
CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH



Thank you, Brother Arganbright. Good evening, friends. That was quite an introduction, wasn't it, "the President of the United States"? We're happy to be here tonight, in this auditorium here in Georgetown, Indiana.

² As I was coming down the road a few moments ago, it kind of brought something to my memory. One of my first healing services I ever had, was in Georgetown, Indiana. And how many remembers the Wolfe Grove's meeting out here, when I was out to Wolfe Grove? There is somebody's hand up back there, two or three of them; when we was out to Wolfe's Grove. I believe they had a little lady, lived up there in New Albany, had been thirty-five years a cripple; walked for her first time. Or, was a midget, I believe it was, and never had walked.

³ Well, I still got the same Message tonight, "Jesus died to save and heal," and I haven't changed it any. Since then, there's been a lot of things that's happened. I seen over a million souls brought to Jesus Christ, and signs and wonders around the world. Kings and monarchs and potentates been prayed for, and healed by the grace of our God. And we're very happy, tonight, to know that God is still God, and He doesn't change.

⁴ I'm happy, tonight, to see my friend, Dr. Cauble, there. I don't know whether anyone has introduced him or not, from the Church of the Open Door, in Louisville. Have you been introduced, Brother Cauble? Would you stand up just a moment. I—I don't want to embarrass him. But, Dr. Cauble, from the Church of the Open Door. Pretty near everybody knows him, I guess, around here, because he has a radio ministry, and a very outstanding ministry.

⁵ And then I guess, we've had some mighty fine services in Louisville, Kentucky, with Dr. Cauble. It's always a pleasure to get to have him in the meetings. Then, these other ministers here, also, I suppose some of them is from the local churches. And, brethren, I may not know you, but I'm happy you're here, and to anticipate in this little time of fellowship together. It's kind of a quick notice. I didn't know until day before yesterday, I believe it was, that I was coming down.

⁶ And our Brother Arganbright, your . . . one of your boys here from the local, from the neighborhood, why, you know how he works, on a spare of a moment. Just as the Spirit seems to lead him, why, he starts moving.

7 Recently, I was . . . Oh, some six or eight months ago, I was sitting home, one day. And I just a fixing to go to Denver, Colorado, in a convention. And this little fellow moved into the house, and he said, “Brother Branham, I have a great revelation from the Lord.”

I said, “Yes, sir.”

8 He said, “The Lord is putting Zurich, Switzerland, on my heart, to go over.” Said, “You want to go with me?”

9 I said, “Well, I’ve got one night over at Denver. And then I go to another meeting,” I said, “not too important. Why?” The more I thought of it, why, it seemed to me, that if I knowed if Brother Arganbright had a revelation for something, it was good, and it come from God.

10 And we went to Switzerland, and the Lord gave us fifty thousand souls. Went, from there, up to Karlsruhe, Germany, and He give us fifty thousand more, about. Made a hundred thousand souls in that little campaign. How He blessed us! And—and now we’re planning, this summer, or early this autumn, to go back into Africa, and Switzerland, India, many tours around the country.

11 I go now to Minneapolis, Minnesota, up there at some arena for the next service. Then, down, Sioux Falls. Over into old Mexico, down to old Mexico City, an arena there. We’re coming back, going to the East Coast. And then, from there, to Anchorage, Alaska. Then we’ll have some American meetings. We got some . . . a new tent coming, seating several thousand people, and some vans, and so forth, for a few American meetings before going back overseas.

12 We certainly solicit the prayers of you people around here. This is home folks, you know, being back home again, and we’re certainly appreciate your prayers.

13 And as we come into these little inter-evangelical services, we don’t come to represent any church, any denomination, any special groups of people. We only come because we love Jesus, and know that you love Him, too. And we come into these places for a time of fellowship, to fellowship around His Word, and around His promised blessing. And I’m . . . That’s the only motive that we have, is for these meetings.

14 And we’re glad tonight, to have Brother Tommy Nickelson with us, here, that I’m sure he’s been introduced by Brother Arganbright, which is the—the editor for the *Christian Men’s Voice*, internationally. A group of men that I’m proud to belong to them. It’s—it’s Christian Business Men who has formed their organization, and it’s become an international affair. They sponsor me in most of my meetings around the world. And he’s the editor of the *Christian Men’s Voice*.

15 And so we've been out, today, getting some testimonies of old cases, to see whether Divine healing lasts or not. We went down to Mrs. Carter. I hope they're here tonight, Georgie and Mrs. Carter. And Georgie is one of the cases that was healed, I believe, around fourteen, fifteen years ago.

