
THE QUEEN OF SHEBA



Let's just remain standing a moment while we pray, let's bow our heads.

2 Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this grand privilege of approaching Thy throne of mercy again tonight, in the all sufficient Name of Jesus, Thy Son. We thank Thee because that we have the perfect assurance that if we ask anything in His Name, it'll be granted. So, there are many here tonight who are needy, they're sick in body, some of them are sick in soul, we pray, Father, that You will supply everything that they have need of, salvation for their soul above all things, then healing for the sick, joy for those that are sorrowing, hope for those who are hopeless. Grant it, Lord.

3 And when the service shall end tonight, and we go to our different homes, places of abode, may we say like those who came from Emmaus that day, "Did not our hearts burn within us, as He talked to us along the way?" For we ask it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

4 You may be seated. Such a privilege to be back here again, tonight, in this Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. Been several years since I was here, about '46 or '47, somewhere like that. I believe I followed the service of a great servant of the Lord, Dr. Charles Fuller, used to have the *Old Fashioned Revival Hour*, used to start, and was created here, great servant of the Lord. I hear now that he doesn't have his services here anymore. I always wanted to meet Brother Fuller, I never had that grand privilege.

5 I remember coming into South Africa about seven or eight years ago, a audience of about two hundred and fifty thousand people. You, some of you Long Beach people, you would never guess what they greeted me with when I come on the platform, singing in about fifteen different languages, all blending together: *Heavenly Sunshine*. They were singing *Heavenly Sunshine*, which I believe was Dr. Fuller's theme song here.

6 And I always thought if I got to meet him, I would like to tell him that, that his messages had got down into the, way down into South Africa. And those precious people loved him, and knew me being an American, sang *Heavenly Sunshine*, or *Sunlight*, ever which way it goes. And they were singing it in fifteen different languages all together. Oh, you never. . . But all blending just perfectly. The Holy Spirit, when people get together and the love of God starts moving upon them, there's no friction, it's just all one great big Body, moving together.

⁷ Dr. F. F. Bosworth, which is one of the managers, he just stood, he led symphonies, he was taking the Dowie, seventy-five-piece band to Madison Square Garden in the days of Dr. Alexander Dowie, and he said he had trained the choir, and you would get somebody a few octaves, or ever what you call it, high, and some too low, but said in those raw heathens, blanket natives, didn't know which was right and left hand, and them at war with one another, had to separate them in tribes, yet they were not one octave out at all, everyone blending right together, *Heavenly Sunshine*.

⁸ If anybody knows Brother Fuller, tell him that for me. I don't guess I'll . . . may never get to see him, he's a busy man, and I don't like to take the time, but it would certainly thrill him.

⁹ The Gospel, and yet in its simplicity is the greatest drawing card the world has ever knowed. Jesus said, when He was here on earth, "If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto Me." Black, white, yellow, brown, whatever their color or race is, the Gospel still holds the center of attraction to every man and every woman.

¹⁰ And I do believe that our churches should be just a little farther advanced in the Gospel than what we are. I think that we contribute that, I do, and if I'm wrong, I pray the Lord forgive me, I think we try to look back too much to see what somebody else has done, or said, instead of looking forward to Christ, He's our Leader.

¹¹ A few hundred years ago, I may be mistaken in this quotation, but I'd say three hundred years ago, I believe it was a scientist in France that tried to take a ball and whirl it around the earth, or *something another*, might have been a hundred and fifty years ago, he whirled it around the earth and, with a speed, and claimed if any vehicle on earth would ever move the terrific speed of thirty miles an hour that gravitation would lose its hold, it would go right off the earth. Now, that was scientifically proven in that day. You think any science would look back, and say . . . to that? Certainly not. I see where they got a plane now, I forget, around five thousand miles an hour to some. And they don't stop even at that, they keep going on, on.

¹² But we Christians, and we clergymen, and ministers, we try to look back in our school and see what Mr. Moody said about it, Mr., what Mr. Sankey said, or—or Finney, or Knox, or Calvin, or any of those. Now, they were great men in their day, but, see, we're always looking back, let's look forward. See? We got untapped resources.

¹³ And now, science can only climb *so-high*, then they have to leave, go back, the tree of knowledge only produces *so-much*, that was set before us in the garden of Eden. And a human being is prone to live from that tree of knowledge, but it never was God's plan for us to

live by that tree of knowledge. The first time man took a bite from the tree of knowledge, he separated his fellowship from God. Every time he takes a bite off that tree, he destroys himself, continually. He bit off gunpowder, look what that does, kills his comrade; bit off automobiles, that kills more than the gunpowder; now he's got an atomic, and hydrogen bomb, still eating from that tree of knowledge which, finally, will send him back to his destination.

14 But the Tree of Life that he left, willfully, to eat from the tree of knowledge, then there's where he leaves alone. I believe that science now . . .

15 I was test by one of those meter tests on your arms about this Light, Angel of the Lord. And the scientific picture was taken of It, you have it right here now, been taken over the world at different places, a picture of the same Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel, scientifically proven. George J. Lacy, the head of the FBI for fingerprint and document, see, examined it to see if it was right, he said, "It's not psychology," he said, "the mechanical eye of the camera won't take psychology."

16 Now, instead of advancing on and see what God promised, we look back and see what some brother behind us said, let's don't look back, look forward, keep moving on, on. We have untapped resources, Jesus said in Saint Mark 11:23, "Whatsoever—what- . . . If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said will come to pass, you can have what you said." No—no conditions, it's—it's not . . . it's just unlimited. "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive them, you shall have them," whatever, Divine healing, joy, peace, anything.

17 Now, you say, "Brother Branham, what if we would ask for something that . . . for somebody's life to be taken, or some evil thing." Well, you couldn't really have Christian faith for the thing like that, it takes a Christian spirit to ask Christian things, to receive things from Christ. You must have . . .

18 Always remember, church, God's Words are true. I believe the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can look at it in the right way.

19 But remember, here's been my—my standard in life, I have tried to do this: The first thing, I want to find out whether it's the will of God or not, then—then I know it's God's will; the next thing, is my objective to it, and my motive in doing it; then if it's the will of God, and my objective is right, and my motive is right, I have faith that it'll be done. Because, first, it's the will of God, and I have . . . and my objective is to glorify Him, and my motive is to give Him all the glory. See? So there's

no selfish motives about it, if you have a selfish motive it won't work. If your objective is to make money for yourself, or something, why, you'll never succeed. And then try to do something outside of the will of the Lord, then it won't work to begin with.

²⁰ So there is genuine faith, but you must come into the real channel of God to have that genuine faith. There's human faith, then there's faith of God, and you must have the godly faith to believe, not . . . Then to have godly faith, you must have the mind of Christ in you, then that's how God projects to you visions, revelations, and all these things, comes by the mind of Christ being in you. You get it? "Let the mind that was in Christ be in you."

²¹ Well, it thrills me, tonight again, to say to be back here in Long Beach after many years. I remember when I first come in here, there was a whole lot of doubt about the ministry, I would be about the only one on the field at that time having healing campaigns. I remember how that it was so criticized. And I remember the night when I left here, and I listened to the thrilling message of Dr. Fuller, I set right along out here that afternoon and heard his great, stirring, powerful teaching message.

²² I seen his audience leave, fine people, intelligent, nice-looking, clean people, seen them all leave the building, that was his audience, now here come mine in, in strait jackets, wheelchairs, hmm! I thought, "That's quite a little thing different to buck that, your faith," you see, we got to know. But it was a challenge to the Word of God which God has promised that It was true, and He would stand behind it. Around the world I been with this Message, not one time has God ever failed.

²³ And after about fourteen years since being in here, I stand, tonight, with the same message to Long Beach, that I had when I come here: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is—He is not diminished one bit, He has never failed me. I've stood before witch doctors and devils, and, drinking blood in a human skull and calling on the devil, and challenge you right down, and I've never seen one time that a challenge was ever made but what God moved on the scene and done a great thing. I—I challenge your faith, tonight, to believe the Lord Jesus.

²⁴ We have had a great week, or, two weeks, with Brother Buntain of the Assembly of God Church here in the city. I have learned to love Brother Buntain as a brother could only love another. I didn't hardly know him when I come in here, I had heard of his gallant father in Canada, which is a great man, servant of Christ. And then I met his brother, had that privilege; I met other brethren here and fellowshiped with them. Fine singing, fine ministers, the little lady that just sang,

Mrs. Piper, I believe her name is, such a lovely voice, it should be going all the time for Christ, everywhere, all these things should be working wherein it's a little later than you think. I believe we're near the . . .

25 Am I standing too close to the microphone? Can you hear me better if I back off like this? Is that better? All right. I don't, I want you to hear what I speak, but I don't want to have my voice rebound. Now, the acoustics here is usually very good, it was the last time we were here.

26 I'd like to come back sometime, if it would be pleasing to God, the will of God, and pleasing to the people, and maybe we get such a place as this, instead of just having one church on the sponsorship, have all of them sponsoring it, and then we could come here for an extensive meeting. I will pray to that end if you'll pray the same. And then—then maybe we could set it far enough ahead of time until the, we could get the precious trustees, or whoever it is, the overseers of this auditorium now, being that they're building one much larger out here, that we could use it sometime for a ten-day meeting, or something. I believe that it would be wonderful to come; anything that would be to please, or to do something for God.

27 And now, when I mentioned a few moments ago Assemblies of God, now that's just one denominational church. We don't. . . For myself, as everyone knows, that I was ordained at about twenty-one years old, and that's been about thirty-one years ago in the Missionary Baptist church; to which I have nothing evil that I could say of the Missionary Baptist church, or any other denomination.

28 I've took this stand, that if the Catholic church, a Catholic, a Roman Catholic, or orthodox, or whatever he may be, if he's looking to the Catholic church for salvation, the person is lost; if the Baptist is looking to the Baptist church for salvation, he's lost; if the Pentecostal is looking to the Pentecostal church for salvation, he's lost, but if the Catholic, Pentecostal, or Baptist, Presbyterian, or whatever, if he's solemnly trusting in Jesus Christ, he's saved, because it's by faith are you saved, and that by grace. See?

29 Catholics can be saved, Baptists can be saved, Pentecostals are saved, because that we all accept what Christ did for us. That's right. It's our own personal faith in a finished work that Christ did for us, therefore I have never drawn a denominational boundary or had a barrier, I've tried to reach out, take every one in my arms and point them to the cross, now, and that's:

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious Blood
Shall never lose its power,
Until all the ransomed Church of God

Be saved to sin no more.

Ever since by faith I saw that stream,
Thy flowing wounds supplied,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

³⁰ That's my—that's my slogan, I might say, and then next: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

³¹ Thank you all for all your kindness and mercy, and your generous hands that you've shook to me, and—and the kind things that you've done, and your letters, and we're answering just as fast as we can. And the little prayer cloths that I have prayed over, many of them I haven't got out yet. And if you want one, it's absolutely free, just write me at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and I'll send you one. Just if you . . . Post Office Box 325. But if you can't think of that, just Jeffersonville, Indiana, it's a small city, of about thirty-five thousand, and our mail is great.

