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1 ... fellowship here as we commit ourselves to You--the fellowship of your Word, for You are the Word. We ask in Jesus' name, speak to hearts. Amen.

We're ... left Abraham last night and ... we started with him and ... over in the 22nd chapter of Genesis where he was offering up his only son--a type of God giving his Son. We started back then, dropped back to pick him up again (his life), and we've never got away from it yet. We left him last night over about the 16th or 17th chapter. I believe the 15th chapter is where we left him at. We're going to try to finish it up tonight, because I got a message just for divine healing, the Lord willing, for tomorrow afternoon. And now, every pastor's invited. Bring your congregation, come here and stand with them for prayer.

2 Now, we realize that sometimes that Jesus did things ... and He does things sometimes.... You say, "Why would He permit these things then, Brother Branham? Why would He permit these things to be?" Sometimes it's done to try your faith, many times. He does things strange. Why don't He just walk out and say, "I am this, and I am that?" He didn't do that in the first place, see. He does it to try your faith.

Look, the priests thought that probably He'd come down and speak to Caiaphas, the high priest. But how was He born? In a manger, and was absolutely rejected by his own people and his denominations of them days.

3 Now, we find one time Jesus speaking, just like.... Watch one little quotation here I'd like to make. Jesus has a great crowd around him, and it looked like there was too many. So watch what He said. "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life."

4 Now what do you think that a medical doctor, or any intellectual person, would think when they heard of a man that had a name of being an illegitimate child, and more like a renegade to the people of that day, stand up and make a quotation like that? “Except you eat my flesh and drink my blood...” Why, they’d say, “That man’s a human vampire! Why, my! Drink a man’s blood and eat his flesh? You congregation, get away from such a crazy man!” He never explained it. He never explained it; He didn’t have to explain it. That’s right. He just wanted to see what kind of faith they had, see.

5 You ... if you believe, you’d believe; I don’t care what anybody said. If I prayed for five thousand people tonight and all five thousand died tonight, in the morning I’d still be praying for the sick, see. It’s what God says is what counts; it ain’t what people does, see. And God, He said, “Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.”

My, that people--that intellectual group--why, they said, “Get away from that man! He’s mad! He’s a wild man. Why, he’s a human vampire--eat that man’s body!” Now, He never explained it.

6 Now, He had seventy ordained preachers with Him. He thought He had a little too much crowd there, so the crowd walked away from him. So He had the ordained ministers sitting there, and He sent them out, seventy of them. He said, “What will you say when you see the Son of man ascending up into heaven, from whence He came?” Now, He never explained it.

7 And them preachers said, “This man ascending up into heaven from whence He came? Why, we know Him. We know his mother. We’ve been to the stable where He was born. We’ve seen the cradle He was rocked in. We’ve fished with him. We’re laying out here on the banks with Him. And this ‘Son of man ascend up from whence He come?’ He come from Bethlehem! Where’s this coming up? That’s too much for us.” And they walked away from Him.

He never explained it. He never ... He didn’t have to explain anything. God don’t have to explain nothing. He’s God. He just does it ‘cause He promised it. He don’t explain it.

Then his ... only twelve was left. He turned around and looked at them. Said, "I chose twelve of you, and one of you's a devil." He said, "Do you want to go too?"

8 Then Peter said those great words, "To whom would we go, Lord, for we are sure that thou has the word of life." They had seen it so clearly a-vindicated. No matter what the priest said, what anybody else said, they knew right there that He had the word of life. Said, "You have the word of life."

9 And now, we notice no matter what the others done--how they walked away--those disciples were predestinated. They were ordained to eternal life. No, they couldn't explain it. They couldn't explain it no more than the rest of them could, but there was something in them. That representation in heaven--a thought that God had of them before the foundation of the world--had manifested itself here. And they were connected with God, and were sure that was God's promise vindicated. And nothing's going to change it from them. That's real, genuine Christianity.

10 Today people are something on the order like they was in the days when the disciples was out on the ocean. And one night a storm came up. And there wasn't nothing ... all hopes was gone that they'd ever be saved. And they seen Him come walking on the water. Now, their ship was water-logged, and the sails was broke, and the oars was gone. And they were holding one another, screaming. And they looked out there and seen Him come walking on the water, and was scared of Him--their only hope. And they were afraid of the only thing that could save them. If that ain't a true picture today again! They thought it looked spooky. You know, He said. ... They cried out for fear it was a spirit. It looked too ... like, spiritual.

11 That's the same thing it is today. But if you'll just do like they did. ... When they cried out they heard that voice coming, "Fear not, it is I. Be not afraid. Be of a good courage." And if you'll just watch the Word of promise for this day, you'll hear that same voice speaking through the Word. "It's Me. I promised to do this in the last day. Fear not. Don't be scared. Put your trust in Me, the Son of God [who He is]. Believe it now."

12 We left Abraham in the presence of Elohim last night, where we brought him down through the promises. And now the last promise before the coming of the son, we find out that a man came up--dressed like a man, eat like a man, talked like a man--and Abraham looked upon Him and addressed Him as Elohim. Elohim. Two had went down to Sodom to preach down there, and we likened that setting to today. You all remember the story, where we left it. Just perfectly the same thing, as Jesus predicted it would be as it was in the days of Sodom, the same thing sits in the same position tonight. And if. . . .

13 Today I was sitting there, and I was wondering, and I wondered all about this. They heard another earthquake taking place down there, and they said . . . shaking the countries again. And I thought, "What is this? You know, it was done on Good Friday. You know, nineteen hundred years ago, on Good Friday, the church rejected Jesus Christ, and a earthquake shook the world all over. And they've rejected Him again in the Laodicean age, as the Bible said they would do--had Him on the outside.

14 This ecumenical move of the Council of Churches is exactly what they're doing. They're forfeiting all their evangelical teachings and things. How can two walk together unless they be agreed? Well, you can't do it. That won't work with real genuine Christians. They'll never receive it. No sir. A borned-again Christian will never go in a trap like that. It's just like putting a duck in a cage. They know he's headed for the slaughter. You'll never drive him into that. So a real borned-again Christian will stay away from that.

15 Now, Abraham was standing there and talking to a man that had his back turned to the tent where Sarah was. And Abram's . . . Abraham's name a day or two before that was Abram and Sarai; and now it's Sarah to Abraham. And He addressed Abraham in his fatherly, priestly name. "Abraham, where is Sarah [princess], thy wife?"

He said, "She's in the tent behind you."

He said, “I’m going to visit you according to the promise, the time of life [in other words, another month]. And I’m going to visit you as I promised.” Been waiting for twenty-five years now for this promised child, not staggering with unbelief at the word of God, but was strong, giving praise to God. Watch this now.

And then Sarah, inside the tent (if we’d put it in street expression), kind of laughed up her sleeve. Said, “Me, an old woman, ninety years old, and have pleasure with my lord, my husband?” Him out there a hundred years old, ceased to be as husband and wife many, many years.

And the man with his back turned to the tent, said, “Why did Sarah question that, saying in her heart these things?” And that way Abraham recognized who was speaking to him. That was Elohim--exactly. His sign proved his claim.

16 Said, “I will visit you.” Why did He say, “I”? How did He call him Abraham--when He was the one that give him the name in a symbol, not in the presence of a man--showing exactly what would take place; give him his vindicated authority (the promised word) that this man that was talking to him was God, Elohim.

17 Now we find out in Hebrews, the 4th chapter and the 12th verse (as I’ve quoted it twice already the last couple nights), that the Bible said the Word of God discerns the thoughts that’s in the heart, the secrets of the heart. And when Jesus could look upon the congregation and discern their thoughts, and told the woman how many husbands she had, told Nathanael where he was, that was a vindication that He was that Messiah, God Emmanuel, because He was the Word.

18 That’s the way the prophets were. The prophets were considered gods. You understand that. Jesus said so Himself. Said, “How can you condemn me when you call those who the word of God comes to, you call them gods. And how do you condemn me when I say I’m the Son of God? And if I do not the works of my Father, then don’t believe it.” He was the vindicated Word of God for that age.

19 Now, if He'd come with the sign of Moses, it wouldn't have worked. If Moses would come with Noah's sign, it wasn't prophesied that for that day. And all these clergies, and theologies, and high schools, and schools, and educated ministers--which is fine. We've nothing against it. But that's not the message of the hour. That was for that gloomy day. It shall be light in the evening time. He promised these things. I've read them over and over out of the Word. "Exactly as it was then," He said, "it will be again." I could tie it with every scripture in the Bible, and show you that it's the truth.

