
JESUS OF NAZARETH

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Let us pray before we set down, if you will. Bow our heads.

² Dear God, it's again that we come to You with a grateful heart to express to Thee the feeling and the adoration that we have for Thee. And we would ask You tonight that—that You would forgive every sin and trespass that we have done today, or any time in our life, that was contrary to Thy Divine will.

³ And if there would be anything that would hinder You from healing the sick and from saving the lost, we would ask You to forgive us, and to take us into Thy care just at this time, and move in us with great power, and may great signs and wonders be wrought tonight. And by this, may it cause an old-fashioned revival to start in this city and around about and throughout the state. Grant it, Lord. And may sinners be saved and—and sick people healed for Thy glory.

⁴ Now, bless both minister and listener tonight, sanctify the words that shall proceed, and the ears that shall hear, and the hearts that shall believe. For we ask it, in the Name of Thy Son, Jesus. Amen.

⁵ You may be seated. It is a grand privilege of mine to be back here again this evening, to speak to you of this wonderful, marvelous Lord Jesus. And it is a little bad that we just have to leave after this service and not have but just the two nights, for I'm well aware that this city, along with the other cities, that two nights is not sufficient for to get the program over to the people. And therefore it would take a time where some were healed that could get out and testify to others and tell others, and others tell others, and that's the way it would go.

⁶ But it's been a privilege of ours to be in this wonderful city, the capital of this lovely state. We were riding this morning just to look around, and it is a beautiful country, we sure do appreciate this country. And as I said last night, it holds many memories for me of this New Hampshire, up north, this is my first time in this part.

⁷ Up in northern New Hampshire where I used to hunt, with some of my good friends, Harry B. Call. I wonder if Harry is here tonight. If you are, Bert, would you raise up your hand? I'd sure like to shake your hand. [A brother says, "He's in the back."—Ed.] In the back. All right, I see his hand up. Bert, I'm certainly glad to get to see you again, and

there, my son is at the back of the building, and I want you to see him just before we leave.

⁸ Did you get in last night, Bert? This is your first night. Well, we're certainly glad to see him in. It's been some time since I have seen Bert, many years. And we've had much fun together up in the north woods here, hunting when I was just a boy, and it holds precious memories. And the Mr. Lowe, I remember an elderly man up at the place called Randolph, and how many times that we've strolled over those mountains years ago, I never forget it. So, it holds many great treasures and memories.

⁹ And tonight, being the closing of the service and we expecting God to meet with us with His mercy and power to heal the sick and the afflicted, and to save those who would want to be saved.

¹⁰ Now, we're just skipping through the country, just night, two nights. The longest we stayed was in Bangor. Did I say that right? Bangor, Maine. My southern expressions don't go too good up here. And I'm pretty slow, and some of you Yankees just talk so fast, I can't keep up with you, I'm afraid I'll get run over.

¹¹ I—I said out on the street, it—it was just the, just only two classes of people lives here, and that was the quick and the dead. From the way they drive, they die quick.

¹² Billy, move in to the right hand side, and my friend Harry Call setting right *there*. I want you to meet him, so I can get to shake his hand some just after the service.

¹³ And so we are happy to be in for this little time. Now, at Bangor we had such a wonderful meeting. Around six o'clock they would have to lock the doors to keep the people away, the auditorium didn't seat but just about fifteen hundred, or something like that.

¹⁴ And this, I'm starting now right after these meetings here, I go to Texas, and then back up into Carolina, and then from there, back into Africa again. And, oh, I . . . Just another tour, which is about five times around for me, and I trust that the Lord will give us great meetings, and we'll be expecting your prayers for us as we go, and God to do the exceedingly abundantly for us there.

¹⁵ The last time we was in Durban, I was there for three days, and on the afternoon service, I made a—an altar call immediately after a crippled man was so hideously crippled, till he had to walk on his hands and feet just like a dog, had a chain around his neck, not even mentally right, and before about a hundred and fifty thousand native, blanket heathens there, besides the white people, when that man raised up, he was in his right mind, first time he had ever raised up in all of his life, and there were thirty thousand raw heathens, that's blanket natives,

broke their idols on the ground, accepted Jesus Christ as personal Saviour at one time.

¹⁶ Now, and that next morning I was standing in my hotel room, and the mayor of the city, Sidney Smith, come up, and he said, “Brother Branham, raise the window right quick and listen down the street.”

¹⁷ And I looked coming down the street, and there come seven big cattle cars full of old crutches, and clubs, and wheelchairs, and about a mile long behind them of people who set in them that day before, walking behind these places singing, “All things are possible, only believe,” in their native tongues. It just goes to show that Christ is the answer, He is the One Who gives the answer.

¹⁸ Now, before we open this Word, the Bible . . . Which we believe, emphatically, to be the Truth of Almighty God, now, it may be just a little contrary, maybe, to what you’ve been taught in the church. But now, there’s something wrong somewhere, because that Jesus commissioned us to go into all the world and make disciples in all nations, and that as soon as this was done that He would return.

¹⁹ Do you know Christianity is in third place today in numbers? And there’s at least millions of people who has never heard the Name of the Lord Jesus. And Mohammedans is three to one, outnumber Christianity; Buddha, oh, I just don’t know how far it outnumbers Christianity. It’s all because that something has gone wrong.

²⁰ I believe that we have went and educated people, which is fine, nothing against it, and built churches, denominations, organizations, and in there we’ve drawn a line as a certain brotherhood, like the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostals, all like that, and drawn little separating lines that separated it. If we would have forgot about that, and just went in the power of the Spirit of God, with a brotherly love for all people! “This will all men know you’re My disciples, when you have love one for the other.”

²¹ Now, believing *This* to be God’s Word, I’d just like to take a little text, as I explained last night. Before we do that, let’s talk to the Author just a minute again with our heads bowed.

²² Lord God, I am so grateful to Thee for this grand privilege of being able to read Thy Word, and to speak, and to humble our hearts before Thee for the working of the Holy Spirit. Now grant to us, Lord, Thy Word. Speak something that would encourage believers to believe. For we ask it, in Jesus Christ’s Name. Amen.

²³ Over in the Book of Saint Luke just for a little Scripture reading for a context tonight, I would like to read in the—in the 18th chapter and the 37th verse.

And they said unto him, that Jesus of Nazareth passes by.

And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

24 You say, “That’s an awful small Scripture reading, Mr. Branham, to accommodate a group of people like this tonight in your last night in the city.”

25 You see, that is a small Scripture reading, but it isn’t how small it is, it’s how valuable it is, the value is laid not on quantity, but quality; just a little bit.

26 But some time ago in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, just across from our little city, I had a little boy friend over there who was rambling around in an old garret one day, and he found a—an old trunk. And he was looking through this certain trunk, and he found a little ol’, yellow postage stamp of about one half-inch square. And he thought this was a grand thing, that he might be able to have five cents out of it, that he would go get him an ice cream. So he hurries down the street to a stamp collector, and he said, “Sir, how much will you give me for this stamp?”

And the collector immediately taken his glass and looked it over, he said, “I’ll give you a dollar for that stamp.”

He said, “You’ve made the sale.” And he sold him the stamp for one dollar.

27 Course the little lad with, in his mind with ice cream, took down the street to buy his ice cream. In about three weeks that man sold that stamp for five hundred dollars, later is was sold for twenty-five hundred dollars, and the last I heard of that stamp, it’s worth a quarter of a million dollars.

