

Uncertain Sound

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1 Thank you, Brother Sullivan. You may be seated. I just can't hardly express myself to thank God that how grateful I am to be back here in this tabernacle tonight. I have long remembered the visit that I had the last time here with Brother Sullivan and the people, and how that the Lord blessed us, one Sunday morning in the church.

And when I come up just a few minutes ago, and heard them people singing, "Joy in my heart and peace in my mind," that's what Christians sing, what Christians can talk about--having joy in their heart and peace in their mind. And there's nothing can do that but God.

2 And it seems good to be back up here--out of the smog of California--where you can get a good deep breath once in awhile. They can have all of California for my part. I like the people there, but sure not that smog they got down there in that valley.

I was borned out here on one of these ridges in Kentucky, and I just can't get away from it, you know. It might be ... everybody might rush out there if they want to, but for me, I'd just rather stay up here, where you can at least breathe. My eyes burned, my throat got red, and I tell you.... I believe sin kind of travels. Well, it always does travel, and has traveled, with civilization.

3 Sin always come by civilization. Before there was any of the white men in the West, when it was just Indians, they had no sin. They just lived a good quiet life; had a little troubles once in a while with their tribal wars, and things. But as far as sin, it came with the white race when civilization came. It come in with women, whiskey, gambling, and killing.

4 And as the sun has went from the East to the West, civilization travels with it. And I believe the Lord must have a great radar screen up on the West Coast, because if it goes any further it'll go back east

again. So, I think it just sits against it, and falls right back like a wave.

And I say that it certainly is ... we're certainly living in a terrible time. Terrible time. Now, that don't only apply to the West Coast, and me bragging on these Buckeyes, and Hoosiers, and Corncrackers around here, but we got it up here, too, you know. But it's just more of it out there.

5 These five nights that we've got just now here in Ohio again, I think tomorrow night they're going to some auditorium or something. But I was glad to get to come to the church. I like a church. Yes, I think that, Brother Sullivan, in the event of travel I find that the best meetings is always in churches.

6 Now, I hope I'm not superstitious. If I am, I don't know it. But then, when you go into these places where they have amusements, and gambling, and dances, it just looks to me like that there's just little devils sitting around everywhere, you know. And they ... just kind of a habitation for them. They just stay there. And then, you got to go in, take about five nights to preach all them out, you know, before you can get the meeting started.

7 But in the churchhouse, I believe the angels of God encamp around, because the saints gathering there. It's a noted place for God, where He comes and meets with his people. It's always seemed kind of good to me to be in a church. I like it better. So you can be ... it seems like at home, you know. It's where we just fellowship together, and have things in common. When Brother Sullivan ... and we got the opportunity to come back again, I was certainly happy.

8 Just been across the neighbors' over here in Virginia, last week, and down at Richmond. Had a glorious time down there with those Southerners. Birthplace of the nation, they call it, and they're all good old Southerners, too. They really love the Lord down there, and we had a wonderful time. But I was anxious to get back home again up here, so that we could worship together awhile.

9 Now, glad to see my friends here from upstate. How far are you away from here, Charlie? How far you live up.... About seventy miles. Well, just inside the Indiana state line, Rodney and all.... What say? This side the Indiana state line. You just almost

got in grace, but he just missed it a little bit, just at the state line. Now, if you'd come down in Kentucky, you'd been just right. How many Kentuckians is in here? Oh, my!

10 I tell you, I said one time... Pardon? [Brother Sullivan asks a question.] I just don't know, Brother Sullivan. My mother used to run a boardinghouse in Jeffersonville, and I have a Tabernacle just about this size, I suppose, there. One night I was preaching. I said, "All from Kentucky stand up." Wasn't nobody sitting down.

And I said, "Well, Kentuckians and groundhogs took the country without firing a shot." I said, "They really got right in, come right on over, and took it. Well," I said, "They had to send some missionaries over here from somewhere, so..." I ain't talking about Ohio, now. Wait a minute! I'm talking about Indiana, down in Indiana.

11 But wherever you go around the world, you find that God's people is always about the same. I notice down in Africa, and the countries where I've been, some of those people wouldn't even know which is right and left hand. But you know what happens when they get the Holy Ghost? what they do? The same thing you do when you get the Holy Ghost, act the same way.

12 And they will speak with tongues. And you'd think, if they was speaking themselves, when you'd hear their language, like, maybe... There's one kind there that I always was amazed at. They kind of click their tongue as they talk. I believe it's called "Bazutu," I think it is. No, "Cloza."

And if you just say "Cloza," it isn't right. You have to click it, "Cloza," like, "Cloza." And everything they say has got a click to it. But when they begin to speak with tongues, they sometimes speak English, see.

And just whenever the people in them heathen countries receive the Holy Ghost, they act just like anybody else, no matter where it's at. It shows that it's for whosoever will may come.

Now, many of our brethren now are standing, and I kind of feel sorry. Wish I could furnish them a place to sit down, but we just don't have it. So I won't talk no more than three hours, or something like that, and... I was just teasing. But just quick as we can feel the Lord blessing us, and saying it's sufficient, well, then

we'll want to ... we'll dismiss. But to have this time of fellowship around here, a fellow just don't know where to begin at, it's just so wonderful and fine.

13 We've been having great meetings on the West Coast, as I was saying. The Lord did bless mightily out on the West Coast this time. I got up around Visalia up there, and Bakersfield, and Fresno, and through there. They were really hungry-hearted people down through those valleys. I believe the reason they're hungry is because God is calling his church together, feasting upon the Word of God.

Now, before we start we ought to talk to the Author, I think, before we read his Word. Don't you think so? So, let's bow our heads now, and lay aside all of our little childish things, and look to the most stern, sacred, part, the Word.

14 Our heavenly Father, as we are gathered here tonight in this church, the church that's called by your name, the people that are assembled here are called by your name. And you made us a promise in your eternal Word: "If the people that are called by my name shall assemble themselves together and pray, then I'll hear from heaven." Now that's your promise, and we know that You keep all your promises to your people.

15 We thank You for the church, and for every person that's represented here, and every church that's represented. And we pray, Lord, that You'll bless us together as your believing children. Tonight we'd ask especially for our gracious, loyal, Brother Sullivan, that You'd bless him exceedingly abundantly, seeing his heart's desire is to serve You, and to do something for You, and to make all of his hours count for the kingdom; bringing into the city ministers, different ministers with different types of ministry, that they might serve the purpose, and he might feed the flock to which the Holy Spirit has made him overseer. We thank You for this.

16 And it is our choice now, if it be thy will, to feed the flock for the next four or five days here. We pray that the Holy Spirit will furnish the sheep food, the Word. Bring it forth with power, and manifestations of the Holy Ghost. Bless us as we wait on Thee. Save all those that are savable, Lord. Fill the believer that's waiting patiently to receive the Holy Ghost. We pray that You'll let every

one in that condition go away from here tonight happy, both saved and filled with the Spirit.

Heal the sick, Lord. Thou hast give us the commission: go into the city, heal the sick that's in that city, and preach that the kingdom is at hand.

God, we pray that You'll grant these things to us as your servants, as your ambassadors, because we do believe that the kingdom is at hand. And help us to bring forth that Word in that manner, that people might see and believe on Thee. And at that great reckoning day that's coming to all, may because of our efforts there'll be literally hundreds stand there redeemed by the blood, because of the efforts that we're trying to put forth now.

Father, as we come together we talk as children. We're happy. And now we pray that You'll let us lay aside that, and move into the kingdom work, and be subject to the Holy Spirit, for we ask it in Jesus' name, and for his sake. Amen.

17 And now, by way of a little context, I might call your attention to I Corinthians, the 14th chapter, and the 8th verse.

For if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?

18 We are living in a uncertain time. Almost everything that we look at today is uncertain. We're living in a time when it seems like you can hardly put your hand on anything that's certain. Our national security, very uncertain. We find that in that, why, we ... the whole.... I say, the international security, because that we're just at the end of the age.

19 A few days ago in California there was a message that was given, when a Baptist brother come to lay, or, shake my hand after the Businessmen's meeting at the Clifton's Cafeteria breakfast. It was Marilyn Monroe's brother, I think it was, the movie star. He was a Baptist, and he started to shake hands with me. And when he did, he went to talking in unknown tongues. And there happened to be present a woman from Louisiana, and she understood French. And she said the boy spoke French.

He said, "I don't know one word of French."

20 And then, when she gave the interpretation to what he said... The interpreter of the U.N. was there, and come to the lady and to the businessman, and said, "The lady interpreted it exactly right." Said he interprets at the U.N.--giving a message to me.

And then, I believe it was the senator of some state was just talking to Brother Shakarian. And up in Greenland where ... this nation is prepared from Greenland to destroy the earth with atomic weapons. Just one touch, and any nation will go plumb off the earth.

See, the only thing we hear is just they got a bomb will do certain, certain things. But they got it bigger than that, you know. You don't let all your secrets out, in national affairs.

21 And this man is coming to Miami in July, where I'm to hold a meeting, at Miami, Florida. And there was a missile got in the screen, and something in the screen. And this man had orders to pull the lever, and that would've been it. But he said, himself, that he could not pull it, which would have loosed I don't know how many big rockets of bombs, and whatever more, and the battle would have been on.

22 But something wouldn't let him pull it. I wonder if that was God, that there's somebody here that's not saved yet, that it just can't happen till that takes place. That just shows how close we are. See, the angel said to Lot, "Get out of here, because I can do nothing till thou has come hither." He has to get out first, before he could do anything about it.

So, years ago the big nations were predominant--those who had great ships, and many men--like China, and Russia, and United States. They were predominant nations. That's no more. Any little nation can just destroy the whole earth. So, it's no more in size of it; it's just waiting for time.