Now, his claims there was vindicated when He said who Sarah ... what she did behind Him. Now notice, He promised next month she will conceive. "According to the time of life," He said.

20 Now notice, the path of Abraham was a type of the royal seed now. Did you notice, Abraham ... the promise was to him and to his children after him. And then his children was, first, the natural seed; and then the royal seed, which was Christ. The first seed, which was by sex, come Isaac; but without sex come Jesus, the royal seed.

21 Now, that the blood... See, we are saved by blood; and without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Notice, Jesus was not Jew, Jesus was not Gentile, Jesus was God. He wasn't... He couldn't be Jew or Gentile. Look, the male sex produces the hemoglobin, which is the blood cell. The germ is in the blood cell.

22 Now, you people here, a lot of you... I was riding around the other day watching your farmers, and you have chickens. Now, a hen can lay an egg. An old mother bird can lay an egg; but if she hasn't been with that mate, it'll never hatch. Yet she can lay the egg, for the egg is in the female. But the blood ... and the life is in the blood. So therefore, his life was a created life, not germitized from some man.

23 And then, the egg wasn't Mary's, 'cause if the egg was Mary's (as most Protestant believe, and Catholics, too--that the egg was Mary's) now the ... was Mary's egg, making it human. No. If the blood cell was God, so was the egg God. Because Mary could not produce that egg down ... you know, you understand what I'm talking about. She could not do that without a sensation. So, with a

sensation what do you make God doing then? Be sex again, see. So both egg and blood cell was God. Amen.

24 That's... Believe that, and you'll have faith to walk forward. We're not saved by Jewish blood, or by Gentile blood. We're saved by the blood of God, Himself, a created blood cell.

25 As I said... Take these old mother birds. It's coming springtime. I was noticing the other day how they're taking straw and going up in and making their nests. Now, she can get up in there and make a nest, and lay a nest full of eggs; and sit on them and hover them and be so loyal to them eggs, until she'll get so poor she can't fly off the nest to get her something to eat. But if she hasn't been with the male bird, they'll never hatch. They're not fertile. You know that. They'll lay in the nest and rot.

26 That's the way with some of our churches. We just got a nest full of rotten eggs. They don't have no faith of Abraham. It's time to clean the nest and start back. Get in contact, not with some organization, some theological seminary; but get in contact with the mate, Christ Jesus, who brings the fertility to the Spirit of life that's in you. He's the one that makes you believe it.

Clean out the nest and start over again. You pat them on the back, and take them in, and make them deacons--and married four and five times and everything. What in the world we coming to, anyhow? Send them off to seminary, and inject some of that embalming fluid into them, and bring them back and...

27 Here the other day, on a estimation, showed that 99% of the Protestant preachers throughout the nation don't believe in the literal second coming of Christ; 87% deny the virgin birth. Think of that! What are our children going to face out yonder? God give us back to the faith again that was once delivered to the saints.

28 Abraham... watch his path as he comes up. He typed exactly with the church. All that Abraham did has... We've watched the church. If we had the week or two here to be here, I could show you, step by step, the church has made the same path. The last sign was God, the promised word, speaking to him in human flesh --the last promise before the Gentile world was destroyed, which was Sodom and Gomorrah.

29 Now think. Abraham before had ... God had appeared to him in many symbols, and lights, and forms, and signs. But never had God come to him as a human being, and spoke in an audible voice, like a human being out of a human being. And remember, the promise is just now ready to be fulfilled. The... Sodom is going to be burned. The last message is on. And there goes the church normal, the church denominal, rather. There there goes a modern Billy Graham down in there to jerk them out.

30 There's a church elected--not in Sodom--called out, separated. They get a messenger. Notice, the Abraham group got the message. And now what was it? God, that had been talking to him all along in symbols, and forms, and everything, come right up. And now He manifests Himself right here in human flesh, and discerns the thoughts that's in Sarah's heart behind Him. And Abraham said, "It's Elohim, the all-sufficient one." Remember, immediately after that Sodom was burned.

31 Think of it. The church may be getting its last sign, folks. See, we've ... you've shouted, you've had justification by Luther, sanctification by Wesley, great times, shouting, rejoicing, speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, divine healing. But where're we at now? God speaking right among us, through us--audible, just like He did there.

32 And He promised to do it--that's the thing. It ain't something we made up; the Bible said so. Jesus said He would do it--make Himself again. Notice. And immediately after this, Abraham pleaded for Lot. He said if He could even find ten people, He would spare it, but He couldn't even find that. The messengers down there, they rejected the messengers.

33 Like Billy Graham's breakfast, when he was in our city--in Louisville, Kentucky. I was at his breakfast. He said, "I go into a city..." He said... He held up the Bible. He's a great believer in the Bible. He said, "I go into a city, and I have a campaign. I have thirty thousand converts or decisions." He said, "And I'll go back six months from there, I can't find thirty." And he said, "Paul went into a city and made one convert. And when he come back a year later, that convert had made converts--converts times converts--till he had hundreds of converts by that one."

He said, “Now, what’s the matter?” He said, “You bunch of lazy preachers. . . .” He said, “You sit with your feet up on the desk, and don’t go out and visit those people.”

34 Now, who am I, an illiterate person like me, to contradict the great evangelist? But I’d like to’ve said one word to him: “Billy, what preacher took Paul’s converts?” See, it was because Paul took him deep enough that Christ come into him, and he was a living fire on down to the living presence. Not some intellectual move, or some joiner, or get some note signed, or pledge you’ll come to church; take them on to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and then he’ll be on fire. He’ll bring forth children. How can he do it when he’s sterile? Can’t have children unless he’s got life himself. That’s the only way that anything can repropagate itself--by the germ. And the germ is the Holy Spirit, that was in Christ, is in the believer.

35 Now we notice, God’s last sign to Abraham literally was God the Word. Remember, God, the promised word that had been promised him all along, spoke to him in human flesh. A man, standing there talking to him, discerning the thoughts that was in Sarah’s heart, and her back behind Him in the tent--that was the last sign.

36 Notice now, He, before, had appeared to him in many symbols and so forth: such as lights, and fire, and so forth, appeared to him. But now, notice. And immediately I want you to notice what happened to the old couple. I hope you don’t count me erratic. And if you don’t believe this, just leave it alone. Just . . . see. But I just want to tell you what I think happened. Did you notice?

37 Now, how is Sarah going to have this baby? Now, she’s a hundred years old. Now, somebody’d say “Well, it was different then.” The Bible said her womb was dead, and the Bible said they were both well-stricken in age. But He’s doing to Sarah and Abraham, coming along this way, just like He promised to do to their seed. And He’s done it! I can prove that--just exactly the steps that Abraham took.

38 Now look where he’s at here now. When this God come and talked to him in human flesh, made Himself known to him, immediately now, how’s Sarah going to have this baby? Now, Abraham had lived with her, and perhaps he was. . . . It said his body

was as good as dead. The Bible said it was. His body now dead, Sarah's womb dead, but he staggered not; yet he believed it.

39 Now, look. If Sarah... I'm in a mixed audience, and you forgive me, sisters. And, you'd listen to your doctor, and I'm your brother. But now notice. Sarah at ninety years old is too old to go in labor. That heart wouldn't stand it. You know that. And another thing, her milk veins was dried up. They didn't have the health and hygiene bottles in them days, see--had to be a wet mother. Notice. So, how's He going to do it? How is she going to have this baby? Her womb's dead, she's dead in her body herself; and Abraham's dead.

40 You know what He done? He changed them. He turned them back to a young man and a young woman. I can prove that. He made them a young man and a young woman, turned them back young again. Oh, what a wonderful promise! You say, "Oh, Brother Branham..." Well, just wait just a minute. Don't ... just hold on. This may hurt just a little bit to the legalists, but I want you to see this now, just for a minute. Now, we're just teaching like a Sunday School lesson on this. He turned them back to a young man and woman again, about twenty years old.

41 Abraham, now look, he's old--his whiskers hanging way down, his body's good as dead, his little old flabby arms; Sarah, little shawl over her shoulder, little bitty cap, little grandma hobbling along on a stick. I can see the next morning. Why, Abraham, with a big hump in his back, white hair hanging down, and Sarah said, "Abraham, darling! Why, your ... your beard is turned black!"