28 You see, the little, yellow piece of paper, it was not the value of the paper, it was, the value was what was wrote on the paper. And that’s what this little Scripture reading is tonight, it isn’t how much it is, it’s what it is that’s wrote on it. The paper is ordinary paper that you make here in your mills, but that what is wrote on there is the infallible Word of the immortal God.

29 And no man is worth any more than his word. If I cannot take your word, then I won’t have any dealings with you; if you can’t take my word, you could not trust me. So that’s the way it is with God, if He has made a promise, He must keep that promise, if he doesn’t keep that promise, then He isn’t God.

30 And if a certain crisis arises, and God acts on that crisis, then He has to act the same the second time that He acts, or He acted wrong when He acted the first time. If someone was sick, and God was consulted,

and God healed that person, then on the second time someone gets sick, and God is consulted, He has got to heal the second time, or He did wrong when He acted the first time, for God is infinite.

³¹ We are finite, we get smarter, as . . . and our generations gets brighter and more intelligent, our scientist move on, but God, being infinite, He has to be perfect all the time. He cannot get smarter or cannot lose any of His intelligence, He has to remain the same.

³² There's where our confidence can rest, solemnly, upon what He says to be the truth, if it isn't, then I—I can't believe Him. And if this Bible doesn't . . . If the promises He made in this Bible is not true, then it is not the Bible, or there is no God; but if the Bible promises are true and God confirms them promises, then He is God of the Bible, which is His Word, just as plain as it could be.

³³ Now, our scene opens tonight, and I want to speak it just like a little drama, so that we won't have much time to tarry, because that we want to get into the line. Usually in the big meetings, Dr. Vayle does the speaking, and I just come on for the healing services to pray for the sick.

³⁴ Now, let this be well assured in every person's heart, I cannot heal any person, and there is no other man on the earth can heal a person, God is the only Healer there is. There is not one drop of medicine ever invented that ever could heal a person. Doctors don't claim to be healers.

³⁵ I've been interviewed by Mayo brothers, and many of the great sanitariums, and so forth, of the world, and I have never heard one time, that any real, sound doctor ever said that he could heal. He cannot heal, God is the Healer. Healing is the multiplication of cells, which is a creation, creation can only come from God. Now, we do not discredit our doctors with their medicine and with their fine hospitals.

³⁶ But look, we're living in the day when we got the best hospitals we ever had, the best doctors we ever had, the best medicine we ever practiced with, and more sickness than we ever had. We got more sin and unbelief than we ever had. See?

³⁷ Psalms 103:3, God said, "I'm the Lord Who heals all of your diseases." Well, now if He said *all*, then He just didn't mean *part*.

³⁸ For instance like this: What if you were cranking on a car and you broke your arm, and you run into the doctor's office, said, "Doc, heal my arm right quick, I got to crank my car"?

He would say, "You need mental healing." Well, that's right. See? He can set your arm, but God has to heal, it's that simple.

39 What if I cut my hand tonight with a knife? And, we haven't got enough medicine in all the world to heal that knife cut.

40 "Oh," you say, "Brother Branham!"

That's true. A medicine that would heal a cut in my hand would heal a cut in my coat, it would heal a cut on this desk.

You say, "It was made for your body, Mr. Branham, not for your—your coat and the desk."

41 All right, then if I receive this knife cut in my hand and I drop dead, and they take me out to the undertaker's establishment, and there they embalm my body with a fluid that makes me look natural for fifty years, every day they come give me penicillin, they give me sulfa drug, and they sew the place up, put all the salves and Merthiolate and so forth, that could be put into that place, fifty years from today the cut will look just exactly like it was when I cut it. Then if it heals the human body, why don't it heal?

"Oh," you say, "the life has gone out of you."

42 That's right. Then which is the healing, medicine or life? Life is the healer. You tell me what life is, then I can tell you Who God is, for He is Eternal Life. So, He is the only Healer.

43 Now, medicine, the doctor removes the appendix if you got appendicitis, good thing for a doctor to move it, if you got a tumor, let him take it out, but God has to heal where he cut. He got nothing to heal it, so he can remove a—an object, but he cannot heal where it's been, so it takes, God is the Healer.

44 And you would say, "Well then, Brother Branham, what about penicillin when you got a bad cold?"

45 That's something like, what if you had a house full of rats and was eating holes through the walls, and you went and got some rat poison, poisoned the rats? That doesn't patch the holes, that only kills the rats. So, that's the way it is with healing. See? Penicillin kills the germ, but God has to build up where it has been. See? God is the Healer every time, God is the Healer. So, God does the healing.

46 And He has already did it for you in the atonement, when He died at Calvary, Jesus Christ, there He purchased your salvation and your healing. And the only thing that you can do, is to look to Him and believe it, just like you do when you're saved from your sins, for, "He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed."

47 In our scene tonight, it's at Jericho, way down below Jerusalem. And in this great city, which once stood there as a memorial of one of the great places of the nation, we find that there is, as we look, a little, ragged beggar trudging along the side of the rubbish around the walls,

the old heaps. And we would say it was a beautiful day. And this little fellow, his name is Bartimaeus, and he's blind. We're taught that he had been blind for many, many years. And he's finding his way around to try to get to the gates, for it's through the gates that many of the business people, the merchants, and so forth, come in and out.

48 In them days, there were many beggars, lepers, and when a man went to his work of a morning and he had a few extra coins, maybe a certain beggar that met him first, he gave him the coin, and then that was as much as he could afford for that day, he had to wait till maybe another day. Well, it made . . . Begging was a bad business, and many times they went hungry and done without.

49 And let's think that this morning, that blind Bartimaeus, our subject, had been along the city gates, or, the city streets, and he was a little late getting up, and so the rest of the beggars had beat him. So, he goes to the outside of the gate and there finds him a place to sit down. And just in a few minutes after setting there, kind of a little chilly, and he got in the shadow of the wall of some building, we can hear coming down the road a clicking of a little donkey's feet.

50 And as he moves closer he hears this little donkey coming closer, and he rises and runs out, and said, "Have mercy on me! I am blind and I have a family to care for. Have mercy!"

And a great big, dark slave walks up to him, said, "Out of the way!"

And this fellow (He said, "Have mercy!"), that was riding the donkey, called to him for mercy.

51 And he said, "Sir, out of my way! I am the servant of the Lord, and I'm on my way down to Jericho, there's going to be a fanatic prophet come into that city today, and the ministerial association has called me. And I'm one of their district presbyters, so I have to be there on a meeting, I haven't got time to give coins to beggars." If that isn't just about the attitude of some modern Americans!

52 What if it was you setting there blind? And then not only that, but some people who called themselves Christians, it's so easy to spurn someone like that who is calling for mercy. Don't never do that. Always do the best you can for a poor brother who has had a misfortune like that.

53 And he, see him now he goes back, and he feels around, and he finds a rock and sets down and he begins to think. Let's follow his thoughts for a few minutes. He's thinking now, he moves over in the sunshine where it's warm. Oh, I can just imagine! Don't you like to set down where it's nice and warm to think things over, just set and daydream?

54 Many times up in the mountains, I get way up above the timberlines when I'm hunting in America, and up there, and it would be so cold, and then just set down somewhere where the wind is not blowing and just think of things.

55 I believe God lives in nature, He lives in His animals. Here some few years ago, four or five years ago, I had been hunting elk way up high in the Rockies, back there on the ranch, and there was nobody within, I guess, thirty-five or forty miles, but just the rancher, the one that runs the ranch, and myself, and he's a good hunter. And so, we traveled high, because the fall was early, and the snows hadn't come to run the—the elk down, yet. And so he said, "Billy, you take your packhorse and go right, I'll go over yonder, you go at the east fork, I'll go the west fork, and we'll meet within about three days back over on the connecting divide.

