
TO TAKE ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD



Thank you, Brother Borders.

And let's bow our hearts, just a moment now, for a word of prayer.

2 Heavenly Father, as down through these many years, that song, I've heard it call me to the platform around the world, all kinds of languages. I thank You, Lord, that all things are possible.

3 We can think of seeing the disciples at the bottom of the mountain completely defeated, after You had given them power to heal the sick, and raise the dead, and cast out devils. And there they was, totally, completely defeated on an epileptic case, but coming down the hillside came the Master of faith. The father, running to Him, said, "Lord, have mercy upon my child, he has a devil, and oft time he falls into the fire and pines away. And," said, "I brought him to the disciples, and they couldn't cure him."

4 And we can see, as the wind gives a little puff and His hair blows, He said, "I can, if you believe, for all things are possible to them that believe."

5 And Father, it's true yet today, that all things are possible when all doubts can be put away, and faith can take its place. And may we somehow, today, by the power of Almighty God, be able to do that, put away every shadow of doubt and let all things that's . . . be possible to us.

6 We thank You for the great meeting, for the ministers, for their churches, the peoples, their cooperation, for the auditorium, everything that's been done, Lord, we thank You for it. All of our efforts, we pray, Father, that each one has put forth will be blessed and multiplied. May it return to You like bread upon water, forgiving all of our sins and healing our diseases, and helping us to live so, in this present world, that people can see Christ in us.

7 There lays here today, many handkerchiefs laying on the platform, on this pulpit, I pray, Father, that You will bless each one of them, they represent sick people, afflicted. And I pray that the Holy Spirit, that is present now, will bless these handkerchiefs for their intended purpose. You watched every one, Lord, You put it upon their heart to lay them up on here, You knowed what they had need of, and I thank You for them people having that much confidence, Lord.

8 Now, I'm offering my prayer upon the altar with theirs, and praying that, in Jesus Christ's Name, that You will heal every one of them, Lord, from the youngest to the oldest, from—from the sickest to the best. Grant it, Lord. May it be done through the power of Christ, for we ask it in His Name. Amen.

9 May be . . . can be seated. I—I'm short of words when it comes to saying how I appreciate this time of fellowship here at Santa Maria. I am very grateful to this group of ministers that has sponsored this program. And I appreciate them, in knowing that in their different organizations and things they have, to have me here, they've stuck their neck way out, leaned backwards to do things like that, because I've been accused of an organization fighter, and that is not the truth, it's far from the truth. I have nothing against any organization, not at all, but the system of organization I don't believe in. See? I—I believe in the men that's in those organizations.

10 For instance, if I seen you going down a swift river in a little boat, and I knowed that boat was going to drop out here after while, and it couldn't stand those riffles, I'd be an unjust person, I would be a—an enemy to you to let you float right through them riffles, and not warn you, get out of that boat. See? It—it isn't I got anything against you, it's the boat you're in, that's the thing, you see. I—I love you, I'm—I'm trying to help you.

11 And these men know that, and they—and they've stuck their necks, as we say, way out and leaned backwards to have me here. And I will . . . Keeping the Message just as simple as I possibly could, little dramas and so forth, and, to try to be a blessing to you all.

12 And I'm sure in leaving here, I'm taking a blessing from being with you. It's been a great thrill to my heart to see that there is still people on the earth, even after the revival is over, that's still trying to press on for the Kingdom of God. And I appreciate men of that caliber, and I . . . and you people. (I suppose all the debts was made, everything?) All expenses was made. You had to sponsor that, you had to pay for it. Wish that I could have just paid for it myself, but I—I can't do that, I can't afford it, I haven't got money like that, and I . . . The reason I can come to small meetings, as I have explained.

13 Now, there's some of our brethren, such as Brother Roberts, and many of those men, who have great business, and they have radio and television, and so forth, that they've got to make *so-many* thousands of dollars every day to sponsor that. See? They have to have it.

14 Well, the Lord always knows what He is doing. See? He knowed—He knowed not to put me in nothing like that, it'd drive me crazy. See? I—I couldn't do it, I just haven't got the mental powers to do it, and . . .

But He did let me have people who love me, and I—and I try to take what little I have got to put my part into the Kingdom.

¹⁵ Now, Brother Roberts, and Brother Allen, and all those other brothers who have the great meetings, we're all working for one Kingdom, you see. See? All of us working for one place. And each man is trying with his gifts, that God has give him, to throw souls into that Kingdom.

¹⁶ Well, with my little part, I'm trying my part to put with theirs to push up towards Father, and I don't have to have nothing but just the—the expense, the meeting, the people. I would have it in churches, used to do it until it got so pathetic, in cold countries and hot, and people standing around the churches, the little sick children to be prayed for, and wives, and be disappointed. So then we got to letting them rent auditoriums and just let the people pay for it, that's took up, that's all of it, it settles it.

¹⁷ And I'm—I'm very grateful for men of big caliber that has great meetings and so forth, I'm very thankful for those men. Here some time ago I stood by Brother Roberts. One of the most successful one in that line and in the . . . out on the field today, I guess, is Brother Oral Roberts, fine Christian brother. And I'd just been over to Brother Tommy Osborn. And both of those brothers came into the ministry by coming to one of our meetings when we first started. And then I . . .

¹⁸ And Tommy Osborn, anyone knows that precious brother, he—he's just one of the finest men there . . . he's just a darling. And I'd been over to his place and seen his big business for the Lord and seen his books, and his secretaries, and the big IBM's.

¹⁹ And I went over to Oral's then, and went through that great, millions-of-dollar building, how they imported, and the ceiling all woven with aluminum wires, and oh, I felt unclean to walk on the floors of—of the place, and the great offices, and see five or six hundred IBM machines running. And mail is not even touched with human hands, see, just come in there, and go through machinery, come through, opened up, went down through conveyers, and through this and out, and gone like *that*. [Brother Branham snapped his fingers—Ed.] Never touched by human hands.

And I thought, "My, my, what a system!"

²⁰ Then they put . . . There was some of my friends waiting outside on the front. Then the big gang gathered up there, and I couldn't go out the front way, they had to take me out the back way. And I went out, two policemen come in and taken me out, I went into the parking lot around on the other side, and I was standing there looking. No windows in the thing, just some kind of a indirect lighting, and how perfect! And see

them take a coffee break there, and just hundreds and hundreds and hundreds, and I think, “What a tribute to the faith of one man, one little Oklahoma boy, that God would grant such a thing!” I thought, “God, I thank You for that.”

²¹ I looked over there to a little ol’ brother, Tommy Osborn. I thought of him, of how that he was down there, up here at Salem that night, or, Portland it was, Oregon, when that maniac run to the platform and challenged me (Maybe people here was there when that happened.), was going to kill me right there on the platform. And I was speaking on faith. He said, “Tonight, I’ll break every bone in your body, you snake in the grass,” he spit on me.

²² And I—I knowed better than to say anything, and I just waited, and the Holy Spirit said, “Because you’ve challenged the Spirit of God, tonight you’ll fall over my feet.”

He said, “I’ll show you whose feet I’ll fall over,” and he pulled back his fist to hit me.

And I said, “Satan, come out of him, in Jesus’ Name.” And he fell across my feet till he wedged me on the floor.

²³ And Tommy and them seen that, he went home and nailed hisself up in a room, waited three or four days, then come home up to Indiana, run around the car, a little nervous fellow, said, “Brother Branham, you think God has give me a gift of healing?”

²⁴ I said, “Tommy, it shall come to pass that that talk about gifts of healing will be run so far into the muck and mire, until it’ll be terrible. There’ll be such a mixed multitude go up with this. It’ll be all kinds of sensations, and isms, and everything else arise, till it come to pass that everybody has to have some kind of a healing ministry or they won’t even be . . . feel they’re on the field. And that’s only to degrade the man that’s absolutely trying to hold his position. Remember, you’re just as important in the Kingdom of God as anybody else.” And so, and I said, “God called you to preach the Gospel, did He?”

He said, “Yes.”

²⁵ I said, “You look like a promising young man.” I said, “Then, Divine healing goes with preaching the Gospel.” That’s right. “So just pray for the sick.” And that’s what he’s done. How God blessed that boy, smart, intelligent!

I stood there and looked around, I felt about *that* big, standing there before that great big building, looking around. I thought, “My!”

²⁶ I kind of had a little funny feeling go through me, and I thought of Tommy over there, and Oral here, and I was on the field before both of them. And my, I’d hate for them to come to my office, one little

typewriter set in the end of a trailer, trying to get somebody to help me answer the letters, and so forth. I thought, “My, what . . . I’d sure feel ashamed of myself,” and like that.

27 I thought, “Well, God, I guess I just wasn’t. . . You couldn’t trust me with that much, that like that. I might, done something that wasn’t right, so maybe You couldn’t trust me. Maybe that’s what it was.”

28 And now, not degrading to the brethren, or not . . . I hope it doesn’t sound sacrilegious, but just as plain as you hear my voice, a Voice spoke to me, “But,” said, “I am your Portion.”

I said, “Thank You, Lord. I—I’m happy to have that Portion.” See?
“I am your Portion.”

29 So I thought that’s . . . was all . . . sounded . . . it made me feel good. I guess He just did that to encourage me, because I felt so like I hadn’t done nothing when I stood and looked at them, what God had done for those brothers.

30 Then I thought maybe at the end of my road, when I finally finish my last sermon and pray my last prayer, that maybe He will give me a little portion of Himself over There somewhere. And I hope to be there at that Day with all of you.

31 Amazing, a little boy, a little bitty lad, didn’t look over twelve years old, I don’t see him here, had a little usher band on his arm, come up just now, and knocked on the window. I was setting there reading a Scripture, I’d been studying on a Scripture to preach on this afternoon, and I—I was looking through to be sure that I had the Scripture at the right place. And I’d had a few wrote down here, and I—I was checking them over. And this little boy come up, said, “Could . . . Brother Branham, could I take your picture?”

