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. . . I tell you, it would—it . . . I know you don't come there to hear me, see, because no one would drive that far to hear a preacher. You come there because that you—you believe the Message and you believe in Christ, and I appreciate that.

² And I'm so thankful to have friends like that, to have someone who—who appreciates your—your efforts, that's what you're trying to do, to—to drive that far over them conditions. Only thing I can say, I wish that. . . I told Meda, I said, "Wonder if we could have all the people that come from over fifty miles, up home, for dinner?" See? I don't know what we'd do with them, you see, cause the biggest part of our church, I guess, eighty percent of them are you people, that's made up from Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, and places like that, where you come from. And you think. . .

³ And none of the people that come are rich people, they're just common people. And I know that takes a whole lot of your saving-your-pennies to do that, 'cause I know how much gasoline it takes to come and go, and besides that the wear and tear on a car, for the round trip is about, oh, I guess it's about sixteen, seventeen hundred miles for one sermon, and come that each week. Think of that. See? I just, I feel about *that* little, honest, just like I was a half-inch high to stand before you to really tell you how I—how I appreciate it.

⁴ Wife and I were talking, if you people didn't come when I have service, the tabernacle wouldn't pay me to go down, 'cause there's more in this room, right now, than would be there if it wasn't for you people, that's exactly true.

⁵ And that fulfills what the Scripture says, "In our own country, among our own people." You . . . Your—your respects and honor always comes from the outsider, I don't know why, but, I don't mean the out- . . . I mean from outside your own home. Course, couldn't think of you all being outsiders, you're my fellow brothers and citizens in the Kingdom of God.

⁶ And here some time ago, I had a little ol' alligator stuffed up, down here, and I told Brother Welch I was coming down to get it. And the kids didn't get to finish their vacation, and I thought I'd run them down to Florida, down in St. Petersburg in the morning, and on down, I want to go up Miami and come around over the Tamiami Trail, and back up home. And they have to go to school right away, and I thought this would be a good time to stop by for the gator.

7 And so Brother Welch, uh, Brother Fred and Brother Wood came with me, so that'd give me a chance to bring the kids, and they're going to take my gator back. And I thought, while I was down here, I'd just like to have a . . . your little group together, to tell you how I appreciate you, how I appreciate your efforts.

8 And Brother and Sister Evans, and—and Brother and Sister . . . I—I get it, I call it S. T., I know that it's T. S. I. . . There's a—a gargle, mouthwash that they call S.T.37, and that's how I call you S. T. Not from . . . And it's a—it's a good thing, too, it's a dandy, it's got all the rest of them beat, to my opinion. They use it in the army, and I use it for about anything: to gargle with, and for a mouthwash, and take it on a hunting trip with me, where if my horse gets hurt, I pour a little of that, you know, just—just anything, it's—it's good for all around.

I guess, you find him that way too, don't you, Sister? All the way around, to wash the dishes sometime and so forth.

9 And so, I thought maybe I'd ask tonight, I said to Brother Welch, "What would you . . . ? What would we say when the folks come around? Do you think . . . ?" We thought maybe if you had a little question on your mind, just a little something that you could, maybe something that I could answer, something that you wouldn't want to take, maybe, their time up there at the tabernacle when you're there, some little question, and that's what I dropped by for.

10 So, we know that you go to work in the morning. It ten minutes after nine, so we'll get right into it. But before we do that, could we just bow our head for a word of prayer?

11 Our Heavenly Father, we're so glad for Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who—Who saved our souls from a life of sin, and has made us the citizens of His Kingdom, by His grace we are saved, and that, not by ourself, or by our works, but by His mercy we are saved, so we're so glad of that. And we know that someday we'll see Him, for we'll have a body like His Own glorious body, and we'll see Him as He is. At this time, yet we do not know how that will take place, but it's not for us to know, we only look forward to it by faith, and the whole walk is faith. So, we're thankful for these things.

12 We pray that You will bless these people, Lord. As I drove down here, You know what was in our hearts last night, wife and I, as we talked along the road. How, that, blissful we feel to be, to have friends that would sacrifice to come hear the glorious Gospel of the Son of God, would drive all those hundreds of miles through a day and night, just to hear one message.

13 God, I pray that You will give them, each one, a glorious home in the Kingdom. Bless them while they're here on earth, prosper them in

whatever they do, may it prosper.

14 And these young children, Lord, just little fellows yet, and many of them here in teenage, and yet they set with the reverence and respects as an adult, God, I think they're the best in the land, I pray that You will bless them, Lord, may they never want for anything, and may, in the great Kingdom beyond, when the family is all gathered together, I'm sure they'll be there, Father. I—I pray that You will have each one of them there, may they never turn from that great, narrow path that they been taught to walk in. Grant it, Lord.

15 Now tonight, I thought, Father, we'd find out what's on the people's hearts. You know their hearts, and I pray Thee, Father, that You will help me to answer their questions, that it might be good for us, that it'd be good for us to be here, and we could go along saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us, because of His Presence?"

16 Come now, Lord, walk around the chairs, put Your hand on every shoulder, rub Your nail-scarred hand across each heart, that we might know that It is our Lord that is near, for we ask it, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

17 I think we have a—a Bible here, I'd just like to read a—a Scripture in Here, just for a minute, to get a little start to, before we get into the lesson, or, questions, rather.

18 And this, I'd like to read this, a—a place I found this afternoon. I was riding up, riding with Brother Welch and I, up in the front seat of Brother Sothmann's truck there, and I read something, I thought I'd just like to speak of it, just for a few minutes, if I can find it in his . . . oh, yes, here we are.

19 In the 16th chapter of Acts, and begin about the 37th verse.

But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly . . .

20 Beg your pardon, that's not just where I want to, just where I wanted to start reading at. It's . . . I was reading a spot in here, just . . . I'll get it just in a moment. Here we are, it's the 29th verse, 28th verse, let's begin.

But Paul cried with a loud voice, and said, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

And they called for a light, . . . sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

And they said unto him, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

21 It's just one of these little twisting questions that I thought that I would like to speak of just a minute, about *Thy House*, being that I see you, each one, so nicely have your house set in order, your—your children saved, and—and that's—that's nice to have your family all Christians, because I . . . we—we want our families, we, each one, think of our children. And I certainly can commend you fine people down here, of your lovely children, how you have them all in order and everything like that. I . . .

22 How do you do, Sister? And I believe this is, wasn't that, mother just come in back there? The Lord bless you, I'm glad to see you again, tonight. And I believe this is Brother Willie's wife, isn't that right? And that's the boss of the family right there, as I understand, that, or, that's the way it goes at our house.

23 And to have your house, now, Paul said here, to—to this Roman centurion, when he was . . . We find out that Paul had been beaten the evening before, commanded by the magistrates, and had been beaten, because that he had done nothing evil, he had been up there preaching the Gospel. And the clergy there had it against Paul, 'cause he had preached the Gospel, and they said he was turning the world upside down.

24 And he went down the street and there was a little fortuneteller, a woman with a—a spirit of fortunetelling, and she was hired to tell these fortunes. And when they were going down the street, she'd cry after Paul, and say, "They are man of God, who tell us the way of—of Life."

25 And Paul didn't need the devil to assist him in anything, so he just turned around and rebuked that spirit in the woman, and when it did, oh, that caused an uproar. And when they found out, the—the spirit had left her, and she could not tell no more fortunes.

26 So, the—the one that had her hired out there, and was probably taking care of her, why, it caused a great uproar, and they were beaten and put into jail. And I can imagine Paul and Silas laying back in that ol' buggy jail on the inner courts, way back. The outside, where the best prisoners was kept, was bad enough, but they was on the inside, and when they went way back, they was put in stocks.

27 I don't know any . . . Did you all ever see stocks? I've had the privilege of seeing them, they—they put them in your, across your feet, and then they put them across your hands, and then put them across your neck, and there you are setting there.

28 And the Chinese capital punishment, the way they used to do it, it was very cruel, they'd put them in those stocks and put a drip of water, just one drip at a time, falling on top of their head, like *that*,

until it just drove them insane. They would set there and would give them nothing to eat or drink like that, and their—their eyes would turn and everything, it was just, horrible thing.

²⁹ They say the first few drops, of course, for maybe the first day, it isn't so bad, but they say after a few days, that those drops feel like fifty tons falling, you know, every time, hit right in that same spot, 'cause you can't move your head, you're in those stocks.

³⁰ And just think that Paul and Silas, for preaching the Gospel, was laying back in that ol' dirty place, and probably rats, and mice, bugs on them, and everything. What a place for a man preaching the Gospel! And we think today, that we complain because we have things a little hard; look what they did, and knowing what was waiting them, perhaps execution the next morning.

³¹ But they were faithful, they—they were . . . they stayed faithful. And along about midnight in there, and I can just think of how they must have felt, their backs sticking to the old dirt where prisoners, and it was leprosy and everything else that in them days, and laying against the old hard floor, might have been a dirt floor, rats running over them.

³² But in the midst of all of that, perhaps no supper, and beaten till they was bleeding, and bruised, and sore, no doctor to wash out the wounds, or anything for infection that we'd use today, or something like that, just throwed them back there, put them in the stocks, and put them in that condition, but they wasn't complaining. Not one word of complaint came from them, and knowing, maybe the next morning, they'd, the magistrates would probably call them before the emperor and when they did, or, the Sanhedrin, and they'd be executed for preaching this heresy, that it was called in them days, the Gospel, that we truly, earnestly contend for that same faith today.

³³ And then when we go to thinking about that, then the miles gets a little shorter between one another, you see, each time we go to thinking about it.

³⁴ And then we find out that along about midnight, Paul and Silas must have talked about the Lord until about midnight, and then they begin to sing hymns, some good ol' Christian song. Oh, if we'd sing today, we'd sing *There's Power In The Blood*, or *Oh, How I Love Jesus*, or something like that. And when they begin to sing, all of a sudden, an earthquake struck the place. And notice how it done, instead of piling those walls of that big ol' building right in on top of them, and them . . . and mashing them to death, it shook the walls away from them, and not only that, but it—it broke the stocks and bars loose from them, and they were set free.

35 Now think, over their feet, over their hands and over their neck they were set free, every one of them. And instead of that big ol', heavy Roman prison breaking in on them, it fell away from them, like *this*, and not only that, but the shackles and things fell off of them. See, that's our God when we hold out faithful. See, we must stay faithful. And as long as we're faithful and—and on . . .