I said, "That'll be fine, Jeff."

56 So we took off. On my second day, I was coming around close to what's called Corral Peaks, where I'd run cattle in there since a boy. And we was . . . I was almost to the timberline, and as I walked along, it come up a storm, a rain, and I run in behind a tree, just kind of to wait till the storm was to pass, and there was some blowdown in there. And after the storm passed . . . It'll rain awhile, then snow awhile, and then the sun will come out, storms coming in the fall of the year. It was a little early to run the elk down, yet.

57 So while I was standing behind this, the storm went past. And after the storm went past, the sun peeped out as it was setting, looking through the crevices of the rocks, and it turned cold, and the water had froze the evergreen, and there was a rainbow come over the—the valley. And I walked out from behind this certain tree, and I looked, and I thought, "My, there's God in that rainbow, for He made a promise." Just get alone by yourself sometime and think it over, see how close God can come to you.

58 And while setting there, or standing there, rather, I heard an ol' male elk bugle, and he had got lost from the herd during the storm. And an ol' gray wolf howled up on the mountain, and his mate answered him down in the valley. As David said, "When the deep calleth to the deep!"

59 My mother is a half Indian, and my conversion never took that out of me. Oh, there's something that's real when you get out in nature! And standing there, I put my hands up in the air, and I said, "O Great Creator, Who made the Heavens and the earth, how great Thou art to let me be here! Why can't I always stay here? Let me just live here, for," I said, "this end I was born."

60 I felt almost, I guess, just like the apostles did at Mount Transfiguration, said, "Let's build three tabernacles." But at the bottom of the mountain, of course, is the sick and the needy.

61 And while I was thinking on that, I noticed a little ol' pine squirrel, he jumped up on a little ol' blowdown limb there, and he begin the awfulest noise you ever heard, "*Chatter, chatter, chatter! Chatter, chatter, chatter!*"

"Well," I thought, "God, why would You take my attention off of You to let me notice that little ol' squirrel?"

62 And, oh, he was bouncing up and down like he was going to kill everything in the woods. And he's just all noise, there's nothing to him. And while he was bouncing around there, I—I had been saying, "Praise the Lord," with my hands up. And I guess if they would have had somebody in the woods, they would thought they had a maniac out there, but I didn't care, I was worshipping the God Who made that heavens and earth.

63 And I just was watching this little ol' squirrel, I thought, "Why did He attract my attention? What would be godly about that fellow?" And I noticed he wasn't so scared of me, but he would cock his little eye, look down. And I thought, "What's the matter?"

64 And the storm had forced a big eagle down in that rubbish of the blowdown; the big eagle jumped up on a limb. Well, I never did have too much respects for a eagle, but I thought, "God, how would You ever bring that eagle now before me?" And I noticed that he wasn't afraid of the pine squirrel, nor of me.

65 And the little squirrel was just carrying on to him. And I thought, "Well, that's godly, because he's not scared." God don't want anybody that's scared to testify or say something about Him. You make a poor subject as a Christian if you're ashamed of the God Who saved you, Who made you.

66 And this eagle was not afraid, and I thought, "What . . . ? Why is it you're not afraid?" I begin to notice he would take his feathers and feeled his wings, if they were in flying shape. And then I thought, "God, if You give that eagle confidence enough in his wings to know that he could get away from me, how much more ought a church or a person, as long as we know the Holy Spirit is around us? How much more can the Spirit of God deliver us, than the eagle will be delivered by his natural wings?"

67 What a cowardly we are to try to profess Christianity, and ashamed to stand up to it! God's promise is true, then it's true.

68 And I noticed him, and he didn't seem like I was interrupting him so much, so I said, "Do you know I could shoot you?" Those great big gray eyes looked at me. And he knew I wasn't going to shoot him. And I reached for my gun, he flopped his wings a little bit and looked at me, and he looked up like *that*. He knew that those wings could take him in that timber, before I get the gun in my hand.

69 I thought, "O God, truly You're everywhere. You're in that bird, You're in that rainbow, You're in the wolf, You're in the elk, You're everywhere!"

70 And I noticed him, and after while he got enough of that "*Chatter, chatter, chatter!*" and he just made a great big jump and flopped his wings about twice, and then I seen something happen that would be a lesson for all of us: He never tried to flop back and forth, and flop, and flop, and flop, he just knowed how to set his wings, and every time the wind would come up that mountain, he would just ride higher, higher, higher, until he become just a little spot.

71 And I stood there and wept, for I thought, "That's it, God. It isn't join the Methodist, then leave that, and join the Baptist, and leave that, and go to the Presbyterians, or the Pentecostal, it's knowing how to set your faith in the waves of the Holy Spirit and ride away from this, *chatter, chatter* here and there, say, "The days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing as God. There's no such a thing as Divine healing." Just set your faith in God, and let the Holy Spirit move you plumb out of hearing distance of it, sail away, get out of the mess of this modern, educated, intellectual generation that we're living in, get alone sometime and dream, think it over, take your Bible with you.

72 Not making a show-block out of my friend setting here, Mr. Call. I remember one time we went up to a little brook across from Lowes, and he was going to show me a certain brook that run down, a falls, to me it had Niagara beat by a million miles, and he said to me, "Does it make you feel little?" What was it? Was to see the handwork of the Almighty God, get alone by yourself, take your Bible, study.

73 On this spot, certain beggar by the name of—of—of Bartimaeus setting at the gate, he was thinking of those things, and as he set there, first thing he begin to think, "When I was a little boy, I had eyesight, and I remember when I used to play on the little hills yonder, and pick the pretty, little flowers in Judaea. And I can remember my darling mother, how she would take me in her arms," and stroke his little, dark hair back from his little, blue eyes, "and say, 'Bartimaeus, you know, you're the sweetest, little boy.' And how she used to rock me in her arms and tell me Bible stories."

74 You know what America needs? Is more mothers like that. Not so much about David Crockett, and—and—Elvis Presley, and Arthur Godfrey, but about Christ and the Bible. There's more kids in this city tonight could tell you about Elvis Presley, than there is . . . tell you more about him, than they could Jesus Christ, and then you wonder why we got juvenile delinquencies, stabbing people to death on the street, we become a neurotic age, is because we have left out God, and we've accepted creeds in our church, in the stead of the Holy Spirit. Exactly right.

75 And his little mind began to go back, oh, he remembers a certain story, it was about the great prophet Elisha and Elijah, how that the Shunammite woman . . . because there was a little boy included in it. How that the Shunammite woman was barren, and she was so kind to the prophet, Elisha. And one day when she had built him a little place to rest on the side of her house, he said to his servant, Gehazi, "Go in and ask her if I can speak to the king for her, or to the chief captain."

She said, "No. I'm a woman that lives of my people," and said, "I—I just have everything I have need of."

But Gehazi said, "You know, she hasn't got any children, and her husband is old."

76 And little Bartimaeus used to like that story, so he would say, "Tell it to me, Mama."

77 And one day after she was blessed, and the little baby come, he must have been about ten, twelve years old, he was with his father out in the field, and it must have been the hay harvest time, and he must have had a—stroke, sunstroke, because he begin to cry, "My head! My head!" And his father sent him into the house, and he laid on his mama's lap until it was about, oh, I'd say, around noon. And while, he must have gotten real sick, and after while, there was no breath in him and he died.

