

Questions And Answers

(Law Having A Shadow)

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1 ... that's all I know to do. And that way, the Holy Spirit keeps us all broke up.

2 You know the prophet, one time, went down to the potter's house (see) to be broke up--to be melted over. See, you have... If there's something wrong, God don't just put a patch on anything. He said, "You put a new piece in an old garment, it'll make it worse than ever." Said, "The thing to do is put the whole thing new."

3 So, if you've done something wrong, don't just get around with a little ... say, "Well, I'm sorry I did it. I won't try to do it again." Just break up and get molded over again. Make that piece another piece.

4 Now, last evening... Now in this week, now, probably tonight will be Gospel teaching again. And I do the very best that I know how, see. And now, in coming in, many times you all think I just come in, maybe... Now, this morning, maybe there might be a stranger or two, but most of them perhaps are just the regular little Tabernacle group here.

5 And sometimes, tearing into the Gospel like that, it isn't to make you angry with me. What it is... Yes, it's to tear you up. Certainly. That's what it does. "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword." And the thing of it is, in there, it'll be this one come in with something; that one come in with something; this one, that one, all good people; but they'll have different ideas. And each one want to present their idea to the church, see. You can't do it. The church has got a solid, gospel doctrine that has to be based on the Word of God. If you've got it different, why, either take it to the pastor and let him see what he thinks about it, and so forth, and let it be submitted. Don't take some theory, now. It has to be brought out in the Word.

6 A lot of times, the pastor builds all those things up, then when I come in, he's very humble--Brother Neville. You know he is. He's just a little bit too humble. He don't speak when he ought to speak. And so, that's a... And I think...

7 Here, not long ago we had a little talk together. I said, "What's the matter, Brother Neville? Is this...? You're a loving sort of a brother, and you don't want to hurt no one's feelings. You think, 'I'm standing in the tabernacle there. Well, after all, it's Brother Bill's tabernacle.'"

It's God's tabernacle. He's the Shepherd put in full charge, see. That's right. It's His place to do these things.

I said, "Well..."

He said, I'm..." He don't want to hurt one's feelings.

8 Look, if you side in with somebody siding *this* way, and the other one siding *this* way, you've got to stand on mutual ground and draw it together, here, and say, "This is it," see. "That's it," see. You must do that.

And the people, really... I've found this around the world: If you'll be absolutely straight and sincere, the people appreciate you more. Just lay it right down.

9 Jesus, He loved the people. He even gave His life there for those Pharisees that were crucifying Him. And He prayed for their forgiveness. But yet He said, "You generation of vipers--snakes in the grass," and so forth like that. He wasn't exactly talking to the being--the human being--it was a spirit.

Now, look at Peter coming by and he said, "Oh, Lord, You can't do it."

10 He turned around and said, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou art always an offense to me." He wasn't speaking to the apostle, it was... He was the fountain of truth. And it was a spirit that was on that apostle that was making him say that, you see, see. He wasn't speaking to Peter; He loved him, see. He loved him, and knowed he was to be the head of the church at Jerusalem. But He wasn't going to speak that to Peter. He was speaking to the spirit that was causing Peter to hinder the works of God. Do you get it?

11 That's the same thing here. It isn't to hurt your church, hurt your feelings. Well, you... Well, you're my beloved brothers and sisters. Why, my! If there's any crown... If there's a star in my crown, if I've won someone to Christ, it's you. Well, I ain't going to break my star, I'm sure. Well, if there's something gets on my star that oughtn't to be on there, I'm going to break that if I can. I'm going to do that, 'cause I want it to shine. And as I get the church all in harmony, in one accord, then the whole thing's shining, see. See what I mean? And that's what we have to do.

12 Last night, in answering the questions, I did the best that I knew how. The person that wanted that "Vicarius Filii Dei," they never gave me any point on it last night that I should answer it this morning, or give you the Roman numerals written out. But, if you're here this morning, and so desire, I'll write you; be glad.

13 And, last evening, after the service was over, there was a man came to the platform, which was a Christian Scientist man--been attending the meetings. And what a great compliment he passed. He said he had never heard that type of teaching, never heard the Bible so well explained. And it just goes to show... Walked right out of the church, and someone standing out there said, "That guy sure is an imposter."

14 Well, of course, that's someone that's backslid from the tabernacle here, and went away with that group not long ago. Three or four of them pulled away. And, let this church hear this, pastor and all: Regardless, if those people who left this church: "They went out from us because they wasn't of us," said the Bible. That's right.

15 And we went to them with brotherly, godly love, one after another, trying to reconcile them to the church; they wouldn't listen. We've taken groups, and went to them; they wouldn't listen. Then we told it to the church. And the Bible said, "Let them be as a heathen and a publican." That's right. They cannot come back in the church without first coming before the church, and repenting before the church, and then repenting before God, and then be brought back and see how they act after that, see. That's right. They cannot come back.

16 Now, that's the Bible. That's Bible teaching. We must stay with this Bible, see. If a brother has aught, go to him. If he won't

hear you, take someone with you. If he won't hear that, tell it to the church, and let him be as a heathen and a publican.

17 And said, "Whatever you bind on earth, I'll bind in heaven. What you loose on earth, I'll loose in heaven," see. So, we must keep.... Listen. Hard teaching sometimes, but it'll keep your church leveled up. It'll keep it what God said.

18 Like, sometimes.... If there's anything I hate to do, it's correct my children, whatever, or give them a whipping, but.... I just hate to do that. But yet, the Bible said do it. And you watch these little people today that don't whip their children, and correct them. Find out what they got. Got a little smart aleck, will stomp their foot, and slam an orange against the wall and bawl you out--the parents. That's it, see. The Bible's right in everything. Isn't that right? The Bible is right in everything. So, this has been a time of teaching.

19 Someone who wouldn't come in last night, sat on the outside, said I wouldn't answer all the questions, that I went back in the room and sorted them out, and found the ones I wanted to answer, and brought them out and answered them.

20 Look, if you put in a question I didn't answer, you bring it to me. I got two this morning that I gave.... You remember last night? Somebody brought them up late and had to give them to Brother Neville, and I got them this morning to answer. I try to answer every one to the best of my knowledge, what is "Thus saith the Lord."

Now, you may miserably disagree with me on things, but just the same, the love of God will remain just the same towards you and I, because we're children together.

And before we start the morning Sabbath teaching, which we hope not to take too long--whatever the Lord will--and then, I want to answer this.

21 Now remember, church, every one of you knows what this church stands for. You absolutely understand. Now, we don't have any membership; we just have fellowship, see. Because if we have membership, then we bring the people like to an organization--which we are strictly interdenominational, unorganized. Only one thing to lead us, that's the Holy Spirit.

22 And we believe that the Holy Spirit leads through our leader. If God set a ... Holy Spirit set a teacher in the church, then if the Holy Spirit wants the church to know something, He'll speak through the teacher. For the Holy Spirit... That's what the teacher is ordained to do. Is that right? It's ordained. That gift is in the church as a teacher.

23 And we should all listen to it. Until that gift goes to proving something that isn't right in the Bible, then we have a right to question it, see. As long as it's not saying, "Well, there's no such a thing as water baptism. There's no such a thing as *this*, *that*, or the *other*, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit." Then question that, see. But now, the Holy Spirit leads.

24 Now, the church believes in the baptism of water in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for the remission of sins after repentance. It believes in the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the fruits of the Spirit following. The fruits of the Spirit: longsuffering, gentleness, patience, goodness, meekness. We believe in nine spiritual gifts--all nine of them: wisdom, knowledge; teachers, apostles, prophets; gifts of tongues, interpretation of tongues, divine healing. Those things we believe.

25 We believe in church government. And the government is ordered of the Holy Spirit in the Bible. The pastor is always the head of the church--the pastor is, always. That's God's elder. In organizations, you have to come through the bishop. Now, the Bible... There's no higher order in the Bible than the elder of the church. Just tell me where it's at. There's no higher order in the Bible for the church than the elder, which is the pastor. He's the highest order of the Bible.

26 And then, if the elder... Don't receive any accusation against your elder, unless it first be by two or three witnesses. No matter what anybody says about an elder, don't you believe it until you have two or three witnesses; and let them witnesses be tried first. And then, if that elder has done something wrong, and these three Holy Ghost witnesses has been tried and proved that they've really done something to the elder, then go to the elder; and that sin openly rebuke, see, that others might see and take heed; now, an order to the church.

27 And now, we just trust that God will keep you perfect, and your hearts stayed upon Him. And remember, friends, this glorious church that we've been talking about in this last week, why can't we have that here on Eighth and Penn Street? We've got the qualifications. We've got the people who love God. Don't you believe that? We got people in here. . . . I see strangers in here that's come in since Brother Neville has been pastor here—a fine people. I meet them here at the altar: people from Louisville, people from Henryville, New Albany, and around. People that I don't even know. I've never seen them in my life. Wonderful people.

28 Now, wouldn't you all like to have a real Bible church? a real Bible church where all the spiritual gifts were set in order? everything making manifest just exactly the way it should be? Wouldn't that be wonderful?

29 Now, you're going to have to sacrifice. Not money. You're going to have to sacrifice what? Some of your own ideas. You're going to have to sacrifice some time in prayer. You're going to have to sacrifice, maybe, a stubborn will, to break down in humility, see. You're going to have. . . . The whole Christian move is sacrificial. "He that will follow Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me daily." Is that right? How often do you have to sacrifice? Every day. Paul said he died daily; every day, die.

30 Now, I believe, with God's help. . . . Now, Brother Neville and I just went through a great siege of going through different things, and rubbing over different things, and trying to find out. . . . And I say this. . . . Now, Brother Neville don't even know I'm saying . . . knows nothing about it. He's just sitting there, that's all. I've questioned him in the doctrine of this tabernacle, to see if it was right. And he's right, see; he teaches the doctrine.

31 Now, what I find in the church is leading up to an answer here, in one of these questions that I give, which is the only one that I know. These all in here, I think, if I'm not mistaken. . . . Yeah, these are the same . . . some of the same ones that was here last night. (Look them over, Brother Neville, and see if they are, if you will. Then give them back to me if they are.) And, that's what I come in for in these time, is to look around the congregation, is more or less. . . .

As Paul told to one of the elders down there, “Keep these things. . . . When I come down, we’ll set the church in order.”

32 First thing, I got with Brother Neville to see what he believes, see if there’s any contrary in our faith, in our way, or explaining the Bible. There wasn’t one error. He went right straight through the same thing. Then, if the elder and I . . . and he’s teaching it right. Then we’ve got to find out where the trouble’s at, see; we get this thing straightened out.

33 Now, one thing I find out in the church, while there’s not, maybe, three or four strangers with us, just the little tabernacle. There’s one thing: It’s the lack of love for one another among us. You know me well enough to know that when I know something’s wrong, I’m going to come to you. That’s right. Because I’m duty-bound to God. And, it might have to hurt you, but I’m going to tell you the truth, see. I’m going to tell you the truth so we can both get straightened out with God, and go to. . . . The Bible said agree with our adversaries quickly. “Don’t let the sun set on your wrath,” see.

