find some dry stuff to make a fire.

<sup>195</sup> So we hunted till about, up about eleven o'clock, and we didn't see a track or a sign, about four inches, six inches of snow, good tracking weather, not a sign nowhere, moonlight nights, of course and them deer feeding at night, but we couldn't find even a track, and I said, "Well, it's going to be pretty bad."

<sup>196</sup> We walked on, about eleven o'clock, and all at once, he kind of . . . He come to an opening, be about twice the size of this building here, Bert kind of stooped down, and he put his hand back in his coat like *this*, and I thought "Well, he's going to . . . we're going eat a bite of lunch, and maybe separate, and him go one way and I another, work our way in. Nine or ten o'clock, tonight, we be back to our camp."

<sup>197</sup> So he reached down there, pulled out this little whistle, and I said, "Now . . ." I thought he was going to get his lunch, but he pulled out this little whistle, and he put it up to his mouth, and give a little call

like a little baby fawn bleating for its mammy, you know, like that. And when he did that, he looked up to me.

<sup>198</sup> And I noticed right across the little opening there, a great big, beautiful doe stood up. See? She was hid, but when she heard that call of that baby, she was a mother, instinct in her rose up. Now, she wouldn't have ordinarily done that, that time of day. But I could see them big ears like *that*, and those big brown eyes looking around. What was it? A baby and a mother. And he looked over at me, and them lizard eyes looked up at me.

I thought, "Bert, you wouldn't do that. You wouldn't do that."

<sup>199</sup> He said, "Shh," and he took that whistle again, and he blowed it again, and the deer stepped right out into that opening. Oh, my, that's unusual! And I seen him look up again, pull that lever back, and throwed that big hundred and eighty grain bullet in that .30-06, he was a dead shot.

<sup>200</sup> I seen him level down like *this*, you know, and I thought, "Uh-oh. Just a second more, and he'll drive the heart of that mother, that loyal heart, plumb through her" see, "with that big hundred and eighty grain mushroom going right through that loyal heart. A mother looking for her baby! How could you be so deceitful?"

<sup>201</sup> She stomped when the—the latch went out on the gun. You know what it is, in a model 70, when the latch goes down, it makes a little noise. She turned, she seen the hunter. Now, usually she's spooked, we call it, [Brother Branham snaps his fingers—Ed.] gone, like *that*, but not her. She was right in the face of death, but her baby was in need, she was loyal. She wasn't a hypocrite, she wasn't putting something on, she wasn't a make-believe, she was a mother. There was something in her, was mother.

<sup>202</sup> And I thought, "O God, there's a lesson! 'Yet a mother may forget her suckling babe, but never will I forget you. Your name is engraved on the palms of My hand.'"

<sup>203</sup> I thought, "Bert, surely you can't do that." I was behind some bush to the deer, but I was looking through—through some snow hanging on the little spruce and watching, and he. . . I seen that gun come up there. And oh, my, what—what a crack shot he was!

<sup>204</sup> I couldn't look at it. I thought, "That loyal mother," I thought, "how real! She's walked right out there in the face of death." And them ears, that nose, she caught that hunter setting there, but that didn't make her no differen, she was ready to go to death. Why? That baby was crying, and she was trying to find it, she was a mother. There was something inside of her, was mother, inside of her. She was borned

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a mother, and she was looking for that baby. She wasn't noticing the danger, didn't make any difference, she was watching for that baby.

205 I turned my head, I couldn't watch it. I turned my head, I said, "Heavenly Father, be merciful to Bert. Don't let him do it, God. That precious mother standing there with that real loyal heart beating beneath there, looking for her baby, don't let him do it, Father." And I kept standing there, praying to myself. I was listening to hear that gun crack any minute, but the gun didn't go off.

206 After about a—a full minute or two, I turned around, and the gun barrel was shaking like *this*. And he looked up to me, and the tears was streaming down out of them eyes. He looked at me, and his lips was quivering, he threw the gun on the bank, he said, "Billy, I've had enough of it." He grabbed me by the pants leg, and said, "Lead me to that Jesus that you're talking about." He's a deacon—he's a deacon in a Baptist church.

207 What's the matter? What was it? He saw something real. He seen something that wasn't put on. He seen something that was genuine, a real mother, something inside, that she wasn't afraid of death, she wasn't afraid of nothing, because she was a mother, her baby was in need. God, make me a Christian to love my Lord, like that mother was . . . as much mother as she was mother, make me, Christian.

