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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever

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L-1 Cloths and handkerchiefs, and ask all the ministers to come forth, and loved ones, that we can lay our hands on these cloths, ask God to help...

Heavenly Father, this church, with one accord, are coming to Thee, asking for these handkerchiefs to be anointed with the Holy Spirit, that when they go forward to be laid upon the sick and the afflicted, may each one be healed. As we pray with one accord asking for God's Divine mercy for the sick and the afflicted, according to the Scriptures and the riches of Jesus Christ and His grace. We ask it in His Name and for His glory. Amen.

Thank you, brother; thank you, brother. You may be seated. Thank you.

L-2 This has been a mighty short two weeks to me, and knowing that tomorrow it ends this meeting. I was just telling Brother Shore, how I appreciate his fine cooperation. And brother--all the brothers, and all the sisters, and all that's come in, the Foursquare, Church of God, Jesus' Name, church--Faith Tabernacle, and all of them, Assemblies, and everyone, we sure appreciate your cooperation.

And now tomorrow, there's visitors here, and I want you to find these churches where you--your own church of your own denomination and go there, church of your choice, wherever you wish to go... There'd be services at all of them tomorrow. And now, we're don't--we're--we just here, kindly, come in like this and to visit...

And, of course, we... If you have no church we'd be glad to have you tomorrow night. But if your church is having service tomorrow night, that's your duty; that's your post of duty at your church. We never want anyone to shirk their own church. We never want anybody to take money, if they would put in their own church to sponsor one of these meetings. No, sir. That... Your tithe and offerings goes into your own church.

L-3 If you feel to help in one of these meetings or something, after your own church is taken care of, that's fine. But we never want take one cent from any church; we are trying to help that church. We're trying to do all we can that you'll be a better member of that church. No matter what church it is, we want you to be a real loyal member and serve the Lord Jesus with all your heart.

Now... And then tomorrow night is the closing service and... Did you like last night's healing service? Was that...? You like that kind of... Well, how would like to have another one tomorrow night? Would that be fine? All right, then, I'll have them to give out prayer cards again tomorrow night about six o'clock, as usual, or whatever time they... What is it, about six or... [Brother Branham speaks to someone-Ed.] Six, oh, six o'clock. All right, six o'clock... And so, they'll be here to give out the prayer cards tomorrow night; and we'll pray for the sick again tomorrow night in a--in a prayer line. Anybody can have them; they're without--without cost; they don't cost you a penny. You just come; they're free. That's the reason I have my own son giving them out. That there'll be no--no charges on them, no respect. They just give them out. Anybody wants them, just take them. Sometimes when we're having a...

L-4 Then I ask him also, that when we're having lines when we have to just call up a few, I ask him to get up before the audience, and mix all those cards together, and then just give them. 'Cause no one... And he--and to make it double sure, no one knows where the prayer line's going to start in that meeting. I don't even know myself; that's the truth. I stand here, and where the Lord puts upon my heart to start from, that's where I start from.

I used to have a little child to come up and count, and wherever he'd stop, I'd start from there. That didn't work so good. You know, Mommy had Junior stop just exactly where her number was. So, we're still dealing with human beings. It was cute, but it wasn't just right for the people.

And so, then we go down to the first of the meeting. We'd get out all the prayer cards. That's when they had big meetings, and there were maybe hundreds of them give out. Well then, I... No need for anybody

coming after that first night if we was there two weeks, I'd never get through all them. About six or eight a night, ten... See, I'd never get through them, so that didn't work. People, if they wasn't there the first day had not a chance to get in the prayer line. This way, everybody comes. Everybody's got the same equal... And we try now to just go through the line, pray for the whole group and anybody that wants to be prayed for. And I think that's the best we can do. Explaining faith, that it's your faith that heals you.

L-5 Now, I want to read tonight if you are keeping track of the Scriptures, I want to read out of the book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, which that's what it is, the Revelation of Jesus Christ the 3rd chapter. The Lord bless His word, and we want to read of the condition of the church of this day, the Laodicean Church Age beginning with the 14th verse:

Unto the Angel of the church of Laodicea write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

I know thy works... thou art neither cold nor hot: I would that thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods... have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched... miserable... poor... blind, and naked:

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in... fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that thy shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcometh I will grant to set with me in my

"I'm the Lord, thy God, that heals all thy diseases. These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Pray in your own way.

Almighty God, Author of Life, Giver of every good gift, I stand as Your servant to claim for these people Your Gospel, that the devil is bluffing them. Jesus Christ has healed them. Come out, Satan. I rebuke thee in the Name of Jesus Christ. Leave the people that they can go and be made well.

L-62 There you are. The healing power of God's upon you. Do with it what it seems good to do. God's great healing power is with you now. It is yours to claim. Rejoice in the Lord. Raise to your feet. I don't care how crippled you are; raise up. Lean on the Lord Jesus Christ. You can have what you've asked for.

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He will do it? You believe that He will do it? Your mother's setting right down below you there a little ways. Maybe that'll make you understand what I'm talking about. You believe God can tell me what's wrong with your mother? She's got lung trouble. God bless you, real American.

L-59 There was a man setting right here, looked over at that Indian and had a great respect, setting down the line there. Got a child he's praying for. Child's had an operation on some kind of a nerve of the brain, a balance nerve or something. That's right, sir, from California. I believe a Mr. Works, or Weerts. Have faith, the child will be all right.

You believe? You with your hand up, you said you believe, do you? Just as you said that, something struck your heart. You had heart trouble; it's over. You don't live here. You come from north of here. You're from a city called Globe. I don't know you, but that's right. There's a little fellow setting back that's suffering from asthma, just about gone, arthritis also. His name's Jordan.

L-60 You believe on my Lord? When He knocks at your heart, do you believe He's here? Now, if you believe He's here, why don't you obey me as His servant? Put your hands over on one another if you're believers. See what the Scripture says?

Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover."

Now, you pray for the one you got your hands laying on. Don't pray for yourself.

And a little lady setting down here from Chicago that's been bothered so much and got the menopause, and the tubes bothering you, have faith now. You're going to be well. Don't be scared no more. Go home and rejoice, because you're going to get over it. There's the Light of God hanging over you. It's got to happen. Don't doubt; believe. [\[Mark 16:18\]](#)

L-61 Every one of you, the whole place is filled with the Holy Spirit right now. The Angel of the Lord, the sign that He gives, the knock is coming on your hearts' door [Brother Branham knocks on pulpit--Ed.].

throne, even as I also overcome, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit--Spirit saith unto the churches.