78 She picks him up and takes him over to the prophet's room and lays him on the bed. What a place to take him! She said, "Saddle a mule and go to Mount Carmel, for I must see this servant of God. And I want to find out, if God could tell me my baby was coming when I was an old woman, surely He can tell me why He took my baby, and Elisha is His representative, I'll go find out."

79 And she made haste with the little mule, until she got to the prophet. And he said, "Here comes that Shunammite woman, and God has not revealed to me what's her trouble." And listen to this, friend, I just love this: He said, "Is all well with thee, and with thy husband, and with the child?"

80 She said, "All is well." And the baby a corpse. See, she had got in front of this prophet, she knowed that he was God's agent.

81 That's the same thing Martha did when she come in the front of Jesus, "If Thou would have been here, my brother had not died." See? She knowed she was in front of God's representative. And isn't it too bad that we ministers of the Gospel are such weak subjects of His today, as we claim to be His representatives?

82 And she revealed to him what had happened. And he said to Gehazi, "Gird up thy loins, and take my staff and lay it on the baby." And Gehazi went forward.

83 But the woman's faith wasn't in the staff, it was in the prophet, so she said, "I'll not leave you." She was going to stay with her point. I like that, stay with it, God made the promise, God has got to take care of His promise; she stayed with the prophet.

84 He went to the room, he never prayed for the child, he walked back and forth, up and down the floor. He and the dead child together. Then the Spirit of God come on the prophet, and he went and laid his body on him, and the little baby sneezed seven times and come to life.

85 Oh, how little Bartimaeus used to love that story! And then to think, that within twenty feet of where he was setting, that great prophet, Elijah and Elisha walked arm in arm right by the wall where he was setting, going down to Jordan, to part the Jordan to walk over on dry land.

86 I can hear Bartimaeus as he said, "Oh, if I would have lived in that day, I would have rushed out and would said, 'Oh, prophet of God, be merciful to me and pray for me, that I might receive my sight.' But oh, alas, the priest tells me that the days of miracles is past."

87 That's the cry of the day. If the days of miracles is past, then the day of God is past, 'cause He remains the same, the Bible said, yesterday, today, and forever.

88 But it was too far, the wind gets a little cold, the shade is coming around, he moves him over in the shade, out of the shade to the sun again and he begins to dream. Yes, he remembers that his mother used to tell him of all those stories, and then just right down the road, not five hundred yards from where he was setting, the great, mighty Joshua walked down to the river one day and took the ark of the Lord, and the waters of Jordan moved back in the springtime when the flood was on, and he crossed Jordan, and all Israel, on dry land.

89 The great God of Heaven had did that not five hundred yards from *that* way, and not twenty yards *this* way, Elisha and Elijah had past in

another day and had done the same thing. Friend of mine, God is the same.

⁹⁰ Notice, then he thought, “This very rock that I’m sitting on, once was on top of the wall, and that mighty army of Israel marched around this wall thirteen times and sounded a trumpet, and when it did, the God of Heaven shook the walls to the ground, and I’m setting on the rock. What if I would have been here when Joshua was here? I would have run to him, and said, ‘Oh, prophet of God, be merciful to me!’ But days of miracles is past, the priest says, we don’t have them no more, them was way back in the days of Moses and Joshua, and back in those days, we don’t have it today.” They think the same thing today, but it isn’t so.

⁹¹ “Then, I noticed again,” he thought, “oh, well, you know, when Joshua was out strolling, that great commander in chief, and a great warrior, one day he was walking before he besieged this great Jericho, and as he was walking, he saw a Man standing with His sword drawn. Joshua drew his sword, and he said, ‘Are You for us? Are You for our enemy?’”

⁹² “And this great Warrior standing there with a sword in His hand said, “No; I’m the Captain of the host of the Lord.” Joshua jerked his helmet off and fell at His feet.”

⁹³ Oh, blind Bartimaeus would have said, “If I could have only been there then!” Little did he know that that same Captain of the host of the Lord wasn’t a hundred yards from him.

⁹⁴ God lets you think on things. Study about it, it’s what you come to church for. “If there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on these things.” What are you thinking about tonight? “Maybe I won’t get healed, I’ll go back home.” You’ll get what you’re thinking about. Have it determined in your heart that God will do it, and God will do it. Don’t pack your sin back home, don’t pack your unbelief, don’t pack your disease.

⁹⁵ Like the man here last night in the wheelchair, and the different ones, you don’t have to pack it back home, God will take you out of it, if you’ll believe He still remains the same God. Think of it while you’re setting there.

⁹⁶ And after while he heard a noise. You know, there’s something strange, usually where Jesus is, there’s a lot of noise. There was a noise coming through the street. What was happening? Oh, they don’t know. After while some children run by, here come some women. And he heard the awfulest noise, some saying, “Away with such a hypocrite! He should be killed!”

97 And then he hears that same priest, right out of his voice, “Say, you Divine healer, Jesus of Nazareth, you Galilean prophet, supposed to be, they tell me that you raise the dead. Well, we got a whole graveyard full here. Come raise them!”

98 That’s that same ol’ devil, that met Him up there in the wilderness, and said, “If thou be the Son of God, perform a miracle, here, let me see you turn these stones to bread.”

99 The woman touched His garment, virtue went out, and she got her healing. But there was Roman soldier who put a band of rags around His head, and hit Him on the head with a stick, and said, “Prophesier, tell us who hit you, and we’ll believe you.” He never opened His mouth, said a word to him. God doesn’t clown, He doesn’t have to, He’s God.

100 You’re the one that needs to plead for mercy. You’re indebted to God, and not God to you, it’s your indebtedment, not His. He’s done everything He can to redeem you, sending signs, wonders, miracles, send His Son and He died, sent prophets, and so forth, and still they wade right on in sin as if it had never been anything happen.

101 Then if you spurn mercy, only one thing is left, that’s judgment. If you run a red light and get hit, don’t blame the city, you should have stopped. If you wind up in a hell someday, don’t blame God, He’s waved everything across the front of you that He can wave, even the Blood of His Own Holy Son, and you constantly waved right on by. The songs of the church, the preaching of the Gospel, the reading of the Word, signs and wonders before you, and still blindly, just determined to go, whether God stops you or not. God sends nobody to hell, you send yourself to hell by rejecting His Son.

102 Then there, as this great crowd went by, some throwing overripe tomatoes, and—and apples, and things at Him.

103 There He goes, a Man that’s talked about, and despised, and called a devil, a mind-reader, a Man when He first started His ministry, they brought a man to Him, he was a ignorant, unlearned man by the name of Simon, and as soon as he come into the Presence of Jesus, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, and your father’s name is Jonas.”

104 There was one standing there, said, “That’s the Messiah!” He rushed over fifteen miles around the mountain and gets his friend, said, “Come, see Who we’ve found, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

He said, “Now wait a minute. Could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?”

105 He said, “Come and see.” That’s the best message to give anybody: Don’t stay home and criticize, come and find out for yourself. Don’t

take what somebody else says, divide it with the Scripture and see if it's a promise of God, then check it by the Word.

¹⁰⁶ And when he come in the Presence of Jesus, perhaps Nathanael told him, said now, or, Philip told him on the road around, said, "When you come into His Presence, you remember that old fisherman? He told him who he was and who his father was. Why, when you come in His Presence, He'll probably tell you who you are."

"Nonsense," said the other one, "I don't believe it."

¹⁰⁷ And when he got into the Presence of Jesus, Jesus said, "Behold an Israelite, in whom there is no guile!"

It astonished him, he said, "Rabbi," or *teacher*, "when did You know me?"

¹⁰⁸ He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree I saw you." Fifteen miles around the mountain the day before. What eyes! Said, "The works that I do shall you also."