³² Now, I'm not trying to get your address to, for I have no programs at all, I have nothing, no programs. We have books, but them books, we buy them from somebody else to bring them to the meeting. I have no radio, no television, no nothing else. I'm not under obligation to nothing or nobody but God alone. See? I can go to a church, little or big, I don't have to have any certain amount of money, there's nothing designated.

³³ I'm fifty-one years old, been preaching thirty-one years, and never took a offering in my life. That's right. I—I. . . No money hooked into it at all. People give me little things so I can live by, and help support the ministry, which is appreciated, that goes into a foundation at my church. Myself, I get one hundred dollars a week for my living, and outside of that, well, that's all I have, and that's all I need.

³⁴ And I—I don't believe that the Gospel of Christ was ever made to commercialize, I believe that it's not to be done. And I do not believe that—that servants of Christ should try to be showmen, I believe they're supposed to be humble, take the place of Christ, Who we, His Life in us, represents Him to the public.

³⁵ Now, we find out that He said, "The foxes has holes and dens, and the birds has nests; but the Son of God doesn't have a place to lay His head." He didn't have to be that way. I think the sweetest Word in the Bible, one of them, "Father, I sanctify Myself for their sakes." He had a right to a wife, He had a right to a home, He had a right to the—to the pleasures of life, like we have, the comforts of life at least, but He was sanctifying Himself because He was training twelve men that would stir the world with the Gospel. And if He could do that, how much more ought we to sanctify ourselves? Certainly.

Now, let's, just one more word to Him. Before we approach the Word of the Author, let's approach Him once more in prayer.

36 Lord, It's Your Word, we pray that You'll make It real to us tonight. Now, we know that it's written, that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And as we read Thy Word, we know It will not fail. Our words will fail because we are mortal and we're finite, but Thou art infinite, and the immortal, Eternal God. And as I approach Thy Word, I approach it under that type of faith, that Your Words cannot fail. And if I read this Word, then if the people who have gathered here tonight go home, they can at least say they heard something Eternal, because It was Your Word.

37 Then, Father, if the Gospel came not only by the hearing of the Word, faith came by that, but the Gospel was to manifest, or demonstrate, the power of the Holy Spirit that's in the Word. For, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Then we're taught over in the Book of Hebrews that the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, cutting asunder, even to the marrow of the bone, and the Word of God is a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart.

38 The intents of our heart and mind, the Word of God can reveal it, because the living Christ, Who is the living Word, comes into our living soul, reveals the secret of the heart, for He is the Word. Let the Word speak, Father, and the meditation of our heart be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord. For we ask it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

39 In the Book of Saint Matthew's Gospel, the 12th chapter, 42nd verse, we'll read this for a portion, uh, for a text:

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

40 Jesus, in the previous readings of here, I wish when you would go home, to read this glorious chapter, and Jesus had been upbraiding them and rebuking them, because they had not believed Him. He came, He said, in His Father's Name, and they received Him not, He said, "Another will come in his own name, and then you'll receive him." And that's right.

41 We come and make our churches and have our denominations, and they're . . . you're ready to say, "Yes, I—I—I—I belong to the Baptist, the Presbyterian." You receive that easy, but to receive Jesus, uh-uh, they don't want Him.

42 Now, He said, "I come." And when He did come, the people did not recognize Him, He came just exactly the way the Scripture said that He would come. He came and He was the Jewish Messiah. And not only Jewish Messiah, He was the promised Seed of Abraham, that we have so taken through the week of study, and, over at the church. And He came to His Own, and His Own received Him not.

43 And He had presented Himself to His Own. And He came to Israel, which was the—the church of God, and the people of God, and the nation of God, "And He came to His Own and His Own received Him not, but as many as did receive Him, to them gave He the power to become sons of God to them that believed on His Name."

44 Now, we find out that there was three classes of people. We spring from three sons of Noah: Ham, Shem, and Japheth; and there was, that was Jew, Gentile, and Samaritan.

45 If you notice, Peter, by revelation, was given the keys to the Kingdom, because God knewed that he had the revelation of the Scripture, for He asked His disciples in whole, "Who does man say I the Son of man am?"

And one said, "You're Elias."

And the other one said, "You're the prophet."

And one said, "Moses."

He said, "But I'm asking you, Who do you say I am?"

And Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

46 And Jesus said, "Blessed art thou, the son of Jonas, flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven." See, it was a revelation. "And upon this rock I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against It." See? It was a direct revelation that had been made known to the apostle, that He was the Son of God.

47 Now, if the Church of God still exists, then those in the Church has come in there by spiritual revelation, because that's how we come into the Church. But many of us try to come in through doctrinal theology, and *so-so*, and all right, which I speak nothing against that, but I'm trying to differentiate between what is *really* truth, and what is *part* truth. The revelation that God reveals to you that That is His Son Who died in your stead, then that's the revelation, Who He is.

48 Now, Jesus had come and He had proved to the peoples by every means that the Scripture had said, that He was the Messiah that was . . . they looked to come. Now, many of them had drawn the wrong conception of His coming, and that's the reason He was misunderstood. Pardon the expression, but that's the reason tonight He's misunderstood, they draw the wrong conception of what He is.

49 Now, I believe while I was standing there, I heard my associate here, read the Scripture of saying that the campaign themes are always, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, forever,” he quoted Hebrews 13:8 that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

50 Now, when He came they, the—the great group of Israel was certainly eyes open wide looking for a Messiah, but they were looking for Him in the way that they had been taught that He would come. Well now, any good, spiritual-thinking, or even a intellectual-thinking person, would know that He did not come contrary to the Scriptures, He come contrary to their *understanding* of the Scriptures, not contrary to the Scriptures, but they had been taught by their teachers in such a way that the teachers had—had the wrong conception of Him.

51 And may I not hurt feelings by saying this, but perhaps it could be that way again. You know if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He probably will come a little different than what we are expecting Him to come. That’s only a—a logical, sensible, way to approach such a thought, I would believe, in this day.

52 Now, we will see then that when He came, the Messiah was supposed to be, according to the prophet Moses, who was really the one who predicted His coming and said, “The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet liken unto me.” Now, any good theologian would have knowed that that Messiah had to be a Prophet, or His—or His attributes that followed Him would be prophetic, because that Israel was always commanded to believe their prophets, they always would.

53 But we have to draw this under consideration, too, that not all can come to Christ, for He said, “No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first. And all the Father has given Me will come to Me.” Look at the millions that received . . . that did not receive Him in that day, and the minority that did receive Him. Now, let’s place that over on today, and look at it squarely the way it should be.

54 Now, we see as He come that He did do the sign of the Messiah. And as many times through the week we have tried to produce that and show it over, and over, and over again, all the way from Genesis to Revelation we found it. Is that right, class, this week? That what the Messiah would be . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

55 . . . we was anointed . . . The prophet always has the Word of the Lord, a true prophet. See? The prophet said that “They have eyes, and cannot see,” they could not see the miracles, “they have ears, and they cannot hear.” See? Isaiah said so, so we know then that—that they had to be that way. Not that God intended it for it to be that way, but by His foreknowledge He knew it would be that way, for He is infinite.

56 So if He's infinite, He knew the end from the beginning. And that's the reason He could predict the end from the beginning, He knew because He was God. And if He is not infinite, then He is not God. But we know He is infinite, and we are the finite. We get things so mixed up, and so settled that we're right, then God with His infinite mind just rides so far over the . . . "My thoughts are higher than your thoughts," said God, see. His ways are higher than our ways, so we must submit ourselves to His way.

57 Now, we've heard of all kinds of things taking place, we've heard of Elijahs, we've heard of virgin Marys all over the country, and we've heard of all kinds of sensations and everything like that. Which I—I am not here to speak against that, I am here to say that any Angel of God, or any messenger of God, must stay strictly in the Word of God.

58 In the old Bible they had a way to find out whether it was the truth or not. They had in their Mosaic laws they had what they called the Aaronic priesthood, and then the Levitical priesthood, rather, and Aaron was the high priest carrying the breast- . . . on his breast, the stones of each birth of the patriarchs.

59 They hung that breastplate up, and then it was called the Urim and Thummim, and when a prophet prophesied, if he went to the Urim and Thummim, and he told his prophecy, or told his dream, and that supernatural Lights didn't reflect back in a conglomerations of Lights, then, I don't care how good it sound, it was wrong, they refused it. All good teachers know that, that they—they refused it, it had to witness to the Urim and Thummim. And now, of course when that priesthood ended, then there was another priesthood come in which, after the order of Melchisedec.

60 Now, now today we do not have the birthstones of the patriarchs, but we do have a Urim and Thummim, and that's God's Bible. Jesus said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away." And in the Book of Revelation, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ, He said, "If anybody will add to, or take away from It, the same will be taken, his part, out of the Book of Life." *This* is the Urim and Thummim.

61 Joseph Smith met an angel, it wasn't Scriptural. Now, if any angel, or anything that's contrary to God's Word, *This* is the full revelation of Jesus Christ, so therefore stay with It.

62 Then Jesus making Hissself known to His brethren by speaking to Simon, and telling him who he was and who his father was, Simon recognized, immediately, that He was the Messiah. Do you believe that God, before the foundation of the world, knew that that thing would

happen like that? Jesus said so, He knew them before the foundation of the world, so, and God had called them.

⁶³ Now, when Nathanael came, he was also, as I heard the brother here speaking a few moments ago, that was proven, and Nathanael being a Scriptural man, he knew that that was the Messiah, what the Messiah would do. The woman at the well, as he referred to it. How many more times? Zacchaeus up in the tree, hiding from Him. Stood right under the tree, and said, “Zacchaeus come down; I’m going home with you for dinner.” Blind Bartimaeus going down in the crowd, and them throwing stuff at Him, and screaming, and making fun of Him, yet his faith stopped Him, and not only stopped Him, but it healed the man. A woman touched the borders of His garment, and went off and set down, He said, “Somebody touched Me.” And the apostle rebuked Him for saying such a Word. He looked around over the audience till He found the woman, and told her of her blood issue and said her faith had saved her. See? It was perfect, the sign of the Messiah, and they refused to recognize it.

⁶⁴ Now, my contentions is, is this on the Scripture, that He—He did those signs before both Jew and Samaritan, but not to the Gentiles, not once, because the Gentiles wasn’t looking for no Messiah. But are we Gentile Christians, tonight, looking for a Messiah? He promised us in Luke, He said that when we seen the sign of Sodom, that’s the way it would be at the coming of the Son of man. You remember that? How that Lot down there, the borderline believer down in Sodom, the church member, all messed up with the world and his theology all messed up, but there was a modern Billy Graham went down there, and they preached the Gospel, and brought Lot and them out.