May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of the Word. [\[Revelation 3:14-22\]](#)

L-6 And now, don't forget, pray. We used to sing a little song at our church. I don't whether you sing it here or not. I couldn't sing; I always wanted to. But I--I thought I'd try it, but my nerve won't let me do it. I'll just say it, "Pray, pray, the only way to reach higher ground, Pray, pray, the prayer of faith will bring God's blessings down." That's right.

How many likes good singing? Oh, that's fine. I just love it. I heard this Brother Mushegan here this morning singing down there at the breakfast. And what a wonderful time we had. I just love singing and spiritual singing. I love good, old, Pentecostal singing, singing in the Spirit. I do dread to hear an over-trained voice, holding their breath till they turn blue in the face and don't know what... They're just singing to get--be heard. But I just like good, old fashion Pentecostal singing just where they clap their hands and have a good time. That's good singing. Always wanted to sing that song:

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found.

I was blind, but now I see.

L-7 I--I don't have a voice to sing. But someday when you all get over on the other side, and you're living in your big mansion up there somewhere, just glorifying God, and way down in the woods there's a little cabin, sets down there in the corner. And when you walk out on your front porch some morning; you look standing there on the cabin, you hear the voice come up through the woods singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, saved a wretch like me."

You say, "Praise God, old Brother Branham made it. There he is; he can sing it now." Finally made it, got over on the other side... And if--only way I'll ever get there is by the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. I

love Him, trust Him, but it'll take His grace to get me over on the other side. Therefore, I'm not trusting in any ability; I have none. I'm trusting in what He did for me.

He is my Mediator. He's my Propitiation for my sins. He's the Water of separation. He's the Alpha, Omega. He's my Life, my Birth, my Father, my Mother, my Sister, my Brother, my Lord, my King, my Saviour, my Healer; He's just all in all to me. I love my brethren; I love my sisters, but oh, that "phileo" love would never take the place of that "Agapao" love of the Holy Spirit. I love my wife, my children just as much as any husband or father could, but it'll never touch that sacred spot of that love of God, how rich and pure, how fathomless and strong; it shall forever more endure saints' and angels' song. Oh, I love that. I better stop now.

L-8 In the 20th verse of this certain chapter of Revelations here, 3rd chapter and the 20th verse, I want to read a text, if I should call it that, speak for a little while, and then see what our heavenly Father will have us to do; I don't know.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and sup with him, and he with me. [Revelation 3:20]

Say, "Brother Branham, that's a very small text for a crowd this size." But you know, it isn't the size of the text; it's the contents it holds. There's enough in there to open the eyes of every sinner in the world. There's enough in there to save the entire world. You know, things today, we're looking at big things, but we leave off the little things.

L-9 Here sometime ago (I don't whether I've ever told you about it or not, it was in a certain city.), a little boy was up in the attic looking around. And he--he found in an old trunk a little postage stamp, just about one-half inch square. Well, he knowed where there was a stamp collector down the street, so he run down the street, thought maybe the stamp collector would give him five cents for the postage stamp to go in his album, and it would--he would get him a cone of ice cream. And he ran down the street real quick to the stamp collector, and he

lady on this side of her looking at me has heart trouble. She has nervous trouble. If you believe with all your heart, both of you lay your hands on one another there and believe with all your heart. Right there, that's right; uh-huh. All right, God answered prayer. You're both healed now. You can go home and be well.

Isn't He wonderful? Now what did they touch? I don't know those women. If that's right, raise up your hands, ladies, if I don't know you. That's right, all right. But God knows them.

L-57 Now wait. There's someone behind me praying. It's a man. He has kidney trouble. He... and a lot of complications... He's wearing a brace. Mr. Balrich, do you believe with all your heart? I don't know you, do I, sir? You don't know me. Was what was said is truth, if that's right, raise up your hand. All right, you're healed now. Your faith makes you well.

Now you believe? Have faith.

There's a lady setting right out here looking towards me, praying. That Light's over her. The Light that led the children of Israel, the Pillar of Fire that was made manifest in flesh, said, "I come from God and went--go to God."

After His death, burial, and resurrection, Saul of Tarsus, on his road down to Damascus, was stricken down by a light that put his eyes out. For a season he was blind. That same Light was Jesus Christ, which is the Light of the world.

"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me?" [\[Acts 9:4\]](#), [\[Acts 22:7\]](#), [\[Acts 26:14\]](#)

L-58 The woman is not praying for herself, but she's praying for a man. He's got heart trouble and unsaved. He lives in this city, but the woman is from another city, from Tucson. You believe with all your heart that he will be healed? If you do, raise up your hand. I don't know you, do I, lady? Never seen you in my life. That's what you was praying. Is that your prayer? If it is, wave your hand like this.

Does thou believe with all your heart? Have faith in God.

That Indian boy setting out there on the end, God be with you, my brother. I don't know you, but I certainly have a respect for you. You want God to heal two sick children. That is true, isn't it? You believe

in light. Neither can death stay where there is life. Something takes place, based on what? Your faith.

L-55 I'll turn my back that you might know that the Word of Jesus... When that Angel come down there in Sodom and went to the... Now remember, can you see it today? The intellectual group doesn't receive it. It isn't even sent to them. Where's it at: The called out group, the elected group.

That's where it was Abraham's group, called out, separated. There was believers, Lot and his group down there. There was unbelievers. And two ministers, Angel ministers went down there with Spirit of God in them and preached to them, called them out, "Get out of it." But they wouldn't listen; just a few come out.

Same way it is now. But the Angel had stayed back to talk to Abraham, the elect. Watch what kind of sign He gave.

Said, "Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?" How'd He know she had--he had a wife? And How'd He know her name was Sarah?

Said, "She's in the tent behind You."

He said, "I'm going to visit you, Abraham." A man eating calf's flesh, corn bread, drinking milk, said, "According to time of life, and you're going to have that child that I promised you twenty-five years ago."

And Sarah, being nearly a hundred, ninety, and Abraham a hundred, she laughed within herself...?... [Brother Branham laughs--Ed.]

He said, "Why did Sarah laugh?"

Jesus said, "That will return again. That'll be the Holy Spirit that was in a Man..." "That same Holy Spirit will return back in the flesh of My Church at the end time and show the very same sign. As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man."

Look at the group it come to. Look at the group that received it. What would they have said in Sodom of something like that. See? God knows where to send it. [*Genesis 18:9-10*], [*Matthew 24:37*]

L-56 Pray now. May the Lord of heaven help them. Just around the building, you just pray. Open your heart. Be real quiet; set still; be reverent.