"Why, Sarah, them pretty eyes is shining, just like they always did. Your cheeks has got rose in them." Before the sun went down the next night she was back to a young woman, and he was to a young man.

42 You say, "Nonsense, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, it was, too! Yeah--a wonderful promise and type for the royal seed of Abraham immediately coming. Remember. Is it a promise? Yes, we'll be changed. They were changed back to a young man and woman, just showing exactly what the church, the royal seed is going to be done. You say, "Is that a promise?" I Thessalonians 4:17: the trumpet of

God shall sound and we shall be changed; in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, be caught up together.

43 Why? Her body, their bodies had to be changed to receive the son. And our mortal, vile bodies will have to be changed to receive the Son, 'cause we'll be caught up. We'll have to be a different body from this, for we'll be caught up in the air to meet Him. Amen! Just right with the Scriptures, you see. They were changed.

44 If we ever meet the Lord in the air we can't meet Him with this kind of a body, 'cause we're earthbound. But we're going to receive one--hallelujah!--that'll go up in the rapture. And the beauty part of it, it's so close at hand. We see all the signs sitting right--won't be long now. One of these mornings there'll be a change. But remember, it'll only come to that royal seed alone. The coming of Jesus will be so secret, the rest of the people will know nothing about it.

45 Do you know there probably won't be too many. "As it was in the days of Noah, wherein eight souls were saved by water, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, but few there'll be that find it."

You say, "There'll be millions there." They're all through the ages, redeemed, sure. But that rapturing place, where we're standing now... What'll take place one of these days? They're going to say, "Now, you know, here we are over in the tribulation period. I thought that the church was to be raptured up before the tribulation period."

46 That's the truth--not the church; the bride. The church goes through the tribulation period; but not the bride. No, sir. She's redeemed. She has nothing to be purified by--she's already pure. The Holy Spirit's come into her and purified her, and took away all the filth and glom of the world. And she believes that Word and becomes part of it. Right. Without the Holy Spirit, nothing doing. It's the bride comes out of the church. And there ... she that's called the remnant of the woman's seed is left to go through the tribulation period.

47 You know, one time after all the scriptures--Isaiah, Malachi 3, and Isaiah 40--prophesying of the coming of John the Baptist, John

came just exactly in line with them scriptures. And even the disciples come to Jesus and said, “Why say the scribes [the scriptures], that the Elias must first come?”

He said, “He’s already come and you didn’t know it. He’s come, and they did to him just exactly what they was supposed to do; and you didn’t know it.”

Now, that might be one of these days. You could say, “What about the rapture?”

48 It’s already past and you didn’t know it. “There’ll be two in a bed. One will be taken; one left.” You know, there’s about several hundred people disappear on earth every day anyhow, you know. They can’t make out for it. And just think of it--the sadness!--that people will go right on preaching, and believing they’re getting saved.

49 And Noah entered into the ark and the door was shut behind him by the hand of God. The sun come up and went down seven days before anything happened. And the people went right on preaching, right on making fun, and everything else, not knowing that their only mercy they ever had was closed off from them. Think! Ministers will still be educating preachers, and sending them out, and things like that going on as the church moving on--and completely without mercy, without anything, cut off completely. The rapture’s gone. “Let him that’s filthy, be filthy still.” The Scripture says that. Already come, and you didn’t know it.

50 Think about that tonight, friends, and watch what’s going on. There’s not nothing in the world can comfort you now but the Word of God, see. There’s no other hopes--your nation, nowhere else. We’re worm-eaten to the core. You know that. Communism has worm-eaten the thing. It’s got to be that way. You ain’t going to stop it. Bible said it’s going to be that way. So you just ain’t going to stop it, that’s all. Get ready for the rapture. That’s the only thing to do. Thessalonians, the... I Thessalonians 4:17 said that we’ll be changed like Abraham was, and caught up a different body. Now, Abraham, their old bodies had to be changed. So will ours have to be changed to fulfill the promise. We’ll have to be changed.

51 Now, you say, “These old bodies?” I want to . . . I was speaking at a Kiwanis here sometime ago, and a doctor came out afterwards. He said, “Mr. Branham,” he said, “I appreciate your talk, but,” said, “you know I can’t believe that . . . anything unless it can be scientifically proved—about that virgin birth and things like that, and about being God.”

I said “Well, you’ll never believe Him, ‘cause you can’t scientifically prove God. You’ve got to believe Him by faith—by faith.”

He said, “Well, I don’t believe anything that’s not scientific.”

I said, “Are you a married man?”

He said, “Yes, sir.”

I said, “You love your wife?”

He said, “I sure do.”

I said, “Scientifically show me what love is, then. I want to buy some, if you can tell me what drug store sells it. I really need it.” I said, “I . . .” See, just a simple thing.

I said, “I’ll ask you a question. Now here. Are we made from the dust of the earth?”

He said, “Yes, sir.”

I said, “We receive that dust by eating the food that comes from the earth. And it is plant life and so forth.” You see, you can only live by dead substance, see. If you live, something has to die so you can live physically. If you eat potatoes, it dies. If you eat beef, the cow dies. If you eat pork, the hog dies. If you eat greens, it dies--it’s a form of life. And you only live natural by substance of something dead--dead substance. Now, doesn’t it only stand to reason, friends, that you can only eternally live by the substance of something that died for you? Christ died, yea, rose again to vindicate his deity.

52 Notice now. I said, “Doctor, if I eat food then, every time that I eat food it goes into my body, and it makes blood cells.”

He said, “That’s right.”

“Then every time I eat, I renew my life.”

He said, "That's correctly--new blood cells."

53 I said, "I want to ask you something then. When I was sixteen years old, I ate corn, and beans, and potatoes, and meat just like I do now. And every time I eat I got bigger and stronger. And then, when I got to be about twenty-two years old.... Every human being, no matter how much you eat, how well you eat, you get older and weaker. Now, if I'm pouring water out of this cup into this one, and I pour it half full, and then I just keep on pouring it after half full; and instead of coming up it goes down--scientifically prove to me how that's done."

54 How is it that I'm eating the same food, renewing my life every day according to ... proves it; scientifically proves I'm renewing my life when I take in new blood cells, same kind of blood I took when I was sixteen years old. But why is it, after I got about twenty-something, then no matter how much I eat, I'm going down--getting older, and older, and older, and drawing right on down all the time. Instead of filling me up like it did then; now it's taking me down. It's an appointment, that's what it is.

55 But God made a picture. And He got you when you was about twenty-something years old. If nothing could interfere.... Like the little crippled boy sitting here, just like a stalk of corn start up, and something lays over it and makes it grow crooked. If you could move that crooked thing that made it do that, the stalk would straighten up. It's got to, that's all. Notice, if nothing interferes with it, there you are: fine young lady, fine young man, you and your husband standing together, modern Adam and Eve, from the beginning. God said, "There they are. Now, death, you get after them. You can start taking them, but you can't fully take them till I call." Now, what is it? It's a negative picture.

56 Oh, my! See, that's exactly what He done to Sarah and Abraham. He wiped away the old age. Old age is a sign of death, and there'll be no signs of death in heaven. See, all memory of death will be taken away, and there'll be no old age. We'll all be young. It's just a picture that God has drawn in your youth. And now, God's taken and set Abraham and Sarah right back to that good young age again. So there we are.

57 And another proof I want to show you now. I feel that isn't going over too good. I just have to ... you don't believe that. Well,

let me ask you ... let me show you something. Let me show you that they did do it. Now watch. Look where they was on the map when God appeared to them, up there by Sodom. Immediately after that they took nearly a three-hundred mile trip down to Gerar. That's quite a trip for an old man and woman. Here's this old man now, his whiskers hanging way down, on his stick. Here's little grandma, you know, with little bonnet on, shuffling along behind him, making little four or five-inch steps as she goes.

58 And then, trouble of it was, when they got down to Gerar, there was Abimelech. A king was hunting for a sweetheart. And all those fine women he had down there, the Philistine girls--when he saw Sarah he fell in love with her, wanted to make her his wife. Is that right? Ha, ha!

59 Oh, brother, the Bible is just like a love letter. You have to read between the lines, see what it means. God said He hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and revealed it to babes such as would learn.