¹⁰⁹ What had He done but good? But because He didn't cope with their modern belief, they were ready to crucify Him, and He knew it, being a Prophet. Not only a prophet, He was more than a prophet, He was God made flesh among us. It makes me so tore up when I hear this modern day, that tries to relate to Jesus Christ as being just a prophet.

¹¹⁰ Some time ago a woman told me, from a certain denominational church, she said, "Mr. Branham, you brag too much on Jesus, you make him Divine."

I said, "He—He was either Divine, or the greatest deceiver the world has ever had."

Said, "If I'll prove to you by your Bible, that he wasn't Divine, will you believe it?"

I said, "If the Bible says so."

And she said, "On Saint John 11, when he was on his road to raise Lazarus from the grave, the Bible said that he wept."

I said, "What's that got to do with it?"

She said, "He couldn't be Divine and weep."

¹¹¹ I said, "Lady, He was weeping when He was going to the grave of Lazarus, but when He pulled that little figure of His together, and said, 'Lazarus, come forth,' and a man had been dead four days stood on his feet and lived again, that was more than a man, that was more than a prophet."

¹¹² He was hungry when He come off a mountain hunting on a tree for something to eat, He was a man when He was hungry, but when

He taken five biscuits and two pieces of fish and fed five thousand, that was more than a man.

¹¹³ When He was laying on the back of that little boat that night, ten thousand devils of the sea swore they would drowned Him. And it was like a bottle stopper on the sea, as the little ship was beating its way around. But when He rose and walked up, put His foot on the brail of the boat, looked up, said, "Peace, be still," and the winds and the waves took to coves, He was more than a man then, that was God speaking through those human lips, He was Emmanuel.

¹¹⁴ When He died at Calvary, He did cry for mercy, "My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" But on Easter morning, when He broke the seals of death, and took the keys of death and hell from Satan, and rose again on the third day, He proved that He was God. And today He's alive here in this church tonight among us in the same power of His resurrection that He was then.

¹¹⁵ He was on His road to Jerusalem, His head was set, He didn't hear their creen crying on. But after while, this ol' blind beggar said, "Who passes by?"

"Oh, get back in the corner!"

"Who is It?"

Somebody said, "Oh, shut up!"

And a kind, little woman, I believe, walked up, said, "What did you want, sir?"

¹¹⁶ He said, "Oh, kind lady, I'm an ol' blind beggar, my clothes are gone, I—I have nothing to eat, and I would like to know what all this noise means."

"Why," she said, "sir, have you never heard?"

"No, I haven't, lady."

"That Galilean Prophet is passing by, that Jesus of Nazareth."

"Who is He?"

"Don't you know the Scripture says that 'The Lord your God will rise up a Prophet like unto me. It'll come to pass that whoever shall not hear this prophet will be cut from the dead, or cut off from the living,' rather?"

And he said, "Well, where does He live?"

"He's from Galilee."

"And is He the One that heals?"

"Yes."

Then he raised his . . . “O Jesus, Thou son of David, have mercy on me!” He won an audience.

¹¹⁷ Now, you know He couldn’t hear him, Jesus couldn’t, not all that commotion, He couldn’t hear him, but his faith, just like the woman with the blood issue that touched Him. And Jesus, going on to Calvary with the weight of the world on His shoulders, with the sins of every death that ever died or ever would was laying on His shoulders, the burden of the sinful world, with His head towards Heaven, going straight to Jerusalem to be crucified, and that ol’ beggar standing about a city block away, saying, “O God, I was thinking of You! I was setting here studying about You. Why did you let Him pass at this time? Have mercy! God have mercy!”

¹¹⁸ His faith stopped Jesus. You don’t have to be in *Who’s Who* to stop Jesus, you don’t have to have a brilliant education, you don’t need to wear a tuxedo suit, just have faith in God. And it stopped Him, He turned around, said, “Bring him here.”

He never started to say, “Now, wait . . .” He threw that old ragged coat and took out, he didn’t care what anyone said.

¹¹⁹ I was reading his life here not long ago, blind Bartimaeus, he had been blind for many years, he had a wife, a little girl, he had never seen the little girl. And blind Bartimaeus, his story goes, might have been fiction I don’t know, but in those days they had a lamb that led them, like the seeing-eye dog does now. And he had two little turtle doves to do enchantments, they would turn little tumbles over each other, and that’s what would attract attention of the tourists, and the people coming through. That’s how . . . He had his little can out, or whatever it was to beg, then they would watch this little turtledove. In India I . . . everybody, and every beggar has got a little, starved monkey, or a cobra, or *something another* to attract the attention, to get the alms from the people.

¹²⁰ And Bartimaeus had two little doves that just tumbled over each other, and the people would laugh at it, then give him a little coin. And it said that one night his wife taken sick, and the doctor had come, and said, “There’s nothing we can about it, Bartimaeus. Your wife has such a tremendous fever that she’s going to die.”

¹²¹ So they said he felt his way around the house, till he got to the corner, and he raised his hands and said, “Jehovah . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

¹²² “. . . can’t do that!” Said, “I’ll give you money to buy you a lamb.”

He said, “Great High Priest, I never told God I’d give Him *a* lamb, I told Him I would give Him *this* lamb.”

123 You're glad to bring somebody else to church, you're glad to put flowers on the altar, and do little, charitable deeds, which is all right, but are *you* the lamb? *You* are the one that God wants on the altar, *you*. Sacrificial life, giving yourself completely into His will.

124 And he said, "Blind Bartimaeus, you can't do that, that lamb is your eyes."

He said, "Oh, great High Priest, if I serve Jehovah and keep my promise to Him, Jehovah will provide a Lamb for blind Bartimaeus' eyes."

125 It was on this cool, October afternoon, God had provided a Lamb for blind Bartimaeus' eyes, that his eyes could be opened.

126 Let me say to you tonight, my dear friend of this city, God has provided a Lamb for you, too, It's the same Lamb, "The Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." If you don't know Him as your Saviour, while you've been setting, listening, meditating, just like I've told you, of being alone, like Bartimaeus was, alone, now, He's near you now, won't you receive Him?

Let's bow our heads just a moment now.

127 I wonder, while we have our heads bowed, quietly if the organ will give us just a little background, while you've been thinking, has sin come up in your heart that you know that you are not right with God, and if you should die, would it be all of it for you? If it is, will you just raise up your hand? Don't no one look up, keep your heads bowed now. Just raise up your hand, say, "God, be merciful to me." God bless you, young man. God bless you, you, you, you. That's right. Oh, twenty or thirty hands up. God be merciful!

128 Though you belong to a church, but yet you have never, never knowed what it was to be borned again, will you just slip up your hand, say, "I've been thinking, Preacher, I want Him for my Saviour, too. I want Him to be merciful to me right now. And I believe that same Jesus is not far from us now, I now accept Him, I want Him to help me"?

129 Someone else raise your hand just quickly? All right. God bless you, and you. That's good. Up in the balconies above? Somewhere up there in the balconies, some of you? God bless you up there, little one. God bless you, young lady. God bless you, young man, that's very good. Something happens when you raise your hand: God says, "Yes, that's—that's right." See, what do you do when you . . . ?

130 You say, "What does that do, Brother Branham, when I raise my hand?"

131 You know you defy the laws of—of science when you raise your hand? According to gravitation, your hands are supposed to hold down,

you can't raise your hands. But when you raise your hand, it shows that there's something in you that's alive, and it's made a decision, and you're raising your hands towards your Creator, you defy the laws of gravitation, you're believing Him, that's what happened.