23 Now let's not look at that too lightly. Oh, you say, "Brother Branham, I've heard such things as that before." I know it. But you're going to hear it one time the last time. And everything else so close at hand, I'm just listening for it most any time. And what kind of a people should we be at this time? The sinner ought to be

screaming for mercy, and the Christian ought to be shouting the praises of God. Right.

24 Some one said, one time, said, “Brother Branham, you scare people by saying Jesus is coming so quickly. Why, it’s a horrible thing to think that our world is coming to the end.”

I said, “Not for the Christian. It’s the most glorious thing he can have on his mind, is to think that our Lord might come at any time. It’ll all be changed then. It’ll be over.

I believe the boys has got a little book here that the Businessmen printed--The vision that the Lord just gave me recently. I hope you get to read it. Yes.

25 Paul said, “I have fought a good fight, and finished the course, and kept the faith. Henceforth there’s laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . . “the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me at that day: and not only me, but to all who love his appearing.” Oh, when you love the Lord, it takes all the fear out. You’re just going to meet Him.

26 Recently when an old friend of mine, Dr. F. F. Bosworth, died down in Miami, I went down to see him. He was about . . . way close to ninety years old. And I said to him, I said, “Brother Bosworth, what was the happiest time of your life? You’ve been preaching now for about fifty-five, or sixty years.”

He said, “This is the most glorious hour I’ve ever lived.”

And I said, “Why would you say that?”--just questioned the old saint.

He said, “Brother Branham, all I’ve lived for since I was a young man has been Jesus Christ.” And he said, “At most any minute I’m looking for Him to come in the door to take me with Him.” Said, “It’s the most glorious. . . . All I could ever think, or the most glorious expectations that I could ever have, is to know that soon now I’ll be in the hands of my Lord, to be with Him forever.”

That’s real Christian dying. That’s not real Christian dying; that’s real Christian going to be with Him.

27 Like Paul Rader said, when he was dying in Los Angeles, as we'd call death. He called his brother, Luke. He said, "Think of it, Luke. We've been a long time together." But said, "In five minutes from now I'll be standing in the presence of Jesus Christ, clothed in his righteousness," squeezed his brother's hand, and went to meet Him.

28 Oh, that makes me think of Longfellow's "Psalm of Life."

Lives of great men all remind us,
And we can make our lives sublime;
With partings leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.

How that encourages the Christian.

29 I had a book (I suppose I got it somewhere at home) of great men's last words before they left the world, both sinner and saint. I got Dwight Moody's, and many of the other great saints that left the world. Moody, when death struck him, he said, "And you call this death?" He said, "This is my coronation day."

And queens: one queen of England, very wicked said that she would give her kingdom for fifteen more minutes of life.

30 See, the end of the road tells. And that's where we are, at the end of the road. There's no certainty in national security anymore, because you can't dig far enough under the earth to keep them from blowing you out. You can't ... there's nothing to do. We're just at the end of the road. And we take then, in some of the other things there's no certainty.

31 I was hearing on the newscast coming up here that there's more jobless people now than there was during the time of President Hoover's depression time; more jobless people than there was during his administration, during the time of 1930, along in there. Many of us of that age remembers it, when we'd eat little bit of potatoes with little jackets on them, and eat jacket and all, because.... Just got them once in awhile, and have them breakfast, dinner, and supper. How hard it was.

32 And now, because they can say that.... There's almost a third more people in the United States than there was then. And the other day coming in Richmond, Louisville, and many places.... You

know, I think it's some of our leadership that brings this on, seeing on the street corner women policemen. What business has a woman got being a policeman, wrestling with drunks and things out there? That ought to be a man's job. If they'd put some of these women back in the kitchen, where they belong, men would have more jobs. There'd be more of them. But they.... It's just that hour, though. Jobless.

33 No time--there's nothing left, hardly, but the coming of the Lord to rectify all things. Jobs, home life is uncertain. We've never had a time when we've had so many divorces in peace time as we got now. Our home life is broke up.

Years ago it used to be that mother and dad was home at night, if it wasn't for church times, or something. And they never let their children roam the streets, and run around all night long. And nowadays it seems to be kind of a popular opinion.

Oh, how ... you just go to the modern home today. Look what it is. Papa, he has to hurry down to the poolroom. The boys are playing pool, or they're bowling, or something, him and ma. Sister's at the canteen somewhere, out ... some rock-and-roll party. Junior's got the hot rod out, seeing how many he can run down. And that's about home life.

And the Bible? Oh, it's a great book, but it's put in a drawer somewhere until pastor comes in, or somebody. And we just don't have the home life we used to have. It's a ... home life is so uncertain.

34 A man nowadays getting married, you young fellows, you'd better pray a long time. Ask God to give you a companion. You young women, the same way, 'cause it is so uncertain. California, I find out over there that I think it was either fifteen, or twenty percent, something like that, of perversion, perverted people, has increased in the last year or two. Oh, it's terrible. And home life is uncertain.

35 Politics, uncertain. There's no certainty in politics anymore. The parties can't even have any certainty. There's not any fairness among them anymore. Now, someone might say you shouldn't mention politics in the pulpit. That is true, but decency and

Christianity ought to be mentioned in the pulpit. That's right. I'm not a politician. I'm a Christian.

36 Both sides is corrupt. But just recently, in the presidential election, even, they had to go back, and found these voting machines that when you'd ... fixed up so when you vote for one you'd have to vote for the other one also--crooked. Don't know who got elected. They can't tell anymore. No certainty in it. You put them down to count the votes, and somebody's crooked enough to count them the wrong way. Parties pulling to get their man in, no honesty.

37 Now, if Mr. Kennedy would've been a Republican, or whatever ... Democrat, Mr. Nixon ... made no difference. The thing is wrong when machines are set up to vote wrong. And the FBI proved that it was done. But they didn't do nothing about it, see. Why?

38 You wonder why such things gets over the face of the people, how it ever happens. It's because these things has to be. We're at the end time. It has to be there. This man had to be elected. We're at the end. And I'm sure that you can make two and two make four, that we're at the end time. And these machines, no matter how much they would prove that they crooked it, it has to remain the way it is.

39 And someone said to me.... A minister called me up--one of the sponsors on the following meeting, one of the following meetings in the nation--said, "I hear that you preach so much against the sisters in our church cutting their hair, and wearing shorts, and things."

I said, "I do." I said, "Now, if you don't want to listen to that, then don't send for me," see.

And he said, "Do you think you'll ever stop it?"

I said, "No. Do you believe you'll ever stop sin?"

He said, "No."

I said, "Well, what do you preach against it for then?" see.

40 What's wrong is wrong. Somebody's got to bring out against it. Right. Tell the truth, for when the wrath of God is poured out, then you'll be without excuse.

Yes, political, politics, jobs, national security, everything is uncertain.

41 Now we're coming down to the church. The church so-called is uncertain. Now, we've got about nine hundred different denominations in this United States now, and every one against the other one. So what ... do you know what to do about it? You're just ... it's just the end time. We're at the end road.

42 And as much as I respect those, each one of those, I would rather have a Methodist here, a Baptist there, a Presbyterian here, and so forth, and have them all over the country, than to have bootleg joints, and dives and things. They'll do a little good, no matter where they're at. If it's little missions....

43 And like someone said (and I hope I don't hurt anyone's feelings), when someone said, "I'd rather be a Campbellite than have no light at all." So, I guess that's about right. Now, no matter what it is, they'll do a little good, and we need them all. But that wasn't God's program; that was our program, to make our churches and denominations. We tried it in the garden of Eden. It's as old as Eden was.

44 Religion means a covering, and Adam tried to cover himself to make his own way, cover himself up. But it didn't work. There's only one place that God ever meets man. That's not in his education, it's not in his denomination, his affiliation. It's under the blood.

45 That's the only place that God ever did, or ever will meet mankind, is under the blood. That's the place. God laid down the program in the garden of Eden by the shed blood. And if God ever makes a decision, He can never change it because He's perfect, and everything that He does and says is perfect. Therefore He cannot change his program.

46 As long as there is a world, and as long as there is a sinner, there's only one way. Since the Garden of Eden when sin was first committed, until the last sin will be made, there's only one plan of redemption. That's through the shed blood. Nothing else will work.

Our creeds, our denominations and everything has played a part, and a good part. But it isn't God's program. His program is back to the blood.

47 So churches has also got uncertain sounds. One of them says, "The days of miracles is past." That's very uncertain to the Bible. The other one says, why, different things, and you got to recite this

creed, and you got to do this, and that, and so forth. Well, so uncertain, because there's too many of them.

48 They make up all kinds of different things against one another, one contrary to this and contrary to that, and about ninety-five percent of it contrary to the Bible. So there's an uncertain sound amongst the churches, and amongst politics, amongst homes. Everything seems to be uncertain.

49 Now. The Bible said here in II Timothy 3:7 that these days would come. It said that they would be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than the lovers of God--lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Now that is right.

50 The television has come into the home, and holds people away from the prayer meetings. That's got an attraction to it that's attractive and beautiful. And I don't say that some of the programs isn't all right. There's a lot of it that isn't. We know that. But I don't....

Yes, ninety-nine percent of it isn't all right. But say there'd be one percent of it. Well, what you get in that one percent, would you mean to give up ... that one percent for the church of the living God, where it's a hundred percent right? Stay away on Wednesday night from prayer meeting?

51 But sin is attractive. Any way you take it, sin is attractive to the human being, because he's a subject of the fallen race that we are. And it's attractive. Satan knows how to make it attractive. He's a genius at his job. And if he can't get it out there in the world affair, he brings it right into the church. He comes right over on our own ground.