60 When I'm out in the mission my wife writes me a letter. And I love her and she loves me. And she'd say, "Dear Bill: Tonight I just put the children to bed and I've worked today..." I see what she's (reading), what she's writing; but see, I so love her I can read right between the lines. I know what she's talking about. She don't have to tell me--I know, 'cause I can read between the lines.

61 That's the way it is with God. We're not trying to study from some newspaper standpoint, some theological standpoint; but fall in love with Him! Get down and really get Him in your heart--the love of God shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost. Then go to reading the Bible. You'll see it coming right out between the lines. See, you know what He's saying. He never said that right out in a word. Jesus thanked the father because that He'd hid those things from the eyes of the wise and prudent.

Now, no one else could read my wife's letters like that, because I love her that way, see. And that's the way she writes to me. That's the way God writes to you--it's between the lines. You read it.

62 Here she is now, Sarah. Sure. Went down there. Could you imagine a little grandma, you know, and all them pretty girls down there in the Philistine (company) country, Gerar. And here's Abimelech there. He's a fine-looking young king, and he wants to get him a sweetheart. So he looks all around. They're pretty and everything. But he sees grandma coming, you know--shaking, nervous, coming along. He said, "That's the one I've waited for! That's her! Oh!"

63 And Abraham said, "I pray thee, Sarah, you show this kindness to me. You're fair to look upon, you know." Said, "When you get down there you say I'm your brother, and I'll say that you're my sister, 'cause if you don't they'll kill me and take you, see."

You couldn't have two wives at the same time then. So then we. . . . She couldn't have two husbands, rather, at the same time. One of these days I'm going to preach on that. Then you talk about "Serpent's Seed" stirring something up--you wait till this comes out.

64 Well, now, remember then, we find that when seeing that coming--little old grandma like that--Abimelech fell in love with her, and went and took her to be his wife. Think of that. See where He turned them back? Sure, He had to.

65 This Bible love letter is something God writes to us. He's hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and He revealed it to babes such as would learn. He hid his coming. He hid Jesus from the Pharisees--them students of the Scripture. We ain't got nothing like them today. No matter how student they was, they didn't recognize Him. He was hid. The Bible said He was.

66 And you know the Bible said the clergy of this day would be hid the same way? "Heady, high minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are right; having a. . . ."

You say, "That's Communist."

No, no. "... having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. From such, turn away," see. That's right. "This is the sort

that goes from house to house, and leads silly women laden with divers lusts,” so forth.

67 Notice. Now, we find Abraham down there. And Abimelech comes over, says, “That’s the one I’ve waited on all the time.” So he had his girls to come get her, and take her out there and, oh, maybe fix her all up, and make her look like some queen of some sort. And that night. . . . I want you to notice here, God’s grace to his prophet. This might choke just a little bit, but it’s the truth. No matter what it looks like; you look at just what the Bible said.

Now, you see, Abimelech, he thinks, “Tomorrow I’ll marry this beautiful Hebrew girl. And she’s over in the chambers over there now. And my maids are perfuming her, and making her hair pretty, and fixing her all up.” Now could you imagine an old ninety-year-old woman getting fixed up like that to marry a young king?

So we find out as they get this beautiful Hebrew girl all fixed up. . . . And he takes his bath and lays down. Stretches out his feet after saying his prayers, and laid down, said, “Oh, my.”

Now, could you imagine Abraham doing a trick like that? A man that would say a thing like that about his wife? Talk about a coward! Abraham did that. There he is, sitting out there now, after doing a thing like that.

68 Notice. And Abimelech--that night the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “You’re just as good as a dead man.” Said, “You’ve got another man’s wife.”

He said, “Lord, you know the integrity of my heart.” Said, “She told me that was her brother, and he told me that was his sister.”

He said, “I know the integrity of your heart. That’s the reason I kept you from sinning against me,” see. “But that . . . her husband is my prophet. [Look at his grace to his prophet, though he’s in the wrong, see.] Said, “He’s my prophet. I’ll not hear your prayers. You go take him his wife back, and let him pray for you. If you don’t, your whole nation is gone--every womb is closed.”

69 Think of that! It’s exactly what He said. And Abimelech was a good man and feared God. Yes, sir. But you see what the grace of

God done? There sat his prophet out there that give his wife over to be married to another man--even looking for the promise of the child, and things like that--and the grace of God stays with that Word, regardless of what it is. That's right. "Her husband is my prophet, and I'll not hear your prayer. No matter how righteous, and how good, and how smart you are, unless he prays for you you're a dead man."

So he took and restored Sarah back. Oh, my! Then Isaac come on the scene. Now, in closing, quickly now, I want to get to something. Isaac come on the scene, and then the promise was fulfilled.

70 Now after Isaac come--a little boy, he got about twelve years old, so forth--God made a double test of Abraham. After he'd already tested him for twenty-five years now, then he made a double test. Now, He said, "Abraham, I want you to take this son now, your only son, and take him up to a mountain that I'll show you here in this vision. And I want you to take him up there and offer him up for a sacrifice."

71 And he said . . . he never refused to do it. He just got up the next morning after the Lord spoke to him, saddled up the little mules, and took some wood and stuff and clave it, and took off with the mule. He traveled three days. And then he got to the place, and he looked off in the far distance after traveling three days. Now here's where Abraham was. And three days' journey . . . and when. . . Men then didn't have gasoline feet like we have today. And any ordinary man can walk twenty-five miles a day, see. Where did he get to, back in those wilderness?

72 And he said, "Now you wait here." (I like this of Abraham.) He said to the servant, said, "You wait here with the mules, and I and my son will go yonder to worship; and we shall return."

How's he going to do it, when he was going up there to kill him? God told him, said, "Go up there and take his life."

73 But what did the Bible say in Romans 4? “Abraham knew that he had received him as one from the dead, and was fully persuaded that God was able to raise him up from the dead, from where he received him as a figure.”

Said, “You wait here.”

How He’s going to do it I can’t tell you. Can you think of that, sister with the baby in your arms, and the mother sitting in the wheelchair, little boy there, over here, dad? I don’t know how He’s going to do it. I just don’t know how He’s going to do it, but He’s going to do it--because He promised He would, on the basis you’d believe it. He does it to others, see.

“The boy and I . . . the lad and I will return,” see. “You wait here, and we’ll go worship.” And he put the wood on little Isaac, the type of Christ packing his cross. Got to the top of the mountain; little Isaac got suspicious.

And he said, “Father. . . .”

He said, “Here I am, my son.”

He said, “Why, here is the altar, here is the fire, here is the wood; but where is the lamb for a sacrifice?”

74 Listen to these words now, coming from Abraham’s lips. “My son, God will provide for Himself a lamb for the sacrifice.” That means, God’s provided sacrifice--Jehovah-jireh, the Lord provide a lamb. And when he bound his hands, and laid him upon on the altar. . . .

75 Imagine what a time that was now, after waiting for him for twenty-five years; and God having him destroy the only thing that he had testified about all through the years. He was a reproach among the people--laughing at him. And here God says, “Destroy the very thing that’s going to give you the only hope you can if my word’s going to be fulfilled in you. I give you the boy. He’s twelve years, they’ve all recognized him, still make you a father of nations; but go kill your boy.” Could you imagine that? God just showing us, no matter what anybody says, or anything contrary to that Word--refuse to look at it. The real seed of Abraham believes that.

“Destroy that son.” And Abraham laid him upon there. You can imagine--taking his little curly hair and rolling it back out of his face, and his little brown eyes looking up like that, and his little lips quivering, see that big-bladed knife come out of his father’s. . . . Think of a father! Laid his little head back, and pulled his throat back so he could stab him through the throat with his knife, in obedience to God.

76 No matter what it looked like, he said, “I received him as one from the dead; God’s able to raise him up.” Raised back the knife and started, and the Holy Spirit caught his hand.

Said, “Abraham, Abraham.”

Said, “Here am I.”

Said, “Stay your hand.” Said, “I know that you love me and trust me now, seeing that you wouldn’t even . . . you would give your only son.”

77 And just about that time there was a ram hooked by its horns in the wilderness behind him. I want to ask you something, brother, sister. Where did that ram come from? Look. You’re back there three days’ journey from civilization in the wilderness, where there’s lions, jackals, and all kinds of wild dogs, and beasts, and things back there, that would kill that ram right now. And look, he’s way up on top of the mountain where there’s no water. And he’d picked up rocks all around there, making this altar, and the ram wasn’t there. But when God needed one, there it was. And it wasn’t a vision--he stabbed it and the blood run out of it. It died.