208 With our heads the way they are now, with our eyes towards God, how many in here would like to be that kind of a Christian, as much Christian as that deer was a mother? Would you say, "God, be . . ." Let us bow our heads.

209 Heavenly Father, I guess, long will I remember the story. I remember feeling them hands of Bert, as he grabbed a hold of my trouser leg, pulling on me, and the tears dropping off on that white snow. The expression on his face had changed him, he had seen something that was real, he wanted to be a Christian. And there on that snowbank that day, a cruel-hearted man with a heart of stone was melted, because that he saw something real.

210 The queen of Sheba saw something real, she was convinced. The woman at the well, she saw something real, she said, "Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet. We know Messiah is coming." She saw something real. Philip saw something real. Bartimaeus saw something real when his eyes come open, a Man that could open his eyes that was blind.

211 God, may we, tonight, see Jesus, see His power that changes our lives from sinners to Christians, from unbelievers, and doubters, and skeptics to true unadulterated Christian believers.

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212 Bless every heart that was beneath those hands that went up. May they have no rest. May they be on the cold snowbanks too, until that realization that God has made them a real Christian in their hearts, to love God in the face of death, in the face of anything, Christ is first, the call of God and His Word. Grant it, Heavenly Father.

213 We'll wait now, and trust that You, until this altar call is finished, will make Yourself so real to us that we can leave here, tonight, like the queen of Sheba, going back down to her own country, she was convinced there was something real. Bert, coming from the woods, there was something real. Peter never wanted his nets no more, there was something real that he had saw.

God, grant tonight, that we'll see the real also and realize that it's Christ in our midst. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

214 Every time I think of that ol', little ol' story, up there, of that mother deer! I don't know what become of her. Bert started screaming, top of his voice, I looked up, and them lizard eyes had done changed to a sweet expression, his lips was quivering, his arms around my legs, he said, "Lead me, Billy, to that Jesus."

215 See, even though the churches and things he'd been going around that held their peace, the rocks was able to cry out. That mother deer's life had cried out that she . . . there was something genuine, something that wasn't just ecclesiastical polish, it was something that come real, that wasn't afraid, that was genuine.

216 God grant, tonight, that my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, will make Himself so real to you, till you'll see the real thing, and will become His disciple, and be healed of your sickness.

217 I believe we've started from A, number one last night, called up a bunch of them. I don't know, I think there's a lot of them missing that we didn't get to. Let's start, tonight, from somewhere else.

218 Let's start from fifty. A, fifty. Who has it? Prayer card A, fifty. Well, maybe that's not there either. [Someone says, "Right there."—Ed.] So we'll start from somewhere else then. Pardon? ["Right there."] I'm sorry, Lady. Come right over here.

219 A, fifty. A, fifty-one. Right here. Fifty-two, who has prayer card fifty-two? Would you come here, if you can. If we can't, we'll pack you. Fifty-three, raise up your hand. Fifty-three. [Someone says, "Right in front of you."] In front of me? Fifty-three. All right. Fifty-four, who has fifty-four? You, Sir. Fifty-five. Somebody with prayer card fifty-five would you stand? Is that . . . ? No. Fifty-five. [Brother Branham coughs.] (Pardon me.) Fifty-five.

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220 Now, we'll have to hurry. We're going to be late again. Fifty-five. Say it in Spanish, somebody who can speak Spanish. [Someone says, "Cincuenta y cinco."—Ed.] Fifty-five. Might have stepped out. All right. If they step in, remember, during the time, they can come in the line. Fifty-six, fifty-seven. All right, thank you. Fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty, sixty, sixty.

221 The reason we do this, so they won't be running, cramming over one, the other. Sixty not here? Oh, yes. Sixty. All right. Sixty-one, sixty-two. That's good. Sixty-two. Raise up your hand so we can see you, see. Sixty-two, sixty-three, sixty-four, sixty-five. That's right, that's the way to do it. Sixty-five. Just take your card, and give it to the usher, or the . . . or Billy, or some of them down there. Sixty-five, sixty-five. Sixty-six. Well, okay.

222 Please don't take the cards unless you want to . . . if you're . . . See, you—you knock somebody else out, somebody come . . . Maybe I preached a little long, they get . . . have to go home. Maybe it's my fault, forgive me, might have been, I preached too long. All right.