132 Here is Jesus' Word:

. . . He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall never come to the Judgment; but is passed from death unto life.

133 Could you do that much for Him tonight? From your heart: "I now, Lord Jesus, believe You." God bless you, young woman. God bless you, young mother. That's good. Someone else who hasn't raised their hands now? God bless you, young lady, and you over here, both of you young woman, just at the turning point of life, this little teenage, rock-and-roll, hell-bound generation, that's a great decision, stay with it, you've done the most gallant thing you ever done. Someone else? Just a moment now, before we stop. All right.

134 Just remain with your heads bowed, think it over, pray in your own way now. God bless this young fellow setting here right in the front row. All right. Pray in your own way, the way you pray at your church, whatever it is, you pray that way, tell God, "God, I raised my hand, because Something told me to." What did that? God did. God bless you, little lady out here at the end, I see you, too, little teenager there. "Something in my heart told me to raise my hand."

135 You know, Jesus said, "No one can come to Me, except My Father draws him." [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] God bless you, young lady setting right here, too. I'm just waiting because more are raising their hands. What will it be on the Judgment when I meet you? I may never see you again till then.

Because I promise unto Him, I'll believe,
O Lamb of God that's been provided for me, I come!

136 "I come humbly, Lamb of God, take away my sins." God bless you, little lady, that's good. He sees your hands over there.

137 Lord God, You said there's not even a sparrow can come to the street without You knowing about it. Then how much more do You know a penitent soul that the Father has knocked at the heart's door, and they've raised their hands? Here in this little group of people tonight, just a little, small handful of people, but some twenty or thirty has raised their hands, they're sick and tired of this modern *so-called* way of living, they realize that they're separating themselves from God, and they look up, they see the handwriting on the wall, sputniks in the skies.

¹³⁸ The Bible said there would be great things like that happen in the skies, such as they call flying saucers, and sputniks, and—and how that the sea would be roaring, great tidal waves, never before in the history of time is now happening, men’s heart failing, heart trouble (Just notice, Lord, you said men, not women.), perplexed of time, distress between nations, how this tremendous day would be, how the carriages would rage in the broad ways, and shine like torches, the big headlights in the broad ways, how that men would be heady, highminded, lovers of pleasure more than of God, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good, having a form of godliness and denying the power thereof, from such, turn away.

¹³⁹ You said in that day You would reveal Yourself from Heaven, and we see You, Lord, and we know that the Father is here. And these who have raised their hand, God, if they meant that in their heart, You’ve put their name on the Book of Life, and there isn’t nothing can rub it out, You said so. “He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Eternal Life.” You said, “I’ll raise him up at the last day.”

¹⁴⁰ Thank you, Lord. They are the trophies of the Message that You have given as love gifts to Your Son. “No one can pluck them from the hand.” Give them Eternal Life now, Father, fill them with Thy Spirit and Thy goodness. They’ve accepted You, maybe strangers, has never seen Your Spirit move before, but they’ve did it on the basis of the Word. Grant, Lord God, that they will hold to Your unchanging hand these few days of life we have left, for truly, we’re close to the end time.

¹⁴¹ It’s later than we think, we could go to powder in a hour, one drink of vodka too much, the big rockets are set. O God, be merciful! Let us abide under Your everlasting wings, until You come for us. In Christ’s Name we pray, Amen. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Be Thou my Guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow’s tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.

¹⁴² Let’s sing it real slowly now, and in the spirit of singing:

While life’s dark maze I tread,
 And griefs . . .

That’s right. Just pray it like, as you’re singing.

. . . me spread,
 Be Thou my Guide,
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow’s tears away,

Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

143 Let's bow our heads, humbly now.

144 O Great Jehovah, send Jesus to this audience just now, Lord, let Him manifest Himself as the risen Lord, as we submit our hearts and souls to Thee. We have preached Thy Word, come make It manifested, Lord.

Be wholly Thine!

145 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . fire that once was, a nice, warm fire. You can't get warm by painted fire. The world don't need a historical God, it needs a God of present day. The Bible said that Jesus Christ, Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." Is that right?

146 We know that He said in His Scripture, "I can do nothing in Myself, but what I see the Father doing." Saint John 5:19. Did you ever read that? Raise your hands if you have. Then Jesus never did nothing till the Father showed Him; that's what He said. And we find out that He knew the people's hearts and thoughts. Now, if He is the same yesterday, today and forever, He has got to be the same in principle, the same in power, the same in emotion, He's got to be the same.

147 Only one way, He said, "I am the Vine. . . . A little while and the. . ." I'll quote this first: "A little while and the world won't see Me no more," (Now, the Greek word there is *kosmos*, which means "the world order.") "they will see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me," the Church, "for I," *I* is a personal pronoun, "I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." Is that what He said? "And the works that I do shall you do also. He that believeth on Me," not imagine he believes, but he that believeth, "the works that I do shall he also." Saint John 14:8.

148 "The works that I do." What did He do? He said, "I am the Vine, ye are the branches." Now, the vine doesn't bear fruit, the branch bears fruit of the vine. Is that true? If you went to a watermelon vine, it has watermelons if it's a fertile vine; if you went to a grapevine, you would find grapes; pumpkin vine, you would find pumpkins. What about when you come to the church? What do you find? A bunch of people saying, "Oh, that was in a day gone by."

149 The Vine still lives. If we're in Christ, the works that He does, we'll do the same thing, He said so. If that isn't true, then I—I couldn't believe Him.

150 I—I can make you a promise and have to take it back, I'm mortal, but Him, infinite, He can't make a promise without keeping it.

151 Now, last night we called a prayer line. We give out . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . Holy Spirit of God in Him. He said, “I forgive you,” because He hadn’t died yet, to make a way, but now, He said, “if you speak a word against the Holy Ghost . . .”

152 Now remember, He declared that sign to the Jews, the true Jew believed that it was the Messiah. We went through that last evening.

153 And He went to the well one time to get a drink . . . to another race of people which was Samaritans. Now remember, He did not go to any Gentiles. How many knows that? No Gentiles, and forbid His disciples to go to a Gentile. We’ve had two thousand years for that, this is the day of the Gentile, closing now.

154 Now, but He went by the well of Samaria, and now watch what Jesus was yesterday, and there was a young woman come out. Let’s think she was beautiful. She was a prostitute, woman of ill fame. And she come out to get her water, round about noontime. And she had the waterpot, and she didn’t know there was anyone around, it was a little panoramic, something like this, and there was a Man setting over there. I’ve been to the well, like that, and there, just outside the city.

155 And this Jew, He was only thirty-something years old, but the Bible said he looked fifty, His work did it, said, “You a man not yet fifty years old and say you seen Abraham? Now we know you got a devil.”

He said, “Before Abraham was, I AM.”

156 And that was the—that was the Pillar of Fire that was in the burning bush on the picture that you see tonight, the same yesterday, today, and forever. If that Pillar of Fire is truly the same Pillar of Fire, It’ll bear the same record that it did in Jesus Christ when It’s here in His Church. That’s right.

157 Jesus never did commission us to build a church, neither did He commissioned us to have a school of theology, neither did He ever commission us to do any of those things, He said, “Preach the Gospel.” And what is the Gospel? The power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit. Now, if that isn’t right, then I don’t know the Scripture, that’s what It says.

158 Oh, how we intellectual Americans set so starchy and stiff, and them poor heathens yonder, just rage and cry, by the thousands they’ve swarmed to it.