78 God spoke it into existence this minute, and Abraham took it out of existence the next minute, see. Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide for Himself a lamb. The . . . impossible for the ram to be there! If anybody knows about sheep in a jungle--in the wilderness like that--and there where all the wild animals and savage things back in there would kill that ram right now; it couldn’t have existed back there. And here up on top of the mountain, where there’s no water, no grass or nothing up there. . . . And he wasn’t there a few minutes before that. And just at the moment that God needed that ram, there it was. He spoke it into existence.

79 Just like He'd appeared to him down there--Elohim. He needed a body to come down to earth in, so He just gathered up the cosmic light, and the petroleums and so forth, and stepped into it. See, He's God! That's the way He'll do you. After you're no more than a spoonful of ashes in the dust, He'll still speak, and you'll be there. He'll call your name and you'll answer--the seed of Abraham. What a ... that promise fulfilled.

80 Notice, it was a ram. Now if you've got just a minute longer, I'd like to explain this. You know, the other night I left it alone. I never even explained it to my church. You remember when He confirmed that sacrifice, confirmed that covenant to him? Taken a she-goat, took a heifer (she-calf), and split them in two, and took a ram. Now remember, when the royal seed of his faith, remember, it wasn't a she; it was a he. It was a he--the promise was fulfilled. Notice, a ram--he. He, to meet the Word. He is the Word--that ram. Not a she--they were offered first, remember, Genesis 15. The she--they was the first one down. Then he took a ram. Ram was the last. He, ram, the provided Word; not the she-goats, the organization, the church, see. Not the she, the church; but he, the ram. Amen!

81 That's the reason He was born in April; not in December. The Roman church put it (the sun-god's birthday), and put it with his up there on the twenty-fifth of December, when the circuses was going on. If you took the ... studied the history of the church then you understand that they put that up there to make ... it was the sun-god's birthday (the solar), when it stopped almost still. There's no change in it for five days, from December the twentieth to the twenty-fifth.

82 They put the Son of God and the sun-god's birthday the same, compromising Christianity with paganism. Made December ... He couldn't have been born on December the twenty-fifth. Why, it's snow-bound mountains up there in Judaea. He was born like all lambs are: He was borned in springtime. And He had to be born under the ram because He was a ram. And the ram was April. Exactly. He was borned under that ram. That's what He was: He was God's ram. That was Him up there that took Isaac's place! Amen! Don't you see it?

83 There it is, shown here plainly the royal seed bride will not be called by the she--church, denominational she-goat sacrifice; no, but by Him, the manifested Word of the ram, for He is the Word and the

ram. Not called, He said, not called by her name; but called by his name. He'd take a people out of the Gentiles, not for her name, but for his name--would bear his name. Oh, my! What are you afraid of it for then? A Gentile would bear his name, the ram; not her name, the church. Not she; but He. Hallelujah!

84 The royal seed would see it. Can't you see Malachi 4 coming to pass, restored back to the original faith, the Word of God? Surely you people can see that. We won't have to make it any plainer. Let that denomination go, men. Get back to that Word. And the voice of the last day, and the sign of the last day, is to swing the people back to the original faith. Malachi 4 said so: back to the Word, and He was the Word. Not her; Him. Amen. The name of the Lord Jesus.

85 The vindicated Word, now, by the promise: the word that promised St. John 14:12, "... works that I do shall you also"; Malachi 4, the same thing He said there; also Luke 17 tells us that in the last days the manifestation of the world would be set just exactly in order like it was in the days of Sodom, and God would come down manifested in human flesh and would know the secrets of the heart. Jesus said that thing would take place in the days when the Son of man is being revealed at the end of the world.

86 See, it's not the church, "Join this, join that"; it's come to Him! That's what Abraham's ... seed got their sacrifice offered. Instead of his literal seed, what about his spiritual seed? And He bears his royal seed, the queen seed. Amen! Oh, if you could just see it. Remember, what is it? It's flesh and spirit uniting, 'coming one.

87 Look. In Matthew, 3rd chapter, here was flesh, virgin-born Son of God, coming down out of the city, walked out to John the Baptist. And there he was, standing in the water. The Bible said the Word of the Lord always comes to the prophet. Is that right? And John was a prophet. They hadn't had a prophet in hundreds of years, but here he was, a prophet, standing there. And he was prophesying that Jesus would come. He had been out in the wilderness, and said he'd seen a sign. God told him that sign would be following that messiah when He comes.

88 He said, "He's standing among you somewhere now. There's one among you whose shoes I'm not worthy to loose. He'll be made

manifest one of these days. And when he does, then I'll decrease; he'll increase." He happened to look and see that sign. Said, "Here he comes now. Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

89 The old Baptist preacher, Dr. Davis, that baptized me into the fellowship of the Baptist church discussed that with me one time. He said, "You know what happened there, Billy?"

And I said, "No, I don't, Doctor."

He said, "Here's what happened. John had never been baptized." Said, "John baptized Jesus, then Jesus turned around and baptized John."

90 I said, "I don't know about that." So I kept praying about it. One night in a vision, here's what it was, see. He never ... He never ... Jesus never baptized John. But watch. He said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and why comest thou to me?"

91 Jesus said, "Suffer that to be so." Watch them two eyes, two main men on earth. There was God; here was his prophet. And the Word come to the prophet. If the Word's in flesh, it'll go to the prophet. No matter where it's at, it will go to the prophet. It's got to. The Bible said so. No. And here come ... He was the Word. "In the beginning was the Word ... and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

92 And here come the Word to the prophet, right out in the water, to fulfill and vindicate his prophecy. Amen. Here He stands there. And there them two eyes meet one another: one the prophet, and the other one the Word. And John, humble before Him, he said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, and why comest thou to me?"

93 He said, "Suffer that to be so, for thus it is becoming to us [behooving us, see, becoming], to fulfill all righteousness." John, being a prophet and knowed that word, 'cause the Word come to him, he knowed that that was the sacrifice. And according to the law the sacrifice had to be washed before presented. It's exactly. He baptized Jesus because He was the coming sacrifice. Before He could go to his public life He had to be baptized, because the sacrifice must be washed before it is presented. Amen! He baptized Him.

And when he did, He went straightway out of the water, and he looked up and saw the Spirit of God like a dove; and a voice coming from it said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am pleased to dwell in." God and man become one.

94 Adam and Eve was one at the beginning, and when He separated them she fell, because of the Word. She missed the Word. She fell. So has each church age fallen like that on account of misinterpreting the Word, letting the interpreter that.... Satan interpreted it to Eve. "Oh, surely that couldn't be right.... Surely this, surely these all can't be.... This can't.... Oh, yes, I know. Surely...."

95 But if God said so, that makes it so, and no "surely" to it. You must be borned again! You've got to receive the Holy Ghost! Either that, or perish.

96 Notice Him, here He come, and Jesus and God became one. They united. Like in Eden where there ... Adam and Eve was, in the beginning, the same spirit. Their names was called Adam, see. He was both Adam and Eve together. And when ... was separated to go the test, what happened? Eve fell by the Word--that was the Word. Adam went out after her to redeem her, but he couldn't do it. He wasn't worthy to redeem her. Then along come the second Adam to redeem the church, which was in shadow, a type.

97 Now, as sure as Adam and Eve had to be the same spirit, Christ and the church has to be the same Spirit, the same ministry --"the things that I do shall you do also." See what I mean? They had to unite together. Flesh and blood and God had to come together and be one Spirit. And Jesus Christ and his church is one Spirit.

98 How can the church deny creation? How can the church deny the thing that Christ told them to do? How can we deny it, and then say that we are Christ's? "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ask what you will and it will be given to you. I am the vine, ye are the branches." And the life that's in the vine goes into the branch to bear the fruit--fruit bearers--and every limb that don't bring forth good fruit is hewed off.

That's the way organizations did: break it up, get the Word mixed up, and start off like that. And one starts, one this way and one that way. And first thing you know a few little bunch of Rickys come in, and they get their idea. And first thing you know they become a big bunch of Babylon. He just prunes it off. Never did an organization ever rise but what it fell. And every one fell, never did come back again. He'll take a man from somewhere else, bring it right out. Certainly.