32 And I said, “Yes, Sir, you sure can,” I said, “if your camera will stand it.” So I got outside. He took my picture, I said, “You better examine it, it might be broke.” And he just laughed, cute little fellow.

And he said—he said, “I don’t think it is.”

And I said, “Well, I hope it’s not.” Then he turned and looked at me. I said, “You live here?”

He said, “I do.”

I said, “You sure got the most wonderful climate of anywhere I’ve ever been.”

33 And he said, “Thank you.” He said, “Well, Brother Branham, I don’t want to detain you, I know you’re studying, if I never meet you here again, I’ll meet you at the other Side.” A little boy, with . . . a little usher.

I thought, "That's right." Yes.

Partings, leave behind us
 Footprints on the sands of time;
 Footprints, that perhaps another,
 While sailing over life's solemn main,
 A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
 In seeing, shall take heart again.

³⁴ That's right. Let us see where we can come from, and make footsteps, that if there is a tomorrow, those who come on will follow the footsteps. Let's be sure they lead straight to Calvary, 'cause that's the place. Thank you all again.

³⁵ And now, there may not be, the . . . I don't know who takes care of these armory, whether it's the—the officer of the day, or whether it's the . . . who it is, or—or whether it's a committee, or whoever it is, I want to thank them for this precious time that they have given us, and this army building here.

³⁶ And I don't know too much about the army. I—I always wanted to be a soldier. You heard my life story, how, when I used to just look at magazines and see soldiers, and I—I—I wanted to have a uniform so bad. And I—I think it's a credit to have . . . to wear the uniform of this United States, to what we represent, a great honor. The First World War, I was too little, I was only about four years old. And in the last World War, I was too ugly or something, they didn't take me, so they—they wouldn't have me.

I went over to register as a minister, and he said, "Are you married?"

And I said, "Yes, Sir, I am."

And he said, "We put ministers in the class of IV-H." And said, "When we need them we call them."

³⁷ I said, "I'll be waiting, Sir. I'd sure like to get out there and encourage the boys, do all I could." They never did call me, so I guess they—they didn't need me.

³⁸ So I remember I wanted to wear a uniform so bad, I . . . a fellow had a Boy Scout suit, and I told him, "When you wear it out, will you give it to me?" And he said he would. And finally, two or three years passed, and I kept asking about that suit, and he tried to find it, and he didn't find nothing but one legging, and I took that, and I wore that, that one legging. And I—I'd stand up to the blackboard at school to write, and I'd put that legging on the right leg, so I could stand *this* way, you know, and write sideways. Everybody thought I had on two,

you know, just had the one, so it was a uniform. But I was always kind of little, and . . .

39 You know, after all I—I did get a uniform, you might not see it on the outside, but it’s on the inside as it . . . I’m going to speak on that just in a few minutes. And I hope that I can live so it will show on the outside, is my prayer.

40 Let’s read now out of the Scripture, 6th chapter of Ephesians, 10th verse beginning:

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, . . . in the power of his might.

Putting on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of . . . darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

And above all, take the shield of faith, wherein ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of . . . faith, which is the word of God.

41 The army of the United States didn’t receive me because, I suppose, there were men more eligible. But I’m glad that I got enlisted in an army, of the Lord, and He gave me a uniform.

42 Paul here is speaking, is talking about preparing a soldier for battle. The Gospel has many leans, you can liken it unto one thing or another. And Paul speaks of it as a runner, in Hebrews the 12th chapter, “Seeing that we are compassed about with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, does easily beset us.” He’s speaking there of the Olympics, or perhaps the Roman Circus. And so now he’s speaking of armored men going into battle and how he’s got to prepare himself.

43 And I was thinking, this afternoon, being that we’re closing out here in this armory today, that I would take that for a text: *To Take On The Whole Armor of God*. Be equipped, be ready, because we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against Satan, God’s enemy,

principalities, and wickedness, and evil spirits, wickedness in high places. And we're pressing towards the mark of the high calling, and we are certainly in a battle.

44 And no nation would dare to send a man on the battlefield, untrained. He might not only get himself killed but another group, he doesn't know how to take a hold, and so he must be prepared for it. And the nations are wise to that, they get their men ready.

45 Now, the spy system of the whole world, you know, it's so that even though we be friends with other nations like England and—and our—our allies, yet we have spies in England, and England has spies here. And we have spies all over the world, and the world has spies here, whether we're friendly or not friendly, it's the system that they use. It just seems like that you, in that national affair, you cannot trust anything.

46 And you know why? Is because the whole world is controlled by Satan. Every kingdom in the world is ruled by Satan. We hate to think that, but that's the Scripture. You know, the enemy taken our Lord up into a high, exceeding mountain, exceedingly high, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and said, "They are all mine, I'm the ruler of them. I do with them whatever I want to, and I'll give them to you."

47 Watch the wisdom of the Lord Jesus staying with the Word of God. He knew He would fall heir to them in the Kingdom, in the Kingdom that is to come in the Millennium, so He said, "Get thee hence, Satan."

48 Now, you see, Satan can do with them whatever he wishes to. Now, if these nations were controlled by God, we'd have no war, there would be no more conflict, there . . . would be God's. But Satan is the ruler of every kingdom, he rules the world. But someday . . .

49 You can see it in the people. Every person is wanting one nation to control the world, want one flag, and they want to be the most powerful nation in all the world, and take everything under their own control, and make all the rest of the nations speak their language. What is it? It's only, shows that there is such a place.

50 As David said, "When the deep calleth to the deep . . ." Now, before there can be a deep to, or, calling on the inside, there has to be a deep to respond to that call. In other words, I've often made this kind of a statement in saying this, quoting this Scripture: Before there could be a flower to grow in the earth, there had to be an earth first, before there was a flower to grow in the earth.

51 And go out here to the seashore and think of the fish. Now, before there was a fin on a fish's back, there had to be a water for him to swim in to use that fin, before the fin ever come there. See?

52 And now, we all are looking for a Place where there's no death, where there's no sickness. Look at us: As little boys and little girls it was, our main object was to win some marbles, or spin tops, or play dolls. Then we had to go to school. Then when we . . . Next thing was which woman would we choose, or which man, for our life's companion. Then the family come on, they—they, the family, has to be educated, the home has to be paid for. And time that's done, we're finished too, our hair has turned gray and slipped out, and we're . . . our face is towards the setting of the sun, see, but we're longing for that *something* inside of us, that's saying there, that there is Somewhere.

53 What is it? It goes to show that that Place is somewhere. Here you are setting here this afternoon. I looked, passed by a lady, the Holy Spirit just said, "Turn around." She was setting there in a wheelchair with her hand up. What's she doing here? Here sets a beautiful, young woman setting here, crippled up; maybe a man setting here, arthritis; maybe one with heart trouble.

54 Now, these people in a wheelchair may live an ordinary life. See, you often wonder sometimes about crippled people. Anyone can see they're crippled, there's no miracle in telling them they're crippled. It's this one that looks nice and healthy, then tell them where their trouble is, that's the miracle.

55 But sometimes when a person's crippled they think that's the end of it. Oh, no, no. Just watch. I—I know what it is, but I'm watching to see what He tells me to do. See? I can only speak as He speaks. But you see, they're—they're thirsting, hungering for somewhere. Something tells them that there's a power somewhere that can liberate them. Well, just as sure as that's in your heart, thinking that, there's got to be a fountain, somewhere, of healing. See? See? See?

56 Before there can be a creation, there has to be a Creator to create the creation. See? And as long as in you is thirsting for somewhere to touch, there is a, surely a fountain open somewhere that you can touch, because it has to be, Something has created that in you. And it's . . . if there was no Bible to tell us so, still it would have to be a reality, because there's something in you that a Creator has created. And before there can be a desire, there has to be something to fulfill that desire.

57 Did you ever have something you were hungering for and you just couldn't get the taste of it? After while you got it, there it was. See?

58 Now, we're longing for somewhere there's no death, no sorrow, no heartaches, no old age, that Land is somewhere. And we'll never be able to achieve it by guns, and fighting, and so forth, of the natural carnal weapons, but there is a Land that we can go to, and it's a battle to get there.

59 When God gave Israel Palestine when he was in Egypt, but they had to fight for every inch of it, and He told Joshua, in Joshua 1, He said, "Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that I have given you." So footprints means possession. See, just keep walking, walking, pressing on. And every time you make a step into the Kingdom of God, that's yours, just on . . . And all things are possible that's given, and all things are given is possible. But it's a battle.

60 And in our achievement here in—in the nation, of trying to look around to find out what's taking place, the spies of the other nations are here, spying out on us, we have spies over there spying out on us. They're watching to see what kind of a new weapon that will come up. And then they have . . . take that back to their own country, and find something to counteract that weapon, that'll beat it, get a little better.

61 Now, first war I remember is the World War I, I was a little boy. I remember my father coming up the road driving two horses and a wagon, he . . . and he had a sack of beans setting on the wagon. And we'd go down on Saturday and buy, sack of beans, and a—and a sack of flour, and a sack of meal, and—and a few things like that to run us through the week.

62 And I said . . . I heard him say, "War was declared, Mother. You hear all those whistles?" Dad was about twenty-three or twenty-four years old then. He said, "I may have to go."

63 And I thought, "My daddy go to war? I'll take this sack of beans, and hit somebody with it if my . . ." See? And I was just a little bitty fellow. And I remember his rifle, the old Springfield rifle, how he said it would shoot through a telephone post. That rifle is absolutely obsolete.

64 The old steam engines on the tracks, that used to bring up the ammunition and—and bring up the soldiers to the battlefield, a great ol' fellow that old steam engine was, but it's obsolete, they don't have it no more. They got something far better than what they had then.

65 Then in the next war, the—the Garand rifle taken the place of the Springfield, and now they've got atomic missiles, the Garand rifle is gone. They're always renewing and getting something better to—to combat the enemy.

66 And we are an army, the Christian Church is an army of God. We are soldiers, soldiers of the cross. And it is the business of every nation to see that their soldiers has the best that there is. Nothing . . .

