

# Testimony

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1 Good evening, friends. Very happy to be back again tonight in the service of the King, representing our Lord Jesus Christ and His undying love, unfailing power, unlimited grace. The first, the last; He that was, which is, and shall come; the root and offspring of David, and the morning star, the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley. Just every good thing you could say, that's Him in everything in being right. And in Him we are complete, aren't we? We are complete in Christ Jesus.

2 Now, this afternoon, I was speaking to you, so tonight, it's service of healing for the sick. It was my time to preach the Gospel this afternoon. It's God's turn tonight to confirm whether I told the truth or not. If anyone preaches, or says, or makes a claim.... A man can make a claim of anything, but that doesn't exactly mean it's so until God speaks and He says it's so. Then, when God says it's so, that makes it the truth, see. That's the truth then.

3 In Hebrews 11:2, it said, "God testifies of His gifts." And that's true. I believe that, don't you? He does. He testifies of His gifts.

Now, tonight I want to, instead of preaching, I want to just give a testimony ... read some Scripture, give a testimony, and call the prayer line.

4 I know many of you here, and you go to work in the morning. I was a little late getting in, and Billy was a little late getting up there after me. And frankly, I met him on the road coming. I just drove in out there, and we swapped cars, and come right down to the place. I heard them singing as I come across the hill, *Only Believe*. So, I was just a little late to begin with.

5 And now, remember tomorrow afternoon's service of the apostles.... I always want to think it to be the acts of the Holy Spirit in the apostles. For it was the Holy Spirit in the apostles setting

forth an example through all the ages. What the Holy Spirit was then, it is now. And what the Holy Spirit did to that church, it does to this church. If this church will be just as submissive to it as that church was, it'll bring it just the same results. Do you believe that? It will. Just your submission to Christ.

Now, in the great divine trinity of God, in the day.... It's all the one God, God in a trinity: The Fatherhood, the Sonship, and the Holy Spirit dispensation.

6 Now, if a man rejected God in the days of Fatherhood, under Moses and the law, well, he was put to death if he disobeyed God, broke His commands. When Jesus came, He said, "Now whosoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him, but whosoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven him, in the world--this world--or the one to come." So, to reject the Holy Spirit tonight is more serious than to reject God the Father in the days of Moses, or to reject Jesus Christ when He was here on earth walking in flesh.

7 And as the people in them days did not understand about God the Father.... The people thought the Israelites were queer. They made the blood on the doors, and so forth. They thought they were an odd sort of people. And then, they set up a religion then, and made it a universal religion.

8 And then, the next thing came in was Jesus. When He come, He just tore all the bottom out from under it. And they thought He was an imposter, but He was exactly what the Scripture said He would be. But they rejected Him ... the church rejected Him.

Well now, then, after the going away of Jesus, the Holy Spirit come. And now, they set up a basis on Jesus and rejecting the Holy Spirit, just exactly the same as they've always did, see.

We want to get to that this week, God willing, so you'll be sure to thoroughly understand what this all is about.

9 Now, in Acts, the second chapter, and beginning with the twenty-second verse, I want you to listen closely to the reading of His Word. Peter speaking, the theme is Jesus Christ, the time is AD 33 at the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out.

*Ye men of Israel, hearken unto these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles ... wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:*

10 Listen closely:

*... Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God ... (In other words, God had vindicated His Son.) man approved of God among you by wonders, signs, miracles ... (what God did by Him, He said,) and you yourselves are a witness.*

11 And I say that the same Jesus that was rejected nineteen hundred years ago among His people, doing the same thing tonight in the form of the Holy Spirit, is just as rejected now as He was then, and more so. Same thing.

12 Now, I want to read out of Saint John, the fifth chapter. And I want to begin at the twenty-eighth verse.

*Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, ... which all that is in the graves shall hear his voice,*

*And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; ... they which have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

*I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is true ... is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

*If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.*

*There is another that bears witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true.*

*Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.*

*... I receive not testimony from man: but these things that I say, that ye might be saved.*

*He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.*

13 Now, listen close.

*But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father has given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*

*And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me.*

14 Jesus speaking to the Jews. He said, “You don’t have to judge Me,” said, “because God has already judged you by what you think of Me,” in other words. Said, “I come and testified of the truth. And God come down and confirmed that that was the truth. And the Father bears witness of His Son.”

15 And then, His witness is the truth, because the Scripture spoke of His Son. Jesus said, “Well did Isaiah speak of you, ‘Have ears and can’t hear; eyes and can’t see.’”

16 Isaiah thirty-five told just what He would do. The lame would leap like a hart, and so forth, would take place. He said, “You can discern the signs of the time,” by the sun setting, and so forth, “but the . . . or, the weather, but the signs of the time you cannot discern. For if you’d have known Me, you would have known My day.”

17 Now tonight, friends, this same Lord Jesus that I’m reading about, He is the present One here on earth today, and fulfilling the Word that He said. And God is testifying that it is the truth. No way at all for you to doubt, unless you just want to.

The hardest thing in the world is somebody being taught one thing, and then happen to see something that turns them all the way around.

18 That’s what was the matter with the Jews . . . rejected Jesus. They’d been taught one thing. The rabbi said, “We can’t change that.” But yet, Scripturally, Jesus was rightly, and the Messiah. But they had set up some other way.

19 And today, isn’t it just as true that we have our own ideas set up when God works in wondrous ways, His wonders to perform works many ways. And we have it just the way we want it, but God will send it to us His provided way for us. Receive it, and be rejoicing.

20 Now, I want to give testimony. And as I’ve said, the theme of my revivals is this: is declaring to the world (and I’m on my third

trip around the world) that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That through every critic, and every type of criticism that I know, that Satan has led me with these statements that I'm giving of Jesus Christ, he has done everything that I know could be done--speaking of--to try to overthrow it, but every time God has brought it out triumphant and won a victory every time. Check it, tested by government agents, and everywhere, to nations. Every time I have a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan, who follows and tries to buffet, or to beset, but he's been defeated in every case by the Holy Spirit. And God come out triumphant, winning hundreds, and thousands to Christ at a time.

