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Who Is This?

1 ...Lord, and the things that He has promised, and every promise that He has made is true. And we're looking forward to the time of His appearing. And as we see that day approaching, that hour coming, it makes us want to check up, take inventory of ourselves, and just see where we are standing.

2 I just was hearing when I come in the yard out there, my good friend there, that a real buddy of mine is near death with cancer. And I certainly want the church to pray for Brother Rogers, that he is...

3 I want to go down this week to see him. He lives in a city about thirty-five, forty miles below here, Milltown, Indiana. And I want to go down and see him. He's a veteran of the First World War. And he had surgery just recently, and the doctors just sewed him up, because they said there's no need of trying to operate; he was dying. And he just learned about it, I believe, Friday or Saturday, one, that he just learned that he had cancer.

4 But one great thing happened. He said in the room, when he went into the hospital, that there was a rainbow came in the corner, and he stood and looked at it for some time. And that was God's sign of a covenant. Of course, the rainbow always represents a covenant. God keeps His covenants. He makes His promise.

5 You and I can make one and have to break it, because we just don't know what tomorrow holds. But God cannot make one and break it, because He knows what tomorrow holds, see. He knows all about our troubles and what is, and He knowed all that would be before it was. Before the foundation of the world, He knew just exactly who would be and who would not be.

6 And isn't it a comfort, after we just had these great stern talks from this Russian, Khrushchev, and the different ones, and the remarks that they have made, that says the hangars is ready. They could destroy the world within just a minute. And just anything, they could just press a button, and that would be all of it.

7 But to look in the pages of this Bible and see that before that could ever happen, the church is gone home. Oh, what a feeling, what a relief to know that it'll never touch us. That's right. It'll never touch us. We're just as safely as it can be. And to know that that isn't just some hiding place that the government has formed for us; it's a hiding place that God has for us. And we can rest assured that it's just as perfect as it can be.

8 Down through the ages, God has made promises; and through these promises, He's always kept them. And as for myself, I don't see nothing left but just the quick catching away of the church. I see the little groups going around, struggling, the faithful holding on.

9 And last week, you know what taken place in Israel, the last sign. Israel became a nation in 1947 on the same night the Angel of the Lord visited me. When it came at me at twelve o'clock, it was noon when they signed that peace pact with the world and the League of Nations and so forth, overseas. But last week, they got their own currency. They got a regular Jewish money that they use now.

10 And I don't see nothing at all left according to Scripture... Of course, there's many things maybe the Lord's not letting me know. But I don't see nothing left but just the coming of the Lord. And oh, how I just like to check up. You get to reading the papers and listening to newscasts, and makes you real nervous, and then sit down and think: "Before it can all happen, we're gone home."

11 There'll be never an old person in that country. Just think, we old people will be changed then, and we will be young. There can never be a sickness there, never be death; there can never be a sorrow, heartache, or anything at that time when we cross that...

12 Just like to ask this: What if this morning, someone could step in the door, and say, "Well, I just found something, scientifically proven the truth. And that is, that there's a ship coming by here through the air just in a few minutes. And everyone of you that wants to get on, can get on. And it goes to a land... I just returned. And I was an old man, ninety years old." And there he is in the very prime of youth, you know, and saying, "Just across there, just as soon as you step off on that other side, immediately you return back young. And I met people that'd been there for millions of years, and they just look the same."

I'd say, "Brother, just make me some room, I'm coming."

13 And I think that's the way we all feel. And you know, that isn't just a story; that's the truth. And the old ship of Zion is going to come down through the air one of these days, and load up with saints, and cross over, just go beneath the banner of the cross, and then we're home. Oh, that great time!

14 So I think today, even. . . . “There’s many afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth them out of them all.” And I’m glad that we rest assured in this great promise. And I’m very grateful to God, to His grace that called Brother Junie Jackson, as we know him here. I heard strangers testify a few minutes ago, from coming in for the healing service tonight.

15 And I’m very grateful that God saved Brother Jackson. The devil come pretty near killing him one time. But God had a work for him to do, so He spared his life. And that’s why this congregation and little church stands here today, is for the grace of God. Junie’s been a very dear friend of mine, loyal as he could be to the cause. And I pray that God will bless you people, the congregation here, and will multiply you till this church won’t be able to hold the people.

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16 And it does me good to get into a little church like this where we can just get close together. I have had the privilege, by the grace of God, to speak to congregations which is larger. But I don’t say this that I enjoyed it any more, because the best meetings I’ve ever had is when we had even little house meetings where we just. . . . I get me a chair and get in the corner, and jump off and on the chair. I just have a wonderful time of fellowship, where the saints can get together. “Wherever two or three are gathered in My name, I will be in their midst.” That’s the promise. No matter the size of the church, God promised to meet with us, and He will do that.

17 Now, I believe they. . . . Brother Jackson was telling me that they were anticipating tonight of having a healing service at the church. And I told him I’d also come down and maybe speak a few minutes to the congregation after his Sunday school lesson this morning, and kind of find the feeling of the people. And I heard someone testify they’d come for healing, and I suppose there’d be many tonight to be prayed for. Was you anticipating a service to be just bring the people up, and anoint them, pray for them; or a discernment of the Holy Spirit to find the thing that’s wrong?

18 And see, those things I have to prepare for: Not eating, waiting on the Lord, so forth, because Satan’s always near to have a trap set, just at any time to upset you.

19 And how many would feel that it would be best. . . . See, the congregation, we’re. . . . This church is like ours up there, a sovereign church. We feel that the majority of the people would have more say so than just one person (See?), because that’s what they call “casting lots.” Would you think it would be nice to have just a discernment service tonight? Raise up your hand if you feel that that would be the thing to do. All right. Let’s see, now the contrary would it be just. . . . All right.

20 We will be giving out the prayer cards then tonight, and calling the people. There may be. . . . If there is lots of them, I will Gene or Billy, or one of them down this afternoon about (What time you start your service, Junie? Seven-thirty. . . .) six-thirty, then. And they’ll give you the cards, and we will pray for everybody that’s got the cards. That means everybody would be able to prayed for, in a little congregation. . . . But what we will do, we will let it rotate in line. I will tell them to give the prayer cards to the strangers, and then let the home people come next, because it will be the home people close (You see?), so they’ll. . . . They understand.

21 Sometimes at home. . . . Here it’s kind of hard to have a discerning meeting. Mrs. Wood sitting close now. I went down to the church, and I would have a service of. . . . I’d say now. . . . And we may do it that way tonight. Before there was any prayer cards or anything given out, the Holy Spirit would be near, and call out certain people. And I’d say, “Everybody here’s a stranger, stand up.” See, let them all stand up. And say, “All right, this is *So-and-so* from,” whatever the Holy Spirit would say, and do that. And then, the next time I’d turn around. . . .

22 And lots of people here in our city would say, “Well, we didn’t know those people. We didn’t know what was the matter with them. That might have been wrong.”

Next time, say, “All right, we will just take the folks that’s home, let them stand up.”

23 “Why, he knowed them people. Sure, he know. . . .” So you see, Satan has got a trap set everywhere, see. He’s ready at any time. And so, some of them say, “Well, if you just have that straight discernment like that, the rest of the people don’t get a chance to get in the prayer line.” Some of them say, “Well, if you have the. . . . I’d rather be prayed for.” Well it’s just visa versa. So we have first one way and then another.