67 And I was preaching the other night about achievement at another meeting somewhere, and I talked about our American soldiers. When Washington was at Valley Forge, about half of them had on shoes, they were bare-footed, but they had a general that prayed all night, he swept across the Delaware the next day. That's why we got America.

It's men, gallant men who had something to fight for, we should never let them down.

68 Now, they had muskets in them days, knives, that's the best they had. Any nation . . . They had the best we could give them. And today, look at the difference in our army today than there was then.

69 But you know, when God . . . Being infinite, infinite He cannot change. There's where my faith rests, is on God's Word, because It is God. And Himself . . .

70 See, a Word is a thought expressed. And when God thinks anything is in His mind, and then when He expresses it, it's Eternal. Because no man is any better than his word, and God is Eternal, and His Word is Eternal with Him, because It is part of Him. And you are part of your own word, and God is part of His Own Word.

71 Now, I can say anything, or the nation can say anything, in a year or two they have to keep improving it. But God is perfect, and His first decision is . . . He cannot change it anymore, because it's perfect, 'cause God would not do anything unless it was perfect. So when God . . .

72 The first battle that was ever fought was not fought on the earth, it was fought in Heaven, Michael and his Angels against Lucifer. And they were kicked out of Heaven, and then that great army of the devil and all of his imps fell upon the earth. And God knowed there was going to be a battle.

73 And I believe He knowed from the very beginning everything that would ever be. If God is infinite, He knowed every flea that would be on the earth, every gnat, how many times it would bat its eye, and how much tallow they'd all make together. He is infinite.

74 So, the infinite God, going to choose for His army the best Weapon that could be given, and He chose It, and It was His Word. God gave His army the best Equipment that it could ever use, and ever could use, and would never have to be changed, and He has never changed It since. You don't improve It, It remains the same all the time. It is God's Word that He fortified His people with.

75 No matter how many things Satan ever gets, how many things any other army ever gets, or anything, it can never take the place of God's first choice, His Word. He gave them His Word, His promise, and said, "Stay with It," the best that could be known.

76 Now, the enemy knowed as long as the human race stayed with that Word, he would never be able to touch them, (Now, I'm beginning to feel religious right now.), as long as the human race stayed with the Word. God fortified His family on the earth, His army, in the Fort

of His Word, that is our Fortress. “The Name of the Lord is a mighty Tower, the righteous run into It and are safe,” they are fortified.

⁷⁷ The Lord is the Word. They are in There fortified and safe for evermore, as long as the human race stays in the Word. Long as the Church stays in the Word, It is fortified, there’s nothing going to bother It.

⁷⁸ Now, the enemy, to try to get a spy in there, to try to get in there some way, he had to get some kind of a tactic to work his way in. That’s the way spies work their way into this nation, is some kind of a tactic to get through the—the consuls and so forth, they have to have a way to work theirselves in here. Communism had to do the same thing.

⁷⁹ While we’re thinking about communism, let me give you a little word. This is going to sound strange for a preacher, but don’t you never fear anything about communism, it ain’t nothing. I want any minister, or any Scriptural reader, to ever show me in the Bible where communism will rule the world. Romanism is going to rule the world, according to the Bible. Don’t you watch that, don’t you think about communism, it’s just a puppet in the hands of God to fulfill His will. Exactly what He said, He uses that. But don’t you never worry about communism, it’s Romanism, the Bible said.

⁸⁰ There’s three curtains. As I leave you this afternoon, I leave this with you: Remember, there’s three curtains, one of them is called the iron curtain, one of them the bamboo curtain, China and so forth, eastern, and then there’s a purple curtain. Don’t fear the bamboo curtain or the iron curtain, but be careful of that purple one.

⁸¹ Better be careful, the antichrist shall be so close to deceive the very Elected . . . What is the Elected? When that light shines upon that S-o-n . . . s-u-n shines upon a seed that’s governed by botany life, it’ll come to life. And when the S-o-n of God shines upon that predestinated Seed, It will come to Life that quick, just as soon, I don’t care what state of life, It might be a prostitute, It might be a drunkard or a gambler, It will shine at that minute, as soon as It strikes him. “Deceive the elected if it was possible.”

⁸² Now, notice, Satan tried to get in there to spy out, to see what, how he could get a hold of that human race, and he took one of the most famous tactics that, well, it showed that he had to be a supernatural power to think of it, and he used this the first time and was successful, and he’s done it ever since, and still successful to a certain estate, he used reasoning against faith.

⁸³ Satan come to Eve and begin to reason against the Word of God, the great Armor that God had fortified His people with. He begin to use reasoning, “Now, it’s only reasonable that God would not destroy you.

Surely you will not die.” But remember, friends, that is Satan’s tactic to begin with, and he still uses the same thing, and still successful with it, reasoning.

84 They try to reason, “Why would we need the Holy Ghost today? Why would we need Divine healing? Why would we need *this*, and how would we need another Pentecost? We’re all civilized.” They were too.

85 But you see, if whatever it taken to begin with, and whatever God give them to begin with, that’s what it ever remains. And tactics of reasoning is what Satan used, and that’s what he ever uses, reasoning.

86 We know our enemy, because any enemy . . . Now, Brethren, I have let away from Doctrine, you see, around here, but I’ve got to say this. Any enemy that reasons against, or, any person, any church, any organization, any individual that reasons against one punctuation of God’s Word is your enemy. It takes the Word to defeat the enemy.

87 When Jesus of Nazareth was here on earth He never used His power, yet He was God manifested in flesh, He never used His power when Satan come against Him, He said, “It is written.” What did . . . ? He had to do that, because Eve broke down on that. And what Eve lost, Christ regained. Where Eve let down, Christ fortified again. “It is written, man shall not live by bread alone. It is written, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” “It is written, it is written!” What is it? He stayed with the original Artillery. But Eve let down, she begin to listening to reason.

88 And there’s people today who can almost reason you right down and prove to you that the thing is wrong. Satan was very successful with Eve. What does reasoning do? It makes it appealing. “Well, now, if I want to be religious. . . .”

89 Please don’t get me wrong now. A man comes to a place he wants to be . . . wants religion. He wants to be saved, he doesn’t want to go to hell. No human being wants to go to that place. It wasn’t made for the human being, it was made for the devil and his angels, wasn’t made for human being. Now, but the human being sends hisself in there. God throws every red light He can across it, and the people fights right on beyond it.

90 You have to, before you can become an unbeliever, you have to bypass faith in God’s Word first, before you can become an unbeliever. You have to run the red light of God.

91 Notice, these people, how that Satan made it so appealing! And sin is appealing. I know I haven’t got too long on this text, but I’d like to just take my time for a few minutes. Let’s stop on that just for a moment. We could be here in the morning on the same subject, but let’s just watch.

92 Sin in the last days, Peter tells us, that he will go about like a roaring lion, he's getting worse. Now, I want to ask you something. I'm not condemning, I'm just making a statement. Some of you older men, or let's take any of us, and go back to a picture of some woman fifty or sixty years ago that was a beauty queen in her day, Pearl White, Scott Jackson, she was supposed to be America's most beautiful woman. If you would see her picture hanging on a wall, you'd think it was an antique. What is it? It's, women have become more beautiful. Satan is dressing them in that way, fixing them in that way, seeing that becomes that way because it's become more appealing. It's a . . .

93 I—I better bypass that, 'cause I promised I wasn't going to get into them things again. See? But how it is, that was his first tool, he's bringing it right back again in the last day. Sisters, don't get mixed up in that stuff, stay away from it.

94 Did you notice, in every sex that there is, the male is always the prettiest? Which is the prettiest, to say the . . . in the bird family? Look at the—the little, someone said pheasant, that's all right. Let's look at the big cock pheasant, how pretty he is, and look at little, speckled hen. Let's take a look at the deers, the doe, a plain, little, homely-looking thing, and the buck, a great big beautiful specie.

95 Look at the bull and the cow, look at the elk, the male and female, look at anything that you want to look at, and you'll always find that the male is the prettiest, besides the human race. And the male is ugly, and the female is pretty. That's right. If you see a male that's a little, pretty thing, you just remember, there's a misplaced cell somewhere.

96 Now, that ought to make all of us ugly ones feel good. But it is, when you see a man looking and acting like a woman, there's a tiny bit of perversion there somewhere. And you see a woman trying to act and look like a man, it's perverted there again. They was both male at the first time, and God separated them, He put the masculine spirit in the man, and took the feminish spirit, and put it in the woman. And when you see a man trying to be feminish, or—or a woman trying to be masculine, there's something wrong somewhere.

97 Notice, so that they would be one, both soul and body, He took a rib from his side, and made a woman. See? A woman is not in the original creation, she's a by-product of the man. See? Today in America she's boss, god, and everything else. She'll twist down the street and send more souls to hell than all the bootleg joints you could place between here and Los Angeles. That's right.

98 But yet, a good woman is the best thing that God could give a man, because it's part of him. But of this Hollywood down here, and such hellholes as that, has corrupted the nation and the life of the nation,

and broke the backbone through the immorals of womanhood and motherhood, through the divorce courts and everything else.

I—I'll get off my text. I'll come back again sometime.

⁹⁹ It's appealing. Now, he makes it again, he makes it educational, intellectual. Did not the Holy Ghost tell us in Second Timothy, 3rd chapter, that in the last days it would become an intellectual group in the church? "Heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, and despisers of those that are good."

You say, "Them is communists."

¹⁰⁰ Oh, no, them is so-called Christians. See? "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." And the power is the Word made manifest. Said, "The Gospel come to us not through Word only, but through power and demonstrations of the Spirit." I'm speaking of the army of God now, fortified.

¹⁰¹ Makes it appealing, rich, glitter. Oh, everything is glittering with Hollywood, the swag-hole of the earth. And used to be that we went to Paris to get model conditions for our women, and now Paris comes here to take them from us. I preached, here some time ago, on *The Invasion Of The United States*, and *Overthrow Of The American Government*, you ought to heard it. I had a little flapper setting on the platform, or, a little twister, what you call it, and said, "*Here she is.*" And—and that is right.

