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L-1 I have been called an extremist, so I suppose I am by my travel too.

I think the last time I was here at Lakeport, it was too cold. I'll hit it right one time, if I just keep trying. In the midst of all this, I am more than delighted to say I'm happy to be here at Lakeport again tonight. Since I heard that I was coming, why, I've looked forward to this time. Small city, way back here in the mountain, but some of the nicest people I ever met in my life, just good, what I call right down to earth people. And to have fellowship like that, with such people, makes you feel real good.

The... Brother Folst was just telling me...

L-2 Last evening when I come in, why, I was... First motel I came to, why, I thought, "This is the place I'm to stay." And so, I went in, and sure enough it was. And I--I signed the little card there that I'd be staying there. And...

When I got up this morning, I thought, "Well, I'd better go down and see what this place is worth." When I heard what it was worth, I changed places right then.

And Brother Folst just told me, said, "But we want you to be comfortable."

I said, "Brother, with a price like that, I'd rather camp out under a cedar tree out here." Yes, sir. I... No matter, if the church's people are willing to pay it, it's not Christian to--to do such things as that. No, sir. I'd rather have a little place that's just--just clean, and that's all is necessary, than take something the--the church has to pay something like that. No. I--I don't--I don't like that of Christian Business Men, rather.

I want to greet them, and say I'm certainly happy that--thankful that the Lord has given me favor with them that they'd invite me back. This is kind of a little coincident, I suppose. I'm supposed to be in Germany now. And I... Under difficult, I couldn't get away to go

These signs shall follow who? The believer, the believer. Now, you pray for the person you got your hands on. Don't pray for yourself. Pray for the person you got your hands on.

L-78 Our heavenly Father, we bring this audience to You, in the Name of Jesus Christ, on which the Holy Ghost is here now, giving witness, pouring out His Presence, letting everyone know that He's present, that He is not dead, that He lives forever more, and He's able to succor those that come to Him; to give them healing.

The audience is aware that there is a supernatural Being in their midst tonight, the Holy Spirit that's revealing the secret of the heart, that the coming of the Lord Jesus is at hand. These believers have put their hands on one another. They believe.

Father God, You've witnessed that You're here. Hear me, Lord. I cast out every spirit of unbelief. Let it leave this building. Let it come away from the people, the only thing that can keep them from being healed.

Satan, you've lost the battle. You've been exposed. You're exposed here tonight. I adjure thee in the Name of Jesus the Son of God, come out of this audience, come out of the people, as they had their hands on one another. I give them their healing in the Name of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Keep your hands on one another. Keep believing, having faith. And as the power of God comes upon you, then stand to your feet and give God praise. All right, Brother Folst.

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overseas, so I had to take this month and next for the services. And I just come out here to visit you fine people here, to pray for the sick, and to minister and see if I can get someone to accept our lovely Lord Jesus.

L-3 Just had a vision, or something happened to me a few weeks ago. Maybe a little later in the service I can tell you about it. And I have never felt the same and will never feel the same about it any more. I'm... I hope I'm not acting as a fanatic, but I'm sure that I saw heaven. And I--I never want to miss that. And I want to get every soul that I can to go there. I--I've always... There was a little fear of what would happen to me between the time I died and then Jesus coming.

I always thought I'd have a spirit body. I never liked anything spooky like that. I just can't stand that. So I... It always scared me. But the other morning at my home, something happened. And my wife there, and my children, and all, and I went not very far, just a little ways away, and I seen literally millions that I've preached to, all young, and healthy, and never to die. And they put their arms around me. And I looked back and seen myself laying on the bed, and I--I thought, "Is this..." It was just perfect. It's just something that I... When I knowed that I had to come back, I was very sorry. I said, "Surely I don't have to leave now." And people that I knowed had been saved as much as being around ninety years old 'fore they were saved, they were young and beautiful and calling me their brother.

I... If that's it, I--I'm ready to go any time. It's a... no weary. But then I realized what the Bible meant when It said, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting."

If you believe me to be His servant, friends, that's the truth. Ever where it was. I do not know whether I was in this flesh or whether it was out of it. I don't mean to be impersonating the great Saint Paul. But wherever It is, may God grant that every one of you will be there. It's--it's nothing... I'm never seen or had any vision or anything like that. It just changed my life.

L-4 A young beautiful woman standing there, had just greeted me and called me, "Her precious brother."

I said, "I don't understand this." Said, "She was past ninety when you

led her to Christ." Said, "She'll never be old no more. She'll never be--never have to die, never be sick." Said, "That's the reason she said, 'Precious brother.'"

Oh, if I could just only remain there forever, just... It is no yesterday, no tomorrow. You--you're just there. And no--no sin, nothing can happen sinfully. There's nothing could be sin. And everything was perfect love. If I would try to say it was perfection, that wouldn't meet it. Sublime, that wouldn't meet it. I just don't know--have--have any words that I know in the English dialect to--to express what the place was. I never seen, or heard, or thought anything like it.

L-5 Now, it perhaps was a vision. I never had a vision like that. Of the hundreds of thousands of visions that I've had, I never had anything like that. 'Cause I was standing in a place here, and would look back and see my body laying there on the bed by the side of my wife. It was long, nine, or ten, eight, or nine o'clock at morning. And I'd look back and see it, and I'd pass from something, and I'd thought I'd died and just far enough a way I could see it.

Looking at this platform, to some of my friends that's here, one of the deacons of our church, or trustees, rather, Brother Sothmann and them... That picture that was taken, was taken right here at this platform the last time I was there. How many's ever seen it? You mean not--only just a few, just the people right from home. Oh, it's one of the outstanding ones. The same Angel of the Lord that's been taken all over Germany and everywhere, was taken standing right here at this pulpit.

And I happened to notice these flowers here. There was something like it setting in front here. And the man taking the picture from this side, and there It was just as perfect, our Lord as It could be.

L-6 And so we're so glad to be back in this little place again tonight.

Now, I am not wanting to keep you too long, 'cause I know it's hot out there. And I don't want to keep you long so it'll wear you out, and yet I am thinking that maybe, the Lord willing, this is the time that there is a new ministry coming ahead for me. And I, perhaps, I hope that it will start here. However, I'm going to try with all my heart to pray for the sick the way He told me to in this meeting.

your trouble, you believe me? Then your heart trouble's finished. Go, believing, be made well. Have faith in God. Believe with all your heart.

Watch this. You believe your arthritis is going to leave you? All right, all right go on, on your road and say, "Thank you dear Jesus." Yes, ma'am. Just believe with all your heart.

What if I didn't say a thing to you, just laid hands on you, would you think you'd get well? In the Name of Jesus Christ go and be well. Amen. Have faith now.

You're nervous. Don't you believe that God can heal you and make you well? Just go believing. He has. He will make you well.

You believe that back got healed coming up the steps? Just keep on going, saying, "Thank You, Lord," and get well.

How many out there believes with all your heart? Are you sure that Jesus still lives?

Now, are you positive? Do you know? Here's my Bible over my heart. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do you believe it?

I read it out of the Bible here that He does it... He promised it. He did it yesterday. He does it today. Now, as far as healing, your healing is already purchased in the Blood. You believe that? He was wounded for our transgressions. With His stripes we were healed: past tense. But He's confirming His Word by being here to let you know that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do you all believe that with all your heart?

L-77 Now, how many believers is here? Raise up your hand? Now, if God keeps one Word, He keeps all Words. Is that right?

Now, did He say this? "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover"?

How many believes that? All right. Then you all are believers. Now, lay your hands over on one another. Just put your hands on one another. That's right. There you are. That's the way it goes. That takes place. Don't you know He's here? Put your hands on one another. "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover."

Spirit's still in the building.

Setting there with the hemorrhoids, you think that God will make you well? You was crying, praying, "Lord, let him touch... Let him call me." If that's right wave your hand back and forth like this, you setting there. See? How would I know what you was praying about?

Don't you understand that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead? What did she touch? The same High Priest that that little woman touched that had the--the blood issue.

I don't know the woman, never seen her in my life. But she's setting twenty yards from me, and she touched Him. He turned around and said, "Look there." I seen His Light over there, and I seen what she was suffering with. And there it is. The woman will get well. She'll be all right. If you'll just believe...

Now, any of you. I challenge your faith in Christ's Name anywhere to believe it. All right.

You and I strangers to each other? I guess this is our first meeting time. Now, just reverent, just a moment.

If the Lord Jesus will reveal to me something about you that you know that I do not know, will it make you believe for what you... Will it do the audience that way too?

It's arthritis. You have arthritis. If that's right, raise your hand. That it might take the guess work from you (See?), you've got something on your mind that's just bothering you real, real bad. Now, if the Lord will reveal that to me, will you believe me with all your heart? It's your husband. He's not here. He's not even in this city. He's in another city called Ukiah or something like that. He's got a disease that's a killer. It's called Parkinson's--Parkinson's disease. That's right. You got somebody with you tonight too that you want prayed for. It's a little grandson. He's got eye trouble. Your name is Mrs. Zigler. All right. Go and believe with all your heart and you can have what you ask for.

L-76 If thou canst believe... Are--are you believing now with all your heart?

Now, look. That you might know. Just... I'll have this lady. Just put your hand on mine, lady. You... If the Lord will reveal to me what

Is anybody here that's never been in one of my meetings before, let's see your hands, never been... Oh, my. I'll have to change my text. There's so many here that's never been in my--in my meetings before, never have been, well, then I--I'd better go back to the old ministry tonight, and then have the new ministry start tomorrow evening.

L-7 The little books in here kindy--the boys has got explains it, if you could get one. And if you have... I think they sell them right reasonable. They're printed by, "The Voice Of Healing," and then they're... We take them and bring them out to the people, buy them at forty cents less on the books, forty percent less, and then we have the handling charges besides that. We pay for them being sold and carried, and there's freight and expense. We always lose on a book.

Then we always say this: That if anybody wants one that hasn't got the money, I've asked the boys, let them have it anyhow, just give it to them. If you ever... If you get it and read it, it's not worth the fifty cents ever what you paid for it (I forget, just what it is) then you just send it back, get your money back. Or, keep it and tell them it wasn't good. So then we'll give you the money back anyhow. It's just some way... We don't have nothing to sell the--that, to make money. The boys sell the tapes, and they're just as cheap as they can be.