I see a woman, real nervous, that's praying. I can't place where she's at. Just a minute till I find her. Yes, she's setting right down here. The

said, "Look at this stamp, I have just found." And called him by his given name, said, "How much will you give me for it?"

And the stamp collector looked at it through his glass. It was old and turned yellow. He said, "Oh, I--I'll give you a dollar for it."

L-10 Oh, the bargain was made right quick, and the business was on. That was about twenty cones of ice cream. Oh, he sold the stamp right quick. I may have the over or under estimation, but I believe that stamp was sold about two weeks later for around five hundred dollars. And then later on, it was sold for a enormous amount, and has went on and on, till I just don't know how much that stamp's worth. It's one of the most valuable stamps there is in the collector's album. What made it so valuable? It wasn't because of the size of it. It wasn't because of the paper that it was written on, because it'd already turned yellow. But it's what was on it that counted.

That's the way it is with this text tonight or any Scripture. It isn't the size of it, or the paper it's written on; it's what it is written on it. It is the Word of the living God which is just as eternal as the Author of the Writing. Great, and every promise is true. It's unusual too, because it draws a picture of someone knocking at the door.

L-11 I just not able at this time to call the name of the artist that wrote that famous picture or drew it, rather, painted it. That he stood and painted a picture of Jesus coming and knocking at the door... I think he was a Greek artist. Wasn't Angelo, I don't think. But I'm not sure just what his name was. But all famous pictures, before they can become famous, they have to go through the hall of critics.

I've often thought that about the church. Before God can ever take His Church in the rapture, it has to go through the hall of critics, the world, to criticize it, make fun of it, call it...?... names.

But then, when it's finally passed through that hall of critics, then the picture or painting can be hung in the hall of fame. That's what God will do with His Church. He will let it go through the criticism and persecution of the world, but someday He will take it up in the air and put it in the hall of fame, seat it at His right side.

L-12 This great artist, it'd taken him a lifetime to paint the picture.

When finally he thought all of it was ready for the hall of critics... And after while a certain critic came up, and they're educated to criticize, great famous critics...

And he said, "Your picture is an outstanding picture. We can see the Jesus coming at night in the darkness of human life with His lantern in the hand. See the lovely little home that He comes to and the vines around the door and so forth. See Him with the expression on His face, knocking, listening, trying to hear if there would be an answer from the inside."

The critic said, "There is nothing to criticize, that you have done a masterpiece. But there is just one thing that you have failed to do."

And the artist said, "Sir, what is that thing I have failed to do?"

He said, "You failed to put a latch on the door." Said, "There's no latch on it."

"Oh," said the artist, "I painted it that way."

Well, he said, "How could He ever get in if there wasn't a latch?"

He said, "The latch is on the inside. The man that's on the inside has to open."

"I stand and knock at the door and if any man will open..." God doesn't pull your heart open; He just knocks and you have to open it up. "I stand and knock and if any man will hear My voice and open, I'll come in and sup with him, and he with Me." Now, "supping" in the Old Testament, or in oriental days of the Lord's visit to the earth, was: communing." I will come in and will have communion with him, set down and talk things over. Don't you want Him to do that with you? [\[Revelation 3:20\]](#)

L-13 Here in Phoenix a few years ago there was a man and woman sang that... And I've got it on a little rubber record, "I'd Like to Talk it Over with Him." Got to preach at that church tomorrow where they come from, and I hope they're there; I'd like to hear it again.

I'd like to say, "Jesus, You loved me when my path got so dim." Greatest time of my life is when I could set down, and my path got dim, and I did not know which way to turn, east, west, north, or south, and just talk it over with Him. And the first thing you know, I was on the other side of the thing. Talk it over with Him.

right, sure. Believers that was ordained to Eternal Life believed it. There was many there who professed believers that was not ordained to Eternal Life. Isn't it a sad thing to see that people, human beings, will set, and look, and yet can't see it?

Jesus said, "Well did Isaiah speak of you?" Have eyes that can't see, ears that can't hear." See? Yet looking right at it... Oh, they just couldn't understand it, because they wasn't ordained to Eternal Life.

Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him. My sheep know My voice." [\[Matthew 13:14-15\]](#), [\[John 6:44\]](#)

L-53 Oh, aren't you glad you're sheep tonight? Aren't you glad you can see His Word made manifest, see the coming of the Lord Jesus? All right, you pray now. May the Holy Spirit help me. This will not heal you, but it will let you know... Looky how... Not over in some dark corner... Right out here where you're looking like our Lord was...

Perfect strangers, don't know them. No more than Jesus knew Peter when he come, with or the rest, or whatever it was. He knew him. And right at last, it was hid from them for a long time. Then they said finally, "Oh, now, now we believe. Now we know that God shows You all things."

'Cause He said, "I can do nothing until I see the Father doing it." He's the same yesterday, today... Only it isn't His flesh. His blood sanctifies your flesh and my flesh, that His spirit might come in and continue the work until the consummation. That's right. Pray, believe. [\[John 5:19\]](#)

L-54 Just that you might know; I'm going to turn my back to the audience. Now remember, when I do this, don't let me get letters saying, "Brother Branham, you called yourself that Angel."

That's wrong. I'm a sinner saved by the grace of Christ. No matter what I did, no matter how much God anointed me, if you wasn't anointed also, it wouldn't work. It's your faith that does it. This is just a gift, just to pull a lever back far enough to let William Branham step off of the scene so Jesus Christ can work. Now you pull your lever back far enough that you can get off the scene and Jesus Christ can work.

And I'm telling you, when them's--the Spirit of Life begins to battle with the spirit of death, something takes place. Darkness cannot stay

would You say such a thing?"

He said, "But I got weak. Virtue went from Me. Somebody touched Me." And He looked around till He found her, told her her blood issue had stopped; her faith had saved her. And she was healed.

If He's the same Jesus and you can touch Him by faith; there's no garment here for you to touch. But there is a God that you can touch with your faith, with your finger of faith. The finger of God that's in you; let it touch. Then He will work to His branches. He's the vine. He has no lips but ours, no eyes but ours to operate here on earth. His Holy Spirit is here to energize His branches to do the same work. [\[Luke 8:45-46\]](#)

L-51 If a fellow took a watermelon off of a vine, and the next man went back and got a pumpkin, it wasn't from the same vine. If it did, it was artificially grafted in. But if that vine ever puts forth another vine, it'll have a watermelon.