¹⁰² Lowest of all the nations, more divorces in America than there is the rest of the world put together, almost. Corrupt, dirty, filthy, and the last civilization, and we're on the West Coast, where the east and the west will meet. That's right. Right in our own churches, right among our own people.

¹⁰³ But Satan makes it appealing. Certainly, it's appealing, sin is appealing. But the enemy keeps finding a better bait. He will strip her off a little more, and do *this*, and do *that*. And don't worry, he will never make her completely naked, she would be horrible then. See, he knows just what to do. But Satan keeps bringing sin in, and that was the original sin. That's where he's going out, with the same thing as the kingdom come in, the warfare.

¹⁰⁴ Now, watch, but God doesn't have to do anything more to His, make It any more appealing. The only thing He has to do is just raise up a standard of His Own Word against the enemy. "When the . . ." the Bible said, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it." What does He do? He makes the Word, that He has already said, more positive. Whew! Taking His same Word, and just making It more positive.

105 I haven't got my purse, but did you ever notice on the back of an American dollar? Over on one side it's got the American seal, a eagle with the arrows in his claws, American seal. But in the other corner that faces you, I believe the right-hand corner, he's got a pyramid, and he's got wrote under there, "The Great Seal."

106 Why would our nation would think of making it, an Egyptian pyramid, "The Great Seal," above even our seal of American eagle? Did you notice just above the pyramid is the headstone standing above it, like an eye shining?

107 Now, I been to Egypt, and in those pyramids, how I could take all afternoon! Now, I don't believe in doctrines of pyramids, I'm only making a parable. But as you notice that pyramid, it never did receive the stone. Enoch built, that—that pyramid, in his days. They can't figure it out.

108 Now, they got all kinds of religions on it, like they have in the zodiac. But everything in . . . God wrote three Bibles, the first one was in the heaven, the second one was in the pyramid, the third one is on the earth, and every one of them agree with one another.

109 Watch, what does the zodiac start off with? The Virgin. What does it end with? Leo the lion; the first Coming of Christ, and the second Coming of Christ. And we're now in the crossed fishes, which is the cancer age, perfect. Watch the—the tower here, the—the pyramid, the first is way wide, next it become more in the minority, then up close again, and then the Headstone come.

110 What was it? Luther in the reformation, justification, then the enemy begin to come like a flood, He raised up a standard, sanctification, a little more powerful in the Spirit. Then when the enemy begin to cover that over and they begin to organize and join *this*, *that*, and the *other*, then the Spirit of God moved into the Pentecostals, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, they organized and went off. Now, what's He doing? There's no other age to come to, but He is taking that Pentecostal church and taking the Elect out of that, and honing It so that when this Headstone comes upon It, It will have to be like the rest of it.

111 Why, it's so, them rocks laying up there with hundreds of tons, laying up there is so close together without mortar that you can't run a razor blade between them. And when the Headstone comes, Christ come to His Temple, It will have to fit perfect like the rest of It. And the ministry of the Pentecostal church will have to get so perfect till it'll fit right in with the same ministry that He had here, which will take the whole Thing in the Rapture, being the Church. That's right.

112 Now, “When the enemy comes in like a flood, He raises a standard against it.” Now watch, in Eden He gave them His Word for their Armor, just the Word spoke. Then the enemy came in like a flood, and He took the Word and made It flesh to dwell among us, a little stronger. From up There speaking, here He is walking on earth. Glory! Going to call me “holy-roller” anyhow, so you might as well get used to it now.

113 Oh, first it was a Spoken Word out yonder, now here It is, you could touch It, It was made flesh. And then when the enemy still come in like a flood, He poured the Word into the person, being the form of the Holy Ghost. There’s your *one, two, three* again, justification, sanctification, baptism of the Holy Ghost, like Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and so forth, in perfection.

114 Now, notice the Spoken Word. God above us, God with us, God in us; the Word above us, the Word with us, the Word in us. Hallelujah! “Ye are God’s,” God’s army, marching on. God’s Spoken Word above us in a Pillar of Fire, God’s manifestation of His Word in flesh, now God’s Spirit, Spoken Word, in us. Amen. Oh!

115 Now, as it was in the days of Noah, there was giants in the land, you know. And so, Satan also has his intellectual giants in the land. That’s right. Oh, my, D.D., D.D., Ph., double L. Oh, my, my, my! Intellectual giants. Oh, they know all the words, all the grammar, they know, they just know it all, intellectual giants, but *somehow another* they become spies, and that’s the spy system. Forgive me now, intellectual brother, but it’s a spy system that slips out among you to take out the sheep and say, “Why, that—that’s holy-rollers! That isn’t so.” If it’s with the Word, it *is* so.

116 Now, we know we got counterfeits everywhere. That’s right. It’s a battle, you’ve got to know your enemy, and you’ve got to know your Armor, your Armor is the Word. Your enemy is something that’ll reason against It. “Now, I tell you, dear, you don’t have to do *this*. Our church is the biggest church. We got more . . .” Huh, uh-huh. Intellectual giant, and you listen to him a few minutes, he will have you so far away from the Truth, till you won’t know where you’re at. That’s right. Oh, so deceiving, his collar turned around, you know, and walking down, and say, “Well, we are . . . We been on the road a long, long time.”

117 You know, here not long ago I see where the—the pope of Rome invited all the churches back to the beginning. I said, “Praise God, I’d like to do that.”

118 “All of you come back to Rome, where the Church begin.” I’d like for some historian, some Bible reader, or some scholar to prove to me that the Church begin in Rome. The Church begin in Jerusalem on the

Day of Pentecost, that's where the Church started. Rome had nothing to do with it. Rome was the ruin of It when it organized.

¹¹⁹ But I'll tell you organization begin in Rome. That's true. But the Church in Its birth, in Its Armor, begin on the Day of Pentecost in Jerusalem. And if the honorable pope wants to go back to that time, I'll join hands with him, and say, "Bless God, I'll put everything I can for you." I'm trying to get back to that Day.

¹²⁰ The Message of the last day, the evening Light messenger, according to Malachi 4, will be turning the hearts of the children back to the fathers, the Pentecostal, original Message. Got It so scrupled up, and so forth, out here. Take the Word of God.

¹²¹ Spies are in the land. Oh, my! They like to fuss with you. One come here not long ago to me, and he had, that, "Only the hundred and twenty went upstairs, only the twelve apostles received the Holy Ghost, Divine healing. We speak where the Word speaks, silent where It is silent," and went on like that. I just let him blow for a little while, like the Irishman's owl, all fuss and feathers and no owl anyhow. So he got through like that.

I said, "Wait, you ought to give me a chance to explain that. Did you say there was only the twelve apostles received the Holy Ghost?"

"Yeah."

¹²² I said, "Then Paul didn't have it. Only the gift of healing was only give to the twelve, you said? Then what about Stephen, that went down and preached to the Samaritans, and laid hands on them, and cast out devils in a great revival? What about Paul coming down and laid his hand, uh, Peter come down, laid his hands upon them and they all received the Holy Ghost? How about Acts 10:49 when the Gentiles received the call? The *circumcision* marvel, upon the Gentiles was also poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak in tongues and magnify God. Then said, 'Can we forbid water, seeing that these should not be baptized that has received the Holy Ghost like we did at the beginning?'" Amen. Glory! That's the truth.

¹²³ Oh, I'm so glad to have the sails set in the winds of the rushing mighty Wind, aren't you? Sails you right through the Bible, Scripture by Scripture.

¹²⁴ But to hurry up, these intellectual giants are too much for God's humble people. Now, God's people has always been uneducated and humble. Just tell me one time it was any other way. Watch the two sons, watch Cain and Seth's children. Abel was killed, which was a type of death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, Seth took his place.

125 Now, Cain's children become intellectual, religious, 'cause their father was intellectual, Cain, religious. And Cain built an altar, Abel built an altar; Cain made an offering, Abel made an offering; Cain worshipped, Abel worshipped. And if God only respects a church, its order, its worship, its offerings, and so forth, if that's all God respects, He was unjust for condemning Cain, 'cause he was just as religious as Abel was, but he didn't come the right way.

126 How about Moab? There was Israel, there was Moab, who worshipped the same God we do. What was it? It was Lot's daughter's child. And there they was, they went out and brought Bishop Balaam in, and he made seven altars, just like they was down in Israel.

127 Now, Israel was a undenominational, had no nation to go to, but it was going to one. Amen. "Here we have no continuing city, but we are seeking One to come." Watch, Balaam offered seven clean sacrifices, bullocks, just like they had down in Israel, and Balaam offered seven rams, speaking of the Coming of Christ, so did Israel.

128 Then if fundamentalism is all that God requires, both places was justified. But what was it? What was it that Balaam failed to see? He failed to see that Pillar of Fire, he failed to see that smitten rock, that brass serpent going before Israel for an atonement, he failed to hear the shout of the camp, of the King among them. He judged them by their works; God don't judge no one by their works, judge you by your faith.

129 Notice, I want to clear that up, about the little woman last night, too. It wasn't her works of washing her . . . feet. He justified her then before Simon by saying what she had done, He justified her by works, what she was doing. But when He justified her in her own sight, He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee," 'cause no man is justified by works. By her faith in Him being the Son of God, not what she was doing, but her faith in Him. And your faith always tells your works. That's right.

130 These intellectual giants are, in them days were far . . . they . . . Look what Cain's children become: scientists, doctors, workers of metal, great men in the earth. But what was Seth's children? Farmers, shepherders. See? They couldn't compare with them at all, and God likened us unto sheep.

131 If anybody ever raised a sheep, a sheep is, one thing, when he's lost, he's totally lost. He can't go nowhere without the shepherd. And that's the way God made us, we don't claim no intellectual, we just got a Shepherd, that's all, and He takes us around from pasture to pasture.

132 So today these great intellectual spies are too much for the poor, humble children of God. Now, Jude said, in the Book of Jude, last of the . . . Jude there, he said that, "They have creeped in among us," creeped in. See? That's what's causing to go out in these big tantrums

that they've done. "Creeped in among us, men foreordained to this condemnation."