34 Now, in order to be a correct pastor, or minister, you’ve got to watch your congregation. If you see the enemy coming in, then slip right over here and say, “Here, just a minute, see. Now, that’s the wrong thing.” Then you’re watching.

35 The Bible said, “Take heed to the flock, to feed the flock which the Holy Ghost has made you overseer over.” Now, if you fail to do that, God’s going to make you answer for it, see. That’s right. So, that’s what we want to do.

(Is them old ones, the ones I had last night? Oh, that’s all. All right.)

Now, I tried to answer each one, but these two here, and I’ll get them just before we go into Sunday school, so that every one will be answered. Let’s see.

36 *QUESTION:* “Do you believe that God gives the Holy Spirit to everyone that is truly born again Christian at the time they accept salvation, or do you believe that this is a different work of grace that, in the experience of most Christians, comes later? Please clarify this subject, as many are confused because of the different teaching on this subject.”

Now, if I don't answer this correctly, well then, you ask me, and put it on my desk for tonight, and then I'll get a hold of it.

37 Now, Christian friends, a person cannot be born again until they have received the Holy Spirit, see. You can't. You are not even converted until you receive the Holy Ghost. I'm not saying you're lost before you receive the Holy Ghost, because you're not. There's three... There is one work of grace--only one work of grace--that's the Holy Spirit, and it's made in three manifestations. Just like, there's one God made in three manifestations: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God, only one.

38 Now, there's three works of grace, but three manifestations. There's the manifestation of justification by faith. A man believes God: "the Juster." "I believe God. I believe there's a true God. And now, for my personal Saviour, I accept Jesus Christ, His Son, as my personal Saviour." Now, that's what's called justification by faith, which the disciples received first.

39 Now, the next thing is, this man will go out, and today, he might smoke, drink, curse, do things that's habits that's hanging into him. It's just rooted in there; it's spirits. Habits are spirits. The Bible said they're unclean spirits in men. Now, maybe he's lustful.

Excuse this. We're a mixed audience, but we're standing in the judgment house of God. And we must say these things clear.

40 For instance, men sometimes, especially men, become lustful--sex maniacs. Not only that, but just lustful. The way women dress, and things today, it's no wonder they are. But, women become the same way. Lustful spirits get on them. And they're nice little ladies, and they put on short clothes, and little bitty things around them which look terrible, and they get out. Why? They don't want to be bad, but they don't realize that old passion demon spirits is working on them. They don't do that to appear before God. They do it, not to be cool, because pure science proves you, that you take your clothes off, the hot air on your body is more hotter to you than what it is when you got clothes on.

41 The Indian girl in Arizona--beautiful, a lot more than what you see one of these nudes--and she don't only put on her clothes, but a big blanket around her when she walks across the desert to keep

cool. And perspiration, when the heat comes up, that's a air conditioner, see.

42 So, it's nothing in the world but a lust-passion spirit. Maybe you're lady enough not to do anything wrong--to live untrue to your husband, or to your own morals--but, my sister, that's disgraceful. And you don't realize that you can look in God's looking-glass here, and find out what God said about that. It's an evil spirit that's on you, and you don't realize it.

43 Mary Magdalene didn't realize the spirits that was on her, see. Well now, when you get that kind of a spirit on you--or men, you get out there and start lusting for women--you say, "Well, it's human nature." Not like that, see. No. It's a spirit. The Bible said it was a spirit. That's right.

44 So, the thing to do then. . . . The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses you from lust and passion--called sanctification. The word *sanctification* means "to be cleaned and set aside for service." You get that?

45 Now, that lust spirit leaves you under sanctification. Let a little lady, nice, goes to church, she sings in the choir, but she has to mow her grass with a little pair of shorts on. Let her get sanctified one time, and let her put on a pair, see. Let that man that'll almost have a wreck looking at that woman in the yard, and let him get sanctified one time, and go down the street. He'll keep his mind on what he's doing. That's exactly right. If he gazes sideways, he'll turn his head this way. The Holy Spirit says, "Turn your head." There you are, see. That's right. That's sanctification.

Now, in this person that's been called by God, there's manifestations of gifts.

46 Now, a very dear friend of mine in Denver, the other day, was discussing this with me--which used to be here and preach in this city. Very fine man, as far as I know, but he was a Nazarene. And he felt that sanctification was the baptism of the Holy Spirit--which, it is not. There's no scripture to show that. I'll prove that, in a little bit, in the Bible, see, that it isn't.

47 You're not sealed by sanctification; you're sealed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A *sealing* is a completing of the work. That's the reason they couldn't be sealed under Luther, Wesley,

either one. They had to come to the baptism before the church was sealed away till the day of redemption, you see. Now, but they're not lost; they're saved. Certainly they are.

48 Now, sanctification is the same work of grace ... or, the same grace that saves you. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him." So, it's the Holy Spirit all along. But that's a portion of the Holy Spirit. This is a greater portion of the Holy Spirit. And then, when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that is the completion of the Holy Spirit taking up its abode in you to manifest gifts: speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, gifts of power, wisdom, knowledge, understanding.

49 A man said, last night, said, "Where did you get your education for these things? Well," said, "I've come out of great seminaries, and we've never had such as that ever taught in a seminary that I ever heard."

50 I said, "It don't come from seminaries." I said, "I'm poor, with a seventh-grade education. Ten, fifteen years ago, I couldn't hardly write my own name, and I cannot do much better today. But it comes through inspiration." I said, "Then, watch it."

"Why," he said, "you never watch where you're going in the Bible. You just grab the thing, and run on through the Bible." And said, "It just all comes right together."

51 I said, "A hour after I get out of the pulpit, I couldn't tell you what I said. It's not me. I don't know, see. It's Him putting it together. I don't know. I can't tell you. I just get up here, and something strikes me, and I just know the scriptures like that. You might ask me a scripture an hour later, I wouldn't know, see, but it just comes like that." And you watch and see if it's right or wrong.

52 When I get in the pulpit, I don't know what people are doing when they come into the prayer line--what they've done in their life. But God could tell them just exactly what they've done in their life, and what they ought to do to get saved, (Is that right?) what they ought to do be healed, and whether they're going to live or die. How do I know that? And then after they came in, [Unclear word] off the platform, I couldn't tell you what I said. I don't know. It's all that.... I haven't got anything to do with it. I just yield myself to

the Holy Spirit, and He does the talking. Now, there's the whole thing, see. That's right.

53 So, it isn't I. It's not me. If you judge that I have the Holy Spirit, then it's the Holy Spirit. And if you judge that it isn't the Holy Spirit, then you might think it was the devil. But, the thing of it is: Compare it with this, and see what it compares with. The Holy Spirit wrote this. So if it compares with that, and brings that out truth, then it must be of God then. Isn't that right? That's right.

Now, no, the Christian brother... Now, look, it's just in this manner. Now, I'll try not to take too much of our time on this.

54 Look, a new birth... Jesus told Peter, after he'd been... The apostles, all of them, they'd been justified by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. They'd been sanctified through the truth--He was the truth. And then He said ... and given power. They went forth to preach the Gospel. The great gifts that was in them was being made temporarily, or in a shallow way, manifested. But, He said, "Now, the next thing you've got to do is make this thing grow."

Now, he said ... Peter said, "Lord, I'm willing to go to death, and everything, with you."

He said, "Peter, after you are converted, strengthen your brother."

55 "'After you're converted?' Well, Lord, I've been baptized by you." Jesus Christ baptized Peter. He baptized the apostles. All... Now, he said, "Now, I've been baptized. I've done all these things. And I've walked by you. I've been saved, and you gave me power." You wouldn't expect God to put that power in an unclean vessel.

So, He had to clean him up, and give him a life of sincerity, anyhow, before He let him go out and preach the gospel.

And they returned back, rejoicing, said, "Well, even the devils is subject to us," see.

He said, "Now, Peter, I know all this, but you're not converted yet, see. You're not right yet, Peter. You're not converted. But, after thou art converted, then strengthen your brother."

Peter hadn't received the Holy Ghost yet, see. When the Holy Ghost come, then Peter was an inspired teacher.

56 Jesus recognized it in last night's question. You remember where He come down, said, "Upon this rock I'll build my church."? Not upon Peter, not upon the pope, or upon that place, or in that... No. Not upon himself. Jesus never put that upon He being the chief cornerstone. No. He said, "Thou art Peter, and flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father which is in heaven. And upon this rock (spiritual-revealed truth) I'll build my church." That is: Not upon what the seminary teaches, not what the church teaches, but what the Spirit-inspired teaching that comes into this Bible, and manifests this Bible to be true. "Upon that, I'll build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." See what I mean?

57 Now, now a person can be... Look, a mother... Look this way. Now the little young ladies, most of them, are out in the room out there, and the young men; we're all married folk. I want to ask you something. What if everything in the natural types the spiritual? Everything... Moses made the pattern: the tabernacle like he saw in heaven. Is that right? Everything in the natural types the spiritual.

58 Now, when St. John ... I mean, I John 5 and 7, it said, "There are three that bear record in heaven: the Father, the Word (which was the Son), and the Holy Ghost. These three are one." Is that right? Said, "There's three that bear record in earth: water, blood, spirit. They are not one, but they agree in one," see.

59 Now, you can be justified without being sanctified. You believe that. Now, you holiness people agreed with that all along, see. All right. Then when I tell you you can be sanctified without receiving the Holy Ghost, you Pentecostal people will shout over that, see, because that's true; you can. It's just another step into the same grace. Now, you can be justified without being sanctified; you can be sanctified without receiving the Holy Spirit.

60 I brought that, this week, through the Bible, ages, and everything, and I could spend two years right here on the same thing and never leave the subject. It's in the Bible. We've just merely touched the little points and things around here and there, not even dug down in, and got all the scriptures, the Old Testament, the prophets, and everything, and brought them right out--the picture.

Hour after hour reading--cave up here at Green's Mill, and things--has God revealed that to me, see, see.

61 Now look, my friends, now... But, you cannot have the Father without having the Son. You can't have the Son without having the Holy Ghost, see. They're inseparable, but water, blood, and Spirit is separated. Although, it's by the same grace that they come.

62 Now, look. When Jesus died at Calvary, He produced exactly what it constitutes to get into the body of Christ, come out of the body of Christ. When Jesus died, what come out of His body? Now, listen closely. What come from His body? First was water, blood, and Spirit.

63 Now, when a baby is born in the earth (mother, and dad), what's the first natural thing, in a natural birth, breaks? Water. That right? First: labor, pain; the Word's cutting. The sinner's sitting there: "Hmm. Does he mean that I have to quit doing...? Hmm. Well, I have to get..." Oh, it's pain and labor. It takes death to bring forth life--death. Life can only come through death.

