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L-1 Thank you, brother. May be seated. Certainly deem this a grand privilege tonight, to be here in Louisville, Mississippi. We've looked forward for this time, for quite a time, and I thought that I'd get to Louisville. I'm just across the river from Louisville, Kentucky, my native home. It seems like coming home again, to be in Louisville.

Now, up there, some of them call it "Luavul," "Louis-ville," and "Lueyville." And I don't know what it is here. I think we, best way, way I've always call it, was Louis-ville. Look like L-o-u-i-s- would be Louis-ville. But, back home it's "Luavul," and "Lueyville," and "Louis-ville," so we just take our choice, which one we want to use.

The main thing is, that, we're gathered together in the Name of the Lord Jesus. We've assembled here for no other purpose but to serve Him, and that His great Name might be honored among us, more. When we're... When the meeting is over, then it could... It's possible, as it could be now. We know that we honor Him with all of our heart.

L-2 And now I come here upon the invitation of the ministers of this, the locality through here, and this place. And I come not with something different from them; just the same Gospel. I believe, Jesus said once, that, "The Kingdom of Heaven is like unto a man that taken a--a net and went to the sea. And when he cast it in, he drew all kind." Now, that's what we get in the Gospel net.

When a man throws a net into the sea or to the lake, he hardly knows what he's going to get out of there. Because, he could get crawfish. And he could get a scavenger fish. He

verse.

Let brotherly love continue.

Be not... to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.

Remember them that are in bonds, as bonds with them; and them which are adversity, as being yourself also in the body.

Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Let your conversations be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper,... I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversations.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday,... to day, and for ever.[\[Hebrews 13:1-8\]](#)

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each day, a--a chance to get a prayer card.

L-21 Then each night, not too many will get on the platform at a time, but I'll bring up so many to be prayed for. Might come, start from one there, is four, it shows that the boy who gives out the cards cannot guarantee you anything, or sell a prayer card to you, that'll show you you're going to get in the prayer line. You got the same chance, because the cards are mixed up, before the audience.

L-22 Another thing is, that I might start from any place. I might start from fifty, to come backwards from thirty, to go forward, or from... Then sometimes I count how many is in this row, and divide it by this row, and so forth like that, to get a number. And sometimes take a little kid, and judge about his age, or some man or woman, or something like that, you know, or just anything comes in my mind. Therefore, there is no one knows where the prayer line starts, and that gives every person a chance. Then, at the end, all together, we pray for every person that holds a card. So we... Just hold your card.

L-23 Now many times, in the meetings, that people don't even get to the platform. If anybody is here, who has ever been in the meeting before; there is ten out there healed when one is healed at the platform.

L-24 It takes faith. No matter where it is, you've got to meet that faith. That's all. And faith is not just a--a myth, just something you imagine. It's something you know. That's right.

L-25 And now I'm going to ask you, now, as we turn now for the Scripture reading, tonight. We're going to read out of the Book of--out of the Book of Hebrews, tonight, and now when we stand to read the Word. We stand when we pledge allegiance to the flag, and we--we stand in honor of all of our national emblems, so forth, so let's stand while we read the Word of God. Will you? Hebrews, the 13th chapter, the 1 to 8

could get spiders, a serpent, and--and whatever more.

But, it's our duty to seine. It isn't our duty to judge. And I come to take my net, that the Lord has given me, and lace it with these men's net, that, we, two nets will reach out just a little further than one net will. So, I've laced my net with you brethren here. All you people here, that belong to these churches around here, I've laced my net with you, to cast out into the sea here, and draw in and see if the Lord has got some--some down in here that hasn't been caught yet. And may the great Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ be so identified among us, in these next five nights here, that we will see all those who are not caught, at this age, may be caught in the--the Gospel net, for the Master's use.

L-3 Now, we, this cannot be done alone, alone. It must be done with cooperation and prayer, and all of us together, to blend together and put our hearts together, and pray.