24 And they’ll be like that until Jesus comes. The Gospel always brings a mixed multitude. The effects of the preaching of Christ always brings a mixed multitude. It brings believers, make-believers, and unbelievers. That’s the congregation that you have. So we expect all that. So we are looking forward for tonight being a great time in the Lord.

25 Now, just before we open the Word. . . . (And you let out about eleven-thirty, I suppose, Brother Junior?) And then them people who wants to be in the prayer line tonight, so they can line them up. If there comes a group for the outside, then we can bring them in, you know, through the doors and so forth. You come at six thirty.

26 Let us bow our heads now before we read the Word. Our precious Lord, we thank Thee most humbly from the depths of our heart for this living hope that we have within this dying body. There is a Lord God and Jesus Christ. And through His mercy and His goodness, He has given to us eternal life. And that great hope is in us today, and we feel it as a well bubbling up in our souls, giving us the assurance that all God's words are true. And so glad to know today that we do not have to just guess about it. It is no more a guess; it is a know-so, for we have read His promise and see Him come and fulfill that promise to the word. Therefore, we know that it is true.

27 And we're grateful for the Holy Ghost who's a witness of His resurrection. And we're grateful for ministers, true prophets of God, who stand for truth and for righteousness. And we pray that You will bless those people today, wherever they may be in their pulpits over the world, that the Holy Spirit will move upon them in power and give them Thy Word. And may it bring forth great results everywhere, for we believe that the coming of Jesus is at hand.

JOHN12:32

28 We would ask that You would bless this little church today, its pastor, and deacons, and all the board, and the members, and the strangers that's gathered in our gates. We are grateful for fellowship, hearing someone say they had drove many miles to come for the service. And truly the Scripture is made manifest when it said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me."

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29 And we know, Lord, that Thy church is not in the majority this morning; the true believers are in the minority. But someday, Lord, You will take that minority to Yourself. That's the hour that we long for. That's the day we're waiting to dawn, when we shall see Him who was wounded for our transgressions, and was bruised for our iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace upon Him, and with His stripes we were healed. How we thank Thee for this.

MATT13:46

30 Praying, Lord, that You will bless Your unworthy servant as I try to minister to Your people, give them something that would bring all of us closer to Thee. May we leave from this building this morning a better Christian than we was when we come in. And if there be one here who isn't right, Lord, may they leave the building this morning with a happy heart, rejoicing because they have found that pearl of great price that overweighed all the rest of the things of their life.

31 We'd ask also, Lord, for those who are sick and afflicted. May they not have to wait for a special service tonight, but may the great Holy Spirit touch that person this morning and give unto them Thy grace.

32 Privileged looking upon a woman a few days ago who met us, and said, "Oh, Brother Branham, it seems that a dreadful disease that you cursed one time in the name of the Lord, is trying to return again. But I'm resting solemnly upon the 'Thus saith the Lord.'" And when the physicians had examined our Sister Bruce, they found her negative. We are grateful, Lord, that You keep Your Word. Your promise is so true.

33 May it be a "Thus saith the Lord" this morning for every need that we have need of. We would remember those are in the hospitals and at home, and especially our Brother Rogers. May Thy grace and mercy, if it so pleases Thee, Lord, speak this morning in a vision and show us just what to tell our brother. For we are Your people waiting to hear Your Word. Until we hear, we will be trusting every moment. Pour out Thy blessings upon all. Bless the reading of the Word, and we will give Thee all the praise and all the glory, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

MATT21:1-11

34 I wish you all to turn to the twenty-first chapter of Saint Matthew, if you will. And we are going to read a portion of the Word, beginning with the first verse.

And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

Saying unto them, Go ye unto the village over against you, and straightway you shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

And if any man say aught unto you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them; and straightway he will send them.

All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek . . . sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and set him thereupon.

And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way.

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

35 I want to read . . . or, take for a subject this morning them last three words of the tenth verse: “Who Is This?” And may the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word.

36 It must’ve been about, say, about ten o’clock on Friday morning. And the people had been up since daylight moving around in the city. It was so filled at the time till they were sleeping outside the city walls, on the ground, in their tents, anywhere they could find a place to lay down, because this special occasion had drawn people from all over the known world. It was called the feast of the Passover, which had been ordained of God to the Jews way in the early ages of their history. It was where the sacrificial lamb was to be killed, and the atonement made for the sins of the people.

37 And this being annually, every year it taken place. But this time was a special occasion. There was something a little different going to be about this one.

38 You know, and usually where we have services, we have our regular service and do our worship, and pay our tithings, and gather in our churches, and fellowship with our people. But you know, when Jesus comes, it’s always something special. There’s just something we can tell.

39 There was great expectations. The air seemed to be charged with something. That would almost parallel the time now. The air is charged today with expectations of His second coming. There were many in this city then that knowed nothing about it, just as there is in the world today. And they were many, if they heard, they would care little about it. And that’s the way it is in the world today, because other things are more fascinating to men and women of the world than the eternal destination of their soul.

40 But there were some who believed on Him. They were expecting Him to come, and knowing that something special would be there. Something was going to take place, for Jesus cannot come at any time unless something special does take place. There’s always something new when He appears. And they were charged with expectations, but the bad thing about all this: There was many who didn’t see Him, never did get to see Him when He come.

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41 That’s one of the sad things about today. There’ll be many who won’t see Him when He comes. But there’ll be a remnant. There’ll be those who know God, and who are waiting, and who are charged; they’ll see Him. For He will come as a thief in the night. We will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, a secret going away of the church.

42 Oh, I tell you, knowing all this beforehand by the Word of the Lord, we should pray and study every hour of our life, making ready for that great event.

43 Now, while the air is charged with His presence, and while we are believing, and the anointed ministers of the Gospel are sending out the thunderbolts of warning, we should be prepared, for any minute for that blessed event, when we shall see all that has died in Christ through the ages, when we will see Jesus coming to get His church; then we will be caught up to meet Him in the air. There were many who didn’t see Him that day.

44 And while they were waiting, I suppose, since the break of day, the little congregations gathered from place to place through the city, and they were discussing, saying, “I wonder if He will be here at the Passover.”

45 And I can hear a truthful old minister get up and say, “Yes, congregation, we can look for Him, because He is the Lamb.” Someone inspired by the Holy Spirit who knew God, and knew His Scriptures, and knew the fulfilling of His Word was at hand. . . . “He will be here without a shadow of doubt, for He is the Passover Lamb.”

46 Then you can imagine when this congregation gathered with the little congregation by the gate. . . . And after while, they said, "He might come through this gate, or He might come through that gate." But it didn't make any difference what gate He come through, they was going to see Him anyhow, because it was a promise.

47 Whether He comes today in a cloud or on a horse, it makes no difference to me how He comes. We will see Him anyhow, for it's a promise God gave.

48 And they were waiting with anticipation. The ceremonies were getting ready to start at the temple. The water was already pouring from the rock, where the congregation was coming in to worship; the priests had on their long garments and all their ceremonial garb. Each congregation had gathered in its fitted place, the Pharisees in their corner and the Sadducees in their corner.