I... 'Fore I let them do it, I check with another evangelist. He was getting nine dollars a tape, I believe, he charged me for them. And then, these boys, I think it's two dollars or something like that they sell them for, on the very best of tape. They are guaranteed too. If it's no good, why, you don't have to pay for it. The Messages, five hundred and something different messages I've preached in different part of the country...

If I'm not mistaken, am I looking at Jack Palmer all the way down in the south? Brother Jack, what are you doing way up here? You wasn't in the last meeting, was you? My, my, that man's from way down in southern Georgia. I think we ought to say, "Praise the Lord...?..." Isn't this hot down in Georgia? It isn't? Just a little more humidity in the air is all. Well, these California people don't mind it; they're used to it.

L-8 Now, how many in here is Christians, let's see your hands, that loves the Lord? Oh, looky there. I believe one hundred percent. So

happy for that.

Now, if I'll have a Scripture reading and talk a little tonight, then I'll-- I'll call a prayer line and we'll pray for them the way we used to. Then maybe tomorrow night, we'll start on the other ministry.

Now, if the Lord is willing, I want to pray... If you'll just hold with me, I'll pray for every person that comes here that wants to be prayed for (See?), every person. We won't leave one out. See? We'll pray for every one.

What we try to do... Divine healing does not mean that some great power, that someone has to heal someone, but it's a faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, if we can believe that He is not dead, but living.

L-9 And the theme of our campaigns is always Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." How many of you Christians believe that, that He's the same yesterday? Thank you. That means you're real Christians when you believe that.

Now, He is not dead, but He's a living. I've been around the world, and in all kinds of places, and under all kinds of circumstances, all kinds of religion. I was entertained recently by seventeen different religions, and every one of them denied Christianity. And yet, in the midst of five hundred thousand people that I was speaking to at Bombay, the Lord Jesus Christ and Christianity triumphed over every one of them and put every witch doctor and holy man and everything else to shame. And there's no way of telling how many came to the Lord Jesus. We had no cooperation amongst the churches and just dropped in for three days, and there was no way of telling how many was saved. [[Hebrews 13:8](#)]

L-10 Now, we'll just bow our heads now, and approach God and the Word. Now, we're going to remember that the... Everything that we do as... and teach must be based upon this Bible, recognized from Genesis to Revelations.

Our heavenly Father, we are happy tonight to be Christians. I just don't know what I could do if I wasn't a Christian. I am so glad that You saved me.

And the other day, whatever it was that happened to me, and I saw

arthritis. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. You believe God can tell me who you are? Mr. Boggs, you can go home and be well. Jesus Christ makes you well if you believe it. Believe.

L-74 [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] Strangers to one another sister? You've been in... But I mean out in the... I don't... I... You've never met me personally. I've never met you. But if the Lord Jesus... Here's a woman... If the Lord Jesus can tell me something about you, like a man and woman, like Him and the woman at the well... That was a man there.

Now, like the woman at the well, if He can tell me something about you that you know and I don't know, what you're here for... Might be for somebody else, might be financial trouble, might be domestic trouble; it might be you're sick. I don't know, but if He will tell me, will you believe Him with all your heart? Will every woman in here believe with all their heart? All right. The Lord grant it.

That lady setting right there with varicose veins, you believe Jesus Christ will make you well? You was praying, wasn't you? All right. What did she touch? She touched the High Priest, Jesus Christ.

I seen a woman standing here before me with something like almost blood running from veins; it wasn't this woman. She was a little heavier than this woman. And I looked, and I thought, "Where's that?" And I looked, and I seen that Light. How many's seen that picture of that Light? All right. He was standing over the woman there, whirling around, and I seen her, that was her trouble. See? Yes, sir. If thou will believe...

Sitting there with your handkerchief in your hand with that hay fever, do you believe that God will make you well too? All right. What did you touch?

Now, that's not a disease. I see you're burning...?... sneezing, going on. See? Just have faith; you'll get well too. You believe Him with all your heart?

L-75 You have a tumor in the back. You believe that God's going to heal you? Is that right? You believe that God can take it off? All right? Our heavenly Father, I pray that You'll bless the woman and make her well as I bless her in Jesus' Name. Amen. Go. May the Lord bless you.

Ed.] are aware, Lord... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] that our...

L-72 [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] again, so first time here. All right. Now, here's a man I've never seen. This is a man. Now, there was a man come to the Lord Jesus by the name a Simon Peter. You remember the story I preached about tonight? All right. Now, and Jesus taught... Looked over at him setting there on that chunk. Did you hear me when I preached tonight?

He said, "Your name is Simon, the son of Jonas."

[Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]

Now, does that Jesus still lives? Does the audience believe that? All right. If that Jesus lives, and I'm a true witness of Him, then I could... I yield myself by a gift.

Now, if you'd say, "Heal me."

Why, He'd say, "I've already done it." How many believes that He's already done it back there at Calvary when He died for you? He was wounded for you. Sure.

But now, to let you know that He's alive here to confirm His Word, He might say something like He did Peter or some of them. He'd tell you something about it. That... If God will tell me what your trouble is...

Now, let's just see if He will do it. [\[John 1:42\]](#)

L-73 You just believe me as God's servant. All right. He says, "He knows He will." Sure, it's your nose. That's right. That's your nose. Now, if that's right, raise your hand.

Now, someone says, "Now, I caught that."

Don't think that now. Don't do that, that hinders you. See? I never guessed that. That wasn't guessing. See? No, just a minute. He seems to be a very fine man. Stand still just a minute. Stand still, sir. Yes, sir. It's his nose. He has some kind of little something comes in it. He's been operated on for it. That's right. Yes, sir. Operated on, and it--it seems like the stuff's coming back again. It's some kind of a like growths or abscesses like in the nose. That's right. Seems like it isn't doing good. That's right, isn't it? That's not a guess.

Let me tell you something. I see a woman appear; it's your wife. She's at home. You believe that... She's praying; she's sick. You believe God can reveal to me what her trouble is? She's got heart trouble and

that great result when the One that was speaking to me said, "This is your converts from your--your, the fruit of your ministry," how my heart leaped, and I thought, "O God, if I could live it over again, I would try to do twice as much. I would persuade and beg with all that's in me to get people to come to Thee."

And now, Father, here tonight is another opportunity. The purchase of Your Blood sets here before me. And help me, Father God, as Your servant, I don't know what to do or how to do it. I'm just depending hour by hour on You leading me.

And they're setting here, not just to be seen in this hot weather tonight. They're come for a--some reason. They're hungering and thirsting. They love You. Many of them are sick and dying. Some are afflicted. May we not just play now, but may we get right down to deep sincerity in the Word, in the Gospel. And pray with all that's in us, fast and wait upon Thee, and know that You will do the exceeding, abundantly, above all that we could do or think. If we will just only commit ourselves to Thee, and purpose in our heart, like Daniel did in Babylon, that we'll not defile ourself with unbelief; but we will let the Holy Spirit take all unbelief from us, and believe on Him with all of our hearts.

We approach the Word just now. Speak to us, Father, through Thy Word. For I ask it in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

L-11 I wish for you to turn tonight in the Book of Saint Matthew, and let's get the 14th chapter, if you will, in the Book of Saint Matthew; I want to begin to read with the 22nd verse.

And straightway Jesus constrained His disciples to get into a ship, and to go before Him unto the other side, while He sent the multitude away.

And when He had sent the multitude away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, He was there alone.

But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

But Jesus straightway... But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of a good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.[\[Matthew 14:22-27\]](#)

May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word.

I want to take for a text, to draw a context from that 27th verse "Be Not Afraid, It Is I." And the words I wish to use is, "It Is I."

L-12 It must have been along about this time of the evening. The sun is just going down, when the--each one of them taken their place at the--the oar lock in their boat. And the little sea, as I was setting this afternoon, thinking as I looked out across the lake, it must've been something like that.

Galilee is about that size, and maybe a little wider. And the big fishermen with his brawny, big muscles begin to twist at the boat, as he pushed the--the bow out into the lake.

Climbing over the rest of the apostles, and taking his feet up towards the--the front of the boat, set down, perhaps by the side of his brother, Andrew. And his good friends, and especially in Christian fellowship...

L-13 There's something about when you have been with a group of people where Jesus is; it's so hard to depart from that people. There's something that just welds us together, as we set in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. What a feeling it is for people to congregate together in that fellowship with the Lord Jesus. And that's what they had enjoyed that day.

And thousands were standing on the bank, five thousand or more people, and they were waving good-bye. And as it is with fellowship, we just can't hardly leave one another.

And we used to think of the old song we used to sing at the church years ago when I was pastoring a little Baptist tabernacle at my city, Jeffersonville, Indiana. We used to sing this old song.

Blest be the tie that binds

[\[John 10:38\]](#)

L-70 Now, let me have your hand just a minute. Now, you have a little bit a lady's trouble, but that's not really what you're for. See? Just a moment. Now, this will have to come by vision. Yes, it's a diabetes, sugar diabetes. If that's right, raise up your hand. See? It wouldn't show here. She has a little female trouble but not enough for that, because she wouldn't hardly notice that too much. But it's a diabetes.

Now, see? There... It'd never show, 'cause that's a chemical part. Diabetes, you see, is--is chemical; it's sugar in the blood.

Now, if the Lord Jesus can stand here and tell me what's wrong with you, just as He could tell the woman at the well her...?... Is it the same Jesus? You believe it. Now, let us pray.

Our heavenly Father, we come in the Name of the Lord Jesus and ask that this evil thing leave our sister. May she go and be free from this and be well, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Now, the prayer of faith shall save the sick. God shall raise them up. Go now. God be with you. [A sister says, That'll heal my eyes too?"--Ed.] What say? ["Will that heal my eyes too?"--Ed.] Oh, sure, that's what's causing it, you see? That's right...?... God bless you, sister. All right.

L-71 Come, young lady. Are we strangers to one another? All right. Now, let's see your hand, this hand over here on this side. You're normal. Uh-huh. Now, it has to take a vision for her. See?

In other wise, my early ministry... How many knows in my early ministry I'd never know what was the matter with the woman? See? 'Cause there's no vibration.

Now, let's just see a minute. You believe me to be His prophet? Or you--you believe what I've taught tonight to be the truth? I am His servant. Yes, heart trouble. Now, do you believe that God can heal that heart trouble? You do believe that, that He will make the heart well? You're just a young girl, nervous. Now, if He will heal it, will you give Him praise for it? Let's bow our heads just a moment.

Our heavenly Father, we ask now that in the Name of Jesus Christ that the power of God will come upon this young woman. And may she be healed as I lay my hands upon her. The people [Blank.spot.on.tape--

one of you (See?) and covered by the Blood.