99 Notice in this, now. They had to become one. Jesus said then, the life that's in Him will be in his church. And here's exactly what He promised in the last days: that the life that was in Christ, that was in . . . will be manifested in the days that the world's in a Sodom condition, just like it is now. Can't you see, brother, sister? What good does it do to join church if you haven't got Christ in your life, and Christ identifying Himself in your life, see? That's it. "These signs shall follow them that believe." He said that. How could you say it . . . if it's not, how can you claim to be Christ's?

You say, "Brother Branham, how do you think you're ever going to make that stick with the people in this intellectual day, when everything is a denomination?"

I asked a woman not long ago, "Are you a Christian?"--in a hospital. She said, "I give you to understand I burn a candle every night." Like that had anything to do with Christianity!

100 I went to pray for another woman, and another lady was laying there sick, her and her son. And I said . . . come in. I said, "Lady, will you . . . yeah, I know who you are. You're Mrs. Oliver."

She said, "Yes, Brother Branham." She said, "I've been very sick, Brother Branham. The doctor can't find what's wrong with me. Would you offer prayer? That's the reason I called you."

I said, "Why, certainly, Sister Oliver." I said, "Would you mind bowing your? . . ."

Said, "Wait just a minute. Pull that curtain!"

And I said, "Well, all right." I said, "I was just going to pray. Are you a Christian?"

She said, "We're Methodist."

“Well,” I said, “that wasn’t what I asked you. I asked you if you was a Christian.”

She said, “Pull that curtain!” See? That’s just how narrow.... How could a person ever be.... That’s blackness and darkness, denominational difference cutting them off from the blessings of God. That exists in all denominations. That’s right. Brother, don’t go to she; take on Him. Don’t take her name; take his. Take his name.

You say, “Brother Branham, how’re you going to make it stick today? How’re you going to do it?”

101 He made the promise that He would. Said, “Fear not, little flock. It’s your Father’s good will to give you the kingdom.” How’s He going to do it? He’s still Jehovah-jireh. He’s still Jehovah-jireh: God can provide for Himself a church. He’s able of these stones to rise children to Abraham! Certainly--He’s Jehovah-jireh.

Say, “Will it work?” It ... sure. God promised it. “You think you’ll ever make it?” I can’t, but He will. I’m not responsible for making Him do it; I’m just responsible for preaching it. It’s his business to confirm it--that’s Him. If I stand by the truth, He’ll stand by it. He’s proved it, and He will do it. You say, “It’s awful dark.” Yes, I know it’s awful dark, and all the ecclesiastics going into this great big organization to a slaughter. Say, “What you going to do about that?” Just reminds me of a little story. I might say this, just before closing.

102 Down in Carlsbad, New Mexico, here, they have the caverns there, you know, where you have to go down about a mile, down in that.... I never did like that stuff. They’re always like a mole in the ground. And it went down in there. And, oh, it gets midnight-dark down there. And there was some little girl standing, oh, probably like that little thing there. And her little brother was standing over here to one side, with the guide that was taking them down.

So they was standing down in this dark place, and there.... It was light then. They had all the lights on. And this man, just for ... the guide slipped over to the light. And this little boy was walking along with him, watching the guide. So the guide got over there, and took this switch, and he just threw the switch off. Oh, my! Talk about dark: a mile deep in the ground, you know, so dark you couldn’t wave your hand, couldn’t see nothing.

And that little girl was screaming for all that was in her. She was just jumping up and down, and screaming and screaming as hard as. . . . And out of all the screams, the little boy, standing over to one side, he said, "Oh, little sister! Oh, little sister!"

She said, "What do you want, little brother?"

Said, "Don't be scared. There's a man here that can turn on the lights."

103 There's a man here that can turn on the light: He's Jehovah-jireh. There's a man here that's among us tonight: the Holy Spirit. He can turn on the lights. He is the Word--a man here that can turn on the light. I don't know how He'll do it. It's not for me to know. But he knows how to turn the switch on. He made the promise.

He made it up there. . . . When Abraham had his knife above his son's throat, He turned on the light. He can turn on the light again tonight. Let us bow our heads just a minute.

104 God help, that He'll turn that little switch in your heart. Friends, this week you've seen the great Holy Spirit among us. There's no question to that. But, oh, let that little light be turned on tonight. Don't miss it, my brother, sister. I think that just with this one little chapter here of Abraham has proved--just linking it back and forth from Genesis to Revelation--has proved what hour we're living in. Christ rejected in our nation again. Earthquakes in divers places, Sodom and Gomorrah, the church in its condition, exactly forming the image of the beast: all these things has taken place as the Bible said. And you people know that, see.

Now, without this great experience with Christ. . . . If the life of Christ comes in you. . . . Now just take a look at yourself in God's mirror, and just see if you can identify yourself tonight.

If you'd been living in the days of Noah, the time of the flood, what side would you be identified with? If you was living in the days of Moses, what side would you have been on? If you'd have lived in the days of Christ, when all the churches was against Him. . . . He had to stand alone out there in the things He did. Only thing was, God with Him--that's the only thing. Even all of his disciples, nearly, walked away from him. But what side, just in your present state now,

where would you ... what side would you be on? What side would you be on, right now, when you see Him again, right among us?

105 Now He's here. He can turn the light on in your heart, and just fill your life with the Holy Spirit. How many here now, with your heads bowed and your hearts too, will pray with me just a moment?

Heavenly Father, we know that You just don't come along and do things just to show that You can do it. You're doing it for a purpose. And, Lord, this week I felt led to wait till this minute, to this very time, that first they would see that the Word is confirmed. It's beyond any question now. And this one character, Abraham, when all characters in the Bible are tied right into it, and we see where we're sitting right now.

Father, with a broken-up word (but it's the best I could do), I pray now that the great Holy Spirit that's here, that knows the secret of every heart, will speak to that heart right now. Do, Lord. Speak to that one that would not go if You was coming tonight. If the door would be closed tonight, if they would die on the road home, or get hit by a car and killed, or die and be found dead in the bed in the morning, they wouldn't be saved. O, God, please don't let none of them go that way.

If they've just joined church, Lord, may they not be ashamed to step out and ask God for a filling of his Spirit that his life would come into them. If they haven't been able to understand these things, neither did the disciples; but they held on until the Holy Spirit was poured out. Then they understood it, and wrote the Bible. I pray, Father, now, that You'll speak to every heart, and let them know that the man that can turn the light on is right at their heart's door.

With our heads bowed now, how many in here will be real honest, and say, "Brother Branham, I know that I'm not right with God." I want you to raise your hand. Just keep your head bowed everybody, but raise your hand. "I'm not right with God." God bless you. God bless you. Yes. "I..." Hands ... "I know I'm not right with God." See, what I'm trying to do: find favor with God for this great healing services tomorrow. If I could just get favor, I don't believe there will be a thing left but what will ... God will heal, if I can just get the people to believe.

106 Now, you without the baptism of the Holy Spirit.... And you know that is the oil. If you didn't have oil in the lamp, they did not go in. And did you ever hear of such a time in the papers where Presbyterians, Lutherans--look at the Christian Businessmen's magazine--Lutherans, Presbyterian, even Catholic, are seeking to find the baptism of the Holy Ghost by the hundreds. And I wonder if those full-gospel businessmen understand that they will not get it. The Bible said, when they come, said, "Give us some of your oil." They said ... the sleeping virgin.... They realized they had all that time to get oil, but they didn't do it. So when the bridegroom was just about to come, they said, "Give us some of your oil."

They said, "We just got enough for ourselves. You go buy it from them that sell." And while they were gone the bridegroom come, and the bride went in. And they were cast into outer darkness, to wake up and find out the rapture was gone and they were left, where there'll be weeping and wailing (a tribulation period), and gnashing of teeth.

My brother, sister, tonight, my friend, if you haven't got the Holy Spirit, but if you are convicted enough to know that you should have it, would you raise up your hand and say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham. I believe we're in the presence of God. Pray for me. I do not have the Holy Ghost." God bless you. Just look at the hands everywhere. Do you want it then?

107 Now I know--to you Methodists, and Baptists, and so forth--there's a lot of fanaticism that follows any message. Now to you Lutherans--I was just reading the history of Martin Luther, one of his books that was wrote on him here not long ago. They said it wasn't so mysterious that Martin Luther could protest the Catholic church and get by with it, but to hold his head above all the fanaticism that followed his revival. And that goes.... There's a mixed multitude with every revival. You know that. But now remember, that only indicates that there's a real one.