¹³³ Creeped in among us, drawing us away from the Word, causing us to lose faith in the Word, wandering spots, ships without sails. The rushing Wind could blow, and they just got an old dead organization pole standing there, going, "*Wooh!* Days of miracles is past. *Wooh!* No such a thing as Divine healing."

¹³⁴ But if you've got a real spiritual sail setting up there, the Spirit picks it up and away across she goes into lands that they know nothing about. Right. Yes.

¹³⁵ Causing you to lose faith in the Word by their polished-up seminary experiences. They attacked Noah in the same way, they've attacked God's children every time the same way. Nimrod built himself a tower to get away from the plagues of God, but didn't last, Nebuchadnezzar built him a city, but it fell.

¹³⁶ Noah, building the ark, could you imagine scientists in those days that could build a pyramid that we couldn't build today, could embalm a body with fluid we know nothing about? Many things that we've never learned yet that they know. Could you imagine them scientists saying, "You old quack! Show me. We can shoot the moon with our radar and stuff, there's not a speck of water between here and there. How's it going to come?"

¹³⁷ But Noah said, "God, if He promised water, He can put water there." See? Sure. It's too much for these children today, these poor little children, the intellectuals.

¹³⁸ Oh, look at the day of . . . when Jehoshaphat come down and got off of his grounds, and he met Ahab. And Ahab, always a axe to grind, and he said, "Does not Ramoth-gilead belong to us?"

Said, "Sure, Joshua, in dividing the land, give it to us."

Said, "All right."

¹³⁹ But you know, Jehoshaphat was a good man, but just out of his place. That's what's the matter with a many a man today in some of these spiritual morgues, icicles hanging down in, the thermometer, spiritually speaking, at ninety below zero. Go in there, and say, "Amen," or "Praise God," everybody stretch their neck like some gander goose, and looking around, see what taken place. Dead, twice dead, plucked up by the root. They forget about . . .

¹⁴⁰ I was preaching one night, and a woman got to screaming and shouting, a little Baptist brother told me, next day he said, "I was enjoying your message till that woman went to screaming." Said, "You know that made chills run over my back."

141 I said, “Brother, you’re living in the quietest world you ever lived in. If you go to hell, there’ll be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth. If you go to Heaven there’ll be screaming and shouting all the time. Why,” I said, “Man, if that made chills run up your back,” I said, “what will it do when you get to Heaven? Why, you’ll freeze to death when you get There!” I said, “You’d be so out of place. For even the Angels, with wings over their face and hands are, uh, over their feet and over their feet and over their face, are singing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! Holy, holy, holy!’”

God is an object of worship, God is worship, worship. If anything I honor the Pentecostal people for, is to let loose and worship God. Yes.

142 Intellectual giants. There stood Jehoshaphat, been used to worshipping God, here was Ahab. And Jehoshaphat, of course, being a man of God, thought the first thing is consult God. That’s the best thing. He said, “We should consult God.”

143 “Oh,” Ahab said, “certainly, Your Honor, Sir, my King. Yes, Sir, Your Honor. Why, sure! I have a seminary down here plumb full of them, I’ve got four hundred of the best there is.”

Said, “Call them up.”

144 And here come up Doctor, Ph.D., L.L, all of them come up there, and did Micaiah, and all of them come up there, uh, not Micaiah. All the prophets come up there, and they said, “Prophesy and tell us: Shall we go up to Ramoth-gilead, where Joshua, God give us that land?”

And they go on down, and they consulted God, and they prayed, and they prayed, come back up and said, “Yep, go up, the Lord is with you.”

145 Hezekiah went and made himself a great big set of horns, run through the crowd, said, “By this, these big iron horns, you’re going to push Ramoth-gilead. . .push the Philistines plumb out of the country, or, the Syrians. You’re going to push them plumb out of the country by this.”

“Oh! Now, let’s reason. Now,” say, “how do you know that’s so?”

“Looky here, God gave that land to us. The food that’s grown on that land goes to Israel, God gave it to us by Joshua.”

“Amen,” all of them said. “That’s right, Sir, Your Honor.”

“And our enemy is fattening themselves on our land, it’s not right.”

“Amen. That sounds good.”

146 Doesn’t it sound good, intellectually? But you know, there’s something like that, that just don’t always strike a man of God. Jehoshaphat looked around, he said, “Is this all you got?”

147 “Why,” he said, “we got four hundred here with one accord! Why, the whole school is out here! All the seminaries are together, all of them is here.”

148 It just didn’t ring out somehow; that was that predestinated Seed, you see, here.

He said, “Haven’t you just got one more?”

149 Said, “Yes, I got one more, but I hate him. I hate him.” Said, “He’s Micaiah, the son of Imlah.” But said, “I hate him, because he’s always prophesying evil against me.” Oh, brother! God bless that man. He said, “Here is every one of our organizations, every one of them in one accord,” like the U.N. up there now.

150 You know the Bible said He would—He would bundle the tares first. They’re sure bundling up together, all to the World Council of Churches, every one of them going, that’s where it’s all headed for. That gives the Church a chance to grow then. All right. Get a little persecution where you’re not fed so well and everything, have to be pushed together. God got a way of doing things, you know.

So first thing you know, that all . . . He said, “Send and get him. Let’s hear him, see what he’d say.”

He said, “I’m warning you before he comes, that guy doesn’t do nothing but slobber out against me all the time.”

“Oh, don’t let the king say so.”

151 So they sent the deacon board over to get him, to have this meeting. So when they got . . . come got him, they said, “Look, Micaiah, do you know what? You been put out of the association, you understand. You’re not in the association anymore, we had to excommunicate you. And I tell you now, you know, and you’re a Israelite, as same as the rest of us are, you know that Ramoth-gilead belongs to us.

152 “Now, I’ll tell you what do, if you want to find favor, and get back in your right position again with the—with the brethren, I tell you what you do, you go over there and say the same thing they say.”

153 Brother, he was barking up the wrong tree then. That kind of stuff don’t go with a man of God, a prophet. He knowed what fortified him was the Word of God.

He said, “As the Lord lives, I’ll only say what He puts in my mouth.” Oh, amen. There you are. Just say . . .

154 Now, if he . . . Somebody say, “That’s what I do, too.” Everyone would try to say that, but if he puts something in there contrary to His Word, it was the devil put it in there, not God. God only puts His Word.

155 Watch where that prophet is getting, He knowed the Word of God came to the prophets. And Elijah, the prophet, had already cursed Ahab because of Naboth, and said that the dogs would lick his blood. So how could God bless what he had cursed?

156 So Micaiah said, “Wait, and I’ll see what He says.” See he’s going to have the vision first and compare it with the Word. That’s always. Compare it with the Word, that is God’s Urim and Thummim. So then, when he—he went, said, “Give me the night.” And that night, might have prayed all night, and the Lord come to him, told him what to say.

157 He went down, next morning, said, “Go on up, that’s right, but I seen Israel scattered like sheep, having no shepherd.”

158 See? What had he done? He had compared his vision with the Word, and he knowed he was perfectly right, there. No matter how many of them intellectuals, great, high, school-trained, and polished scholars, and seminary, that didn’t—didn’t faze Micaiah one bit. Why? He stayed fortified by his vision of the Word. There he was.

159 One of them smacked him in the mouth, said, “Now, we’ll never take you into the association.” Said, “Let me show you something, Micaiah. Isn’t it reasonable. . . ?”

160 I don’t care how much “reason it in,” if it’s against God’s Word, it’s against God’s Word. If a intellectual giant come, said, “We don’t need no Holy Ghost. We don’t need this Divine healing.” That, I don’t care how much reasonable it looks like, if it’s contrary to the Word, God gave the promise. Amen.

161 They say, “That was just for the apostles.” I just wonder where they get. . . Peter said on the Day of Pentecost, “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 gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that’s far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” Amen. Just for the apostles? It’s for every one that’s called. Yeah, don’t listen to that giant. See?

162 We wrestle, the Bible says here, not against flesh and blood. We don’t try to break toeholds in the wrestling ring with flesh and blood, but we try to break heart-holds of the spirit that’s got a hold of the people, got into their system, into their heart, make them do and say things that’s wrong. Sure.

163 I used to. . . You know, I’m an ex-pugilist myself. I got. . . had the undefeated Bantamweight Championship of three—of three states. I used to watch the fellows come to the ring with all kind of fancy stuff, all fancy, dangled on them. That didn’t made them fighters, sometime that was a sham. That didn’t have nothing to do with you. If you didn’t have some hidden power there to break the holds!

164 And that's the way we try to bring our churches today, with the highest steeple, the prettiest pews, the best-dressed crowds. That don't break the toeholds. No, it takes that hidden power of the Spirit of God, that Word in there to break the hold. That's right.

165 Like Peter was, he was good with his sword. When Jesus got in trouble, he pulled out his sword, he could flop any way, and cut the high priest, his servant's ear off with a sword, but when it come to real Christian courage, he didn't have it. Yes. But the spiritual courage, he denied the Word made flesh standing right among them.

166 He was good with his sword, that's right. He could duel the creed just as good as anybody could, but he, when it come to spiritual courage, he didn't have it. So he failed right there. Now, why? He only knowed one thing, his creed. But brother, after he went up to Pentecost, he put on the whole Armor of God. Now, watch him, he's a different person now, he put on the whole Armor.

167 What was it? That Word that he had walked with was in him, burning him up with Fire in his flesh and soul, he had the whole Armor of God on. That is God's provided Armor. He had the baptism, filled with the Holy Ghost. What is it? God makes Himself ever present in His Own army. God, on the Day of Pentecost, sent down the full Armor of God for His army, that was Himself among you.

168 "Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall see Me, because I will be with you, even in you, until the end of the world." Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. Matthew 28. All right. That He has. . . He is with us, in us, That is the Armor, It is Him. He is the Word, and He is the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is in us, which is the Word making the promise manifest. This is the promise, Christ is the Word, and He makes It manifest.