Now, heavenly Father, these men are looking on. This woman's looking on as a witness. I pray for the woman. No doubt she's been prayed for many times. But, Father God, if there's anything in her life that's not right, then Father, You take it away. See?

Now, if there's anything would keep, or would keep this spirit. If You should make it go, if it should come back. 'cause we know it'll go and walk in dry places and come back again, if it can. But if she surely sees all of this truth and evidence, she'll believe with all of her heart. And I pray You to be merciful.

While this people is looking, there are eyes of two men and a woman is looking directly at my hand while my eyes are closed.

Satan, thou unclean spirit that would take a poor old woman like this and evilly mistreat her, why, you're evil. You have no authority to hold her. She's a Christian. And I come in the Name of Jesus Christ, against you. I come witnessing a gift of Divine healing to pray for the sick, which an Angel ministered to me, fourteen years ago, and told me of other gifts coming. You're aware of this. I adjure thee by the living God, come out of the woman; leave her; go from her, that it bothers her no more, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

L-69 Now, brethren, I've never moved my hand, but it's gone now, isn't it? Is it gone before I open my eyes? All right, you may raise your head.

Now, now, looky here, sister dear. Put this hand here. See how it looks? Now, see how it looks? Just the same as... See? You see, just exactly. Now, something happen, wasn't it? Your stomach trouble's gone. You're free. Go home and rejoice, be happy, and thank the dear Lord for your healing. All right. God bless you, sister. All right.

You believe with all your heart?

Now, let's see about this sister here. Are we strangers to one another? We are. All right. Now, everybody reverent. We'll just take our time, so that you'll have confidence, when it comes time for you to be prayed for. Like these people in the Bible tonight, they had confidence.

Jesus said, "If I do the works of God, then believe the works." See?

*Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred mind
Is like to that above.
When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.*

Many of you's heard that old song. It's a famous, old song of the church, been cherished down through the years.

L-14 And as they waved good-bye to the ones that was on the bank, and as the little ship on the still waters floated its way out into the sea, dark begin to steel across from the other side towards Gadara. And they were... The shade falling into the water, the little ship was almost out of sight from the disciples, or the people on the bank, as the disciples went out into the lake.

I believe it must've been quite a little bit, maybe say, ten minutes before anybody spoke any more words. As the little ship drifted along in each apostle, with a--a oar just and rotating just in time.

And there we learn a lesson too. On this little ship sailing over life's solemn main, that we are going on, if we'll just pull together, the ship will move much better.

If the Baptist, and Presbyterian, and Pentecostal, and Assemblies of God, and Church of God, and all will just pull together, the little ship will certainly move smoothly.

L-15 And as they moved the little ship towards the other shore, their destination, it must've been the young John, he was the youngest among the bunch, that brushed back the shaggy hair from his face, and waited just for a moment as he rested upon his oars. The brethren waited and wondered what he was going to say. Then he must've turned with something like this, and said, "Brethren, I am as more than ever convinced tonight, that we're not following some sort of a religious fanatic. I am more sure than I ever was in all my life that we are following the true Son of God. I was more convinced today than ever."

"As a little boy, I used to love to hear my mother read of the great Jehovah, Who was God of power, Who could do miracles, and speak things into existence, and create by His own Word. And my mother used to tell me, 'Sonny, all things was made by God, and He just spoke it into existence.'"

"And then I used to love to hear that story when our ancient people come out of Egypt forty years in the wilderness, how Jehovah led them. And when they got hungry, Jehovah just rained bread down out of heaven. And as a little boy, I used to think, how I'd like for Jehovah to rain some of that Angel food down now. Because it said, 'It was wafers with honey.' And I would be glad to get it."

L-16 "And you know today, when I seen Him take those five fish, or five loaves and two little fishes and feed five thousand people, I knowed that had to be Jehovah. I know no one else could do that. And, brethren, I crawled up close to that rock, when I seen that little boy, that we--followed us down there this morning, had been playing truant from the school, him and his little sister. And he had this lunch under his arm. And when I saw Peter there ask him about that lunch, when everybody was hungry... And it was given over into the hands of our Lord, I thought of how it was just enough food in there to feed that one little boy his dinner. But when it was in the hands of Jesus, it could feed five thousand and take up several basket's full of pieces."

How God can multiply what we put in His hand. In our hands it's not much. In His hands He multiplies it by the thousands. If we can only let Him have what little we have: Our time, our attention, our faith, may not be too much.

Like our sister sitting here, one holding crutch and another setting in a wheelchair, and a precious man setting looking at me there, with a crutch and a wheelchair. Might not be... Little faith you have may not be very much, but if you could only get once into the hands of Christ, what He could do with it.

The wheelchairs would be pushed up against the wall. Be going down the streets tomorrow praising God, thanking God. Many setting here dying with heart trouble, cancer, whatever it might be, in a few days from now you might go back to your doctor, and he'd say, "Say,

here. I put my hand on mine. See? See? There it come. See? As soon as she touches me there it starts.

Now, I'll... I know you're both Christian. Now, remember when these things come out... I'm going to try to rebuke it. See? And if it comes out... Now, the Bible said when they... When one fellow one time tried to cast out a devil, and you know what happened. So now, if it comes out, it's going to be at large; it'll be doing any... It'll go to any one. And it's stomach trouble.

Now, I want you in the audience to--to keep your head bowed. And here's three witnesses standing here. Now, I don't want you. You come on up here. See? See, sometimes it strike the unbeliever. See? Then the kick-back comes from the meeting to me. See? But I--I know you all, and I'd come to you. See? All right.

Now, you watch. I'll just steady my hand right here. See, see? Now, you watch. And you watch too, lady, the hand.

Now, we're going to pray. Everybody be in prayer with me. Now, they're going to watch. Now, I don't... Jesus said, "In My Name shall they cast out devils."

Well, now, if that stops right now, never move my hand, if this stops and turns like that hand, all right. If it doesn't then I can't help it. Now, let's pray. [\[Mark 16:17\]](#)

L-68 Heavenly Father, that Thy Name might be glorified. We do not ask for miracles, but Lord, these ministries are growing on. Jesus is soon coming. I pray that You'll be merciful to our sister and will heal her. Here she is in age, and she can't eat. And, Lord, this is such a horrible thing. And the last time here you healed a woman dying, and with the same thing, only worse.

Now, Father, I pray that You'll bless her and heal her in Jesus' Name. Now, it... Now, I haven't opened my eyes yet, but brethren tell me. It's still there just like it was. Is that right? It hasn't left. It hasn't left. Now, we'll have to come with authority to cast it out. Now, we not asking Father. You all understand, I'm not asking Father for a miracle, 'cause it's a wicked, adulterous generation seeks for miracles, but that you might know that He's still a Healer.

Now, let's look again now. Let's be real--real... You're in prayer each

hundred dollar Longines give to me from the...?... down here, fell apart on the--on the pulpit. Then the other night I had a three hundred dollar Vulcain Cricket was give to me from over there. And up there in the meeting the other night... How many was there the other afternoon and I... Up here at Klamath Falls, and a three hundred dollar Vulcain Cricket fell loose from my hand. Hands come off of it, stem come out of it, fell off of it, just by taking a person's hand like that. Why? I can't tell you. I don't know. But you cannot hold a watch on that.

Now, look. I want you to look at my hand. See, see? Take her hand. Just right hand, or I mean, her left hand: Just the same. Now, watch when I took this hand here. There's...?... See it swell, see them little white things bouncing on it?

Now, see? Now, what--what was it take her right hand? That's the way He told me, their right hand to your left. That's her with her right hand pledging her faith to me, right. And I take her by the left hand with my other hand to God. See? Now, it won't work any other way. Now, you can see it. Look here, brother. Look here, see? I put my hand on her hand. See? Down where it is (See?), it's just the same. See? Now, just take this hand over here. Now, watch what happens just as soon as I take here hand. There it is. See, how it fires up. It's just like taking that much, like current in your hand. Those little white things... See? Now, just keep real still. Now, it tells what it is. See?

L-67 Now, that's detecting it. Now, will it go? Now, sister, you're--you believe now? You really believe me? All right. Now, I want everyone to be reverent. And I want you to bow your head. Now, I want these--these two men here to stand here where I'm at. Now, I want you to notice, brethren. See? So that you'll see, it's not position, where I hold my hand (See?) that makes them white things run over it and makes it turn that. See?

Now, you see it clearly do you, sister? You can see it all right there where I'm talking about? See how it swells up and gets white (See?) and it gets real, little white things. And see, and to prove to you that something's going on, it knows what's wrong with you. And that's directly the truth. See? Now, you see something. Now, watch--watch

what's happened here?" What is it? What little you had, you gave it to the hands of Christ and He begin to multiply it. The cancer begin to leave; the heart begin to go back to its right place and beat right again. Just let Him have it in His hand.

L-17 He said, "When I saw Him take those five biscuits and--and two fishes and break them, I climbed up on the rock and looked over to see how He did it. And I'd see that piece of fish in His hand. He'd break it off and lay it over here. And when He reached back again, there would be another fish there, not only a fish in the water, but a fish already raised, and cooked, and ready to go, ready to eat. And when I saw Him break that little loaf of bread in two, lay it out here, but when He reached back again, there was another loaf ready to be broken off again."

Oh, how He could grow bread. I want to ask if there'd be a scientist here: "What kind of a atom did He turn loose at that time, to make the regular wheat, of course? It was the same one He turned loose when He turned the water into wine.

He's God. He does what He wants to. And He's willing to do all things and give us exceedingly, abundantly, more than we could even think if we will just let ourselves be turned loose in the faith in Him. That's where it lays: is having faith in Him to believe that He can. For all things are possible to them that believe, no matter what it is, it's possible; and not only possible, probable, and will happen, if you'll just believe it.

L-18 Now, and young John, as he looked down there and said, "I seen then that He did something. He did something the same way that Jehovah done it. And I heard Him say, brethren, 'That if I do not the works of My Father, than believe Me not. But if I do the works of My Father, and you cannot believe Me, then believe the works.'"

How perfect that is. How that applies to any age. As long as Jesus is alive tonight, He's just as much God tonight as He was then, just the same. See? Said, "If I do not do the works of My Father..."

Young John must've said, "I read in the Bible where Jehovah could make bread come out of the heavens, could create bread in the heavens, and send it to the earth. And, brethren, that bread had to

come from heaven, because I seen Him break it off and hand it out. And I'm persuaded with all that's in my heart, that He is the Son of the living God." Yes.