21 Now, Jesus said, "If I testify of Myself, My testimony's not true, but I testify of another."

22 So, if any man come and said, "Now, I am the healer," now, he's testifying of himself, and his testimony's not true, for there's one healer: that's God. And there's one mediator between God and man, and that's the man Jesus Christ. And He was the One who died to bring the relationship that was once lost between God and man back again. And He is our provided sacrifice for our sickness, and our salvation. "He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes, we were healed."

23 Now Jesus, Himself, when He was here.... I quote this again, so people will surely understand: Jesus was an ordinary man that walked out here on the street like you meet daily. He was born a peasant, wrapped in swaddling cloth, laid in a manger.

24 I think of Simeon back there in the temple--old man, an old sage--had been told by the Holy Spirit that he wasn't going to see death until he seen the Lord's Christ. Luke, the second chapter, you read the article. And he wasn't afraid to go around tell people that he was going to see the Christ, because the Holy Spirit told him so. So, there's no two Holy Spirits; there's only one. So, the same Holy Spirit that was with Simeon, is the same Holy Spirit here tonight.

25 So, now watch. An old man, eighty, or better, years old, old sage, long white hair, and beard; very renown among the people. A teacher, a master in Israel, had to be blameless as touching the law. And the Holy Spirit told him that he wasn't going to see death until he seen the Lord's Christ. So, he went around testifying to everybody that he wasn't going to die before he saw Christ.

26 Could you imagine what the church people of that day thought about him? Why, they thought the old fellow was a little mentally upset. But he had a good reason to testify that, because the Holy Ghost said it was so. What the Holy Spirit says, it's the truth. So, he kept on testifying.

27 God has always had a little remnant of people somewhere who would believe Him. Sometimes it's got down to one man--the days of Noah--and sometimes real low. But He's always had somebody who would believe Him, who He could trust and put His hand on, say, "This is My man.", see. Always had a remnant on the earth. Then, He had a few at that time.

28 So, in the days when Jesus was born, they didn't have press, and so forth, like we have today, and radio, and television. News just come, merely, from lip to ear. And when Jesus was born, some magis was watching for the Star of Jacob to rise. So, they followed it over from the Orient, and worshipped Him out on the hillside ... or, in the Bethlehem manger, rather, as a young child. Not a little infant, like Christian tradition has it; it was a young child, maybe two years old.

29 Herod went immediately killing children from two-years-old, down. Why did he kill them from two-years-old, if they're just a little suckling baby a few hours old? See. Strange how people can get things mixed up, isn't it? He was a young child. A young child's not an infant; a young child is two years old.

30 So, the magis come from the Orient, following a star that led them to the Child. The shepherds was on the hill--a bunch of peasants out there, herding the sheep. Not on the twenty-fifth day of December. That's Catholicism. Along in April. The twenty-fifth day of December, it's as cold as it is in Indiana on Judea. So, they wasn't laying out there on a hill in that snow watching sheep.

So, that's just something they set up, so they take it on that way. But He wasn't born on December twenty-fifth. You ought to go over there one time, and see how they laugh at that.

Now, but however, when the shepherds heard the voice of the angels--the singing--they went into Jerusalem, and told what ... or, down into Bethlehem, and told the sights they'd seen, and they met the Christ.

Well now, of a Jewish law, every eight days, the mother of the child has to come and offer a sacrifice for her cleansing--purification--and for the circumcision of the child.

31 Now, let's just give just a little drama here, before we get ready for the line. Let's set up the picture, now. Something's been noised about, way down in Judea, there, about a star--some fellows coming in--about a star appearing. I can hear them talk around the streets, say, "You know that bunch of fanatics that believe in that?" But it was so.

32 And then, here's an old man. Let's say it's Monday morning. And here's the people all standing in this building for worship. Thousands of Jews in the land in those days. Many of them was up in there for taxation. And there was probably two or three million Jews in the land in that day, so there'd probably be as many as fifty or a hundred babies born every day from the Jews. Well, that meant every day, standing in the line for purification and circumcision of the child, would be at least fifty mothers standing with their sacrifices for the purification of the child.

33 Let's say it's Monday morning. Here stands a long string of people. Many thousands swarming in and out the temple. And along the road here's a woman holding a little child. She's got a lamb on it. She's a rich woman. She's dressed in fine laces and silks, holding her little baby here, all wrapped up real nice. And the neighbor woman, who goes to the same church she does there, talking about the baby and how lovely it is, and changing remarks.

34 Let's look along the line. Way down there, I see a little girl standing, about eighteen, nineteen years old, with a veil over her face, holding two turtledoves--a peasant's offering--poor man. And she's got a baby in her arms.

35 And some of them said, "Say, that's that Mary. That's that illegitimate child there, see. She says she's not even married to that Joseph there, and she's got this baby before He was born. Don't stand near. Get back."

Which reminds me of His church today. "Stand back. Get away from Him," see. "Stand back. Give Him room."

36 But look in that mother's arms. That baby's not wrapped in fine linen. The baby's wrapped in swaddling cloth. Do you know

what swaddling cloth is? What they told me there was what the ox plows with, and the yoke rubs him on the neck; they just wrap that cloth around there and it's called, "swaddling cloth."

And in the manger, they didn't have nothing to wrap the baby in, so they just unwrapped this old swaddling cloth that was hanging on a peg, or something, and wrapped the child in it.

Think of it. Some of we people, the way we dress and act and carry on, and the very Saviour of heaven with a rag wrapped around Him.

She was holding her baby. In her little innocent heart, she knew who that baby belonged to. No matter what anybody else said, she knew whose it was.

Every man, tonight, holds that baby in his heart; they know what they are, no matter what the rest of the world says.

37 The people stayed back. And there she's holding the little baby, wrapped in swaddling cloth. The Redeemer of the world, the very God of heaven made flesh among us, wrapped in swaddling cloth. She was rocking the little fellow in her arms, and playing with Him. She knew in her heart that God gave her that baby by the Holy Spirit.

They moved up a little farther, and the priest called another one. They moved up, like standing in a prayer line.

38 Let's look over there in a prayer room, about a half a block away. I see an old preacher by the name of Simeon sitting there, reading the Scriptures. "All we, like sheep, have gone astray. The Lord has laid upon Him the iniquity of us all."