36 We, now, we may not be in that kind of a shape, we, none of us may get, I hope we don't get like that, but we can be faithful in what we've got to, what we have to go through with, maybe it's a persecution, maybe it's somebody laughs at you, maybe it's somebody says, "You're old-time, you're holy-roller," or—or whatever they might want to call you, or make fun of you, or something, let's be faithful just the same, because God respects our faithfulness to that, just the same as He was, respect their faithfulness to what they were . . . they had to go through with.

37 And then, all of a sudden, when the Roman prisoner, or, the centurion must have—must have, the guard at the door, he must have thought that, that night, when Paul and Silas was talking on the Scripture, he must have learned something, because he didn't know the men, but he must have knowed some way, or heard their singing, or something, that caused him to know, right quick, that they were holy men.

38 Because you see, they . . . he was a Roman, and they were Jews, and he was a pagan, and they were Christians. But did you notice, as soon as he found out that there was . . . that the prison had been shook down, and he knowed that he'd have to answer for that.

39 Sentry, you remember the time of Elijah? when he had hisself disguised and met King Ahab out there, and said, "I was a sentry and my life, of course, was staked with the man and he got away."

40 And—and he said, "Well, you'll pay for it, then, with your life, that's the duty of a sentry." So he unwrapped hisself and said he was Elijah the prophet, and said, "You let the king go, Agag." And he said, "You'll—you'll pay with it with your own life," and he did do it.

41 So then, we find out that this Roman centurion, knowing that he would answer with his own life for these, he pulled out his sword as soon as he found out they were gone, and started to kill himself, take his own life, instead of have to go through punishment. Some of tho- . . . Maybe set in them same kind of stocks, and so forth, until he died, so he thought he would just end it all up, and jerk out his sword, and kill hisself.

42 But quickly, Paul screamed out when he saw it, and said, "Do yourself no harm, for we're all here." See? And the man realized then

that . . . There must have been something taken place before that, that made this man to know that they were Christian men, or holy men, because quickly he fell down at their feet.

43 I'd imagine he heard them singing songs, he heard them testifying, he heard their conversation. Now, let's just think a minute, folks, if that Roman centurion was convinced and convicted because that he heard them two men, beaten prisoners, now, we're still free, and we're not beat or prisoners, but hearing their testimony had such an influence, till it caused him to say, "What must I do to be saved?" then what ought we to do with our influence? See? We should be testifying.

44 You young people, whatever it is, you may not preach, maybe God never called you to preach, but you, if you're a housewife, or whatever you are, a teenager, let's do something, you know, that, and live a life that makes the people say, "Well, that—that's a Christian going there, that—that's a Christian."

45 And so, we find that this fellow must have been impressed some way, by them songs or whatever they were doing in there, to realize they were Christians. So he got a light, and when he come in and seen that there stood Paul, and even the prisoners back in there, none of them was trying to get away, everybody was there, so he—he put up his sword, and fell down by the feet of Paul and Silas, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

46 Now, did you notice, you and I today, and most all ministers, or so forth, we're always trying to tell a fellow what *not* to do, we'd say, "Now quit your smoking, quit your lying, quit your stealing, quit your *this*, or *that*." Now, that—that wasn't what the man asked, he—he didn't say, "What do I have to *quit* doing to be saved?" He said, "What must I *do* to be saved?"

47 See, we try to tell them what they must stop doing. See? And say, "Well, I must do *this*, *that*, or the *other*." No, see, that isn't the question. "What must I do?" not "What must I stop doing?" But you just do what you're supposed to do, and all the rest of it will take care of itself, your lying, stealing, or—or drinking, gambling, and doing the things that's evil, it'll stop when you do what Paul answered his question: "What must I do to be saved?"

He said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved."

48 Now, reason I thought about saying this, because you people here, most of you, your—your children are saved, see, they're Christians. I have admired Brother Evans' family, these young men here. Usually, who would you get a teenager, set around and listen to someone,

preacher talk? Why, they'd be out and gone somewhere, little girls like that.

⁴⁹ I said to Brother Fred, his kids, why, they—they can just hear me say one thing that's wrong, they're—they're—they're ready to stop it right now, you see; and set with the highest respect, instead of being out a hot-rodding, rambling around. They'll, when they hear you speak about the Gospel, they're ready to set right there and listen. See?

⁵⁰ Now, I know we all want . . . think our kids is renegades and things like that, but we—we must stop that, I—I believe that we must remember that these kids are the best kids in the world, because they're our children, and we claim them for God.

⁵¹ Now, your salvation will not save that child, but now, Paul said, said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved." Now, he . . . Now, what did he mean by that? He didn't mean that because they were saved, that their house would be saved with it. He meant this: that because they were . . . had . . . if he had enough faith to be saved himself, his same amount of faith that he had for himself, would work for his children. See what I mean?

⁵² Now, I've got my children, *there* is my little son, Joseph, Billy, Sarah, Rebekah, well now, I want to see each one of them a worker in the Gospel, doing something, I want to see them saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

⁵³ Now, I've committed them to God and say, "I'm holding on to God for them." See? And I believe they're going to be saved, every one of them. See? I believe they're going to be saved, and I'll have them on the other Side. And—and I don't believe my salvation will save them, no, but my faith in God will do it, you see, my faith, believing God will do it, and will cause them to come to Christ.

⁵⁴ And I believe that's where you people, praying for your children, and that's the reason your children has the—the manners, and the—and the real *lady* and *gentleman* in this wild age that we're living in, yet they have that—that part about them that's the best I know of any kids. See? Well, I think the reason of that is because that your prayers for them, and you've committed them to God and holding on.

⁵⁵ See now, the Roman said, "What must I do?" He just asked for hisself, he said, "What must I do?"

And he said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou, and thy house shall be saved." See?

⁵⁶ Now, now, we got one thing to do. Let's drop back just a minute to get something to drive in on my text, now, it's this: Let's take an old man that I know of in the Bible by the name of Job.

57 Now, Job was a great man, there was nobody like him in his days. Job was a prophet, and people come from far and near to hear Job. And God blessed him, and he was, he had prospered, he was a rich man, oh, he had thousands of head of cattle and sheep, and—and the things that he had.

58 And, why, he said when he would go out into the streets, the young princes from the East, that's the Magis, the wise astronomers, you know, they were saying . . . said they would bow before him just to ask a word of his wisdom. See? He was a smart man, he was—he was a prophet.

59 And so, the devil looked down, and he saw that—that Job was a smart man. So I'll show you how a smart man does. Now, coming back to the text *Thy, And Thy House*. Job said, when he seen everything was just in good order, like your homes are now, he said, "You know, my children is married and gone off, but," said, "maybe, one of . . . peradventure one of them might have sinned."

60 Now, there was one requirement God had, that was a burnt offering. He said, "Now, I don't . . ." He didn't believe his children sinned, but said, "Peradventure they might sin, because they're visiting one another, and going to the parties at one another's homes," and so forth, and mixing up, I guess, and so forth. He said, "If one of them has sinned, so, Lord, I bring a burnt offering, and offer this burnt offering for my child." See? And that's all he knowed to do, that's all God required, a burnt offering, that's what, all He required.

61 Well, then when the great midnight hour come and struck, and poor ol' Job was in the condition he was, he, you know, he lost all of his cattle, all of his sheeps, and the storms come, killed his children, fire burnt up his servants, and—and he bro- . . . his own health failed, and he set in the backyard on a ash heap, and—and his own body broke out with boils, till he took a piece of crock and scraped his boils. And even his wife got discouraged with him and come and said, "Job . . ."

62 Now, let—let's just kind of think the way she said. Now, look there sets Job, he set out there all night. There sets his consolors with their back turned to him, and they've told him he sinned. That's the church member, that's the—the deacon board, or whatever it is of the church, come down to see him. And they set seven days there, and still tell him, "Job, you might as well make a confession, because you have sinned, because God wouldn't let a righteous man be tormented like that."

63 But God does let a righteous man be tormented like that. See, God, sometimes that—that things happen to us because we sinned, but sometimes it—it's testing a saint, instead of chastising a sinner.

64 So, we find out that Job was a righteous man though, and God was testing him, because Satan said, “Oh, sure . . .” when he come up before God with the sons of God. He said . . .

Because God said to him, “Where you been?”

He said, “Oh, just walking to and fro, and up and down on the earth.”

65 Said, “You considered my servant Job? He’s a perfect man, there’s nobody in the earth like him.” God was pleased with that. Oh, He just loves to have a servant that He can trust in. He said, “There is not another man on earth like him.” See? Said, “He is a perfect man.” And that was before the Blood of Jesus Christ was shed. See? And He said, “He’s a perfect man, he’s just, he’s upright, there is none like him.”

66 Satan said, “Oh, sure, look what You have done for him: You have give him everything, he’s got homes, he’s got children, he’s got cattle, he’s got everything he wants. Sure, anybody could serve You like that.” Said, “Let me have him one time, I’ll make him curse You to Your face.”

67 He said, “Satan, he’s in your hand, but don’t you take his life.” Now, that was God’s trust that His prophet would not fail Him. See? And He is trusting you and I, that we won’t fail Him.

68 And then He, and He said, He, “Don’t you take his life.” And Satan done everything *but* take his life. His children got killed, and his cattle killed, and everything was . . . all of his riches was lost, and he lost his health, and everything but his life, set out there and scraped his boils.

69 And his wife come to the door, and—and Satan got in her and said, “Thou . . .” Looked out there, said, “Why don’t you curse God and die?” Said, “You look so miserable.”

70 He said, “Thou speakest like the foolish woman.” See? Now, he never said she was foolish, said she talked like one. See? Said, “You speak like a foolish woman.” Said, “The Lord gave, and the Lord taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.” See? In other words, “Naked came I in the world,” he said, “naked I will return; but blessed be the Name of the Lord anyhow. I never had nothing when I come here, and I will go away with nothing; but still blessed be the Name of the Lord.” Oh, my!

71 You know, God will just let Satan tempt us *so-long*, and then He gets tired of it, you see. So, he seen he cou- . . . Satan had to leave him then. But Bildad and all of them still stayed there and said, “Why, you was a secret sinner.”

But Job stayed pat on this: “I am not a sinner.” See?

72 “Job, you’ve . . . you are doing . . . you don’t want to confess it,” see, “because you’re a secret sinner, you’re doing it secretly, and God is

punishing you for it, so that's the reason that things are going for you the way they are."

73 But he said, "No, Sir, I am not a sinner." Because he was standing pat upon that righteousness of God, that burnt sacrifice, he had offered it. That's all he had to offer, that's all God required.