And now we've enjoyed about a fifteen-year revival, which according to history is longer than any revival has ever lasted, to my knowing. Usually, a revival lasts about three years, then it gets scattered. But believing that this is one of the last great revivals that the world will receive, and it's come in the last age, the Laodicean age, at the end of the Pentecostal dispensation. And I believe the church now is going out into its lukewarmness, as the Bible predicted. And we're seeing just the catching of the last part, when we see things happening like has been happening in the world, in the last few days.

For instance, the great earthquake in Alaska. Never has been an earthquake like that, in all the world. Did you notice? It come on Good Friday. You know, the last time the world was shaken was on Good Friday, too, when our Master died, and it shook the whole world. And remember, it might be the sign of Him returning. He said, that, "There'd be earthquakes in divers places." Today we got another one in California, and they're just appearing everywhere, light earthquakes. We

notice, even the Capitol building has moved out of its place, and moved back. And--and down here in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, there's a swimming pool there, dashed the waters out, from plumb from Alaska. Over in Switzerland, Sweden, and through there, shook buildings and things, around the world.

L-4 I believe that it's trying to open our eyes, to see the hour that we're living. I'm here in godly fear, that, it may be sooner than we think, of His appearing.

And brother and sister, even to the young folks, let's put all the sincerity we can. This might be the last revival we'll ever attend, and we may not get through this one, until His Coming. I'm looking for Him today. If He isn't here today, I'll be looking for Him tomorrow, if I'm here. And I been looking for Him now, since I heard about Him returning, and that's been thirty-three years ago when I gave my heart to Him. I been behind the pulpit, thirty-three years, try and proclaim His unsearchable riches of His glory. And I trust that God will make Hissself so known among us, that every unbeliever will be saved, and all the sick will be healed, and the saints of the Lord, His believing children, will be lifted up in the--in the Spirit.

L-5 A revival doesn't mean getting new members. It's reviving that what we've already got. See? It's reviving.

I stood, some time ago, and watching the waves on Lake Michigan, seeing, standing out there, after a great revival in Chicago. I seen the--the waves, how they were coming in, just in a great tide, just sweeping in and out. I thought, you know, it remind me of the song, "Floods of joy over my soul, like the sea billows roll." And them waves start somewhere, out into the lake or in the ocean. And as they come, they build up momentum, all the time. Then, finally, they strike the shore; just to go out, to come in again.

And that's the way the waves of God's glory does. It comes in, just like--just like rolls, over and over, back and back, and

So does your physical being die, to be formed and mold into the image of Him. But there is still that attribute that cannot be destroyed. It can never be destroyed. It's God, in the beginning. It's God above us, God with us, God in us. And it's all the attributes of God: Eternal Life to the sons of men.

L-19 Now let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray tonight that You will bless us and get glory out of our gathering together. We dedicate this building and the grounds, placing ourself upon it and giving it to You, as an offering, Lord, for the honor of Your Name. Grant it, Lord. Bless everything that we do. May it be to honor Jesus Christ, and to bring Him a living reality among the people.

And when the services is finished, and we depart from these meetings and go to our homes, may we say like those who some nineteen... years ago, this last Easter, when they was coming from Emmaus, when He appeared among them and did the same thing that He did before His crucifixion. He was the risen Lord, because He was still making Hissself known in the same things that He did before His crucifixion, and their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. God, may we say tonight, after nineteen hundred years, when we're on our road back home, tonight, may we say, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He spoke to us along the way?" May He identify Himself tonight, among us, Lord, as the risen Lord, ready to return for His Church. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. [\[Luke 24:32\]](#)

L-20 Each night, in order to keep the thing orderly, we are come to be prayed for; Brother Borders, or--or my son, Billy Paul, one of them, will be here every evening, about--about a hour before the services begin. And they bring down little cards that's got numbers on them. This boy will take these cards and mix them up, right in, before you. See? So, that, and then give you a card, whatever one you want. When I come down at night, each night... That gives the newcomer,

Then death sets in, you start dying down. No matter how much you eat, how well you put food back into your body, to make blood cells, you're dying. And there's not a scientist in the world can explain it.

You poured water out of a jug, into a glass, it gets half full; then just keep pouring, it goes down. How about that?