How he must've said that, as the tears rolled down his young cheeks. He never forgot it. He never forgot it when he was an old man. He'd have to be packed to the platform, preach just a short sermon they said of around four hours, that he still constrained him, that love that he... All he could talk about was, "Little children, love one another," just repeat it over: "Little children, love one another, for he that loveth is of God. For God is love," that it takes real love to create. [\[John 10:37\]](#)

L-19 Love... You let your wife know that you love her; she loves you. It'll... When you're young couple and you find favor with one another, it makes you join yourselves together for a lifetime journey: Love, and that's phileo love; that's human love. What will Agapao love do, when you can really get into a place that you can show God that you love Him and you got confidence in Him? How you'll join yourself to Him, not only for a life's journey, but for eternity.

How you're willing to take His Word, just at what He says, and say, "That's right, Lord. I question it not," and move right on. That's what takes real love. [\[I John 5:2\]](#)

L-20 And young John, as he set there with his hands resting upon the oars, perhaps then someone picked up the oars and they started again. It was getting dark now.

Then it... After young John had got his say so, it must've been the apostle, Peter, the big, brawny fishermen setting up towards the boat, at the stern where he just pushed the bow out, and jumped in the stern of it, and set down by the side of his brother Andrew. He must've stopped to have his.

You know, we just all got to have a little testimony once in a while, when we get together. I like it yet (Don't you?), a good testimony meeting.

L-21 And so, it must've been apostle Peter that could not hold himself any longer. And he said, "Well, brethren, I--I want to testify too. When Andrew here, my brother, had went up to visit This, so called

germ. See? It'll take a germ, some other life.

How many knows that we come from a germ, one single cell? Certainly. We come from our fathers. The hemoglobin is from the male sex. The female is the egg. But that little germ... And your life... Your body's made up of germs, but it came originally from one germ from your father. Is that right? A different type of germ then makes around that. That's the way Christ was God. When God brought Hissself in a cell in the womb of Mary, and was borned out, to save us from sin, through that Blood cell being broke saves the world, there. Now, if it's just an affliction that'll have to be seen some other way. But let's see if it's a germ disease. If it will... See? There'd be a germ of death on her to kill her. And it would vibrate if I have the anointing of the Holy Spirit here with me.

Yes, sir, it's positive. You got stomach trouble. That's right, isn't it? Raise your hand if that's right. Here it is. She got an ulcered stomach. You see well?

I want to show you something. I want you to look at my hand here. See how that hand looks swollen, them little white things bouncing on it there, running over it. See? Now, take your other hand over here, so that you'll see; turn this hand over. Now, it isn't there, just normal, white, not swollen, just an ordinary man's hand, isn't it? All right, now put your other hand right over on it. Now, look at it. See the difference in it how it swells, see them little white things running over it? That's how I knew you. It's a vibration... [Brother Branham illustrates.--Ed.] a germ. See?

Now, now see? It's just not where I'm holding my hand. You see wherever they are.

L-66 Now, who was it said they'd never seen that? Was it you, Brother Borders? You've seen it? Somebody had told me that they'd never seen it and wanted to. And... All right, come here Brother Folst. How many knows this gentleman here? Raise up your hand. I guess you all do; he's from this city here.

I want you to watch here, Brother Folst. Here's how I know that. Now, look here. You've never--never seen this ministry work? All right. Now, the other night... I can't wear a wrist watch on here. I had a two

know. But if it does take place, just as the Scripture says here, will you believe on Him, and believe Him for your healing? Raise up your hands and say, "God (like this), I--I will believe it." God bless you.

Now, these people in... How many out in this audience first now, that doesn't have a prayer card, and you want God to heal you. Raise up your hand? Doesn't have a prayer card, you want God to heal you. All right. Just have faith. That's all you have to do. Have faith, believe. You look up here to this, say, "Lord, that man doesn't know me, but let me just have faith enough to touch Your garment. And then You turn--have that man, let the Spirit... I know it couldn't be his spirit, 'cause he don't know me. But let Your Holy Spirit in there, if he's telling me the truth, turn around and say to me like He did the woman that touched His garment." See what takes place. Just try. Don't try it; just do it.

L-64 Now, many here... How many in the prayer line that I don't know nothing about you, raise up your hands? You people that know that I don't know you, raise up your hand. All, everyone. All right. And out there that I don't know you...

Now, I've got some friends here. I see Brother and Sister Palmer setting here from Georgia. And then, back in there somewhere is Brother Fred Sothmann and Brother Norman and--from Arizona. I know they're here. And they're here somewhere in the meeting. I don't see them, but they're in there.

And now, all these are... And this woman, we're strangers to one another, are we, lady? We are strangers to one another? We are. Oh, you was here in the meeting when I was here before. But for me to know you, I wouldn't know you. All right.

How many here never did see when I put my hand on the people and see the reaction on the hand? Let's see your hand. All right. We'll just take a couple like that.

L-65 Okay, Come here a minute. Now, I do not know you. I've never seen you in my life. As far as I know, I... Probably since I was here I've seen a million people since then. But now, if... I want you--take your hand out. Now, if it's anything like an affliction, like some blood chemical disease, or a crippled, or arthritis, or something, that is not a

Galilean Prophet, as was going around, I'd heard my priest say at the temple, there was nothing to it because God had no more prophets, and--and I'd heard all kinds of rumors of healings and so forth, but I--I couldn't believe it."

"But one day when we were washing out our nets, this Fellow came down to the--the banks to preach, and then I got me a chunk and went back up on the side of the bank and set down. But when He begin to speak, there was something about Him that was different from any priest or preacher I'd ever heard."

And, brother, when you once set still enough and listen, till you can hear that still small Voice of Christ, It's different from any message you ever heard in your life. It brings a peace; it brings a satisfaction. It does something to you that stirs your innermost being. You're never the same. Man cannot meet God and talk with God, and ever remain the same again.

L-22 Now, he said, "But when... I had it all in my heart." Said, "After I knowed my godly old father, which was a Pharisee, as you brethren all know that he was a Pharisee... And then, when he was getting old, I remember how he used to set after a days fishing on this lake; he would sit down around the bend, yonder where we used to pull the nets in. One day he picked me up in his arms and he said to me, 'Simon, my little boy, daddy is going to have to leave you one of these days, turn all of my boat and tackle and everything over to you.'"

As I look at my own little boy, Joseph, and think the same thing... Someday I've got to turn the Bible over to him, and all that--that I have.

L-23 And he said, "As my father would push the gray hairs from his brow, and his white beard, he said, 'Simon, set down. I want to instruct you, my son. All through the years we've waited, our people has waited for that coming Messiah. And we have now drawed up many descriptions and--of how He will look when He comes, riding down out of heaven in a chariot, driven by Angels or horses or something. We have many descriptions. But Simon, that's not going to be the coming Messiah. When the Messiah comes He's going to come in a different way from what any of our rabbi's are thinking. Now, Simon,

I want you to read the Scriptures, 'cause the Scriptures always tells the truth. Now, here's one thing you can remember. When He comes, He's going to be rejected. He's going to be a rejected Man, because every true message of God is always rejected: always has been, always will be. It's going to be rejected by the people in the--the majority. They will reject it."

"And now here's where you're going to find. There may be many false Messiahs rise before your time, Simon. I've always thought that I would live to see Him. But I'm getting old, and I perhaps won't see it. But, Simon, never let this depart from you: When the Messiah comes, He will be a Prophet. He will be a God Prophet. Because, Simon, Moses, the one we are following his instructions now, said in his word, which he was a prophet, he said, 'The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet liken unto me.' And now you remember when the Messiah cometh, He will be a Prophet like Moses. But He will be more that a Prophet. He will be the God Prophet. It'll be God in a Prophet manifesting Himself.

"And when you see that great sign, now, people raise up and say they're this, that, or the other, don't you believe it, Simon. But when you see God working the sign of a prophet, because that's going to be the Messianic sign, will be the sign of a prophet, because Moses said, 'The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet liken unto me, law Giver, priest, king, Prophet. And it will come to pass that whosoever shall not hear this Prophet will be cut off from the--among the people.'"
[\[Deuteronomy 18:15, 20\]](#)

L-24 "Isaiah said He would be rejected. A man of sorrow, acquainted with grief. We would hide, as it was, our faces. Now, don't believe the modern trend of Him, Simon. But you watch for that sign of the Messiah. He will be a Prophet."

"And brethren, that day setting on the chunk..." He said to the--perhaps to the apostles as we give the little drama.

"I set there and watched and listened to this Man. He was a--a very forceful speaker. He didn't speak like one of the priests from the Bible, from the scrolls; He spoke with authority. And when He spoke, He seemed to have perfect confidence in what He said was right.

L-62 Now there's something new taking place. It's right back in the people's lap again to pray for the sick.

The other day, this last fall it was, one of the most mighty things happened. I might get into it tomorrow night ('fore I start that ministry of praying for the sick), of something that was outstanding, that I never seen anything like it in my life. But He's called back for me to pray for the sick. If you get the message, the discernment.

Now, visions are not just something that you lay hands on one another. How many know that gifts and callings are without repentance? Sure. It's not something you can get a hold of. When you are borned in this world, your born with them gifts. How many knows that? Sure you are.

Moses, he couldn't help being Moses, could he? Jesus couldn't help being Jesus. John the Baptist, seven hundred and twelve years 'fore he was born, Isaiah saw him, the prophet saying that "He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness."

God told Jeremiah, "Before you was ever formed in your mother's womb, I knowed you, and sanctified you, and ordained you a prophet to the nations." That's right. See? [\[Isaiah 40:3\]](#), [\[Jeremiah 1:5\]](#)

L-63 It's something you're born with. Now, visions to me, the first thing I can remember, I wasn't two years old, I guess, when I saw my first vision. And there's been tens of thousands of them and not one of them has ever been wrong (See?), all over the world everywhere. That's only a vindication of I'm telling the truth. It's God's witness that it's the truth. Jesus is coming.

Now, don't... We don't... Now, we know that Jesus is coming in a day that when the world is gone asleep and got lukewarm. How many knows that? How many knows that this is the Laodicean Church Age? Lukewarm, just people, just... Well, they go to church and say, "I belong to the church." That's about it. But that's the time He come. Now, wake up. What are these things to do?