108 When you see a bogus dollar, somebody's making out like they got something, just remember there's one genuine that's made off of. If it isn't, that's the original, see. So, you know that that can't be the original. So there has to be an original. And that original is the real Jesus Christ, the one that's here that knows every secret in your heart right now.

109 And I'm going to ask you, if you've seen Him, and hear these testimonies of all kinds of things being healed, and how the people's hearts has been made known through this week, and you. . . . That's Him talking to you. That's Him. I wonder if you believe that me praying for you would help you? Remember, the Holy Ghost was given by laying on of hands. Peter--after Philip had went down to Samaria and baptized all the people down there in the name of Jesus Christ--yet Peter came down and laid hands upon them and the Holy Ghost came upon them, see.

110 Now if you believe in that, I wonder if you'd just come up here--each one that's not saved or haven't got the Holy Ghost--would come here and stand right here just a minute, let me pray for you. If you just come from the aisle, no matter where you are, just stand here. Just walk up here and let me pray with you just a moment. God bless you.

Now, just everybody sing now. "Almost Persuaded," if you will, Sister Downing, if you will. All right. Won't you come right along here, my brethren. God bless you, my brother. Everybody real quiet now, praying. This might be the crucial moment. Might mean the difference between death and life to many, many people. Have you all been here this week? Have you seen the Holy Spirit, what He's did this week among the people?

..... Christ to receive;
Point now some soul to.

111 Won't you come, without God, without the Holy Spirit? You can say, "I belong to a church, Brother Branham." That's what . . . not what I'm talking about. I mean, are you filled with the Spirit of God? You'll never find a more convenient day than right now, when Jesus Christ identified among us. What if you die before morning, and then you can't call? Won't you come now while He's calling? That's right, just keep coming, right on down.

..... all come today;
"Almost persuaded," Turn not.

Won't you come now? I know . . . something in my heart telling me there's somebody holding back. Don't, brother, don't do it.

...., angels are lingering near;
Prayers rise from hearts so dear;
O, wanderer, come.

Listen friends, do you believe that the Holy Spirit through this week has proved that He speaks here? Let's see your hands. There should be this many more, or more. I feel that feeling. See, He isn't ... there's something wrong yet. Better come. Remember, I can't ... I can't force you to come against your own will, but I believe this might be the time all that what you've looked forward to, it might be fixing to happen right now.

112 And this could be (I hope it's not), it could be the last time you'll ever be called. Remember, He won't always strive. He'll call; then He'll turn from you, never to come again. Why don't you come right now? Won't you come up here and just represent yourself before God? Say, "I'll come stand. I'll take the way. I'm not ashamed. I belong to church. But I want the whole world to know that I'm ready to receive Christ in my heart, the Holy Spirit. I'm coming now to do it. I'm ready to straighten up--be a real Christian, a real lady, a real man." Won't you come? We'll just wait.

113 Come right on down, that's right. Out of the balconies and aisles, come down. You're just ... make your stand. Friend, I may never see you again this side of the great time. But if I don't, remember, I'm going to be innocent now. So's Christ. He's identified Himself with you. You'll see Him do the same thing in a little bit. All right. Now come down, take your stand. "Why," you say, "Brother Branham, you're judging."

No, I'm not. I'm judging this feeling that's in me, see. There's something in here that says, "Oh, there's more. There's many more," see. Now, you say, "Well, I've joined church, Brother Branham. I'm Pentecostal."

I don't ... I'm not saying that, friend. I'm not asking that at all. I'm asking, "Have you got the life of Christ?"

114 Say, "Brother Branham, I've spoke in tongues." That's good, but that ain't still what I'm asking about. You say, "Brother Branham, I never harmed anybody." That's still not what I'm asking about. Is the life of Christ in you? Don't take no chance, friend. Don't, don't, don't, do that. It's going to be ... when death strikes you, it's too late then. Don't do it. Please don't.

Now we've got so many here right now, I'd like to get a little room for some more. I'm going to pray for these, and then ... so we can go in, get in the room there, so we can come lay hands on them to receive the Holy Ghost. And then ... we're going to pray right now for these. You bow your heads just a moment.

115 Our heavenly Father, here are those bowed here. They're men and women--they're eternity-bound people. They must go, we know that. And we see earthquakes, and the world in the position it's in now, and see the Christ come to us and do the things that He's doing. And see the message, the Word, go right out. And then see Him come right behind it and vindicate it to be true--knowing every secret of the heart. And these people now have come forward to make a stand. They couldn't have done this by themselves. They come because they were led to come. And Father, I'm offering prayer for them right here, not only for their salvation to be saved, but they might be filled with the Holy Ghost. Grant it, Lord.

116 May each one standing here be filled with the Spirit, and may from here come a revival through this country that'll just shake this community and all this country round about. Grant it, Lord. And every church--in the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, Lutheran, whatever it might be--may there come a revival, Lord, of these people going back with the real Holy Spirit, manifesting God in their lives. Grant it, Father. They're yours now, and I offer them to You. Now we're going to take them in and lay hands upon them, Lord, that they might receive the Holy Ghost. In Jesus' name.

117 Now, while we all have our heads down, I'm asking this group now to follow this man right here by your side, so I can get ... we can get to you, back over here in the room. We got a place over here for you to kneel down. We come lay hands on you that you'll receive the Holy Ghost. And if you're sick, you're ... be healed, and just whatever you have need of. Go right here now, and we can get right in with you. There's more has to come, but there ... a little ... there's no room for them to stand. We're just going to make this double call now. Go right in here to this side over here. That's right. God bless you.

118 Now, to the rest of you here now, as they move out, why don't you move right up here now again for prayer. We'll fill this place up again around here now. We're going in there to receive the baptism of

the Holy Ghost. We're going in, after we've seen the identification of the Lord Jesus here before us this week, and know beyond the shadow of a doubt that that's Him here. Now remember, the same Holy Spirit, the same Jesus that would tell me what was the matter with those people: where they were, who they were, where they come from, what's going to happen to them; and you know it never failed one time and it never will, never will--that same Holy Spirit told me to do this. That's right. I'm doing it by the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Now while this ... as soon as this group gets out in this other room here, before we go over there, we want you to come. Now, you here, come. Move up this way. Now the rest of you here that wants the baptism of the Spirit, won't you come right now? Move up this way. God bless you, young man.

119 And if some of you are sick, and not filled with the Holy Ghost, why don't you come receive Christ? Receive Him, and then you'll stand a better... This lady was just stricken down by the ... she couldn't ... so under conviction like she couldn't stand it. They're helping her to the room. Come on now, you, next of you here, now there's plenty of room standing around now.

120 Come on up, you that's church members--Methodists, Baptists. We're not asking you to... Listen, friends. I know they say, "Pentecost--they organized Pentecost." That's wrong. Pentecost is an experience. The Methodists get it, the Baptists get it, all of them get it. Pentecost is not organized; it's an experience. And if you haven't had the experience of Pentecost, come receive it now.

121 Remember, if you believe me to be his servant, his prophet, remember, there is a genuine baptism of the Holy Ghost. Right in the midst of all the fanaticism, there's still a genuine Holy Ghost--a genuine one of God. You come believe it right now. Won't you come, while we sing just one or two more verses of this song, so I can be sure that my soul is clean. When I leave this city now, the blood won't be upon...

122 I know He's speaking to others. Why don't you come? God bless you, little boy. God bless you all, standing around. That's right. Come on, from any side of the building--outside, inside, balconies, wherever--come right on down now, right down here. Take your place for Christ. Don't be ashamed of Him.

123 If you were dying. . . . What if you felt your heart skipping right now? And remember, that one that's speaking to you, He holds your heart in his hand. He knows the secret of your heart. I say it in the name of the Lord. There's many more here to come. Why don't you come? You say, "Is it me, Brother Branham?" Yes, it's you. If you're not positive, don't take no chance.

..... so dear;
O wanderer, come.
"Almost persuaded," harvest. . . .

That's right, harvest is about past. Come on. One day it'll be too late. Don't wait another hour, another minute, get right up and come on. Young man, bring your girlfriend. Bring your boyfriend. Mother, bring Dad. Come on, right now, everybody--young lady, young man, whoever you are, old man, old woman--come on. This is it. If you're. . . . Oh, remember what I just showed you by the Bible. You're going to be changed, if you'll just accept the seed of Abraham.