The food you eat makes blood cells. Blood cells builds your body. Every time you eat, you renew your life. When you were one year old, on up, on up till you got about twenty-two. And then, now, you're eating the same food. I'm eating the same food I did at sixteen. At sixteen, every time I eat, it built muscles and big and strong. I got my full matured. And then after fully matured, I'm eaten the same food, and better, and more of it, and I'm getting older and weaker, all the time. But every time I renew my life, then I wouldn't have to die. See?

But God has made an appointment, and man must die and face the Judgment. And you're going to keep that appointment, friends. Just remember that. And while we're here, tonight, we want to remember those things, that we've got to meet that appointment. There might be many you'll stand up and get away from, but that's one we're sure, every one, to meet. And now, in that, it's appointment that God has made with man. This body must, because it is yet negative. It's subject to death.

L-18 So, He gets the Eternal Spirit, His attribute displayed in that body, then, like any picture in its negative form, it goes into the darkroom. There it's developed. It comes out to the perfect picture. And we go into the darkroom, but to come out after the negative has been a perfect picture, in the image of Christ. We go into the dark grave, into the darkroom for developing. It takes death to develop it.

Just like it takes death, to yourself, to develop the picture of the image of Christ, the life of Christ in you. You have to dump your own out, so that Christ can come in. You have to die to your self.

back and forth, the waves of the joy of God rolls through our souls.

I wonder, "What was the use of that? What is the use of churning the waters up-and-down?" Nature has a way of taking care of itself.

Just like people, now, when you're in your church with your pastors, when you're having a Sunday school lesson or--or something in your church. Maybe there's no excitement going on, or--or nothing unusual. But, yet, there's just as much God in your heart as there is when you're jumping up-and-down or shouting.

I thought, "Why do they do it?" Same reason God has, a revival, is the same reason He puts a revival on the ocean, puts a revival in the lake. And the water, churning up-and-down, takes all the trash out of the water, throws it up on the bank. And I think that's a good thing, that we have revivals, and kind of get all the superstitions away from us, and all the--the--the world out, churning it out, and throw it out on the bank, so the waters can be free of such.

L-6 Now, tonight, it's kind of... First time I've ever been here, and yet I don't feel like I'm a stranger among you. I--I am not. I'm your brother. And I--and I, course, the newness of just knowing each other... Probably, some of you, I know I've never seen. Perhaps you've never seen me. And there's always that little tight feeling that you just... It's hard. And we just... It's just that way, now, everywhere. I'm making, starting on my eighth trip around the world. And I--I--I find it, everywhere, no matter where you are.

But when you find Christian people, where the Holy Spirit is, no matter what nation, how far in the jungle, or whatever it is, they do the same thing you do when you receive the Holy Ghost. They do just the same thing. They have the same liberty they do. They believe the same way and act the same way that any Christian does when he receives Christ.

But, in there, you find that tightness. And, I think, the first

night is a good time just to kind of get acquainted. And then, now, then, as the meeting progresses and goes on, then we'll get more acquainted with each other than what we are now. But, quicker we get out of it, why, better off we'll be.

L-7 The Holy Spirit is timid, very, very timid. And--and where you have just one unbeliever or a skeptic setting around, the Holy Spirit just can't work, hardly. Remember, Jesus led a man plumb out of the city, to heal him, one time, get him away from unbelief. He come into His Own city, and the Bible said, "And many mighty works He could not do." We don't want to think it that way, but the Bible said He couldn't do it. See? He cannot do nothing against your belief. You've got to believe it.

Someone has told me, many times, saying, "Brother Branham, I don't care what would happen; I don't believe It." Well, It wasn't to that person.

It's not to unbelievers. It's only to believers, they that believe. "All things are possible to them that believe." Unbelievers get nothing. And so they--they just don't believe nothing, so they get nothing. If they just got a cold theology, that's what they get. But those who believe in God, and believe that Jesus Christ is just as real today as He ever was, that's what they receive. "Just according to your faith, be it unto you."

L-8 And then in here, I thought I'd give, tonight, what we try to do.

Now, I presume, being that this is Pentecostal sponsored, that most in here are Pentecostal people. And that's where I threw my lot, although I never did join any Pentecostal church, and no certain church. I don't have any denomination, certain denomination. And, frankly, I'm not very much for it. They can have whatever they want to. But you draw the lines, you see, and God--God don't like lines built in His Church.