49 If that isn't a picture of today, I don't know it. The Methodists in one corner, the Baptists in another corner, the Presbyterians in another corner. But somewhere scattered among them in little groups is the church of the living God, not paying attention to ceremonies, but waiting for His appearing, waiting for that blessed moment. While the rest of them is just interested in the ceremony, the feast of the Tabernacles, and the religious rituals. But the Spirit of God has charged our hearts that we know He's coming soon.

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50 And as they were waiting, all of a sudden, from the top of the hill come a little congregation moving down, One sitting on a little white mule coming slowly towards the gate. The people begin to scream, breaking the branches off the trees, and throwing their garments in the road, hollering, "Hosanna, to Him that cometh in the name of the Lord."

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51 And as the little mule moved forward, fulfilling the Scriptures of the prophets said, "O daughter of Zion. . . ." And see, what it was, it was a church, the elect. "Your Lord cometh to you, meek and lowly, sitting upon a little mule, riding."

REV19:11,13

52 And today, while the church is waiting, one of these days, coming down from the skies He will come riding on a white horse. You notice that white's always represented. The little white mule: He came . . . was a foreshadow of coming riding on the charger with His vesture dipped in blood, a name on Him called the Word of God. That's His coming now.

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53 The little groups have gathered, watching, waiting for that appearing. And what a rejoicing it'll be when we go forward breaking off the branches, screaming, "Hosanna to Him that cometh in the name of the Lord." It'd give such a stir among the people.

54 The Methodists and the Baptists of that day, the Sadducees and the Pharisees, and the different ones until. . . . They said, "Who is this coming? What's all this disturbance about? We see nothing so alarmed about it. There's just a man, and He's riding on a little mule. There's nothing to be alarmed about. Why all the fuss and the carry on? Who is it?"

55 Just before the coming of the Lord Jesus, He sent the Holy Ghost to the church in this last day. And the Holy Ghost has been a witness of His resurrection, and has proved that He lives, and He is coming.

56 And the church getting itself ready. . . . And as we see the church making itself ready, abstaining from fornications, abstaining from idolatry, abstaining from lasciviousness, and all the works of the flesh, we the church or the peoples see the little congregations getting together, stopping their drinking, stopping their lying, stopping their tattling, stopping everything that's of the flesh, making themselves ready, screaming to the top of their voices, and clapping their hands, and shouting the victory. The peoples cry out, "Who is this?" They don't understand.

57 They didn't understand then. He come meek and lowly, came riding on a mule. And He come today to the poor and the afflicted. Where the rest of them say, "There's no such a thing as healing. There's no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It's all a bunch of nonsense; there's nothing to it." But just the same, He come, proving His resurrection. Every sign that He did on earth, He's doing it right now in the form of the Holy Ghost.

58 There's an expectation amongst the people. They're waiting for that great event of His soon approach. We know it won't be long until we shall see Him who we've loved. And we believe that it won't be too long now until all things that was prophesied in the Scriptures will be fulfilled.

59 Now, in that congregation in that day, there was a divided opinion. Some of them cried, "Who is it? What's causing all this racket? Why is that bunch of Galileans, holy-rollers, screaming and carrying on like that?"

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60 I can see one good old disciple walk up and say, “Don’t you know, brethren, that’s the prophet of Galilee. That’s Jesus of Nazareth that was spoken of by the Scriptures. Don’t you know the Scripture says, ‘He shall come riding upon the foal of an ass, and He will come into His people.’ And that’s the reason that they are carrying on the way they are. We have been in the meetings of this man. We have seen Him raise the dead. We’ve seen Him open the eyes of the blind. We have seen Him stand there and look out over His congregation, and, ‘Why reason ye in your heart?’ We have seen Him do great signs, and we know that’s the Messiah.” They were a mixed multitude.

61 Some said, “Well, it might be that He could be such a thing.” Now, isn’t that just the way they feel today? “What’s all this about? Is there such a thing as the Holy Spirit. What makes those people act the way they do?”

62 Why, it’s a foretaste of glory divine. It’s a power. It’s the Holy Spirit that’s here on earth representing Christ, just a shadow of His coming. All these things was prophesied would take place just before He come again. And we know it. That’s why we’re excited about it. That’s why we’re enthused about it.

63 Makes any difference what the other people say; that doesn’t matter a bit. The people say today, “Who is that?” Them days, they said, “We don’t know who He is, Jesus of Nazareth. Well, we’ll go over and look up into the decalogues, and we’ll find if He belonged to this denomination. We will find out if He was either Pharisee, or Sadducee, or Herodian, or whatever He might be. We will look up...” And they could find no record of His schooling, of any degree that He had. And then they come back again, “Who is He? He doesn’t belong to any of our traditions. He isn’t connected with any of our ... isn’t affiliated with any of our affiliations. He has no degrees; we have no record of Him going to school. He never was in a seminary. He isn’t neither claimed on these books or them books. We don’t see Him anywhere. Who is He?”

JOHN10:37

64 His own credentials was the works that God give Him to do. He said, “If I do not the works of God, then don’t believe Me.” They had their own way of believing: by a man’s credentials, by the denomination he belonged to, just as it is today. He’s known by his denominational credentials. But a man of God. . . . The Holy Spirit that’s among the people gets onto people, gets on to the minister, gets on to the congregation. It identifies what it is, not by a denomination, but by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ foreshadowing His coming. Oh, what a hour that we live in.

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65 Palms in hands, clothing on the back, ready to strow the way, “Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.” What come in the name of the Lord? The Holy Spirit. “When He comes, He will show you things to come. He will not speak of Himself, but He will speak of Me,” said Jesus. And the Holy Spirit comes to do its work in the name of the Lord Jesus, all the way from the pulpit to the baptismal pool, to the healing service, to everywhere else in the name of Jesus Christ. Watching for the coming of the Lord, preparing a church as a forerunner, as John the Baptist forerun the first coming, the Holy Spirit is in the church, forerunning, getting a church ready for the second coming.

66 And the world cries out, “Who is this? Where did they come from? What credentials have they? What schools do they come from?” You don’t find them on the record. It’s in glory where they come from; in heaven is where their records are. For their kingdom is not of this world, but it’s of the world that is to come. Their desire is not of this world, it’s of the world that is to come, their fashions, their desires. That’s the reason the dressing, and the acting, and the habits of the people of the world is so contrary.

67 You’ll usually do like the spirit that’s in you. It motivates your life. It makes you what you are, is the life that’s in you. And when men and women claim to be Christians and still want to be like the world, there’s something wrong somewhere; for we are not of this world, for our spirit. . . .

68 If we were Germans, we’d like Germany. If we were Finland, we would do as they do in Finland. If they’re Americans, they have the American spirit. If we’re Christians, we have a heavenly Spirit, and our spirits come from above that directs our lives and our thoughts. That’s godly, brotherly love, clean life, honorable, respected peoples.

69 Now, in there they said. . . . Some was for Him; some was against Him. Now, there is people today who firmly is against everything that’s called God, no religion. And they’re mostly in the majority in our country. World over, they’re far in the majority, millions and millions that’s never heard the name of Jesus Christ. They are in the majority.