74 And did you notice, after the Spirit of God had come on the prophet and everything got all right, you see, God restored back to Job what? He restored back to him his . . . where he had ten thousand cattle, He give him twenty thousand cattle; where he had forty-thousand sheep, He give him eighty-thousand sheep. See? And He restored everything back to him that he ever had.

75 And you notice, It said, "And He restored his seven children." See? He gave Job his seven children. Not, didn't give him seven other children, but He gave Job his seven children. Now, what was it? His house, "Thy and thy house." Because he was righteous, because he was standing on everything that God gave us to be righteous, or, gave him, was to offer that burnt offering.

76 And he knewed that That was God's Word, and It could not fail. So, did you ever think where them children was? They was in Heaven waiting for him. See? He's with them today. And God saved Job's children, they were in Heaven waiting for him. See?

77 Now, if Job took a act upon the very thing that God told him to do, the only thing it was to be righteous, was to offer a burnt offering, that was righteous, and He saved Job and his house, then what is righteous before God? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved."

78 So, if I'm believing for my house and you're believing for your house, by believing that, that we trust God, God imputes our own faith, like He did Abraham, or Job, or any of them for righteousness, you see. So it's allotted to us for righteousness, and that's how that "Thou, and thy household shall be saved."

79 Oh, I think it's a wonderful thing. So then, not only that, but I'm holding for every brother, all my brothers, my sister, I'm not only holding for that, but I'm holding for every person that's in my church, I'm holding for you all, I want you to hold for me, because of the righteousness of faith. We don't have to make a burnt offering, Christ is our Offering. But we have to have faith in that offering that Christ made, that He made us this kind of a—a promise, that "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I will do. When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you've asked for, and you shall have it."

80 Now, if I am praying that God will save these teenage children, and I believe with all my heart He will do it, see that's the same way Job

stood. Say, "Oh, look at *this* kid, how he's doing." I don't care what he's doing or what she's doing, I still have put that child in the hand of Almighty God and my, "me, and my house shall be saved." See? Because I . . .

81 Even though I may pass on before they do, but somehow, before they leave here, God will twist them right, down on the trail, I—I believe that, *somehow another* He will make it so miserable for them, till they have to do it. See?

And that's the way I believe, it's, "Thy, and thy house shall be saved."

82 I've seen a many that . . . I've watched that come into my meetings. Many time, a ol' boy will come up there that's been rough all of his life, he, fall down on his knees and go to crying, get up, say, "Well, I had a dear ol' mother, oh, if she's in Heaven tonight, I know she looking down, and she is glad to see me at this altar."

83 See? What it is, that ol' mother prayed and believed. See, she's gone on long ago, but here is them prayers, because the righteousness, see, "Thy, and thy house shall be saved." God knows how to work, He knows how to do, He knows how to do everything just right.

84 As I said the other day, when we are borned of the Spirit of God, God isn't weak in one place and strong in another, if you've got a little shadow of God in you, just the littlest speck of God, then you've got all power, you got enough power in you to make a world and go out and live in it. But, course, that power is controlled by faith, if it wasn't, we'd all have us a world out there, living in it. But if you're a son of God, or a daughter of God, you've got the power of God in you. See? So then, you . . . That law holds that faith to a *certain* thing.

85 Now, let's take for instance, all of us, we'd say, we once lied, we'd steal, we'd—we'd curse, and swear, and do everything that's wrong. Well, one day when we accepted Christ, what did He do? He opened up, as soon as we accepted Him; that's of faith, just like Paul told the Roman to have, believe, just exactly what Job did, believe. See? And as soon as we accepted Christ as our Saviour, immediately we received enough faith, till we walked away, no more lying, no more stealing, no more cheating. See? No. Why? We rode right up above that sin that we used to ride in there; we—we was allotted that much faith through it. Why? Because that we believe that we are saved. Is that right? We believe here that we are saved, so then we ride up above that, because we believe we are saved.

86 Now, listen to this just before I get to the questions. See? Brother, sister, I'm going to give you a little secret on myself. See? I guess you've often wondered how I see those visions and things, what makes it. It's

because when he met me that night, and told me that, see, that this would happen, I believe it, I solemnly believe it.

87 And I go in to pray for the sick, if I can ever get a feeling that something is fixing to happen, they're fixing to get well, so always, just about right. And that's the way we must do with our family, with anything that we ask for, we must pray, and God respects faith, you see, to believe it, we must believe that it is right.

88 Now, with that little bit of God, when you said, "Yes, Lord Jesus, I'm a sinner, I'm not worthy of Your love, but You did love me so I accept You as my Saviour." Immediately, you walk right out of there, and what is it? You stop your lying, you stop cheating, you stop stealing, you stop doing things that you oughtn't to do. Why? Because you believe that you are a Christian, and because you believe you are a Christian, you rise up from that, you're to another level. Now, see?

89 Now, if you're sick, here is healing, you just believe it. Now, you can't make yourself believe it, it's got to be something happen to you, just like your conversion, it's got to happen.

90 I was telling my wife the other day how much I loved her. So, I don't guess she wants me to talk about this, but I do it in private so I guess I can do it in public right now. I was telling her how much I loved her, and how I always have loved her since the first beginning, I said, "It don't make any difference . . ."

She said, "Oh, Bill." She said how, talking about how fat she was getting, her hair turning gray.

91 I said, "Honey, you could be *that* wide and no hair, I'd still love you just the same." See? Because it has to be something there that you have to, has, you have to meet, that you love somebody.

92 And unless that person loves that other person . . . This is for you young girls that's not married, see, and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and that, you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or whether she's pretty or not pretty, that doesn't matter, but you love them just the same, now, you had better watch, kind of hold around close there, because that's, you're getting close to home there.

93 And I . . . it . . . A—a marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be successful, it'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say: Friends, a conversion, outside of the same thing, won't last either, it won't. When you go to church, and—and you say, "Well, I'm going to join church, and I'm going to be baptized." If that isn't coming from a heart of love to God yonder,

it'll never go nowhere, you'll just, all you'll do is join church and be baptized.

⁹⁴ But when you are converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband, you accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith, I don't know, you just, something about you, you just got a something that anchors you there, you see.

⁹⁵ Well, that's the same way it is about Christ, and what Christ says, you believe it, and you just stay right with it. And that's the way, it just raises you right up above it, and God brings it to pass and fulfills His promise, "If thou will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, thy, and thy house shall be saved."

⁹⁶ So now, I just thought I'd say that, and I—I done took up too much of the time of it, thirty minutes to say that. But you know what I mean now, that's what it is.

⁹⁷ If you can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, not only for salvation for yourself, for your loved ones, for the healing of the child, or for a mother, or for anything that you desire that's right, and you know if you desired something that wasn't right, you—you wouldn't have faith enough to ask God in the first place, 'cause you know it ain't right, see, if you are sincere and know that it's right, then you can ask God with a clean heart, knowing it's no selfish motive, and your objective and your motive is exactly right, then ask God, and like a child, believe you get it and you get it. Now, I know that.

⁹⁸ Now, I come to Christ when I was about the age of one of these boys *here*, I guess, I was about twenty years old, and I—I served Him all this time, and I'm fifty-two, be fifty-three, my birthday, and I can sincerely say that I have never asked Christ, sincerely, for anything, that is, it's, now, that really sincerely asked Him, anything that was for right, but what He gave it to me, or told me why He couldn't do it; and then later on, I found out it was a good thing I didn't get it, see.

⁹⁹ But just remember, when you believe on Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him, don't—don't try to shove yourself to do it, just stay with Him and reason it out.

¹⁰⁰ Like if you . . . if I was coming to Brother Welch, here, to borrow a—a thousand dollars, I guess I couldn't get it, 'cause he may not have it, but if he had it, and, I—I could get it. Now, I'd come and try to lay the case down, I'd come say, "Welch, give me a thousand." That is no way to do it. That's no way to ask God. I'd come up, I'd say to Brother Welch, I'd say, "Could I speak to you a few minutes, Brother Welch?"

"Sure, Brother Branham."

101 Go over to one side and sit down, I'd say, "Brother Welch, the first thing, I want to ask you: Do you have a thousand dollars that you could get a hold of for me?"

Well, he, if he . . . we—we're friends, or he'd be asking me, or me him, or one of you brethren, it would be the same, we'd say, "Yes."

102 "Now, here is why, what I want," I'd lay down and show him, I say, "Brother Welch, I'm over here in a meeting, I'm absolutely up against it, I—I got to leave the town, and I'm a thousand dollars in debt, I—I just got to have the money from somewhere, the Lord put it upon my heart to come to you." And I'd explain to you. "Now—now, from another meeting that I had at a *certain* place, I've got a thousand dollars coming in, which will be about three months from now, I can pay you, I'll pay you interest on it, if you want it."

103 And just lay it all down and explain it to him, why. "I don't want to leave that town like that, it's a bad thing on my name if I do that, and then they're going to say, 'He's nothing but a cheat and a *steal*, and—leaving the town owing money.'" See what I mean? I'd explain it to you, set down like a brother and talk it over with you.

104 Well, I believe if I'd do that, and—and you like me as you do, you'd do anything, you'd pawn an automobile or sell something out of the house to get the money. Now see, you'd do it, any of you would, and I would for you.

105 But it would be, the—the right thing to do is come set down and talk it over with one another, let—let you know, you see, express our feelings to each other, "You're my friend, that's the reason I come to you."

106 Now, that's the same way it is by Christ, say, "You are my Lord, I—I'm—I'm sick. I . . . the—the doctor says he can't do nothing for me, but—but I know You can, because You are my Lord." And—and just—just speak it over with Him until you feel then that—that—that you receive it, and that's your faith, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

107 And I, when I feel that way, it's just as good as I got it, sure, I go ahead, 'cause I got it, see, I done, now, He has done promised me that I got it, so that—that settles it, and I just keep on holding on, waiting, finally, first thing you know, here it comes pouring down out of the corridors of Heaven, and you—you got it.

108 But that's it you see, "Thy, and thy house shall be saved." And if you don't see them all saved before you leave the earth, you'll . . . they'll be there when you get . . . time, when the great Coming comes, it'll be there.

¹⁰⁹ Now, you understand what I mean? See? It's by faith we do everything, believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job, believe on the Lord to hunt the . . . give you the wife that you should have, believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry, believe on the Lord to send you some new furniture, or if the—if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food, and the children are hungry, believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for anything, see, as long as it's right, just believe on the Lord and "thou shall," see, it shall come. I've never seen it fail in all my life. God bless you.