Now, I don't say that He will do it. Remember, I do not control visions; visions control me. Now, there's newcomers here, that's never been in a meeting before. And I want to ask you something, my people. Before anything takes place, whether it does or not, I do not

L-60 How many knows that Daniel, the prophet, saw a vision, and he was troubled at his head for many days? Let's see how many Bible readers. Sure. Well, if one vision made Daniel weak, how do you think I get by with it day in and out, and night in and out, and week in it out, and year in it out?

Because Jesus said, "The things that I do shall you also and more than this."

Now, the King James says, "greater." But you get the original, Aramaic translation, and find out if it doesn't say, "More than this shall you do." In other words, He... God was in one Man then. Now, God's all over the world. He's in His Church, everywhere.

Now, we know that all the Fullness of the Godhead bodily dwelt in Jesus Christ. How many believes that? He was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. [\[John 14:12\]](#)

L-61 Now, all of the Spirit that was in Him would be like this lake out here, all that water, say that all the water in the world. But now, you and I have just a spoonful of water out of that lake. That's the Spirit that we have in us. But the same chemicals are in the spoonful as there is in the whole lake. See? Same kind, same nature, but it's not as much of it. Well, that's the same way as it is here, not as much of it. But the same Spirit. You believe that?

Now, just seeing if they've got all of the people down there.

Now, tomorrow night, I want to say something here while he's getting them ready. How many remembers when I first come into the ministry, was on the west coast, would put out my hand like that, and the people lay there hands upon it and--and you could see it with your own hand, people that had diseases, any kind of a germ. How many remembers that?

Now, you same people that put up your hand, how many remembers that I told them that the Angel met me, said, "If you'll be sincere, get the people to believe you, it'll come to pass you'll know the very secret of their heart." How many knows I prophesied that? See? The same group's just put up their hand. All right. Now, it come to pass. He did it just the way He said.

Therefore, I begin to kinda like Him."

"Then all of a sudden, He turned and looked at me setting on that stump and said, 'Your name is Simon. And you're the son of Jonas.' That proved to me that He was the One that God was going to send. He was that God Prophet. For He not only knowed me, my name was Simon, but He knowed that godly old father of mine. He said, 'You are Simon, and you are the son of Jonas,' my dad. Therefore, I knew that my dad had instructed me by the Bible, and now the Bible was a living fact that here He was calling me by name, that never even seen me in His life, never heard of me, knowed nothing about me. And here He calls me Simon. Not only that, but He spoke of my own father that's been gone for fifty years, said, 'You're the son of Jonas.' When He said that I fell at His feet, 'cause I knowed that was the Messiah." Amen.

Messiah yesterday... What would the Messiah be today if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever? [\[Isaiah 53:3\]](#), [\[John 1:42\]](#)

L-25 Well, it must've been about that time, Philip's time, to stand for a testimony in the boat. As it was almost dark then, about shady. And, Philip stood up, and he said, "Brother Nathanael, you bear me record of this. I stood there and seen our Lord tell Simon here, that his name was Simon; he was the son of Jonas. That helped me too. And I had a brother that belonged to a great denomination called the Sadducees. So I--I went to see him. And it's about fifteen miles around the mountain."

"I went over one morning, early, I got up, had my breakfast and taken off across the mountain as hard as I could, and went over, and along about late in the evening I come, or in the afternoon, I came to the place where I knowed that this man lived. And I knocked on the door, and his wife said, 'He has just taken a visit out in his--in his grove. And he's out there among the trees somewhere. Philip, you'll find him out there.' So I went out amongst his trees, and when I got out there I heard a noise. And I went looking under the fig tree, and there he was on his knees praying.

L-26 Then he might've said, "You remember that, Brother Nathanael?" "Amen. I remember it."

"And I waited until he finished praying, and I said to him, 'Come, see Who we have found, Jesus of Nazareth the Son of Joseph.'"

"Oh," he said, "now wait a minute. What's this you're saying? Now, look Nathanael; I know you've--you've been a good man, and you're plenty Scripturally balanced. Don't you go off on a deep end now. Now, what have you done? You tell me that this Galilean Prophet they're talking about is the Messiah?"

"Listen, Nathanael, I saw Him, and heard Him, do the sign of the Messiah. We know the Messiah is to be a God Prophet. When I seen Him stand... Do you remember that old fisherman you bought the fish from down on the lake that day, by the name of Simon?"

"Yes, I remember it."

"He was so illiterate, he could not even sign a receipt for the fish."

"I remember that."

"As soon as he came up into the Presence of this Jesus of Nazareth, He said, 'Your name is Simon, and you're the son of Jonas.'" He said, "Now, Philip, or Nathanael, I wish you could search the Scripture. Is not that the sign of the Messiah?"

And he said, "Oh, certainly the Messiah will be a Prophet. We know that. We're trained in that. But where would we find such a man? Is there... Where's He from?"

"He comes from Nazareth."

"Nazareth? Could there be any good thing come from Nazareth?"

I believe that he gave him one of the best answers that any man could give another. He said, "Come and see." [\[John 1:42, 45-46\]](#)

L-27 That's the best thing to do. Now, just don't stay home and say, "Well, the Joneses said so-and-so." Don't do that. Come, bring your Bible, and search the Scriptures, and see if it's right or not. Come, see for yourself. Don't come just for an hour. Come to stay till you're thoroughly convinced that it's right. That's the way. Check it by the Scripture, knowing that whether it is--it is true or whether it is not, when you are convinced to the Scriptural teachings of the Bible whether it's right or not. Now, that's what he was referring too. "Come, see for yourself, whether it is the--or the--truly the Messiah or not."

That's the kind of touch we want. See? That's the kind we want.

Said, "Somebody touched Me, because I got weak." How many knows that's true? Why, it said virtue went out of Him. And virtue's strength. Said, "I got weak."

And He looked around over that audience until He found the little woman, and told her said, she had a blood issue, and said, "Thy faith has saved you." Is that right?

She touched Him, and it caused Him to turn and talk to her. Now, if He's the same tonight, a High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, if you'll just believe with all your heart and touch Him with your faith... Just get away all the unbelief, and the organizations, and the denominations, and what so-and-so said about it. Just get away from all of it and say, "No, I believe He's the Son of God. I--I'm sick, I need Him," and--and can just touch Him, then something will happen to you, just as it happened there, if you'll believe it. Will you do it, if He will do it? [\[Mark 5:30-34\]](#)

L-59 Now, let's... I think Billy said he give out about fifty or one hundred prayer cards.

Let's... Who has prayer card number 1? Let's start from number 1, but if we going to be discernment we'll... Just hold your card if I don't get to you tonight.

Let's get--let's get some up here so we'll see what the Holy Spirit will do on account of the people that's here first.

Prayer card number 1. Oh, I beg your pardon. He did... He's give out from 50, 50 to a 100? I thought he said, "1 to a 100."

All right, who has prayer card number 50 then, raise up your hand? Number 50. All right. 50, 51, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 60, 50 to 60, stand up and 60 to 65. All right. Let them stand up and come over here if you can stand. If you can't stand, then the ushers will pick you up and bring you over here, or just hold up your hand and we'll see. Let a few stand, just whatever it is and get your place down there, and then we'll...

But now remember, every person holding a prayer card, if you'll just will continue to come. We can't get them all at once, but we will get to you just as quick as we possible... [\[Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.\]](#) See?

happened, I couldn't go by the United States government; I couldn't leave. All right. Now, what I'd do?

I said, "Brother Borders, go over and fix up some meetings."

First thing you know he said, "Well, I've got over here, and down here, and down here."

I said, "It's all right with me; I have no certain leading."

But the Father led me here. Here I am. I don't know you, who you are. Now, what He going to do? If He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will act the same yesterday, today, and forever, if He sent me over here. Is that right?

He only went to one there, but that one went to a whole city and caused the whole city to believe. See? [\[John 5:5-12\]](#)

L-58 Now, this woman on His road up to raise Jairus' daughter that was dead... Now, when He was on the road up there, a little woman, she couldn't get a prayer card and get in the line, as it was. She couldn't get to Him, because too many was around Him.

"Hello, Rabbi, are you the Galilean prophet? Oh, you mean to tell me... Will you do a miracle while you're here with us? How long are you going to stay in here?" And so forth like that.

But this little woman had a blood issue for many years. And she said, "He's a Man of God. If I can touch the border of His garment, I'll be made well." Remember the story?

And she crawled down through them and twisted around. She's getting a little closer. Maybe somebody push her back. And after while she got close enough, she touched His garment.

Now, the Palestinian garment hangs loose with an underneath garment. He didn't feel it that way. So it prove it just a minute.

And she touched His garment. She run back out and set down like you are or whatever. He might've stood up, I don't know. But However it was, Jesus stopped and said, "Who touched Me? Who touched Me?"

Why, Peter rebuked Him. In other words he said, "What are you talking about? 'Who touched Me?' Why You--You--You talk like someone didn't know what they were talking about. Well, everybody's touching You."

He said, "Yes, but this is a different kind of touch."

Well, he said, "I'll come and see."

"So as he... We went along the road, I told him the different things that had happened. And so when he walked up into the Presence of the Messiah, to Jesus..." He perhaps maybe He was standing like you are. Maybe He was sitting down. Maybe He was how--whatever position He was in.

"When this man walked up into His Presence, being a religious man, a good man, He said, 'Behold, an Israelite, in whom there is no guile.'"

L-28 Now, this astonished him. He didn't know what to say then. He wondered how He ever knowed who he was. He said, "Rabbi..." Which the word "Rabbi" means "a teacher, a Hebrew teacher." "Rabbi, when did You ever know me? Now, You tell me here that I am an Israelite."

Now, it wasn't because he was dressed like an Israelite, because all the eastern people... He could've been a Arab, or he could've been a Greek. They all dressed with the garments, and the turban, and just like they do in the east. He could've belonged to many different forms of people then in the eastern country.

But it wasn't his dress; it wasn't His color. They're all dark brown. And so He said, "You are a Israelite in whom there is no guile," a direct, positive witness of the Messiah. See? "Thou art an Israelite, in whom there is no guile."

He said, "Rabbi (other words 'teacher, reverend, we'd say today'), how did You ever know me?"

And He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree, I saw you." What eyes, fifteen miles around the mountains the day before. "When he was under the tree, I saw you."

And said, "I fell before Him and said, 'Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel.'"

He knew it. He knew it because that he saw the Messiahic sign on Him. [\[John 1:47-48\]](#)

L-29 Then, it must've been after he got through; it was good old Andrew sitting beside of the apostle Peter who was going to testify next.