169 The Spirit quickens the Word, makes the. . . In other words, He is the Powder that sends the bullet out of there with it. Like it was the Powder when David met Goliath with a slingshot with a rock in it. He only had one place to hit, and that was right between *there*, rest of it was armored, but God got in that spirit.

170 What was it? He had five stones and a slingshot. Look, f-a-i-t-h *in* J-e-s-u-s. Here he comes, something is fixing to happen, 'cause there's the Word, the promise, and the power to sling It. That's what we need today, is a man that'll take God's Word with the power of the Holy Ghost behind him to press It out there and watch It come to pass. That's God's army. Amen. His Word of Fire, His army is all dressed with the ever Presence of Himself in there, going with us. "I'll go with you, be in you. Not you that speaketh, the Father that dwelleth in you, He doeth the works."

171 In His army, He presents His army in the form of five offices, first, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists. That's His army, that's His soldiers, that's His commanding officers, all with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, waiting out there to meet the enemy on any grounds he comes upon, to meet the enemy with the Word of God. Amen. Each one backing one another up, with Him, the Chief Captain, not out there in front, up *here* above, back behind, but *in* them. Amen. That's the army. Vindicating. Vindicating what? His resurrection, by the proof of His works.

172 John 14:12, Jesus said, "He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." What is it? It's God in the Church in these five predestinated offices, backing up every Word that He said with the Holy Spirit Himself in there, which is the Word made manifest, proving His resurrection, proving that He lives.

173 All other religions are dead, their forms are dead, there's only one that's right, and that's Christianity, because Christ is living in the Church of Christ, amen, making His Words manifest, for He is the same. If It is the same Word, It will do the same things, and show the same works, and the same signs, Matthew 28 says so, be with His army, in them, securing them. Think of it, the Great Word General, Triumph, *in us*.

174 I may be keeping you too long, I don't want to weary you. But look, people at home is used to setting for hours and hours when we teach. I'll try to cut off just a few minutes. I don't want you to go out, I want to pray for you 'fore you go. I think this is more essential to you than any prayer line. See? It sure is. Now, if you'll just listen. See?

175 The Great Triumph General, Who came down and was made, the Word made flesh, took that Word and defeated Satan on every ground, and said, "You destroy this temple, I will raise it up in the third day." And why? David in the Word said that "I will not suffer My Holy One to see corruption; neither will I leave His Soul in hell." And He knew that that was one promise of God, that He would be raised up, and He took that Word, and went to death with it, and knowing that that Word had to come to pass.

176 There's not one Word God has promised but what will come to pass. Said, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall not fail." Every promise is perfect. And on that one promise in the Scripture, "I will not leave My Holy One, see corruption, not suffer Him to see corruption; neither will leave His soul in hell . . ."

177 Now, Jesus knew that corruption sets in the body after seventy-two hours, the nose falls in, undertaker, if present, would know that. Now, the corruption sets in the body, and David said, by the Holy Ghost, a

man, inspired, the Word of the Lord coming to this prophet, said, "I will not suffer My Holy One to see corruption." And He knowed before one cell would corrupt, He would be up out of the grave.

¹⁷⁸ Why? He was the Word, fortified by the Word. And He rose up, He conquered death, hell, and the grave, and, Himself, come back in the form of the Holy Ghost to fortify His army for this last day, in this big onslaught, where these great intellectual giants rising up, reasoning against the Word, but "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come again, and be with you, in you."

¹⁷⁹ Again, He said, "I will pray the Father, He will send you another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost. He will abide with you forever." What is it? The Word, God's Artillery in the human being, manifesting the resurrection, think of it, that great Conqueror, Who conquered every sickness, conquered every superstition, conquered every giant, conquered everything there was to be conquered on earth, died, conquered hell, conquered death, conquered the grave, conquered the atmospheres, ascended up on High, come back in the form of the Holy Ghost. And we are more than a conqueror through Him that love us. Amen.

¹⁸⁰ What an army! Like a mighty army, marches the Christian soldier. Amen. Great Triumph, He is in us. Not me, He has already conquered it, I don't have, do a thing but just believe Him and walk on. Yes, sir. For He is risen, His Spirit is in us, the great Victor, the resurrection Presence is in us.

¹⁸¹ We've raised from the things of the world, from unbelief and creeds to a living Christ, see, with every power of the enemy defeated. Even death itself is defeated, hell is defeated, grave is defeated, every sickness defeated. Amen. Not, me a conqueror, He conquered. Not what I am, what He is. Amen. Where is He at? In me. I passed from death unto Life.

Someone said, "Billy, you act silly."

¹⁸² Well, maybe I am, but I feel better this way, just let me alone. That's right. In *here* I got Life, out *there* I was dead. I'm a lot better off living today. Amen. Oh, I love it! Don't go before us, He goes in us.

¹⁸³ A great fire broke loose down in Jeffersonville, here not long ago. The Pfau Army, or, the company begin to burn down, and they sent and got the fire department. And the Jeffersonville Fire Department standing around like a boy with a little hose, the chief walking around there with a cigar like a dehorned Texas steer, walking around there saying, "Spurt a little water up *here*." *Puff, puff, whew! Puff, puff, whew!* "Spurt a little water up *here*, boys. Come on, come on!" Everybody see he was chief. "Spurt a little water up *here*."

184 “Well,” they said, “we got to get another fire department. He, they ain’t sufficient.” Sent down to Clarksville, here they come, *bang, bang, bang*. Got up there, and that chief walked out, shook hands with the other chief, doing honor one to another.

185 And how can you have faith, when you have honor to one another? *Brrrrr*, my! Some great man, bishop, great big guy, presbyter: Nothing! We are brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, there’s nothing big among us, is What is in us that’s big, God, the Holy Ghost, in every one of us who believes. No great holy bishops and holy fathers, it’s the Holy Ghost that’s in the people. Yes.

186 So along come this Clarksville Fire Department, “Good evening, Bishop, ha, ha.” Yes, like that. The building burnt right on down.

187 After while they called Louisville. Brother, they had something then. I can just stand there now and see that ol’ hook and ladder coming across there. And them going along there, saying, “Break out *that* window. Spurt a little water in *there*.”

188 When that Louisville, big trained army of fighters come up there, they swirled that truck around there in the street, brother. They cleaned off half the sidewalk when they turned. Who was at the end of the ladder? They had a power lift that throwed it up. Who was on the end of the ladder? The fire chief himself. Amen. When they . . . He had the hose in his hand and a axe in the other hand, said, “Let her go.” And they pulled that lever.

189 Who went first? The fire chief. When it hit up against the wall, he took that axe before the ladder got against the wall, and slammed it through the window, said, “Come on, boys!” Not, “Go on, boys.” “Come on, boys!” Hallelujah! That’s what Christ done. The Word come, lived as a human, conquered death, hell, grave, never said, “Go on.” He said, “Come on, I am with you.” Hmm! The fire was out pretty soon.

190 That’s what it is, the great Conqueror. We don’t need no great intellectual giant denominations, “I belong to the biggest church in the city.” Nonsense. I belong to the littlest One, but it’s the One.

191 I been in the Branham family for fifty-three years, never did ask me to join the family. I was borned a Branham. That’s right. That’s the way you’re a child of God, you’re borned a child of God by the new birth. A chief leading through every battle; our great Chief leading the way back Home.

192 When nations . . . Listen now, in closing. When nations, here not long ago, begin to provide a helmet for the protection of their army, now, they knew they was going to have to use it, they knew there’d be shrapnel flying, so they knew they had to use it. Oh, it may not have

seemed so necessary in training, but brother, once on the battlefield, you have to have it.

¹⁹³ When they're training soldiers, if there's any here, I think it's a ninety-pound pack they put on a little rookie's back. Start him out here, and like to nearly sweat himself to death. In training he don't think it's necessary, but just wait till the time comes, he will need everything is in that pack, he will be glad he had it. Yes, sir. He—he's got to have it, and he will be glad that they trained him to use it.

¹⁹⁴ And so now, God, knowing that this last days there will come intellectual giants, there will come everything intellectual, all kinds of the enemy with reasoning powers to try to prove to the Church that the days of miracles is past and all this, God packed in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, with what? Speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecies, gifts, and all kinds of things. They may seem hard in training, but, brother, on the battlefield, every one of them has got to be used. God equips His soldiers exactly what it takes to use. Amen.

¹⁹⁵ Oh, they might say, "Just learn psychology." That won't work. No, sir. That's as thin as broth made out of the shadow of a chicken that starved to death. So that's no good. We have to have power of the Holy Ghost coming upon a man, with all the nine spiritual gifts dwelling in him.

¹⁹⁶ "Oh," you say, "I just don't like to get down there. I don't like to pray all night. I don't like to . . ." Well, then you're going to get killed out on the battlefield. You stay there till God equips you with the baptism of the Spirit, then everything you got need of in this world or the World to come, lives right in you. The all-wise God knew how to equipped His army. He equipped it with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that's exactly what He sent for these last days.

¹⁹⁷ He knew that we'd have to have it, He knew that people would reason, would go to reading this Word when it become in print out here, what would happen. And today we find the people saying, "Well now, where is that God of history? Where is that God that crossed the Red Sea? Where is that God that healed the sick?" They try to say, "It's back."

¹⁹⁸ What good does it do to give your canary birds vitamins, and make him have good strong wings, and keep him in a cage? What they try to do with the people, feed them all kinds of vitamins of *this*, *that*, and the *other*, and the first thing you know, tell them all the days of miracles is past, you're penned up in some little thing down *here*. It's a lie! Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God knewed it would take the baptism of the Holy Ghost to prove His latter-day signs, that's right, He knew, to be an effective witness.

199 Like our gracious friend, I don't call his name, because it's not proper, this is going on tape, but a precious friend, a good brother, the kind that, going down in Sodom I told you about the other night, when he was in India, you know who I'm talking about, that Indian bishop challenged him that there was no such a Thing as Christ, it was a man-made religion, he said, "I'll get thirty people on *this* side, of sick, and you take thirty on *that* side. I'll heal one every time you heal one. And your Bible teaches that it'll heal."