Reminds me of a fellow, one time, had some ducks, and he--he cut their wings so they couldn't fly out of a pen. He had

along. One of them is the fundamentalists, and the other one is Pentecostals. Now, the Pentecostals got something, but they don't know who they are. And the fundamentalists know something, but ain't got nothing with it. So now, there, it's just like a man has got money in the bank, and can't write a check. The other one can write a check; got no money in the bank. If you could ever get that thing together, it would--it would be a great thing.

But, now, in the face of this, way we try to carry the meeting, is for you, you as the individual, for your need in Christ. Salvation, Divine healing, or whatever you have need of, is to, by faith, know that you're in the Presence of Christ, and by faith you reach and get it. For, that's the only way you'll ever get it. Is... By faith we are saved. By faith we're healed. See? Nothing that God has to come down and do again; He's already done it.

So, you see, the whole thing is--is, God becoming tangible. That, on the great Day that's to come, when Christ sets upon the throne of David and reigns in the Millennium, it's God, tangible, in the earth.

He is now in you. You are His attributes. If you've got Eternal Life, your life always was. And you was God's thinking: the color of hair, whatever you are, you was God's thinking, and you're just materialized.

And that's what God was when He was materialized in Christ; God, displayed, manifested in flesh, in Christ. He became material; God that we could touch. First Timothy 3:16, "Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: for God was manifested in the flesh." See? See? It was God being manifested, getting ready. [\[Ephesians 2:8\]](#), [\[I Timothy 3:16\]](#)

L-17 Now, here we are, in this form, still we're negative. Like taking a picture of something, and snapping it. God says, "He'll have dark hair, blue eyes, and so forth. He'll be this, that, or the other." The picture is snapped, the age of about twenty years old, twenty-two.

healed, past tense.

Every sinner is saved. From the day that Jesus died on the cross, He forgave every sin of man. [\[Isaiah 53:5\]](#)

L-14 Now, God is a great--a great... like a great Being. "In the beginning God..." See? We... He wasn't even God, to begin with. God is "an object of worship." And He was called... There wasn't nothing, to worship. He was self-existent Elohim, and there wasn't nothing to worship Him. When He created Angels, then there was something to worship Him.

But in this great God, Elohim, was attributes. There was attributes in there to be God; attributes to be Father; attributes to be Son; attributes to be Saviour; attributes to be healer. All these attributes was in God. And if you've ever got Eternal Life, you were in God's attributes, because you got Eternal Life. Jesus came as Redeemer. And redeem means "bring it back to where it started from." Right. You were in God's thinking. He might have to breed this with that, and down here and down here.

Like a man making chimes for the church; puts in so-much brass and so-much iron, and gets it just at the right pitch. The molder knows how to put it in. If he doesn't, he doesn't get the right ring.

L-15 And God knows just exactly where you belong, and what age you belong in. And, therefore, if you got Eternal Life; the word Eternal is "something never did begin, or never can end." So, whoever you were, see, you were, you always were. You were God's attribute being--being displayed, a--a Word. "In the beginning was the Word."

And the word is a thought made manifest. You think it, then speak it. Like I'd say, "The light." I had to think "light" before I said "light." "Microphone," have to say... think "microphone," to say "a microphone."

And we are God's attributes displayed.

L-16 And I find out, I find two classes of people as it goes

some ducks on one side, and ducks on the other. Water begin to come in. The first thing you know, the water got higher and higher, and ducks got together then. See? That's what we need to do. Let the waters go to rising, and then the ducks get together, you see, then. And we're all in the same water. So, denominational barriers can be floated out, if we'll just let the waters get deep enough.

Like a man had a cornfield. A fellow kept saying... He had one field, plants off this way; another one this way. And so a fellow flying over, every morning, would look at that cornfield. He said, "Isn't that a fine cornfield here, and one there!" After the corn got a little higher, reached all the way across the fence, it looked like one field. So I hope it gets that way here, that we're one great, big heart-to-heart cornfield for God's Kingdom.

L-9 Now, our purpose.