39 About that time, if God had give him the promise of the Holy Ghost, that he wasn't going to die until he seen the Christ, when the Christ appeared, it's time for God to call him. I see the Holy Spirit say, "Simeon, stand up!"

Do you believe in being led by the Spirit?

I can see Simeon stand up and say, "Yes, Lord?"

"All right. Start walking."



40 Here he goes. “Obedience is better than sacrifice.” Starts walking out. He don’t know where he’s going—just the way the Holy Spirit leads him. Here he comes out through the temple, down around the mobs of people. First thing you know, he comes to that long line of them babies. Here he comes, walking, led by the Holy Spirit. My! Come right on down and stopped before this little woman that had this little disgraced baby—as they thought—picked the little fellow up in his arms. The tears running down his white beard. He said, “Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation.”

What was the matter? He was expecting to see Christ, because the Holy Spirit told him he’d see Christ.

41 You usually get just what you’re expecting. You come to the meeting to criticize, the devil will show you plenty to criticize. If you come to the meeting to be blessed, God’ll give you a blessing. Whatever you expect, that’s what you’re going to find.

Simeon was expecting to see the Lord. And God led him right to it just at the same time.

42 Listen. When the deep calls to the deep, there’s got to be a deep to respond to it. That’s right. If there’s something in here—a creation in here—before that creation can be there, a creator has to create that creation. As I’ve said many times, before a fin was on a fish’s back, there had to be a water for him to swim in, or he wouldn’t have no fin.

And if there’s something here calling out for more of God, there’s got to be more of God out yonder to respond to it.

43 How many of you here believe in divine healing? Why, brother, if it wasn’t even written in the Bible, there’d have to be something to it. If there’s something in here calling out for divine healing, there’s a fountain open somewhere.

44 Look. Let’s take another picture. Oh, I don’t want to get started here. I see another picture. Just a moment. Look way over there in the corner, an old blind prophetess by the name of Anna. She didn’t leave the temple day and night, but she sat there serving the Lord, praying. She was looking for the deliverance of Israel.

All right. Watch! Amen. Oh, I love this.

45 The Holy Spirit said, “Stand up, Anna!” She was blind we’re told. Here comes that old blind prophetess down through that building, weaving amongst the people--blind, led by the Holy Spirit. Came right straight to where Christ was in the arms of the mother, and raised up her hands and blessed God. She was expecting to see Him, yet blind. The Holy Spirit led her.

46 The same Holy Spirit that led Simeon and Anna is the same Holy Spirit that’s led you hear tonight, for you believe the Bible teaches divine healing. You believe the Bible teaches Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. And that same Jesus that led them--that same Spirit--is the Spirit that’s led you here tonight. And I know that He’s here. Believe Him.

47 Now, if you’re here, God led you here. The Holy Spirit that led Simeon, led you here. And if you’re here sick tonight, believe Him. He’s brought you to the fountain. He promised divine healing. The Bible teaches that. “Whosoever will, let him come.”

48 Now, you’re here. Reminds me just... I’ve got about eight minutes. We was in Sweden. Just before leaving from here, I saw a vision. Many of you here are witness of this, no doubt. I told it before about seventy-five, or eighty thousand people before I crossed. About a year before I left, I saw a vision of a little boy--little lanky haircut, little brown eyes. His feet was run through his socks, legs all crippled down and mashed up. He’d been killed in an accident, laying on the road where there was a big bunch of pine trees, and some rocks.

49 I was on my road that night to Miami, Florida, to meet Brother Bosworth, Brother Gordon Lindsey, and Brother Jack Moore, where we were going down there to take a tent meeting. And I told them... And I told it before about ten thousand people, or more, there. One night a man... His little boy had drowned out in an irrigation ditch, and he said... He wouldn’t let the undertaker take the little boy until I come and looked at it.

That night, I seen a crowd way back over there, and I want and looked at the little boy. He was real black headed, well dressed. I said, “No, sir.” This little boy was about eight years old.

How many...? Is anybody here heard me tell of this before it come to pass? Raise your hands. Looky here. That's about a year, or more, before it happened.

I have something else, here, wrote down that God's going to do; right here in my Bible. I'll tell you about it when I get a chance. See if it isn't just that way. God said so. That's got to be so.

Now, then I went and looked at the little fellow. I said, "No, Dad, that isn't the child," but I offered prayer of consolation.

50 We went on up through ... come back to Indiana. Went out through the west, over through Canada, down through Toledo ... or, up in Canada, and Windsor; come on back down. Went down into the south, down through Houston; came back, and went overseas.

51 And one day, I'd been fasting much. We was up in the land of the midnight sun. I never forget that night. In the afternoon we went up to Kuopio. It's a tower up there--showed where the Germans would come in and bomb the little cities.

52 How sweet and humble those Finns are. It's a battleground of the world. They have to trust God for everything they get. And yet, they're the most honest nation there is in the world. They pay their war debt. How they do it, I don't know. They just slave--men and women.

53 Here, some of you ladies here tonight, dressed real fine. You ought to see the Finns. Great big thick skirts on like that, big high boots--summer and winter, out with a pitchfork pitching hay. They ain't got time to stretch out on beaches and things, and act the way the American women does--plenty of idleness.

54 I wonder what it's going to look like in the day of judgment. Come along side of the road, you see a bunch of them sitting under a tree. They're eating their little sandwich, or whatever it is, and they'll kneel down and have a prayer meeting right there. I seen one place where ... come by ... passed ... and some of the fellows before me, gave them a tract. And they was talking about the meeting down there--wrote in Finnish. And a bunch of women had laid down their cradles where they were cradling the grain. And about fifteen of them received the baptism of the Holy Ghost under a tree--standing down there.

Hungering and thirsting. You can't interest people, till they get thirsty--water. Unless they're hungry, you can't tell them about nothing to eat.

55 Now, look. Then, up there, we was up in that tower. And all their songs, there's no foolishness. Even their songs are in minors. And they were singing. Just something began to dig in my heart. I came down. There was a drunken British Englishman down there, and he was crying. I walked to him, and he spoke English. I said, "Well, it's good to hear English." I seen he was drinking. I said, "What's the matter?"

Said, "I heard them songs." Said, "What kind of people is that?"