That's the reason, brethren, sisters, we should recognize him. It's time that the church was spiritual, to recognize, know God. Not by creeds, not by denomination; but by experience, being filled with the Holy Ghost.

52 A few days ago over in California.... I'd just come out of Beaumont, and different places, where we'd been having meetings, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit was great upon me at the time, like it gets on you, and the rest of us. And you could walk out on the street, and just feel the pressure. Now if you don't have that

anointing on you, you don't pay much attention to it. You just go along.

53 Listen, church. That's the reason that someone thinks I'm real hard on them. It isn't that. I don't want to be rough on people. But if you'd just come down under the anointing to where you can feel the presence of God, then walk into the presence of sin, it turns you around, and you can't hold your peace. Got to say something. And it's the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

54 And when you say to people, "Are you a Christian?" Well, quickly they'll tell you they belong to a certain denomination, or organization, see, and they're satisfied with that. They seem to think that that's all that suffices, that's all that has to be. If they belong to a certain organization, that's all they have to do.

55 Well, it used to be we called them people the cold formal Baptist, and Methodist. But now it's the cold formal Pentecostals got that way, too. It's in the Pentecostal church. Each one wants to say, "I belong to this," or "I...," and that's all right. I'm not condemning that. That's fine.

56 But what you want to be, if you profess Pentecost... Pentecost is an experience, where a man or a woman, boy or girl, that's borned again with a Pentecostal experience of the Holy Ghost. And as soon as you receive that, the whole world seems to weight you down. Oh, you've yoked yourself up with Christ, and it brought tears to his eyes, and grief, even death to his body. When the world in that day was so sinful, what do you think it does today?

57 I was in a place--I believe it was in Athens, or somewhere--and I seen a picture, like a plate, on a wall. No, I'm sorry. I've got it on a recording, or a picture--of the famous picture of "Three Minutes Until Midnight" that science says that's where we're living.

58 Three minutes of midnight, and that was said about three, or four, or five years ago. I believe we're into the seconds, now, of the ticking away of time. Now, I could be wrong, but it just seems that way to me.

59 And they had a picture of Christ, like on a plate. And teardrops, as He looked down to the earth, was dropping off of his face.

60 I wonder if it just isn't about like it was in the days of Noah when God said it even grieved him that He made man. I wonder if it hasn't gotten to about that place again tonight, that the very man that He created and gave Himself for, and redeemed that ... to redeem that man; and he spurns it back in his face.

This horrible age that we're living in, of just joining church! That's... If you think that you are a Christian, and something told you you was a Christian because you made a confession and joined church, that's an uncertain sound.

61 That's the reason today people are not interested in a revival. That's the reason the world don't want it. We've got to have a certain sound to it, a certain sound. And the reason today that...

62 When we have a protractive meeting or gathering together, they don't get the real certain sound. But when they had a revival on the day of Pentecost there came a certain sound from heaven like a rushing mighty wind that filled all the house where they were sitting. That was a certain sound! It was an evidence that God was in the midst of them.

63 The church today is just like it was in Eden at the east of the gate. There was Cain. He made an altar. He built it there, and erected it in memorial of Jehovah. He wasn't an infidel. He made the altar in commemoration of Jehovah, and put a sacrifice on it, and laid himself on the altar, and called out to God.

64 And God refused his calling out, because it didn't have the right sound. There was nothing there to cry out that was dying. There was nothing, no death to appease Him, that sin had to be paid for by death. "The day you eat thereof, that day you die."

65 And he put flowers, and made it pretty. But there was nothing there to say that there was death. And from the altar of Abel came the cry of a lamb. There was death to pay the penalty. Blood was being shed.

66 And today when God, just like it was in that day when He told Cain... Cain was discouraged. He said, "Here's the best I can do.

You can take it or leave it. Do anything You want to about it, but that's all I can do about it."

67 That's the way the modern Christian worships today. "I go to church, I help the preachers, I pay my tithing. If they got any social party, I put my part on it. And if they need a missionary offering, I help in it." That's good. But that's not what God requires. He's got to hear the sound of death. Bless God!

68 What God wants today is you to die, die to the things of the world and yourself; hear a scream, "Lord, take me as I am." That's what God wants. He wants that sound of death, that death rattle of old man Adam that's dying, that He might come in and take his place, and rule you, and be your Lord. Oh, what a time that we are living.

69 Now we see God told Cain, He said, "Go ahead and worship like your brother, Abel, and you'll do well. Go ahead and do the way he's doing. It'll be all right with you." But if he didn't, sin laid at the door.

And the same thing today. So we find that there's no certain sound to the church, the church so-called.

70 Now, the church, we make the church today ... call the church an organization. We say that's the church. "What church do you belong to?" Why, there's only one church. There's only one. There's many organizations, but one church. Many organizations. And as I want to make it clear, I have nothing against them. They've played a great part. But that's not it yet. It's not it. See, the church means the called-out, the separated.

71 And two people can't live in you the same time. You've got to die out to the things of the world to serve God. You can't love God and mammon at the same time. And as long as the love of the world is in the believer's heart, he crowds out and deprives himself from the privileges that God's given him.

72 God don't want you to be underprivileged. He wants you to have every privilege that He died for. Every privilege He gave the church, He wants you to enjoy it. It's yours.

73 What if I bought my little boy a bicycle and he'd throw it back in my face, and say, "I don't want the thing"? Unappreciated. What if you bought your little girl a little dolly, and she picked it up and throwed it back at you, ungrateful? See, that's the way we are when we try to live under the privileges that God gave us. Christ died that we might have these privileges.

Oh, how He must feel today, when we've adopted some other program, and throwed the Holy Spirit back in his face, and saying, "We don't need that fanaticism anymore. I'll just join church. I'm..."

74 You can't join church. There's no such a thing as joining church. You might join an organization, but you can't join church because you have to be born in the church. You cannot join into it. You've got to be born into it. And all believers are born into the church of God--the church, not the organization Church of God; but the church of the living God, which is Christ raised from the dead, and living among us. That's...

Now, then there's uncertain sounds when they say, "I'm Pentecostal Assemblies, I'm Pentecostal United, I'm Pentecostal Church of God, I'm Pentecostal Holiness, I'm Methodist, I'm Baptist, I'm Presbyterian," all those things. They're all right, as far as that goes.

75 I don't mean to be sacrilegious by saying this: the old colored fellow eating watermelon, they give him a slice of it, fixed it all up, and he eat it. He just slid down it like that, and spit the seeds out the side of his mouth. Said, "How'd you like that, Mose?"

He looked at the other big part of it, you know where that one little piece come out. He said, "Boss, it was good. But there's some more of it."

So, that's the way it is. These organizations is all right, but there's some more of it. More of it. That's what we want, more of it. Yes.

76 "Ever learning, never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent and despisers of those that are good." Did you notice that?

77 At the beginning of the chapter it said the Spirit speaks expressingly, that in the last days (that would be the condition), in the last days man should be lovers of theirselves, proud, boasters, blasphemers, oh, unholy, without natural affection, not even natural affections, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent and despisers of those that are good, having a form of godliness. Now that is God's Word, and it has to be fulfilled--having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.

78 Don't you see? They've got away from that certain sound. They've took an uncertain sound. Come in, and said, "We've joined church. We were baptized, and we put our name on the book." Now that's a uncertain sound. And one of the biggest hypocrites in the world is to have a sound that's almost like a real sound, and just got enough about it not to be the right sound.

79 The biggest lie that was ever told is one that's got a whole lot of truth to it, and then right at the end it's got a lie. That's the way that Satan told Eve. She was deceived by it. The woman didn't mean to be, but she was deceived because it sounded so truthful, see.

And when they tell you you can just join church and be all right, or be sprinkled, or baptized a certain thing, or do something, it'll be all right, that's not it, brother. A man's got to be born again of the water, and of the Spirit, and filled with the Holy Ghost, see. Then he's a new creature. Then you've got a certain sound that sounds right.

80 Now, when the sound comes in, it changes the hearing conditions in your ears, see. Before, you couldn't hear it. Now you can hear it. Somebody preaching about divine healing, the power of God, you'd sit there just uncircumcised in ears as you could be, couldn't hear a thing. "My pastor don't believe that. I believe that's fanaticism."

81 But when another sound comes, like a rushing mighty wind and circumcises those ears, then that's a beautiful sound when you go to hearing the sound of a rushing mighty.... Oh, first thing you know, it brings springs of joy to your soul, and you holler, "Amen! That's right. Preach it, brother! Hallelujah! That's good! See. It's got you moving then, and you're going somewhere.

82 But today, it's just join the church, see. It's an uncertain sound. Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. That's II Timothy 3 ... II Timothy 3:7, "Ever learning never able to come to the knowledge of the truth," see.

83 Ever learning, ever learning. Brother, we got seminaries and schools, PhD's and DHD's, and DDD's, and QST's, and all kinds of everything--ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. That's right.

Got a doctor's degree. And we send our child away in the seminary somewhere, and get him a great big degree, or something another like that and he come out, and he.... Still there's something wrong. You can't....

84 Now, what we need today, and let me straighten my statement. Today, preaching, a minister, a gospel preacher is not a man so much ... could be he could still have this, and be a preacher. But we're relying upon a degree that we got--how we got our bachelor of art, and how we took Bible, and learned this.

85 The devil knows more about the Bible than you'll ever know. I tell you that now. He knows all about it. Why, some of the best Bible students I ever met was infidels. They just study it day and night, that's right, to fuss with you about it. The Bible isn't to be fussed about; the Bible is to be lived.

See, if you put that seed into unfertile ground, it won't live. But if you put it into fertile ground, it'll live.