So if the first vine that come out of branch, had a Pentecostal church that done the same signs that Jesus did, the next branch will do the same thing. We've grafted trees, sure, put grapefruit on a orange tree; I think it'll bear. Yes, but it ain't original fruit. That tree never put forth it; it was drafted. We got too many drafts in today. I want the same Spirit was upon Him.

L-52 I preached to you about Abraham and the confirmation of the covenant. When he tore that covenant apart, it was dovetailed the same way. The same... When God made His covenant with man at Calvary, He tore the part of His own Son. He took His body up, and lifted it up out of the grave, and set it on His right hand, sent the Spirit that was in that body back to the Church. That Church will have to have the same kind of a Spirit in its body that that body had, or the covenant is not right.

Oh, what assurance, blessed assurance. Pray now. If the Holy Spirit will come and at least take two or three people here tonight... We took up our prayer cards last night. And if He will come tonight and do just like He did when He was here on earth...

How many knows that the way that He confirmed His ministry of being Messiah, was knowing the secret of their heart? That's exactly

L-14 When a man knocks at a door [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times--Ed.] he's trying to gain entrance. He's trying to get in. He wants to talk with you. That's why he's knocking. Now, it's not an unusual thing for someone to knock on someone's door. We've had it through the ages. Great men has knocked at doors.

For instance, what--if we would say tonight... What in the days of Caesar, the great emperor of Rome... If he went down to a peasant's house and knocked at the door [Brother Branham knocks on pulpit three times--Ed.] and the peasant rushed to the door, opened up the door, and there stood the great, mighty emperor of Rome knocking at his door... Well, that poor little fellow would've almost have a heart attack. "Think at the great and mighty Caesar stands at my door," what an honor it would be for the emperor of Rome to knock at a peasant's house.

Why, he would, trembling, fall on his knees, and he'd say, "Sir, if there is anything that's in my reach, that I could do for you, great emperor, I'll do anything that you require me to do. And if it is possible, honor my humble, little home by sticking your feet into the door. It will be an honor that my home sheltered the emperor of this great nation." And it would be an honor.

L-15 Or in the Germany... The late dictator, Adolf Hitler, in the days of his greatness in Germany... If he'd have went to a German soldier's door and knocked at the door, and the little soldier would've run to the door, not knowing who it was knocking, and pulled the door open... And why if he'd seen the great Adolf Hitler, the Fuehrer of Germany, standing there, that little soldier would've come to attention, give him the German salute with his lips trembling and tears running down his cheeks.

He'd have said, "Great Fuehrer of Germany, you have honored my home. Come in. You make me feel so good to know that you would come to my door. It's an honor that every man cannot have. For you, the great Hitler, to knock at my door and to come here to honor me with your presence..."

L-16 Or if President Dwight Eisenhower, our most beloved president...

If he would come here to Phoenix tomorrow, and would come to the house of the best Democrat there is in Phoenix, it would be an honor to you. Though you would differ with him in politics, yet he's a great man; he's the president of our United States. He's an honorable man. One of the highest, honorable men there is in this nation is our beloved president, Mr. Eisenhower.

Just recently the queen of England made a trip over here. What if she would've come to Phoenix, and went down to your house, and knocked at the door, and you'd have opened the door and there stood the queen of England at your door? Though she has no rule over you; you're not in her domain. But yet, you would've been honored to have the greatest queen on the earth standing at your door to pay you a visit.

You would've said, "Queen, come into my house. And if there is anything here that you are seeking, oh, it would be a privilege for me to give it to you." Sure, she's a great woman. One of the greatest queens on the earth today is the queen of England. If she'd have asked you for some little something that you cherished with all your heart, you'd have still give it to her. It'd have been an honor for you to do it. No matter what you valued it at, you gave it to the greatest queen in the earth.

L-17 See, it depends on the importance of the person at your door. I want to ask you something. Who is more important to knock at your door than Jesus Christ? Where is there a greater person that can knock at your door than Him? And He's knocked at more doors than all the kings there ever was in the world or ever will be, and's turned away more than any ever was ever turned away. "I stand at the door and knock..." [Brother Branham knocks three times--Ed.]. The God of glory...

Now, perhaps, if Mr. Eisenhower would knock at your door, he probably would want you to vote for him. Or he might have something else to take from you, some favor for you to do for him. The queen might understand that you have a certain relic that you value, and--and she'd like that, wants to take something from you.

L-18 But it isn't so with Jesus. When He knocks, He wants to give you

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. [Psalms 24:7, 9], [Matthew 6:9-13]

L-48 The goodness of the Lord is with us. Oh, I would rather be here in a meeting like this, with the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, setting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Oh, a fellowship of joy divine, there's nothing like it under the heaven.

Jesus said, "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst. The works that I do, shall they do also, more than this, because I go to My Father. A little while, and the world seeth Me no more, yet ye shall see Me. For I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world."

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." [Matthew 18:20], [John 14:12, 19], [Hebrews 13:8]

L-49 Is there any sick in the building? Raise your hands that wants to be remembered in prayer. It's just everywhere. How many sick people in here, that knows that I don't know you? Raise your hand. How many knows that God knows you? Raise your hand.

If Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will honor the Gospel that I preach. If He isn't God, if He's dead, He remains dead, He's in the grave like the Mohammedans say. "Let us see Him do the same thing that He did when He was here on earth and promised He'd do, we'd believe He raised from the dead. But your teaching is no more than ours. And we can produce just as much psychology as you can."

L-50 Oh, they don't realize that our loving Jesus lives. Every promise that He made is true. Everything that He did... He's the High Priest of our confession. He's the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. If you're sick, touch Him. He will act just the same way He did when He was here on earth.

The woman touched His garment, went, and set down, or wherever she went in the crowd.

He turned and said, "Who touched Me?"

And Peter said, "Well, they all touched You," rebuked Him. "Why

first loved us. And so loved us when we were sinners that You gave Your only begotten Son, that whosoever shall believe on Him would have Eternal Life. This that we know, we passed through death unto Life, when we have fellowship one with another and love one another and the Blood of Jesus, Thy Son, cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Father, let the Holy Spirit, wave after wave, sweep over our souls and cleanse us from the things of the world. Come into our hearts tonight, Lord, and not only to be Saviour, but be Lord. Take our intellectuals and cast them from us, Lord, if they're contrary to Your Word. Let us see only Jesus and Him crucified. Let us walk not according to our guidance of our minds, but by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Grant it, Father.