159 Now notice, that Light will have to bear record of what It is.

160 One day when this woman was setting there, or, come there, Jesus said to her, “Bring Me a drink. Come here, woman.”

161 She turned around, she seen that Jew. See, there was segregation between Jew and Gentile, or, Jew and Samaritan, ’cause they were half

Jew and Gentile. And so, she said, "I'm a woman of Samaria, it's not customary for you Jews to ask me such question as that." Now, that's Saint John 4, if you want to read it.

He said, "But if you know Who you were talking to, you would ask Me for a drink."

"Why," she said, "the well is deep, and You have nothing to draw with."

And the conversation went on, till He contacted her spirit, He said, "Go, get your husband, and come here."

She said, "I don't have any husband."

Said, "That's right. You've had five, and the one you're now living with is not yours."

¹⁶² Now, what did she say? He was a fortune-teller? She said, "Sir, I perceive that You're a Prophet. Now, we know when the Messiah cometh, which is the Christ, He'll do these things." Is that right? Well, if that was the Messiah yesterday, His sign, it'll be the Messiah today, if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Said, "When Messiah cometh, He'll tell us this."

He said, "I am He that talks to you."

And she ran into the city, and said, "Come, see a Man Who told me what I was. Isn't This the Messiah?" How many knows that Scripture? Saint John 4.

¹⁶³ Now one more: There was a woman one time, couldn't get to Him. She believed Him, and she said, "If I can just touch His garment, I'll be made well, 'cause I believe He is—He is the Messiah, and if I can touch His garments, I'll believe it." And she pushed through the crowd. She had a blood issue, menopause perhaps, which didn't stop flooding for years. And so, she touched His garment.

¹⁶⁴ Now, He didn't feel the touch like that, because the Palestinian garment hangs loose, it's got an underneath garment on it. So, she touched Him like that, and she walked over, she was satisfied she was going to be all right. Jesus stopped and said, "Who touched Me? Who touched Me?"

And Peter rebuked Him, said, "Why do You say a thing like that? Why, all, the whole crowd is touching You, and You say, 'Who touched You?'"

He said, "But I've got weak, virtue has gone from Me." It was a different kind of touch.

165 Oh, Concord, tonight (God be merciful!), use that touch! Not, "I'm a Methodist. I'm a Baptist. I'm Pentecostal. I'm Nazarene." Use that touch that touches Him. Lay aside these traditions, let's touch Christ.

166 Now, and He looked around, He was touched by her faith. Out of all that bunch of unbelievers, He pulled that little woman out, and He said, told her what she had had, and said, "Your faith has healed you, or, saved you." Is that right?

167 Now, how many says this: that the Bible, the New Testament says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever? The Bible said that He's a High Priest, right now, that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. That's right. Well, if He is a High Priest, if you touched Him the same way the woman did, wouldn't He have to act the same if He is the same?

168 We'll call the prayer line then from some of the prayer cards. Let the Lord God . . . If He will do here tonight as He did when He was here on earth, how many will receive Him if you'll see the supernatural Jesus Christ right in our midst here doing the same thing? All right. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

169 . . . prayer line. I'm just going to let you set right where you are, and you believe what I've told you to be the truth. You believe right where you are. You do like the woman did, the last quotation I made.

170 Last night, we had the people on the platform. Did you see what the Holy Spirit done? It revealed your sins, It revealed your life, and tells you what you've done, and what you must do.

171 Here was a little, they tell me, a Finnish woman up here last night, I can't speak Finland, yet, I was understanding her, and I was talking back to her, and she was understanding me. See? The Holy Spirit then healed her standing right here on the platform.

172 Look up here, look at your newspapers around the other parts of your country, here, all across . . . Look at Congressman Upshaw laying there paralyzed for sixty-six years, and a vision come over the meeting, told him he was healed, he rose right up, touched his feet and went on normally. King George of England with multiple sclerosis, when I went over and prayed for him, couldn't even set but just a few minutes at a time, next day, played twenty-eight holes of golf. Around and around the world. This is my fifth time around. Believe that Jesus . . .

173 Let's take this Scripture, we're late, so let's take this Scripture just a minute. Now set real quiet, be reverent.

174 There's not a person in this building that I know, except my own son setting here, and Dr. Vayle. Yes, I beg your pardon, I know these two ministers, Mr. Sweet and Mr. MacLeod, and then my friend, Bert

Call in the back, that's the only person. All that know I'm strange to you, raise up your hands, and don't know nothing of you.

175 Now, if Jesus is the same yesterday and forever, and you . . . He don't . . . He's out there where you are, if you'll touch Him with your faith, don't you think He could pull right back this way, and say the same thing He did when He was here on earth if He is the same? Now, you don't have to come at the platform, just set there, have faith, believe.

176 Now, every sick person, no matter where you are, or what's wrong with you, you just look up to God like *this*, and say, "Lord God, I—I believe that. The man is quoting the Scripture."

177 Last night how we went through the Scriptures to show that is exactly what He said He would do now. We're at the end of the Gentile age, never has been through the two thousand years, till now. He's through with the Gentiles, the Church is already formed, the end is at hand. When? I don't know, nobody does, but it's close.

178 Now, here we are. You're sick. If you're sick, you look to Him and touch Him. Now, it wouldn't do no good to touch me, I'm a man, but you touch Him, and with the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is supernatural, that's here, He could reveal to me right here, and go right out through this audience, and tell you just like He did the woman who had the blood issue if He's the same.

179 Now, last night we was working on something else, the woman at the well. We're working on the woman that touched His garment, and so forth, now, or like Philip, when he come up with Nathanael out in the audience. You men, just see, pray, see if He's the same.

180 Lord God, now It's You. You would not let anything harm Your Scripture. I've seen You when there a half a million standing there in Bombay, India, Hindus, witch-doctors, trying to challenge, and how You paralyzed them, and how You shook that nation.

181 We seen You in Karlsruhe, Germany. How those witch doctors come and called up that storm by their enchantments, and how, standing there, You blew down a wind out of the heavens and scattered the storm. Twenty thousand rushing to the altar, communists.

182 How You raised the little boy in Finland from the dead, had been laying there for hours, told it two years before it happened. You're God!

183 Let everyone tonight know, Lord, that You're God, that this Christ . . . All other religions outside of Christianity is wrong, You're the only living God. Mohammed is dead and in the grave, buddha is dead twenty-three hundred years ago, dead and buried, but there's

an empty tomb in Jerusalem, You rose again. Praise be to Thy Name! You're ever-living.

¹⁸⁴ And if I die this night, You're. . . the testimony is true, You've proved it by the millions around the world. And now, the scientific world has got the picture of It, in Germany, in United States, and the scientists has examined it, and saying It's the only supernatural Being ever photographed. You're God! Let this audience see Your Presence, Lord, as I humble myself and submit myself to a gift, the Holy Spirit, may they likewise. For, in Christ's Name, I ask it. Amen.

¹⁸⁵ Now, I'll be embarrassed, or God's Word is wrong, if I'm. . . God's Word is right, then God keeps His Word. All the preaching, it's all right, we believe it, but if God doesn't keep His Word, what good does the preaching do? "If thou canst believe!"

¹⁸⁶ Say, "What are you doing, Brother Branham?"

I'm looking, watching, see what He'll do.

¹⁸⁷ See that Light? You just pray to God and say, "Help me, Lord God." Yes. You may raise your heads. Do you see that? Right over this man setting here looking at me.

¹⁸⁸ The man is suffering, setting right here, with his shirt open, I'm a stranger to you, sir, kind of elderly. You have a rupture. If that's right, raise up your hand. I don't know you, have never seen you. Is that true? I couldn't have guessed that, could I, sir? It's the truth.