I said, "They're Christians. Are you?"

He said, "No, sir."

I said, "Aren't you ashamed to treat Jesus the way you are?"

Said, "What's your name?"

I told him.

Said, "Oh, you're the divine healer."

I said, "No. I'm the Divine Healer's servant, see," I said, "down praying for the sick."

He said, "I really . . . I don't want to do this, preacher."

And we led him to Christ, there.

56 Then we got. . . . Their taxicabs are horse-driven. Gasoline costs about two dollars and eighty cents a gallon. And a used automobile --about a '40 model--would probably cost four, or five thousand dollars. So, there's not no cars in Finland hardly.

57 And now, we were coming down. We was in an American-made car. And before us--about a half hour--there was a '35 model, V-8 Ford had went down the road. And there's a lot of little children crossing the roads. They're not used to many cars.

58 So, two little fellows started to cross the road and the cars. . . . They seen the car. One started one way, and one the other. And the driver, turning a corner, he lost control of the car when he seen the

children. And one of them, he struck his fender as he turned this way. He was making his hook. He struck the child by the chin, and threw it across the road, slammed it up against a tree--just crushed him down. And the other one, he hit broad-sided like that. Rolled him up under the car like that, and his little body kicked out some ten feet behind the car, and fell over in the grass, flat. And the car run down and wrecked into some rocks.

About three or four hundred people out there when we got there. I said, "I wonder what's the matter."

59 They went over to find out: Mr. Moore and Mr. Lindsay--many of you know them; Mr. Baxter, who was just here. So, they went over to find out what was the matter. And they said, "Oh, a little boy just got killed. He's laying there, dead." Brother Lindsay come back weeping. Many of you know Brother Lindsey, the editor of the *Voice Of Healing*. So, he was weeping because he has a little boy. They said, "Brother Branham, come look at him."

60 I didn't want to look at him. I got a boy of my own. And I'd been two or three months over there, and didn't want to.... I'd already been in France and England, and many places. And I said, "I don't want to see him, because I don't want to get broke up here, in the meeting going on." Been many things, thousands of people coming in there. So I said, "I don't want to see the little fellow."

61 So, they waited a little while. And they wanted to know if we would take them to the undertakers morgue. Somebody picked the other one up before we got there, and had taken it to the hospital. It was still alive, but this one was dead.

So, I said, "Well, we'll have to put him here in the back seat." So, I said, "Well, I'll get out."

62 And when I went out, they had a coat laying over his little face. And they went back and pulled that little coat back from over his face. Friends, it would almost kill a person to look at. The little fellow laying there all mashed up. And I thought *Oh, my*.

63 They'd gone somewhere. The Finns live in the city, and work out in the country. So they went to get the father and mother of the child. And I thought, *What a disappointment. What a feeling that poor dad and mother's going to have when they find this little boy here.*

64 I started to cry. There was a bunch of them there. I couldn't speak English. Wasn't nobody there but Brother Moore and Lindsay. And Brother Baxter and I was the only ones could speak English. I started to walk on, away from the little child.

65 And as I walked away from the child, I felt something lay their hand on my shoulder. Well, I thought it was Brother Lindsay. And I turned around, there was nobody around me. I thought, *That's strange*. I still felt the hand on my shoulder. I thought, *There's nothing wrong with my shoulder*.

And I started to turn away again, I felt it again. I thought, *Well, isn't that strange?*

See how easy you can get away?

66 I looked back, and they were still fixing the... Somebody looked at the little boy. I gazed down at that little boy, and I thought, *Say, I've seen that child somewhere*. I looked and I said... I told the interpreter, I said, "Ask them ministers if this little boy's been in a prayer line." Nobody knew him. I said, "Well, it's strange. Seems to me like I've seen that child before."

67 I started... And there it was again. I looked back again and there it was. I noticed that little, what we call here in America, a little crock haircut. One of these, like little boys, used to wear--little panty-waists, you know, and great big ribbed stockings that come up--way back in my day when we were little boys. And his little shoe had been knocked off his foot. And his little foot was run through his sock. His little hands were laying, mashed in like this. His mouth was open. His big brown eyes rolled back in his head.

I said, "I..." I looked and where was them pine trees and them rocks. I said, "I know who he is. I know who he is." I said, "Brother Moore, Brother Lindsay, you all get your Bible right quick."

Said, "What's the matter?"

I said, "Turn back at the flyleaf."

I had people all over America write in their flyleaf of their Bible, see if it would come to pass. See if it was...

68 I said, “Read your flyleaf. Look at there.” I said, “See them cedar trees? See them rocks? Boy about eight years old, light-brown hair, crock haircut, big brown eyes, legs broke down, hands like this, automobile. . . .”

Why, Brother Moore said, “That’s the boy, exactly!”

I said, “That’s him.”

Oh, my! That’s when you really feel God coming near. There it is. All right.

69 I said, “Now you all make them keep quiet.” And so they begin to quieten them. And I said, “Way over in the homeland, the Lord has spoke a vision that this boy was going to be raised up. We’ve got it written on the flyleaf of our Bibles.”

They interpreted out. And I heard some of them kind of laughing at one another, like that. No wonder; the boy had been laying there thirty minutes--dead.

I said, “If it isn’t so, then you call me a false prophet.”

70 So, we knelt down, had the people bow their heads. I said, “Heavenly Father, You who told me this, You are a true and living God. And I know that Your words will not fail. And there, I ask You, Lord, to confirm Your word to Your servant. And this is the boy that You said shall rise. So, therefore, ‘Death, let him loose.’” And the boy raised up, screaming and jumping, and running all over the place.

71 Now, how many’s wrote it in your books? Let’s see your book. It’s wrote in the book? You seen the *Voice of Healing*? Now, if you want to come down to my office, there’s the officials of Finland with their seal on it, was standing there watching it done. Hallelujah! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound. All demons out of torment couldn’t stop it. There God has said so.

Now, I never healed the boy. God had already showed what was going to be done. Just a little. . . . Have we got time for just a little word more?