70 Then there are those who are professors of religion. And they love to put on their ceremonies. They love to be dignitaries. They like to dress, and to go to the church, and to have some kind of a hymns, and a little message of some sort, talk of a God that was, and then place Him so far back in history that He can’t move, that He was something that was. They want to claim that Jesus is right, He was a good fellow, He was a great man, He was like Washington (never told a lie), or like Napoleon. That’s their attitude about Jesus. They think that He was just a good man.

71 Many of them today don't claim Him to be divine. They just claim that He was a good man, that His teaching was right. Some of them believe Him to be just a prophet.

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72 But there is those who go beyond that boundary. I believe Him to be God: Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. That He wasn't just a prophet, that He wasn't just a man, that He wasn't just a teacher or a good man, He was the divine Jehovah God living in a body of flesh. If you'd ask me, "Who is this?" That's what my opinion of Him is. He's God manifested in the flesh to take away the sins of the world. Who is this? Not just a man, not just a prophet, but the Emmanuel, God with us. Then not only with us, but in us, through us, God in the midst of us.

73 Then, if that is true, a supernatural God cannot change His nature to fit people's nature. People has to change their nature to fit God's supernatural plans. That's why people cry, "Who is this?" It's God in the midst of His people. They don't understand it. God will never come to your level; you'll have to come to His. God will not come to your requirement; you have to come to God's. And then when that requirement is met upon a promise that God made to redeem the people—if that requirement has been met —your entire being changes; your thinking changes. Your habits change. Everything about you changes. Your desires change. Your living changes. Your habits change. You change. Everything about you changes, because there's a new life in you.

74 That's what makes the people today say, "Who is this? Is this that fellow, used to work over here? Is this that. . . . Who is this? Where did he go to school at? What credentials does he pack?" says the preachers. "Who is this woman? Ain't that the woman I used to see out there on the street?" Yes. "What's the matter with her?" Something happened. "Ain't this the woman that used to wear shorts?" But something happened. "Isn't this the man that used to smoke cigars?" But something happened. "Isn't this the man that used to drink?" But something happened. "Isn't this the man and woman that used to curse and go to the nightclubs?" But they don't do it no more. "Who is this?" It's the Holy Spirit, the person of God living in them. "I will go down to their churches to find out what's the matter," like the Pharisees did.

75 They said, "We will go down to the gate. We will find out what they say. We will see who this guy is on this little white mule, riding down the hill." And when they got to the gates, these people really had a time. They screamed and they hollered; they shouted and they praised the Lord.

LUKE19:39

76 And it was so contrary to their religion of that day. Those priests and rabbis standing around, they said, "Make them hold their peace. We won't be able to hear what the doctor's going to say, or what the reverend. . . . Make them hold their peace."

LUKE19:40

77 Jesus—I can see Him as He turned—said, "If they hold their peace, the rocks will immediately cry out." Something had to happen.

78 Say, "Could the rocks cry out?" The very God that created them was riding in on a. . . . "Why couldn't they make them hold their peace?" They couldn't hold their peace.

79 That's the way today. When the congregation is gathered together, that foreshadow of His appearing, the Holy Spirit begins to breath upon them; they see those signs and wonders performed of the Holy Spirit. They can't hold their peace. Something's going to cry out.

80 And the church world said, "Who is this? What's this all about? Are you one of them? What caused all of this?" They don't get it. And they don't get it today; they didn't get it then; they never will get it. The anointing of the Holy Spirit has brought that to the church world. It's brought. . . .

81 See, there's the three classes: the unbeliever, the make-believer, and the real believer. And many times make-believers come in amongst real believers, and they cry yet, "Who is it?"

82 Who is this that'll come into a congregation, that'll anoint it till one will speak with tongues and another give the interpretation, exactly tell a sinner of his sins and where he's at? Who is this that stands, an illiterate woman that can't read her name, and will stand there with the anointing of the Holy Ghost and speak words that she never heard, and a Mexican raise up in the church and say, "I understood every word of it. It even called me by the name, and has called me to repentance. God have mercy on my soul." Who is this?

83 Who is it can get into an illiterate farmer and can stand there in the inspiration and tell a man who he is, and where he come from, and what happened to him, and what he must do, and what will be his outcome. The world cries out, "Who is

this? What is this? Where did it come from?" It's the Holy Spirit, come from God. For what purpose? To prepare a people, give them a heavenly atmosphere, a desire to come up higher.

84 Now, it isn't so much of what other people think that. The thing we're thinking about this morning is, who do you think it is? It's up to you and I. Is it just the fellowship of a denomination called Pentecostal, Church of God, Pilgrim Hol. . . or Nazarene, or something like that, Church of God, Assemblies of God, United Pentecostal church, Is that what it is? If that's it, you're miserable. That's it, your religion is just a religion that has no salvation in it.

85 But if you examined it and found it in your soul to be Jesus Christ, the Son of God, then blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Holy Spirit. Hosanna in the highest to him that cometh in the Holy Ghost, because it is Jesus Christ's own Spirit in His church making you sons and daughters of His, giving you His nature, for you'll live with the Father also in the eternal times to come. "Who is it? What's this all about?" And the coming of the Holy Spirit has always brought such.

86 In the days of Noah when the Holy Spirit come upon Noah, and he begin to prophesy, and begin to say that there's coming a time that the world will be destroyed with water. Look how contrary it was to their belief. There was mockers and scoffers, said the Bible, making fun. They were eating, drinking, and making merry, and laughed in the face of that prophet, and wondered who was it. They soon found out who it was.

87 Every time the Holy Spirit comes, it brings a division amongst the people. It brings a time that men must stand and make a decision. It's come to you; it's come to me. We've got to make our decision.

88 It come in the days of Noah. It also come in the time of Moses, when God anointed His servant with the Holy Spirit, sent him down into Egypt. Some said, "Who is this superman? Who is this guy that would make himself a ruler over us?" Moses didn't desire to be a ruler; he was bringing the people the truth.

89 "What does He do? Break up our religions." That's what they said about Jesus. "He condemns our religions." Because that's all they had.

90 Same was in the days of Noah . . . or, Moses. Moses came down, and he tore up their traditions and brought them to a living faith in a living God, and led them from victory to victory with signs and wonders. It stumped the unbelievers. "Who is this? Who is that man? Where's he born at? We thought he was an Egyptian. Here all at once, he must be some illegitimate child somewhere. Who is he that comes in this name?"

91 It's always been that way. In the days of Jesus, they said, "Who is He? He has no education. We have no schools, no record of His schooling. We have no denomination that He belongs to. Who is He? Only thing we ever knowed, there's some crazy man out here, wild man by the name of John the Baptist, hair sticking out all over his face and half naked, with a piece of sheepskin wrapped around him, declared His coming. And He was born a illegitimate birth. His mother was to be mother with Him before Joseph ever married His mother. Who is it?" That's the only record they had of Him. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

92 That's all they know about the church today, some bunch of post-hole diggers or something, no record at all. Record's not kept on earthly books; it's divinely protected in heaven. "Who is this? This is a drunkard; this was So-and-so." That's right. But now he's a son of God. He's been transformed. "Who is He? Who is this that comes in the name of the Lord?"