Now, many times, people say, "Brother Branham, the Divine healer." No. That is wrong. There's only one healer; that's God. There's no medicine that's a healer, no doctor that's a healer. There's no good doctor that claims to be a healer. And if he does, then he--he--he's telling you something wrong.

I was interviewed at Mayo Brothers, and they said, "We do not profess to heal the sick, Mr. Branham. We only profess to assist nature. There's one healer; that's God." And how sensible that is!

You could break your arm; a doctor could set it. But he couldn't heal it, 'cause he hasn't nothing to heal. It'd have to build tissue. A doctor might pull a tooth out or cut appendix out, but who is going to heal? See, the Bible isn't wrong. The Bible is right in every Word. "I'm the Lord Who heals all of thy diseases." All! No other! No fact. They found nothing yet that would build tissue. They find medicines that they can poison germs, until--until the tissue knits together. But, it takes God, to heal. God is the only healer that there is.

L-10 So, the Bible is perfectly true. And that's what we stand

on: the Bible. It must be THUS SAITH THE LORD. Now, we do believe that God can do things that's not written in His Word, because He's God. He does whatever He wishes. But, yet, I like to see anything, when it comes in a line of a doctrine, come out of the Bible. Because, I believe that the Bible is the full revelation of Jesus Christ. The Bible said that's what It is. It is the revelation of Jesus Christ. And nothing is to be added to It, or anything taken from It. So, I like to stay right in what It says and what It promises. If He'd just do what He promised, that's all I care to see, anyhow. Then I know I'll see Him.

Now, in this we do not try to say we major in Divine healing, because Divine healing is a minor. And you could never major on a minor. But about eighty-six percent, I think it's estimated, of Jesus' ministry, was on Divine healing. He...

As Dr. Bosworth used to say, my... One of my associates that just went to Glory, last few years, about... being about eighty-four years old. He said, "Divine healing is the bait that's on a fish hook. And you never show the fish the hook. You show him the bait, so he takes the bait and gets the hook." So, that, that's what it is. We want to catch the fish for the Lord's glory; catch them out of the world, and bring them into the Kingdom of God.

L-11 And so, Divine healing, the main thing is Divine healing of the soul. The Body of Christ, it needs healing worse than anything that I know of, is the Body of Christ. It's been so broken up by men's theology and denominational differences, until it's a sick Body. And I... And I tell you, it--it's needs healing, great healing. So I--I trust that the Lord will do a great thing towards the healing of His part of the Body that's in here.

We believe that there is one, one Church. And we never join It. Next Monday, I'll be fifty-five years old, and the Branham family never did ask me to join their family. I was born a Branham. That's how--that's how I am.

Now, that's how we're Christians. We're born a Christian. And you don't join it. You're born into it. Then you take the character of Christ.

L-12 Now, we find also that, in this, many people here in America, especially, that's been taught. We have the system, or, the--the Lord commanded it, so it's good, of laying hands upon the sick and praying for them. That was the last commission to the church. That's very good. And it's been carried out, down through the ages. Every time a revival broke out in any age, there was Divine healing with it, and the supernatural of God.

And now we find, in this age, and my trying, what I'm trying to achieve, is this. There's been so much in this last day, of people who preaching Divine healing, has put so much self glory in it, that it's give it a bad taste before the public. It's been, "Bless the Lord! Brother So-and-so laid hands on me, and, praise the Lord, I got healed." Now, if I could just omit that!

L-13 If somebody could say, "The Lord Jesus made me well," how much better that would be, you see. So, with the little ministry that the Lord has given me, is trying to bring Him into your presence, that you would lay your hands on Him, your Sacrifice, and be healed. It isn't so much of laying hands. Which, we do, we all. We pray and lay hands on the sick.

We don't heal the people. They're already healed. Every person is already healed. How many believes that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Now let's see how our congregation has been taught. There is two-thirds of them believes it, anyhow. Now, that, "He was wounded for our transgression; with His stripes we were healed." Every attribute that he died for, at Calvary, is ours from that time on, everything that He died for. "He was wounded for our transgressions; bruised for our iniquity; chastisement of our peace upon Him; with His stripes we were healed." We were