72 That night when we went in to the Messuhalli, had twenty-five thousand in the building. They had a line standing down the street for six city blocks thirty abreast, waiting to try to get in; the police,

the soldiers, everything. And we got out, I had to get out of the car many blocks down--two or three blocks. Little Finnish soldiers with their rifles--little bitty boys in the army. They'd killed them, nearly, all off. Little boys hadn't even shaved, little smooth face, coming, walking along there, keeping the people. And they stood there on the street--Russians, Finns--tears running down their cheeks.

Brother, I'm telling you. Communism--what it needs tonight is a good touch of old time salvation, demonstrated before them. It'd change the whole picture.

73 Well, them Russians put their arms around the Finns, and said, "We'll accept a God like that."--and communist. You just try to feed them some old something, like some lodge, or something you belong to.

Nothing against a lodge, now. But the lodge has got its place, but it ain't the place of the church. The church is the power of God moving in the church.

74 Well, they stood there. And when you take any salvation, or anything, that'll make a Russian put his arms around a Finn and hug him, brother, there's something's happened. That's right. And if it'll do that to two men, it'll do it to the whole nation. It'll do it to the whole world.

What we need tonight is Jesus Christ is the answer to every problem. Amen. Whether it's healing, whether it's salvation, whether it's bringing nations together, whatever it is.

75 Then, that night, I remember going in. (Then we're going to start the line.) We just got in. And those people just standing with their heads bowed. Not because I was passing, it was because what I was representing: Jesus Christ.

76 And then, when I got in, I remember going into the room that night. You that's getting the books--those little books--called *Man Sent From God*. You got an article of it there. Not in detail; it just says something another, how it was done. But I remember going in the room, there's a girl's dormitory, such as it was, in the Messuhalli. And I happened to look. I heard a door slam. And they were singing then, *Only Believe*.



77 And I looked, and out of there stepped a little Finnish girl-- little fellow about that high. And she was all crippled up. About the size of this little lady sitting here. And she had a big brace around her here, and one of her legs was a little shorter than the other. And this leg was perfectly helpless. And they'd made a brace in front and back here, and let her leg swing free in a big shoe. And right in the end of the toe, they had a snap. And a strap come up and went over her shoulder and hooked back here in the back of the brace. And she had two crutches. And how she walked: she'd set those two crutches out, then she'd pull her little shoulder up, and then throw that leg out. And those braces would catch, which would act, the place of a leg while she would walk.

78 Very pitiful. And I come to find out later she was a little war orphan. The Russians had killed her father and mother, both, in the massacre up there towards the border. She was just a little orphan, wandering about, and people would take her. And her little ragged skirts hanging down. Her little chopped-off hair hanging along this way--ragged. Great big old dress on--all ragged on the bottom. And she looked at me. Her little pale face from hunger.

And I thought, *God, be merciful to that little thing.*

And she looked at me. She jerked back, because they'd been strictly warned on the street not to say nothing, because they just ... you know. But that wasn't my wish; it was the manager's.

I tell you this. When they'd all get in church, I'd got some of that money. You ought to see what it is. I'd get out there on the street and buy candy. And I had kids running all up and down the street.

I like little fellows. I got a little girl sitting in here, somewhere, tonight. A little bitty pumpkin seed, about so high, like. I love the little fellows. I squeeze them till I hurt them.

79 So, I was thinking of that poor little thing--how she was. And she stood back. She thought she did something wrong. I looked at her. The two soldiers in front went on. The two behind stopped, waited. And they said.... Oh, I said, "Just a minute. Just a minute." I couldn't make them understand. Just, "just a minute." I knowed that child wanted something. And I looked at her. And she looked

up at me. And I noticed her little lips quivering. She held her head down. I knew she wanted to come over there where I was at.

80 And I motioned to her. I said, “Come on, honey.” She kept her head down. She looked up and she seen my finger. She couldn’t understand what I was saying. And I motioned to her. She smiled. She took her little crutches and set them out, and here she come.

81 I just stood still. These other two soldiers backed up against the wall, and was watching. She come over. I never done a thing, just stood like this. The poor little fellow, come over right close to where I was. She stopped. Set her little crippled leg over, like that, so she could brace herself. Put her little crutches back, reached down and got my coat, pulled it up, and kissed me on the pocked of my coat, and dropped it down.

82 She looked up, and the tears running her little peaked-look face, her little baby-blue eyes. And she pulled her little skirt out, said, “Kiitos.” *Kiitos* means “thank you.” She pulled her little skirt out, and said, “Thank you.”

83 Oh, my. My heart was throbbing. I looked at the child. I said, “Oh, honey.” And I looked, going, and there went a vision. There went the girl, walking without crutches or braces. I said, “Honey, the Lord’s healed you.” And she couldn’t understand what I was saying. And I said, “The Lord’s healed you.”

And they kept saying. . . . Brother Baxter run to the door, and motioned, “Come on!” Like that. So, I had to go on. I knowed she’d receive it sometime--she’d see it.

84 I got on that night, after all the crowds had got in there--the prayer line. I called a great big group. And just as soon as they begin to see what the Lord was doing, hearing at that day, where thousands were seated. My! They had them numbered, A, B, C, D, E, F, and on up into the balconies, and so forth.

85 And then, when this. . . . They begin to see the Lord move out there, show visions, and have to have the interpreter tell what the vision was to the person. They’d raise, “That was exactly truth.” They’d just throw away their crutches and walk away. They didn’t wait to be prayed for. They just knowed God was there. That’s all there was to it. That’s all they cared for.

And here, after a while, they started to go, and I said, “Well, I just feel I ought to have a few more.” I said, “Call about five more.”

And Brother Baxter said, “Brother Branham, you oughtn’t to do that.”

I said, “I’m feeling all right. Something just telling me to do it.”

86 And the next one was called was that darling little girl. I seen them set her up on the platform. She got her crutches, and here she come. I said... Sister Isaacson was the interpreter that night. I said, “Sister Isaacson, just repeat what I’m saying.”

She said, “All right.”

And when she got there, I said, “Bless your little heart, honey. You’re the little girl that met me out there in the dormitory a while ago.”

“Yes.”

87 I said, “Jesus heals you. You’re well.” I said, “You go over there, and let some of these men take that brace off of you. Now, you hold your little hands on your hips. And when them braces are coming down, you let your hands slip down your limb, just about as far as what your leg is short.”