64 So, you say, "Well..." You have to try it. You're eagles. All right. "I'll repent of my sins. I want to be baptized." Say, "I'll show this congregation I believe in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ." Water's come forth.

65 What's the second thing in a natural birth? Blood. (Is that right? Breaking of blood. Then the blood cleanses, and takes all the unclean habits away from you: sanctifies you, gets you fixed up. All right. That cleans you from all sin. Now you're set aside for service.

66 Now, what's the next thing to come out of the body of Christ? Spirit. When the water comes, the blood comes, then a little posterior protoplasm stimulation's added to the baby [Brother Branham makes a slapping noise.] like that. A little Gospel spanking. And, "Whaaa," he cries out. He's got spirit. Is that right?

That's what the church needs sometimes is just a little bit of Gospel spanking [Brother Branham makes a slapping noise.] like that.

67 Now, listen! And then he said, “Oh.” He cried, “Abba Father.” The Spirit comes pouring out through him then. He’s born again of the Spirit of God. He’s a Christian when he’s begotten. A baby’s a baby when it’s formed the very first germ in the mother’s womb ... it’s a baby.

68 I’m firmly against birth control, see. Yes, sir. For it’s just as much harm to take the life of a little baby if it ain’t two months old, as it is to pull a pistol and shoot a man down in cold-blood murder. Yes, sir. I’m against birth control. What God sends, God’ll take care of.

Notice. Now, that is wrong to do that. Now, that’s a baby right there; it’s a life, for the first germ of life is in it, which it’ll only be the only life in it, unless another spirit’s in it.

Then the baby becomes begotten. Its little muscles quiver and jump, twitch, like that. Then that’s the next thing. Then the water, blood, and then it has to get ... when it breaks its little lungs through.

69 Just as the natural baby is born, there’s a spiritual body at the side of the mother to give the baby a spiritual life. And then, when we’re growing old here, and we’ve been born again of the Spirit here, begotten in the wombs of the earth here. When we leave this earth, this robe of flesh I’ll drop, and rise and seize the everlasting prize; and shout while passing through the air. As long as in this earth here, there’s a born-again Christian, a Spirit in here, growing and waiting.

70 If this earthly tabernacle dissolve, we have one already waiting. When this natural was conceived, and being brought forth when it was born, there was a spiritual body to receive it. And now as this natural body’s dwindling away, there’s a spiritual body to receive it when it goes away. When it’s begotten of the.... We are begotten of the Father through the Word--by the washing of the water of the Word--and made new creatures in Christ Jesus.

71 So, it’s all one work of grace. But now, look. In the age ... Luther, Wesley, and all down through the Pentecostal age.... Now, as I said, I am not Pentecostal. I believe in Pentecostal doctrine--many things. There’s some things that I disagree in as I told you last night, some things I disagree [unclear words]. In the initial

evidence, what they call: “You have to speak with tongues to prove that you’ve got the Holy Ghost.” That cannot be Scripturally proven. Now, that is.... Just let your pastor come to me, see. That’s right.

72 Now, even from the highest of Dr. Pope, and all those others, we’ve come together. Even the head of the Assemblies of God, one of the greatest in speaking in tongues for evidence, and Dr. Pope reached across the table, and him and Ern, and them, took a hold of my hands, said, “Brother Branham, that is the truth.” But what are you going to do about it now? If we fail to do that, then the people go off, just like Pilgrim Holiness, and so forth.

73 I said, “No, they won’t, you just lay it out there like the Bible said.” Let God add to the church. Let God give to the church, see. Those gifts are in the church. Right in here this morning there’s gifts of speaking in tongues. There’s gifts of prophecy. There’s gifts of everything sitting in here. But, if you’ll just not go to hanging after that gift! If you do, you’re going to get the gift without the Giver, see.

74 The thing of it is: Seek after God. Seek after love of God in your heart. And then, if God wants you, He’ll move you into whatever He wants you to do, see. That’s it. That’s how the church is put in order.

75 Now, now, in that, in this here: Remember that when you are justified by faith (I hope that explains it see.), now, you are a Christian right then. When you accept Jesus as your personal Saviour, you are a Christian at that time. That’s right. I believe if you would die right then when you accept Jesus as Saviour, I believe you’d be saved.

76 That’s what the dying thief did on the cross. And that’s what ... that’s what the Scripture said. He said, “He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me has everlasting life,” see. I believe you are a Christian then.

Now, now, I can’t judge whether you are or not. God knows whether you are or not, see. That’s your heart. I wasn’t sent, or no other man, to judge. We were only sent to preach, see.

77 Now, you’re a Christian when you accept Jesus. And when the blood of Jesus Christ is applied to you, your sins are ... your habits,

and filth of this world that you wallowed in, is gone from you: Smoking, drinking, gambling, all these unclean habits leave you by sanctification. And then the Holy Spirit comes in and anoints you, and puts you in service to do something for Him.

78 Now, that is them three. Now, in the next... Then the next thing is to do, is... Then you're born again when you receive the Holy Ghost. That's when you're converted. You might be in process of conversion, but you're not converted until it's completed and you're sealed into the kingdom of God--sealed down.

Just like, if I start loading a boxcar out here: Well, I'd throw some cans in, I'd throw some plows in, I'd throw some more things in. I'd say, "Is it ready?"

79 The inspector come by, "Nope. Not yet." But, the boxcar is sitting right there on its road to its destination. But as soon as I get the whole thing loaded up, sealed in, packed in right, then the doors are slammed by the inspector, and it's sealed. There you are. Then she's ready. She's filled and gone. That's right.

Jesus said, "Blessed are ye when you hunger and thirst after righteousness, for you shall be filled."

Now, here's another question.

80 QUESTION: "Last night you spoke of your belief in the gifts of the Spirit. You mentioned that you yourself have spoken in tongues. Do you believe that the program, including sermons, should yield to the Spirit when it is trying to bring forth a message in tongues?"

Now, I answered that to an extent last night. Now, I will finish it this morning. Now, speaking in tongues is a gift of God, but it's subject to what's on the floor at the first place.

81 Now, there, Christian, there's where you make your mistake. Now, I don't know: Someone told me that Monday night, or Tuesday night when I was preaching, that somebody spoke in tongues while I was preaching. It's a good thing I didn't hear it, or I'd have stopped and called you out right there, 'cause you was out of order. The Holy Spirit... If I'm anointed of God, speaking by the Holy Spirit, He's speaking here. He don't speak over here, and

over here, and over here--a confusion. The Bible says that, Christian, see.

82 So, that's right. We must get those things down in our hearts. Everything has to come in its season. Speaking in tongues is give away to a place for speaking in tongues, see. And then, if someone speaks in tongues.... Now, I ain't saying the person was wrong. I don't say the person was demon possessed. I believe the person was sincere. I believe the person ... if they could speak with tongues, they're blessed of God. But, the person....

83 It's just like Brother Neville standing here trying to sing a song. Maybe he's gifted to sing a song. And he's here singing a song, me sitting here trying to preach right in his face, and him singing a song. Well, that's out of order. If the Holy Spirit's in the singing, let the singing go on, see. Then if I'm standing here, started preaching, and he raises up then and starts to sing a song while I'm preaching, that's out of order. The Holy Spirit is not an author of confusion, see. That's right.

84 So, get that, church. You're a lovely people, see, but you're all in error. Now, if you've got a gift, use the gift where the gift belongs. If I've got a pick and shovel, I certainly wouldn't try to hoe my tomatoes with it. No, see. I use a pick and shovel when I'm picking or digging a ditch. I wouldn't try to drive my automobile through the cornfield, see. I use the automobile to travel back and forth, and I use my plow in the cornfield.

85 So, I ain't got nothing against the plow. I haven't got nothing against the automobile. They both are instruments to be used here for the betterment of mankind. I haven't got nothing against speaking in tongues. I haven't got nothing against preaching, against singing, against interpretation of tongues, against gifts of healing. But, it's all to be used in its place.

Oh, please, church, have faith just a little while, see. You must come under teaching. You say, "I don't need no one to teach me after the Holy Ghost has come."

My friends, that gives me just a little room to doubt whether you've really got it or not them, see, see, for the way you're acting with it, see, see the thing you're doing.

86 Now, why.... If there is no.... If the Bible said the Holy Spirit is the teacher, why did the Holy Spirit put teachers in the church then? To set the church in order. The same Holy Spirit. Sure. We don't need any seminaries to go around a big bunch of men to look out these things. The Holy Spirit is a teacher, see. It's a teacher, and if it gives some fellow a gift of teaching, then you must be subject to that gift.

If gifts of men ... when we're going here, and he's got a gift of healing--faith and healing--and I'm sick; I'll walk up to him and say, "Brother, what must I do?"

87 He stands there--he's a prophet--and he stands there with a gift. He says, "Thus saith the Lord, William Branham, you know you done a certain thing day before yesterday in a certain place, and that's the reason you're sick today, because you did something."

88 I'm subject to that gift. I ain't going to say, "Oh, you're wrong. I don't care what you say. I know who I am." I'll die in that condition, see. Now, I've done something wrong. Now, the thing for me to do when I see that I'm wrong, I say, "Yes, my dear brother, the Holy Spirit's upon you, and that's the truth. I did wrong. You pray for me. And I'm going to ask God to forgive me, so that I can be right with God."

89 Now, you're getting back on the healing line. Then I'll say, "Yes. I'll go back and make that right. If I cheated this brother, if I talked wrong to that brother or sister over there, I'm going over to make it right. The Holy Spirit's done revealed it to me." Then I'll go over and make that right and say, "I'm sorry, brother. I was in the wrong." Watch me get well, see. That's right.

But, if I put myself up and say, "Oh, no. I know as much about it." Unh-uh. You must listen to the Holy Spirit, see. He's the teacher and the guide of the church, see.

90 Now, the Holy Spirit said.... Now, the Bible says that if ... in that, that the Spirit of the prophet, the one.... Now, a man that speaks with tongues is prophesying. You know that. Certainly. Now, if a man speaks with tongues, and the prophet is preaching from the platform, then that Spirit is subject to this Spirit.

91 If Brother Neville was standing here preaching and he's under the inspiration of God, and he's making an altar call--or whatever

he's doing, as long as he's in this pulpit, and his voice is moving--he's under the inspiration of God--or, should be. And then, if he does ... then when he gets finished, and he's sat down, then the Spirit falls into the meeting.

92 You say, "Well, Brother Branham, it fell on me in the beginning." I know that is true. It isn't a spirit falling on you, brother. The Spirit (or, sister, whoever you are) ... the Spirit is subject to the Word of God, 'cause Paul said, "If an angel come and taught anything different, let it be accursed." This [unclear word] Holy Spirit will recognize this Word of God to be true. Is that right?