⁶⁵ But Abraham was already out. The word *church* means, “called out,” the called-out group. In other words, God calls for separation, the world today calls for mixers.

⁶⁶ Many of the people choosing your pastor, you want to get someone who will mix, who will go down, go bathing on the beach, or take a little, friendly drink with you, or—or tell a little, smutty joke, or something; that’s too much in the Protestant realms today. But the people wants a mixer, but God calls for separators. Separate yourself from it, yoke not up with unbelief. That’s God’s way of doing it, the world has a different conception.

⁶⁷ Now, as we look farther into the Word, we find that the Church called-out, the Elect, there was an Angel Who spoke to them and give them a sign. And there was a strange Man dwelling in flesh, that Abraham later called Elohim, God Almighty. And so he noticed that this Man was setting, had His back turned to the tent. And just the—the

chapter before this, God had met Abraham and give him a name from *Abram* to *Abraham*, *Sarai* to *Sarah*, and, “princess,” and He addressed them both by their priestly, or God-given name. *Elohim*, H-e-m, taking part of His name, *Abraham*, from *Abram*, *ham*, part of God’s Name, because he was to be, also, a father, by seed, to many nations, the father of nations.

⁶⁸ Now, you—you notice what taken place there, now, the Angel with His back turned to the tent, He said, “Where is Sarah, thy wife?”

How did He know her name was Sarah? How did He know he was married? And how did He know all these things?

Said, “She’s in the tent behind You.”

⁶⁹ And He said, “I’m going to visit you according to the time of life.” And Sarah laughed within herself, when she did, the Angel said, “Why did she laugh saying in her heart that ‘I’ll not be able to do this, and I’m too old,’ and so forth?” How did He know that?

⁷⁰ Now, Jesus plainly . . . Now listen close, don’t miss it, and be just as reverent as you can. Notice, that promise was made just to reoccur again at the Coming of the Lord. See? Now, Jesus being misunderstood, what did they say when they seen Him doing His signs of the Messiah? They said, “He’s Beelzebub.”

⁷¹ Well now, we know that Beelzebub was a devil, he was the chief of the devils. And otherwise, they called Jesus in perceiving their thoughts in their hearts, a—a fortuneteller, or a mind reader, or something like that, which we know that that is of the devil, certainly. And it’s—it’s a perverted, something that’s been real, been perverted.

⁷² The devil cannot create, the devil only perverts what God has created; there’s only one Creator, that’s God. What is a lie? Is a truth misrepresented. What is a—a bad woman? Is a good woman that’s been perverted. See? Anything that’s perverted is of the devil, anything in its original condition is of God. See? God is the only Creator. And the devil cannot create, he has to pervert what God has created. Keep that in your mind.

⁷³ Now, they called the Spirit of God, that was doing these great signs to prove that He was Messiah, they called that an evil spirit. And Jesus said that “I will forgive you for this, but when the Holy Spirit comes to do the same thing, one word against It will never be forgiven in this world, neither in the world that is to come.” Watch how stern!

⁷⁴ Now, before judgment can strike, mercy comes first. Then after mercy, then there’s not . . . If you spurn mercy there’s only one thing left, that’s judgment. Judgment follows mercy after it’s been spurned. They spurned Christ, judgment followed; they spurned the prophets,

judgment followed; and as much as it hurts me, as an American citizen, I must say that this nation has spurned mercy, so it's ready for God's Divine judgment.

75 Look what has gone to this nation, all kinds of things, great men like I just spoke of a few minutes ago, Charles Fuller, Billy Graham, Jack Shuler, Oral Roberts, Tommy Hicks, T. L. Osborn, great men has crossed this nation shaking it, and it continually wades in sin, blindly moving right on. Some of them will be influenced by the—the ministry of these great men, and will come in and join church, and go right out and live the same way they always lived. When you profess the Name of Jesus Christ, abstain from all sin, “Let every man that names the Name of Jesus Christ,” the Scripture says, “depart from sin.” But what do we do?

76 What is *sin*? “Unbelief.” There's only one sin: unbelief. You commit adultery, you smoke cigarettes, you curse, you drink, because you're an unbeliever. If you was a believer, you wouldn't do that, them things are attributes of unbelief. A true believer is soundly, solid-based on Christ, and there's nothing will shake him. But because that you're waving, pulling off to one side, that's the reason you have these things happen in your life. True unadulterated faith will hold you safely against the cross, it will.

77 Now, He upbraided them and told them, because that they did this, He begin to say (And I'm coming down to my text now.) that the Queen of the South should rise and condemn the generation. They had told Him that He was Beelzebub just a few verses behind this. And He had rebuked them for their unbelief, He had told them that they had a day, but they had spurned it. He said once, “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you as a hen does her brood, but you would not! Now you're left.”

78 And I believe that the great Holy Spirit in the hearts of men and women in America who are Christians, can feel It crying, “Great America, America, how oft would I have given you a revival, how oft, well, I would have gathered you together, but you would not! You love the things of the world more than you love the things of God, so there you are.” Then there's nothing left but Divine judgment will have to fall, separation from God.

79 Now, we find out that through all generations God has had gifts. Every generation, through the Bible, as I got many Scriptures here that I could refer to here that—that through the different ages that God has had Divine gifts.

80 And now I want to say this to the clergymen: I want you to tell me, or mention to me in history, one time of any historian, or any

time that God ever poured out His blessings and had a revival, but what Supernatural signs followed that revival, every revival. They've had healings, and speaking with tongues, and demonstrations of the Spirit in every revival; it's the signs of God. God, where God is there's signs, because God is a sign-working God.

⁸¹ Jesus never did say, "Did you believe Me because I had My Father's teachings?" He said, "If I do not the teaching of My Father, don't believe Me"? He said, "If I do not the *works* of My Father, don't believe Me if I do not do the *works*."

⁸² We have went, and made schools, and Bible schools, and—and seminaries, and built fine buildings, but that certainly was not the commission. Them is all right, I can't say nothing evil against them, they played their part, but that wasn't the commission, the commission was "Go into the all the world and preach the Gospel." Preaching the Gospel was to demonstrate the power, it had to be. What's the next verse say? "And these signs shall follow them that believe." The manifestations are . . . The demonstrations are the works out of the Word made positive. When the Word is preached, signs of the Word confirms the Word to be true. If it doesn't, it doesn't come from the heart of faith, it doesn't anchor in the heart of faith.

⁸³ Did not Jesus say that some sowed seeds, and when it did it fell by the wayside, the birds gathered them? Some went in stony ground, and riches of the earth choked them out, like briars, and so forth? And didn't He say some went over and brought forth a hundredfold? See, you must first let the Word fall in the right type of faith. And in that faith produces what the Word said, because the Word is a Seed. The Word of God, right *here*, is a Seed that a sower sows. And every seed will produce its kind if it's put in the right atmospheres and the right condition, you can't hide it, you can't hide genuine life.

⁸⁴ You take natural life, botany life, let that sun come warm, now, like in my country, the little seed drops off, out of these flowers, they die, they have a funeral procession, the—the skies cry down great big, October tears, and buries them in the ground, the seed bursts, the pulp runs out, that isn't the end of that flower. Just let the sun, the s-u-n, who has control of all the life of botany, and then when it begins to shine upon the ground and get it in a certain temperature, no other temperature will do it, nothing else will put that color in there but the sun, so you let it get in the right temperature, the right atmosphere, and that little germ of life hid somewhere in the dirt, will come forth again.

⁸⁵ Did you ever lay concrete walk, and notice in the spring of the year, where is your thickest of the grass? Right around the edge of the walk. What is it? It's that seed that was buried under that walk. And when

the temperature gets right, the season gets right, you can't hide life, it'll work its way right through, and come stick its little head up and praise God, because it's life, you can't hide it when the s-u-n is shining.

⁸⁶ Just as sure as the s-u-n brings botany life, the S-o-n brings Eternal Life. And you can't hide It, It'll shine forth, there's something has to happen. Jesus said, "If they hold their peace, the stones will immediately cry out." Something takes place. When God, the Eternal God, begins to shine His Spirit down, those that are ordained to Life will recognize it, they'll come and walk in the Light, live in the Light.

⁸⁷ And He said, "Verily, I say unto you, a little while, and the world," (*Kosmos*, which means "the world order.") "will see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, for I," *I* is a personal pronoun there, "I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the consummation," all the way down. "Go ye into *all* the world." Not just to this generation, *all* the world.

⁸⁸ You that say that the, want to say that the signs of the apostles, was the only ones had the Holy Spirit, only ones that could do miracles, how can you read the history of the Church, and say such a thing as that? What about Polycarp? What about Irenaeus? What about Saint Martin? What are you going to do with those men? *Columba*? *Columba*? All of those, what are you going to do with them? Hundreds of years later they still heal the sick, raise the dead, spoke in tongues, cast out devils, how you going to hide it? As long as that Son, S-o-n, of God's Holy Spirit shines on the Church, signs and wonders will appear. Can't hide it, it's there.

⁸⁹ Read this with me, Mark 16: "Go ye into all the world." It's never reached all the world yet. "Preach the Gospel," demonstrate the power. How much? "To every creature." See? "These signs shall follow them that believe." How far? All the world, every creature. You just can't hide it. He never did say, "Go, teach the Word." "Go, preach the Gospel," demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost.

⁹⁰ Now, if you don't know the Word, how will you know the sign? "These signs." You got to know the Word to know what you're talking about. If you take it from some man's conception, then you never got it the way Peter got it, then you'll draw your own idea about it. But Jesus told Peter, "Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father which is in Heaven. And upon this rock I'll build My Church; and the gates of hell can't prevail against It."

⁹¹ Now, to see whether it's right or not, go back and get the *Pre-Nicene Fathers*, or the *Nicene Council*, and the—the historians of the age, and find out whether in each time when people believed that Word, It produced just exactly what It said It would produce.

⁹² I seen not long ago where they went into the garner of Egypt and got some wheat that was put in there about twenty-five hundred years ago, yes, more than that, about three thousand years ago, put in there by Joseph, some of the wheat had been laying there for all those years, and planted it in the ground, and it produced again. No matter how long this Gospel lays here, two thousand years we've had mockers and scoffers, and saying the days of miracles is past, but put that Word in the right kind of a heart, It'll produce, again, just exactly like *it* did at the first time, because It's the Word of God, It's got to come into a channel of faith. As long as it laid in the garner it didn't mean nothing, it just stayed there as a memorial.

⁹³ I was surprised in Rome, they've got, authentically, nineteen different nails that was nailed in Jesus' hand. Every one said, "We got it, our church has got it. We got it." Nineteen nails that they can prove, when there was only three. See? Everybody wants a nail.