..... is but to fail!
Sad, sad, that bitter wail:
"Almost, but--lost."

Let us bow our heads now. Lord Jesus, O God, search every heart. Search every one, great Holy Spirit. O God, let it not be in vain to this . . . even one person. May every one, every one, Lord, be saved. Don't let a one of them stray out, Lord. I claim them in the name of the Lord Jesus for the jewels of the crown of my Lord, oh, whose presence is here now--the great pillar of fire moving around through the building, sweeping over hearts. I pray, God, that that heart will break off them shackles, and raise up and come sweetly to Jesus Christ. Say, "Lord, all I am, here I am. Take me and mold me, Lord, in thy great molding house, and fill me and make me a son or daughter of God." Grant it, Lord.

124 May this be so, while we continue to sing one more verse, will you? Then we're going to have to close now, quickly, 'cause we got to get over here to the rest of them.

"Almost persuaded,"

Come now, come right now, won't you? God bless you, honey. In the mouths of babes He receives praise.

Oh, "Almost persuaded,"
Turn not away;
Jesus.....

That's Him inviting you, speaking to your heart. "Wonder if it's me?" If there's one speck of doubt, come.

..... are lingering near,
Prayers rise from hearts so dear;
O wanderer, come.

125 Let us bow our heads now while these get ready. Now as you stand here, just look down. Remember you had to come by some pulsation of something inside of you telling you there's a little something wrong in your life. I admire your stand. Remember, Jesus said, "If you're ashamed of me before men, I'll be ashamed of you before my Father and the holy angels. But he that will confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father and the holy angels."

126 And now there's quite a few people back in here now, that's ready to join with us now in prayer, that you will be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Just tell Him you're sorry for what you've done, and you're going to be a Christian from now on by his grace, and you want the baptism of the Holy Spirit that's going to lead you down through life's journey.

127 Heavenly Father, they're jewels to your crown. They could not have come ... they could not have come 'less something warned them. And you said, "No man can come except my Father draws him, and all that the Father has given me will come." And here they come, by something telling them to come. Then you're starting a work, Lord. I pray that you'll finish it tonight in them, Lord, by making them sons and daughters of God. Grant it. May not one of them be lost. I present them to You now as trophies of your Word and your presence. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

128 Now, go right back in the room till we can to you. Go to the right here. The ushers will lead you right back. And now, I wonder if the personal workers now will come. Follow these right in, many of the personal workers from other churches. You ministers, that wants to go back in there with us now, to find out whether this is done just right or not, you come go back with us. Come kneel with your people, that they receive the Holy Spirit. Each one come right.... You

ministers, any of you. Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, no matter who you are, come on. You're invited. Come with these people.

129 And you personal workers from different churches that knows how to pray with people and lay hands upon them, come now. These are placed into your hands. They're trophies of the Word. Won't you come now at this time, you personal workers, and make your way back before we change the meeting here just for a minute? Come now. Move right in. That's fine. Go right back into the room--lots of room back there. Now go right back and do everything you can to help these dear people.

130 Dear Jesus has brought them. He has caught them into the gospel net. Now you take them back there and let's pray with them that God will fill each one of them with the Holy Spirit. Close the doors, stay right there until it happens. He promised He would do it. And He promised it, and He'll keep his promise. He's just as true to his promise as He is to appear here before us. Lord, bless them.

131 Ministers, are you here? Preachers, laymen that's interested and watching, are getting people to receive the Holy Spirit. It's your post of duty now, go with them. Stand by your people. You well-trained men, experienced with the Holy Spirit, you well-trained women that knows what it means, you get with them sisters back there where they are. You that knows what to do, stay with them back there now. Right now's the time for you. This is when your post of duty. This is your color, now, to go. God bless you. That's right. Just take your place, and go right in with them there. And stay there and be sure that it's done, and done right. Stay there until you see the sweetness of Christ in each one of them. God will honor you for it. Amen and amen!

132 Oh, I love that. Just look what's went back in there. Is there one more in here that did not go in, that should go in? If there is, will you get up and follow these personal workers right in? Do it, will you? If there's one in here that doesn't feel that you're just where you should be....

133 Now, remember, brother, sister, I cannot make this happen, see. God is the one who does these things; not me. Now I pray that God will just grant these things to you, and give you an experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. All you people now that love the Lord

Jesus, and wants to go in and pray, go back there now and pray with these people, will you? Thank you. Thank you very kindly.

134 You know, when I see personal workers going with people, I have ... I want to say this about you people here. That proves what you're made of, see. I've went to places, even in people who's supposed to be Spirit-filled people, and see altar calls made. And, why, you couldn't get people to go in with anybody to pray with them. See, that shows it's Ichabod. The spirit of the Lord has departed, see. But when you see that zeal, and fire, and longing--long for human souls....

135 You notice through the week I've just took my time, and watched discernment and things like that, that the people would catch it, and find out the Holy Spirit is near--then make that altar call. You ministers understand what I was doing, see--to make the altar call now when they was convinced. Hundreds of them are in there now to receive the Holy Ghost. Many went in with them to pray with them.

136 Now if there's anybody else here so that... I'll say this: that you have seen the presence of Christ this week vindicating Himself here. You've seen Him. And now remember that no blood will be upon me at that day, if it's tomorrow. It's going to be one of these days. Just remember, we are going to stand there. No matter who you are, you're going to stand there anyhow. "Once appointed to man to die, and after that the judgment." And we're going to stand there.

137 Now if you're not perfectly sure that you got Christ, the Holy Ghost, in your heart, and He's vindicating Himself in there with love, and peace, and joy, and the fruits of the Spirit, and the life of Christ living in you--then remember, your blood's not on my hands. Neither will He be guilty, 'cause He's appeared before you and showed Himself here, exactly with the Scriptures. How many will witness that by raising up your hand and say, "I've seen it this week.?" That's right. Then we're without fault, we're without excuse. Now is there any what's ... one more that would like to come, so that I can say, that when my time gets ready to leave here tomorrow, if the Lord willing, I can say I'm free from all the blood from that revival. I did my very best, Lord. I commit it to you. Now you just ... each one.

138 Now, how many in here that's sick and needy now, and would like to have prayer for yourself? Let's see you raise up your hands.

All right--all over the building. Now I'm going to ask you to do something for me. Now, are you believers? Now I want you to do something for me now. Lay your hands on one another. Just lay your hands right across on one another. And now, look, I want you to pray--just pray.

139 Now remember. All the people that's going to come into the line of prayer tomorrow must be here early and have a prayer card. Hold it in your hand when it comes time for the line, now. If you got a loved one, you Methodist brethren, Baptist, Presbyterian, whoever you are, if you got sick ones that you.... Come right with them. Come right on up in the line with them. Come, get you a prayer card. 'Cause then, bring the prayer card right on in the line. The ushers will pick it up. They'll be ... come by and prayed for. I believe God's going to do some great things tomorrow. I'm hoping He is. That's the reason I make altar calls, do everything I can to find favor with Him.

140 Now while we all bow our heads, and you all are praying, one for the other.... Now, the Bible said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Now you pray for the man or woman you got your hand on, for they're praying for you. See, don't pray for yourself; pray for them. Lay your hands on one another and pray. Just lay your hands ... that's right. Now pray the way you do in your church. Say, "Lord Jesus, heal this poor, dear sister, this poor, dear brother, whoever it might be. They're sick, Lord. And I'm a believer. And I'm going to follow your Word, and your Word said, 'These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover.' And I'm laying my hands upon the sick--this sick person, this sick brother, this sick sister. I pray, God, that You'll confirm your Word, and the sign will follow, and they'll be healed."

141 Lord Jesus, I pray for them, and for these handkerchiefs, that in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, that You'll heal every person that's in divine presence.

142 Satan, you've lost the battle. They've seen the presence of Christ. They've heard his Word, seen it manifested. Sinners are in there seeking salvation. You've lost the battle. Come out of these people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Leave them, that you torment them no more, and let the God of heaven raise them up to life again and good health and strength. May them who are holding prayer cards not even need to come in the prayer line tomorrow. May the

Holy Spirit just surge this group of people and heal every one of them for the glory of God. (Now, go ahead, brother.) Amen.