86 Did you read here not long ago, how they went and got some of that wheat out of the garner in Egypt that was put in there by Joseph? Got sunflower seed four thousand years old; sunflower seed four thousand years old, planted it in the ground. It brought forth a sunflower. Amen. Wheat brought forth wheat. Why? It was germitized. That germ doesn't die. See, it's in there.

87 No matter where they put you, if you're born again, and filled with the Holy Ghost, you might not be even enough ashes to hold on your little fingernail. But you'll come forth again at the resurrection, because you got life. You've been endued with power from on high, and there's life in you. There's a sound taking place--a sound, a

certain sound that you knowed what happened. You died and was born again. You become a new creature.

88 Uncertain sounds. Uncertain sound of the jobs, uncertainty in national affairs, uncertainty in politics, uncertainty in homes. Then you might say to me, “Brother Branham, you’re saying everything’s uncertain. Is there anything that is certain?”

Yes. There’s one thing that is certain [blank spot on tape]. . . .

89 It’s eternally true. It’s eternally certain. Oh, you can never get away from it. It’s this chapter. Jesus said, 35th verse, He said, “Heavens and earth will pass away but my word shall not pass away.” Then, it’s eternal certain. Now. See, we can’t no more put confidence in national affairs, in jobs, or in politics, in our denominations, and so forth. But there’s one thing that is certain. That is God’s Word, and God’s promise. When God says anything, that settles it forever.

90 Here some time ago they tried to say that God made so many mistakes. You know, they said that when David played on his harp. . . . Science absolutely tried to prove that there was no such a thing as a harp in the days of David. They didn’t have no harps. But finally they dug up some evidence that there was harps.

91 Said when Abraham took his camels and went down into Gerar, they said that there never was no camels down in there. But here just recently they dug up some bones, and found there was camels down there, see.

92 They said that the Bible is untrue. They was going to dig down and find what they call the garden of Eden, prove it was just a beginning of a civilization somewhere. And when they dug down trying to disprove the Bible, they dug up on a rock where it had been written where Isaiah healed Hezekiah with boils, just to prove that. . . .

93 And they said that the walls of Jericho did not fall down, there was no such a thing. They dug all around there, and there was no such thing as walls. And some certain doctor went down there and dug down, on down, on down, and found out there they was twenty or thirty feet below where they’d been digging, and there they was

lapped on top of one another, just exactly the way the Bible said. So God was right after all.

94 They said . . . back your great-great-great-grandfather, if he was a critic, he said there cannot be a carriage ever go without a horse hitched to it. But we got it anyhow. That's right. And all these things that God spoke of, they're eternal truth.

95 Here some time ago it was questioned about Solomon in the Bible, when he said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Well, then the scientists said, "Looky here. There's no mental faculties in a human heart. Solomon meant his head." If he'd have meant head, he'd have said head. That's it.

96 Now I believe the Bible to be just exactly the way it's wrote, just . . . I believe that's God's Word. I believe it is God. God is no better than his Word. You're no better than your word. Your own word is what's going to stand there to judge you at that day.

97 Now, in Chicago about four years ago, Brother Mattsson-Boze's little girl, Joyce. . . . Is to be married next month lovely little girl. She's always telling me something, and laughing--just always having a little joke to tell me, saying about something. It's a little crack she has to make about something.

And she said to me, she said, "Did you hear what was in the paper today?"

And I said, "Now wait a minute, Joyce. Now what you going to tell me now? What you. . . ."

"No, this is not, Brother Branham." Said, "I'll bring it to you and show you."

98 Said, "I heard you say about man thinking in his heart. . . . I read it in the Bible." She said, "Now today they have found it, and proved it. It's not in no other heart but the human heart. It isn't in a animal heart. But there's a little compartment in the heart that science says is the place where the soul abides."

99 So therefore, God was right when He said, "As a man thinketh in his heart." See, there is a mental faculty in the heart.

100 Now, when you say, “Well, now, I . . .” Guess all of you has had this: times that when you would think, “Well, I don’t know whether it could happen or not.” And all at once something just tells you it’s going to happen. Regardless of what anybody else says, you know it’s going to happen. We’ve all had them experiences. That’s when your heart’s thinking. That’s your heart telling you. Now, the mind reasons; but the heart doesn’t reason. It just believes it.

101 If I could ever drive that home to one of my audiences, I’d have a real healing service. If I could ever get my audience to see that, that it’s not what your head thinks at all. There’s where the devil abides. But he reasons it out. “I’m sick. I can’t get well. I got this, or I can’t be saved. I’ve done too much.” See, that’s reason.

102 But we are to cast down reasonings. That’s right. Casting down our reasonings, we believe with our heart. In the garden of Eden man was divided in two parts. The devil took his head, and God took his heart. The devil makes him look at things and say, “Well, it just can’t happen. I can reason it out.” And God took his heart to dwell in his heart, to make him believe things that his head don’t even know nothing about. That’s right.

103 So it’s in your heart you think, down here. That’s where the real certain sound comes from, is from the heart. There’s where God talks, and here’s where the devil talks from. So let’s cast down what the devil said, and take a certain sound, and that certain sound is God talking in our heart. That’s truth.

104 God’s promises . . . let’s just interview for the next three or four minutes, five, some that took his promises, and whether they were realities or not. They didn’t reason about them. God makes you think of things and do things that’s unreasonable to the human head. Did you know that?

105 Here’s a little boy sitting here in a chair, a wheelchair. Perhaps, maybe, his mama and papa might have brought him. And maybe the doctor’s done everything for him they can do, see. He said, “It’s all over.” Well, now, if you’re going to listen to what he tells you, then it’s all over.

106 But if there’s something begins to work down in here, brother, that’s different then. That’s another sound. Now this sound says it’s

over; but this sound is a certain sound. It'll deny this one. Now, it depends on . . . and this one will try to deny that one, and vice versa. But it depends on which one you listen to.

107 Like the Indian was that time that got saved. Said, "How you getting along, Chief?"

108 Said, "Well, since I got saved there's two dogs in me." And said, "One's white and one's black. The white one wants me to do right, and the black one wants me to do wrong." Said, "They're fighting all the time."

He said, "Well, how do you get along? Which one wins, Chief?"

He said, "Depends on which one Chief feeds the most."

109 Well, that's it. If you're going to listen to reason, you'll always have this fellow conquered. But if you'll listen to the certain sound, God's Word working in your heart, you'll conquer this one. Which one do you feed?

110 Don't listen to the uncertain sound, because we have absolutely evidence down through every age that God works miracles, performs things that science knows nothing about. Right. So don't pay no attention to what this fellow says. When this fellow goes to talking, let this fellow get out of the way. Right.

111 Now we take, for instance, just two or three people in the Bible that listened and never talked to their reasonings. They talked to this certain sound. God met Noah and He said, "Noah, it's going to rain, and I want you to build an ark now for the saving of your household."

Now, did you know it had never rained a drop on the earth, till that time? It had never been no rain. Now, could you imagine when science. . . .

You say, "There wasn't no. . . ."

112 Oh yes, there was, too. They come out of the line of Cain. Yes, sir. Great scientists, far beyond what we have today, greater science. They built the sphinx and the pyramids in them days. We can't do that today. They had materials that . . . and they had powers

that was beyond anything that we've got, unless it is the atomic. They had it harnessed, and they did things that we don't know nothing about.

113 They could make a mummy in them days. We couldn't do it today if we had to. No such a thing as making a mummy today. But they did, see. They could embalm in such a way to make them look natural plumb on till this day, thousands of years later. We don't have that. They had dye that would last, and just many things there that we don't have. Their science was advanced to us.

114 Now, science probably said, "Now, I want to ask you something. Where in the world is that water coming from? I can see all the way up to the stars. I can see all the way to the moon. I can see all the way to the sun. We got instruments here can shoot a message over to the moon. We can go over to the stars, we can go over to Mars, things like that. Tell me where the water's at, please, Mr. Noah?"

115 "Well, I'll tell you. I heard a sound one day, and it was the voice of God that told me to build an ark. And just as sure as there is a world that we're living in, God's going to destroy it with water. And it's going to rain right down out of that heaven. God's able to put it up there. If He said it would come, He'll make a way of it." That's right.

Now, if he hadn't have been sure, and knowed that that sound was certain, the first critic he'd have said, "Well, maybe I misunderstood." That's the way people do today.

The doctors say, "You're no better."

"Well, maybe I misunderstood. Maybe I..." Oh, my! See, but if you're sure of that certain sound...

116 If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who can prepare himself for battle? If it's uncertain, what would a soldier do if it was ... they was preparing for battle, and they give the sound, and it didn't sound just like the regular sound to go to battle? He wouldn't know whether to retreat, whether to go to battle, or whether to sit down, or eat his dinner, or what to do, or go to bed--if it didn't give a certain distinction in the sound.

117 So God's Word doesn't make any scruples. It gives a certain sound. Certain sound. When God speaks to an individual, it's certain. I don't care what anybody else says, what science says, what the nation says, what the world says, what the church says, what anybody else says, it's certain. God's Word is a certain sound. Every man that ever heard it and obeyed it has done something, too.

118 Now. Noah, being warned of God, moved and prepared an ark to the saving of his household. That was a certain sound. God said, "It's going to rain," and it rained. And those who found a way of escape, took it. Those who didn't, perished.

119 The same God that said, "It will rain," said, "Fire's going to fall from heaven and destroy the world." There's a way prepared for you. Those who will take it will escape it; those who do not will perish. The sinner will perish with the sinful world. But the redeemed will be redeemed by the Holy Spirit.

120 Noah stood right in the door of that ark, and brought judgment upon the earth--judged them people because they did not believe the message what God was going to do. And he brought the wrath of God upon the earth by standing in the door of his ark, and preaching justification. Stood in the door and proclaimed God's Word because it was manifested to him as a certain sound that God was going to do a thing.