⁹⁴ Here not long ago a great (You understand what I mean.), great one come forth with a piece, "*Here* is a piece of the original cross."

⁹⁵ What difference does that make? I don't care how many nails you got, how many pieces of cross you got, we need to produce this Word again. Put It not on a cross, on a nail, but on the living atmosphere of the Holy Spirit, that brings forth the results. God's Word, under the right atmosphere, will produce exactly what It says It'll do. It's got to be in the right atmosphere though, you can't lay It over in the seminary, or some Bible school that don't believe in signs and wonders. It'll never hap- . . . It'll never break forth and bring Life there, the atmosphere is wrong, but you got to put It in the right atmosphere. What kind of an atmosphere? A surrendered atmosphere. Stay there until It does go to growing and taking Life, that's the idea.

⁹⁶ Didn't ever did say, "If I do the *teaching* of My Father." He said, "If I do not the *works* of My Father." That, the teaching, anybody could teach it, but let's see the works be done.

You can say, "Oh, He's a great God."

⁹⁷ Sure. We go into Bible schools, not as I'm condemning them, but I'm trying to . . . I hope you don't understand me wrong, I'm not condemning Bible schools, but I'm condemning it, what you say that you—you teach these things, and then knock the whole foundation out to say it was in some other age.

⁹⁸ It's just like giving your canary bird vitamins to build him up good, strong wings, and put him in a cage. What good does it do to do that? Why build his wings up if you're going to keep him caged up? What the church needs today is the opening up of these barriers that's holding them, and some Pentecostal, Holy Ghost vitamins poured back into the

church, then it'll change the atmosphere. That's right. They'll hatch, it'll bring forth eagles instead of chickens. Chicken is a, he's a bird, but he's a half-brother, he don't know nothing about the heavenlies, he don't know what it means to be up there.

⁹⁹ One of the most pitiful sights I ever seen was, I went down to a cage one time, my little Sarah and I, we were walking around there, and there was a, I heard a noise and it was a big eagle, someone had caught him, and he had just beat all the feathers off of his head and the ends of his wings. And he would get back across the cage, and he would come flopping, and he would hit his head against, his wings and the feathers flying, he would fall back. I seen him laying there, and them big, gray eyes looking around. Why? He was a heavenly bird, he lives in the heavens, that's where his heart is. But through the cunningness of man, had trapped him, and put him in this cage. And he was trying to beat hisself out with his own power, beat right against the side.

¹⁰⁰ I thought, "That's pitiful!" I walked away from there almost crying. I thought, "I wish they would sell it to me." I hate to see anything caged up.

¹⁰¹ I hate to see the church caged up, yeah, just beating yourself to death, and everything else, with all kinds of soup suppers, and dinners, and classes, and societies, and things like that. My, you wasn't born to be like that, no, no.

¹⁰² And I noticed the ol' fellow, I thought, "If I could just . . ." I thought, "Well, that's a pitiful sight."

Sarah said, "Daddy, that poor bird!"

I said, "Yes, Honey."

Said, "What's he's beating his head and . . .?"

I said, "He's trying to get out of them bars."

Said, "What makes him want to get . . .? Why don't he just set down and be satisfied?"

¹⁰³ I said, "He can't. See, Honey, his nature is up *there*, that's where he ought to be. Them big wings was give him to hold hisself up there in the air, to look down, fly high."

¹⁰⁴ And I turned away from there, I thought, "That's a pitiful thing, but I know something more pitiful, to see a church that calls itself the church of God, the church of Jesus Christ, caged up in a cage, when, actually, they can read the Bible and found out they're not born to be caged chickens in a barnyard, they're supposed to be eagles that can set their wings in the Rushing Mighty Wind that comes down. They don't have to flop, they just know how to hold their wings and fly away up into where all things are possible, into a place that takes them out of

this caged-in places we set, ‘Days of miracles is past, there’s no such a thing as Divine healing, there’s no Holy Spirit.’” Oh, it’s pitiful! What can you do?

¹⁰⁵ Now, Jesus speaking to them, He gave them some signs, and as my time is just about gone, I’d like to refer to some of those signs. Watch here, He said, just a verse behind it, “As the days . . . As it was in the days of Jonas, the prophet . . .”

¹⁰⁶ God in all generations has had signs and wonders, He’s had servants that He dealt with, sometimes just one. Did you know that? He got down in the days of Noah to one. And He—He gets to a type, also said so in the coming in the Son of man, so forth. He got down until a place . . . but He’s always had His servant. Now listen close, in the next few minutes now. I think, exactly, I got fifteen minutes to be on time.

¹⁰⁷ Notice, always, when God sent His servants and sent His gifts to His servants, if that people believed those gifts, it was a golden jubilee for the people, but if they rejected them signs and gifts that He gave them, it always ended up in chaos (Now, ask any clergyman that you want to, or any historian, which I know setting in our presence is some of the best historians that I know of, I just been talking to them.), and that is right, they always fail, when they fail to recognize God, and His gifts, His sign. God always has . . . Where God goes, there’s always signs and wonders. Al- . . . He promised it. “These signs shall,” not *maybe*, they *will*. Uh-huh. Now, it’s always been, foretold it would be.

¹⁰⁸ Now notice, in . . . He talked to them about the days of Jonas. He was upbraiding them because they failed to see His Messianic sign, but the woman at the well recognized it, didn’t she? She said . . .

Said, “Go, get your husband.”

Said, “I have none.”

Said, “That’s right. You’ve had five, and the one you’re living with now is not your husband.”

¹⁰⁹ She said, “Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet. Now, we know when the Messiah cometh, this is going to be the Messianic sign. We know this is, the Messiah will do this. But Who are You?”

Jesus said, “I am He.”

¹¹⁰ And she run into the city, and said, “Come, see a Man Who has told me the things that I did. Isn’t that the very Messiah? Isn’t that what the Messiah is supposed to be?” And the men of the city believed on Jesus because of the saying of the woman. Do you see it?

¹¹¹ Now, Jesus was there doing those things, and they had turned Him down. So He said, “As it was in the days of Jonas,” Jonah.

112 Everybody always made fun of Jonah, I'm going to take up for Jonah. Jonah had a lot more credit than people gives him credit for. Lot of them say, "Oh, he's an ol' backslider."

113 No, he wasn't, "The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord," and Jonah was a prophet. God did that purposely, let him take that ship to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. Always felt sorry for him when he was in the belly of that whale.

114 You know some people always look at their symptoms, saying, "Look at my hand. I was prayed for, it's no better."

It never will be, like that. You don't look at your hand, you look at a promise. See?

115 Prayed for a boy here a few years ago. Old father and mother come got me to pray for him, he had black diphtheria, and the heart, it went so low till the cardiogram showed that it was just gone. And they made me dress up like some kind of a Ku Klux Klan, the doctor did, to take me in there. The doctor was Catholic, and he wouldn't let me go in, 'cause I'm married and had children, and I said, "Doctor, would you let the priest go in there to give him the last rites?"

He said, "Yes, but you're not a priest." Said, "Priest wouldn't have children to go to."

I said, "But he sets in a confession booth."

He said, "Go ahead." And he let me go.

116 So I went in there, and the old father and mother got on one side, and said, "Brother Branham, all we want you to do is to say the word." I went in there, and prayed, and laid hands on the baby, I, or, the boy, he was about twelve years old, I said, "Heavenly Father, this is a promise, this is what You promised: I lay hands upon this young man now, and I ask for his life because that You promised it. These people believe it, and they sent me to come here. This is all I know to do, is lay my hands upon him, because You said, 'These signs shall follow them that believe.'" I laid hands on him, walked away, I said, "Now, the Lord bless you."

And the father grabbed the mother, and said, "Oh, sweetheart, isn't it wonderful! It's. . ." The boy never shown one. . . ? . . .

117 And the little nurse, after the father and mother, just crying, hugging, one another, rejoicing because the boy was well, see, well, the boy hadn't changed a bit, and that little nurse said—said, "Why, sir, do you realize what this is?" Said, "How can you act like that and your child dying?"

Said, "My child is not dying, my child is living, it's going to live."

118 She said, “Well,” she said, “sir, I want to tell you something.” Said, “You see that electric cardiogram thing?” Said, I don’t understand what she said, but said, “When that hand,” or ever what it was, “went all the way down *here*, it’s never been known in medical history ever to come back again.” Said, “The boy is dying.” Said, “His heart is just beating *so-many* times now, to the minute,” said, “it’ll never come back again. And besides the disease has got him in such a fix, and it’s—it’s so advanced till there’s nothing can be done, the boy is dying.”

119 And I’ll never forget that gallant, old father, he took that little nurse and put his arm around her, she was just a kid, and he said, “Look, lady,” said, “I don’t blame you, you’re—you’re . . . you study to watch that chart.” Said, “That’s all, that’s what you know. You’re studied and told by history and by your doctors, and everything, that . . .” Said, “You’re looking at that chart, that’s all you know about,” but said, “I’m looking to a promise.”

120 You know who that boy is? Is Bob Bosworth in South Africa tonight, preaching the Gospel, a married man with a family. That’s right. Why? It depends on what you’re looking at. See? You look at God, look at His promise.

121 Now, if . . . I always thought someone had a good case of symptoms and had a right, it was Jonah. Now, he was in the belly of the whale on a stormy sea, hands and feet tied behind him, laying down in the whale’s belly full of the vomit. Now, if he looked *this* way, it was whale’s belly, *that* way it was whale’s belly, *that* way it was whale’s belly, everywhere he looked it was whale’s belly. Now, I don’t think there’s anyone here that bad off. See? They’re—they’re just in a . . . That—that’s a terrible condition to be into.

122 But do you know what he said? He said, “They’re lying vanities, I’ll not look at them.” But he said, “Once more will I look to Thy holy temple.”

123 When Solomon dedicated the temple he prayed, when that Pillar of Fire came in, the smoke behind It, and went down behind the holy place, he dedicated the temple, and said, “Lord, if Thy children be in trouble anywhere, and will look to this holy temple, and pray, then hear from Heaven.” And he believed that would be right, because Solomon was a servant of God. And he prayed, and what did God do? Now, I couldn’t tell you scientifically, He might have put an oxygen tank down there, I don’t know what He done. But He kept that prophet alive for three days and nights in the belly of that whale. Is that right?

124 Well now, if He will do that on *them* circumstances, that a faith in a—a man that finally backslid, Solomon did, his wives drew him away from God, if he had that much confidence in Solomon’s prayer, in

that kind of a condition, under those circumstances, how much more ought we tonight, under *these* circumstances, to look away from our symptoms, to the right hand of God, where Jesus stands with His Own Blood, making intercession upon our confession?

125 “Once more, Lord, look to Thy holy temple, where the living resurrected Son of God stands with His Own bloody clothes before God to make intercessions, plead for us as a High Priest upon what we confess that He’s done.” My, look what God did.