88 So, she went on over, and I called another one. And about that time, when discernment just left that one, about that time, I heard a scream. Here she come across the floor, with the braces over her head, and her crutches in her hand, running just as hard as she could go, praising God.

89 Oh, friends, hour after hour, day after day, what our Lord Jesus has done! Won’t it be wonderful someday when we sit over there under the evergreen trees, down by the stream of life, where the leaves are for the healing of the nations? Arms will be stacked, smoke gone away, no more war, no more trouble, no more heartaches, no more old age. When our feet hits that blessful shore, every old gray-headed mother or dad will turn back to a young man and a woman again. The atoms of this body, which’ll be destroyed ... or, broke up, and contaminated, and run away out into the air. That spirit, when it returns back in the rapture, will pick up every

one of those atoms and that body will be formed again in an immortal image of God. What a wonderful time! Amen.

90 “I have greater works than these of John,” said Jesus. “For the works the Father has given Me to finish, the same testify of Me.”

Can we bow our heads?

91 Our Heavenly Father, standing, speaking here to this lovely audience packed in here tonight, under this glorious, nice, cool night; sitting here under the stars, we thank Thee for this glorious time of fellowship around the Word. We thank Thee for the afternoon service, for those who respond to the call. Praying tonight will even bring many more sinners to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

My mind keeps drifting back to that poor little boy, to the visions, across the nations, way down in Africa in that heathen land; to see what You would do there, and the marvelous works, and thousands coming at one time to know Thee.

God, tonight, I pray there in Boston, that You’re making arrangements right now for us to move into Africa and India, down into Palestine. We realize the day is evil, and the time is short.

92 Now, Lord, while we’re here in Connersville, in this part of Your vineyard, let us labor with all of our might. May your children, now, tonight, just lay aside every sin, every weight of unbelief. Look now straight to You. You said, “I can do nothing of Myself. I only do what the Father shows Me.” Father, I pray that You’ll come tonight and confirm Your Word that said, “And the things that I do, shall you also. Greater than this, for I go to My Father.”

93 Now, may the Father God send His Son Christ Jesus in the form of the Holy Spirit to baptize every heart. And may the great Angel of God who was sent to guide and direct the life of Thy unprofitable servant, may He come tonight, and speak and confirm the words of God; for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

God will confirm His Word always. All right. Let’s start [break in tape.]

94 ... I pray tonight for divine guidance. May the Holy Spirit--promised by our Lord--may He come close, now. I’ve been telling of the experiences of over in Finland. Thou does know the many,

many thousands of things that You did over there in the harvest fields when we were there.

95 Now, Lord, way across here, thousands of miles, and down in Africa, oh, the islands, and everywhere. Now, Father, I pray that You'll come tonight in great power, and will do the same thing here in the homelands of America. God give us one more great revival before judgment comes. Grant it, Lord. We realize that we're certainly weighed in the balance tonight: either a blow up of a bomb, or one of the greatest panics that ever struck the country.

96 Have mercy, God. Bless us together tonight. Many has come; they're standing around, hungering, thirsting for God. May every one that's thirsting, go away filled. May critics be ashamed. May saints be blessed. May the sick be healed. God get glory to His Son Jesus Christ, for we ask it in His name. Amen.

[Break in tape.] ... there's nothing I can do. But if God will speak, then He'll confirm His Word. Is that right? All right. You have faith, now. You believe. If you believe with all your heart, God will bring it to pass.

97 Now, I want you to... What about down in there on the cots and stretchers, and around different places. I see one cot down there. I don't think there's been over, about one person that's ever sat in there, as far as I know, since this meeting has started, and no matter what was wrong with them, crippled, or anything, but what went away healed. No matter what was wrong with them. Every cripple that's come in has been healed. Deaf, dumb, all different diseases. (What say?)

98 All right. I want you to be just as reverent as you can. Now, I want to ask you this vital question right now. If Jesus Christ was here, wearing this suit that He give me, standing with my shoes that He gave me, He couldn't do no more for you than what He's doing right now. For when He was here on earth, He already, with His blood, purchased your healing, and asked you to believe it. Is that right? All He could do. He can't heal you twice. He's done healed you once, so He can't do the same thing twice. He healed all your diseases when He died.

99 Now, the only thing that I, or any other minister could do, would be point you to that all-sufficient sacrifice. Is that right? A

minister could teach it out of the Word, and say, "Here it is." Then after that, that ought to be enough, oughtn't it? But look at the goodness of God. He sends something else. Then He sends His servants--prophets, and so forth, with a discernment of spirit, and so forth--and vindicates Himself amongst His people by blessings, and powers, and resurrection power, and by His great works.

100 Now, Jesus said that when He was here on earth, that He could do nothing unless the Father showed Him. Is that right? He knew the secrets of the people's hearts. Is that right? He'd talk to a person a little while. He knew what they were thinking about--what they were doing. He said He perceived their thoughts.

Well, if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He lives in the church today, just the same. Will you believe that if He'll do it? The Lord bless you. Now, whether He will, that's to God. This is only a divine gift.

101 Now, I know I've got critics standing here. But, my dear Christian friends, and to you, my critics, by a divine gift, which God has given to me, you can question it, or, you've got a right to do what you wish to, whatever you want to, but in the judgment of God, you'll see I've told you the truth.

102 God has vindicated before millions and millions of people--scientific world, America--the best scientists we have has investigated, and said it's absolutely the truth. Science took a picture of it, and everything. We had it here. Of course, we don't let those things....

103 We don't buy, nor sell on Sunday, of things like that. We respect God's day. We didn't come here for money. We come here to help you. That's one thing that I've kept my meetings clean by God's.... It's never.... If I found a manager that he started begging for money, that's the last day that manager's with me. If God don't supply the needs, then it's time for me to go home. That's right. Nothing else. I'm just here to help you and I'm doing all I can do. And I ask you tonight, of your support of faith and prayer for me while I'm ministering to the people.

All right. Come, mister.

I try sometimes to get that microphone set just right, so it will... Sometimes my voice ... can't tell where I'm at, whether I'm here, or somewhere else.