93 But now, sometimes people have gifts, and the gift go speak for. ... Oh, my. It's a gift of God, and it wants to go forth and do something. It's enthused, but it's got to come under subject of the Holy Spirit, see. It's a gift. Therefore, don't you see where you see tongues is not the only evidence? Tongues is a gift, see. The Holy Spirit has to operate that.

94 Now Paul said, "If a man speaks with tongues in the church, and there be no interpreter, let him hold his peace." No matter how much he wants to speak, how much it's crying out in him to speak--that's the gift. See what I mean? That's the gift.

95 I see it many times with the gift that the Holy Spirit has given me to pray for the sick. I seen a time here where I said, "Oh, brother, some poor little fellow, I must pray for him. My heart just yield for him."

And the Holy Spirit said, "Leave him alone and go over here to this one."

I've come in a meeting, I sit there, and there's a poor old mother laying there, all crippled up, laying there, shaking like that. I thought, *Oh God, that poor thing.*

She looks up and said, "Brother Branham, please have mercy on me." Oh, my heart beats for that poor little thing.

96 And here sits a lady over here, maybe with female trouble. The Angel never touched that woman laying there, and go over to just this lady with female trouble, and say, "Thus saith the Lord, you're healed."

Now, me, my gift, I want to get to that woman there, but the Holy Spirit says, "Go over here." See what I mean?

97 Philip was down there in a revival, just having a wonderful time; thousands being converted and everything. But, the Holy Spirit come and said, "Go out to Gaza, to the desert, and there'll be a colored man pass through after awhile. Give him the message." And he never returned. You see what I mean?

98 Jesus passed through... He was God, and He passed through the pool of Bethesda where all these cripples and blind and lame, and halt and withered was laying there. How His poor heart must have burned for that poor mother with the waterhead baby. That poor old dad, he's standing there blind, saying, "Somebody help me." And here come the very God of creation moving by, in flesh, coming by. Walked right on by him.

99 Watch what He did. Walked over to a man that ... maybe he had prostate trouble, or something. He had it thirty-eight years; he could get up and walk and go where he wanted to. He said, "When I'm coming to the pool, another one can outrun me and get down there," see. "When I'm coming to the pool..."

Jesus said, "Will thou be made whole?" Said, "Take up thy bed and go into the house."

100 Healed that one man which could walk around, and was in pretty good health. He got around for thirty-eight years with it. But he was laying there, thought peradventure, maybe one time he could jump into the pool. And he had all this disease. And had had it for thirty-eight years, and there was people dying, laying there. Sure, Jesus wanted to go to them, but the Holy Spirit led Him there, for the Bible said that He knew the man was laying there in that condition, see.

101 No matter what the gift says, it's got to yield to the Spirit. That's why Paul said that the gifts out in there, in the congregation, will yield to the prophet, see. You've got to yield to the order. That's it. It's the gift. I hope that explains it.

102 There's where the Pentecostal church gets tied up many times. Many of them are in order. That's what's caused trouble in the Branham Tabernacle, see. It's because you people with your gifts don't know how to use them. And that's the reason you need Bible

teaching to know how to use that gift, to get the best out of it for the kingdom of God's sake.

103 Speaking in tongues ... I wish every one of you spoke with tongues; I wish the interpretation of tongues were with every one of you, but you couldn't do it at the same time. You've got to yield to the order of the Spirit. When the Spirit has anointed a brother here preaching, he's standing here preaching the Gospel like that, then let your gift yield to that Spirit, 'cause it's...

104 Like I said last night, here.... Now, a lot of people deny speaking in tongues. They say, "It's of the devil." And they're good Nazarene people--your own church; that is where it backslid. Exactly. When the light of speaking in tongues and the gift of the Spirit come, you denied it. And a person in the Nazarene church, you know how they feel: "If you speak in tongues, you're a devil."

105 I know a woman today (that was just revealed to me last night) a little woman in New Albany that's real, real bad. And since the anointing's been striking me, she come to my house, and the Holy Spirit told her exactly what was wrong. Told her all about some horrible, sinful things she did, and pronounced her healing.

106 And the woman went away and got with a bunch of Methodist and Nazarene preachers that believes that anybody speaks with tongues is a devil. And the woman believes that. And she's blaspheming, and she'll never get over it until she comes and receives the Holy Ghost.

You can't mistreat God. Be careful what you're doing. One word against that will seal you out of the kingdom of God forever.

107 Now, if you believe me to be His servant, if you think God is with me and helping me, and if my words ain't according to the Bible, then you correct me. But, if they are according to the Bible, you believe me to be His servant, you'd better take heed and listen. That's true.

So then, here, my hands is used for a certain purpose. But, I've got to go over that buil... that place to use them. There's no need of my hands fighting at that now, when my feet's trying to take me over there.

108 Just like a man preaching ... he's preaching.... Well, now, there's times where speaking in tongues, and this hand ... or, speaking in tongues wants to get to it, see. But, don't paw at the air; wait till my feet gets me over there. Then I can reach over and get it, see.

109 Now, when a man's speaking ... or, preaching up here at the platform, or a message going forth, if the man is of God, he's anointed of the Spirit to preach the Word. That's the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's moving there. That's just your gift there trying to get you started, but the Holy Spirit's coming through the Word.

110 And the Holy Spirit will always.... The Holy Spirit feeds on the Word of God. Right. And it'll recognize the Word, and be reverent. And then when the time comes, when the Holy Spirit's left the platform, off the minister, comes out in there, then you're in order.

111 Then somebody gets up, maybe has a message of speaking in tongues, then the other one gives the interpretation to it. Then watch it. It won't be quoting Scripture; it won't be saying something.... God don't use repetition, see. It'll stand up and say, "Thus saith the Lord: Mister ... Brother So-and-so is laying here sick; what done it, was the day before yesterday, sometime, he done a certain thing, got out of the will of God on that. Thus saith the Lord."

112 Now, interpreting, that's where the.... The Holy Spirit only speaks to edify the church. If you speak with tongues, and don't correctly interpretation, don't do it in the church; do it at home. That's what the Bible said.

And if that's true, then the Spirit of God's upon you. Maybe it'll speak and say, "All you move from this section of this city. Tomorrow there's coming a cyclone that'll sweep all this section out."

113 Now, before that can be.... Remember, speaking in tongues is not too accurate. Paul said, "Let it be first judged by two or three witnesses." That two or three with divine judgment judge it. What men with the Holy Spirit level, sound in doctrine, say, "I believe God was in that." The next one raise up and say, "God was in that." Got to have one more. One more raise up and said, "God was in that."

114 Then let what part of the church is in this section, flee as hard as they can. Get out of there. If tomorrow, the storm comes through and blows it up, know God is with you. But, if it doesn't do it, you'd better be careful. You got the wrong spirit among you. You better get back up to the altar and get this thing prayed out. All the church gather, and that poor person that spoke in tongues ought to come around the altar and say, "Lord, somebody, help me. I don't want to be anointed with that. That's wrong," see. Say, "Lord, help me. Get the thing off of me. Let me get right with You." See what I mean?

So, be careful, church. Do you understand? If you do, say, "Amen," if you do. Now, that's true Bible teaching. Now, it won't...

115 Now, you hear a person come up and say, "Oh, the Lord is coming soon; Jesus is coming; and the people must be ready," or something like that. Sure, the Lord's wrote that in the Bible. Said, "Come," and it'll come right through the prophet--come out through, like that. But, it's for the edifying of the church, see, the edifying of the church. It's a direct message. Everybody's heard that message.

116 But, say this man here, if yesterday he was untrue to his marriage vow, and the Holy Spirit comes and condemns him this morning; that's something the church don't know, see. It condemns that man. He stands and says, "That's the truth. God, forgive me." Then God's with you. See what I mean? Then you won't all be confused. You've got those gifts.

117 Now, here's the last quotation of it. Listen, friends. Listen. All look this way. You have those gifts. You didn't deserve them. God give them to you before the foundation of the world. They're yours. When you was born in this world, you was born with them. "Stir up that gift which is within you," see. You're born with those things. You can't make yourself do something...

118 I couldn't make my eyes brown, because they're blue. "Who taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?" It's all in God's divine program. If I tried to be a Sankey or a Finney, what good would it do me? It can't. God had a Sankey and Finney; I'm William Branham. You're whoever you are.

119 Now, look. If you will take those gifts that you have and use them correctly and orderly in the church, this little church will grow like everything. But, when you get in yourself (in the flesh), you'll keep it tore up as long as the church stands here. That's exactly right.

Now, have I made it clear? I hope so. If I haven't, and if there's one question that hasn't been answered, you let me know, and I'll be glad to do it.

120 Well, that's a long time. And you know, I got a long time (I hope) to stay here in this world. And I know one thing: We got a long time to be gone. So, let's try to keep the thing correctly. "Brotherly love continue." Let us keep in the church like that.

121 Now, do you think we ought to dismiss church now, or should we just have a little bit of Bible teaching? How many think we ought to go on into Bible teaching, now, for just a half hour. Brother Neville, you watch your watch, and give me a half hour if you will. Shall we bow our heads?

122 Heavenly Father, I promised last evening to finish these questions this morning. I did the best that I know how. If I have erred in any way, knowing that You love Your children, You love them; and if You're in my heart, it'll make me love them.

123 Then, Father, knowing that sometimes fathers correct their children. . . . They must. And I pray, God, if I have made the wrong correction, then You forgive me. I'm only going by the way Your Word said to the best of my knowledge, and by the witness of the Holy Spirit that lives in my heart. To me, it's perfect.

124 And I pray, God, it'll become perfect to this church; that this church may become perfected in the love of Christ; that this will be a place that people will come from around the world, to come in here and see the glorious operation and harmony of the Spirit--our gifts and manifestations--to when sinners walk in the building, the Holy Spirit will be so dominating in here, till they'll weep and walk up to the altar, and give their lives to Thee.

125 Grant it, Lord. Make us that way--not to be selfish. Not only us, Lord. Make every church on the face of the earth like that, that the world may know that Jesus Christ has raised from the dead and living today among His people. Heal the sickness. May every

church accept healing. May every church be filled with the Holy Ghost, every church speaking in tongues, interpreting tongues; every church having divine healing, and prophecy, and all the manifestations of the Spirit.

126 O Christ, Thou great holy one, knowing that that would be my desire in my heart, but knowing that Your Word says it will not be, therefore we cannot look for that. We cannot look for our prayer to be answered, but in our hearts, we believe that. And we love them, and we want to see them saved. The same way that You were not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to re...
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All right. Let's sing like this, all of us together, now, while they're getting... Let's sing:

To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus,
On earth I long to be like Him.
All through life's journey,
From earth to glory,
I only ask to be like Him.

I'll sing the chorus ... or, the verse; you sing the chorus:

From Bethlehem's manger
Came forth a stranger.
On earth I long to be like Him
All through life's journey,
From earth to glory
I only ask to be like Him.

Don't you want to be like Him? You're just about to get settled down now.

Just to be like Jesus, to be like Jesus,
On earth I long to be like Him.
All through life's journey,
From earth to glory,
I only ask to be like Him.