And this *certain* great evangelist said, "Days of miracles is past, He wouldn't do such a thing as that."

200 I think, like Elijah said that time, "Why didn't you send? If you didn't have the faith to do it, there's plenty of them here that does have it." Oh, brother, I might have been defeated, but I'd never let that infidel stand there, or, that unbeliever, and—and make fun out of the Word of God, if I'd have had to go down in defeat, I'd have went down trusting the Word of God.

201 Like the Hebrew children said, "Our God is able to deliver us from this fire, but, however, we'll never bow to these creeds." That's right.

202 You need the Holy Ghost to press out there. Why didn't he say that when we was in India? Why didn't he say that when that blind man come right up before the King Nehru there, and come up before them people, and testified of being total blind in a Methodist seminary, and was healed, and made perfectly well on the platform. They know what to challenge and what not to, certainly do. They think they got a chance.

203 Satan knows that reasoning and where reasoning lays. Yes, sir. To be a effectual witness of His resurrection, He knowed it would take the Holy Ghost, 'cause man cannot do those things. He equipped His army with the Holy Ghost to do those things, to make known the secrets of the heart, as He promised. You can't do that with any kind of training, you got to do that by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Armor of God, and this is the evening Light.

204 To make Hebrews 13:8 reality, it would take more than a training. You can read words, and read words, and read words, and it'll never make it come to pass until you have the Holy Ghost there to manifest that. That's the Light.

205 Putting on the whole armor of God, not just a dress only, dress up and say, "Glory to God, I got the Holy Ghost." Then you're spurting all the power out the whistle, you're doing no good. Put It in action, put It in faith, make It move, make It do something. Putting on the whole Armor of God to go out and withstand the wiles of the devil!

206 When he said, “Jesus Christ is a fake religion, it’s been dead for a long time. There’s no such a thing as *this*, there’s no such as *that*, and days of miracles is past,” stand there with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and prove that it’s the truth. Glory! Hmm!

207 Think I act funny? Maybe I am. I’ve lost my mind to the world, and found it in Christ, “Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.”

208 Takes the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the whole Armor of God, not just to shake hands with a preacher, put your name on the book, or take some kosher and swallow it, and a priest drink a . . . the wine, that isn’t it. But, brother, it’s stay there until there comes a rushing mighty Wind that fills all your being, takes all your doubts out, takes all your creeds out, takes everything else out, and puts the Word in there with the power of God behind It to back It up. Glory! I feel real good. Amen. God said so. It is the Holy Ghost, not a . . .

209 I got plenty more here, but I ain’t going to say it. Brother, the whole Armor of God is the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Word behind it. And if anybody says they got the Holy Ghost and deny one Word of *This*, then it’s not the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost wrote this Bible, and He said, “Whosoever shall take anything out of It, or put anything in It, the same will be taken, his part out of the Book of Life.” The Holy Ghost recognizes the Word only, because that’s His Word, and He cannot go back on His Word, He has to keep His Word. Amen.

210 Somebody said, “We got the Holy Ghost, and we don’t believe in miracles.” Then it proves you haven’t got It. Amen. Anybody that’d call the power of God, of discernment, and prophets, and so forth, in the last days, a—a mental telepathy or something, is borned of the devil. It can’t be of God, it’s contrary, it don’t recognize the Urim and Thummim. Anything that recognizes on *This* and flashes back, “The truth,” is God. Amen.

211 Oh, I love Him. He is here. That ol’ Word, there’s nothing brings faith like the Word. The whole Armor of God, soldiers trained!

212 Jesus said in Here, “The works that I do shall you do also.” That truth? How did He make Hissself known, the Messiah? By being able to discern the very thoughts that was in their mind. How did He speak it in the New Testament? “The very same works that I do you shall do also.” Hebrews, the 4th chapter, He picked it up again, said, “The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even the marrow of the bone, and the joints,” and so forth, “and a Discerner of the thoughts that’s in the heart.” Hallelujah!

213 Jesus said, “As it was in the days of—of Lot, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man,” when God made Hissself known in a Man, turned His back, like *this*, to an audience, and had His back turned to

a woman, and told what she was thinking about on the inside. That's the Word of God, it's the truth of God.

214 People, you might think, 'cause we're setting here a little four or five hundred people, setting in the building this afternoon, it's too little. Remember God never gathers in big multitudes, "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, I will be in their midst." That don't mean, you say, "Well, we've gathered in Jesus' Name." That means that you are actually in Christ. The world is dead to you, and you're dead to the world, and Christ is alive in you.

215 He is here without a shadow of doubt. I see Him moving on the audience now. Amen. He is stopping me. You just believe.

216 What about you, Lady? I don't know you setting there. You got nervousness, complications, bowel trouble. You believe God healed you? Raise up your hand if you'll accept it. Go on your way.

217 Lady setting right behind her there. Yeah. Ulcer. If you can believe, God will make you whole. Don't doubt it, believe it with all your heart and God will take the ulcer away. You believe it? It's on your right leg. Believe with all your heart. If that's right, raise up your hand. All right.

218 I don't know the woman, never seen her in my life. If we're strangers, wave your hand like *that*. See? What is it? It's Christ, the whole Armor of God. Listen, the Word is a Sword, and there's only one thing that can fight the enemy, that's the hand of faith to hold that Sword.

219 Here not long ago a man said he dreamed that the devil kept going, "Boo! Boo!" And he'd jump back, and the devil would get bigger and he'd get little. He knowed he had to fight him sooner or later, so he grabbed the Word, and every time the devil would say, "Boo!" he said, "Boo!" right back, and the devil got little. That's what it is. It takes the hand of faith to hold the Word of God. Hallelujah!

What about you? Got a relative, got a stroke. That's right, isn't it? Yeah. You believe she'd get well? Just have faith.

You say, "You was looking at him." All right.

220 There's a man and woman setting behind me. The man's got a blood condition, arthritis. His wife's setting next to him, she's got thyroid trouble. Mrs. and Mr. Rader, believe with all your heart, and God will make you well, if you want to believe it. Do you, Sir?

221 I don't know them. If we're strangers, one another, raise up your hand. See? There you are. What is it? The whole Armor of God. Hallelujah!

I love Him, I love Him
 Because He first loved me
 And purchased my salvation . . .

222 That stunted you, Sir. You didn't know you had that much faith. But I was standing here watching that Light moving around, I thought, "If I turn my back they'll see the same Angel that lived back there, and come down and manifested Himself, and told what the people were thinking in the tent, could sure know who you was, and what about you."

223 I challenge anybody in here to believe the same thing. Hallelujah! The power of God, the whole Armor of God, the entire Word of God wrapped up in you; the great Conqueror.

224 Oh, "He is the Mighty Conqueror since He rent the veil in two." That is, not only one person, but every one, whosoever will, can come behind the Veil now, taste and stand in the Shekinah Glory. Amen. Be a royal priesthood.

225 When they went behind there, they could taste where they had a pot full of, original omer, full of—of manna that fell at the beginning, was kept in there only for the priesthood, we know that. But now the veil is rent, not only the priesthood, but every one of us can be royal priests.

226 Come in and take a taste of the original Manna, the kind that fell on the Day of Pentecost, the Manna for the Church, the Holy Ghost, the Armor, what we're fortified, not with intellectual education, doctor's degree, but we are fortified with the baptism of the Holy Ghost to prove the Word of God is the truth. Glory! Hallelujah! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do you believe it?

227 Let's sing to Him, "I love Him, I love Him because He first loved me." Everybody now.

I love Him . . .

Do you do it? Raise your hand.

. . . I love Him
 Because He first loved me
 And purchased my salvation
 On Calvary's . . .

Aren't you glad? Aren't you glad? Give us *Onward, Christian Soldiers*, Brother, in a march, 4/4 if you will. All right. Oh, my! Oh!

Marching as to war,
 Oh, with the cross of . . .

Let's stand up now.

. . . Jesus
Going on before;
Christ, the royal Master,
Oh, leads against the foe; (What have we got? The
Armor.)
Forward into battle,
See His banners go!
Onward Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

²²⁸ You're not ashamed of Him, are you? Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Let's just take our hands and say, "Hallelujah!" real loud, now. Come on. "Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" Praise our God. Praise our God.

. . . army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Oh, where the saints have trod;
Oh, we are not divided,
Oh, all one body we;
Oh, one in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Everybody now, sing it.

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
Oh, with the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

²²⁹ Would you like to join? The only way you can join is be borned. Now, the great thing is open here, the altar of God, there's room at the fountain. Any man in here would like to join these ranks this afternoon, that will lay aside every creed that's contrary to the Bible, every thought that's contrary to the Bible, every doctrine that's contrary to the Bible, and with faith walk up here and say, "I accept Jesus Christ upon the basis of His shed Blood and His Word," I tell you something will happen to you right here, and you'll be fortified with the power of the Holy Ghost.

²³⁰ No man has a right to claim himself a preacher until he's found them sacred sands. Moses was just as intellectual as he could be, he had the power of the, uh, the knowledge of the Word, he knowed his position, he knowed he was a prophet, everything, but until he met God

on that sacred sands back there. . . No intellectual could ever explain it from him, he was there when it happened.

²³¹ No man has a right to claim God until you've come onto that sacred ground, where no intellectual giant can ever touch, you was there when it happened, it don't make, difference what they can explain, you know it happened. Oh, glory!

²³² Do you want to join us while we sing this one more time? Come around the altar, we'd be glad to pray for you 'fore we start the prayer line. All right, Brother, again, *Onward, Christian Soldiers*. Come now, join us. Last call. If you want to come, come now.

Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching . . .

If you haven't been fortified by the Spirit and the Word!

. . . Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal Master, (Great Conqueror!)
Leads against the (Unbelief!) foe (Reasonings!);
Forward into battle,
See His banners go!
Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
Oh, with the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

²³³ How many in here is already in that army, already been filled with the Holy Ghost, believing every Word of God, know that It is the truth?