93 When the Holy Ghost come today, it brings the same decisions. Each one of us are responsible for our decision. We must make it. It's here by us. It's here with us. There's no way around it anymore. There's nothing we can do about it. We have to reject it or receive it.

94 The same life that was in Christ Jesus is in the church today. It's performing the same works. It's doing the same miracles. It's doing everything that He did. It's healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the lepers, casting out devils, preaching the Gospel; the poor's receiving it. Blessed is he who is not offended.

MATT11:4-6 LUKE7:22,23 JOHN10:37,38

95 "Go show John," He said, "these things that are done." John: In the prison his eagle eye had filmed over. His prophetic eye couldn't see like it once seen. But then, it could see when He said, "The lame walk; the blind see; the deaf hear. And blessed is he who is not offended in what I do. And if I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not. And if I do the works of My Father. . . . If you can't believe Me, believe the works."

96 Now, that was His message. That's what He said, that it must be done. That's what we've got to do, is to make a decision. What will we do with it? It's here. Who is it? What is it? It's a promise of God by His Word that He'd do it. God promised He would do it, and we see it being done.

97 Now, it's up to us to make a decision: Will we serve? Will we understand? You say, "How will I be able, brother, to understand things that I know nothing about?"

JOHN3:3,8

98 Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see or understand the kingdom of heaven." Said, "The wind blows where it listeth, and thou cannot tell from whence it come or whither it goes (which way it come from or where it's going, or where it's been); so is everyone that's born of the Spirit." You don't know where it comes from, where it's been, or where it's going. But you know one thing: where it's going to take you. Wherever it come from, it'll take you back with it.

99 So today, it behooves us to know what we're doing, understand it. Now, if it doesn't bear record of the Word, then it isn't God's Spirit. If it doesn't heal the sick, denies it, then it's not God's Spirit. God is a healer.

100 And one once said, "Why did God ever let sin come on the earth?" God was one unit at one time. In that unit was attributes. And He was a Saviour. By nature He was a Saviour. If there had never been a sinner, how would He ever been a Saviour? He couldn't save until He permitted sin.

101 God's a healer. And He cannot heal unless there be somebody sick to heal. See, if there'd never been a sickness, there'd never been a healer. God being a healer, His own attributes projected these things. There had to be something to respond to that attribute that was in God.

JOHN4:24

102 The word *God* means "an object of worship." God wanted to be worshipped, so He had to project something that would worship Him. Jesus said to the woman at the well, "God is a Spirit. And they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

103 So when the Spirit of God is near, what will take place? Salvation will be introduced, salvation that will bring a spiritual worship, not a singing of hymns altogether, but a worship in the Spirit. It's got to be so contrary to the intellect; it's stymied by it.

104 You can't understand God by intellectual faith; you must be born again. It's got to come to the heart. It's got to be an experience. And when the experience is wrought by the Holy Spirit, then the same nature, and the same power, and the same reaction that happened on the church first will come again, for it's God in them.

MATT28:20 JOHN14:12,19 JOHN16:16

105 Jesus said, "A little while and the world won't see Me no more. Yet ye shall see Me, for I ('I' is a personal pronoun) I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world. Then, the works that I do shall you also." Then when those works are produced in a church, it stirs the people, the outside people, like it did there at the feast. "Who is this? What's the matter with those people?"

LUKE19:39

106 When those Galileans saw Him coming on that little mule, they screamed, and they shouted, and they carried on like a bunch of drunken people. And those priests said, "Make them hold their peace."

LUKE19:40

107 He said, "If they hold their peace, the rocks will cry the same way." You see?

ACTS2:13

108 On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came into the people, they acted like they were drunk; even so much as they scoffed and made fun of it; said, "These men are full of new wine."

ACTS2:14-17

109 Peter said, "Ye men of Jerusalem and you that dwell in Judea, let this be known unto you, and hearken unto my words for these are not drunken, as you suppose. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, 'It'll come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour My Spirit out upon all flesh.'"

110 When that same Spirit is poured out upon a congregation of people, the same results will take place. For you cannot put a life of a grape vine in a pumpkin and make it bear pumpkins; it'd bear grapes. By their fruits they are known. The church is known. The world is wondering, "Who is it? What is this that's going on?" They don't understand, because they don't know God.

JUDE1:14 REV19:11,14,16

111 Now, when we see this coming to pass exactly like God said; we're waiting. Now, what is it? The Holy Spirit is introducing Christ. Some glorious day, not across a hillside riding on a mule, but coming out of glory will come the Son of God, wrapped in the righteousness of God's Spirit, riding on a white horse with His vesture dipped in blood, called

King of kings and Lord of lords. The Word of God He will be. And following Him through the skies will be ten thousands times ten thousands of thousands. The armies of heaven will come with Him.

- 112 What a glorious time that will be. Singing, there'll be singing; there'll be shouting; there'll be sorrow; there'll be crying; there'll be weeping; there'll be wailing. You'll be represented in one of those groups, friends. So make your decision this morning what group you'll be with, while we bow our heads just a moment.

1COR12:3

- 113 Wondering at this time if there is any here who has not made their decision yet for Jesus Christ, yet you've been in the meetings and watched Him give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, the lame walking; seen Him take the very thoughts out of the minds of the people and say, "You're *So-and-so*. Why did you do to *this* and do *that*?" Exactly what He said He would do. And yet, you haven't yet become His servant; you've never got a witness. No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Spirit. You say, "I believe it because the Word said so." That's true. But the Word says that no man can say Jesus is Christ, until you have received the Holy Ghost. No man can call Jesus the Christ, only by the Holy Ghost.

- 114 Have you not received this yet, and you'd like to, would you want to be remembered in prayer by raising up your hand, saying, "Pray for me. I now confess to God that I want His Holy Spirit in my life to guide me, that I fully understand all His program that He has for me in life, that I might walk with Him as His servant." Would you raise your hand just before we pray? The Lord bless you, sonny. The Lord bless you, sister. God be with you.

JOHN10:20

- 115 Let us pray. Most gracious God, as we have read in Thy Word, where that when You entered into the city of Jerusalem, where Your people were gathered, there were those there who were expecting You. The air was charged with Your coming. You'd promised You'd be at the feast, You'd meet them there. And they were looking for You. Others thought it was nonsense. Who was this anyhow? Just a Galilean make-belief prophet, a man that had been declared crazy by the council of churches? Why, they said, "We know that You're mad; You got a devil," and had been declared an insane person. And His congregation was declared insane. And the man that introduced Him, John the Baptist, was declared a wild, crazy man out of the wilderness, a hermit. Why, it was nothing. . . . The ritzy congregations of that day didn't believe such a message. And those spirits that held them in bondage are holding millions today. Still they don't believe it. But to those who were waiting, they knew their Lord had promised to come to the feast, and they were waiting, gathering themselves on the street, and in the little rooms and anywhere they could, talking and waiting. And the whole atmosphere was charged with His coming.

- 116 So is it today, Lord. You promised we'd be taken to the marriage feast of the Lamb; You'd come get the church. And we see signs appearing that You're coming, so the whole atmosphere is charged with Your coming. We're waiting.