223 Now, how many doesn't have prayer cards and you want the Lord to heal you, and you believe that He will heal you? Raise up your hand. All right. Just have faith now. Don't doubt, have faith.

224 You remember there was a little woman, one time, that touched the border of His garment, and she didn't have a prayer card either, but He looked around till He found her. How many was here last night? Let's see your hand. Well, I guess all of you were here, you understood what taken place.

225 Now, would you stand up a moment, Lady? Now, I suppose that you and I are strangers. We were probably born miles apart and years apart. You are just a girl, and—and I'm a middle-aged man. This is our first time meeting, I suppose. We . . . [The sister speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] You was in one of my meetings when you were younger. And was that here in California? ["In Oregon."] Where? ["In Oregon."] In Oregon. Probably back in my early ministry?

226 Well, it's . . . I don't know you, of course, that . . . just, you've just seen me. Yeah. I seen millions of people since then, and been . . . I'd never remember anybody like that anyhow. By the way, I wouldn't know what was wrong with you, or . . . Let's just find out if the Lord will tell me what's wrong with you then, or, just let alone anything else, just what's wrong. Would it convince you that—that . . . You'd know whether I'm telling you the truth or not, wouldn't you?

227 Would it convince the audience? Would you believe you'd see something real? Here is a girl with . . . both of us . . . Now, I don't know what's wrong with her, she knows, 'cause . . . She's just a young lady

standing there. Somebody, the boy comes down, gives these prayer cards out. And people are out there with—with prayer card, or without prayer card, doesn't matter, they just have faith. That's all you have to have.

228 And here we are, and there's something wrong with the girl. If there is, then if the Holy Spirit will reveal it, if that isn't exactly the same thing that Jesus condemned that generation! It's exactly. And the same thing that He promised, as last night, for this generation, and said to speak against it would be blasphemy of the Holy Ghost, and would never be forgiven a person.

229 Now, here it is. Now, something has to take place. Here's where we can say. . . In traveling, I—I was entertained, one afternoon, in India in the temple of the Jains, where seventeen different religions in there, every one of them against Christianity, every one of them, Buddha, Mohammedan, all of them, against, Sikh, Jain, and *what-more* was in there, and they were every one against Christianity, but every religion in the world is false but Christianity.

230 Every founder is dead. Buddha died about twenty-three hundred years ago. Mohammed, he died after Christ. Then we—we find all these founders are dead. Confucius with his philosophy, and all different ones, they're dead. Their founders are dead, but Christ died and rose again, is alive for evermore.

231 Our religion produces the Man that founded it, Christianity, and He is here with us. Nothing can kill Him, He is alive for evermore and said, "The works that I do. . . If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, the. . . ask what you will, and it shall be given to you. He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

232 Now, if Christ stood here, tonight, with this suit that He gave me, and was standing here, and the woman sick, if—if He would. . . could He heal her? Now, be careful now 'fore you say, "Amen." Could He heal her? No, sir. He would say He had already done it. Is that right? Sure. "My child," He would say, "I have already did that, by My stripes you were healed. Don't you believe this?" See? "It's already done." See?

233 He wouldn't heal her, He has already done it. He might do something to confirm to her that it was Him. See? And He would do it in the same way He did back *there* to prove back *there* that it was Him. Was that right? Now, how did He prove it? We went through it last night, I bypassed it tonight, just for Solomon, but now, tomorrow night, maybe we get into it again.

234 Now, notice, He—He would do it the same way, because He can't make another decision, He has done made the decision, and that's

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God's final. What God says once, He ever remains the same. That's the reason you can believe the Word, It never changes.

<sup>235</sup> Now, if the Holy Spirit will come on me, and . . . It's just a gift, I can't make it work. It has . . . it . . . I don't operate it, it operates me. See? And your faith will have to do it. See? I . . . If no matter what He would do to me, it takes your faith to do it. Like He said to the woman, "Thy faith has saved thee." See? That's—that's His method of doing it. That's the way . . . He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that's the way He—He operates, is the same way. He can't change, He is ever God.

<sup>236</sup> And now, the only way . . . If He would tell you this . . . Now, if I come up and said . . . you said, "Brother Branham, I'm sick," I say, "All right, come here." Lay my hands on you. "Praise God. The Bible said "These signs follow them that believe. Lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." That'd be all right. Maybe, like Brother Roberts, or some of them with that real bulldog faith, grab a hold of it. That's Brother Roberts, I can't take his place, he can't take mine. See? We're two different ministers, two different gifts. See?