¹¹⁰ How about you reading some of them questions for me? Could you read them for me? I—I hope I get these right. I don't want to keep you too long now, about, maybe about ten minutes, and—and—and give him, Jimmy, a little time to study them over there, to see if . . . And they're going to be, ask me right blank, right out, and so, if I can't say them, well you'll understand.

¹¹¹ But you understand what I mean now, to believe? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved." Believe for yourself, and believe for your house, and you shall have it. Say, "Well, the doctor said I can't get well." Well, if thou can believe on the Lord, you can get well. "Well, I'm out of work." But if you'll believe on the Lord, see, and you shall have work. And, "I—I don't know what to do about *this* situation." Believe on the Lord.

¹¹² Look where it sets with me right now, and wife there, I've always thought the Lord wanted me to leave Jeffersonville. Now, it's got to a spot, till I just had to commit myself to Him, so here I am, He knows where I'm at right here, tonight, so, and everywhere He wants me to go, I'll go, and what He wants me to do, I'll do it, and I'll be right along till He tells me, you see.

¹¹³ All right, Jimmy, have you got them, my boy?

[Brother Jimmy Evans reads the questions for Brother Branham—Ed.]

[When the Rapture takes place, will all believers' families, wife and children go? They are in faith and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord.]

¹¹⁴ Yes, yes. **Will all the family go in the—in the Rapture?** See, yes. See? Now, if you notice, the Rapture is going to be a universal thing. And, did you all get that lesson all right Sunday? You all understand it all right, about how close we are at the time, *The Seventy Weeks Of Daniel*?

¹¹⁵ You all were there Sunday, wasn't you? Yeah. All right. Well, I think, Brother Welch, you got the tape of it, and some of you could play it. And—and you got the map of it, I believe, haven't you? And you

just draw it out, and—and, to them that wasn't here, maybe explain it to them, you see, so they—they can get it. I want you to see just by the Scriptures that I haven't got one word to say into it, the Scriptures just prove it, that we're—we're at the end time.

116 Now, we was talking today, the brethren. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, if you believe that the Rapture is that close, then why do you go fishing?" If I put my mind to it constantly, it would almost run you wild, when you think of the tens of thousands of people out here in sin that don't know Christ, and I think that "Here I am, what can I do?"

117 But here's what I think: I cannot save one unless God called them. See? I can't do it, and I couldn't save them anyhow. But, "All the Father has given Me will come to Me." So if He don't tell me where to go, then what can I do? You see?

118 So, the thing I do, is just not be—not be all weary about it, that would be worse than ever, I'm happy about it, I'm just—just all packed up and ready, you know, "When It comes, Lord, here I am." I'm just waiting.

119 And now, here's what happens: The—the raptured saints, as you noticed on the chart Sunday . . . Now, the early Pentecostal brethren, or, the late Pentecostal brethren don't give that, those back churches room enough there, I don't believe. But I believe that every borned-again Christian . . . And how are we borned again? When we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, see, and accept . . . Now, I don't believe just because you say in your mind, you believe, I believe your life tells whether you're really a Christian or not. I . . . You say, "What . . ."

120 Today, the lady down there, said *something another* about being a—a Christian or *something another*, and she said, "And what denomination?" See, right quick they want to know what denomination.

I said, "Don't belong to any denomination, just a Christian." See?

121 A Christian, you say, "Well, a *Christian* means a 'Campbellite.'" No, that's—that's . . . they just call them, "Christian," but that don't mean "Christian." I know a many people that I'd think belong to what was called the Christian Church that wasn't Christians. And the Christian ministers will tell you the same thing of the Christian Church, that they got many members that are not Christian.

122 But *Christian* is not a church that you belong to, it's an experience that you have had of being born into the family of God.

123 Now, notice in that, the Rapture will be universal, because He said, "There will be two in the field, and I will take one and leave one. There will be two in the bed, I will take one and leave one." You see, when

it's dark on one side of the earth, where it's two is in the bed, it'll be harvest time on the other side of the earth when there'll be two in the field. See? And it shows it'll come one great big Rapture, it'll come right out from the world. See? "Two in the field, and I will take one, leave one. Two in bed, I will take one and leave one."

¹²⁴ Now, we—we see that. . . And then everyone that was found written in the Book was delivered in that Day of that, before that tribulation. So, if your children, your mother, your loved ones, whoever they are, if their name is written on the Lamb's Book of Life, my precious children, you'll be right there.

¹²⁵ No matter where we're at, if—if I, flying overseas, and the—the airplane explodes in the air and I, you never even find a piece of me in this body, that won't have one thing to do with it. See? I'll be right there just the same. Don't you worry about that, I'll be right there to shake your hand and—and praise the Lord with you, crown Him King of king and Lord of lord. See?

¹²⁶ I suppose maybe, of Paul's body, there isn't even a speck of dust left, hardly, but all the materials that made his body up is somewhere, so they'll be gathered together at that day.

¹²⁷ When you die, you actually do not die, a Christian cannot die, there is no such a thing as death for a Christian, not in the Bible.

¹²⁸ Like when Lazarus, He said. . . they said. . . "Our—our friend Lazarus sleepeth," Jesus said. See, He never said he was dead, said, "He sleepeth."

They said, "Oh well, if he's sleeping I—I suppose he's doing all right then, he's, must be getting along better."

¹²⁹ So He had to talk their language, He said, now, in otherwise, "In your own language, he is dead. And I am glad for your sake," that He wasn't there, "I will go, and awaken him." See? Oh, yes. See? Sleep, see He still had His Own, see, "For your sake, for your way of knowing it, he's dead, but to Me, he's asleep, and I am not going to—I am not going to raise him up, I am just going to wake him." See? "I am going to wake him up."

¹³⁰ And so, you—you notice when Jesus, Himself, died. . . See, there's three parts of the body, uh, so, uh, for three parts of us, soul, body, and spirit, as you seen the *Seven Church Ages*, I had it drawn out; five entrances to the body, see, taste, feel, smell and hear; and conscience, and so forth, to the soul; and—and then to the spirit, there's one avenue, that's your own free moral agency, that's "make a decision," you see, you can turn it down or—or you can accept it.

131 And so now, when a person accepts Christ and is saved, your whole household, your whole family, every family of the earth will be saved, now, when, or, go in.

132 When Christ died, He committed His Spirit to God before He left the—the cross, He said, “Into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.” And the Bible said His Soul went to hell and preached, that’s His conscience and What He was, to the spirits was in prison and His body went to the grave.

133 Now, see, He was behind a barricade of Scriptures, He couldn’t rise for three days. And His Spirit was back up *here* in the Presence of God. Now, after three days, that Barricade was taken down, because the Scripture was fulfilled, and His Spirit went to the Soul, and the Soul went to the body, He rose up. He said before He died, He said, “I have power to lay My life down, I have power to take it up again.”

134 Now think of it, every one of you in here, as far as I know, tonight, is Christians, now look, the Thing that is in you now, the Spirit that is in you now, is the same Spirit that will raise you up. You have power to lay your life down, you’re doing it right now for Christ, and then you have power to take it up again. See? You have power to lay it down, and power, take it up, for It is the very Spirit of God that is in you that raises you up, is the very Spirit of God that was in Christ that raised Him up. So you have power to lay it down, you have power to take it up.

135 And when you die, or, and you, our loved ones, or somebody goes on ahead of us, they’re not dead, their spirit is with God, their soul is under the altar of God, their body is in the grave, and they know right where it’s at.

136 So, what happens? When the Scripture is all fulfilled, like in the Bible it said, “These souls are under the altar, was crying, ‘Lord, how long, how long?’” They want to come back to earth and be in bodies. He said, “Just a little longer, till your fellow servants has suffered like you have for the testimony of Christ.”

137 Then you see when that Scripture is fulfilled, then them spirits descend right, straight under the altar there and take up that soul, that soul goes right down and picks up the body, and there you are, raised again. Think of it, the Holy Spirit that is right in this building tonight, the Holy Spirit that is right *here* in my heart, will raise me up at the last day.

138 This Holy Spirit that is in me now, will see to it that I have a young, immortal body and never go . . . The Holy Spirit that is in you, will see that the gray hairs will fade away and whatever it is. And you, and the old age, if you’re *so* old, and whiskers down, and walking like *that*, it

don't make one bit of difference, that same Holy Spirit in you will just snap you right back at that Day, just to a young man and woman; that's the Bible. That's right.

¹³⁹ The Spirit that is in us right now, right now, not One that *will* come, the One that's in us *now*. It's God in you now. And He will raise . . . You can raise yourself up. And why can't you do it now? Because, see, there is Scripture holding, you got to wait till the Rapture.

¹⁴⁰ See, there you are, you got to stay right there. See? You're not allowed to get *this* high, if it would be, why, we'd, I said, we'd build us a little private world, you'd be living over on one world, and me on another one, and then there would be no Coming of the Lord Jesus. And what would it be? See?

¹⁴¹ But you have power to do it. Just the least little shadow of—of God could do anything, 'cause see, He—He is omnipotent. You know what *omnipotent* . . . ? He is infinite, infinite, infinite and omnipotent. That's *infinite*, there's just no, well, you—you—you just can't explain it, you know. *Infinite*, just is like on a camera, infinite, it's just from *there* on. And then *omnipotent* is "all powerful." He is always- . . .

¹⁴² Standing out yonder, and looking through a glass, and I could see a hundred and twenty-million years of light-space, when that—when that astronomer had taken me up to look, let me look through that big glass that night, could see a hundred and twenty-million years of light-space.

¹⁴³ Well, you talking about Jupiter and Mars and these stars that you see now, well my, think what a hundred and . . . Light travels about, what is it? Eighty . . . ? A hundred, eighty-six thousand miles-per-second, a hundred and eighty-six thousand miles-per-second, and take a hundred and twenty-million years. Whew! By one second, a hundred and eighty-six thousand, and break it down to a hundred and twenty-million years. Then what do you got? That's miles. Oh, my! It just makes us feel like you're—you're just . . . See?

¹⁴⁴ But now, and then beyond that, there's just as many moon and stars as there were . . . And He holds them with the power of His Own Word. And that very same Thing that holds them is in you as a Christian. Oh, my! See, see, there you are. So there, that is who you are.

¹⁴⁵ See, people try to think, "Well, I'm a Christian, I guess I'll have to be dogged around." No, you don't. You're a Christian, brother! That's the high- . . . You're a son of God. Our Father is King, certainly. Amen. And our Father, being King, we are—we are His sons, we are prince and princess, amen, to a King. See? The highest there is, highest can be, the very Spirit of our God is in us. That's it.