L-46 Sanctify this group of people tonight who's been setting present. May they never forget the doors inside of their hearts. And now, may the Holy Spirit come and reveal Himself to us. God, if we found grace in Your sight, let Him come now and prove that You are here with us in this last day. You are the door to the sheepfold; You are the coming King; You are the Lord of glory, the God of Abraham, the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley, the Morning Star, the Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End, He that was, and which is, and shall come, the Root and Offspring of David. Oh, God, You are Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. You're the Saviour, the Healer; You're all, Lord.

L-47 We love You, and we cherish You, and we throw all of our heart open, Lord. Let the King of glory come in. "Lift up the everlasting gates, and be ye lifted up, and let the King of glory come in," taking full possession as Saviour, as Lord, as King, as Director, as Governor, as Giver of Peace, as Director of our paths. Grant it, Lord. We ask it in Name of Him that taught us all to pray like this:

**Our Father Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done on earth, as it is
in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us of our trespasses, as we forgive those that
trespass against us.**

something. The best thing that could be given; that's Eternal Life. That's the reason of His knocking [Brother Branham knocks three times--Ed.]. Why would anyone turn Him away?

"I stand and knock, and if any man will open, I'll come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." He wants to heal you, wants to forgive your sins. He wants to do something good for you, and yet people turn Him away more than they would President Eisenhower. Now, I want to say something like this, if President Eisenhower would humble himself, or the queen of England, and would come to your house and knock at your door [Brother Branham knocks two times--Ed.], you would brag about it to everybody. You'd want everybody to know that the president come to your house. And yet Jesus can knock at the door, and we're ashamed to tell anybody about it, ashamed of the Lord Jesus when He knocks and trying to give you something. [\[Revelation 3:20\]](#)

L-19 Take the nation's attitude, take Phoenix's attitude. If President Eisenhower, or Mr. Nixon, our lovely Vice President, would come to Phoenix and go visit your house and knock at your door, it would be on international news. And he would get praises for humbling himself. All the poor people in your neighborhood and around the country would appreciate knowing that that great man humbled himself to come to your door or my door.

And yet, Jesus knocks night after night even to bootleggers, prostitutes, harlots, and He's cast away as some fanatic. What's the judgment going to be?

Oh, you might say to me, "Just a minute, preacher. I've already accepted Jesus into my heart."

Maybe that's just what you done. Accepted Him into your heart, but did you know when He gets into your heart, how welcome is He after He gets in?

L-20 If I come to your house, and you--I knocked at your door and you give me the right hand of fellowship and told me to come in, and then said, "You stand right there. Don't you go to meddling around in my house."

Well, that's about the way some people accept Jesus. You know, there

is more than one door to the heart. There's doors, little compartments, in the heart. That's where you live at, in these little compartments. And then when--what if we'd look over some of them compartments and see what they are?

Now, think of it, what if you come to my house, and that you knocked at the door, and I'd come open the door; I'd say, "Come in." And you come in, and I'd say, "Now, looky here, I don't want meddling around in my house. You stand right there and tell me what you want, but don't go to fooling around in my house." You wouldn't feel very welcome. I wouldn't feel welcome at your house.

If you welcome me in, I expect you to say, "Come in, Brother Branham. So glad to have you. The house is yours, take over, do what you want to. Oh, I'd just do that. Come in, take off my shoes, and lay across the bed, go out to the refrigerator and get me a great big sandwich and lay there and eat. I'd feel at home.

L-21 That's the way Jesus wants to do in your heart. He wants to feel at home. But we got Him closed off to a lot of things.

"Now, Jesus, I'll tell You why I'll let You in my door. I don't want to go to hell. I want to be saved at the end of the life. You can come in the door, but now, don't You go to meddling around."

When you get in the human heart, let's think this; that over on the right hand side there's a little closet, a little door. That's a hard one, that most people don't want anyone meddling with, and that's called, over that door, "The door of my private life."

"Now, Jesus, I'll let You in. But don't You go to meddling with my private life. If I have to stop my card party, if I have to give up the--the pool room bunch that I run with, if I have to be called old fashion, because I don't smoke cigarettes with the rest of the women, if I have to burn up my shorts and can't wear them like the rest of the women, You stay right there, don't meddle with me." That's the way lots of Christians accept Jesus. He wouldn't be welcome in your heart.

"Don't You interrupt any of my... I drink a little sociable beer. And I don't want You to bother with that, only I--I'll let You in because I don't want to go to hell."

L-22 Now, is that the way you accepted Jesus? Jesus don't want to

Let us sing it now. All right, Brother Creechy, all right.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day.

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sin away.

Wash all my sin away,

Wash all my sins away;

And there may I, though vile as he,

Wash all my sin away.

L-44 Oh, don't you love that good, old fashion sweetness of the Holy... Oh, my. Oh, I just love that. Let's sing, "Peace, peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above." Do you know it?

Peace! peace! wonderful peace,

Coming down from the Father above;

Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,

In fathomless billows of love.

[Brother Branham begins to hum--Ed.]

Wonderful peace,

Coming down from the Father above;

Sweep over my spirit forever, I pray,

In fathomless billows of love.

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Because He first loved me.

Let's pledge our loyalty with our hands up.

I'll never forsake Him,

I'll never forsake Him,

I'll never forsake Him,

Because He first loved me.

L-45 Oh, Lord, great Jehovah, how we love You tonight, because You

Me, I will in no wise cast out. I'll raise Him up at the last day, give Him Eternal Life." And again, it is written, "He that heareth My Words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath (present tense) Eternal Life, shall not come to the judgment, but is passed from death unto Life." Grant it, Lord. I commit them into Thy hands now.

Bless those who are sick and afflicted. May these who raised their hands tomorrow morning, like old Gabe down in Louisiana, found his way to the church, there baptized into Christian faith, confessed Jesus as his Saviour, took his place at the front, and there remained. May they do likewise, Lord. If I not get to shake their hands in this life, may in that life that is to come, may I fellowship with them through all ages, throughout eternity.

Bless those who are needy here tonight, Father. If there be some left from last evening that didn't get healed, we pray that You'll heal them tonight. Speak mercy, for--merciful to them that they might know that it's Your Spirit knocking at their door. May they invite You in tonight, Lord. For we ask it in Jesus' Name, Thy Son. Amen. [\[John 6:37-39\]](#), [\[John 5:24\]](#)

*There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath the flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*

Oh, don't you love Him? Isn't He wonderful, so good, so full of mercy and goodness? How great Thou art. How good He is. Let us all just in the spirit of worship now, sing this--this verse,

*The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day.
There may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

come in like that. When He's knocking at your heart [Brother Branham knocks two times--Ed.], when He comes in He wants to be your Lord. "Lord" is "rulership." He comes into your heart, knowing that He made that heart for Himself. All the rest of the body you can have, but the heart is the control tower; and He wants to come to this heart, so He can lead you, be a Lord. You want Him as your Saviour but not your Lord.