It must've been him that said, "Well, brethren, let me speak for all. Did

not we all be thoroughly convinced when He was going down to Jericho from Jerusalem? And that's a straight line right down the mountain to Jericho. But that morning He said, 'I have need to go by Samaria.' That's up on the mountain. Why would He have to go, going to Jericho, come by the way of Samaria? You remember how strange we all felt that day? But we was... Each one was afraid to say anything to Him, because we knowed that God was in Him, and God was leading Him, and we didn't... We--we just didn't want to say anything about it, 'cause it was God that was leading."

He said, "He was... We went with Him up around Samaria, and you remember how those old stones... And He got so tired going up there, and He set down at the well and sent us in to get some food, down in the city. He set down by the public well. There was nothing there to even draw Him a drink with. We would wanted to cool Him off, by give Him a drink, and washing His feet. But He said, 'Brethren, go on down and get some vittles, and I'll wait here,'" a little panoramic like that where the well set. It's a--a public well for the city.

L-30 "And while we were gone... They wouldn't sell us any food, so we come back out to the well. And you remember we heard something going on when we come back. And we stooped down in the sagebrush there to listen, see what was being said. And there was a--a beautiful woman, that we thought would be a very godly looking woman. She was pretty, her hair, her face, and she was rather young. And she was talking with Him.

"And we heard Him say to her, 'Woman, bring Me a drink.'

"And she said, 'Sir, it's not custom for You Jews to ask Samaritans such. I'm a woman of Samaria; therefore, we have no dealings one with another (A great segregation.). We have no dealings.'"

"And listen what He said. 'If you knew Who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink. And I'd bring you water, you do not come here to draw.'"

"She said, 'The well is deep; You have nothing to draw with.'

"And as they went ahead with their conversation about worshiping in the mountain and so forth, then we heard our Lord say, 'Go, get your husband and come here.'"

And He's setting there tonight as a High Priest, making intercessions on our confession. You believe that? Hebrews said... How many knows that the Bible said that He is right now a High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmity? All right.

Now, if He is the same High Priest that He was, then how would you know you touched Him, if He didn't act like He did when He was here on earth? If He--if He isn't the same... You might say, "Well, Hallelujah, I touched Him." That might be so. But if He's still the same High Priest, He's got to act the same in... How did He act when He was touched here on earth?

A little woman... One time He's on His road to raise up a little dead girl. And Jesus said, "I do nothing till the Father shows Me first." How many knows that? Saint John 5:19, He passed by the pool of Bethesda, where multitudes, thousands of lame, halt, blind, and withered. He wound His way through that crowd until He found a man laying on a pallet, about like that little fellow laying there on a pallet. And He said... He healed that man, because the Bible said that, "Jesus knew that he had been this way thirty-eight years." [\[Isaiah 1:18\]](#), [\[John 5:19\]](#)

L-57 Now, he wasn't blind; neither was he crippled; he wasn't past walking. He said, "When I'm coming down, someone else steps in ahead of me." See? He could--he could get... He could walk. He wasn't blind, wasn't crippled, and had no--no water head or nothing. He had a retarded disease, something like TB, or prostate trouble or something. He... It was retarded. He had it thirty-eight years; it wasn't going to kill him. But Jesus had been showed by the Father to go there, and He did it.

That same way by Samaria, He had need go by Samaria, He didn't know what He was going to do. When He got up there, He sent them away and thought, "Father, what is it?" Wait there, the first thing you know, here come this woman. He went to talking to her till He caught her spirit and told her what her trouble was. Now, that was Jesus yesterday.

Now, the only thing I know, I was supposed to go to Germany, and all over Europe, into Asia, around the world, come plumb around the world in Australia and New Zealand, come back. Something

Divine healing. That was to prove to the people Who He was.

Now, how many will admit, that what I preached tonight is the Scripture? That's the way He made Himself known? And how many knows that He promised that in this last day that He would do, He'd come again and do the same thing in the last days, that He said, "The works that I do, shall you also"?

And how many believes in foreknowledge of God, that He foreknowledge and election is by foreknowledge? And then God in the ages, He had a Martin Luther; He had a John Wesley; He's had men through the age. In the last day He's got to raise something, a church, that His ministry will be... Martin Luther, justification was by faith. John Wesley had sanctification, the second work of grace. Pentecost has had the restoration of the gifts. Now, the next thing is the coming of the Lord.

So this gift message of speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, and different things that we've had, now, it's moving right on in, to now it's up in the hour of the church in the minority, 'cause they're coming down from Wesley, Luther, and on down. Now they're right up to the capstone. Now, believe with all your heart.

Now, how many knows that Jesus said this: "That he that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall He, also."? That's right. He said this: "A little while and the world (That's a world order.) will see Me no more (That's the unbeliever.), he will see Me no more. But ye shall see Me (That's the believer.), "for I (And 'I' is a personal pronoun.), I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." How many knows He says that? See? [\[John 14:12\]](#), [\[Matthew 28:20\]](#)

L-56 Now, That makes Him... Then if He's here... If Jesus is raised from the dead, and He's here in the form of the Holy Spirit, He's everything that He was, besides a corporal body. How many knows that? How many knows that His corporal body sets at the right hand of God the Father in glory, making intercessions, as God cannot see our sins and He looks through the Blood of Jesus: red through red looks white; we know that. And through the red Blood of Christ, our red sins, they turn white. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow."

"And she turned and said, 'I have no husband.'" [\[John 7:17\]](#)

L-31 "Then we thought, 'What's this? Has our Master made a mistake? When this woman said that--that she has no husband. As many times as we've seen Him perform that Messianic sign. Then here He stands up here with a new class of people, the Samaritans. And yet, here on the very first thing He failed.'" "

"She said, 'I have no husband.'"

"And then He said, 'Truly. You have spoke the truth, because you have had five husbands, and the one you're living with now is not your husband.'" He makes no mistakes.

"Then she said to Him, 'Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet.'"

What that woman knowed, when just a few days before there, when He had done the same thing, the church people called Him a devil, a spiritualist, a Beelzebub, said, "He was reading the people's mind, a mental telepathy or something on that order." Said, "He is Beelzebub doing this."

Jesus said, "You speak that against Me, I will forgive you. But in otherwise, one day the Holy Spirit's going to come to witness for Me. And when He comes and does the same thing, speak one word against It will never be forgiven in this world or the world to come." That's how serious it would be. [\[John 4:19\]](#), [\[Matthew 12:32\]](#)

L-32 And she said, "Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet." Now, listen to this woman. "We know (we Samaritans), we know that the Messiah's coming. And when the Messiah cometh, He will do these things. He will tell us these things. That'll be the sign of the Messiah, when He comes. So You must be His Prophet." In other words, she said the same thing the rest of them said. "When the Messiah comes, Messiah will be a Prophet, a God Prophet. He will be more than a Prophet, but He will show the Messianic sign as a Prophet."

They'd had no prophets for four hundred and something years since Malachi, one of the minor prophets.

Said, "But when Messiah cometh, He will be a Prophet like Moses, a great Prophet, that'll foreknow things and tell things and tell us what we are and what we've done. He will be that kind of a man. I know when the Messiah cometh He will tell us these things. But Who art

Thou?"

Jesus said, "I'm He that speaks to you." [\[John 4:19, 25\]](#)

L-33 Now, sometimes I've heard... An infidel said not long ago. "Not one place in the Scripture did Jesus ever say that He was the Christ." What about that and in others also?

He said, "I am He that speaks with you."

And upon this she dropped her--set down, or dropped her water pail and run into the city, and said, "Come, see a Man, that's told me what I've done. Isn't this the very Messiah?" And the Bible said that that city believed Him to be the Messiah because of the testimony of the woman.

Now, if that was the sign of the Messiah yesterday, and He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, that'd be the sign of the Messiah today (Is that right?) if He's the same. Now, let's just stop just for a moment. [\[John 4:26, 29\]](#)

L-34 Now, there is three classes of people on the earth, if the Bible is right. And God forgive me for that sacrilegious word of "if." The Bible is right. And we all come from either Ham, Sham, or Japheth's children. That was the three sons of Noah, after the antediluvian flood, when the world was destroyed. We--we come from those three people. Now, that was the Jew, Gentile, and Samaritan. Did you notice Peter was given in Matthew (I believe, the 16th chapter) the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. And on the day of Pentecost he opened it to the Jew.

Philip went down and preached to these Samaritans and yet the Holy Ghost that fell upon none of them, yet he had the Holy Ghost. They sent and got John and Peter to come down, laid hands upon them, and they received the Holy Ghost. Right. See? Even the man full of the Holy Ghost, yet Peter had the keys. And that was another nationality of people, the Samaritans.

L-35 And then, at the house of Cornelius, they... Cornelius had seen a vision and they... The Angel told him to go down to Simon the tanner and inquire for one, Simon. And he come up and told him the things of the Lord. And while Peter yet spake these words the Holy Ghost

with Jesus, not knowing Who He was, when He got in the inside that night and shut the door, He did something just like He did before His crucifixion. Then they knowed that no man could do that like Him. Then they knew that that was their same Jesus, because He did just the same after His resurrection as He did before His resurrection. And they realized that it was Him. He vanished quickly, as soon as He done the miracle out of the sight.

But they run quickly and told everybody, "Truly the Lord has risen." And they found others who had already been associated with the resurrection had seen Him after the resurrection.

L-54 I pray Thee Father, that as these dear people cross over these hills, down to the different cities, and their homes, may they talk tonight. And may I on my road up to my camp. Maybe I be able to say with those who are with me, like them days, "Did not our hearts burn within us, as He talked to us along the way?"

Come tonight, Lord Jesus. We're nearing the end of time. This great state of California, a great portion of the population of the United States comes from here. Fashions are sent from here. O Lord, way up here in these people up on the lake, many of them down in Los Angeles and different places, let Thy Holy Spirit once more come, Father, that they might know that the sign that the Messiah is nearing. Just like the--the cornerstone, just like the capstone on the pyramid, it must coincide with... The rest of the stones must coincide with it, or it can never be capped.

So is it with the coming of the Lord Jesus. The Church has to be so fitted, that Christ and His Church will be one, when they come. So let His Spirit be so dominant, predominant tonight in our hearts and in our meeting, that everyone will recognize that it is You. And they won't be afraid. They'll know it's You because You're the same yesterday, today, and forever. This we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen. [\[Luke 24:32\]](#)

L-55 Now, we're going to call a little prayer line. We're... I seen pretty near everyone here was Christian. And we'll have the altar calls as we go along. Because Divine healing is not a major; Divine healing is a minor. But eighty-six percent of the ministry of our Lord Jesus was

thing that could help them...