<sup>237</sup> But if I told you, "Yeah, if you're sick, I'll lay my hands on you, you get well," now, if you believe it, you'd get well. But what if Something stands here and tells you what's wrong? See? What has been, and what will be? Then you . . . It's hard to doubt that, isn't it? You got something to hold on to. That's right.

<sup>238</sup> Now, you're facing an operation, that's right, and that's a tumor. You believe He can tell me where the tumor is? Would it help you? It's in the stomach. Do you believe that you won't have to have it, and it'll be gone? [The woman says, "Yes."—Ed.] Then don't never doubt it. So be it, in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

<sup>239</sup> "If thou will believe!" Now, you go ask the young lady, whatever was told her, ask her if she knowed me, or anything about it, ask what was told her, find out if it's truth or not. See?

<sup>240</sup> Now, if she'll ever remain, whatever was wrong with her, if she'll ever remain with that faith that . . . I noticed that Light just fell right over her, and the dark shadow that was hanging there left. See? Now, if she'll ever remain with that faith, and won't turn it loose, she'll get well. If she doesn't, then something else will have, take place. See? I do not . . . I'm not the healer, God is the Healer, and your faith in what God has already done for you. See?

<sup>241</sup> How do you do? Now, we are strangers to each other, God knows us both. But do you believe that God could reveal to me something of—of your life, would . . . like something like the woman that was just here? Would it . . . ?

242 Here again, just like our Lord met the woman at the well, two people, a man and a woman met for the first time in life, and here it is again, a man and woman meets for the first time in life. And we, being strangers to each other, then if . . . If there was any way in the world I could do to help you, and would not do it, I wouldn't be fit to stand behind this Bible *here*, if I could help you and wouldn't do it. See? I couldn't call myself a—a servant of Christ.

243 And if . . . You might be so sick the doctors has give you up. You might be, you're standing there for somebody else, It may be financial, it may be domestic trouble, I—I don't know, you're just someone standing there, but He does know. And if He will reveal it to me, would it help you? [The woman says, "Yes, it would."—Ed.] All right. You look at me then.

244 Now, reason I say it like that, Peter and John said at the gate . . . The reason I said that, I felt It come in. See? See? See? Like Peter and John at the gate said, "Look on us." See? "Look on us." And they looked earnestly as if . . .

245 Yes, there's something about blood. I see the woman spitting out blood. It's a rupture in . . . from the liver, and—and blood vessels, and it fills up on the inside of you, and you have to spit it out, that's THUS SAITH THE LORD. You believe that God can heal you of that?

246 The very Spirit that is here, you know there is Something anointing me to tell you; you know whether it's the truth or not. Do you believe then, that that . . . that I'm a believer? You believe It to be God? It has to come from some Source. You believe It to be God? Then come here, and just let, lay hands on you.

247 Now, Father, it's between life and death, let the Spirit of Life heal the woman in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Don't doubt it, just go believing it with all your heart.

How do you do? We are strangers to each other, I suppose. I don't know you.

248 Now, there's something happening, there is a—a . . . somebody in here that looks different from this woman, is praying, a way great faith, keeps coming between me and the woman. It's a different looking person, I'll find it in a minute. Somebody is touching. She's right in line with the woman, right behind her. High blood pressure setting there, gray-headed lady with, white-looking thing on, setting there praying about high blood pressure. Raise up your hand, if that's true. You believe God? All right, then the blood pressure will leave you now.

A different looking person was standing between me and the woman, she was in line with her. She had . . .

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<sup>249</sup> Now, I want you to believe me real . . . with all your heart, while I'm just talking to you to see what He would tell me. What I'm . . . You say, "What are you doing, Brother Branham?" Contacting your spirit, like He did the woman at the well. Said, "Bring Me a drink," and went, talking about religion, and so forth, and worship, and a place to drink at, and so forth. But God ever remains God.

<sup>250</sup> You are suffering, one thing, you are extremely nervous, weak. That's right. Your weakness comes in the afternoon mostly, right after you get your work done, sundown, or something like that, you get extremely weak. That is true. Another thing, you got a growth that you're praying about, that growth in your back. And if you believe that God will heal it! You believe that He will do it? You had an operation, tumor. That's right. Your husband has had a stroke. That's right. Pauline, you believe that God will make you well? Mrs. Pauline Capps, you go believing with all your heart, and God will make you well.

Don't doubt, have faith. Believe God with all your heart.