¹⁸⁹ Do you all believe? Now be reverent. That Light still hangs over the man. Because. . . Some of you was thinking that was a guess. It was not. May God show a vision.

¹⁹⁰ Yes, I see the man, he's got a rupture. His wife there also is sick. His wife, do you believe God can tell me what's wrong with your wife? She has high blood pressure and heart trouble. If that's right, raise your hand. You're not from this city, you're from another city, Portsmouth. That's correct. And your name is Mr. Hudson. That's right. Christ lives, you're healed, both of you. You can go home, be well.

¹⁹¹ What did they touch? Do you realize that you're in the Presence of God? Reverent, reverent please. Not playing church, now, you're in the Presence of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁹² The man setting right behind him, kept nodding his head to me a few minutes ago, you believe God can tell me your trouble, sir? Would you accept Jesus and believe that it was Him, not me? I don't know you. But if His Spirit is in me, then He'll do the works when He was in His Son, Christ. You believe that? Yes, sir. Then that colitis that you've had, you've had colitis, it'll not bother you no more. Your name is Mr. Beasley. If you believe. . . That's right. Yes, sir.

193 You believe with all your heart? Somewhere else in the building.

194 Here's a lady right back this way, she's suffering with a trouble in her side, a side trouble. She's rather got a dark dress on, middle age woman, wearing glasses. She has tremendous trouble in her side. The lady is not from this city, she's from a place near the border of this state, it's in New Hampshire, it's called Freedom, New Hampshire. Stand up on your feet, lady, if that's true. Rise up and accept your healing, Jesus Christ makes you well.

195 What did she touch? Tell me what she touched. It wasn't me. What's she doing? What are you people doing? You're touching the High Priest. He's in His Church, working, confirming His Word. Believing it. . . Have faith in God. "If thou canst believe, all things are possible." Be reverent. I can only say. . . Now, all of you up in the balcony, wherever you are, just be reverent. "If Thou canst believe!"

196 Gray headed lady, setting there with sugar diabetes, you believe Jesus will make you well, lady? You were praying then, let me tell you what you was praying: "Lord God, let it be me." If that's right, wave your hand. Now, how would I know your prayer? See? It's your contact with the Spirit of God.

197 The man, setting out there on the end, has the same thing. Your name is Mr. King. That's right. You're not from. . . You're from Vermont. That's right. **THUS SAITH THE LORD.** That's your wife setting next to you, and she has gland trouble. Correctly.

Have faith in God.

198 The lady right behind the lady there, setting there looking at me now, praying with her head down, saying, "Jesus, have mercy to me," she has arthritis, and she also has an allergy that bothers her. Do you believe with all your heart? It'll be over. God will make you well. You accept it? All right, sir. All right, you can have it then.

God be merciful.

199 The next lady has got low blood pressure, and she has trouble with her liver, too. That's right, isn't it, lady? That's right. It's all right, it's over now, go home and believe it.

200 Way back towards the back, a man setting back there with his head bowed, praying, he has bronchitis. That's right, lady, touch him and tell him that the Lord God has healed him. Isn't He wonderful, sir? You don't have it now. Your throat feels good, doesn't it? If that's right, stand on your feet. I don't know you, do I? Never seen you. But your throat is all right now, Jesus Christ healed you.

201 Is He alive tonight, audience? Do you believe Him with all your heart? Then you lay your hands on each other, and let's pray for you

from here. Will you believe Him now that He's present? Put your hands on each other, let us have prayer together. You pray for the person you got your hand on. If you're sick. . . See, I cannot heal. But let me tell you, if I never see you no more in this life, Jesus Christ's Spirit is here in this little group of people tonight, doing just exactly what He did in the days of His flesh, He's dwelling in our flesh now, as the Vine, or, the branch that's in the Vine. He's here!

²⁰² That man setting there with that prostate trouble, sir, it's finished.

²⁰³ Up there with the tubercular, forget about it, God made you well.

²⁰⁴ Oh, it's just happening everywhere. Now pray the way you do in your church for them setting next to you. Believe me if I have proven to you that Christ is not dead. He's alive, and He's here in the Spirit form of the Holy Ghost.

²⁰⁵ Bow your heads now, let us pray. You repeat this prayer, you—you pray this prayer when I repeat it, you say it out loud now:

²⁰⁶ "Almighty God, Creator of Heavens and earth, Author of Everlasting Life, and Giver of every good gift, send Thy mercy, O God, upon me, Your servant, I suffer, Lord God. I now believe that Jesus Christ, Your Son, has risen from the dead two thousand years ago, and He's here tonight in the form of the Holy Spirit. I believe that this is He Who speaks tonight in my heart and makes known the things in my heart, and I now accept Him as my Healer. And I promise, God, that I will serve You all the days of my life, and use my strength for Your glory."

²⁰⁷ Now, just keep your head bowed, that's your—that's your prayer. Stay shut in with God, believe that He's with you now, believe that the work is being done.

²⁰⁸ There will not be one feeble person in our midst in another minute or two if you'll just believe that. Now, I'm going to ask the Lord God to move Satan, which is the dark spirit (There's a Light Spirit, which is Christ, the Holy Ghost.), here, I'm going to ask Him to move that back, the dark spirit of unbelief or the shadows of superstition, that you would be moved out into the glorious Light of Christ, and would believe Him with all your heart, and you'll be healed. Now, keep believing that He's near you, while I ask God to rebuke the evil spirit of unbelief.

²⁰⁹ Lord God, I am now fixing to leave the city, I may never be back again, I don't know, but I'll meet these people at Your Judgment Seat. And if I should come a year from today, many is here, elderly people, some of us will be gone. Lord, let them know by the Word and by the Spirit that You are here, and it's Your great omnipresence, Your

omnipotent, infinite, omnipresent, omniscience, and I pray, God, that You'll grant the request of these people.

²¹⁰ And now help, Lord, as we believe that You are here to take away all doubts, that the crippled can walk, and the blind can see, or what-more that would be present, that heart trouble would stop. It's Your attitude towards each of them to heal them, just as You have these many that's been healed in here tonight. Grant it, Lord.

²¹¹ Help me now to have faith to drive back doubt, that faith might take its place. And faith can take its place, not upon the shifting sands of man's theology, but upon the Eternal Rock of God's everlasting Word, there it takes its stand and looks into the face of a grave and sees Him Who said, "I am the Resurrection and Life.

²¹² Satan, we charge thee by Jesus, God's Son, you are just a bluff, Jesus Christ died at Calvary and stripped you of every legal power you had. And the day is at hand, that this Gentile Church should be called out, out of Babylon, out of confusion. And the great Holy Spirit is here tonight, not with something different, but with the same Spirit that was in Jesus Christ doing the same work. Satan, you have held these people as long as you can hold them, I charge thee, by the Presence of the Holy Ghost, in the Name of Jesus Christ, turn these people loose, come out of them, in the Name of the Lord Jesus!

²¹³ Now, everyone in here that was sick, I don't care if you was crippled, blind, whatever it is, stand to your feet, whatever was wrong with you, if you believe, stand to your feet, and you're healed right now, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Rise up to your feet, every- . . . There you are. If you couldn't raise up, raise, anyhow, come up. Had a crippled arm? Raise them. Listen through your ears, your eyes. All that's healed, and been healed miraculously, wave your hands to God like *this*.

²¹⁴ All right, ministers.

²¹⁵ The Lord bless you. While you remain standing, accepted your healing, I'm going to turn the service to Brother Sweet just at this time. Brother Sweet. And God be good to you, till I see you again. 

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