127 What was He? A man of sorrow acquainted with grief. Is that what He was? He walked about among men; dressed like other men. You wouldn't know Him from no one else. But, He could stand, look upon the congregation, and know what they were thinking

about. That's right. When He spoke, it was words that you knew that it was coming from a true heart that really knew what He was talking about.

128 Why, the soldier that come to see Him went back and said, "Never a man spoke like this." Wouldn't you like to be like that? where your words were so seasoned, it just took a hold of the people's hearts, and gripped them like that?

Now, you can be like Him; just get Him in here. Is that right? He'll make you humble. And when someone smites you on one side of the face, you'd say, "God bless you, brother. I know you don't mean it."

129 When they pierced His hands and His side, so forth, He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing." That was it. Forgiving, humble spirit. That's the way we ought to be. That's the way we got to be if we ever make the rapture. Now, when you get like that, I could say you're coming nigh unto the Holy Spirit.

130 Hebrews: the great, famous letter, written by St. Paul, I believe. What is the book of Hebrews? Now, the letter of the Hebrews, where Paul, speaking to the Hebrew church, separating law from grace--in the book of Hebrews. He was [unclear words] Hebrew converts how that they wanted to continue on in the law. And he told them what law was to grace.

131 Let's read now. This book was written in about AD 94, somewhere.... Now,

For the law having a shadow of good things to come

132 The first sphere ... or, first phase of the first verse of the tenth chapter of Hebrews.

... the law having a shadow of the good things to come

133 Now, remember, Abraham.... 'Course, Abraham didn't live under the law; Abraham lived under grace. How many knows that? That was long before the law was given. But Moses lived under the law. David, all those, lived under the law. And all that the law provided was a shadow of the good things to come. Isn't that marvelous?--just being a shadow.

134 Do you remember one night last week, we was teaching on Revelation 12, where the woman...? Let's read it right quick. Turn over to Revelation 12. Let's get it. I think that's a beautiful background for this. Here it is, here.

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman...

135 What does a *woman* mean in the Bible? "Church."

... a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet,

A woman, a church, clothed with a bright light had raised after a lesser light was fading away, see.

136 Now, the moon is a shadow of the sun. Is that right? See, the moon... I've seen the moon through those great glasses out there. Now, you mothers, you've talked about "the man in the moon"; you've heard that. Do you know what that is? I've looked at that. Do you know what that is? I looked at it through great, powerful glasses. It's mountains, and the sun shining makes a shadow--great craters.

137 Nothing can grow on the moon. It's just so hot in the daytime. Ooh, my! And at nighttime, it's so many times below zero, nothing could live. And you can see it in them glasses, if you was standing out here, a half-a-mile from you. You can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space through that glass--a hundred and twenty million years. How many miles would that be? Oh, my!

Now, and the moon... And when the sun is gone down, the moon shines. Oh, (You call me at the half-hour, anyhow). But look. I just see something moving. Look. In the creation, all things types and patterns.

138 Some night, I'll get to preaching, or have a few nights of this, I just feel like I could just move on and on and on, see. Just to see it, how it begins to jump out in front of you, you know, when the Holy Spirit brings it, and hangs it up there for you, you see. All the things of shadows and types.

139 When God made the heavens and the earth, He made the moon to shine in the absence of the sun to give light while the sun was gone, see. A beautiful type of Christ and the church. The church is the moon, to give the light to the world while the sun is gone. See what I mean? A lesser light. Amen.

140 And then, otherwise, the moon and the sun is husband and wife, as Christ and the church is husband and wife. The wife, being the weaker vessel, only gives a smaller light in the absence of her husband. And the church can only make manifestations of the Holy Spirit... And remember, the moon cannot give any light of her own. And when you see the moonlight, it's not the moonlight, it's a reflection of the sunlight.

And Christ ascended up, (Is that right?) and shines His light on the church to reflect His light and power to the world in His absence. See what I mean? Genesis, in the beginning...

141 Now, He sees the woman standing here. Look at her. She's the woman (you'll see in a few moments); she's the Jewish Orthodox church, the wife of God, the begotten. And notice.... Not the begotten. The begotten of God, sure. But, she's the wife. And God's had to put her away sometimes back there, on account of spiritual fornication. Is that right? And then He returned again, and received her again, and married her, and said He was married to a backslider. Is that right? The wife that had gone away from Him.

142 Now, what a beautiful picture this is, to see the woman standing there, and the moon under her feet, and the sun shining at her head. Let's look at her just a moment now, and see what she looks like.

... at her feet, and upon her head ... and upon her head, a crown of twelve stars.

143 Now, what the stars do? Stars give lesser light. Is that right? Well, what does a star shine from? If I could walk out tonight and see that great, bright star yonder, shining out there, I'd say, "Little star, you sure are a beautiful thing. What makes you shine like that?"

Well, if he could talk, he'd say, "Brother Branham, I'm not shining."

"Well, what's making you shine?"

"It's something shining on me, see. It's the sun shining on me, Brother Branham. I just help Him light up the path for you."

144 Well then, the true path's to the pulpit, if He's anointed of God, it's not the pastor shining, it's not *him* a good preacher, it's not *him* a

good pastor. It's the Holy Spirit shining on him, giving the Gospel light. See what I mean? Just. . . . It's beautiful how it's all typed out.

145 Now, the woman has the moon under her feet, the sun at her head, and twelve stars in her crown (the twelve apostles). This Bible is built upon the doctrine of the apostles, and Christ, the chief cornerstone. Is that right? The foundation of the apostles.

146 Now, you see who that woman is to begin with, don't you? See, twelve stars. All right.

And she, being with child . . . travailing in birth, . . . pained to be delivered.

147 Now, there's the Jewish orthodox church, as the law is fading out, the gospel is coming in. And just as it's fading, there's got to be a new dispensation, so the woman is with child. And she's in pain and . . . travail pain. She's travailing in childbirth.

In other words, the Roman Empire had her hovered down. She was crying, "Oh, Messiah, come! Oh, Messiah, come! Messiah, come!"

148 And here, we see her again over here now, as she's travailing, bringing forth new born babes in Christ Jesus, crying, "Come, Lord Jesus! Come, Lord Jesus!" And they're travailing in birth there--pains to be delivered.

149 Now, watch what she did. Now, stops, the writer does. Now, he sees another scene comes on. Now, watch the woman here ready to be delivered. Now, the first thing, the law was fading out--that dispensation of them candlesticks we had the other night. This dispensation's coming in. That was a law, being a shadow of the good things to come. Just a shadow!

Wish we had time to go into all the priesthood, and show how everything in there shadows this dispensation here; how everything happened back there was a shadow of this, just the same as the sun is.

150 That's the reason people say I was a typologist. I have to be. I haven't any education, so I have to look in the Bible. I see back there what they was, I know just about what this is going to be, see. I look back there and see. . . . If I see the moon shining, I know it's a little light, it's a wonderful light, but there's a greater light

somewhere. I know what the sun is going to look like when I see the moon. Amen. I see what the sun's going to look like.... If I've never seen it, if I see the moon, and it's a shadow of the sun, I know what the sun's going to look like when it appears. See what I mean?

151 Now, this woman was travailing. She was going to bring forth a child. And she was standing there, the sun rising at her head; the moon going under her feet. The sun passed away, see, she's done went through the dispensation of law--Paul speaking, see. Having the shadow of good things to come, see, just a shadow. The sun was the perfect.

152 Now, and the both can't shine the same time. The law could hang, but it won't shine, because the Gospel outshines it, see. That's right. The moon can hang here at twelve o'clock in the day; you'll have to look very close to see it. That's right. Because the sun's so much brighter till it just outshines it. It may be still hanging there to show that it was last night, but its light's done gone.

153 That's the law. The law's light has done gone and lived. That's right. Now, it's the gospel of dispensation of grace, and the power of the Holy Ghost, the resurrection of Jesus Christ manifesting itself in a greater light than that one.

154 Let's look at this woman again just a minute.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great dragon ... great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his head.

155 We'd taken that the other night. Now, look:

And his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth:

156 Do you know what that was? Now, his tail wasn't like a forked tail, like they say the devil's got. It was that *tale* (that lie) that he told. And the very Jews, by the Roman Empire, crucified the Lord Jesus. And over two-thirds of the Jews denied Jesus Christ (the stars which was in heaven).

157 And watch what he did:

... and he cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, ... to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Now, you say, “The dragon had something to do with the Jews?”

Certainly. They said, “This Jesus says he’s a king. We have no king but Caesar.”

158 Is that right? See the devil preparing them Jewish hearts back there to deny Jesus Christ when He comes? Can you see the devil denying hearts today, to deny the power of the Holy Ghost when He comes? Just exactly the same, yet honest and sincere. But, if you’re deeply, and seek after God, like some of them Jews did, they walked right out and received Him anyhow. That’s right. They didn’t care what the church said.

159 But it cast two-thirds of them to the ground.

... and the dragon stood before the woman ... to devour her child as soon as it was born.

160 Now who stood...? What government (what power) stood before the woman (the Jewish orthodox church) to devour Jesus Christ when He was born? Rome. So, the red dragon was Rome. So, you see where the beast has to come out of? Rome. All right. Now, watch.

And she brought forth a man child, (that was Jesus) who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron:

161 What did the prophets all say Jesus would do when He come? Rule the nations with a rod of iron. Is that right? They failed to see His first coming to the Gentiles. When He returns, then He does rule all nations. He will come... He isn’t upon His throne now; He’s sitting on God’s throne. “He that overcomes shall sit with Me on My throne, as I have overcome and sit on My Father’s throne.”

162 Now, He’s wanting to come back. And where is earthly throne? The throne of David. God said He’d give Him the throne of David in the Millennium. He’ll sit on David’s throne, and we’ll see Him, the great King of kings sitting there. There He is.

163 Now He's sitting on His Father's throne. In other words, He's sitting in God's power in Spirit now. But when He comes back, He'll sit in an earthly body (Hallelujah!) on David's throne. Now, He's sitting in the majesty of Father now. When we say "Father," it's Jesus. It's the Spirit of God, by the Holy Spirit in us. Now, He's on His Father's throne: right-hand of majesty.

164 We use the body-name "Jesus Christ" to appear, the Holy Spirit, which is God. "Whatever you ask the Father in My name, that will I do, for I and My Father are one." "Yet a little while and the world see Me no more, (That's the body will be taken away.) but you'll see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." That's Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Now, He will return in His body again, and will sit on a literal throne: a Man that will eat and drink and shake hands. Glory! Oh, my!

You say, "You're too emotional, brother."

Well, it makes you emotional. You can't hold yourself when I think of it. How could you stand at a ballgame, or something that you liked real well, and just be perfect...?

You fishermen, how could you catch a great big bass, about five pounds, and all that big grin. You're [unclear word.] Sure, something's happened.