126 I read a little story not long ago, I might inject it here if you don’t mind. Notice, you know, all the people of Nineveh, it was a great city, pretty near the size of St. Louis up here, all right, we know that they went down there, and they were all got away from God, and they were heathens, and they were worshipping idols. And their occupation there by the sea, of course, were fishermen. All the men went out early in the morning, thousands of boats out on the sea, and they drewed in fish. It was a great import, and they exported fish, and things, for a living.

127 And now, the god of the sea was a whale. And just think of all the men out there on—on, out there in their fish boats, out there fishing, and all the women and children standing on the bank waiting for hubby to come in, bringing the fish, and the catch, and so forth. And the first thing you know, the god of the sea raises up, the whale, runs up to the bank, licks out his tongue for a gangplank, and the prophet come walking right out of his mouth. Sure. No wonder they repented. Yes, sir. Sure. They repented because the god had produced a prophet, and they listened to his words, because he came there supernatural.

128 And notice, Jesus said, that a wicked and an adulterous generation seeks after signs. Did He say that? Right here it is, read this verse: “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after signs, and they will receive no sign, except like the prophet Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and nights, the Son of man must be in the heart of the earth three days and nights.” Now, what was the sign that a wicked and adulterous generation would receive? The sign of the resurrection.

129 Well now, tell me, when did we ever have a more wicked and an adulterous generation? When perverts that’s here in California increasing twenty to thirty percent every year! When in our own government they claim that thirty-five or forty percent are homosexuals! “As it was in Sodom . . .” Tell me when we ever had any more wicked, why, people do things that the ancient people wouldn’t think about doing, the cruel punishment.

130 Wicked, unbelieving, unregenerated, every evil imagination in a man’s heart, like it was in the days of Noah, that’s the generation He was talking about. A wicked and an adulterous generation will receive

what kind of a sign? The sign of the resurrected Jesus, the sign of the resurrection, they would receive it. Now, He says so right here in the Scriptures.

¹³¹ Now, then He goes down to the closing text, “And as it was in the days of Solomon, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man. For in the days of Solomon the queen of the south come from the utmost parts of the known world to hear the wisdom of Solomon.”

¹³² Now, let’s take Solomon in his age, just for a moment. Solomon was a great man of God, who God gave a gift to. His gift was discernment. How many knows that? Sure, it was. All right. And look at all of Israel. How many Bible teachers here know that that was Israel’s golden age? Sure, it was. They built the temple, they done greater things, there was no wars or nothing. Well sure. Why? They were all with one accord, giving praise to what God had done for them, every one of them rallied around that great gift. And Israel was at peace with the rest of the nations.

¹³³ Let me stop here a minute. If America would take its science and try to find research to cure cancer, or something that would do somebody good, instead of trying to, or, here I’ll change that: If America would turn to its gift from God, and would receive God’s gift that’s in the nation now, they wouldn’t have to build bomb shelters and things to protect themselves, the whole world would fear this nation. There’s only one weapon against communism, and that’s Christ. Christ is what communism fears.

¹³⁴ I was standing there in Russia, or, not in Russia, but in Finland, when the little boy, you read it in the magazines, and things, when that little boy was raised from the dead. And there, when you’re in Russia, when you’re forty miles off of the place you were born, you have to have a visa to show that you got business to be away from forty miles from where you was born. And when that went out over that radio that day that that little boy had been raised from the dead, from laying there . . .

¹³⁵ Many of you people setting right here that wrote that in your Bible two years before that happened when I told you, how many is in here tell me they have heard, and I—I told you to write in your Bible that there would be a resurrection of a little boy, that I’d cross through the west, and all that? How many is here that remembers that story? Raise up your hand. Looky there. See? All around over the building. Two years before it happened. There the little boy, wasn’t it just exactly the way it said it would be? Sure. God always, He does it just the right way.

¹³⁶ Now, just the way He says it’s going to be, that’s the way it’s going to be. That’s the reason His Word, His time, and everything is going to

be just exactly like He said it. No matter who don't believe it, it's going to be that way, anyhow. See?

¹³⁷ So when I come to—to the Messuhalli that night, they put about thirty thousand in, then make them go out, and another thirty thousand would come in for me to speak to. And then when I was coming down the street, here's them little Finnish soldiers never had shaved yet, just boys, about six, seven in front, and six, seven in the back. And there stood those communists, Russian soldiers, standing there with that Russian salute when I passed by, with tears running down their cheeks, grabbed them Finnish soldiers and hugged them. Anything that'll make a Finn hug a Russian, and a Russian hug a Finn will change wars and settle them forever. They said, "We will receive a God like this, a God that's got power, a God that can show Hissself God!"

¹³⁸ What it is, our churches that just bottleized it down to a lodge. It's more than a lodge, it's the baptism into the—the Body of the living, resurrected Jesus Christ with power and signs and wonders. That's the Gospel, that's Christ, that's God.

¹³⁹ Notice him, sure, Solomon, everybody rallied around him, everybody would say, "Oh," everybody in one accord, they said, "oh, come, see the great gift that our God give. Come, see the great gift that our God give."

¹⁴⁰ When God give us the Gift of the Holy Ghost, that's our Gift, the Holy Ghost, God sent us the Holy Ghost, what do we do? Laugh at It, call them holy-rollers, run them off on the corner, tell them they're insane, they're out of their mind, they don't come from our schools, they're nothing but a bunch of tongues people. That's the reason we receive judgment.

¹⁴¹ What did they do on the Day of Pentecost? What did them Jews do? Laughed and made fun of it. What did they do a few years later? Titus besieged the gates, and slaughtered them right in there, till the blood run out the gates, and turned the place upside down, tore down the temple, been scattered ever since. Right.

¹⁴² We'll get the same. You've turned down the Gift of God, the Holy Ghost, you substituted a handshake, or a letter from some other church to take Its place. The Holy Spirit is not a handshake, neither is It a letter, It's a gift of God with power from on High to demonstrate to the people. That's the Spirit of God that lives into us, that makes It, and shows It, and proves to the people by signs and wonders that It is God. Hallelujah!

¹⁴³ I know you'll call me a holy-roller after this, but, maybe I am one. I feel very religious right now, anyhow.

¹⁴⁴ Notice, God, demonstrations, powers, proving Himself that He is God. That's Scripture, you cannot deny it, but what it's the truth, gifts of discernment.

¹⁴⁵ Now, all the . . . Just think the people passing by would say, "Oh, you should come to our nation, see our great, powerful God. Why, He—He works among our people. He—He does great signs and wonders. We got a king called Solomon, you should see the great discernment that man has got. Why, it—it's beyond thought."

¹⁴⁶ Well, you know, faith cometh by hearing, doesn't it? Hearing the Word of God. So, the news spread all over the world, everywhere heard about this. And they all begin to fear, because, not fearing Solomon, but fearing God, because the living God was showing.

¹⁴⁷ Finally, the news got way down into Sheba, way down, about, hundreds of miles down, about three hundred miles down south, way down, across the Sahara Desert. Measure it on your map and see how far it was. Now, they didn't have television in them days, and radio, and newspapers, and telephones, they, just traveled by—by the lip to the ear, and caravans would come through and bring the news.

¹⁴⁸ And everybody coming down into Sheba would say to the little Queen, "Say, you should go up into—up into Palestine, you know they got a God up there that so blessed them people, they're all with one accord. There's not no friction among them at all, and they got a brother up there, they call him Solomon, they've made him the king. And they tell me that God just uses him for everything they got they have need of, he just is able to tell them."

¹⁴⁹ You know, and faith cometh by what? Hearing the Word. "And blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled."

¹⁵⁰ So, the little queen begin to hunger, she thought, "You know, I'll have to go see that." Now, you remember, she's got a lot of prestige, you know, because she's the Queen. So I suppose she said, "Before I do this now, I better go ask our pastor whether I can go or not," you see, "because I have to get permission from my denomination, because that's another denomination." See? "So I'd better go ask my pastor if I can go, my priest."

¹⁵¹ So I can see her walk over, and a little guard with her, she said, "Holy father, may I have the permission from you, from this great, holy church that we have here in Sheba, may I have the permission from you, they're having a revival up in Palestine, may I be able to attend that revival?"

¹⁵² "Nonsense, my daughter. Now, if there was such a thing as that, I've heard that nonsense too, there's nothing to it, it's just a bunch of

holy-rollers, there's—there's nothing to it, but look, if there was any power in any god, it would be in our god right here. It would come to our organization, it would be ours, if there's anything to it. See?"

¹⁵³ Oh brother, you know, the devil takes his man, but never his spirit. That's right. God takes His, too, but never His Spirit. He took Elijah, but his Spirit come upon Elisha, then come out on John the Baptist. And He took His Son, Jesus, but the Holy Ghost come back in the Church to do the same works. "The, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." See, keeps going on down. And the devil takes his man but never the spirit. Them two spirits are still warring with one another, right on down.

Now, said, "No, you cannot go."

¹⁵⁴ "Well," she said, "listen, you know, there's *something* down in my heart." You know there's something about it, when God gets a hold of a human heart, He . . . they do funny things. Yeah. Said, "But you know what, I've had, holy father, I've, or—or, dear Bishop, General Overseer, I have had such a great desire to go. I've always heard of those meetings, and I would like to go."

¹⁵⁵ "Now, look child, we'll just excommunicate you right off of the book." See? "We'll just take you, your name right off of this organization if you go."

¹⁵⁶ "Well," she said, "but look, I want to say: I won't do no harm, I'll come right back down here of course, as soon as the revival is over, as soon as I go up."

¹⁵⁷ "But you cannot go, I've made that declaration, and that is what the rest of them says, and that's what we have to stand by. Now, if there's anything like that going on, it would be right here with us."

¹⁵⁸ I can see that little Queen, God moving on her heart, she squared herself off, said, "I want to tell you something!" Um-hum! We need more of them. "I've been in this thing for years and years, my mother was in it, my grandmother was in it, and all I've seen is a bunch of papers, a bunch of writing, and talking about some god, but I haven't seen any kind of a move at all of any. I don't want these dead things, they tell me they got One up there that's living, that lives in His people, and that's what I want to see." Amen.

¹⁵⁹ God give us some more Queens of Sheba in Long Beach. "I want to see something that's got Life in it. I want to see something that . . . I've been reading all the Scrolls of the old . . . of their Books up there, and they tell me that that God is a God that knows the secrets of the heart. And they tell me that that man, Solomon, up there, the pastor, is just able to do these things and it's wonderful. And I'm going to see it."

“If you do, I’ll just take you right off the book.”

¹⁶⁰ “Well, you might as well take me right now, because I’m going.” I like that, um-hum. “I’m going, anyhow.” Well now, notice, when she had, what she cost her.