<sup>251</sup> Do you believe? Jesus looked upon the audience and perceived their thoughts. Is that right? Perceiving their thought. Now, "The Word of God," Hebrews 4, "is sharper than a two-edged sword, even a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart." Is that right? And Jesus *was* the Word. You believe that? And He *is* the Word, and the Bible is Jesus in printed form. And it takes His Spirit to quicken those Words and bring them to Life again. You believe that? Now, if you'll all believe that, and be just as convinced upon the evidence that God promised it . . .

<sup>252</sup> Your wife is in trouble. I don't know her, I've never seen her in my life. She's rather heavysset, and, that's right, and she's suffering, weakness and everything, but her main thing is menopause, change of life, it's made her nervous. That's right.

Just believe, and it'll be all right, Sister, all your troubles will go.

<sup>253</sup> God in Heaven knows I never seen that woman in my life. But here was this woman here, standing here, I knowed it must be his wife, 'cause I seen him in the house with her. Amen. Now, he knows that. Just have faith.

Now, never let no one cram nothing in your ears, Brother.

You believe with all your heart now, Sister.

<sup>254</sup> Ask her if I ever met her or knew her. No, sir, I never seen her in my life, and God in Heaven is my judge, and *this* is His Bible. But how could this woman *here* be standing by this man *here*, and see them going through the house together? Had to be his wife. See? I just waited till

I was sure 'fore I said it, because sometimes that way, sin is called out in the same way. See? But I seen that actually was his wife.

<sup>255</sup> How do you do? I'm sorry. I just—I just—I just happened to turn around there and seen a woman standing by the side of this man, and I—I just had to. . . I have to do just as He tells me, you see. What. . . ? Something real, something, get a hold of. Now, you suffer, you do, Sister, with headaches, have real, terrific headaches. You got a burden on your heart, and that's for a young fellow, it's your son, and he's in a backslidden condition and got an infection. That's true, raise up your hand. Believe now with all your heart, and may the Lord God grant your request. Don't doubt. I just want to put my hands on you as you pass by. God bless you both.

<sup>256</sup> I challenge your faith, I challenge it in the Name of the Lord Jesus: You believe that the real Christ, the Son of God, is not dead, but He is with us tonight.

<sup>257</sup> You know what's the matter with the Pentecostal church? Is this: it's seen too much. That's right. One time an ol' . . . a poet was going to the sea in England. He had wrote about the sea, what he had read in books. And he thought . . . He went down, and he was so thrilled because he was going. I'm saying this, kind of jerk away that, too much anointing makes me so weak, I just ha- . . . I've pulled myself out of it. And so he, going to the sea to . . . and he met an old salt, you know what I mean, a sailor coming from the sea, and he said, "Where goest thou?"

<sup>258</sup> He said, "Oh, I. . ." the poet said, "I'm going to the sea. I have read about it, and I have wrote about it, I've talked about it, but I've never seen it. Oh, I want to smell the salt water, I want to see the pretty whitecaps dip up, to see the reflection of the blue sky, hear the gulls scream!"

<sup>259</sup> And the old salt twisted his pipe a few times, and spit, said, "I was borned on it sixty years ago, and I don't see nothing so thrilling about it," spit, and went away. Why? Why wasn't it so thrilling to him? He had seen so much of it till it become common.

<sup>260</sup> And that's what's the matter with you Pentecostal people, you seen so much of the Holy Spirit, till It has become common to you. One thing like that would set thirty or forty thousand heathens to praying right quick in Africa. That's right. One thing!

<sup>261</sup> I'll tell you one night what happened. Just one little thing taken place, I seen—I seen thirty thousand blanket natives break their idols on the ground and come to Jesus Christ. And I seen women standing there, mother-naked, just a clout *that* wide on them, and standing there, and didn't even know they were naked. And I asked them. . .

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Mr. Baxter, Mr. Bosworth, and them, said, "Brother Branham, I think they meant for—for healing."

<sup>262</sup> I said, "I did not mean physical healing, I meant you want to receive Christ." And they had little idols sprinkled with blood of animals and so forth. I said, "If you're sincere, break your idols on the ground." And it looked like a—a dust storm come up, where they broke them mud idols on the ground. And when . . . I said, "Right on this place raise your hands to Christ, and say, 'The God that could interpret, and make this man like *this*, can . . . is this God of the Bible.' Believe it and raise up your hand."