165 And when you really get saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, something happens when the Word of God begins to manifest, while we're sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And the Holy Spirit teaching us, and guiding us, and setting us in order. What a wonderful time!

166 Now, watch. "Rule all nations with a rod of iron."

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

167 Now, watch.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, (a wilderness: the church, now) that she should be fed a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Which we're on Hebrews. We'll get back on this, maybe, tonight.

I like to prove you. From the persecution of the church, and all through those Dark Ages, the people come over here. . . .

168 What is America? America was established at Plymouth Rock for one purpose: freedom of religion. Is that right? And the Bible said that she fled from the dragon, and had a place prepared in the *what*? What was America when she come here? See it? Where she was nourished for a limited time: a time, time, and a dividing (just about a hundred and sixty-five or seventy years), where she had a place prepared. And then this nation raised up and formed images to the beast and spoke like the beast did, through the confederation of organized church religion.

169 Now, the church is getting so she can't have her freedom no more, being shut down: "That bunch of holy rollers. . . . Stop that stuff! We'll unionize the thing and make an organization." And what are they doing? Forming an image to the beast.

Every time, they make a little power. "We are the Methodists." "We are the Baptists." "We're the Nazarenes." "We're the Pentecostals." "We form. . . . Oh, we got our own council of churches. We got *this*."

You say, "Pentecostals?"

170 Yes, sir! The Assemblies of God, the mightiest of all the Pentecostals, belongs to the confederation of church. She's just as much in the image of the beast as they are. I see Catholics: We'd stop these Pentecostals up, too, because the Word of God says so.

171 See what I mean? We can only be honest. This is the truth, brother, 'cause God . . . not 'cause I'm saying it; 'cause He said it. I'm just using His words to speak this to you, see. And the only way I know how to put it together. . . . I don't. I just have to stand here and let Him put it together. Then He gives it out, and you receive it. And then, just take it. And watch it [unclear words] and come that way. Just the same thing about healing, or anything else; it's God's Spirit moving. It just brings it right to pass.

172 Now, watch.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place prepared of God, (God prepared America for freedom of religion) that she should be fed there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels.

173 The dragon. . . . Who was the dragon? Satan. And what nation did it represent? And he had angels. Didn't the Bible say that in the last days that the ministering spirits of the devil would be like flaming angels? But if they speak not according to this, let them alone! The devil would transform his messengers into angels of light, and organize right back, just exactly like Rome did.

Brother, sister, I don't see where you could find a loophole in that. God's just got it all walled up there, right here in His Word. There it is. And He said He did.

174 Now, watch. And Michael, the Archangel, the great One that stands in the presence of God, and His angels, fought against Satan and his angels--the red dragon. And that was the church that's led by the Holy Spirit. And the angels of God fought against the organization and its angels and ministers of light.

175 See how it's just perfect? It's just speaking, not of something up into Glory; it's speaking of spiritual beings in Rome. The red dragon that stood before the woman to devour her child. Now,

And they prevailed not; neither was found their place any more for them in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and Satan, which deceived the whole world:

176 That Roman power going into every nation. That city the rules over all the earth. He deceived it. Many churches organizing just like it (see), making an image unto the beast.

And was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

177 Say they don't have a conception of the Scripture? Look when the archenemy met Jesus Christ: When he first met Him, he didn't go with Him just a roundabout way. He met Jesus out there, and he

said, “Now, where’s His weakest spot?” It’s His stomach right now, because He’s been fasting. He said, “If thou be the Son of God, I want You to perform a miracle for me. Now, I know the Scriptures, and I want You to perform a miracle. Tell me that You’re this miracle-worker. If You’re the Son of God, turn these stones into bread. Eat, and then I’ll believe you.”

Now, look at that same anointing on preachers today. Say, “If that guy’s a divine healer, if that church believes in divine healing, let him heal this one, I’ll believe it.” See what it is? It’s a devil!

Jesus turned to him: In the Scripture, said, “It’s written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by...”

You don’t have to clown for the devil, see.

178 Now, watch. The devil said, “I’ll fix Him if I can get Him up on top of the temple.” He said, “Now, look. You’re sitting up here on top of the temple now, looking around over Jerusalem. Now, cast Yourself down, and just before you hit the ground, then the angels will bear you up, for it’s written in the Word...”

Yes, sir. He quoted Scripture--Satan did. Don’t tell me them guys can’t quote Scripture. You’d better know where you’re standing. Yes, sir. Fundamental as they can be.

He said, “All right.”

Polished scholars but know sometimes no more about God than a Hottentot would know about an Egyptian knight.

179 He said, “Why don’t you cast down, [unclear words]?” Said, “It’s written He’ll give His angels charge concerning ... if you’re the Son of God. Now the Bible said ... the Scripture says.... If You’re the Son of God, jump off this temple, ‘cause the angels has got a hold of You all the time. You can heal whatever You want to. You can do whatever You want to, ‘cause the Bible said so.”

Jesus said, “Yes, and it’s also written, Thou shall not tempt the Lord thy God.” That’s right. Oh, my.

Satan said, “I’ll get Him this time then.”

180 Said, “Look up here on top of this.... Look here, all these kingdoms. There’s United States of America coming up--great and mighty nation. Here’s Rome, now. Here’s all these nations around

here. Here's Italy, here is France, here's Germany, and Belgium. There's all these nations of the world, the whole world over." Said, "They're mine."

That's right. That's who governs them. The devil governs the United States.

Oh, you say, "Oh, but..."

Oh, it doesn't?

The Bible said it did.

Said, "These are mine." Said, "I do with them whatever I want to."

I'm quoting Scripture. Jesus never denied it.

He said, "I'll give them, every one, to You, if You'll just worship me right here."

"If you'll say I'm right, agree with me in the Scripture.... You know I'm a teacher. I have a big seminary, a whole lot of angels out here. And if you'll just agree with me, I'll give them, every one, to you, let You be the ruler."

Jesus said, "Get thee hence, Satan." That's right. "Don't tempt me." Walked right out and angels come and ministered to Him.

181 What is it? Jesus knew that He was going to fall heir to every one of them anyhow! He's going to be heir in the Millennium. Every nation of this world will be broken, ground to pieces, and Jesus Christ will be the King of the world. "King of kings, and Lord of lords." He couldn't rule in such a condition as that. He's going to rule when peace will rule and reign in every heart, and love without alloy when Jesus shall return to earth again. It's going to be His anyhow. He didn't have to bow down to Satan. No.

182 Now, watch. Quickly.

And I heard a loud voice saying from heaven, Now is become salvation, now is become strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before ... God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by ... their testimony; (All right.) and they loved not their lives unto ... death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in the earth. Woe unto the inhabitants of the earth and ... the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Now you see where he's roaring about. So deceitful, acting like a... Organized himself up, and bring in people, and polish it up.

Did you know where polish, and all that, first come from? It originated by the devil. In the heavens was the devil. The first thing he wanted was to make a kingdom that outshined Michael's--big.

183 Watch Cain, his son. When Cain come into existence, he fixed his altar as it was on Easter morning, with beautiful flowers ... fixed it all pretty. Put the very polished fruits, and laid that upon the altar and made everything so pretty. He said, "Surely, God will receive that. Isn't it beautiful?"

184 Look at that same nature in church today, see. "Won't God receive us if our pastor has a degree? if he knows how to speak, very fluently, good English? an eloquent-speaking man? Won't the best class of the city come to us? Look at our great shrine. Look at our great crosses. Look at our fine pews. Look at our thousands-of-dollars organ. Look at all these things here that we got. And a nice, polished... Our deacons are the businessmen of the city. Surely, they'll come to us."

The same old devil!

When God looked down, He said, "There's nothing in it." That's right.

185 And here come Abel, ragged, pulling a little old lamb behind him, with a grapevine wrapped around his neck. Led him up on the altar, took a rock and began to chop him, like that. And the blood began to fly, and the lamb bleating, and crying.

God said, "That's it, Abel." Amen. "That's it, Abel! Through the shedding of the blood: cleansing!" Amen.

I feel like a holy roller this morning; I really do.

186 Notice, back to Hebrews right quick.

... the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very... (Look.) and not the very image of the things, not the ... (See, just a shadow of it) not the very image of the things, can never ... (Let's see.) not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices ... they offered year by year continually make the comer thereunto perfect.

187 Now, "The law having a shadow of the good things to come, can never make the comer perfect." Now, did the Bible say then, if the law could not make perfect, then the Bible speaks that there can be a perfection. Do you believe there is a perfection?

188 Let's turn to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter, I believe, and the forty ... and about the forty-eighth verse and see if we can find out. I believe that's about right, if I'm not mistaken ... Matthew ... so I can read for you ... the fifth, and forty.... Yes. That's it. Just exactly. Jesus speaking in the beatitudes:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

189 How're you going to do it? "Be ye perfect, as your Father in heaven..." And those sacrifices under the law could not make the comer perfect. Why?

190 Now, watch just a little while.

For then would they not have ceased...

191 If it'd make the comer perfect, then they'd not have ceased. They'd have kept on with the law, see.

Because that the worshippers...

192 My! Did you read this? Looky here.

For ... the worshippers (the laity) the worshippers once purged should have ... no more conscience of sins.

193 Whew! What's happening to you out there, then? What are you carrying on, fussing with your neighbor about? The Bible said, "The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sins." Whew! That's kind of strong doctrine, isn't it?

194 Now, this week you haven't been fed on skim milk anyhow, see. We've been in deep things--rich. And you took it very nice. And I thank God for you. I just want to come back, teach some more to you (see), 'cause you're able to take it, see.

195 Now, notice. "The worshipper once purged. . . ." Said, "Now, the law couldn't do it. But, in this estate," said, "if the law could have done it, then Jesus wouldn't have had to die." But here, if the worshipper then come. . . . Watch. You watch, here, a little farther, I believe.

But . . . these sacrifices, which are remembrances . . . made of sins every year.

For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

Why? (How much time we got? Oh, my!) Just a little bit, we'll close, then we'll start up again tonight, because I told you I'd quit.

196 Look. Let's take it just in a little type, quickly. The worshipper once purged has no more conscience of sins. Jesus said, "Be ye perfect, even as the Father, in heaven, is perfect."

197 Here's the Old Testament. Out there, the worshipper comes. He knows he's done something wrong. He goes out and hunts him a lamb without spot. Brings it to it, washed in the laver. Brings in the high priest. Stands at the altar here--the priest. Then, the high priest stands at the altar. And he takes the lamb, he examines it over. There's not a blemish on it nowhere.

198 Then the lamb's laid upon the altar. The worshipper puts his hands upon the lamb, and said, "I confess my sins that I broke the Sabbath; I've done *this, that*, or the *other*. I've sinned; I've done something wrong." And the priest kills the lamb, catches the blood. Puts it over here and burns it as a sacrifice on the brass altar, (which means "divine judgment"). And as the smoke went up, Israel fell on its knees, and gave their prayers as it went up on the smoke of this burnt blood. No blood on fire.