²³⁴ Our Heavenly Father, I don't know when I can ever be back to this coast again to see these people, I hope right at soon again. But, Heavenly Father, I thank You for this great testimony, night after night, miracle after miracle of the unknown and unseen God, works amongst the people, with unknown things that they know nothing of, to see Him manifest Himself, and make known His Being here, proving that He is not dead but has risen from the grave.

²³⁵ I pray, Heavenly Father, that You will give this people all the power of force of the Holy Spirit, that they might be able to be witnesses up and down this coast, in the last days. For truly, Lord, any man that's got his right mental conditions knows that we're at the end time, every Bible reader knows it, the world knows it. Scientists says that we're three minutes before midnight, the striking hour is here.

²³⁶ And You promised, that in this day, what would take place. We read in the Book of the Revelation, at this Laodicean Church Age, that the intellectual giants got in and pushed Christ plumb out of His church,

and He was standing knocking on the door of His Own house trying to get back in. O God, not another, or other age was it ever that way, but it's in this age, this intellectual age.

²³⁷ But You have got Your soldiers harnessed, Lord, the buckler, the shield, the helmet, the Word, and we stand this afternoon as a group in the minority, but, O God, hone us, make us, shave us down, take the disbelief and things of the world away from us, until when the Christ comes He will fit right into His Church perfectly, into Their program, for it'll be the program of the Holy Spirit, led, and moved, and acts of the Holy Spirit when Christ comes. Grant it, Father, in Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

²³⁸ You may be seated just a moment. I'm going to ask everybody now, that's got prayer cards. . . . When a, usually, evangelist comes into the city, they find out, they say, "Well, just the preacher, wait till Brother Branham, Brother Roberts, somebody." It don't take that, takes these men too. I'm going to ask them to help me pray for the sick this afternoon, going to see something happen too. All right.

²³⁹ All right. How many has got prayer cards? Raise up your hand. All right, I want you to line up right down this way, right down this aisle here, and come right around this way, everyone with prayer cards. (Do it after—after we start. No, I'll take them right now with their cards first.) Now, line up right here. I want my brethren to come here with me. (Just, all of you all is going to pray for them.)

²⁴⁰ The Bible said, Jesus said, and Heavens and earth will pass away, but His Word cannot fail. Now, listen close, friends, if you don't believe this, you're just walking in that line of none effect. I want to ask you, out of the many, many things that the Holy Spirit has called over the church this week, has He been wrong in any of them? Has anybody ever seen It wrong in other meetings? Has It always been true? If it has, raise up your hands. Always true. See? All right. Then that same Holy Spirit is right here.

²⁴¹ That little woman setting here a while ago, down here somewhere, had enough faith for her and her husband. I don't remember, seemed like a dream to me somehow. All right. If you've got faith for some of your loved ones, pray for them while they're in this line.

²⁴² Now, we're going to pray for these first, we promised that. And now, as you come through this line, here's men here with the same authority as anybody else has got to pray for the sick.

²⁴³ Now listen, I want all of you, quote this Scripture with me. Jesus said this in the last commission He gave to His Church, after He appeared to the eleven and upbraided them because of the hardness of their heart and their unbelief, because they believed not them which

had seen Him after His resurrection, He said unto them, "Go ye into all the world . . ." Now, remember, He is being taken up now. "Go ye into all the world, preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." That's as far as many read it, "And . . ." *And* is a conjunction that ties a sentence together. "And these signs shall follow them that believe . . ."

²⁴⁴ You've been taught, "They shake hands, put their name on a book." Jesus said different, He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; if they take up a serpent or drink deadly thing it wouldn't harm them; and if they lay their hands on the sick they shall recover."

²⁴⁵ That's the last commission Jesus gave, and here's the question He asked: "Will I find faith when I return?" Now, He never said, "Will I find righteousness? Will I find a church? Will I find people?" He said, "Will I find faith?" That's the question.

²⁴⁶ Now, to you that's coming in this prayer line, these elders and people standing here, Christians, that's filled with the Holy Spirit, is going, with, along with myself, is going to lay hands on every person that passes through here, and you know that you're going to be healed. Go right off of here and say, "It's all right, I'm going to be well." That settles it.

²⁴⁷ Now, when this line is over, then we're going to call section after section, till everybody gets prayed for that wants be prayed for, I promised it.

²⁴⁸ How many out there will be praying for this prayer line? Raise your hands. All right. Brother, on the organ, give us that song *Only Believe* now, and let's pray now, everybody. And brother, sister, stands right where you are, don't let a person come by without laying hands on them.

²⁴⁹ Get someone here, now, who can help the people on the platform, someone can help them off. Come here, Brother Fred, if you will. Brother Fred Sothmann there, one of my trustees, come here and— and help the people off of the platform as they come on, stand right along *here*. And somebody come down there to help down there. Or have they got . . .? They got, yeah, they got a usher down there. Fine. All right, let's bow our heads now.

²⁵⁰ Our Heavenly Father, we are here to help You. And we realize, as we minister to Your children, You said, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least of these that believe in Me, you have did it to Me." Now, here's mothers, fathers, sweethearts, children, standing in this line here, little babies, and we pray, Heavenly Father, that as we, in our humble way, with all that we know how to do for the people, is preach the

Word, explain It to them, then we see You come down and discern the thoughts of the people, proving that You are here, that makes You the great Pillar of Fire, the great Christ of God, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

²⁵¹ Then these anointed people, with Your Spirit, stands here to lay hands on the sick. God, pray that there'll not be one unbeliever among them, and everyone may go from here happy, rejoicing, and watching the disease and affliction of their body leave. Grant it, Father. We commit them to You, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

²⁵² Now, I want some song leader, who can lead songs. Come here, Roy. I want everybody with your heads bowed now, in prayer, and singing in your heart, "Only believe, all things are possible," while Brother Borders leads the song. Everybody start praying now as we pray. Now every- . . .

Only believe . . .

Everybody singing now.

. . . only believe,

[Brother Branham prays for the people. Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

²⁵³ . . . -body prayed for now? Isn't He wonderful? I noticed coming through the lines . . . Now, just remember, there's people here could testify that has been in other meetings, and just passed through a line, be prayed for, and we could pile this thing here full of letters of testimony, signed statements by doctors, cancer, strokes, polio, everything healed. You see, you must just anchor it and take a hold of it. Don't leave it, just stay right there. Now, you remember, you begin to notice after while . . .

²⁵⁴ Just recently we had a meeting, and there was a lady come through the line, and she was a . . . It told her about what was her trouble. She had a stomach trouble, a peptic ulcer in her stomach, and It told her, "THUS SAITH THE LORD, you're healed." And said It, told her to go home and eat.

²⁵⁵ And then another lady come through, and she had a growth on the side of her neck *here*, oh, I guess a inch long, or something, and told her the same thing, she was going to be well. And so they was neighbors.

²⁵⁶ And the lady with the peptic ulcer went on, she tried to eat and she just couldn't eat. And she would try to take some food, and she'd just vomit it up. And finally, it went on for about two or three weeks, and she just, she looked like it was just going to lose. And then we'd, in another part of the country about three weeks or four weeks later.

²⁵⁷ And one morning her children was going to school, and she got up. And every time she'd take anything she'd just, just burn and hurt, and

she'd just vomit up. And finally, her husband said, "Honey, I—I believe you're bringing a reproach upon the cause of Christ."

258 Now, you can't do that when you're confessing. *Confess* means "say the same thing." Confession, when you go to a attorney, or to—to make a confession, you say the same thing. And you're saying, "By His stripes I am healed." That's what He said, and you're confessing that He has done it. And she kept on.

259 So one morning she was standing there washing the dishes, crying. And she, all at once she felt a little funny feeling, she said, come over her, and her stomach begin to feel cool. Well, she never noticed it, she just went ahead washing dishes, she got real hungry. The woman may be setting here now, for all I know. And she said the children had left some oats in their plate, you know, rolled oats, you know, cooked, and usually them just burnt her up, with a peptic ulcer. So she took a spoonful or two, and it didn't bother her.

260 And then, after while she eat a piece of toast, it didn't bother her. So then, she just fried her up a couple of eggs, and got a cup of coffee, and just had a regular gastronomical jubilee. She just eat right on, didn't bother her. And she waited about two or three hours, nothing, no harm.

261 She run down to her neighbor to tell her neighbor, and her neighbor was screaming. She thought something had happened. And here she was shaking the sheets in the bed, she had just got up. The growth was gone, they couldn't find it. She was shaking the sheets, trying to find it. And they both come to the meeting to give testimony before about five thousand people. What happened? The Angel of the Lord. See?

262 Now, remember, Daniel prayed, and it was twenty-one days before the Angel could get to him. How many knows that? And when the Angel of the Lord pronounced that blessing, what if she had have give up? Satan would've come right in. But she held right on.

263 And He passed through the neighborhood that morning. He knows where you live, all about you. If He knows you here, He knows where you're at. When He gives you the blessing, He will confirm it, if you'll just stay with it. He passed through the neighborhood, and healed them two women, going on somewhere else. He is God. Isn't He wonderful? So wonderful.

264 Now, I think that . . . let's . . . I think it'd be nice if we would . . . if I could ask you a question. I prayed for you, soon I'll be in the mission fields over there in Africa and India, where witch doctors and devils and everything. Will you pray for me? Will you be praying for me? Thank you. *Until We Meet.*

Till we meet! till we meet!
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet! till we meet!
God be with you till we meet again.

²⁶⁵ Will you pray for me, now? Would you do that? Now, let's all just close our eyes, raise up our hands, and sing it. Organist, give us a note, I started a little low, give us a note on *Till We Meet*.

²⁶⁶ And now, *Until We Meet*. And if we meet no more until across the river, remember, I've told you the truth. I'll be There with the same testimony. I trust that if I never see you again this side, the Land, I'll see you over There. But hoping I'll get to see you again here. Until we meet, God be with you. All right, all together now.

Till we meet! till we meet!



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