146 So, what do we care about what happens here? See, There is the Place that counts, this is just a testing time, when Father is finished, let's go, let's go Home. See? So, what difference does it make?

147 So then in that, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, if your children isn't saved, until they get saved. And Jesus said, now, remember, Saint John 5:24, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting Life, and shall not come to the Judgment."

148 Then if he don't come to the Judgment, where does he go? In the Rapture. See? Cause that's the Judgment after the Rapture. See? "Shall not come into the Judgment; but has passed from death unto Life." Because he's believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Isn't that wonderful? So they, your children will be there with you, your loved ones will be there with you, and I hope I'm there with you. Amen.

149 All right, have you got another one there, Jimmy Boy?

[We understand the world was made by faith. Will you please explain a little about faith?]

150 A world was fashioned. Now, over in Hebrews we find out that, we understand that the world was made by—by things which do not appear.

151 Now, I'll—I'll try to be quick, 'cause I didn't notice all them little, all them questions there. Now, let's just take, go back on a little trip. And—and it's already ten, and I told Mommy I'd be ready to go by ten. Are you—are you too sleepy to wait just for a minute, or, too tired? See?

152 Well, look, before there was anything, let's see, before there was a light, before there was a world, before there was a star, before there was a atom, before there was a molecule, there was God. Who is this Person, God? Is He air, is He light, is He . . . ? He is God, that's just all you can say. See?

153 Just think, a molecule, there's in one little atom, there's *so-many* molecules. See? And then beyond the molecule, before there was even one of them, there was still God. He was all, filled everything. See?

154 Now, in this God, now, we're going—we're going to make Him a little—a little Form so you can see, now, inside of this—this Person God, inside of—of this Person was a, there was attributes, and them attributes was to be Father, was to be a Healer, was to be a Saviour; that's what was in this great Person, now, That was before a molecule or anything, when there wasn't no molecules, but there was still God.

155 Now, in there was attributes to be Father, to be a Son, to be a Saviour, to be a Healer, to be all those things. Now, this Person that has this . . . Now, if this Person, God . . .

¹⁵⁶ Now, what He did, the first thing, let's say He made, as far as we know, the smallest we can break down, was a molecule. And after He made a molecule, He made a hundred billions of them in a second. Just, what did He do? He spoke it into existence. And now, you . . . Here would be a good lesson right here, if we just had time to go into it. See?

¹⁵⁷ Now, He spoke it, and when He said to, molecules went to turning. Then He said, "Let there be atoms." And there are atom's laws, and they still stay in that law, they're still traveling, everything travels in God's laws.

¹⁵⁸ Like the man I was telling you about, the old fellow Brother Banks Wood and I went down, you know, to see him. He was talking about the . . . "How . . . ?" I asked him, he was a infidel, and I asked him, "How does that sap leave the tree in August, and go down into the roots? What makes it do it?" He . . . "What makes the leaves turn brown?"

He said, "Because the sap . . ." he said.

"Why—why does the sap go down?"

He said, "Well, it's just, it goes down."

I said, "What if it don't go down?"

Said, "The tree would die."

¹⁵⁹ I said, "Well, what Intelligence makes that sap go down in the roots? Put a bucket of water on the post and see if it'll go down in August." See? I said, "What Intelligence makes that sap leave the tree and go down into the roots? Something tells it get down there, or it'll freeze and die, that tree will die." See? "And we ain't had no cold weather or nothing yet. But it . . ."

He said, "Well, it—it's just the nature."

"Well—well, what is nature? Tell me what nature is." See? Nature is a law of God, yeah, it's a law of God.

¹⁶⁰ Now, faith is a law of God, see, the same thing. All this power of God that we're talking about is accessible to us by faith, "All things are possible. Say to this mountain, be moved, and don't doubt in your heart. Believe what you said, come to pass, you can have it." Accessible, if you've got the law, there it is, see, the law is faith that controls all things.

¹⁶¹ Now, God by His law, made molecules, that's a law of God, then God made atoms, then from that, God made a sun, from that, out of the sun made stars, out of the star . . . (That's little pieces of the sun flying off.) What did He have? Way back there is His attributes displaying themselves.

162 Then come a world, and after the world come a creation, and after creation, come a law to creation. After there was a world . . . What makes this world? How can anybody explain it? Turn a ball any way you want to, throw it in the air, it won't make two turns, and make it a billion turns-per-second, it'll not make two turns in the same place, and yet, we got record of six thousand years, this world has never missed a time, turning twenty-four hours just exactly, standing in nowhere. See?

163 What is that? This great Person, before there was a world . . . Before there was a world, that's that great Person in there, a law of God making it turn. The same law of God, He just spoke it into existence, He is a Creator, He creates. See? And that's why that the world was made without . . . By faith, God made the world, because His Own faith, see, made the world. And that's how . . .

164 Now, He, or, see, He come down making man and all the animals, till He come down to sin, but He could not make sin, because He cannot be righteous and the Father of righteousness, and make sin. So you know what He done? He made man in His Own image, and knowing that he would fall, but put him on a basis of free moral agency, He said, "Now, don't touch *this* tree."

165 Now, He couldn't say . . . Now, He knowed he was going to touch it, but He couldn't . . . ? . . . him to touch it, because He said, "Touch *this* Tree, you live, can touch *this* tree and you die." See?

166 And He knew man would fail, but yet He couldn't make him fail, he had to do it on his . . . so—so that makes God righteous, you see, man fell hisself. After He made him so close to Himself, He put him on a basis of free moral agency, and therefore, there's where he fell, by his own free-moral-agent act he fell.

167 And today, each one of you children, and each of us adults is placed by them same two trees, we can accept Life, or refuse It. See? So God just spoke it into existence, and the world was framed, this very floor is God's Word, this thing *here* is God's Word, our bodies are God's Word, and everything there is, is God's Word, see, because it all originated from God.

168 All right, sir. Now—now, if that isn't right, if that don't clear it up, why, you—you can write me a note, bring it to church, if you want.

169 All right, Brother Jimmy.

[First Corinthians 16:22, explain.]

170 Let's see, First Corinthians 16:22. All right, sir, just a minute. These—these little—these little studies in the Scriptures really could help us. It could—it could strengthen you and make you—make you strong, mighty men.

¹⁷¹ Sixteen you said, son? [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] “. . .let him be. . .” Oh, my goodness, I don’t know whether I can pronounce that name or not. A-n-a-t-h-e-m-a M-a-r-a-m-a-t-h-a. Somebody got another Bible, see what it’s broke down. That’s *anathe*-. . . What say? Sounds like that would be. What is it, Fred? Get the, get another, has somebody got another Bible? See if it’s in there.

¹⁷² Anathema. Well, what is an *anathema*? Now, you got me. You know, Fred? Anybody, any of you all know what *anathema* is? Got a dictionary? We can find it just in a minute, get a dictionary.

¹⁷³ All right, while he is getting that one, maybe I can answer another one. All right, Sir.

[Explain, “I beheld Satan, in lightning, falling from Heaven.”]

¹⁷⁴ “And I beheld Satan falling from Heaven like lightning.” Over in Luke is where. . . it give a Scripture there? Just, well, I suppose that’s what it is.

¹⁷⁵ “I beheld Satan falling from Heaven like lightning.” Now, that one, now, I’ll just kindly outline this, and if it doesn’t do it, then you—you just let me know, and I’ll go into detail. Do you remember. . . ? We’ll—we’ll get that when we come into, farther on into the Scriptures on our study over there in that.

¹⁷⁶ You know, Jesus, that was immediately after that Jesus give His disciples power against unclean spirits, and they went out casting out devils. Sent them two by two, and He said, “Don’t go to the Gentiles, but go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. And as you go, preach then the Kingdom of Heaven; and heal the sick, and cast out devils,” and so forth. Well, then, and then, they come back rejoicing, happily (Now, you that asked the question knows that’s where it is at, see.), come back happily rejoicing. And He said—and He said, “Rejoice not that your names, uh, rejoice not because devils is subject unto you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.” He said, “I beheld Satan falling from Heaven like lightning.”

¹⁷⁷ See, the power of that Church moving forward had just upset the whole kingdom of Satan, you see. And He saw him as he dropped from his place is because God had again give power to His Church to go to. . . He beheld him falling like lightning from Heaven. He was cast plumb out of the holy places and everything, you see, by the power of tho-. . . that power of that Church, of them having power. Jesus said, “I give you power over unclean spirits.” See? And they really upset the kingdom of Satan. What could we do with it today? Oh, praise the Lord!

¹⁷⁸ All right, Brother Jimmy, maybe you got another one?

[Explain, “blood unto the horse’s bridle,” in Revelation.]

¹⁷⁹ Bridle bits, the Armageddon, uh-huh, in Revelation. Now, in the last days, we come to a place when Titus, in A.D. 70, taken the walls of Jerusalem, and tore down the walls of Jerusalem. They claim that there was so much blood spilled amongst that, right at a million or more Jews that was inside of the walls, until they killed even women, babies, well, it was so bad till they . . .

¹⁸⁰ They had rejected the Holy Spirit. See now, God, when He . . . When they rejected Christ and called Him a Beelzebub, He said, “I forgive you for that,” see, “I’ll forgive you, but,” said, “someday the Holy Spirit is coming” to do the same thing that He was doing. Said, “One word against That won’t be forgiven.”

¹⁸¹ Well, what did they do on the Day of Pentecost when they seen those people screaming, and dancing, and acting like they were drunk, and screaming, and shouting, and going on? What did they say? They said, “They’re full of wine, they’re drunkards,” and all like that, Acts 2. And they made fun of them and called them everything. What happened? It sealed them outside of the Kingdom of God. See?

¹⁸² And then when that besiege of Jerusalem came, now, we’re going to get that in Revelations 7, we’ll come right back to it, ever who asked the question, we’ll come right back to it, and then, and when they, Titus taking the walls, the history says, on—on Josephus, the early historian who walked the days of our Lord Jesus, and he was a great historian, he said that even that the blood flowed, just gushed out from the gates like that, they killed so many of them in there at one time when they went in.

¹⁸³ Now, the Bible predicts that in the last days that He will trap Catholicism, Romanism, and all those things, and them, communism, and all of, together in the valleys of Megiddo there, until there will be such a slaughter amongst them, until the blood will flow to a horse’s bit . . . horse’s bridle. See, that’s in Revela- . . . that’ll be in . . .