So many people say, "Oh, I want Him as my Saviour; I've accepted Him as my Saviour."

That's good, but have you accepted Him as your Lord, to be ruler over you, to rule you, to guide you, to walk into that door of your private life and clean the closet out? Take His own Blood and paint it on the walls...

L-23 Then right next to that is another little door called pride. Oh, that's a terrible one. Everybody wants a little pride. If you can't let Jesus in and take over pride, then Jesus won't stay. He will get right out. If you think that you're better than the Joneses, you drive a better car, or eat a better meal, wear better clothes than the Joneses, then you're stuck up. Then Jesus will leave that heart at the same door He come in at.

Oh, this day of fantastic, fancy put-on... I'm glad for a people who has and a way that a surrendered heart, that Jesus can come in and be Lord, and God, and Saviour, and Controller. When you get Jesus into your heart, all the pride will go out.

I'll tell you what it will do for you. A good, old fashion baptism of the Holy Spirit will make a pair of overalls and a tuxedo suit put their arms around one another and call each other another brother. It'll make a calico dress and a silk one hug one another and say, "Sister." That's what Jesus does when He's Lord. But He's just Saviour, well, that's not enough. If He's a Saviour, He must be Lord also to guide you to His salvation, if He's a Saviour.

L-24 There is another little door just around the corner. It's the door of faith. Oh, there's many of them. Let's talk of faith just a moment.

"Now, I'll let you in, Jesus, but I've got my own faith."

Well, He can't do much for you. If you've got your own faith, I don't

want no faith. I want His faith. My faith is no good. The faith of God is what we need: God's faith in us. My faith is no good; your faith is no good; it takes Christ to come in and stand in that door of faith and be Lord, Lord over your faith.

When you read in the Bible, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever," your faith will say, "That's impossible."

But His faith will say, "Amen, I am."

If the critic says the days of miracles is past, the faith of God will say, "He doesn't know what he's talking about."

If the critic says Jesus doesn't heal, the Holy Spirit standing in the door of your faith will say, "I'm the Lord that healeth all of thy diseases."

If just makes such a difference to let Him at that door of faith. You know, the Scripture we was reading awhile ago said that you are naked, and you are miserable; you are poor, wretched and blind, and don't know it. That's the condition that the church will come to, naked... [[Hebrews 13:8](#)]

L-25 Would you imagine a man on the street naked and doesn't know it? If the man knows it, he will help himself. Or the woman on the street, or someone who doesn't have on clothing... And if they know that they're that way, they'll try to help themselves; but the pitiful case, they're so mentally gone they don't know it.

And today, people walking on the streets of these cities are naked before God and don't know it. That's the pitiful part. They're trying to cover up with some church creed, like Eve did in the garden of Eden, man-made, fig leaves. God requires the shed Blood covered. "Counsel of Me that you get white raiment to cover your nakedness."

And He said also, "Thou art blind, spiritually speaking, blind, and I counsel of thee to buy some eyesalve from Me."

You know, God's got a healing for everything: sin-sick souls, bodies, backsliders. Whatever you are, God's got the remedy in His big medicine cabinet. [[Revelation 3:18](#)]

L-26 You know when I was a little boy, we lived down in, way down in east--southeast Kentucky in the Cumberland mountains. And my people, we lived in a little old log cabin, had two rooms. And it was a

to--I want to talk with You just a little bit in the next few minutes. Brother Branham, include me in your prayer."

God will hear your prayer. Balcony to the left, someone raise your hand and say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham."

The balcony in front, God bless you, lady. God bless you. Beneath there, on the floor, God bless you to my right. That's good. Oh, I see your hands all back in there, all back to the right, God bless you. God bless every one of you.

L-42 The center rows through here, raise up your hand; say, "Be merciful to me, Lord. I--I want to talk it over before I leave here. You're knocking at my heart. I--I feel like I ought to talked it over with You. I've got some things I'd like to settle." Raise your hands, the middle aisle? The aisles to the left, would you raise your hands? God bless you, sister. God bless you, you, and you, and you. God bless you. That's good. God be merciful.

Thou art God of all generations. And You've said that in this day of the Laodicean Church, that You would stand at the door and knock. And if any man would hear the knock and would open the door, You'd come in and sup with them.

And now there's been a great host here, and maybe thirty or more tonight has raised their hands, knowing that You are here knocking at their door. Now, Lord, You promised You would come in. I believe You; they believe You. So, speak peace to their hearts, Lord. And I offer this prayer in their behalf. That there will not be one of them lost; may they all be saved by Your amazing grace. May Jesus enter into their hearts tonight, take the reins and all the doors be open, that He might be both Saviour and Lord, that He could guide them through life's smoky pitfalls and lead them unto the fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins. Where sinners plunged beneath the flood lose all their guilty stains.

L-43 And from there unto the great home of the living God where the soul never dies, where there's no sickness, sorrow, or old age... No death there cannot enter that blessed, holy place. Lord, let their soul take it's eternal rest from this hour on upon that great promise. "All that the Father has given Me will come to Me. And he that comes to

do and, as far as I know, he's still a charter member of that Pentecostal body of believers down there. Because he looked out and seen the goodness of God, and something knocked at his heart, and said, "Gabe, I give you them things. You couldn't hit nothing; I give them to you."

I want you to ask tonight, "Who give you your automobile? Who give you that good meal you eat tonight? Who give these nice clothes you're wearing?" How can you turn Him down, when the sun of civilization is setting, the sun of time is setting. Jesus is coming and He's knocking night after night at heart's doors. Won't you open tonight, my poor, dejected friend, and let Him come into you and sup with you, and you with Him? Won't you think about that now while we bow our heads just a moment?

L-40 I ask that you'll be very reverent now. The Holy Spirit might find It's place in hearts. How good is He to you? Look laying here in the hospital. Look at that close call awhile ago in that car. Think of the time when you said to that little one, or that mother, "I'll meet you across the sea, yonder, mama, daddy, husband, wife, brother, child."

And yet He's blessed you, and you're able to be here tonight. That comes from God. While you have your heads bowed, I wonder if someone here tonight in this visible audience would like to say to Jesus, "Lord, you've been so good to me. I want You to come into my heart right tonight. Don't let day break in the morning without You coming to my heart. I want to talk it over with You. I know we're at the end time. Our science says we are. Our nation knows we are. The navy knows we are. The army knows we are. And above all that, the Bible says we are. And the Holy Ghost, with His signs through the church confirm that we are. You've been so good to me, Lord. I'd like to talk it over with You before I cross over."