¹⁶¹ You know, it’s not cheap to come to Christ. That’s what’s the matter with you American people today, us American people, everything is so easy, no suffering, no nothing. We haven’t had no war, so we can just act as nasty as we want to.

¹⁶² I went into Switzerland, and you can hear them ringing the bells, you would think the Millennium was on. That’s right. But what do they do? They don’t even believe that Jesus was virgin born, they got the ol’ Zwingli doctrine, believe that He was the son of Joseph. But they ring them chimes till I—I—I thought the Millennium had started. Woke me up one Sunday morning, and I didn’t know what was taking place, about a hour and a half.

¹⁶³ And there come about eighty or ninety glass top busses from Germany. You know, Switzerland don’t have any wars, they don’t have to worry about anything, they’re just as nasty and independent as Americans are. And you come right down through there, and the first thing you know, come down to—to, Germany come down. And when we went to the meeting that night, Brother Arganbright setting here, he was right there. What was it the Holy Spirit called? Every one was a German, He left the Swiss setting right there, with all their chimes, and so forth. See?

¹⁶⁴ It takes suffering. You have to dig. Oh, my, if you only knew! It’s not easy, anything that’s handed to you on a platter, you don’t enjoy it, certainly, you can’t appreciate what’s give to you.

¹⁶⁵ God told Moses, He said, “I give you Palestine, I swept out all the houses, and hung up the curtains, you all just go right up and live there.” Would that been it, they never would have enjoyed it. He said, “I’ll give it to you, it’s full of giants, you’ll have to fight every inch of the way, but every place the soles of your foot steps, that’s possession. Go, take it, sure, as I’ll be with you.”

¹⁶⁶ That’s the way Divine healing is, that’s the way the Holy Ghost is, everything you could walk behind you, it’s footsteps is possession, keep walking, keep going. That’s the way. You just move your finger, couldn’t move it at all, you move *that-much* today, move it *that-much* more tomorrow, and *that-much* more the next day, just keep on moving, moving, moving. Footsteps is possession.

¹⁶⁷ Notice, quickly now, that girl had a lot to face her. What she had to do now? She said, “You know,” she had some good reasonable thing, she said, “you know what I’m going to do?” She said, “I’m going to

take some money along with me. If it's—if it's the truth, if it is, I'm going to support it, but if it isn't I'll bring it right back."

168 Oh brother, couldn't that teach Americans something? Yes, sir. Support things that laugh and make fun of you. That's right. Programs that laugh and call you holy-roller, and yet you support it with your money, and your own missionary is over yonder, living on two little platefuls of rice a week, with no shoes on their feet. Shame on you!

169 Put your money on something that's got God in it and move it on. Not because it's all flowered up, and six-million-dollar buildings behind it, and things like that, with theology and take their missionaries up and give them a mental examination by a worldly psychiatrist to see whether they got enough mental power to be a missionary. God is the One to judge that by the Holy Ghost. Yes, sir. We don't need that stuff, we need God. Notice then, how far can people do? We just get away.

170 Now, the little queen, she said, "I'll, if it's not right I'll bring the money back." So she loaded on all kinds of jewels, and frankincense, and everything.

171 Now, look, another thing, what if she would have thought . . . With all this money she had to cross the Sahara Desert, and you know, Ishmael's children is out there, they were all robbers. What if they had overtaken that little caravan of hers, just a few eunuchs, and some girls along with her, what would have happened? Why, they would have robbed her in a minute and took all the money. But you know, if—God is calling to your heart, you don't know no fear at all, you just keep going, you don't care what anybody else says, or anything else, you keep moving when you're hungering and thirsting for righteousness.

172 Remember, too, no wonder Jesus said she would stand in the last days, and condemn this generation. You know how long it taken her to cross there? Takes three months, ninety days. And she wasn't in a air-conditioned Cadillac either, no, no, she crossed on the back of a camel to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and Jesus said, "A greater than Solomon is here." And the same thing here: The Holy Spirit is here, and people won't even cross the street to hear It. That's right. "A greater than Solomon is here."

173 She come up to the place, watch when she crossed, and she got out and come up to the courts of Solomon. Now, I imagine . . . Could you imagine (I'm going to make her a American citizen.), she come in, "I'll go down and set down, and then hear that holy-roller just a few minutes, because the neighbor over here, my maid told me I ought to go, if he don't say the right thing, just exactly, I'll get right up and walk out"? Oh, my! "He will either say what I believe he ought to say, or I won't listen to him at all."

¹⁷⁴ That's where we're standing tonight. That's right. "If he says one thing that my pastor said was wrong, I'll just get right up and walk out." See? Now, you'll stand with her, too, in the Day of Judgment, and then you'll be judged together. See? "For a greater than Solomon is here," the Holy Spirit is here. See?

¹⁷⁵ And she come ninety days on the back of a camel through the hot, burning sands to hear the wisdom of Solomon. She didn't come just to go in, say, "I'll go in and I'll find out, and if I don't like it just right, I'll get up and get out." No, she built her a camp right out in the courts, she said, "I'm going to stay till I'm convinced. I'm going to take the Scriptures and I'm going to find out," she done read Them all through, what God supposed to be, "and I'm going to see if it's right."

¹⁷⁶ So I imagine the next morning she cleaned herself up, and her little maids, and she went over to church, and she got her seat, and set down. After while the trumpets played, the hymns sang, and Pastor Solomon come walking out, walked out. And the first thing you know, maybe they had the—the line started, maybe they had a number, a card, I don't know how they did it. The first one come up, little Queen says, "Now, I'm going see now. I'm just going to watch and see whether this is right or not, see whether that's really discernment."

¹⁷⁷ Here come a little person up, maybe it was a man. And first thing you know, she seen that Solomon was just a man, so she said, "Now, I'm going to see where that God is. I see there's a man, but I want to know where that Supernatural God is." So, she watched that man, "Yep, he walks like a man, talks like a man, looks like a man, he's a man, that's all. But now, where's that is Supernatural coming from?"

¹⁷⁸ So, when this man stood there, the first thing you know, the spirit of discernment come upon Solomon, and he told him the secrets of his heart. I imagine the little Queen's heart begin to beat fast. The next one, same thing; next one, same thing; next one, same thing.

¹⁷⁹ She went home that night maybe, and prayed out in her tent. Next day she come back, she set again, she said, "I believe I'll get a prayer card," so she, or something, whatever it was, "I'll go up." So then, they got . . . Finally, her—her number come.

¹⁸⁰ Now, we could stay a long time on that, but to save time, we're fixing to close. For it come her time, and when she finally come up before Solomon, the Bible said that there wasn't nothing hid from Solomon that she wanted to know. God just poured it down upon Solomon, and told her every secret that she wanted to know. Isn't that wonderful? You know what she said? She stood. Now, she didn't go back, and say, "I believe it's mental telepathy. I—I believe it's . . ." No, no. She stood, and she said, "All that I heard was wonderful, but it's

greater than what I thought it was. It's greater because it worked on me." Amen.

¹⁸¹ Jesus said, "She'll stand in the last days with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon." What was it? She saw something real. The world is living today for something real. Don't you think so? They want something that's got a foundation.

¹⁸² Not long ago, I. . . And I'll close on this little story I'm fixing to tell you now. I used to hunt in the north woods. How I love to hunt! And I hunted with a fellow named Call, very fine man, but he was the meanest man I ever seen when it comes to being cruel-hearted. He would shoot little fawns just to make me feel real bad about it. And I'd say, "Don't do that, Buddy, don't do it."

He say, "Aw, Preacher, get next to yourself, you're chicken-hearted. That's what's the matter with you preachers."

¹⁸³ I said, "No." I said, "I don't believe it's wrong to shoot a fawn if," I was a game warden for years, and I said, "if the law says you can shoot a fawn, but don't just don't do it to be mean. Abraham killed a cow, a calf and fed it to God. It's all right to kill a fawn if the law says so, but just not kill eight or ten of them just to make a fellow feel me- . . . , uh, bad."

¹⁸⁴ And he had eyes just like a lizard, anyhow, he, and he—he always. . . I didn't mean that like that, he just kind of a odd-looking sort of a fellow, and—and he used to want to make me feel real bad, so he said to me. . . One day he was up there, I went up to hunt with him, he had a little whistle. He had trained this little whistle, he could blow it and sound like a little baby fawn crying for its mammy (You know, what a little fawn is, the little fellow.), and it call its mama. I said, "Bert, you wouldn't do a thing like that, would you?"

He said, "Aw, Billy," said, "get next to yourself. That's the way with you preachers, you're too chicken-hearted."

I said, "No, no, Bert. That's—that's not right," I said, "don't do that."

¹⁸⁵ Well, he was a good hunter, you never had to hunt him up, he knowed where he was at. And so, we would go out, and we had a great time together. He was a good, oh, he's a dead shot. And so, we—we hunted of a morning. We would always put some hot chocolate in a thermos jug back *here*, and it was about six inches of snow on the ground, good tracking weather. And we went up through the Notch and over on the Presidential range. It got about eleven o'clock in the day, and it was way up in the season.

¹⁸⁶ And when them whitetail deer, you talk about Houdini as escape artist, you ought to see one of them. So, they—they can really get away. And so, the brush is thick, and they can get under the brush piles, and everything, and hide through the daytime, and then graze at night. So, then they won't come out, unless you just run them out.

¹⁸⁷ So, Bert stopped at the little clearing, about, oh perhaps, big as the main floor of this auditorium, he stopped about eleven o'clock, and started reaching back in his coat, and I thought, "Well, time we'll just have a sandwich, and we'll separate, and he goes one way, and I go another." We had been walking for about three or four hours, and right up the mountain, then he would go down the other side, and I would come the other, and we would meet in sometime that night at our—at our regular, pitched camp.

¹⁸⁸ So I seen him reach back, and I thought he was going after his hot chocolate, and when he come out, he had this whistle. And I said, "Bert, you wouldn't blow that thing."

¹⁸⁹ He said, looked at me with them lizard-looking eyes, he said. . . . And he put it in his mouth like *this*, and blowed. It sounded just like a little fawn crying for its mama. And I never. . . . I didn't think it would work.

¹⁹⁰ So just about that time, just across the clearing, a great big, mother doe stood up; she was a beautiful thing. And she was close enough till I could just see her big, brown eyes. And—and I looked at him, he looked up at me and grinned, like. I said, "Bert, you wouldn't kill that mother, would you?" And he looked at me like *that*, and he got down and blowed it again.

¹⁹¹ Now, usually, that's unusual for a deer to do that. And when he blowed it again, that mother stepped right out into that opening. Now, that's strange, they won't do that, even any time hardly, especially hunting season, after the guns has fired, and things. But she walked out into that opening. What was it? She wasn't a hypocrite, she was a mother. There was something in her was genuine, it was a mother. A baby was in trouble, and she wanted to find where her baby was. Didn't make any difference how much danger it was, the danger didn't even bother her mind.