<sup>263</sup> And when them women put their hands down and walked away from there, they folded their arms like *this* to walk away. A few days later they had found some kind of rags to cover themselves up with. How in the world could a native, a blanket native, that don't even know which is right and left hand, and the very minute she receives Christ she recognizes she's naked, and women who is supposed to be filled with the Spirit taking more off every year? Explain that to me. They'll rise in the generation, in this generation, and condemn this generation. We are superstitious, and all kinds of thoughts and everything else, where they are simple child, to believe. Amen.

<sup>264</sup> I did that, see, so much . . . so I can pray for the rest of these people. So much of it gets me to a place I get so weak I almost . . . You say, "That isn't so." Well, it is so, if you know Scripture, it is so. Jesus got weak from one woman touching Him, one person. Now, it . . . I couldn't stand one person, or no one else could, if He didn't say, "More than this shall you do, for I go to the Father." See? That's right. Daniel saw one vision, troubled at his head for many days.

<sup>265</sup> All right, the next person, or, are you the next person? All right, Sir. We are strangers to one another, Sir. We don't know each other, but God does know us. Now, just so that I can get the anointing back enough to pray for the rest of the people here, if God will reveal to me what's wrong with you, will you believe me to be His servant? You will. [The man says, "I do anyway."—Ed.] You do anyhow, that's the way I like it. All right, Reverend, a minister, Mr. Gee, Reverend Gee, you have arthritis. If you believe with all your heart, walk off of here and get well. Be made well in the Name of Jesus Christ.

<sup>266</sup> Now, that made you feel real strange when I said arthritis. Now, He will hea- . . . If He can heal it for that man, He can heal it for you. Just go right off the platform, saying, "Thank You, Lord Jesus."

<sup>267</sup> Back trouble, kidney. You believe that God can make you well? Just go right off the platform saying, "Thank You, Lord Jesus. And I—I believe with all my heart."

268 All right, come young lady, look at me as you come. You're just a child, it's hard to have diabetes and be a young child like that. Do you believe God can heal you? You do? You accept it? All right. Go off the platform saying, "Thank You, Lord," and be made well.

269 Looky here, Honey. You're just a child, I've got a little Rebekah out here, just about your size and age. Now, you got a stomach trouble, it's bothering you in your stomach, ulcers from a nervous condition. You believe God will make you well? If you do, walk off the platform, go eat what you want to, and believe God with all your heart.

270 All right. You had the same thing, nervous upset stomach. Go right off the platform saying, "Thank You, Lord Jesus. I believe You with all my heart." Just don't doubt at all.

271 All right. Come right up here, Sister. Course I see you leaning on there, it's a woman of your age would be that way, but there's surely something else different besides just a lady's age. It is, yes, one of your main things is nerves. You've been bothered with them for a long, long time. You believe this is the time you're going to be healed? [The sister says, "Yes, Sir." —Ed.] Then accept your healing in the Name of Jesus Christ, go off the platform, saying, "Thank You, Lord God, I know I'm going be well." Amen.

Have faith. Now I . . .

You, a young woman and nervous, but yours is just a time of life that's striking you to be nervous at this time. Go, believe.

272 Illusions, everybody telling you, "Get next to yourself. There ain't nothing wrong, and ever . . ." But they're lying, there is something wrong, there's a dark shadow over you. Yes, sir. How can you go down through . . . If you go down through a building or a dark alley, there's got to be something that's got to certainly frighten those nerves first, before that—that . . . it'll . . . you'll be frightened, ordinarily you wouldn't do it. There is a darkness around you, but I want to tell you now, it's left you while you're standing there. If you want to . . . ? . . . you go and believe with all your heart, get well. You're going to be all right, Sister, just go on. Now you can be all right.

273 Well, you suffer with a lady's trouble, have for many years, and one of your great things, you're afraid you're going to be crippled up with arthritis. If you believe with all your heart, you'll *never* be crippled with arthritis. Go and believe God and be made well.

274 "And the queen of the South shall rise in the Judgment with this generation, and condemn it, for she come from the utmost parts of the earth to see the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here." The Holy Spirit is here, the Holy Ghost, the God of Heaven, the resurrected Lord Jesus is here. Do you believe it? Try to

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shake it out of one of their minds that's been here before It, and find out. Ask them how they felt when they passed by here, watching that Light settle down over them.