- 117 There was some hands went up this morning, Lord, that they wasn't yet sure that they'd be called into that feast. We're watching for You to come. They tell us they've got bombs that can blow the whole world to pieces in one moment. They can look at a star over in Russia and time it exactly to Louisville, Kentucky, in a split minute, hit the moon and predicted it on eighty seconds. O Lord, we see those things appearing just as You said they would be. And they are well able to carry out their threats. And God, we turn to the page and look that You're able to carry out Your promise, for You're God, and we're waiting for You to come. Take these people into Thy care today, Lord. Grant unto them eternal life through Jesus, our Lord.

- 118 Grant those that are sick and afflicted may be healed. Give us a great service tonight in the healing service coming up. Bless altogether in every church that's represented here, the different peoples of different phases of faith. May they realize that it isn't the faith . . . the church that they go to that makes them what they are. It's their unadulterated faith that they have in the Son of God. All praise shall be Thine, Father. We commit them to Thee in Jesus' name. Amen.

Jesus paid it all. (That's what He did)
All to Him I owe;
Sin has left a crimson stain:
He washed it white as snow.

Now, the message over, let's just worship the Lord in singing.

Jesus paid it all.
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain:
He washed it white as snow.

Down at the cross where my Saviour died,
 Down there for cleansing from sin I cried;
 Oh, there to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

Glory to His name! (Precious name)
 Glory to His name!
 Oh, there to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

Now, let's not look at one another; let's look up. Raise our hands.

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
 Jesus so sweetly abides within,
 There at the cross where He took me in;
 Glory to His name!

Glory to His name! (That precious name)
 Glory to His name!
 There to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

Now, I want you to turn and shake hands with somebody in front of you, in back of you, right and left side while we sing this:

Come, to this fountain so rich and sweet;
 Cast thy poor soul at the Saviour's feet;
 Oh, plunge in today, and be made com. . .
 (Now, let's raise our hands)
 Glory to His name!

Glory to His name!
 Oh, glory to His name!
 Oh, there to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

Doesn't it make you feel wonderful? All scoured out now, waiting. Oh, how wonderful.

Come, to this fountain so rich and sweet;
 Cast thy poor soul at the Saviour's feet;
 Oh, plunge in today, and be made complete;
 Glory to His name!

Glory to His name! (Precious name.)
 Glory to His name!
 There to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

Doesn't that do something to you? Think of this:

I am so wondrously saved from sin,
 Jesus so sweetly abides (Abide. . . "Ye
 abide in Me and My Word in you. . . ")
 There at the cross where He took me in;
 Glory to His (Now, just put your mind
 on Him as you worship Him.)

Glory to (What could we do, Lord,
 without You?)
 Glory (This is the hour of Your appearing.
 You're soon coming, Lord.)

There to my heart was the blood applied;
 Glory to His name!

119 Oh, my. There's something about that just goes through me, till every fiber of my body just shakes. That's the Holy Spirit here. Hmmm. [Someone speaks in tongues and interprets: "I say unto thee today, My servant, yea, that as thou hast stood in the midst of this, My people, that I have ordained this day unto thee, saith the Lord, for I have anointed thee. Yea, thou art my prophet. And I shall be with thee today, where as thou layest hands upon this, my people, who are sick and afflicted in body.

120 "I say unto thee, my people, have faith in Me, the living God, for I shall bring to pass those things that I have promised; for I am able to bring to pass My Word. Therefore, I say unto you this day, fear thou not to believe in Me, the living God; for I shall be in thy midst in a great and mighty way."]

Amen. Thanks be to God. That's what I was speaking of.

My faith looks up to Thee,
 Thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Saviour divine;
 Now hear me while I pray,
 Take all my sins away,
 O let me from this day
 Be wholly Thine!

I sing that for a purpose. The Lord has given me a text for tonight through that interpretation: My Word, you see.

While life's dark maze I tread,
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my Guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow fears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.

121 Two years ago in the catacombs in San Angelo . . . catacombs in Rome. I was standing down there. And I looked down there, and I seen where they carved the picture of those saints two thousand years ago of Jesus. One of them packing the lost sheep on His back, the other one healing the sick and afflicted. I stood there with my hands up like this. I was singing, "While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs around me spread. . . ." Then, I went out from there over to the coliseum, and stood on the grounds there where they fed the saints to the lions, and the gladiators killed them. I thought, "O God, faith of our fathers living, still burning in my heart, Lord. Never let it move from there. Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside." That's right. How I love Him.

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

Lose all their guilty stain,
 Lose all their guilty stain;
 And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
 Lose all their guilty stains.

Aren't you happy you did that? Wonder if we could just shut our eyes and say,

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

Wash all my sin away,
 Wash all my sins away;
 And there may I, though vile as he,
 Wash all my sins away.

You feel good? Just the worship of the Holy Spirit, the blessings of the Lord upon you.

Now, we expect to see you tonight. And the prayer cards given out now at six-thirty sharp, so it won't interfere with the rest of the service. And you who desire, come.

And how many's going to heaven, by the grace of God? Let's see your hands. We're going up.

I've got a Father over yonder,
I've got a Father over yonder,
I've got a Father over yonder,
On the other shore.

Oh, some bright day I will go and see Him,
Some bright day I will go and see Him,
Some bright day I will go and see Him,
On the other shore.

Oh, that bright day may be tomorrow,
That bright day may be tomorrow,
That bright day may be tomorrow,
On the other shore.

Oh, won't that be a happy meeting,
Won't that be a happy meeting,
Won't that be a happy meeting,
On the other shore.

- 122 You like them old hymns? Oh, you can have all your little chopped up shotties that you want, give me them old heart felt blood songs that does something down in here, wrote by the Holy Spirit, penned out by God. They're real.

Well, the Lord bless you real good. Hope to see you tonight. Turn the services to the pastor now. Informal. . . .

- 123 There may be some here that can't come to the healing service tonight, just wants to be anointed and prayed for. There's a whole bunch of us ministers here would be glad to minister to you in any way that we could. Now, the regular healing service will be tonight. Now, that is, if you can stay and wait. If you can't, come right here now.

- 124 There's a lady's got to go in the back, that's got a heart case or something or other. I believe she's up here. Somebody pointed their finger up here. The lady here that's got heart trouble that can't come back tonight, that's real serious, and wants . . . and can't come in the line.

- 125 Now see, the reason we asked for the line, in there we can. . . . Myself, everyone has a different way of praying. Some prays in one way, some another. Mine. . . . If I know what I'm talking about, then I can act. But if I went out here to. . . . Say I was going to fix an automobile, and I don't know one thing about it. Well, I get me a wrench and look around. I wouldn't know, see. Well now, many people just has that predominating faith that goes right out there and challenges those things and casts them away. To me, I have to see what God's plan is for that person, see.

- 126 You have to watch. A prophetic gift is a strange thing. You can do things with it and get yourself in trouble. How many knows that?

2KNG2:23,24

- 127 Look at Elisha, I believe it was, yes, Elisha. He was a young fellow, went bald-headed. And some little children was teasing him about being bald-headed. Said, "Why didn't you go up like Elijah did." And he turned around and put a curse on those children, and forty-two of them was killed. That ain't the nature of the Holy Spirit, see. That was that prophet angered, and just put a curse in what he said.