¹⁹² I can see them big ears now, just standing up like *that*, that mouth chewing like *that*, them big brown eyes looking around. He looked up at me like that, and pulled up, we never carried load up in our guns, and so he pulled, put that lever down on a .30-06, 180 grain bullet, mushroom, he leveled down like *that*, and I thought, "Oh, my!" I thought, "Bert, how can you do it?" I said, "That precious mother after her baby!" And I. . . .

193 He—he just kind of snickered, and leveled down, just a dead shot. I knowed, boy, within a second or two he would blow that precious, loyal heart plumb out of her, 'cause he was a real shot. I thought, “How can he be so wicked? And that mother giving that display of real motherly love!” Her baby was in trouble, she didn't care about it.

194 And when the bolt went down, and the gun raised up, the deer saw the hunter, she looked, and she spooked. *Spook* means, just “jumped,” you know, just a minute. And she looked at the hunter, but she had heard that baby, and she knew that her death was right on her. But did she run? No, sir. She was looking to see where that baby was, first. “Oh,” I thought, “such loyalty, such loyal! And that precious, loyal heart, Bert, are you going to blow it out of that mother, like that?”

He, I seen him leveling down like *this*, and I thought, “I just—I just can't look at it.”

195 I turned my back, and I thought, I said, “Heavenly Father, how can he be so wicked, and yet be such a nice man in one way, and be so cruel in his heart to blow that precious mother's heart plumb out of her, that loyal heart beating there for that baby? How, why—why could he do a thing like that?”

196 And I noticed, the gun didn't fire, and I waited, and I waited, I thought, “Why didn't it fire?” I looked around, and the gun barrel was going like *this*.

197 And he looked around at me, and those eyes had changed, great big tears was running out of his, down his cheeks. He threw the gun on the ground, and grabbed me by the pants leg, he said, “Billy, I've had enough of it.” He said, “Lead me to that Jesus you talk about.”

198 What was it? He seen something real, he seen something that wasn't put on, he seen a real mother's love that will walk right in the face of death. It wasn't a sermon I preached, it wasn't a song that was sung, it was a display of something that was so real, that he seen something real. And that mother's loyalty led that man, he's a deacon in a Baptist church there now. Mother's love being real!

199 Oh, sinner friend, or lukewarm church member, wouldn't you like to have the love of Jesus Christ to display to the world, as loyal to Christ as that mother was to her baby? Would you raise your hand? Say, “Pray for me, Brother Branham, that I'll be that type of Christian.” Raise up your hands, everywhere. God bless you. God bless you. “I want something real, Brother Branham, I want something that's lasting. I want to be as much Christian as that deer was a mother.” Put your hands way up now, so I can pray. God bless you. God bless you.

Let us bow our heads.

200 Heavenly Father, the hands were so many I could not number them, they were all around, everywhere, up in the balconies, and in the front, and the back, and on the sides, and oh, everywhere, around through the main floor. They raised their hands, Lord, because that they—they believe You. They want something real, they—they want something that's not put on, something that's—that's just real. I pray that You give It to them, Father. Give unto them the real Holy Spirit. May they return to their church happy and rejoicing.

201 Now, it's written in the Word, Saint John 5:24: "He that heareth My Words," that's what I've been preaching on, "and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life, and shall not come to the Judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." Now, Father, I hold that, that's Your Word, I hold It before You, and You Who are omnipotent, omniscient, and You know every hand that went up.

202 Why did they put their hand up? Because there's a spirit in them, and there's a Spirit standing by them that said, "You're wrong, you want to be that kind of a Christian. Put up your hand now, and I'll save you." And they raised up their hand. They made a decision, that decision was that they desire to live a different life.

203 And You said, "He that heareth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life, and will not come to the Judgment, but has passed from death unto Life." You also said, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him. And all that the Father has given Me, will come to Me. I'll give him everlasting Life, and raise him up at the last day."

204 Now, Father, that's Your Word. And as Your servant tonight, I—I claim every one of them souls for You, I claim them, every one. I pray, God, that as they have come now to You, to this Fountain filled with Blood, that they'll be saved safely, and will go away from here tonight, and seek and find the baptism of the Holy Spirit that'll seal them away from the things of the world. Grant it.

205 While we have our heads bowed, there's no place to call an altar call here, but I just wonder if every one of you that raised your hand would just stand onto your feet. Rest of you keep your heads bowed. Just raise up to your feet just a minute. I believe you were sincere. Raise up, every one that raised, if they raised their hand, stand up, all that raised their hands, everywhere. That's right. Come up, everywhere. Just remain standing just a moment for prayer. Every one that raised their hand, stand up. All right. Is that all now, every one? All right.

206 In the Presence of this Shekinah Glory of the Holy Spirit, that you now have believed upon because of the preaching of the Word, and the manifestation of His Spirit, I do not believe, I believe every one of

you with all my heart, I do not believe that you just raised your hand just for the fun of raising it. I believe that you raised it because you were sincere, you believed that you were wrong. And if you're willing to confess you're wrong, and stand like you have now, then I believe that God and His Word, that keeps every Word that He promised, has forgive you of your sin.

207 Not because that you feel like it, not because that you deserve it, but because that He promised it, it's His Word. And you are willing, and know that you're, been wrong, but you do believe that He died, and them great, black clouds hanging over the cross that day, He was standing your judgment, and without anything at all, you do accept that as your pardon.

208 If you will do that, accept His grace for your pardon, would you just raise your hand to Him, every one that's standing up? Raise your hand, that's all I ask you to do, just in your heart. God bless you. There's a hundred percent, every one of you.

209 Now, I want you people that are Christians to raise your head, and just turn around and shake hands with every one of them that's standing up, and say, "Welcome into the Kingdom, precious pilgrim." Shake hands with them, you Christians. Tell them that you—you're thankful to God. Each one of you, say, "Yeah, I'm thankful." Invite them to your church now. Tell them, "Come over to my church. Come over with us, and, that you might receive Christian baptism, that you might receive the Holy Ghost." That's right. Oh, isn't He wonderful? Now, let us just thank the Lord now.

210 Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for these souls. I may never shake hands with them here on earth no more, never have the opportunity maybe, I hope I do, but if I don't, on that day when the fog is low, the Old Ship of Zion is blowing, when we start to board the ship, I'll meet them, I will see them there, Lord, with their tickets in their hand, say, "Was at Long Beach, Brother Branham, on that Sunday night."

211 O God, how happy I'll be to know that I'll meet them there! The young will be old—the young will be . . . The old will be young there forever, and there'll never be no more sickness, and sorrows, or death. What a wonderful time it'll be! I thank You for this, Father. They are Yours, and I present them to You as trophies of Jesus Christ, His Spirit and His Presence here tonight. I give them to You, Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ, because they are love gifts to Christ. Amen.

212 Now, you may be seated, and God bless you. Now, before we change the position of the meeting for a prayer line, let's just sing one time, will you, all together? Before we call the prayer line, "I love Him, I love Him, because He first loved me." All right, can we sing?

I love Him, I love Him
 Because He first loved me
 And purchased my salvation
 On Calvary's . . .

²¹³ Oh, doesn't that sound beautiful, brethren? I wish you could be up here and listen to that. Isn't that beautiful? Now I want you to bow your heads and sing it, softly and sweetly, in your tenor, or bass, wherever you're singing. Just sing it the old-fashioned, country style now.

I love Him, . . .
 Because He . . .
 And purchased . . . salvation
 On . . .

²¹⁴ Oh, isn't He beautiful? Oh, don't we just love Him? Wonderful! Now, friends, I know I—I did keep you a little bit long, but this is Sunday night, spare us just about fifteen more minutes or twenty, we're going to call a prayer line.

²¹⁵ Now, how many believes that the Scripture teaches that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever? How many knows that the Bible says that He is a High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities? That's right. If He is the same yesterday . . . And how many believes that we're the . . . we're at the end of the Gentile age? How many Bible readers, with your hands up, will wave like *this*, and—and believe that He promised that He would do the same things to the Gentile closing, that He did at the Jewish?

²¹⁶ See, here is what it is: If God is ever called on the scene to make a decision, the way He makes it, He's Eternal, it has to be the same every time when He's called again. So when He was called on the earth to come to the earth, to declare Himself the Messiah, to end up the Jewish and Samaritan age, He's got to do the same thing when He comes on after, the Jews had four thousand years, we've had two thousand years, at the end of the age to come on the scene and do the same thing. Is that right?

²¹⁷ Well now, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He's got to be the same in principle, the same in power, the same in manifestation, only thing is the corporal body, His body is at the right hand of God the Father in Heaven, setting on the Throne. You believe that? A High Priest, and now His Holy Spirit is here, which the Spirit was upon Christ, which is God, in human flesh, your flesh, my flesh, as the Blood cleanses us. He preaches the Gospel through the preacher, prophesies through the prophet, and reveals the secret, hearts, speaks through tongues, interprets tongues, and everything is setting in order. You believe that? All right.

218 All right, now let's call the prayer line. Now, he told me he give out prayer cards, but I say I don't know what and where. Oh, Billy, you're so little, I always miss you. All right, one to a hundred, J. All right. Number one. Let's start. Who has J, like in Jesus? J look at the, it's got a J and a number. J, number one, who has it? Raise up your hand. You sure? All right. Come right over here, lady. Number two, who has J, number two? Would you raise your . . .? [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

219 . . . my life. And she's a stranger to me, 'cause we just held our hands, that we were strangers to one to another. Now, I don't know her, neither does she know me. But now, she's here for some purpose. What is it? Is she sick? Maybe so. Maybe she's here for somebody else, maybe it's domestic trouble, maybe it's—it's financial trouble, maybe it's something else, I don't know. See? I—I don't know, God does know.

220 Now, if she's come in here, ordinary like, in healing services, I'd lay my hand upon her, say, "God, heal the woman, I am a believer, I ask it to be done so. Amen." Now, the woman have a right to go away and believe. If she believed that, that's the Word of God, lay hands on the sick. Is that right? She would have a right to believe that.

221 But now what if the Holy Spirit comes and reveals something to her that's down in her life, tells her what has been? And if He can tell her, accurately, what has been, surely, she could believe what would be then. Is that right? Now, how many knows that that's what Jesus did? Raise up your hand. That's what He promised. That's exactly.

222 Now, if He's here . . . Now He's here in the form of the Holy Spirit. Now, this is a panoramic, just like the well was in Saint John 4, a beautiful picture again, a man and a woman, first time meeting in life, this lady and I, for the first time in life to meet, and now it's right here where we've never met before. Now, if Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, now, something would have to reveal what she is here for, and she would know that true. Is that right, lady? *Somebody* would have to reveal it, *Something* would have to come and do it. Isn't that right?