199 Watch what takes place. Now, this great cupola went the smoke up in all Israel, and thousands of trumpets sounded. And

every man dropped everything he had and went to prayer. All right. Three times a day that was made.

200 The worshipper, then, went back out with the same desire in his heart. Maybe he come in for committing adultery. And he said, “Lord, I did wrong. I committed adultery. I’ve got to die, ‘cause You said, ‘If you sin, you’re going to die.’ So, this innocent lamb will die in my place. So, I offer You my lamb. I paid my money for it. So, I come in, offer You my lamb, and I confess my sins. And this lamb is taking my place—an innocent substitute. I ought to die. You was going to kill me, but You told me if I’d give this lamb, and let this lamb die in my place, that I could go free.”

Then they cut its throat, got its blood, threw it on the brazen divine altar of judgment. And the blood . . . smoke went up to God, and God received it. Said, “I receive it.”

The man walked right back out of there with the same lust in his heart to commit another adultery. That’s right.

201 But, in this place where Jesus is the Lamb of God. . . . Why? The germ of life is in the bloodstream. And that was an animal life. And an animal’s blood has no conscience of sin. Certainly not. So, it wasn’t strong enough to . . . knew not what sin was.

But, when God came down into the blood cell that was in Mary’s womb that created the blood in Christ Jesus. . . . That human blood was powerful enough to take sin out of human hearts.

202 And when the worshipper comes and puts his hands on Jesus’ head and confesses his sins, and the lamb was killed, and his name’s written on the Lamb’s book of life. And God gives him the same Holy Spirit was in that blood, he confesses his sins wrong, he has no more desire of sin! Amen! Now, that’s the Gospel. No more desire of sin.

203 Then the worshipper walks out with a clean heart. The worshipper. . . . The law being a shadow. But in Christ it was taken away. He’d taken away the first, so He could have the second. He couldn’t have two at the same time. You can’t have the law that says “It’s a five-dollar fine to run this streetlight out here,” and the next one says, “He can go free.” You can’t do it. You couldn’t put judgment.

204 So, judgment is based upon something. Not upon a lamb; upon Christ! Christ the Son of God, who was God manifested in the flesh. And the germ of life that come into the womb of Mary, that developed that cell, the cell like the cell that broke forth this body to shed blood yonder, in order that God could be made blood.

And the Bible said, "We are saved through the blood of God!"

I used to say that I was saved by Jewish blood. There was not one spot of Jewish blood in His body. He was neither Jew nor Gentile. He was God!

205 There's not one drop of the mother's blood in a baby. Ask your doctor. It's all wrapped in the mother's blood, but not.... The mother that's got TB can die in childbirth with TB, and the baby taken forth, as long as it don't catch her breath, it won't have TB, see. The blood is in the male.

A hen can lay an egg, but if she hasn't been with the rooster, it'll never hatch. It isn't fertile; it hasn't got any blood in it.

206 And that's just like, many times I've said, a lot of these old churches around here: You've got a bunch of eggs, all right, but they'll rot there and rot unless they got to be with the mate, Christ Jesus. If they're born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost, then they got life! They believe!

"Oh," you say, "we got eggs."

I know you have, but what good is it doing? You can hover them with the Gospel, preach the Holy Ghost.

They walk out, say, "Humph! I don't believe that stuff."

207 And Indiana and Kentucky jammed full of it. Look over here where we've had a healing service in Louisville. Standing there, preaching.... Oh, everybody likes to see the healing and the miracles and so forth, but I went to laying out the Gospel. Walked out: "I don't believe no such stuff as that. My church don't believe that."

208 There you are: the mark of the beast. You can't reveal it. You're blind! They lay the Gospel out, tell them what the rotten eggs are. Laying there, can't have no life. How're you going to put life in on those eggs when they ain't got no life in it?

209 The male, Christ Jesus, brought life through the blood of God. Is that right? Brought the life of God down into the male. That's right. Jesus Christ the Son of God, come down to bring life to the human race. Is that right?

And in Him, after His blood being shed, and the Holy Spirit coming in the blood of Jesus Christ (which was that blood cell), when it was offered at Calvary, it takes away the very desire of sin.

So, if you still have the desire of sin, better come back to the altar again. That's right.

210 Now, and that same life that was in that blood cell returns back into your blood cell, and gives you the same life. Jesus said, "I give to them eternal life." Now, if you're interested in Greek words, go look up and see what the Greek word *eternal* means. It comes from the word *zoe* (Z-O-E). Look what *zoe* is. *Zoe* is "the life of God Himself."

And if Jesus, through Himself, gave up His own life (which was "zoe"), we have eternal life, and can't perish. Hallelujah!

Then, when the old flesh begins to lust after things, the Spirit said, "No." Bear it out. Here it is. Get your Gospel coats on!

211 Look. Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Spirit giveth life; letter killeth. What a beautiful lesson. Wish we had time to continue awhile. We will after a bit.

212 Look. God required life the very first time sin was committed. And if you notice: the pair in the Garden of Eden substituted animal life. Do you notice it?—put animal life. Went out and got sheep, and killed them. And they made garments to cover their sin up with. Is that right? Sheepskin.

213 Let's take a little drama. I seen a picture, not long ago, that I liked. It's just mental picture; I never seen it drawn. I see our mother, Eve; and our father, Adam, and a colored man sitting there, the Chinese sitting there. (This'll shock you.) Every human being, the Pigmy in Africa, the Bushman up in the Transvaal; they're heathen. They don't know which is right or left hand, with hair sticking all over him like that, and wild as an animal. He's got the same blood in his veins that you've got.

214 The Chinese can go down and take the blood plasma, and give it to a white man. The colored man: The same blood that's in his veins is in the white man's veins. They can give blood, one to another. But there's not one animal that can give a blood plasma. Why? "God has made of all nations, one blood!" Exactly!

215 Every one of us come off of that same Tree of Life: Almighty God. Whether you're yellow, brown, black, or whatever you are, we are one blood. Ask your doctor, now, if that's right. White, colored, no matter who you are, brown, or whatever you are, it don't make any difference. Chinese, Japanese, Negro, whatever you may be don't have one thing to do with it; you've got the same blood.

And the same Jesus Christ died for one, died for all! God tore down the middle wall of partition, and made us all one in Christ Jesus! What a message for that.

216 There stood Adam and Eve. Eve, a beautiful woman. Oh, my. I can see that Adam with them dark, shaggy locks hanging around his head. Those bright, flashy eyes look over to his little sweetheart, Eve--and such a perfect-built woman. And her hair . . . looked up, and her eyes was blue as the sky. Adam loved her. Oh, how he loved her.

217 But when sin entered in, their little home was broke up, because an old, lustful beast--the devil--had got into an animal called the serpent. Not a reptile. Remember, the Bible doesn't say that the devil was a snake. He wasn't a snake in the beginning. The snake wasn't like he is now, in the beginning. The curse put him where he's at. The Bible said he was not a reptile; he was a beast, and the most subtle of all the beasts of the field. He looked more like a man than anything we've ever had; walked upright.

218 There's where the devil got in him, and come to Eve, this beautiful-made woman. And she did what was wrong. Pick your idea of it. I've got mine. All right. Now, then she brought forth her first son, Cain--the nature after the daddy: a murderer, a hater, so forth.

219 Notice, then, what taken place after that. Then, when God came down to talk, fellowship had been broken. Could you imagine Adam and Eve sitting out in the Garden of Eden, under them great palm trees? God would come down and say, "My children."

“Yes, Father.”

“Is all well?”

“All is well.”

“Have you enjoyed the blessings of your Father this day?”

“Yes, Father. We’ve enjoyed.”

Here comes Leo the lion up. Leo meows like a kitten. Adam pats him on the head. He kneels himself down. Here comes Cheetah the tiger, and all them comes up, and lays down, meows around him.

God’s great voice, roaring to the top of them trees, “My creation, have you enjoyed what your Father has given you this day?”

“Yes, Father, everything.” No death, no sorrow. There it is. That’s the way. God said, “Oh, isn’t this wonderful?”

And then Michael looked over and said, “I could do that, too.”

Oh, brother! Don’t get yourself contrary to God’s Word. That’s what’s the matter with these churches today. “I can make an organization, too, as good as they are.”

Ooh! Get away from it! Stay with God’s Word. Yes, sir. Let God. . . . God was the one speaking.

And then, the first thing you know. . . . Then, when she sinned, then God come down and roared through the top of the trees. He wants to be worshipped. He’s God. And His children wasn’t there to worship.

Here come Leo up and knelt down. And here come Cheetah up and knelt down. And all of them come up and kneel down. But where’s Adam? He said, “Cheetah, have you seen Adam?”

“No.”

“Leo, have you seen. . . ?”

“No.”

“Adam! Where art thou?”

220 See the nature of a man? He runs from God. It ought to have been Adam saying, “Father! I’ve sinned! I’ve done wrong! Where are You?! I want to confess my sins! Where are You, Father?” But he was hiding. Sitting back behind the curtain, you see.

“Adam! Where art thou, my boy? Adam! Adam, my boy, where are you?”

Directly, He looked down and He seen Adam standing behind the bushes. Said, “Come out, Adam!”

He said, “I can’t. I’m naked.”

Said, “Who told you you were naked?”

He said, “The woman You gave me.”

And the woman said, “The serpent did it.”

There you are. Then the great picture of the fellowship was broken. God can’t talk to His people no more. He’s done said so. When God speaks, He’s got to keep His Word. He’s got to.

All right. Said, “I got to talk to him.” So, God went over and got some sheepskins. Brought them old bloody sheepskins back, threw them back in the bushes, said, “Put them on.” Here come Adam and Eve wrapped up in these old sheepskins.

221 They made themselves a religion first. They joined a church somewhere. Thought they was going to get by with a fig-leaf church. You know, just hiding behind something. But when they went to stand in the presence of God, their fig-leaf religion didn’t hold out.

222 Well, here he comes out with blood running down over his manly shoulders. Look at little Eve. Let’s draw a picture. That pretty little thing. Adam’s sweetheart and wife, his darling. And here she comes out, and the blood running down her legs. Here’s Adam, and the blood running off of his shoulders. I see around his collar, here, where it wrapped around his shoulder; the blood shagging in his hair. Mmm! Look at little Eve, her head bent down, an old bloody sheepskin, walk up before God, said, “Adam, because you listened to your wife instead of Me, I’ve took you from the dust of the earth, and dust you’ll return.”

Said, “Woman, because you listened to the serpent instead of your own husband. . . .”

See, church, who you’re supposed to listen to? Your husband. Not to some creed, but to your husband. Here’s His Word to you, see.

223 “Because you listened to the serpent instead of your husband. . . . (Wish I could stay a little while on that. I feel something there, see.) You listened to the serpent instead of your husband. You took life out of the world; you’ll bring life in the world. And I’ll multiply your sorrows and your conceptions. Your desire shall be to your husband.”