MATT17:20 MATT21:21 MARK11:23

- 128 Jesus said on down in the Scriptures that I read this morning, "If you say to this mountain, Be moved, and don't doubt in your heart but believe that what you said will come to pass, you can have what you said." There you are. See, you have to watch what you're doing.

NUM20:8,11,12 DEUT34:4

- 129 Now, look at Moses. He had power. It wasn't God's will to bring water out of the rock (How many knows that?) the second time. You're supposed to speak to it, not smite it. God told him to speak to it; he turned right around and smote it, because he had the power to do it. God took him up on a mountain and said, "Look over yonder. See the land, but I

will not let you go over, because what you done down there at the rock.” See, see? So you have to watch in doing that. That’s the reason I’m always trying....

130 And I feel like that soon, maybe within the next few days: I have a feeling that God’s going to speak to me again, see. I’m laying in the woods day and night, waiting for that time. I’ve been feeling for the last two or three weeks that He was going to speak to me. I believe I’m going to have something changed. I’ve looked forward for it for a long time. The one, the prediction is given here not long ago, what would take place; it did.

131 But it just seems down in me, there’s something moving. And I just stay out, go early of a morning, out at night, waiting, watching to see what He will say. And every once in a while, I will get down on my knees and say, “Are You here, Lord? Is there anything that You want Your servant to know?” That’s the reason I’m watching.

132 I want the hour to come where we won’t have to have discernment, where I have faith without it. Now, I think a vision comes here, say.... This woman, or this lady, or whoever it is. See, I don’t know, man, whoever you might be, will come up here. I never seen you in my life. And yet, He shows me there who you are, what’s the matter with you, where you come from, what you did to cause this. There has to be a cause for everything.

133 And what if somebody sinned. Maybe they did do something they ought not to have done. Maybe they ought to have done something they did not do, or something on that manner. And here they are with God permitting Satan to hold that curse on them, to bring them to something, to obedience. Sickness is ... sometime is a whip God uses to bring obedience.

134 And what if that person’s standing there, and I say, “Oh, hallelujah. Glory to God. Praise God.” Anoint them with oil, and pray over them, and I happen to cast that evil spirit off of them, and God permitted it to be put on there. I’m in trouble right then with God, see. See what I mean? But when I see there that the Lord says a certain-certain thing, Maybe Satan just did it, and I see there’s nothing in that person’s life to hinder. Then I have faith to walk up there. I have faith, because I seen Him when He come to me and told me to do it, see. And then I....

135 Another thing is, maybe if they’ve done something wrong, and I say, “You did a certain-certain thing,” that’s right. “Well, to make that right, I promise before God I will make it right.” Look back again and see them well out yonder years to come, still well. Then you know God’s already spoke it, just waiting for you to say the word. That’s all, see. That’s what takes.... That’s the way I watch, makes my ministry slow. Take each case and watch it, then I know what I’m talking about, see. I know exactly what to say to the person.

136 Now, there has been times I’ve seen death over a person. I wouldn’t say nothing. I just say, “The Lord bless you. Have faith in God. God will heal you. You just have faith.” Go on like that, knowing in my heart that they’re not going to live, because.... Well, you just don’t want to tell them that, ‘less you have to. If the Holy Spirit reveals it, you know it’s been done many times. Tell them, “Might as well get ready. You’re going. There ain’t nothing going to save you.”

137 I had a little girl here some time ago. The father said if.... “Heal that little girl, he’d be a Christian.” I wanted that family to be a Christian. I went down to the house; the little child had double pneumonia. They’d give her all the penicillin that they could give her. Didn’t take any effect. She just got lower and lower and lower.

And I went down to see her. I went in there, and I said, “I don’t know.” I said, “I’m going to pray.” And I went in and prayed for her with all my heart.

And the doctor come that afternoon, said, “Her fever has dropped.” Next morning, he come. He said, “That child’s so much better,” said, “she can get up by tonight.”

Oh, the father and I went to see her ... met me, and he was rejoicing. He said, “Oh, Brother Branham....”

And I said, “Lee, I’m so glad to see your baby like that.”

And the Holy Spirit appeared to me, said, “She’s not going to live but three days.”

And the father was going to come to Christ. Said, “Now, when you have your meeting, I’m ready to be baptized,” him and his family.

138 And I couldn’t tell him. I hated to tell him. I knew the baby was going to die. Went back and told my wife. Told, oh, a lot of friends and my neighbors and things, “The baby ain’t going to live.” Little girl, about eight years old, I said, “She’s ain’t going to live. She will be dead within three days. I seen that mother standing there crying, bowed her head three times, the tears running down. Seen a little white casket pass through the room when I was standing there. I said, “She’s going to go.”

“Well,” said, “you ought to go tell Lee.”

139 And I said, "I don't want to tell him." I said, "I love little Beatrice first, and I..." You all know who I'm talking about. So I said, "I love little Beatrice, and I don't want her to know it, and I don't want to tell the father." And I said, "I don't know what to do. But I know the baby..." And three days, she was gone. See, but I didn't want to tell the father," see.

140 Now, that way... Now, lots of times I've went and prayed. In Africa there where there was only about three or four people on the platform. And when something would take place on the platform, I just made a congregational prayer. And twenty-five thousand miracles taken place at once, see. It's the people's faith. Now, a lot of times we bring the people right up to the platform, lay hands on them, pray for them, send them out. They go out and get well, see. So it's just whatever the people thinks. It's their faith anyhow.

141 But to curse a thing, I want to know first what I'm doing. That's me doing it then. If you come and have hands laid on, that's your faith, that's what you believe. You understand what I mean now, everybody, see? And I'm afraid to say, "Here comes a person; I don't know nothing about them, never seen them before."

"Brother Branham, I got *so-and-so* with me. I got cancer. I got tubercular."

142 I'm just afraid to say that. See, I don't know what I'm doing. See, I'd just rather say, "I will pray for you." See, like that. But when I can see a vision, and see what's going to take place, that's different. See, I know what to do. And I understand then what... It's just like walking into anything. But a lot of times I pray for the people hundreds of times.

143 Brother Shire sitting right back there. I'm looking at him now. I'd been somewhere to a funeral service, buried Sister Roberson's mother. Brother Shire, I never seen the man in any more condition, just than he was in. Migraine headaches, or something or other... I don't know. And you got to a place where you was unconscious like, didn't know nothing. Walked right into the room, just had a word of prayer, and walked back out. I said, "Just as certain as I'm standing here, he will be healed." And that was it, walked right out.

Mrs. Wood there, her mother laying dying with a cancer on her face. You know what it is, you even touch your lip here, in here, you can die in a little bit.

A bee stung a man down here below New Albany recently. Stung him on the lip and he died in about two minutes.

144 Anything right around here... Don't never squeeze nothing on your lips, because it runs to the nerve that runs to your brain. Really, people... A man should never shave over their lips. That's exactly right. When your razor pulls, tears comes in your eyes. It's bad right in there, because them main nerves.

145 Here some time ago, I was over here where Gene, Leo... There was a girl there worked at the apothecary... down here at the apothecary. And I went in there to get some kind of a something or other for my kids, to get vitamins and stuff for their colds, and so forth. And she was telling it out there in the neighborhood. There's a certain minister there. He said, "Do you mean to tell me that Brother Branham would give one of his children medicine?" See, it's not knowing.