121 Tonight, as your brother, I stand in the door of this ark, Christ Jesus, and declare to you that He's a Saviour, a healer, a coming king. And from these messages the ministers in the door will bring the wrath of God and judgment upon the nations, upon the world. It's a certain sound. We know it--it's God's Word.

122 All that doesn't seek Christ for salvation will perish. They that sin will perish with sin. They that are of the world will perish with the world. Noah rode above it in his ark because he stood in the door of the only preparation God had of escape.

And I say, today, that your church won't save you, your creed won't save you. It'll take God to save you, the Holy Spirit. And you're baptized by the Holy Ghost into the ark of Christ Jesus, for by

one Spirit we're all baptized into one body--the only thing that'll save you.

Hear it. Don't take the uncertain sound, "I'm Methodist, I'm Baptist, I'm Pentecostal. I've done this. I've did this." Don't take that. That's an uncertain sound.

But when God comes in, that's a certain sound. You know about it. All ... as long as you ever live on this earth, you'll still know it. It's something that happens to you.

It was a certain sound that made Noah act crazy, before it was manifested, before it was brought to pass. So is the church today that accepts Christ, and has been born of the Holy Ghost. The people think those people are crazy.

Some of them said, "Brother Branham, are you still a Baptist?"

I said, "I'm a Pentecostal."

"A what?"

I said, "A Pentecostal."

"What do you mean?"

123 I said, "I've been born of the Spirit of God, and received the Holy Ghost." I said, "I'm a Pentecostal."

Said, "Oh, you went off the deep end."

124 I said, "No, I just heard a certain sound," and here's where it come from. It rung right out of the pages of this Bible, just as clear as a bell. When I received it, I know what happened. I was there. I know it took place. Certain. It changed me from death to life. It done something for me. It's a certain sound.

I know I act crazy to people, and you act crazy to people, too, you who have received it. But we know where we're standing. We know what we're talking about. It's a real sound, just the same kind of sound that come in the Bible--makes us act the same way.

It'll make the black man, yellow man, brown man, all act the same, because it's the same sound. Amen! A certain sound.

If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, well, I could be Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal (the name), or whatevermore. See, there's no certainty there. But when that certain sound comes, then you know it. It's a certain sound.

125 Now, how about Noah standing there preaching away that it's going to rain? Well, the people laughed at him. But one day it was made manifest. That's right.

Noah pounded right away, stood right away and just kept putting the timbers on, pounding. Then he got out there and he pitched the ark. He put pitch in it.

126 Now, it was made out of shittim wood, and, if you notice, that's the lightest wood there is. It's lighter than balsam. And that's what the ark's made out of. That's what you're made out of, the timbers in this ark. It's made out of a thin wood, a light wood. What do they do with it? They have to take all the sap out of it and make it light, dry it out till it gets real dry. And then it's flexible. You can use it.

So much in us every time we start to bend, we break. But you have to get all the worldly sap out of you, all the world sapped out of you. And then hold it over fire. Fire will draw the sap out. Now, I'll tell you. That's what it takes to draw the sap out of us now, the worldly sap.

127 Then what did they do with it? They took a tree ... and cut down a rosin tree. And instead of just cutting it down, they took it and beat it, and they beat that tree until they beat the rosin out of it. Then they took the rosin out of that, and poured it into this shittim wood. And when it did, it filled up all these crevices, and it's harder than steel. That's right.

128 Then it was in the ark, and God pitched it on the outside ... or Noah did. On the inside and outside he pitched it. Well, that's exactly the way God told him to build it.

129 And that's the way we build it today. We can't pour these waters and things into the church, and make it anything. You can be baptized face forward, backward, whatever you will; it won't do no good. Not a bit.

We argue about creeds, about sprinkling, about pouring, about this, that, and the other. But what good does it do if that's all you got? That's right. And I said ... I don't know whether I ever....

130 One time when I was a little boy, the brother and I was out back of the farm, and there was.... We found an old turtle. And he was.... You know how they walk with their feet like that, funny looking things. And brother and I thought that was the funniest looking creature we ever saw.

So, when I got right up to him he went "Shhhp," drew back in like that. Just like you go to preaching the gospel, and really laying it on, you see them old turtles just, you know, draw back in the hull. Yes.

131 And I went up to him. I said, "Wonder if we could make him walk." Well, we pinched him, and we done everything we could. He wouldn't walk. Pushed him, kicked him around, and we couldn't make him walk. I went over and got me a switch, and I poured it on him, and he didn't walk. And I said, "Well, then, that's it." You can't whip it into them.

So then, I said, "I'll fix him, brother." We went down to the spring down there, and hole of water. I just stuck him down there. I said, "I'll drown him, or he'll walk." I held him down there, and just a few bubbles come up, and that's all. He was just all right. Brother, water don't do it.

But you know how I made him walk? I got me a piece of paper, and made a little fire and set him on it. Brother, he walked then.

132 If there's anything that'll make the church walk right, do right, show itself, is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire coming down from God out of heaven, will straighten the church out. Not a fuss about this, or a fuss about that, but a baptism of the fiery love of God that comes down, and sweeps the things out of your heart, and makes you a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Women will let their hair grow out, and men will quit smoking cigarettes, and I tell you...! And all these things will straighten out, if you'll just get the fire down on them. True.

Now, seemed awful strange to Noah when he was doing this, but he heard that certain sound, and that's what he wanted.

133 Now, let's take another fellow. There was a man by the name of Moses, who was on the backside of the desert, just as full of doctrine as he could be. He knowed all the ins and outs of all things. He could even teach the Egyptians, the smartest people in the world. He could teach them some theology.

But one day out there he saw something on fire, and it kind of attracted him. That's what it needs today, is a church on fire to attract some of these Moseses around here somewhere, to attract some of these sinners.

134 It takes fire to give an attraction. You let a scream go up the street, a fire, everybody jump in their car and try to follow it. There's something attractive about a fire. What we need tonight is Holy Ghost and fire. That'll attract a believer that sees something.

135 I remember an old friend of mine, named Ben Pemberman. Oh, he's quite a fellow, over in St. Louis. He had a tent meeting going on down there, and nobody would attend it. So he run down the street there, a little piece right in the middle of the town and he hollers, "Fire, fire, fire, fire," and up the street he went, throwing his hat as hard as he could.

136 Had his tent up there, and everybody begin to run and see what was the matter with this crazy guy. He run up there and jumped up the pole, and come right down. He was just a clown, like. Come right down, and jumped up in the pulpit, and hollered, "Holy Ghost and fire," and then started preaching just as hard as he could. That's...

See, something attracts the attention, and the best thing to attract a wayward man is Holy Ghost and fire. That's what God did.

137 Now, Moses didn't think he could do it. He tried it on his own doctrinal standpoints, and it didn't work. But God one day spoke to him and said, "Take off your shoes, Moses. I know you're a prince in Egypt, but you're nothing in my sight. Get off your shoes. You're on holy ground. Get all rid of all that stuff you got in you."

And he heard a sound. He said, “I’m going to send you down to deliver my people.”

Now, it wasn’t uncertain. Now how did Moses know that wasn’t uncertain? What if he’d said, “Who is this talking to me? What is it?” Because the voice that talked to him was exactly with the Scripture—that’s how you know whether it’s a certain sound or not, or an uncertain sound.

138 If the Scripture ... if the voice talking to you isn’t scriptural, then don’t listen to it, see. But if it’s scriptural, hear it, ‘cause it’s God’s voice, see. He said, “I have heard the cries of my people, and I have seen their task ... the suffering, and their taskmasters, what they done, and I have remembered my promise, and my covenant,” see.

Moses said, “That’s exactly the Scripture.”

Now, that’s what you want to do—hear what kind of a sound it’s got, see whether it’s a scriptural sound. If it’s a scriptural sound, then it’s a certain sound because God’s promises is true. If the Bible....

139 If you hear some little scholar come out of the seminary, and say, “Aw, there’s no such a thing as divine healing. That’s all worked up,” listen, brother. That’s a tinkling brass, and sounding cymbal. Don’t you listen to that. Yes, sir.

But when you hear them say, “Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today, and forever,” that’s a certain sound. That’s exactly.

“I’m the Lord ... heals all thy diseases,” that’s a certain sound, see. Now you listen to the certain sound, not the uncertain. Now. And Moses went down and delivered the children, because he had a certain sound.

140 The Hebrew children heard a certain sound, no doubt, that night in the prayer meeting. “Our God’s able to deliver us. Nevertheless, we won’t take nothing else but his Word. We’ll stand just exactly true to it. No matter what happens, we’re going.... It

was a certain sound. That's right. They knowed what they was talking about.

141 Abraham, a farmer seventy-five years old, probably been a heathen. Come down from the Babylon tower, where they had all them superstitions up there, and so forth. But one day while he was working out in the field he heard a sound, and it was a certain sound.

Twenty-five years later, with no evidence that sound would ever be made manifest, he believed it just twice as much as he did at the beginning. There it is.

142 God said, "Abraham, you're going to have a wife ... your wife's going to have a baby; and she's sixty-five years old now, and you're seventy-five. But I'm the Lord. I'm going to take that baby, and through that make you a father of the nations of the world. I'm just going to make you a father of many nations now."

And after awhile He met him, and changed his name, and called him from Abraham ... Abram to Abraham. Give him part of his name, Elohim, and so (because He was a father) and made him a father of nations.

143 Now Abraham just kept believing that promise. First month, second month, first year, third year, fifth year, twenty-fifth year he still believed it; and the Bible said that he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God, see. He heard a certain sound. No matter how long it takes, that don't have nothing to do with it. It's the sound that's right, no matter what it is.