L-41 Would you like to raise your hand to Him for a little communion before we close in prayer? Just raise up your hands; say, "God, be merciful to me. I want to talk it over with You." The Lord bless you. The Lord bless you, lady. The Lord bless you. Up in the balconies, to the right, the Lord bless you there, sir.

Someone else? "I'd like to talk it over. You're knocking, Lord. I want

pitiful looking thing. They didn't have any floor in it, but the dirt. And Dad had cut off the top of a stump, about that thick, put three legs under for a table. And it got an old piece off of the barn and made a--a little bench that these little Branhams could set on there and eat their dinner.

And for, there was one bed, and that was papa's and mama's; set over at the left of the house when you come in from the kitchen. And us kids had to go up a ladder, a homemade ladder, two saplings with some sticks across it. We went up in the loft and there was an old, straw mattress. I don't whether you've ever seen one or not, an old feather bed? And they had clapboard shingles on it, and--and this--they was put on in the light of the moon, and they'd turned up. And the old chinking out of the logs... Mom would have to put a piece of canvas over us kiddies at night, for the snow blowing in would give us colds.

L-27 And sometimes like little boys (there was nine of us), how we'd wiggle out from under the cover. And there would... Of a morning our eyes would be all closed from cold. Mama said it was matter in them. I don't know what it is, but she called it matter. They'd stick together, get cold in your eyes.

Grandpa was a hunter, trapped and hunted all of his life. Grandmother was an Indian, Cherokee Indian. And we had a cure-all at our house, that was coon grease, raccoons. Grandpa would catch them, then he'd render the fat out, put it in a can. And it was good for croup, or sore throat, a or--or a bruised toe, anything. It was almost a cure-all at our house.

So when mama would come to the steps, and I was the oldest, she'd say, "William, come on down."

I'd turn over to my brother, Edward, which is gone on now. I called him Humpy. And I said, "Wake up Humpy, mama's calling."

He said, "I can't get my eyes open."

I said, "I can't either."

L-28 And all the little boys couldn't get their eyes open nearly because there'd been a draft across there. We'd gotten from under the cover, the protection, and it give us a cold, and we had matter in our eyes.

Mama said, "That's all right, honey, I'll be up just in a few minutes."
 And she'd get the coon grease and set it on the--the stove and get it all hot. And we eat the raccoons ourself. So then, she'd get this coon grease hot, and come up, and massage our eyes with it, till all the matter went out. Believe it or not, she fixed us up with it. We got all right.

L-29 That might help open up the eyes here natural. But we've had a cold spell too. Many Christians has got from under the cover, under the protection of the Lord Jesus. There's been a draft across the country saying that the days of miracles has passed, and healing services, and all this Holy Ghost stuff; there's nothing to it. You might've got caught in the draft, got your eyes all closed up to the things of God.

When the Angel of God comes here in the last day to reflect the light of the coming of Jesus, you might not be able to see it. I wouldn't prescribe coon grease, but I know there is some eyesalve that God has. It's called the Holy Spirit. God's anointed oil from God's throne, that will open your eyes, and you will be able to see that Jesus Christ is just the same today as He was yesterday, and will be forever. God's Holy Spirit today moving in from great healing services, coming down to the positive: Jesus coming among the people and performing and doing the same signs of the nearing of the end of this age, like He did to the Jews when He told Philip He was under the tree--or Nathanael was under the tree when Philip found him.

And he said, "Rabbi, how did you know me?" when He told him he was a honest man, an Israelite, no guile.

When Jesus told him where he was, he fell at His feet and said, "Rabbi, You're the Son of God. You're the King of Israel," because he had opened his heart to the Spirit of God knocking, that had been prophesied by Moses, their leader, saying, "The Lord, your God, shall raise up a Prophet likened unto me. And it shall come to pass that ever who will not this Prophet shall be cut off." And practically the whole nation was cut off. [[John 1:48-49](#)], [[Deuteronomy 18:15](#)]

L-30 God knocked. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit--Ed.] The church looked and said, "You know, that man's a fortuneteller,

birds, and rabbits, till he could hardly get them... He even had them over his gun barrel. Coming in, all that he could wag in...

L-38 And they were coming around a little certain path. And old Gabe kept noticing back towards the west, and the sun was going down. He's getting up in the years, his fifties. And he kept watching that sun. The pastor faithfully making his way along the path, both of them with so much game. After while, the pastor felt a hand on his shoulder touching him. Said, "Pastor?"

And he turned around. And Gabe was looking at him, the tears running down his cheeks. He turned again and looked towards the sun. He turned back and said, "Pastor, in the morning, being Sunday morning, I's coming down to the church with my loving wife. I's goin' to go up to the mourner's bench and make my confession. Then I'm going to find me a seat just as close to the front as I can find. There I remain until Jesus comes to get me. I'll live true to God from this day on."

The pastor turned and put his arms around his brother. Said, "Gabe, bless your heart, boy."

Said, "See that sun setting yonder, pastor? My sun's going down too. And something knocked at my heart just a few moments ago."

He said, "What sermon did I preach, Gabe? What message did I preach that you heard, that caused you to turn? Or what hymn did the singers sing that caused you to turn and give your life to the Lord Jesus?"

He said, "Pastor, I've heard you preach a mighty, good sermon many times. I've heard the choirs sing till they looked like they had the anthems of the Angels." He said, "It was all so good." He said, "But that's not what done it, pastor, altogether." Said, "I was coming along here thinking how good He is to me, just how good." He said, "You know, pastor, I--I'm a poor shot." He said, "I couldn't hit nothing. And we was needing food at our house. And just look at all this game that He's give me. Surely He must love me, or He wouldn't do it for me." He said, "I turned around to say, 'Thank you.' And something knocked at my heart and said, 'The sun of your life is going down.'"

L-39 He's good to us. Gabe done just what he told the pastor he would

getting the tourists all come in to see this great string of bass that the Lord had given us...

And his brother come up and we told the story. And his sinner brother said, "Wait a minute, Welch." Said, "It's all right to be religious, but not crazy." He said, "You know, I laid three months in a hospital and two months after that with a cast on my leg with that, one of them rattler bites." Said, "You get to medical aid just as quick as you can." He said, "Looky here, brother. You might know a lot of things. But you don't know all things. If my God could deliver me from eleven o'clock this morning to eleven o'clock at night, He can take care of me the rest of the time."