104 And now, you and I, being strangers, I suppose? We are. Was you here this afternoon in the meeting? ["Yes."] You was. Do you believe that what I'm speaking here, concerning Jesus Christ, is the truth? ["Yes."] You do. You believe that. ["Yes."] Isn't that strange? As soon as you said that, a real strange feeling come to you, didn't it? That was the Angel of the Lord. He's with you now. I wish everybody had faith like that.

105 You've had a lot of trouble, haven't you, brother? ["Yes."] You've had some operations in your life. ["Yes."] One of them is on the spine. ["Yes."] Isn't that right? ["Yes."] And you got a... I see them putting something around your arm, to try to test blood. It's low blood pressure. ["Yes."] Is that right? ["That's right."] You're also extremely nervous--caused from that back condition. ["Yes."] Is that the truth? [That's true.]

106 All right. Come here just a moment. Do you know anyone out there?--any peoples out there? ["A few."] All right. Do you know that's the truth of the man, you who know him? I never seen him in my life. Just now, I couldn't tell you what was told him. There's something another about an operation, I know. But now, you wonder what happened, see. It was breaking into another dimension, or if you want to call it that. I call it "into another world." Perhaps told him things of what he did in his life, what's taken place maybe years and years ago. But every word of it was the truth. Is that right, brother? ["That's right. Amen."]

[Brother Branham speaks aside: Can you hear the voice? Can you all hear it coming in when it's...?]

107 Let's you and I talk again just a moment, see, because you got such good faith--a person of that type. Now, whatever was said about you is the truth. Is that right? ["Sure."] I'm talking to you just like the Lord talked to the woman at the well. He said, "Bring Me a drink of water," see. The only thing He was trying to do was catch her spirit. Then He found out what she'd been doing. She was an adulteress. And He told her.

108 And she said, “Why, I see that You’re a prophet.” You remember the story? [“Sure. Yes, sir.”]

109 You got more trouble in your home, too. [“Yes, sir.”] It’s your wife. Is that right? [“Yes, sir. That’s right.”] It’s something in her neck, and head keeps hurting. Is that right? Is that the truth? [“That’s right.”] Well, now, you’re both healed. You can go home and get well. God bless you. Lord Jesus, bless my brother.

[Break in tape.] . . . real, just thankful to God.

110 All right, bring the lady. Come. Suppose that we are strangers, are we, lady? Now, if God knows what was in life, He knows what will be in life. And if God will reveal to me what was in your life, and then will tell me what will be in your life. . . . If He tells me what was, you’ll know whether that’s the truth or not, because you’ve lived up that space of life. But then, if He tells you the truth about that, you’d believe He’d tell the truth about the other, wouldn’t He? The rest of it’d be true. [“Yes, sir.”] Thank you, sister.

111 Now, you’re aware that something’s going on. You’re conscious of that. Now, that isn’t nothing, that’s. . . . Did you see that picture of the Angel of the Lord? Have you been here when they’ve had it for . . . passed it out through the audience last week? [“No.”] I don’t think we have one here tonight. It was taken, standing on the platform with thirty thousand people. The American Photographers Association taken it. Now, that’s what you feel. It’s in the supernatural realm.

And I see that you’re very, very sick. You have a cancer. [“Yes, sir.”] Is that right? [“Yes, sir.”] That cancer is in the womb, isn’t it? [“Yes, sir.”] Is that true? [“Yes, sir.”] Only chance is God. And He isn’t a chance, He’s the cure. Will you believe it? [“Yes, sir.”] Will you accept it? [“Yes, sir.”] Come here.

Heavenly Father, I pray now, as I lay hands upon her, may the Holy Spirit come upon her and condemn that cancer and kill it. May it be drove from her this night, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you now, sister. Go on your road happy, rejoice. Thank God for your healing.

112 [Break in tape.] . . . anointed now with His Spirit, it be kind of hard for you to hide your life, wouldn’t it? It really would. Now, I



couldn't heal you. There's nothing I could do about that, because Christ already done that. But He hasn't told you your life yet. You know your life, but He has already healed you when He died at Calvary.

113 By the way, you aren't even seeking healing for yourself. It's for your husband. Is that right? ["Right."] The man has something wrong in here. It's sinus. Is that right? ["That's right."] Listen. Your husband smokes cigarettes, too. You go tell him, may the Lord take now, and heal him of that sinus, and make him completely well. Do you believe He'll do it? ["I know He will."]

114 Almighty God, Author of life, may the power of God come upon this man, and may he be healed. And may this woman be blessed, Lord, as she leaves this platform. And may they both live a long happy life, in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

God bless you, now. Go and rejoice, and be happy. He's going to get... God bless you. That's fine.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God." We know that our Lord Jesus is ever near. Do you believe? Don't doubt now. Have faith. You don't have to be here; just be there. It's all right. Just keep praying. Keep having faith.

115 How do you do, sir? I perceive that you're a minister. You're not here for yourself, either. You're here seeking for somebody else. ["Yes."] I believe it's a sister. Is that right? She's had an accident of some sort, or was struck on the head, or something: hurt her some way. Caused her to have some kind of fainting spells, or something like that, or blackout spells, like. When she comes out of it, she gets real sick. Is that right?

You belong to the Church of God? ["Yes."] I thought so. Go now, and put your hand on your sister. The Lord Jesus makes her well. Amen. God bless you.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory." Do you believe? All right.

Do you want to get over that chest trouble, lady? If you want to accept it, God'll make you well if you just only believe. That's all you have to do.

116 All right, lady, you come. Do you believe Him with all your heart, and believe that God'll make you well? You do. I was watching. There's something by that man again; but what it was, you got heart trouble yourself. That's what your trouble is. Isn't that right? A leaking heart. Do you believe God'll make you well? Come here, just a moment.

117 Now, Father, for this young woman here, just here, in her young womanhood. I pray that You'll bless her. And may she go home and get well, Father. I bless her for this purpose, and for this cause: the cause of Jesus Christ, who said, "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." I ask it, in Jesus' name, for her healing. Amen.

Now, do you believe, sister? ["Yes, I do."] Then go on. Forget about the heart trouble. Serve God all the rest of your life, and be reverent.