144 Oh, if you could just get that, church, it'd all be over, I'm telling you. Things would be different if we could just get that, see, that certain sound, that it's God's.

How do we know? He said so.

"How do you know, Abraham, you're going to have this baby by Sarah?"

"God said so."

“Well, looky here, she’s sixty-five.”

“I don’t care if she’s sixty hundred, no matter what it is. God said so. That settles it. I guess you if it...”

“Oh, I’ll come around next year and see how that baby is getting along. After nine months I’ll be back to see your baby.”

“It might not be here in nine months. I believe it will, but if it ain’t here in nine months it might be the next nine. It’ll be here.”

145 Years passed. Years passed. What about it? Just got stronger and stronger, saying, “Glory to God. God said it. Oh, I couldn’t disbelieve it if I had to.”

146 I happened to look around here and see Brother and Sister Kidd sitting here. Why, he said ... not long ago the doctor made a sound that old man was dying, see. I like to burnt the tires off my car to get up here to say good-bye to him.

When I got up there in the room, one morning, the Holy Spirit said, “No, he ain’t going to die.” Here he is. I heard he’s gained twenty-five pounds. My, my, my! So you see, it’s a certain sound, see. It’s a certainty. If God said so, it’s so.

147 Just come in from California the other day. Hadn’t got my suitcase in. Hadn’t been home for two months, right at two months. I got about the second suitcase in, the phone rang. It was a lady.

148 Well, she used to be kind of a girl friend of mine, years ago when I used to pastor the Milltown Baptist Church. She had two lovely daughters, and she married a fine man, a Brother Huff. And he was a millwright. He’d had one of his fingers and thumb cut off, a very nice brother. And they had two twins ... or twins, and another girl, making three children. And the twins were staunch Christians. They were UB people, but they really believed God.

149 And so one little girl going to school, she got a complex. The girls’d tell her, “Well, why don’t you smoke like we do? You think you’re better than we are? Why don’t you go to dances?” Now, they didn’t go to dances, nor neither did they smoke or drink, and they made fun of them.

150 The healthier girl, she said, “Let them jump in the river. I’m the one serving Christ. If they don’t want to, let them go ahead.”

151 But the other one, she began to think. “Oh, maybe I could do something.” And she built a complex, got nervous. She went insane. They had her in a institution two years.

And so they was trying to doctor her. They give her all kinds of stuff, and treatments, and everything. It didn’t work right.

So then when I got in home, they said, “Brother Branham, they got her over to that Catholic institution there, and Monday they’re going to send her to Madison.” That’s a padded cell. That does it.

152 She’s eighteen years old, and a genius. She was one of those perfectionists. She even teaches opera, and plays overtures, and teaches music at eighteen years old, see, just a real smart girl. And so . . . a real good Christian, and they couldn’t understand it.

And so when they said they was going to put her into the padded cell, that was all. They give her I don’t know how many shock treatments. And that’s a shot in the dark, you know, and so, it just made her worse.

So the doctor said, “There’s not a hope for her, so we’re going to take her to Madison Monday.”

And so, the little mother said, “I remember Brother Branham, used to be down here, that used to tell us about Christ being a healer.” Said, “And I’ve heard all kinds of newspaper reports and things about where he’s been.” They was country people way back out in the country.

And so . . . and said, “If I could just get a hold. . . .” So they called Jeffersonville, the office, and they said I was in California; would be home on a certain day.

Said, “Well, that’ll just give us. . . . I think it was on a Friday when I come in. That’d be Monday they was going to take her away.

So he went and asked the doctor if I could come over. The doctor, “No, no. Don’t get her worked up.” Said, “There’s nothing can be done for her,” the psychiatrist and them.

153 So they went ahead. And Brother Huff said, “Look. . . .” It was a Catholic hospital. Said, “Our brother is just like if you was going to give the last rites, or something—a priest.”

He said, “Well, there’s nothing that can be done.” Said, “Let me talk to that preacher.”

Said, “All right,” and he give him my number. He called.

I was out. Said ... and he told my wife to call him back. I called all day Saturday, and all night up till twelve o’clock Saturday night. Never did come in. I seen he was giving me the dodge, you see, to keep me from coming over.

And Brother Huff called, and said, “Brother Branham, they’re going to take her Monday.”

I said, “Tell you what, Brother Huff. He don’t know me, so you take me in as a visitor. Just let me go in as a visitor.

And he said, “All right.”

154 So the next day he come up to get me as a visitor. And the twin ... one of the twins and the other little girl got in the car to go over with me. We went over the river. And so the mother and father drove ahead.

I began to question the girls. Said, “You know the funniest thing, Brother Branham?” Said, “This morning...” Lovely little thing. She said, “You know, our pastor started to preach on a certain thing, and he changed his subject and began to talk about healing by oil.” And said, “Papa and Mama started crying because ... and we did, too, because we knew we were coming to get you.” Said, “There’s some kind of healing the people does in the Bible by oil.”

I said, “Uh-huh, Sis.” I said, “I know what you’re talking about.”

She said, “You think that could’ve been pertaining, that God was trying to tell us through our pastor of something? that we had a chance that way?”

I said, “We’ll see when we get over there, and see what the Holy Spirit says.”

155 And when they opened the door... You know they unlock the door, then lock it back behind you; unlock the elevator and take you up, and then lock it back again, you know keep the people... Put you into the cell. Sat there a pretty little thing, little eighteen-year-

old little darling, about that high--great big, soft, pretty eyes sitting there just in a terrible condition, just . . . like that.

And I said, "You remember me, Margaret?"

She said, "Oh, oh, oh."

156 And I said, "I'm Brother Branham. Don't you remember me? Billy you used to call me down there. When you come you was like a little pumpkin seed, little bitty girl the last time I seen you, all little bitty dresses like that. Don't you remember me?"

Said, "Oh," great big eyes, you know, looking like that.

I thought, "O God," and I sat with my . . . just kind of put my leg across the end of the bed. There was a man sitting there, trying to hold his wife. She was in terrible condition.

This girl sitting here, and the father was standing by the girl. And the mother sat down on the other corner of the bed. We was sitting there. I kept wondering, "Lord, will You say something? will You say something?"

I said, "Don't you remember me, Margaret?"

She just kept on looking at me. She couldn't make out nothing.

157 Said, "Brother Branham, the only thing she keeps talking about is about blood, and on the highway, and things like that." Said, "Funniest things."

I said, "How long has this thing been going on?"

Said, "Two years."

158 And I kept talking to her. Oh-h, but the grace of God! Just in a few minutes the Holy Spirit began to move in. I said, "Margaret, you don't know me." But I said, "All your life since you've been big enough to know about boys, you always had in your mind you was going to marry a preacher. You wanted to marry a preacher."

159 And she started to smile. That caught, see. I seen the Holy Spirit had it. And then I said, "Thus saith the Lord, it's over." I thought, "What did I say?" Many of you has read about the squirrels, and so forth. I said, "It's over."

160 Well, I thought, “If He said that, I’m staying right with it.” I said, “Brother Huff, I don’t know why I said that. I cannot tell you.” I said, “I just said it, and that’s all I know. Just said it.” And I said, “But you just watch. In the next few hours there’s going to be a change in here.”

161 That was about five o’clock in the afternoon. I said, “There’ll be such a change in here in the next few hours. . . .”

162 I just spoke of it that morning in the church, down at the Tabernacle. I guess there’s some of the Tabernacle folks here now. Fred Sothmann and them, I know, was here . . . or them down there that heard that being said. Well, I believe these boys sitting right here was down there. How many in here remember me saying at the Tabernacle? Yeah, they’re here. See?

I said, “Be in prayer. I said, “Something’s fixing to happen. Something’s fixing to happen.”

And when I went back out, I got outside of the. . . . They unlocked the doors, and let me back out.

And then when I got in the car, and drove around the corner, I said, “Heavenly Father, why did I say it? Why did I say it?” No more than it was when I said to those squirrels, and so forth . . . appeared. I said, “Something’s fixing to happen.” It was confirmed again over here at the next meeting, this last one, like that, what was fixing to take place.

163 And when I got home I just changed my clothes, and was going back down to church. Brother Huff called me. He said, “Brother Branham, I just couldn’t hold it any longer.” Said, “You know what? After you left, about half an hour after you left, the doctors come in.” Said, “Margaret was sitting on the bed.”

And when I was sitting there, and I said, “Margaret, it’s thus saith the Lord, it’s over.” And her mother just hit me across the knee like that, and she screamed at her daughter, not even knowing what she was doing. She said, “Honey, he’s never wrong.” Like that. “He’s never wrong.”

I walked out of the building.

164 Mr. Huff called me up and said, “Brother Branham, the doctors walked in here, and said, ‘What’s happened?’ Said, ‘The girl’s come to herself.’”

Said, “We’re going to take her home tomorrow, or she’s dismissed. She’s normally well as anybody could be.” She’s home tonight rejoicing, because. . . . Why? There was a certain sound. No matter what’s contrary, it’s a certain sound. O God! That certain sound.

(Just two or three more, about five more minutes.) A certain sound, how we could go on.

165 Something happened on the road the other day. Same thing. It just keeps moving in, more and more, more and more, more and more. Why? It’s a certain sound. Because yonder in that woods that day, Brother Fred, Brother Tom, the rest of you all here, Brother Leo, you. . . .

166 When that angel of the Lord stood there in the woods, and said that thing, “Speak that word and watch it happen,” that was no uncertain sound. That was a sound. . . . I know it’s the truth. I believe it with all my heart, with this Bible over my heart. It’s God. We’re at the end time.