“Serpent! Because you did this, off goes your legs. And you’ll crawl on your belly all the days of your life. You’ll be hated by all, and dust shall be your meat.”

224 Oh, my. Something’s happening. Aches begin to come into Eve’s shoulders. Adam got a rheumatism in his back. He begins to look. . . . Looks over to Eve. Tears are running down her pretty cheeks. Her lips that would never have to have manicure on them (ever what the stuff you put on now), never have to have that on. They were all pretty and red, but now they’re turning out pale, wrinkles are coming in them. Wrinkles are coming in under her eyes. Adam’s hairs begin to slip out. Shag begin to come here; gray’s going to set in. Tears are dropping off of his manly chest. His chest has begun to sink in hollow. What a condition! Mortal, then.

Little Eve knowed she was the cause of it. Said, “Oh, Adam. What have I done, darling?”

I’m going to preach on that one of these nights: “What have I done?”

225 She leaned her little head over on his shoulders (striking him along about this). She said, “Honey, I’m the cause of it. And we’re condemned. Look at us. We’re turning back to the dust, and God hid His face from us now. We can’t see Him no more. Look at these old, bloody. . . . I’m ashamed to take this off before you, Adam.” She said, “Darling, I wouldn’t take this off before you for nothing. What’s happened to us, honey?”

And he begins to cry. The tears run off his own cheeks, patting on top of her head. Here, it run down to her bosom like that, mixing ... tears and blood running together. So, he puts his arm around his little wife.

226 God said, “Depart out of My presence!” They’d sinned. He can’t do nothing else; He’s God. That’s what makes His Word so real. He’s got to keep His Word, no matter how bad it hurt Him. “Depart out of My presence.”

227 Adam put his arm around his little wife, like that. Here they start moving down through the Garden of Eden. I can hear that old bloody sheepskin, every time Adam would make a step, going, [Brother Branham claps.] Blood smacking against his leg as he walked on. God.... There goes His boy; there goes His girl.

Just the same as being my Billy Paul and Rebekah. There they go: your daughter, your son. What can you do? What can you do? He’s God, He has to keep His Word.

228 “I’ve pronounced death on them, and I trusted them and thought they wouldn’t do it, but they did it anyhow. Why did they do it?” Then God conceded His thoughts. He said, “I’ll take their place. I’ll die in their stead. That’s My boy. I can’t let him go like that. That’s my girl. I’ll die in his place.”

229 He said, “Just a minute!” Said, “I’ll put enmity between thy seed, and the serpent’s seed. Your seed shall bruise the serpent’s head.” In other words, “I will overshadow a virgin some day, and come down and be made flesh, myself. And I’ll take the sinner’s place.”

Man was made in the image of God. And then, God was made in the image of man to redeem man back to Himself: God taking his place. That’s how I know Jesus is God. That’s right.

230 Now, let’s change our scene. Nineteen.... Four thousand years has passed. We’re in Jerusalem this morning. I hear a noise. What is it? I look outside, seeing the whole earth bathed with wars, and rumors of wars, and blood, and adultery, and sin, and shame and disgrace of the offsprings of that couple.

231 Look down here, just like Herodias said her boys and girls died on gallows, and in prostitution, from sin. Look here at Adam and

Eve's children, how they're dying, dying, and that little old weak blood yonder somehow. Wouldn't atone. It's an animal's blood. It ain't got no life in it. It can't come before God. That life that goes out of that blood, it can't come because it's a dumb brute. It's got to have some kind of a life that knows right from wrong. God come down there on flesh under a virgin; knows right from wrong.

232 Now, it's Jerusalem; I hear a noise. What is it? "Oh, away with Him! Crucify Him!" What is it? The very Creator of the human race.... His own children crying for His blood. They're God's own creation crying for His own blood! Well now, if He'd have held Himself and wouldn't have done it, His child had've been lost.

Don't you see that's Jehovah from the Garden of Eden? Can't you see Him there enveiled in human flesh? Oh, my.

233 Notice, a little farther.... I wish we'd get on this lesson. A little farther down there, He said, said, "The tabernacle.... Solomon built Him a tabernacle, but the Most High dwelleth not in houses made of hands, but a body hast Thou prepared Me." When Solomon built the temple, Jehovah.... Here's a good one! Hallelujah! That caught just right. Thank the Lord for that. Here's a revelation: just fresh right now; you're going to get it.

234 When Solomon built the temple and it was dedicated, God came into that temple and dwelt there. Is that right? And when Jesus Christ was dedicated to God on the river of Jordan, God came down and dwelt in Jesus Christ. Amen. He's Jehovah! Amen!

235 Confession of sin always had to look to the temple. Confession of sin has to look to Christ! There's the temple of God! God dwelt in Christ. There He is now. You believe He's Jehovah, don't you? Never saw that before.

236 Oh, sometimes when we're moving along in the Spirit, sitting together in heavenly place, how Christ can move in the church like that. See how the revelations move? There's a perfect revelation coming from God. He's standing at the platform now. I know where that come from there. I know it did.

The temple was where God dwelt. And if the people anywhere in trouble, like Jonah in the belly of whale, looked towards the

temple. Anywhere ... if they look to this temple and pray, then I'll hear.

And now, the temple of God was not made with hands. He said, "You prepared me a building (but that wasn't it), but a body hast Thou prepared Me." There it is. God in Christ.

237 Then, I hear that howling mob (to our scene.) Look at Him there. They're crying for His blood. His own children screaming out, "Away with Him," their Creator, their God, their Maker, their Father. "Away with Him!"

238 Now, He's become their Redeemer. Now, "They reject Me, but, see, they don't know. They don't know who I am. They don't know that I'm the very one that pronounced this curse upon them, yonder in the Garden of Eden. I've come down to redeem them. If I refused, why, I could speak, and legions of angels would come to Me. But if I would, they're going to be lost. And after all, I was the One that put the curse on them. Now, I'm come to take the curse off of them, and let them do their sin: crucify Me."

239 Here He goes, dragging through the streets, beat. Exactly... Hooked Him up to a post, like this, put a cat-o-nine-tails, and stood out there and beat till His ribs showed through. He was a little man. The Bible said, "No beauty we should desire Him." Look at His body, beaten, riven, bruised, mockery spit from His own children spitting in their Daddy's face. Crown of thorns on His head, tears and things, mingled, running down His body. Tears and blood running together; spit dropping off.

240 Here He comes. We'll look out the window and see what He looks like. There He goes. I hear this old cross dragging down through the streets, making a roaring, bumping noise as He goes down. His poor little body's a-moving. And they're walking along, whipping Him with a whip, "Oh, You holy-roller! We got our organization. We got our churches. We don't need You to come around and bawl us out about our church. You making Yourself the God of the Sabbath. Why don't You do something about it now, You holy-roller?"

241 And the very Creator moving along there in flesh. There's that blood cell, moving up. It's bathing down His back. He moves a little farther. Let's look. I notice over His back, He's got a robe

threw across His shoulders, and it's wove throughout, without seams. And look all over that little robe, now, a little white robe. There becomes little red spots. It's that blood coming through His back where He was. . . . "By His stripes, we're healed."

Oh, could I deny that? God keep me mentally right. I don't care if it costs my blood. What would my old dirty adulterated blood be at the side of His?

242 There I see Him moving as them. . . . Watch, as He goes on up, them spots get bigger and bigger, bigger and bigger. As He moves on, I see Him fall. I see a colored man come along and help Him bear the cross: put it up on his shoulder. He moves on. He can hardly move, now. Look at Him as He goes. As He's moving along, all them little spots run into one big spot. And after a while, I hear something now going, "[Brother Branham makes a clapping noise.]"

243 What is it? It's them old bloody garments beating against His legs. What is it? Animal blood finished! There's the second Adam. There's the God of heaven. That's not animal blood; that's God's blood beating against the leg: the second Adam going to die for the human race. God made Adam Himself, and living here on earth, going on to die for the human race. The blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin, but in due season, Jesus Christ came and made the worshipper perfected by the baptism of the Holy Ghost--through Jesus Christ--died in his place at Calvary.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

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

Ever since, by faith, I saw that stream
Thy flowing wounds supply.
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,
I'll sing Thy power to save;

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave.

244 Our Heavenly Father, as we look to Thee, this morning, the Lamb of Calvary, the One who come in the shadows of the law to take away the law and to bring in this great dispensation of grace, to give us Thy Spirit in our own tabernacles, here. God tabernacling with mortal beings, fellowshiping. God coming down to fellowship in the heart of man.

245 “He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. As many as received Him, to them He gave the power to become sons of God; as many as call upon His name. And, by His Spirit, we are baptized into His body by the renewing of our thoughts, by the washing of the blood by the water to bring us into fellowship with the great Son of God.”

246 And there, again, when the evening is setting... Oh, Christ, I'm not a boy no more. After awhile, my sun's going to set, too. My hair has begin to turn gray. My evening time is coming. Won't You let me talk to You then, Lord? When You come down the top of the trees of life, oh, let me have communion with You then, Father. And let me, as I look back down across this path that I've traveled, see where my footprints has went through the seas, and over the broad patches, the rough places, cry, “Holy unto the Lord!”

247 Grant it, Lord. May every person in this tabernacle this morning, that's sitting here under this divine unction of the Holy Spirit, coming through the Word; may every one of them receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. May this little church to finally pull its cords together, settle its differences in your heart of hearts, right now. Moving in as one heart, in one person. Throw arms around each other, and moving away as brother and sister, in godly respect with an old-fashioned case of salvation in their hearts that'll make them go home, and weep at the table. Weep at the bedside. Put the children on their laps and weep for them. Weep for the world, weep for the sins of the city, and be marked into the kingdom of God, at this near coming now in the future of our Lord Jesus.

248 May at that day, when the tape recording is played, as it was in this morning's meeting, may every person here that I've prayed for, today, here, Lord, may they all be sitting, all washed in the blood of

the Lamb, with palms in their hands saying, “Hosanna, hosanna to Him that sitteth upon the throne.”

249 Grant it, Lord. Be Thou with us. Heal the sickness in our midst. And draw the little church together now, Lord, under the power of the Holy Spirit. Be with us in the coming afternoon, as we visit the sick and the needy, the shut-ins.

Help us in our homes, as we go home, not to be like a pig--just sit down and eat--but may we look up to the Creator, and say, “Thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving me this food.”

May we, tonight, not go to bed as unthankful children, but may, on our knees, we spend a long time in prayer and thanksgiving. Rising tomorrow, saying, “Father, I can’t travel this day by myself. Take my hand, now, and lead me through the day.”

250 Oh, God, grant it. And may the men and women that we come in contact with, may it be in deep sincerity. May we speak as oracles of God, Lord, not overbearing, but talking with them, that we might know how to win others to You. That that great day, Thou would say, “It’s well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord.”

Grant this, Father, for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.