¹⁸⁴ But thanks be to the Heavenly Father, I don’t think we’ll be here, by His grace, we won’t, we’ll be in Glory then, see. That will be right after the—the—the two prophets has prophesied in the battle of Armageddon. That’s when these—when these Gentile nations gets so wicked, just keep on, and the confederation of churches, and all this come together, and God will take the Church, the Elect Church Home out of every one. And all the sleeping virgin will be wait- . . .

¹⁸⁵ Now, that bridle’s bit there will come out from the sleeping virgins and all them back in that day, and communism, when they’re all meet there, and God said He would plead with them like He did in—in the

days gone by, you know, there in that valley. And that's where it'll ride to the bridle bits of the horses.

¹⁸⁶ Did you ever get that word? Did they . . . ? Oh, they're still look- . . . Oh, it's, go ahead, it's all right.

[What are the three unclean spirits?]

¹⁸⁷ That come out of, Revelation, come out of the mouth of the false prophet, and the dragon, and so forth.

¹⁸⁸ Now, we're going to get that in our study now, you see, the three unclean spirits is three *isms*. Let me type it for you now and you'll see where it—where it started, where it begin. See, there was communism, fascism, Nazism, they were spirits. Communism is a spirit, it gets on you. See? It's a spirit. And that, it'll be something like that, only I'd . . . it—it . . . That really isn't it, but it'll be three spirits, just like that, which they was kind of a forerunner of. But, of course, you know where, it's in Catholicism, you see, but I'd . . . I—I want to get a few things on that straight before I say it, you see, to be sure that I know what . . .

¹⁸⁹ But it is three spirits, just like communism, fascism. And we brought that out years ago, you know. Remember, I told you, I said it would be a—it would be a—a thing would take place, would be, all wind up in communism? And that's where it's done, that's the same way it'll be at that time, you see, it'll be the three unclean spirits that'll go forth. It . . .

¹⁹⁰ I really, truly believe right now, just to kindly outline it, if you don't mind, and if I—if I add a little more to it when I go to explain it, well, you say, "You didn't explain it altogether down there that night." See? If I do that.

¹⁹¹ Here's what I think it'd be: I believe it's a spirit, the sleeping virgin, confederation of church; Judaism on the rejecting of Christ, the Jews that rejected it; and Catholicism. Because, you see, where it come out of the, it come out of the false prophet, see, out of the mouth of the false prophet which was the popery, from out of the beast, see. And all that, where it come out of, you can see the backgrounds, where it is.

¹⁹² And that's the three unclean spirits that sets the whole world to Armageddon, see. And that's them three unclean spirits; then you get that right in with the three woes. You remember the other day, I just brought it in, I said, be seven last plagues, seven seals, and three woes, and two . . . three unclean spirits, and that—that comes through that.

¹⁹³ Okay, have you got another one, have you?

[It says, "**What significance does the Euphrates River have through the Bible, spiritually speaking?**"]

194 Yeah, the Euphrates River, it's always been a great river, because the Euphrates River has a great place in the Bible. The first place we find, that it run right through Eden, Euphrates River did, the Bible says it come right through Eden. The next thing we find out, the Euphrates River also was a river that come right straight down through Babylon, same river, see, Euphrates River come right through Babylon.

195 Now, we find out that the Angel poured out his vial upon the Euphrates River and dried it up, that the King of the North might come down. And I think what that will actually be, will be at the end time when they come into Armageddon, see, they have to come right down through Egypt there, to get into it, and right down through them countries, they'll have to cross the Euphrates to get in there.

196 See, the Euphrates River runs today, we—we know that, you see, and—and the Amazon, South America, and—and the Nile in Egypt, and the Euphrates, and the . . . Oh, what is that other one? There is two rivers there in, that headed up there at the head of Eden. And the—the Euphrates River is when this great . . . made way for it to come down, see, making way for the King of the North to come down, the kings. That'll be, that'll take place during the time of the battle of Armageddon in the last days, you see, that Euphrates River.

197 Was that all of them? Or did . . . ? That was all of them.

198 Now, just in my mind, see, about that, what this person is if they reject Christ. It's just, you might look it up for your own self in a—in a, in the dictionary, because it's not something that it would, I wouldn't speak it out, right out here now. But you look it up, and you'll see what it means. It . . . You could just, in other words, there's two or three places in the Scripture I could refer to you, things like that.

199 Like, in other words, like King Nebuchadnezzar said, "Any man that wouldn't—that wouldn't bow down to this *So-and-so*," under the, Daniel's God, and everything, "let his house be taken away, his children burned, his house made a dunghill." See? And we realize what those words are, they're just brought out and said like that. But if you just look back in the dictionary, it'll—it'll tell you just what it is, you see, what that is.

200 Well, these little ol' things are enlightening, and I—I—I didn't put as much on them if they . . . as I should have stood and put, because you see, it's a—it's a . . . everybody, you all working tomorrow, and I am going to, the Lord willing, to Miami. And it's a quarter after ten, and I don't want to hold you too long, and I think my young ones are asleep, and I guess yours is too, and so there we are. And—and little fellows get sleepy quick.

201 But I want to say that them is real, real, nice questions, every one of them, real good. And I wish that, if I have another question night, or *something another*, at the tabernacle, that you all, if I mention it that morning, you'd give them questions over to me so I could—could get a little time to study them.

202 As you know, it's just offhand, then you—you start talking, and I'm a great person to take too much time on anything. And here, you notice my technique in preaching, that's the reason I keep there all day, you see, nearly, I just preach too long.

203 But did you notice Billy Graham? Now, Billy Graham is a trained preacher, and he's a great man. And Billy Graham, he will set his text right *there*, he will back off out *here* and just keep hammering at that text, just constantly all the time. He will never let his voice drop, hardly, just keep hammering into that text. See? That's the way the Holy Spirit has him preaching, see, that's his technique of doing it, that's the way he does it.

204 Charles Fuller, many of you has heard him, he is a wonderful old man. And so, Charlie Fuller is like a Bible expositor, he's a, he likes to—to teach and to, how he goes about things, you know, and everything, he just lays it in Christ, and a great old teacher. You notice what he does, he doesn't preach, he just teaches it.

205 Well now, if you notice, the little simple way that I have it, I set a text out *here*, whatever my text is, I go way back out *here* and get my context, and I bring it over *here* and lay it right in line with my text, and then go back over *here* and get something else and bring it over *here* and lay it down over *here*, and I go back over *here* and get something else, till I get it all down *here* to right, and then drive it home on the text, just all at one time.

206 It's the reason I used to have these little ol' sermons I used to try to preach, course, you've been around me long and know I'm not a preacher, but like, *Believest Thou This, Speak To The Rock, Come See A Woman*, and all like that, you know, just little three words. Just, I'd build it all around about the woman at the well and what it was, and then hit right down at the last, then see, "Come See A Man! Come See A Man!" and "Speak To The Rock!" I take Israel and bring them out, and see, I get my context, and put it over here in line with my text, never hit my text yet.

207 And you noticed a while ago in explaining that, just a while ago, same thing, on that Roman there, you see, saying, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved." See, that's the question, being saved. See, I went back, and got what all that was, and pulled it out, and went back, and got Job, and all of them, pulled it over here in the road,

and then drive it down, “That’s what it is, it’s faith, you see, Job used faith, the Roman used faith, we’re bidden to use faith in everything.”

208 See, just, and I think that way if I, in doing it to my way, if I can get the people interested enough to listen to what you’re trying to build to, then save your main text here for the last point, and then drive it in. Then say, “Oh, the rest of it opens up,” ’cause, you see, you see it. See, you just, you reached over here, and got a loose line, pull this one in; and—and trouble of it is, I leave too many loose lines, so I, that—that I don’t get.

209 Well, it’s really been nice of you all, come down here, and set and talk with us, and everything, and I appreciate it. And I want to say again, with all my heart, I mean this with all that’s in me: I never realized what a great thing you people are paying. I—I just, if it wasn’t for seeing you, and wasn’t for loving you, and the things that I do, I’d say, “I ain’t going to preach, that tabernacle another time,” to see you all have to drive fifteen, eighteen hundred miles a trip to go and hear a service.

210 Now, I appreciate that great loyalty, but yet, I think of what you’re doing. See? Hmm! And I—I just trust to God that every one of you in the Land beyond the river, you and your children, your little ones and all, that I’ll—I’ll see you over there, and I hope I’ll be there, I, trusting I’ll be there.

211 I’ll see every one of you, may—may not one of your children be lost, not one of you lost, may we all be there at that Day, and—and even to our little sister out there, little—little colored lady out there, washing the dishes, out there in—in the other room. I—I remember down here one day, talking to that woman, I believe (Is that the same woman?), and her husband, I believe I met—met him over there one time, or no, it’s a boy that works for you, seemed to be a fine little ol’ guy. I—I just hope we’re all meet there where we, there will be no disappointments, no more setting up late at night, because there’ll be no night.

212 Oh, my brother, sister, if I could just—if I could just any way explain what it was that morning, when I was laying there beside my little wife there, and—and He lifted me up from that bed and took me up there, and let me look apast the curtain.

213 If I could only just have the power now to explain to you what that looked like and what it was! I seen them all there, and they were all young, and I—I couldn’t recognize them. See, they was all coming up to me, and putting their arms around me, and everything, and they were—they were human beings. See? They wasn’t some kind of a feathers, like a, they say a Angel, I don’t think a Angel has feathers, although they just—they just say that, you see.

214 But an Angel is a messenger; that the word means “a messenger.” So, I don’t think they have feathers and things like that. But it’s just, they were all there, and they were all happy, and they were no, could not be nothing else but happy. And if there wasn’t no more than that, I would . . . it would pay us for all the running and things we do, and—and all like that.

215 But I want you to . . . I want to say this, that I believe, too, that the Bible said in the last days there’ll come a famine in the land, and that famine won’t be for bread and water, but for hearing the true Word of God. And people would run from east, from west, from north and south, seeking to hear the Word of God, and we’re just about living in that day now. See? When . . .

216 Not disregarding anybody, you see, not disregarding our churches, no, sir, but if you know, I believe that in the pulpits of many of these churches, we have fine men, good men, real men of God, but they’re afraid if they say anything that’s contrary to what that organization says then they’ll be kicked out, then they’re left in the cold.

217 And I believe what the man needs is some courage. And I believe that, why, I believe God wants to take somebody and make an example to show that He will take care of them, regardless of their organization. So, that’s what I’m, hope He will do with me, to help me, to let me . . .