167 Jesus, when He was on earth, there was no uncertain sound to Him. He said, “I have power to lay my life down. I have power to take it up again.” Nothing uncertain about that. It was a certain sound. Why? He’d heard from God. Right! Hallelujah! Now I feel like shouting. I feel religious, now. Now we’re getting down off the negative side into the positive, a certain sound.

168 If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who can prepare himself? But the trumpet’s sounding. We’re at the end time. It’s with the Scripture. It’ll be light in the evening time. These signs, and so forth. It’s here. The trumpet gives the right sound. Let’s prepare ourself. That’s right. Let’s get ready. Something’s fixing to happen, brother, sister.

169 Jesus said, "I have power to lay my life down. I have power to take it up again." Not, "Maybe I will, I hope I have." He said, "I have." Amen. That's it!

170 When Martha come out to meet Him, when Lazarus had been dead four days, said, "Lord, if you'd have been here, my brother would not have died. But even now whatever you ask God, God will give it to you."

171 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and life." Not, "I hope I am; I am." Amen. "He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"

No uncertainty about that. "I am."

Not "I will be. I hope to be."

"I am now. I always was, and I always will be. I am the resurrection and life. I am I AM." Yes. There's nothing uncertain about that.

"Where have you laid him?" Amen. Nothing ... now, not (remember), "I'll go see what I can do about it." "I'll go and wake him." Nothing uncertain about that. That was certain. Why? God had told Him so. Right.

172 "I do nothing till my Father shows me first." St. John 5:19, "Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in himself, but what he sees the Father doing." What the Father does He shows the Son. Amen. Nothing uncertain about that.

173 "He's dead. He's rotting in the grave. But I'm going to wake him." Amen. "I'll go wake him." No uncertainty in that. Remember that "He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Nothing uncertain about that. That's as true as God is true.

174 Oh, aren't you glad that He knows you? Aren't you glad that your name is on his book? He that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live. Amen. Whew! "I am the resurrection and life," and I'm in Him. God proved by raising Him up, He'll raise me, too.

175 I'm already sitting in heavenly places resurrected. Sure, as far as God is concerned. "Those who he foreknew he called; those who he called he justified; those who he has justified he hath glorified." Amen. Right now in a stage of glorification, sitting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in a glorified state with the power of the resurrection in us, that's changed us from a sinner to a saint. Nothing uncertain about that, no uncertainty.

176 How do you know? It's living in me. How do you know? It's in you. Amen. That's the reason these things are taking place. Nothing uncertain about it. We've passed from death unto life, because we're alive. "He that was dead, though ... he believeth in me yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

177 "All that believes in Him and comes to Him, I'll give him eternal life (right now we have it, eternal life) and will be raised up at the last days." My! That's it. Nothing uncertain about that. No. It's already done.

178 "No man can come to me except my Father calls him, and all the Father hath given me will come to me."

179 How many's Christians? Raise your hands. Well, you're already in a glorified state. Amen. "All the Father give me will come, and all that comes I will in no wise cast out; give him eternal life and raise him up at the last day." "I will." Maybe I will? No, I will do it. That's a certain sound. That's certain. We're coming forth in a glorified state. This mortal will put on immortality.

180 Nothing uncertain. What are we scared about? Oh, hallelujah! Nothing to be excited about. Nothing to be scared about, I mean.

Oh, my! Why? It's nothing uncertain. We're certain. I'll bring him forth. This mortal shall take on immortality. It does not yet appear what kind of a body we shall have. But we know we'll have a body like his own glorious body, for we shall see him as he is. Amen. Nothing uncertain about it. We shall see him. Glory! Nothing uncertain. It's all certain.

Ohh, you go ahead and take that uncertain sound if you want to, but I like the gospel trumpet that gives a certain sound.

181 What is the gospel trumpet? Good news. That's right. He's here now. Now, nothing uncertain about Him. All right.

182 He didn't say, "I'll go down and see what I can do about Lazarus. I'll go down and find out what I can do. I'll go down and try, and see if I can raise him up."

"He shall rise again." That's certain positive.

183 Well, you say, "Now, you're talking about Jesus. You was talking about Abraham." What about you? Yep. We got certainty, too. "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more. But you'll see me for I will be with you." That's a certainty. A certainty. I will. Maybe I will? Perhaps I will? No, "I will." That's certain. "I will be with you, even in you."

"You can call it fanaticism if you want to, but it's a sure sound to me that I'm saved. Amen!"

184 "I will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." That's a certainty that you'll know. How do you know that you're certain? All right. "The works that I do shall you do also." That's a sign. "I'll give you a sign to prove--to prove that I am with you. It won't be no uncertain."

You say, "Well, how will I know whether I'm emotional or not, whether I'm just worked up or not?"

185 "These signs shall follow them that believe." No uncertainty. How do we know whether we're Christian, or not? Now, we go in all the world and preach the gospel, and are baptized and so forth.

How do we know that we're Christians? "These signs shall follow them. I give you a certainty. A certain sound, a certain sign."

Well, here's what it'll be. The preacher says, "Come join our church and recite our creed," or be baptized, or sprinkled, or poured, or whatevermore, see. That's it. Jesus never said nothing about that. That's uncertain sound.

You say, "Well, my mother belonged to this church." That's very fine. "Well, I tell you, I walked up and was confirmed." Now, that's all right, too. But that's still uncertain.

186 Jesus said, "I'm going to give you a certain sign. These signs..." Mark 16, the last words He said to his church, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." How far? "All the world." How many? "Every creature." It ain't nothing like missions, and millions, and billions, and billions untouched yet, see.

Now, you say, "Well, they say it ended with the disciples." No, no. Here's certain sound. "All the world, and every creature." That's certain. When the gospel is preached, "these signs shall..." (Not maybe they will, they ought to; they will. That's certain.

187 Oh, brother, I'm glad to be Pentecostal in heart. Yes, sir. Oh, these signs shall ... it's certain. These signs certainly will follow those that believe. "In my name they shall cast out devils, speak with new tongues. If they should take up serpents or drink deadly things, it wouldn't harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Certain signs.

188 As it was in the days of Noah... How do you know we're at the end time? What will it be at the end time, Lord? Well, how do we know we're at the end time? "As it was in the days of Lot so shall it be." So shall: not maybe it will, it ought to be at that time. No, it will be.

The same Spirit dwelling in human flesh, discerning the thoughts of the heart, told who was behind him--you know what I mean. We're at the end time. It shall be as it was in the days of Lot. Somebody's got to rise up. Something's got to do it.

189 But it also said in the end time how the church was going to be lukewarm, fall away. It will be. No need of trying to stop it; it will be. But there's some in there.... He stood.... The only church age of the seven church ages ... the Laodicean is where Jesus was found outside his church, knocking on the door trying to get back in. That's right. The only church age. Yes, sir.

190 In the Laodicean Pentecostal church age, so-called, they've made so many creeds and denominations till they've set Jesus on the outside, and He was standing at the door knocking.

191 "All that I love I rebuke and chasten." Now, don't get mad at me when I tell you you ought to leave your hair grow, and quit smoking cigarettes, and quit wearing shorts, and doing all these kind of things, and live like Christians ought to, see. "All I love I chasten and rebuke. Be zealous, and repent." That's what He said.

192 "He that'll open the door and let me in, I'll come in and sup with him, and he with me. I will, if you'll just open the door. Not maybe I will, I'll think it over. I will. I will come in to everyone that'll open the door." Oh, them certain sounds! I love that, don't you? Yes, sir.

You say, "Well now, Brother Branham, I tell you what I did. I went and joined the church. I believe, now, that I was saved."

That isn't what it is. Huh-uh. Peter said on the day of Pentecost, said, "Repent every one of you, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins; and you shall receive the Holy Ghost..." No, no. Maybe you will receive it." No maybe about that. You shall receive it, "for the promise is unto you, to your children (and to them in Middletown,) or as many as the Lord our God shall call."

193 It's certain, and as many as received Him, to them gave He the power (Glory to God) to become the sons of God. As many as believed was added to the church. How do you get in the church? By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body. Nothing uncertain about it. It's certain, a certain sound.

Have I done run two or three tapes out here, Leo? I'll stop. I just keep you here half the night. Oh, my!

194 Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Is that right? He'll be part of the way. He'll be some of the ... He'll be the same. No uncertainty about that, is there? Not at all.

195 All right. He that believeth on me has eternal life. Nothing uncertain about that. "He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me has everlasting life." Nothing uncertain about that. Is that right? It's a promise of God. Repentance towards God, and be filled with the Holy Ghost, divine healing, and all those things, are certain. It's the promises of God. "These signs shall follow them that believe..."

196 Now you say, "Brother Branham, I belong to the Assemblies." That's good. I'd just as soon belong to the Assemblies as any church. It's a fine church. One of my greatest sponsors is the Assemblies of God.

"I belong to the Church of God." Well, good. I do too, Church of God. And I belong to the Assemblies also, see, and Church of God, one of my great sponsors.

"I belong to the Foursquare," you say. Well, I do too, see. They're fine churches, a fine group of people. There's just only one church in all of them. They're altogether the church, but them groups are fine, see.

197 "I belong to the United." Well, sure. I do too, see. They're fine, fine brethren, see. All right. I belong to them, too. I belong to them because I'm in the same church they are, every one that's been filled with the Holy Ghost, because by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Is that right?

198 Now that's not an uncertain sound. That's 1st Corinthians, the 12th chapter. "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body and become members of that body." Amen.

199 Now. Here's what it is. At that day Jesus said He would separate the sheep from the goats. He promised that there'd be a sheep and a goat, and He promised there would be a wise virgin and a sleeping virgin. They're going to be there. Everything He says is certain. And I'm so glad tonight to know that beyond any shadow of doubt I've been born again of the Holy Spirit. You love that? Do you believe in that?