118 Come, lady. Do you believe, lady? Do you want to get over female trouble? It's been bothering you for some time, hasn't it, lady? [Brother Branham speaks aside.] Isn't that true? ["Yes."] No one knew that but you and God, but that's the truth, isn't it? Now, if He knows what you did, and where you was at, and all about it, knows what's wrong with you, His presence is here. Is that right?

Now, will you accept your healing of Jesus Christ...? You do. God bless you, then. Go and testify. And the Lord Jesus bless you, and make you well.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God." Be reverent.

119 Come, sir. Now, you might say, "Brother Branham, you're reading those people's minds." No, I'm not. Here, I've never looked at this man. Put your hand on my shoulder, sir. Do you believe me to be God's prophet? ["Yes, I do."] With all your heart? ["With all my heart."] If I tell you the truth, will you raise up your hand and witness it's the truth, if God can show me out here what's wrong with you? ["Amen."] You've got heart trouble. Haven't you, sir? If that's right, raise up your hand. Now, go and be made well, in Jesus' name. Amen.

I felt that come to me. Said, "He's reading their mind." No, I'm not. It's the power of God! That's right.

The Lord bless you, sister.

120 Lady, sitting over at the end of that row, right there, looking this way, you got stomach trouble, haven't you? Do you want to be made well? I seen you sitting there, praying. You've been believing ever since I've been praying here, haven't you?

All right. You can stand up now. You had gastric ulcers, sister, in your stomach, causing it to sour. Is that right? You're healed now. You can go home.

121 The lady sitting next to you, she had liver trouble, too, sitting there--has been having a liver condition. Isn't that right, lady? If that is, stand up and accept your healing, then. Now, you can go home, also, and be made well. The Lord bless you.

Have faith in God.

122 Come, lady. Do you believe with all your heart? Do you believe, lady? You do? If God will tell me what's wrong with you, will you accept your healing? You have diabetes. If that's right, raise up your hand. Now, you can go get well. The Lord bless you and make you well.

Say, "Praise be to the Lord." Have faith.

123 Come, lady. Do you want to get over...? Well, my. Don't look like you'd have TB, but you have. You know that? You're conscious of it? ["Since my {unclear words}."] My. Certainly don't look like it--looking outward--but you are. Yes, sir. The other day, when you heard that I was coming up here, you knelt in a room and said if you could ever get up on this platform, you'd be healed. Is that right? ["Yes, sir."] All right. Now, you can go your way... Your husband, also, is sick. Go tell ... just go tell him he's healed, too. God bless you--both of you.

Have faith.

Got kidney trouble, lady, very bad. Do you want to get over it? ["Yes, I do."] Say, "I accept my healing of Jesus Christ." The Lord bless you, now. May you go home and get well in Jesus Christ's name.

Come, brother. Do you want to get over that stomach trouble? be made well? Would you believe me as God's prophet? ["Yes."] Then, go eat what you want to, and praise God for your healing.

Have faith. Don't doubt at all, but believe.

124 What about...? Oh, it's you. You have stomach trouble, too. All right. You can go also. So, now, you had that for a long time, lady. It's a nervous condition's caused it. You've had it for years and years. Now, go on. Just forget about it, and say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus," now. That's right. That's the way.

Have faith in God. Do you believe? Well, have faith, and God will bring it to pass.

125 You have diabetes, don't you, sir, sitting right back there? Is that right? All right. Stand up, now. Say, "Lord, I accept my healing." May the Lord make you well, dad. You've been sitting there, looking around, a lot of them praying for you, and everything. Now, you have faith in God. God's going to bring it to pass for you.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God."

126 You have stomach trouble, don't you?--that lady sitting right in there. Yes. Lady next to you has rectal trouble, there. That's right. It's true. Do you want to be healed, both of you? Stand to your feet. God bless you. You're both to go home now, and get well. The Good Lord bless you real well.

127 Do you want to get over that female trouble, sister, sitting there? You also have stomach trouble, too. A peptic ulcer in the stomach--same thing--causes you to be upset. Is that right? Seems like you got a real nervous condition, too. I see you weary, walking the floor. Isn't that true? If that's right, raise up your hand like that. Now, stand up, accept your healing, and be made well in the name of the Lord Jesus.

All right. Come, lady. Do you want to get over the heart trouble? Just go, and say, "Thank You, dear Lord Jesus," and go, be made well. God bless you.

Do you believe? Go rejoicing.

Have faith in God.

128 Excuse me. There's something with.... I think someone's faint, or I.... Oh, yes, I do. There's two sisters are sitting together, there. Right there at the end of the row. You have, kind of, fainting spells, don't you, lady? Isn't that your sister sitting next to you? You're both strangers to me, aren't you? And she has female trouble. Isn't that right? Both of you, stand up. Put your arms around one another.

Lord Jesus, I pray that You'll heal them both. May they go home from here tonight, and be made completely well in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

God bless you.

129 Way back up the line here, I see a man sitting there. Something.... Oh, it's a tubercular, sitting right on the end of the seat right up here--up this line here, right up yonder. You want to get over that, sir? Stand up to your feet, then, wave your handkerchief around, say, "Thank you, Lord." God bless you, now. You can go home and get well. Amen.

Do you believe? Oh, what could happen in this meeting! What could happen right now! Children, why would you doubt your Master?

130 Is this the patient here? Come, lady. All right. Lady, do you believe me to be God's prophet? ["Yes, I do."] Excuse me. I'm getting weak, see. Do you believe that God sent me? Oh, you're ... for this little boy. Is that right? That's your little grandson. ["Yes, sir."] Is that right? ["Yes, sir."] It's kind of an odd thing. Oh, yes. It's a grandson by an adopted daughter. ["That's right."] Is that right? Asthma, and something wrong with its eyes. Is that right? Take it on home. It's going to get well, mother. Don't doubt.

Do you believe? How many wants to be healed? Raise you hands. Now, lay your hand over on each other just a moment.

131 O God, I pray for mercy, dear God. Heal the needy, Lord. You know my condition just now. May Your Spirit come in great power and unction. The Holy Spirit, which now moves over this audience, may it fall upon every one of them, Lord. May every one of them be healed right now. I cast away the evil, in Jesus Christ's name.

Now, brother, keep praising God for awhile, while that Spirit's right over you.