L-36 What was it? Knocking on His door in a time of emergency. We shouldn't wait till that time of the emergency. Someday death's going to come up to your door, and it's going to knock. Oh, my, you're going to long for that knock then.

I've seen people who laughed at the Holy Spirit. I've held them when they died. Don't laugh at Christ. Respect Him; honor Him. Get away from all your own theologies and senses. Just let the Holy Spirit... You was given five senses. But them five senses, your intellectuals, was never given to you to lead you. The six sense, which is faith, was given to you to lead you. That's the six sense; that is the super sense. It leads you.

L-37 Down in Shreveport, Louisiana, with a good, old friend of mine, Brother Moore, there was an old, colored brother down there who... He was a nice, old man. His name was Gabriel. They give him... His mother, religious woman, his daddy, they give him the name of Gabriel. But we all called him Gabe, just for short.

And his wife was a staunch Christian, very lovely person. And the pastor of the church was a wonderful brother. And they done everything they could to get old Gabe to get straightened out with God. But Gabe like to shoot dice, and--and he--he just wouldn't get straight with God.

And Gabe liked to hunt, and so did the pastor. And the pastor'd come over, and get Gabe and take him a hunting, and--and so forth. And one day when they'd been hunting, old Gabe was so loaded with game,

Beelzebub."

Jesus said, "You say that about Me; I'll forgive you. But someday, the Holy Spirit will come, and to speak one word against it will never be forgiven." Don't you see their church is cutting yourself off again, and not opening their heart, and letting the Holy Spirit come in.

Did not He say to the woman at the well, "Go get your husband." Samaria had never seen Him, but they were looking for Him.

And she said, "I have no husband."

He said, "Well, you've had five, and the one that you're living with is not yours."

Her heart come open; she said, "Sir, You must be a prophet. We know the Messiah's a coming."

Oh, my, that woman knowed more about God than a lot of preachers does. That's right. Though in her ill-fame, she had a heart that could open when God knocked at the door. She knowed the Holy Scriptures, that the day was at hand.

She said, "I know that Messiah cometh. We know that. And when He comes, He will do this."

He said, "I am He that speaks to you." Right into her heart He went.

Down through the city and said, "Come, see a Man Who's told me the things I've done. Isn't this the Messiah? Did not this same Messiah said just before He returns, that the sign that was given to Sodom and Gomorrah would return again in the age of the Gentiles?" [\[Luke 12:10\]](#), [\[John 4:16-29\]](#)

L-31 And Christ knocks at the heart. [Brother Branham knocks--Ed.] "Same yesterday, today, and forever," His Word speaks it; His Spirit confirms it among the people. Why not open up our heart and let Him come in and be Lord? He's so good to us; and yet, we are so cruel to Him.

We appreciate our churches, our pastors, our lay members, our deacons, our--all societies. We appreciate them. And they're doing a wonderful work, most of them. Thanks be to the Lord. But yet, it takes the individual.

The church can't open up your heart; you have to open your heart. The church cannot come into your heart; Jesus must come into your heart.

Church cannot be Lord over you; Christ is Lord over you. Yet you belong to the church; that's His society. That's His way of doing it. But yet you must let Him in and then join with other believers. That's what does it. [*Hebrews 13:8*]

L-32 Now, we're living in the last day. We look around to see the goodness of God. How that in our days when there's not a hope...

Looky here, did you realize that we're at the end time? Do you realize all the great men in the world is predicting that something... Why, we could be blowed up at any minute.

And the Holy Spirit has give you the privilege of coming in the midst to where He's at, and knocking at your heart's door. [Brother Branham knocks--Ed.] "Behold, I stand at the door and knock."

You say, "Brother Branham, I can't understand it." Just open up once. Let Him come in.

"I don't know just how to believe these signs and all these things; I don't know."

That's what the Ethiopian said to Philip, "How can I know this, 'less some man teaches me?" The Holy Spirit was sent here for a teacher. Let Him come into your heart. He will teach you that Jesus is the same.

He said. "When the Holy Ghost is come He will testify of Me." And we know that that's true. [*Proverbs 1:26*]

L-33 Now, He's so good, looked like that we could appreciate His goodness. When the world's starving to death, we have plenty. How many little children in India tonight, and many places, nothing to eat would give anything? How many hungry-hearted people seeking God, would give anything to set in this meeting tonight?

Let me give you a sight that's sickly. How many people have sunk beyond the regions of mercy into a devil's hell and a torment of a nightmare? How they'd love to come back and have one more chance. What would they do tonight, if Jesus would come to hell and knock at their heart?

"You'd turn Me away in this day. In the days of your calamity when you call, I'll only laugh." This is the day. Don't put it off tomorrow. Today is the day of salvation. Yet many of you, maybe, has waited for

years. He's knocked, and knocked, and knocked, you don't answer. "He's a good God," as Oral Roberts has often stated. He is a good God. He's a God of mercy, and He's also a God of judgment.

L-34 Now, down in the South where I go a whole lot, I was on a little vacation the other day down there. A bunch of people, of some good old crackers down there in Florida. We were out fishing, and that's when Brother Evans was bitten by that rattlesnake. And I never it before in my life: Two miles back, I'd had to pack a hundred and eighty pound man. A big, old ground rattler, worse than your sidewinder any time, struck him in the foot, and his whole leg just paralyzed, trying to help me with about a twelve pound bass, in the weeds were gators and everything laying around.

And he jumped to grab it, and he just screamed and held his leg. I come out and there was two fang holes about like that, blood oozing out of them.

He said, "Brother Branham, my whole side is froze and aching so hard."

How could I pack him through the swamps, weighed about a hundred and eighty pounds, six foot tall? His brother had been bitten a few months before that, a sinner, went to the hospital in a terrible condition.

And I said, "Oh, Brother Evans, merciful God have... Well, what can I do?"

I remembered the Scripture, what was it? Someone knocking at the door. "I'm the Lord, thy God; I'm a very present help in a time of trouble." I remembered He said, "They shall tread on the heads of serpents and scorpions, and nothing in no means shall harm them." I laid my hand over on his foot, him screaming, the tears dripping off of his cheeks like that from pain, I said, "Heavenly Father, I'm knocking at your door. We're in a state of emergency. Have mercy, O God."

[*Psalms 46:1*], [*Luke 10:19*]

L-35 And while we said that, and I quoted the Scripture, I looked over and he was laughing. All pains was gone. We fished the rest of the day. And that night at twelve o'clock, when we were down there getting the pictures, I guess there's somewhere around there, Gene,