200 Now that's where I'm standing, just like ... and making this remark in closing: Paul Rader, a friend of mine, I quoted him a few minutes ago in his death when he was going. Paul Rader said one time that when he used to.... He come from Oregon. That's where his home was, and he used to cut timber.

201 And he said one time his boss ... it was in a dream, and his boss sent him up to cut a certain tree in a certain size. And he got the tree cut, and he just put the axe in the log.

202 A man's greatest muscles is in his back. But when he goes to lift, he lifts with his legs, arms, back. He's more stronger in his back than any part of his body. So he got a hold of the log, and put his knees together, and he just wrestled, and wrestled, and wrestled, and wrestled till he just simply couldn't go any farther. He just wore himself out.

203 He said, "I was just so depleted till I just couldn't move, I was so weak." And what was happening, he was a missionary overseas. He was way back in there, and there was a lot of what they call "blackwater fever." I think that's what it was that Paul had. No doctor around nowhere, and Paul was a great believer in divine healing, if you all knew it. And he was a great man.

204 Billy Sunday came to Chicago one time to preach a few meetings there, with the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle. And so, Paul was up there preaching. And Billy preached about a week or ten days, and he run out of sermons. He didn't have anymore sermons, and Paul'd been preaching for about six or eight months there. And he said to Paul, said, "Paul, when do you ever run out of sermons?"

205 Said, "When I get a kink in the hose." That was Paul. So, when he got a kink in the hose, you know, got stopped up--something he'd done, something cut off the supply line, you see. Said he just went to the pulpit, and you....

206 Anybody ever knowed Paul Rader, he'd start in Genesis and preach to Revelations, and all across the Bible and everywhere else. He just got up there and started hitting away, until he hit a sermon and took off on it.

207 And so, he got this blackwater fever, and they thought he was dying, and he told his wife said, "Stand near by me and pray." Kept getting darker and darker in the room, finally he went all the way out. And that's when he dreamed this dream.

208 And he said that he guessed what it was. It was that fever just had him so whipped out till he was just gone. And you know what blackwater fever is. You don't live with that. So he believed God, and trusted Him all the time.

209 So he had his wife praying, her hands laid on him, and praying. They had to go out by canoe for days and days, to get out of the place where they were in. And then said ... he dreamed that he tried on this log until he just wore himself out. Said he just ... his strength was completely gone. Said he just got so wore out, he just sat down, and leaned back against the tree.

210 He said, "I'm done. I just can't lift that log. Where's all my strength gone? Why, I could lift that log and put it on my back with one hand," said, "walk away." Just a small tree, and he was a very strong man. And he said, "I could..." Why, I've picked up trees bigger than that anytime, and walk away. And said he was just sitting there and just got crying, said, "All my strength is gone. I can't do nothing else. My strength is gone."

And said he heard his boss come up and said, "Paul, what's the matter?"

211 And he said he thought that boss had the sweetest voice he ever heard, and he said, "I'm finished. I haven't got no more strength. I can't go any farther. I can't pick up that log. I just can't move away with it."

212 He said, "Paul," he said, "what are you tussling with it, anyhow?" see. He said, "There runs a creek running right along by you. And said, "Why don't you just throw it in the creek there, and get on it, and ride on down. The camp's just below the hill. You go right down the riffles to the camp." Said, "Just roll it over in the creek, and jump on it. Ride down. Let it pack you down."

“Well,” he said, “I never thought of that.” Said when he turned around he saw who his boss was. It was his real boss.

213 Said he pushed it in the water, jumped a-straddle the log, and said he was just so happy. He began splashing the water like that, and hollering, “I’m riding on it, I’m riding on it, I’m riding on it,” going over the riffles just as pretty, flying down to the camp like that, hollering, “I’m riding on it.”

And said when he come to himself, he’d jumped right in the middle of the floor, his wife laying over there in the corner where he just threw her back, and screaming to the top of his voice, saying, “I’m riding on it, I’m riding on it, I’m riding on it.” And brother, that’s what it is tonight.

214 One day I found out that Jesus Christ loved me. I realized that I was born to be his child. He called me, and give me eternal life. I don’t know when my death will come. It doesn’t matter to me.

215 But there’s one thing sure. Every word that He promised in this Book, I’m riding on it. I’m riding on it. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is for whosoever will will come and receive it. Divine healing is for every one. Whosoever will may come and receive any blessing.

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel’s veins,
Where sinners plunged beneath the flood.
Lose all their guilty stains.

That 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 supplied,
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.

216 I'm riding on it, brother. I'm a-riding on it. I come into the Pentecostal people. They had different organizations just like the Baptist did. I never joined up with any of them. I stood right in between the groups, and knowed they were brothers and all the groups around. I put my arms around every one of them like that, and they are my brothers. I'm a-riding on it.

217 The other day in Beaumont, Texas, a certain group of people-- a denominational church--that had seventy-two churches sponsoring my meeting, and I had a great meeting going on. I had a brother sitting on the pulpit . . . up on the platform, and the district presbyter called me that day. He said, "I resent that, Brother Branham. You had a man on the platform that was baptized wrong." Said, "How could you do that?"

I said, "Why?"

He said, "Well, he isn't one of ours. He couldn't be."

I said, "Well, he's my brother."

He said, "You know what we done?" Said, "We've drawn a little line and cut you out from among us."

I said, "Now I'm going to draw a little line above you, and cut you back in again." I said, "Why, you're my brother."

218 I'm riding on it. I don't care what they believe. I believe that Jesus Christ is not divided; all one body we. One in hope, and doctrine; one in charity. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. I'm a-riding on it.

Would you like to ride on it tonight? Are you sick, are you needy? Is there a sinner here, say . . . put up your hand, say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham. I want to ride on God's promise. 'He that heareth my words and believeth on him that sent me has eternal life.' I want to ride on it. I want to take my stand right now." Raise your hand. Say, "Pray for me."

God bless you, sir. God bless you, sir. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. That's fine. God bless you.

Anybody here without the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Say, "Brother Branham, I know the promise is mine. He told me over there in Acts 2:38 if I repented, and was baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for remission of sins, I should receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

"He said over in Mark 16, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned. These signs shall follow them that believe.' The Holy Ghost is promised to me and I want it, and I'm going to ride on the promise until God gives it to me." Raise up your hand. Say I... all right. Good. God bless you.

How many of you in here say, "I'm sick, Brother Branham." Maybe you're past cure--I don't know--from the doctor. He can't cure you; he can aid you, help you till God cures you. But there's only one cure. That's God.

There's remedies. Doctors has remedies; God has cure. That's all. They got many remedies, but there's only one cure, and that's through God. "I'm the Lord... heals all thy diseases."

"I'm sick, Brother Branham. I've tried everything I know how. It just seems like I just can't get over it. But tonight, He's the Lord that heals all my diseases. He was wounded for my transgressions. With his stripes I am healed. I believe it. I'm going to ride on it. I'm raising my hand. Remember me, Brother Branham, that I'll ride on his promise. Hallelujah! This is it."

219 Now, listen, friends. I want to... just you be honest with me. How can that fail? I ask you in the name of all sense. How can that fail? If you're a sinner, and you ask God to save you, He promised. He even sent Christ to die that you could be saved. How can you fail being saved? Tell me where you could fail. It only lays because you're up here [points to head], and not down here [points to heart].

If you say, “The Holy Ghost is mine. I’ve repented, confessed my sins, believed on Christ, been baptized. I’m ready for the baptism of the Holy Ghost,” the only reason you haven’t got it is because that something’s wrong up here. That’s right. You’re not thinking right. If it was coming from down here, you’ll get it right now.

You say, “Brother Branham, I believe in divine healing. I accept Him as my healer. He was wounded for my transgressions. With his stripes I am healed. Oh, brother, that settles it. That’s all of it. The only thing, if it’s down here, it’s true; if it’s up here, it’s not true. If it isn’t, then God be found a liar—he made a promise that He can’t keep. He keeps it to others; what about you? Is that right? Just think of it.

You say, “I want the Holy Ghost.” He gives it to whosoever will. Is that right? “I want to be saved.” Whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. That’s what it is. See, it’s you up here. It’s you, letting the devil use this. There’s no man. . . .

220 When God ever makes a decision it has to be the same decision each time, if it’s for something you’re asking Him. If He saved the first man on the basis of faith, He has to save the second one comes. He has to save everyone comes. I’m riding on it. I believe it. Do you believe it with all your heart? Stand up to your feet then.

221 I challenge every sinner in here, command you in the name of Jesus Christ to tell God that you’re sorry for your sins, and you accept Jesus as your Saviour right now. Watch what happens. I challenge every believer in here that’s been saved to accept Christ right now to fill you with the Holy Ghost. Take all of it, confess your sins, just tell Him that you’re sorry, that. . . .

222 What is your sin? You say, “Brother Branham, I’m already a Christian.” Confess your sin. Your sin’s unbelief. That’s the only sin there is, is unbelief. You just . . . your unbelief is keeping you away from it.

Every sick person in here, you just confess your faith. “In his stripes we were healed.” Watch what takes place. Now, how many believers is in here? Raise up your hands. Now whether you...

Now you know them people that raised their hands as sinners, and whoever they was. I want each one of you people to lay your hands across, over on somebody else near you. Just lay your hands across on one another, no matter where you are, upon the platform. [Blank spot on tape.] ... need healing? Lord, just let it go. Pray.

223 Our heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we break the spell. We break every devil's power. We break it by faith as we claim the righteousness of Christ.

May the devil turn loose in this place tonight, and get out of here in the name of Jesus Christ, where the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ has been preached, and the power of God has been made known. Devil, turn them loose. Come out in the name of Jesus Christ.