And I said, "Well..."

He said, "I ain't got a bit more faith in you than nothing in the world."

146 And just two days after that, he was shaving, cut his lip, squeezed it like that. He was in the hospital the next day under a oxygen tent. In about four or five days later, come out with his face was swelled like that (See?), come out like that, because he squeezed a place on his lip, see. Have to be careful what you do about that, that lip trouble in here.

147 Now, back to the spirit, the spiritual side. See, you have to know what you're approaching, what you're doing. If you don't know, don't do it.

148 Now, in prayer for the sick, oh, I could say many many things. Mrs. Wood, that I was speaking of, her mother. A cancer hit down into these veins here. Her face just swelled out. Leo, Gene and I was in Michigan. And we heard it on the phone. My wife called me, said, "Mrs. Wood's mother is a dying."

I walked across the river. There sat Mrs. Wood all tore up. She said, "Her mother dying."

I went into the room and stayed there with her a long time. No vision. But just as I walked to her, just something inside of me, said, "She's going to live."

I walked back out and Mr. and Mrs. Wood sitting there, said, "Well, what did the Lord say? Did you see a vision?"

I said, "No."

149 They, right quick. They'd been in the meetings (You see?), and seen the visions. They gotten downcast. But just in a minute, I said, "But something told me. It's just as much "Thus saith the Lord" as a vision that the woman's going to live." And she did.

150 A cancer over here, down in her face like that. And here it done went into the bone, eat all the bone out, and things around like that, all the meat down into the bone like that. And she's living today, not just hardly a scar there where it was at, see. And what scattered it? The doctor had give her a shot in it, and just scattered it on out, you see. And that did it. Or try to burn it off, or something they tried to do to it.

Now, it's the people's faith, what you got faith in. If thou...

MATT9:18 MARK5:23

151 Here, Jairus said, "Come lay hands on my girl, my daughter, and she will live." You remember that?

MATT8:8 LUKE7:6,7

152 The Roman said, "I'm not worthy You come under my roof. Just speak the word and my servant lives." Is that right? There you are, it depends on the faith.

153 Now, is the lady here that's got the heart trouble that couldn't come back tonight? If she's here... On the left... All right, sir. All right, young lady. If you want to come right up this way now, you just come right ahead. Anybody else, you're welcome.

154 I want Brother Cash, and brother, your brothers here. I believe Brother Beeler's in the midst too, isn't he? Come here, Brother Beeler. Another preacher? Any of the ministers that we come now. We want to pray for this young woman.

155 They said it was heart trouble. Is that right? That's the greatest killer we have, heart trouble. But do you know, Jesus lives in the heart? Have you accepted Him in there? You live here in the city, do you? Ohio. You can be healed of your heart trouble. God is a healer. He heals the heart. He heals every member of the body, every organ.

Now, come over this way, brethren, let's come where they can pray. I want the congregation to bow their heads, if they will. [Blank spot on tape.]

156 Thou does make the heart. You make it to grow and to live. You can build a new wall where the old has been torn down. For Thou art God and God alone. And I think, what if this was my sister, Delores, my wife, Meda, or my girl, Rebekah. I'd want the church to pray with all that's in us, Lord, a prayer of faith for my child, or my wife, or loved one.

JAS5:15

157 Perhaps it's somebody's daughter and maybe somebody's wife. It may be some baby's mother. She said she loves You, and she's accepted You as her Saviour. And she has a right to come to these privileges. And we come upon the authority of Your invitation to minister to her these gifts of healings. And by laying hands upon her, may the Word of God be made manifest in her body to take away this heart trouble. We condemn it upon the basis of Jesus Christ's own Word, saying that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up.

158 Now, in Jesus Christ's name, let the heart trouble leave our sister. May she go with never one time a speck of it no more. And You shall have praise and glory for these blessings, which can only come by Your hands, as we minister according to Your Word. Amen. Touch her, Lord.

Now, have faith and believe. The heart trouble will never bother you no more.

159 Dear God, these feeble, wrinkled hands of this dear mother has ministered to her children and to her grandchildren, and has ministered to me a many times. And she's needy this morning. And we are standing after preaching that You're such a great God, such a great powerful God, and not a god of history, a God of present tense, I AM. And I pray, O Lord God, that You'll send Your blessings of healing upon her body just—hands upon her... In the name of Jesus, may she leave here today and get well, and live many happy years yet to serve You. And You shall have all the praise for these things, as she walks about and tells people of what's happened. Amen. Hallelujah.

Been tearing you up this morning. God bless [unclear words.] [Blank spot on tape.]

160 I prayed for her several years ago with tuberculosis. She was healed. She's sick, but she has to have discernment to know just exactly what she's done or what more about it. Which I do believe.

161 Oh, this young lady and them we prayed for awhile ago is going to be well. I believe that with all that's in me. I just believe it. Do you believe it too? I had the same kind of feeling about them that I had about you mother, Mrs. Woods,

see. Like I did you, Brother Shire, many others here. I just feel they're going to be well. That's all. They have drove a long ways and come to the service, and that shows their faith.

ZECH14:7

162 You know, the Bible speaks of that in the last days? That's right. It'll be light in the evening time. Is that right? It'll be light. The same Gospel, the same Holy Spirit, the same power of God would be here to heal the sick and afflicted as it was. And God is present right now, present right now. He's just as present now as He will be tonight, just the same, to heal the sick and afflicted. Isn't He good?

Let's sing a . . . chord this, "Wonderful Jesus Is To Me, Wonderful, Wonderful Jesus Is To Me, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He. Let's sing it now together.

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me,
Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;
Saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,
Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His name!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me,
Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;
Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,
Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His name!

I once was lost, now I'm found, free from
condemnation,
Jesus gives liberty and a full salvation;
Saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,
Oh, wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His name!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, Jesus (Sing it,
everyone now. Lift it up.)
Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;
Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,
Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His name!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful, (Raise up your
hands when you . . .) me,
Counselor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God is He;
Oh, saving me, keeping me from all sin and shame,
Wonderful is my Redeemer, praise His name!

Amen. Let's just raise up our hands now and thank Him, everyone in your own way.

MATT17:4,5 MARK9:5,7 LUKE9:33,35

163 Lord, we thank You for Your goodness. We thank You for Your mercy, for all that You have done for us. It's been good to be here. We would say with Peter and them, "Let us build three tabernacles: one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias." But that blessed voice said, "This is My beloved Son. Hear ye Him." So wonderful is Jesus, the Counselor, the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. Be with us through the coming day, Lord. Bless us now. Give us a great service tonight. Bless Your servants everywhere across the world. Bless the meetings that's coming up across the nation, Lord, out in San Jose, California, other places where the meetings and people are gathering now for the great services. Be with us tonight. Be at the folks at the tabernacle, all across the nation, everywhere that's called by Your name. Grant, Lord, that You'll be there in Jesus' name.

I will turn the service to the pastor which will dismiss. Six-thirty now for prayer cards. . . .

[Brother Junior says, "I would like to say that we want to take up a love offering for our brother today."]

Thank you, my Brother Junior, Bud. Thank you. Not at all. No, don't do that. I feel real little. I feel real good now, you don't want me to feel any different, do you? Thank you just the same. He was just joking, see what I'd say.

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