218 And if I, and listen, Christians, if ever one time, I—I’ll . . . I charge you before God and the—and the elect Angels, that you do, if any time that you see that I’m doing something wrong, won’t you please come tell me? Cause I—I—I love you too well to miss you over there, and I know you’re going, so I . . . you come tell me, if you see me in the wrong anytime, something that I do that’s not right, something that would put a stumbling block in your way.

219 Now, there is a lot of times, I get around here and laugh, and cut up, and say things. What am I trying, do? I’m trying to let off some of that wound up feeling in me, you see. Just, it isn’t that I want to do that, see, it isn’t that I want to even laugh, or and to come down here and get with Brother Welch so I can hear him tell a little something another about, oh, the—the little boy, a colored boy out there, and he caught a fish, and the warden caught him, and said he was catching turtle baits, and—and like, something, you know, on that order.

220 And the little, when that little preacher told me . . . I was telling them, the little girls today, about the little poodle dog being Fefe and Fifi, you see. And—and like, what am I doing that for? To—to laugh, make myself laugh, to—to bring myself down.

221 When you step above this mortal realm up into them realms *there*, it’s, it keeps you in a twist, you know what I mean. And then just think,

here it is, just think, with this ministry, you remember what I am going to have to answer for? Not just for Tifton, Georgia, not for Indiana, not for the United States, but I got to answer before the world, for a worldwide ministry. See? I got to answer to the heathens, I got to answer to God for the heathens, rather, see.

222 And when I get setting at home and think, “Well, I believe—I believe—I believe . . .” Like the other day up there, and I get so wound up, and I said, “I—I—I’m going on, have another meeting.” And I go on, have another meeting, and the first thing you know, I’m so wound up, I—I got to go hunting, I got to go fishing, I got to get out with somebody, I—I got to do something, ‘cause I’m just a man, just a human being, you see, and that—that’s what, you understand that.

223 But if you ever think I get anywhere out of the way with it, you come tell me, I’ll stop it, boy, like a clam of . . . no matter what happens. Cause I—I want you to understand, I have no secrets, everything that I know, you know too, see. All that the Lord has showed me, that He will permit me to tell, I’ve told it, and I hold nothing back. And—and my life is open, you know what I am and what I’m made out of, and I’m just, try to live every day the same as far as I can.

224 Course, lot of times you see me when I’m moody, and I feel bad, and tired, and weary, or something like that, course, I, that goes along with the ministry, you know, you realize that. You, if you look back through the pages of time, you’ll see that men that way, did that way, we all get those. But the thing of it is, we want to understand one another.

225 I realize that you have your ups and downs too, I’m not the only one has them, you have them. And when you’re having yours, I’ll try to understand; when I’m having mine, you try to understand. And when I’m overseas somewhere, or way out in a meeting somewhere, and the devils are everywhere, piling up and challenge me and everything else, why, you all remember, just pray for me. Will you do that? Can we have a little word to Him now?

226 Heavenly Father, it’s been glorious to stand here and talk to this bunch of Blood-washed children. I realize, tonight, I’m standing just like Saint Paul stood many years ago, little house meetings where they come. And Paul come over to Aquila and Priscilla’s, and—and how they must have had, gathered the people in. And he went, Rome and had a house rented, and he received those that come in.

227 And here tonight, the people from, that comes to the tabernacle, and—and the people that’s, drives all these miles, that I’ve just been trying to tell them how much I appreciate it. Lord, I don’t have words even, that I can tell them with, how much I appreciate them, but Father, I pray that You will let them know in their hearts what I mean.

228 And, dear God, if . . . please, I pray that You will answer my prayer for them. Save them every one, Lord, may there not be one of them lost, or any of their families lost, may they, every one, be there.

229 I pray for their little ones. I think this little boy laying here in his daddy's lap, and his mommy setting, watching, and think of the days that is to come. If there is a tomorrow, how do I know that that same little boy won't pack the Gospel? God, I pray that You will bless the little lad, all the others, the little girls and boys, and be with them all. Be with Brother and Sister Evans that's opened up their house, house of prayer. Be with us now and forgive us of our sins.

230 And God, if they ever get sick and they have to call, God, let me live such a life that they'll believe that You will hear me, and then hear me when I pray for them, Lord, grant it. And hear, when they're praying for me, 'cause I need their prayers, Father. And every time they're praying for me, won't You hear, Lord? When I am praying for them, hear, Lord.

231 And together we'll serve You all of our lives. And in that great Day, we hope to come up to Your House someday. And when we knock at the door, won't You let us in, Father? Until that time, watch over us, and bless us, and keep us ever true, we ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

232 Thank you very much, folks. And I'm sorry to have kept you here till—till almost ten-thirty. This little lad laying here, sleeping like a little trooper. How old is he? . . . ? . . .

233 How are you, Sister, I don't know whether I shook your hand when I come in or not. Well, it's nice seeing you again, and you, Brother Willie.

Fred, I guess you'll be leaving out in the morning, going back towards the house. You're taking my—my alligator back?

See you at home, Brother Wood, the Lord bless you.

234 You, Brother Scott, nice seeing you again, Brother. I believe I've seen you before somewhere, haven't I? I thought I had, your face is familiar.

235 Brother Wayne, the Lord bless you. And I still think I ought to fill up your tank with gasoline for coming down eighty miles to bring this minister, too. Bless you, Son.

Bless you, Sister. And all my teasing you, I'm just teasing. You know that don't you?

236 God bless you, Sister Evans. That was really nice, breakfast, and supper, and your fine hospitality, remember, Jesus said this: "Inasmuch as you have done unto the least . . ." Now, He never said, "Inasmuch as you done it to the greatest . . ." See? See, that might, that'd be

somebody else, but “Insomuch as you have done unto the least . . .” see, that’d be me, so you’ve done it to me.

²³⁷ Nice seeing you again too, Sister. God ever be with you. [The sister says, “That’s my mother. I guess you remember her.”—Ed.] I . . . Oh, my. How could you say it wasn’t your mother? You look so much alike.

²³⁸ It’s nice getting to see you, Sister. I believe you are the wife of the, this young fellow *there*. And you’re Brother Scott. Are you all sisters? Well, I thought you were sisters, I sure did. Nice to get to see you again. And keep up the good courage, my brother.

And say, maybe this is a new one, I didn’t notice this girl here. Oh, well, I’m glad to meet you, Sister. The Lord bless you.

Nice seeing you, Sister. And he will be good for something, just take him. God bless you, Brother.

Brother Evans, God be with you, Boy.

Now, Honey, if you’ll get our young’ns, we better get going.

God bless you, my brother.

²³⁹ And, I tell you, before we go, let’s just stand up to our feet and sing that little song. Will you sing a little verse with me, like that? Is it all right?

God be with you till we meet again!
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again!

Till we meet! till we meet!
Till we meet at Jesus’ feet;
Till we meet! till we meet!
God be with you till we meet again!

²⁴⁰ Here’s the way we used to do at the little prayer meetings, let’s take hold of each other’s hands, right around like this, you see. We sing this little hymn, make a little circle, be together, that’s the way, you see. You just got a contact with each other that way, now. Let’s sing. Do you know this little song?

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
’Tis like to that above.

Before our Father’s Throne,
We pour our mutual prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

241 Now, with our heads bowed, let's just repeat that model prayer:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy
Name.

Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done in earth, as
it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us of our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.

242 God bless you, each one, now, till we meet again.

Brother Welch, you mean you got all that on tape down there?
Hmm!

243 Well, I wish you all, come go to Florida with us. If the Lord willing, I—I tell you what I'm doing, I'm trying to take the kiddies out, you see, they're, they didn't get to finish their vacation, their grandmother had a heart attack and we had to come back. So therefore I'm taking them out to kind of finish their vacation, 'cause they got to start in school again, right away. So I will take them somewhere tomorrow, maybe down at St. Petersburg, or somewhere.

244 I got to get back, maybe, before Sunday. [Brother Evans says, "They got some of them stocks down there, I think, you know, in a museum, you know, that you was talking about while ago."—Ed.] Oh? Yes? Well, I'd like go up and see them. That's right. I haven't been in the museum down there. That's at, what was it? Ripley's Museum. And that's at St. Petersburg? Down at Saint, I mean at St. Augustine, instead.

245 Yeah, I go over here at, this is Jacksonville is where I go first, isn't it? Yeah, back, 'cause I get this thing turned around, back *this* way to Jacksonville, and then I go out through La Crosse, you say, and out through that way? Waycross. Uh-huh.

246 [A brother says, "I begin to think, you asked . . . you mentioned about you was turned around, which way is the tabernacle facing?"—Ed.] The tabernacle faces east and west. I built it . . . When you come in from the—the front, you know where Eighth Street runs up *this* way, you're going right east then. See? And then, the—the . . . Then if you stand up . . . And when I'm preaching, I'm preaching towards the west, and see, now, I do that so the altar would be to the east, because

Jesus is coming from the east. And then that—that lets me . . . The altar, we bow always to the east, see.

247 Well usually, I don't know, it's just what I always did, I see in the Bible, they, usually back there, Daniel said he went and pulled up the windows, you know, and everything like that, and prayed at, to the east.

248 And—and so, and I noticed in the old Mosaic temple, I think, faced the east, the altar did. And so, of course, God will hear you wherever you are, you see, regardless.

249 [The brother says, "I just never could get the direction straight."—Ed.] Yes, sir. Well now, I have seen a time when I'm prayed up and everything, I—I just don't—I just don't get turned around, see, I just come around.

250 But now, if I'm not watching, and anything like that, and just go down and jump at it, I'll just . . . There is two . . . one place that I know of, that I can never get straightened out, and yet I know where it's at, and that's down at Grandma Cox's. I can go down there, and I just can't get that straight. And there's going to be something, looking to me like, happen there someday. I go right here at this gate, and it, that's just as due south as it can be, turning to my right, but it isn't, see, it isn't, it's vice versa. See? And I—I just . . .

251 And if I get into the woods, now, like I get lost or *something another*, and then if I'd, turned around, now, if I get all excited, well, I—I can't do it, see, but if I just stand still a few minutes and say, "Heavenly Father, help me." And, brother, I can just as, direct that to you, just as easy, that's right.

252 One time I come out of, there with Brother Wood and Sister Wood, we was coming out of Chattanooga, and Brother Wood was driving on, I guess that's 41, just going back. So, I—I was so tired, ooh, I was so tired, and I just laid down back, after the service, and laid down back there and went to sleep, back of the car. I woke up after while and I raised up, and I said . . . Fog? you couldn't hardly see your hand before you. And I said, "Hey, Brother Wood, you're going wrong."