<sup>275</sup> Have you ever seen the picture of It? The one that science has took the picture? If you haven't, Mr. Wood has it back there, I guess you do. Brother Wood, where you at? I guess he still has the pictures. It's right there. It's a copyright from George J. Lacy, the head of the FBI. Hangs in Religious Hall Of Art, the only supernatural Being ever photographed.

<sup>276</sup> Now, look. What was It that led the children of Israel from Egypt? A Pillar of Fire. Is that right? How many knows that That was Christ? Certainly, it was the—the covenant . . . Angel of the covenant, It was Christ. Then, when He was here on earth, He said, "I come from God, I go to God." Is that right?

<sup>277</sup> After His death, burial, and resurrection, and ascension, we find out that Saul of Tarsus was on his road down to arrest a bunch of people that was in this way. And on the road down, a great big Light, Pillar of Fire, struck him down, and he raised up, and He said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?"

He said, "Who are You, Lord?"

He said, "I am Jesus. I come from God, return to God."

<sup>278</sup> Here is that same Light. Hallelujah! What? The same Jesus yesterday, today, and forever. What is it? It is doing the same thing. That first was God above you, then God with you in His Son, now God in you in the Holy Ghost, the same Pillar of Fire, proved by the scientists, proved here among you, to me It is as real and positive as the love of that mother deer. It is the real God of the Bible, It is as real, confirmation of the last days.

<sup>279</sup> We are here in the Presence resurrected, and in the Presence of Jesus Christ with Him in His resurrection, for we have denounced our unbelief. We believe that God's Word is the truth, and He is here confirming It and proving It is right. Do you believe it?

<sup>280</sup> Have you ever accepted Him as your Saviour? Do you know Him as your Saviour? If you got your name on a church book, and that's all you know, leave that where it's at, but come here and know Him.

<sup>281</sup> You say, "I'm a Bible student, but I've never been borned again. I don't know nothing about the Holy Spirit." Don't . . . Not, "to know His Book is Life," but, "to know Him." Know Him, not the Word, Him. Satan knows the Book. Certainly.

<sup>282</sup> A fellow said to me one time, I was talking about the security of the believer, he said, "You don't know your Bible."

283 I said, “But I know the Author.” That’s the main thing, I know the Author, “To know Him is Life.” That’s right. And if you don’t know Him, why not come up here now and stand right here in His Presence?

284 Now, you know I wouldn’t do that ’less the Holy Spirit was telling me there’s people in here should do that. Just the same as He knows the hearts of the people, He knows your condition. Search yourself back, and see if the Life of Christ is reflecting Itself in your daily walk, find out.

285 Let’s bow our heads now, just a moment, I feel that this is essential. You raised your hand a while ago you’d like to be a Christian, as much Christian as that deer was a mother. If you want that, and really mean it with all your heart, and you meant that, why not come up here and receive that? while we keep our heads bowed.

286 As I have said before, I’m not much to persuade people. If the Holy Spirit in the preaching of the Word doesn’t bring full persuasion, there’s no need of me trying anything of my own, ’cause I’m bringing somebody up there under emotion. If . . . But if the Holy Spirit Himself can’t convince you that you’re wrong . . . Look back at your Life, look at the way you live. Some of you laymen . . .

[A brother speaks in tongues and a sister interprets. Blank spots on tape. The congregation sings *Into My Heart*. Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;  
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

287 Won’t somebody else come and join in with them now, someone that doesn’t know Christ; or someone would like to pray with them; somebody is not close enough to God, would like to renew your vows again; someone without the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Come right up around now, while the waters are troubled, now is the time to step in.

288 Come on up, each one of you now, would like to come up and pray, would like to say, “Lord, make me what I ought to be. Just mold me, I’m going down to the Potter’s house, just mold me and make me, Lord. I’m going to offer prayer now. I’m coming down to the Potter’s house to get molded up and fixed up right, going down to get broke up first, so I can be remolded.”

289 Come around, that’s right, move up. There’s room for all of us around the Fount of the Lord. He is here, we know He is here, His Presence is here. That Feeling that you have in your heart, that’s God, that’s Him. That’s Him, moving, operating, just His Holy Spirit. That’s it. Oh, I like that! Move right on down. That’s good. Oh, wonderful!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me,

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Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;  
Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,  
Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His Name!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me,  
The Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;  
Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,  
Oh, wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His Name!

<sup>290</sup> Now, everybody, just raise up your hands now and praise Him, and give Him praise. Thank Him and God will take you in His arms . . . ? . . .



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