And, my loving friends, if that ain't the situation of today, I don't know it. The only thing that can help the people, they're afraid of it. They say, "Well, that's a bunch of... That might be holy-roller. That might be the Pentecostal tongues group. It might be, you know, it might be spiritualism. It might be the devil." See? They're scared of the only thing that can help them.

There He come walking. And--and they seen it was... It looked like Him, but, oh, they cried out for fear. They thought it was a spirit of some sort.

He said, "Be not afraid; it's I; it's Me."

Now, if Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, then He will do the same today, as He did then and will forever. Is that right?

Let us bow our heads while we think on this Scripture. [\[Mark 16:15-16\]](#)

L-53 Our heavenly Father, as we are now coming to the close of this little, scrambled up message, trusting that the Holy Spirit will take those words, and--and just severely give them out in every heart as they have need. May they sink way down deep.

And these people are setting here under this hot roof, not just to be seen, but they've come because they are hungering and thirsting.

Now, Father, I pray Thee that Thou will minister to them the blessings that they come for. May there not be one left that's sick or afflicted. May there not be any here that has any doubt. May the Holy Spirit with the Word of God here, take every doubt out of their mind, because, Father, we have given It just exactly the way It's written. That was the Messiah. That was His sign. That was the One that He promised that would be.

Now, Father, we're looking for Him to do the same thing tonight like He did coming... Those at Emmaus, He walked with them all day. He loved them, and talked to them, and give them the Scriptures.

There's many sit here tonight. Ninety percent of this audience raised their hand for the first time. They know there's been somebody that's helped them. When I asked them again, they raised up their hand; they were Christian believers. They believed it.

Now, when the Cleopas and his friend, walking from Emmaus, talking

fell on them. But you notice from then on, Paul, any of the rest of them, laid hands on them and so forth, they got the Holy Ghost.

But there was those three classes of people again: Ham, Sham, and Japheth's people: Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans.

Now, notice. When Jesus came, He performed that sign, as the Messianic sign, before the Jews. Now, the Gentles, we, the Anglo-Saxon, we were not looking for any Messiah. He only comes to those that's looking for Him. He will only heal tonight those that believe they are going to be healed. He will only save those who's got faith enough to be saved in. He will only fill with the Spirit those who are looking for the Holy Spirit. When He comes to the earth again, He will come for those who are waiting for Him to come, and looking for Him to come, and prepared for Him to come. He will come to His church. [\[Acts 10:44\]](#)

L-36 Now, we, Anglo-Saxon, Gentiles, we were not looking for Him to come. But there were two classes looking for Him to come. That was the Jews and the Samaritans. And you search the Scriptures through, and you'll never find one place where Jesus ever performed that Messianic sign to a Gentile: not one time. Because the Gentiles wasn't looking for Him. But He said, "In the last days when the Holy Ghost come, It would do it." The--the Gentiles have not been taught upon the religion of Jehovah. They wasn't looking for such. They not been taught Bible teaching. We were heathens that worshiped idols: Romans and Greeks and so forth that had gods and goddesses packing a club on our back, and so forth, heathens.

But the Jews and the Samaritans was looking for a Messiah. And when the Messiah came, He showed them the God Prophet sign, as He was the Messiah.

Now, He said, "In the coming of the last days..." Now, listen close. He said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Now, just before that He said, "As it was in the days of Noah..." Now, notice, Noah's time it rained. He said, "They were eating, drinking, marrying, and given in marriage." That was the immoral, because in Sodom they'd got beyond that. See? He said, "In the days of Noah before the flood, they were eating, drinking,

marrying, and giving in marriage." [\[Luke 17:28-30\]](#)

L-37 But then when He come to the days of Sodom, He didn't mention one thing about that. See? Oh, God is full of wisdom. Jesus thanked the Father because He had hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent. You can't find it by digging through. God is a revelation. It was a revelation at the beginning. Who told Abel, that he should offer a lamb instead of Cain with the fruit?

When Jesus was asked His disciples, "Who does man say I, the Son of man am?"

And one said, "Thou art the Moses." And one saying, "You're Elias, or the prophets."

He said, "But who do you say?"

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

He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon, the son of Jonas. For flesh and blood is not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven has revealed it to you. And upon this Rock I'll build My Church and the gates of hell cannot prevail against It."

It's a spiritual revelation Who Jesus Christ is. Upon this Rock, God, revealing, not by learning by a word, not by some creed, but by a spiritual revelation, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God that's revealed to you by the Holy Spirit. [\[Matthew 16:13-18\]](#)

L-38 The Bible said, "No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Spirit." That's how essential it is in this day. But we see the world pleasure mad like it was in the days of Noah.

Look at Reno, Nevada, back here, marrying and giving in marriage. Look now, as the days of Noah, and the days of Sodom. Look at the perversions. Letters, thousands of them coming from, mostly from California here, where perversion is on (Oh, my.), on the sweep, increasing about thirty percent each year, of perversions. Because the people is just so common and so... Oh, it's--it's horrible. It isn't even right to talk about it hardly from the platform, how degraded the nations are getting, and especially this America, our land, our home. Oh, it needs a real genuine revival shaking, or it's going to get an atomic shaking. So it's a past revival, so we'll just look for the atomic. But the church will go before that time come. And if that's that close

trying to find a place to manifest Himself, to do something great, to do something to help you, to show you that He's here. He's not dead. He's alive again. [\[Matthew 18:20\]](#)

L-51 Every religion... When I stood there that afternoon before seventeen different religions, I said, "Gentlemen, every one of your founders is dead and in the grave: Buddha, Mohammed, and all of the rest of them. Sikhs and Jains and all of them, your founders are dead and been buried for hundreds of years, but our God is not dead."

They said, "Well, they crucified Him."

I said, "But He raised again." I said, "If He will prove Himself alive, will you receive Him?"

"Yes. If you show it's alive."

And it's hard. I don't know how many thousands received Him, when they seen that He was alive.

The little article of Mr. Graham not long ago. As the paper come out behind, said, they said that, Mr. Graham took down and wouldn't pray for the sick back there to this Mohammedan with his child and said, "Now, how, what about Durban, South Africa," said, "when William Branham was over there, when ten thousand Mohammedans fell to the altar at one time?" When they seen a man that was so afflicted, he was in every way. Told him who he was, and where he come from, and all about it, and healed him, and raised him up on his feet...?... Not even when... Not even in his right mind, he come to his own normal sense. And the big tears dropped off on his black belly. And there he was healed. I seen ten thousand Mohammedans at one time, and all together thirty thousand unbelievers fall at the cross.

L-52 Not build churches, but preach the Gospel. That's the commission. That's it. Churches is fine; schools are fine. All the doctors are fine. Hospitals are... I'm not criticizing that. But that's not the message of the Church. It's "Preach the Gospel. These signs shall follow them that believe," said Mark 16. There we are.

Now, with this taken place, the waves begin to--back and forth. And the sad thing was, it's a whole lot like it is today. When they saw Him coming, walking on the water, they thought it was a spirit. They thought it was a spook of some sort. And they got scared. The only

must've had a nightmare."

I said, "If that's it, here's my fellowship card. I met Somebody that talked to me. It was Life to me."

I said, "Here's..."

"Oh," he said, "don't feel that way about it."

I said, "Well that's just my feeling anyhow. I can't get all tied up here and serve God. I'll just serve Him right out, just me and Him together." [*John 14:19, 26*], [*Matthew 28:20*]

L-50 Now, notice as we're closing. The winds begin to blow, poison wind. There's been a whole lot of winds been blowing today. Saying, "The days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing as Divine healing. The Holy Spirit was for another age, two thousand years ago."

Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "It's for you and to your children, and them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." That's how far it goes. That's just as many as it could go, but you see, they've got something they want to type the world into it. We'll get into that later.

And, then, the winds begin to blow. And all hopes for a revival was gone. Everything was just gone. The little ship ever--become waterlogged; the oars had broke. And here they was flipping, and flopping, dancing out there on the waves like a bottle stopper on a--a mighty sea. And there they was, just hopeless to ever reach shore. And they would all give up hopes. But you know what? He hadn't left them. Certainly not.

He climbed up the highest hill that He could climb, so He could look all the way across the sea. And He saw when they was in trouble. And here He come walking to them on the water.

Brethren, He did the same thing to us. He never only climbed up the highest hill; He started up a hill at Calvary. He went to Mount Calvary and climbed from there, the golden stairs, till He went plumb into eternity and set at the right hand of God. He can see the--the end from the beginning. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He's watching me. He's watching you. He's watching this little meeting. "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I'll be in their midst." He's

to coming for an atomic shaking, till we're getting places to run, fall down and things like that, what about the coming of the Lord, when that will take place before the world's destroyed; We know that. [*1 Corinthians 12:3*]

L-39 Notice, Noah was in the ark before any water fell. Lot had to get out of Sodom before any fire fell. The Church will get out of the world before an atomic bomb blows it up. It'll have to.

Notice, now let's watch what Sodom did, then we get right back.

You say, "Brother Branham, you got way off of your text."

Well, as David once said, David duPlessis said, "I cannot preach on the highway all the time, because a lot of the people I preach to don't live on the highways. I have to go down the lane and pick up some, come back again." So I get off my text, but I wanted to pick up some down on the lane now.

Now, notice, on this "In Sodom, as it was in the days of Sodom." Let's just stop for a few minutes here now on Philip's testimony. And let's go to Sodom just a moment.

Notice, Sodom... There's always three classes of people in the world: That's believers, make-believers, and unbelievers. That's the three classes that they always produces.

And now, in Sodom there was the Sodomites. You know what the sin of it was? It was terrible, just like it is in the--the world today. All right.

Now, and then Abraham... Now, Lot was down in Sodom a lukewarm Christian, a nominal Christian, because it said, "The sins of Sodom vexed his righteous soul." But he did little about it, let them come into his church, dressed any way they want to, act the way they want to, smoke, drink, gamble, and do anything. As long as they were, professed to be believers (See?), it was all right, just a lukewarm Christian, lukewarm church member.

Then, we notice that outside, up in the desert, separated, called-out was Abraham, the elected Church, elected by foreknowledge. God had called them out. The very word "church" means "called out and separated."