223 Well then, if It comes, now, she could say, "It's the devil." Then that's up to her. See? If she would say It was Christ, there's only, It'd have to be spiritual power. If she says the devil, then she'd get the devil's reward; she says Christ, she gets Christ's reward. But if she would say the devil, and It was Christ, then what has she done? She has sealed herself, forever, from the Kingdom of God. Is that what Jesus said? "When the Holy Ghost comes, speak a word against It, will never be forgiven," no matter who you are.

You say, "But I preach the Gospel, Brother Branham."

224 So did them priests, they were raised through generations of priests, and had preached the Gospel, and Jesus strictly told them, and they lost their lives. That's right. Just one way to God, that's all, that's the Way of Truth and Light.

Now, if you could stand right out *here*. You don't have to stand . . . just stand right back out this way, so that the people could see you and see me.

225 Now, being . . . Now, here's like the woman at the well. Now, I . . . She's not the woman, and I'm not the Lord Jesus, but His Spirit is here, and He would know, can tell her . . . Now, if He would . . .

226 Now, if we would say, "Brother Branham, what did Jesus do there?" Well, the Bible said He had need go by Samaria, I don't know why. The Father sent Him up there, because He said in Saint John 5—Saint John 5:19, "Verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing." How many knows that Scripture? Jesus never performed one thing, until God showed Him in a vision what to do. Is that right? Saint John 5:19: "Verily, verily," *absolutely, absolutely*, "I say unto you, The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise."

227 Now, then if this woman with her hand up, that she's a stranger to me, and I'm a stranger to her, then if the Holy Spirit, by His promise, is what I've taught you, will come here and will do the same thing that He did then, reveal the secret of the woman's heart, or do what it is, and tell her what, something about herself, and let her be the judge whether it's right or not, how many in here will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for your healing? And now, all around everywhere raise up your hands if you'll believe it. There's at least ninety-five percent.

228 Course some wouldn't believe it, see, no matter what He done. It ain't for unbelievers, it's just for believers. There was some standing in His crowd didn't believe it. That won't hurt the believer, no, they done know it's true.

229 I have no more idea what you are here for than—than—than nothing, but God does know what you're here for. If He will reveal it to me, then you'll know whether it's the truth or not, whatever He does.

230 Now, yes, if the audience can still hear my voice, the Light that you see in the picture is standing between me and the woman. She's moving away from me. Kind of a jerking, glimmering Light.

231 Yes, I see, she, her examination shows that she's got a swelling stomach, a stomach, got a bad stomach, swelling. If that's right, raise up your hand.

232 You believe? Now, you said you would believe if He would reveal it. Do you now believe? Then her . . . it's . . . And now I don't know what I told her, 'cause It wasn't me that told her. It's just yielding yourself to the Spirit.

233 Now, I keep feeling that in every meeting, somebody say, "He guessed it, he guessed it."

234 You don't guess these things. All right, see if it was a guess:

235 Seem to be a nice person. You are a Christian, I can feel your Spirit, see that you're welcome. Same thing that Jesus said to Nathanael, a Israelite. Now, let's see if ever what, yes, I see it coming again, it was a stomach condition, swelling stomach, He said. That's right, that's what the doctor said, swelling stomach. And then there, here is another thing, that you got some kind of a rectal trouble. That's right. You—you think it's some kind of an allergy like, or some kind of a itching sensation. That is true, then. There's no cure for it, that's right, but there is in Christ. If God will tell me what . . . I see your name on that paper there, He's got before me, I see Him standing there, will you believe me to be His prophet? Mrs. Martin, you can go ahead. It's over now, you can go home, be made well, see.

236 Now, critic, what about that?

237 Now, you believer out there, believe with all your heart now. Just have faith, don't doubt, believe with all your heart. Now, keep real, just keep your positions, set still.

238 I never seen the woman, see. I never healed her, God healed her. How did He heal her? Her own faith did it. The healing was already completed at Calvary, your salvation was completed at Calvary. How do you know that? Is that right? All you have to do is accept it.

239 Now, here is another lady. And we were . . . our first time, we are strangers to one another. God knows us both though, doesn't He? Well then, if the Lord Jesus will reveal to me something that—that I . . .

240 Course you see me getting, looking like that. That's just 'cause it's got, made me weak, vision. See, the audience knows, anyone knows, Jesus, a woman touched His garment, He said He got, virtue went. *Virtue* is "strength," you know that. And Daniel saw one vision, he was troubled at his head many days. Well then, if Jesus being Son of God, if one woman touched Him, well, what would it do me, see, me, a sinner saved by grace? Because He said, "The things that I do shall you also, more than this shall you do." The King James says *greater*, but get the regular translation, it says *more*. See? "More could you do," it's His promise.

241 Now, if the Holy Spirit will reveal to me what's your trouble, or something, as He did the other ones that went by, would you believe with all your heart?

Would it cause the audience to believe with all their heart?

242 See, God doesn't do this for show, He does this because He promised He would do it, and for His glory. See? And I'm telling you, it's not me, I don't know one thing, I'm holding my hand here before God and this Bible here, this woman is a stranger to me. All of you are strangers, far as I know. But if God will reveal to me by the Holy Spirit. . . .

243 Now, the Bible said, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, even a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart." Now, Jesus, when He was here on earth, He was the Word, wasn't He? That's the reason He could discern the thoughts, perceive, so forth, He was—He was a God-Prophet. That's the reason the prophets, how could they discern? Because they were the Word of God. "The Word of God came to the prophet." That right, audience? See?

244 Now, if the Word of God still comes, then the Word of God can, Hebrews says, "The Word of God is a Discerner of the thoughts," His Word, His promise come into human flesh makes it a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart.

245 Now, you're not here for yourself, someone else you're here for, your husband. That's right, isn't it? He is in a dying condition. You believe God can tell me what his trouble is? Cancer of the bladder. If that's right, raise your hand. Will you believe that God will heal him? I'll pray for the same thing. Let me lay my hands on you, and you represent him.

246 Lord Jesus, spare this man, bring it to pass, Father, I ask, humbly, as Your servant, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

247 God bless you, Sister. Now, don't doubt. You believe that now? Jesus said, "As you have believed, so will it be unto you." Have faith.

248 Nobody will never know what that does to you. See? Now the audience just seems blinded to me. See? Now, just have faith now, and let. . . .

249 Are you the next person? You and I are strangers, I suppose, to one another. [The sister says, "I was in a healing line before."—Ed.] Oh, you've been in a healing line—in a healing line before, somewhere else. In some other city, or. . . ? In Lake Street, in California, in. . . Oh—oh, I prayed for you before at Lake Street. How long ago has it been? Oh, it's many years ago. Therefore we wouldn't know one other? No. But God does know us both. And you believe that God could make

known to me *something another* . . . ? Did He come . . . ? Of course He come the same way, the way it was. Then you're here for something else now. Now, you would have faith then, wouldn't you? You have faith, all right, if the Lord will reveal it. All right. I trust that He will.

²⁵⁰ You're not here for yourself this time, you're here for someone else, a brother, very, very ill, at the point of death. And I'll tell you something that you know, that you might believe me to be His prophet, or, His servant, excuse me. That word *prophet* staggers the people, you see, that's the reason I . . . But, It's his wife, she's in serious condition. She's about to have a nervous breakdown, because of waiting on him. You have a real strange feeling on you now, don't you? Take that handkerchief that's on your hand, while that feeling is on you and lay it on him. They'll recover. Don't doubt. Amen. God bless you.

You believe with all your heart, yet? Don't doubt, have faith in God.

²⁵¹ Setting right there, low blood pressure, a lady looking at me. You have a prayer card? You don't. All right, it's all right, He has done called you, I see it now. You have to take blood transfusions. That is right. But when I was talking to that woman, something happened to you, a real strange feeling went over you. If that's right, raise up your hand, this little lady setting right here in front. All right. And you said within your heart, "Lord, let it be me, tonight." Now, stand up if them things are true, stand up on your feet. Your troubles are over now, Jesus Christ makes you well.

²⁵² I want to ask the audience one thing: What did that woman touch? I do not know her, I never seen her in my life. If we are strangers, wave your hand, to one . . . like *this*, Sister, wave your hand like *this*, so the people will know that we're strangers, I don't know you.

²⁵³ What did she touch? The High Priest. She's twenty yards from me. She never touched me, did she? But she touched *Something* that spoke through me, and told her what she was praying about, what she said, and how she felt. Is that right? Do you believe now, with all your heart?

²⁵⁴ Now, don't move, please don't. See, if you do that, see . . . See these men standing *here*? They're watching every move I make, and as soon as they see that I have enough, they'll take me from the platform. So, to—to move, disturbs. You see, I'm in contact with your spirit, that's what I—I'm trying to do. I'm here trying to help you. If you're . . . Nothing won't go wrong, you'll catch your bus, just set still. Just wait, just two or three more, or something, let it . . .

How do you do? We are strangers to each other. I do not know you, but God does know you. If . . .

²⁵⁵ How many is this that has went through? Has it been enough for a confirmation? [A brother says, "Two."—Ed.] Two? Just, I thought I

had . . . been a dozen went through, now. Well, felt a lot, maybe it's just me. All right.

²⁵⁶ You, Sister, God knows your heart, He knows my heart. But if He will, beyond any shadow of a doubt, we being strangers one to another, reveal Himself to us, will it make you believe?

Will it make the audience believe? All right. How many knows that I . . . it's just totally impossible for me to do that? Let's see your hands. See?

²⁵⁷ Now, with your hands down, how many accept It to be Jesus Christ according to His promise and His Word? Raise your hands. See? That is true, my brother, sister. I'm telling you the truth, see, this is His Word. Maybe a little strange from what you've ever seen, but it's His promise, He promised He would do it.

²⁵⁸ I have no idea what you're here for. I've never seen you, so therefore it would . . . I—I have no idea of what you're here for, but God does know what you're here for. He knows you, He knows me, He—He knows all of us. Is that right? But if He will reveal to me something about you that I don't know, then you'll know it comes from Him. You've had something like a stroke, bothers you. That's right. You're Swedish, aren't you? Tack så mycket. I could see that water rolling, and I could see where you was from. Yes. You've had an accident and it knocked you out, and you were out for quite a while, several days. And then you're, you still have evil effects from it. You won't have it no more, that turned light right around you, Jesus has healed you now. Go on your road, and be made well.

Are you believing with all your heart?

²⁵⁹ Now, you say, "You're looking right at those people, Brother Branham, you're reading their mind."

²⁶⁰ I am not. Here, come here, lady, touch my hand. If God will reveal to me looking *this* way what's your trouble, you'll accept it, won't you? Then your heart trouble has left you, just go on your road rejoicing.

²⁶¹ Do you believe that with all your heart? Here, the Bible said the Angel down there that was a Man that was anointed was called Elohim, that He had His back turned to the tent. Is that right? How about if I turn my back, and you pray? I see a . . . 

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