He said . . . See, I had just come out of that meeting. And he said, he said, "Oh, no," said, "I'm going, I," said, "I'm going 41."

I said, "But you're—you're going south."

And said, "Now, how can you tell in a fog like this? See, you can't even see the road."

I said, "But you're—you're . . . I can tell right now that you're going . . . you're—you're going south."

He said, "No, no. See *there*, that's 41."

I said, "But it's wrong."

253 Well, we drove on a little piece, and he kept arguing with me that he was right, just said, "I'm staying right on 41, going to Memphis."

And I said, "You just watch." And we pulled in the filling station, and I said, "How far is it to Memphis?"

He said, "You have to turn around, Boy, you're in Georgia." Said, "Go on back *this* way." So, we'd go right . . . Yes, sir.

[A brother speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Yes, sir? Yes, sir. Yes, sir. Well, if you don't notice . . .

254 And I remember one time, I was lost up in the mountains, and there's when I—I thought I was too good a woodsman to ever be lost, but I really got lost. And my wife was with me, and Billy Paul was a little baby.

255 And they, I left them, and I went—I went to hunt a bear, you see, and I was hunting a bear, and I—and I run into a big buck deer across there. I'd shot this buck, and I thought, "Well, I better get back." And I know I'd come down, I was up in the Adirondacks, and I went up the mountain like *this*, and I . . . something crossed the road, and it was a—it was a mountain lion, and he just laid his ears back. And he, just before he . . . I got my gun up quick enough to shoot, he got away, you see.

256 And Meda had never been in the woods in her life, see. And, well, it was on that honeymoon time, see. And I worked a good one there, you see, the same time I got married, then I could, you know, I taken her on our honeymoon and go hunting the same time, you see.

257 So—so—so I, and I—I thought, "Well now, now how did I go?" I, and I come up *this* way, and turned down, and went over, and hit a ledge, and went down through a little pocket, I knowed I was down towards the Giants somewhere, towards the Canadian side, but I didn't know just where it was at.

258 And it come up a storm, and all at once, you know, them snow storms. And, oh, the fog was so low, you couldn't even see your hand before you. And that's when you, in them country, you better set down if you don't know where you're at, 'cause you'll die right there, you see. And just go get you a place, and holed up, and get something to eat, and wait for a day or two till the storm is over, and then get out and see where you are at.

259 So, I couldn't holed up, Meda was in the woods, and never been in the woods before, in a little lean-to, not even a door to it, just, you know, it was a little lean-to, like *that*. So, there I was in that shape. And oh, my! I got, went right, started right up like *this*, I thought, "Well, I turned off up *here* somewhere." I come right back to where I shot the

deer. I took off again, and I said, "I got to find my way out of here, my wife and baby will die in the woods." See?

²⁶⁰ It was turning cold, and that—that fog ripping through, which going to be snow in just a little bit, you see. And I started up again, and I come back to the deer again, done it three times. Well, I knew then . . . I said, "Well, I—I'm going . . . I—I'm somewhere . . ."

²⁶¹ See, now the Indian calls that the "death walk," you're on a flat place, and you're walking around, around in circles, see. Now, with a compass, you wouldn't do that, see, but you're walking around in a circle, the Indian calls it, "you're on the death walk." See? Cause you just get frantic then, that's when they lose their mind and start running, screaming, and everything, until they finally plunge over a cliff, or something and get killed, or either kill themselves.

²⁶² And then, I—I remember I said, "Well, I'm going right straight. I—I—I got to get . . ." And I got kind of delirious, and I thought, "Set down. Why, you ol' fool, you know you're not lost, you—you can't get lost, you see," and I kept saying that. Well that, see it—it just wasn't there. When there is something that isn't there, you can't bluff it, you know. Just like . . . And so, I said, "Well, I'm not lost, I know exactly where I am, sure, I come right in *this* way. That's exactly right." Going along talking to myself like that, you know, and just sweating as hard as I could.

²⁶³ Now, if I'd been by myself, I'd just went over somewhere, and pulled in a little place, and wait till the storm was over, maybe a day or two, but been all right, got me a piece of my deer and let her go, see. But you couldn't do that, and the wife in the woods, and never in the woods. Why, they'd die that night, they wouldn't know how to take care of themselves in the woods, see.

²⁶⁴ So, I thought . . . I was just going along there and I heard Something say, "I am the Lord, a very present Help in a time of trouble." I just kept on walking, I thought, "Now, I'm getting delirious," you see, "I'm thinking I'm hearing things." This was just, we was first married, twenty years ago. I just kept going like *this*, and It said, "I am the Lord, a very present Help in the time of trouble." And It said that three or four times.

²⁶⁵ And after while, I stopped, and I thought that "Either I'm beside myself, or Almighty God has got mercy on me."

²⁶⁶ And I just knelt down and set my gun down, I said, "God, I confess I'm lost," you see, I said, "I—I'm lost. And You . . . I'll never . . . I can never get out of here with . . . I thought I was too good a woodsman to ever be lost, but," I said, "I'm completely turned around, there's no way," done got excited, you see, "so there's no way at all for me to ever

find my way out. And I—I don't deserve to live, Sir, but my wife and baby does." See? "So, help me to get to them, so that they won't die in the woods." I said, "I don't deserve to live, but they do." And—and I said, "If You will just help me, I'll be very thankful to You."

267 I got up, I said, "Now, I'm going to set my face right *this* way, and I know I'm going straight towards to where I left Meda and them." But I . . . ? . . . was going right into Canada, you see, on a death walk, see, going right into Canada.

268 And I started like *this*, and all at once, I felt Something go [Brother Branham pats something—Ed.], a hand, I thought, "Who is That?" And I looked up, and just in time to look back, and just enough fog cleared away, till I seen the top of Hurricane Mountain, and they was camped just below the Hurricane Mountain.

269 Well, then I just stood there and wept like a baby, praising God, you know, for helping me. Then, I had to take out that way, and it got dark on me, and—and deers and things jump up in front of me. But I hadn't . . . And after it got dark . . . I know the ranger and I . . . from this ranger's cabin is right there by that lean-to, but it was locked up. And then, that's—that's twenty-five miles from the closest house from there on down, you see. And then up here on the mountain, here by the ranger's cabin, and then on up to the tower, up on the big peak up there, well, I knowed I was on the peak somewhere.

270 But them mountains are many, many, many miles around, you know, thirty, forty miles, fifty, around the mountain there. And so I thought, "Now, if I can only hit that wire that comes down across there." He and I put it up for a call, you know, tack it on the trees, and it goes down to his station, then they relay it from the—from the—from the tower, you know, down to the station. Then he was coming up in a few days to bear hunt with me.

271 And it got night, then I couldn't see, you know. And it, dark anyhow, it got dark in about thirty, forty minutes, and it was only about two or three o'clock in the afternoon. But I hold my hand up like *this*, and I'd walk, and I'd just get it . . . hold my gun in *this* hand and walk, you know. And I knowed that wire is just about *this* high, where we tacked on the trees all the way along.

272 I thought, "If I could just hit that wire!" And I would hit a limb like *that*, you know, and I thought, "*Aha!* No, that's a limb," see, I'd try again. Then when I changed, and my arm would get to aching, I hold it up so long, I'd change and put my gun *here* and step back a couple steps, you know, to be sure that I didn't overstep it, you see, be close, and like *that*.

273 And, brother, along, and done pitch black dark, you know, and I'd been walking about a hour in that darkness, and my hand hit that wire, I felt it. Well, I just bowed my head and started crying, you know, and I thought, "Lord, right at the end of this line waits my wife and everything." See? I thought, "That's right." And I stood there and held my head down and thanked Him for it. I thought, "Yes, Lord, I got my hand in Yours, it is a current, a line, and right at the end of this line, that I'm holding now in my heart, holds everything that is dear to me," see, "all my loved ones, my Lord, My Saviour, all that's dear to me lays at the end of this line." So, I wouldn't let my hand get off that line, I followed that line right down the mountain.

274 Although there was a little—little bro- . . . half-broken trail there, where we'd come up, you know, but I wouldn't trust that, I just held the line. When I hit a tree, I'd peel right around, tree and catch it again, go on to the next tree, and then catch it on down, about three miles down the mountain, and I got down there, and Meda was almost in hysterics, you know, just, such a fix. But that's it. See? There's nothing, no feeling, like being lost. What about lost, being lost in the woods, but what about being lost from God?

275 Well, Meda? Come on, Honey, Brother Welch has to go to work, and Banks and them will probably want a early start, and all these other brethren wanting to go to work, and our sisters have to—to get the kids all washed and . . . [A brother says, "We enjoyed it too good."—Ed.] Thank you. Thank you. If you enjoyed it half as much as I did, talking with you, it was wonderful.

276 Brother Welch, thanks for that nice time this afternoon, too, we had out there with the, taking me out to that, them gator swamps out there.

Sister, you all, I sure thank you for that nice supper.

[A brother says, "Thank you, for coming down and being with us, too."—Ed.] Oh, my!

277 You got a little girl in there, too? She's got the prettiest hair, I noticed she had plaited, kind of a real yellowish, gold-looking hair, that—that's really pretty.

278 I want to comment you on your hair too, Sister. I know it's better. I believe you used to wear short hair, didn't you? Kind of down to your shoulders, kind of bobbed or *somewhat*, or did you? [The sister responds—Ed.] Yes. I . . . Yes. I . . . Well, it really looks nice now, see.

279 I was noticing these, all these women here, with their long hair and everything, it looks like, oh, they could be as nice one way as the other, you know, whether they had short hair or not, but it just looks so, you know, you know what I mean. Just, maybe it's just me, but . . .

There's that little girl. She is a little bit bashful, is she?

Can I pack him, Honey? [Sister Meda speaks to Brother Branham—Ed.] Where's she at? Oh. No.

²⁸⁰ You hear her tell me? Did you get that? She said we had to wait for Becky to come, but said, "Don't mean you have to go over *there* and start preaching again."

²⁸¹ Hasn't that little girl got pretty hair too, Honey? She's a cookie with her little pony-tail hanging down there too, little strawberry blond and . . .

²⁸² You know, I'm going to get out and see if that ol', get that ol' Cadillac started if I can, Brother Welch. And I'll, you excuse me just a minute, and I'll see if I can, sometimes she coughs a little bit and barks, you know, and . . . ? . . . 

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