Israel was the people of God till they was called out of Egypt and

segregated from the Egyptians, and then they were the church of God. The word "church" means "called-out." [II Peter 2:8]

L-40 Here they were, Abraham setting up there, things going hard for him. I'd imagine Mrs. Lot walked up and down her little ivory palace down there in Gomorrah and say, "You know what; there's poor old Sarah up there, hasn't even got a change of clothes hardly. There's Abraham, his cattle starving to death. Why don't they come down here and join our societies?"

But brother, they had a society in their heart. They had something that was making them, waiting for the coming of the Lord. One day when the weather was hotter than it is today, dry as it was, Abraham was setting in the door of his tent, where they had an old oak tree.

And I thought of that Brother Bud, if you're in here, when I come to your place today.

And setting there by the tent... And the--the herdsmen was out, and the water was all dried up, and they could hardly find anything for their cattle. And the first thing you know, Abraham happened to notice, and here come three Men with dust all over Their clothes, just ordinary Men. Abraham thought, you know, that there must be a little something different about those Fellows. He called Them in and set Them down.

He said, "Set down. Let me fetch a little water and wash Your feet, and refresh Yourself, and I'll get a morsel of bread, and You eat the bread. Then go on wherever You're going." 'Cause Abraham believed that there was something fixing to happen. [Genesis 18:4-5]

L-41 You know, there's something about sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. You know, that same little tickling feeling in Abraham's heart, that there was something fixing to happen, is the same thing sent this lady here tonight with this wheelchair. Same One sent that man there. Same One sent every one of you here. That little feeling that there's something somewhere. See? You just come for that purpose, 'cause, oh, somebody'd say, "Oh, that's a bunch of--of holy-rollers up there, or whatmore." See? They don't understand. But the Holy Spirit led you here. Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God.

And, you know, when that coldness comes in and we get to thinking about intellectual ministers, "Well, my pastor has a D.D. My pastor got a--a Bachelor of Art degree. Our pastor come from so-and-so seminary." That don't mean anything, not a bit. I'd rather my child would be with a man that didn't even know his abc's and found Christ in his heart, than to be with one that knowed all the intellectuals. That's right.

L-49 Moses knowed all the intellectuals, but God had to take him over to the bush and take it all out of him, and then put some faith in him from the Fire that was on the bush. And that's what we need tonight is another visit to the bush, where we get an experience.

Today we're living in a day when infidels is trying to explain it all the way. Jesus knowed that. He said, "I'll not leave you comfortless. The Father will send the Holy Ghost in My Name. And a little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I (the Holy Spirit speaking in Him), I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world."

Now, God knowed that in the end of the world people's going to rise up, great scholars and intellectuals, and explain all of the Bible away. And no man has a right behind the pulpit, no man has a right to call himself a Christian, until he's once got back there on the backside of the desert under those sacred sands, where he met God face to face. He had an experience.

You might take all the slick, intellectual Doctors of Divinity to explain--explain all this away and explain all that away. But when it comes to stepping on that sacred sand where you met God face to face, there's not enough Doctors of Divinity, or not enough devils out of hell could ever shake that experience from you. When you have met God somewhere face-to-face, and felt the power of the change of a new life come in you, no devil in the hell could ever shake it away from you. You are a new creature, and you've got the experience in your heart.

You say, "But wait a minute, wait a minute, something happened." See? You've got something.

I remember when the general overseer come, and he said, "Billy, you

that our preachers are intellectual, and oh, they're Doctors of Divinity, and great big men, and things. That's too bad it ever happen, but it--it--it happened anyhow. See? And we're no longer in the alley any more. We're right out here like the rest of the churches, the big buildings. And one's trying to outdo the other one, and get more in his Sunday school, and the other one and everything like that.

You know what? I think all together, we've went off without the Lord. See? God is interested in us saving souls, not building buildings, which the buildings are all right. But He wants souls saved. Jesus never did commission His disciples to build a church. He never did commission them to make a hospital. All those things are all right, but He said, "Preach the Gospel, and these signs shall follow them that believe." [\[John 4:18-19\]](#), [\[Mark 16:15-16\]](#)

L-47 But we've got off on to intellectual signs: grandchildren. But God don't have grandchildren. You know, God only has sons and daughters, not grandchildren. God... But we've got Pentecostal grandchildren. Because papa and mama belonged to the Pentecostal church, we come in. We come in with them. They brought us in, and put us on the cradle roll, and we become members of the Pentecostal church. That's grandchildren. That ain't no good.

We got... Every man that comes to God's got to be born of the Spirit of God. Then you're sons and daughters of God, with an experience, something in there, that God lives, and you know He's real. That's the real son and daughter.

If you're--if you're a Methodist and a son of God, amen. You're a Methodist son of God. If you're Pentecostal and a son of God, all right, but don't be a grandson Methodist or a grandson Pentecostal. Be a son and daughter by the birth, the new birth, the supernatural, the Holy Ghost baptism in your heart. Then you're sons and daughters.

L-48 Now, they find... Satan looked over, and he found them going off on a tantrum like that. He said, "This is my opportunity." So he raised his slimy head up over the hill, and begin to blow across the lake you know. [Brother Branham makes a blowing sound--Ed.] A wind come. Poison winds begin to lift up the bottom of the sea and toss the little boat.

Now, as these two, three Man come up. They sit down, and Abraham run in an said, "Sarah, sifter out a little meal."

How many ever siftered meal? My, some of you women, sure, lots of these... One with the little gray hair...?... I've seen my mother take that old sifter around like that, had a wedge in it. Sometime the meal will be lumpy, and she'd have to take this wedge and rub it around and around and around to get the--out, and make us them little corn cakes for breakfast, and have that in sorghum molasses. Sure. And had this old...

And she siftered it out like that, you know. And--and he run out in the herd and got a little fat calf, and killed it, and had it dressed. And he cooked the meat on the hearth, and he come out. And they... These three Men were setting there. He gave Them food. Now, watch now. We're right back to Nathanael, just a moment and their testimony.

L-42 Now, when he come out and give Them the meat, while these Men sit there and eat, and Abraham probably talking to them... After a while he noticed one of Them kept looking over towards Sodom. Two of them got up and went on towards Sodom.

And so after They went down to Sodom. Remember what Their message was when They got down there? Repentance. "Come out." That was a modern Billy Graham, and an Oral Roberts, or whatever you want to call it, two great, mighty ministers that went down there into Sodom and preached repentance. They didn't perform so many miracles: only blinded a few eyes. And preaching the Gospel does blind the unbeliever.

So He... They--they never done such a miracle. They did miracles, but not miracles like was back here at the other place. Now, They preached and called them. "Repent or perish." That was the Two that went down into Sodom.

But the One that stayed back here with Abraham. Let's watch Him for a few minutes. The Church... the eighty-five hundred and something version of the Pentecost, setting down there at the tent, the believer. Then this Man had his back turned towards the tent. The women then wasn't like the women today mostly. You know, that has to be in all the man's business and everything, they kinda stayed back in the

house, so they--they...

L-43 So they... She was... Sarah was...?... So this Man, after He got through eating, He said, "Abraham." Watch, called him by name, "Abraham, where is your wife?" How did He know he was married? "Where is your wife, Sarah?" Listen to that. Her name actually wasn't Sarah, Sarai, first, then was called Sarah because she was a princess. He called her by her princess name.

"Abraham (That's your name.) where is your wife? (For you're a married man.) and her name is Sarah." How'd He know that?

Watch the sign. Now, remember; He said, "Just as it was at Sodom," when fire burnt the earth up, Sodom and Gomorrah, "so shall it be in the come of Son of man."

Now, watch. That same sign, given to a Gentile world. See what we're getting at?

"Where is your wife, Sarah?"

Abraham said, "She's in the tent."

And the Bible said the tent was behind the Angel. How many ever read that, know that's true? Sure. The tent was behind Him.

"She's in the tent behind You."

Said, "Abraham, twenty-five years ago (in other words,) I promised you a son. I'm going to visit you according to the time of life of Sarah (the twenty-eight days)." Said, "I--I'm going to visit you according to that time. And you're going to have this son."

And Sarah, being ninety years old and Abraham a hundred, she went [Brother Branham illustrates--Ed.] to herself, laughed, grinned to herself behind the Angel inside the tent, and the Angel said, "Why did Sarah laugh?" Amen. Now, what kind of a telepathy was that?

[\[Genesis 18:9\]](#), [\[Luke 17:28-30\]](#), [\[Genesis 18:9-13\]](#)

L-44 "Abraham, you're a married man. You have a wife. Her name is Sarah. I never seen you before, never knowed nothing about you (in otherwise). You never seen Me before, but you know that there's something going on."

Now, "Where is your wife, Sarah?"

Abraham said, "She's in the tent behind You."

And she went, [Brother Branham illustrates--Ed.]

He said, "Why did she laugh?" In the tent behind Him... That was to the church elected. Sodom never seen it. Sodom cared nothing about it. But Abraham waited in a hot tent, hotter than this building this afternoon, waiting for something to happen, and he found it.

L-45 Jesus said, "As it was that day, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man."

The Church elected will see that same sign again. What are we? To the Gentiles, waiting for a Messiah... God is sovereign. If God let... At the age of all the intellectual teaching that Israel had, and Samaria had, and just at the end of their teaching, the end of their day, He showed them the sign of the Messiah to prove it, that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will not let the Gentile church come in without doing the same thing for them. If it was, He'd give them something He wouldn't give us. He'd give one of His children a piece of pie and the other one a piece of pie but refuse it to the other.

That... He's not a Father like that. No. He will give it to them if they're willing to eat it. That's it. It's up to the church, then it's up to them.

[\[Luke 17:28-30\]](#)

L-46 Now, as Philip set there and said, "Yes, that is right. And when we went and got Nathanael, and Nathanael said so, and Andrew. All of them have testified." Said, "Yes, as it was in the days of Sodom, how that we know those things that--that He spoke would take place." Now, He said, "Yes, my heart burned within me. I fell upon my face, and when He told me where I was at and told me who my father was, and when we all stood there and seen that woman of Samaria, and He told her that she had five husbands, and--and then tell her the... She said she had no husband. And He said, 'You got five and the one you're living with now is not yours.' And she cried out, 'Sir, I perceive that You are a Prophet. We know when the Messiah cometh He will tell us all these things, but Who are You?'" See?

Now,... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] Pray all night, and have them little meetings, stand on the corner, beat tambourines and the police run you off one corner, you go around the corner of the alley and start again... See?

Then was trying to get the message over. But we got to a place now