16 And one of your local men here, Mr. Hall, which was one of the converts of the Milltown Baptist church, where I used to pastor. And he was healed here a few years ago, of cancer; given up in Louisville, by the doctors, and around the country. And is well, here, tonight, healthy and hearty. I see him sitting present.

17 And we went over to the place where the Angel of the Lord came down and told me what to do.

18 And now, Christian friends, on this point, we come to this thing. We do not claim that we can do any healing, as our ministers ministry doesn't feature Divine healing, but we believe in Divine healing because it's the Gospel. And no man can heal anyone. Healing doesn't lay in the power of man. Healing lays in the Power of God. And God doesn't give man power to heal.

19 God only gave Christ the—the commission to come to the earth, to die in our stead, for our sins and our sickness. The Scripture said, “He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we were,” *were* is a past tense, “we were healed.” And we believe that upon our confession of faith, that Jesus, our High Priest, has died and rose again, to take away sin from the world; and is setting at the right hand of God, the Father, there making intercession upon our confession. And when He died for our sins, He could not die for sins without dying for sickness.

20 Sickness is an attribute of sin. Now, maybe you haven't sinned, is what causes you to be sick. But it was because of sin, in the first place, that brought sickness to the world. Before we ever had any sin, we had no sickness. But when sickness came in, sin is an attribute.

21 And, now, you cannot deal with sin, in any way, without dealing with sickness or every attribute that sin produced. Sin, when we deal with sin, we deal with death. When we deal . . . And sickness is the—the first stage of death, when sickness takes your body.

22 In a night like this, for one little gathering, two-days notice for you people to come out and gather in the building, tonight. It would be hard to try to go into detail, which we would in campaigns where we're lasting for weeks and weeks, to explain, “What is sickness? Where does it come from?” There isn't nothing but what there's a reason for, and there's a cause. And you can't find a cure until you find a cause.

23 I was saying, here not long ago. If I went to a doctor . . . I'm certainly not against doctors. Surgeons, operations, hospitals, they're

all God's plans. But if I went to a doctor and told him I was having a persistent headache, and he would give me an aspirin, and say, "Now, run along, Billy, this will be all right." Now, that man is brushing me off. See? He, the . . . A real doctor would diagnose my case and see what was wrong with me. And then he would get to the bottom, where it's at, and then start working from there.

²⁴ Well, now, that's the way we have to work in—in Divine healing, or in salvation for the soul. If a man comes and says that he's disturbed greatly about his—his salvation, the first thing to do, you ministers do, you go right down the line till you find, back here, where he side-stepped or what happened. From there you bring it up. That's the same thing it is in Divine healing.

²⁵ Which, Divine healing is not some power that God has given to a man. Healing lays alone in the atonement.

²⁶ I want to ask you something, 'cause I know there's ministers here from the different churches. And how would you preach salvation for the soul? The only thing. . . You could not say. . . We say, "Well, I was converted, Brother Branham. I was saved ten years ago. I was saved twenty years ago." No, that's a mistake. You accepted it, maybe, ten or twenty years ago. But, you were saved nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus died at Calvary. He settled the sin question, forever, there. There is where He paid the supreme price, made the great sacrifice, that, through His death at Calvary, then we have right to salvation. The price is paid.

²⁷ So, it isn't what you do. It's what He done. And your personal faith, and to accept that, brings your salvation. And now, that, "He was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed." See?

²⁸ I've often made this statement, that you couldn't—that you could not by any means. . . If a serpent, or some animal had his paw in my side, and was cutting into my side and killing me, there is no need of me trying to cut his paw off. Just hit him in the head. Kill his head; it kills the whole body.

²⁹ Well, that's the way it is with Divine healing. When Jesus dealt with sickness or sin, at Calvary, He had to deal with the head of it, which was sin. And, doing so, He dealt with sickness with it. He didn't have to just cut off the paw. He just killed the head; that taken care of the rest of it. So, Jesus come, to bring to the human race, everything that—that Adam's race was. . . or, Adam's sin destroyed in the garden of Eden. And now we have the attributes, or the earnest of our Eternal salvation, as we accept Christ as our Saviour, or Christ as our healer. We have those, earnest money of our entire redemption, when He comes.

³⁰ We are tempted. All of us are tempted. All of us sin. There is none without sin. Every day we sin. Paul said he had to “die daily.” “And if we say we sin, and have no sin, then,” the Bible says, “we make God to lie.” And we could not do that. So, we sin daily. And it’s grace, God’s grace, that saves us.

³¹ “And as we confess our wrongs, God is just to forgive them.” And your—your confession, as long as it holds good, your salvation is perfect. Same is it with Divine healing. It’s your personal faith in a resurrected Lord Jesus.

³² So, tonight, I thought I would just . . . In having this little time of fellowship with you, and in this place here where all churches can, this little group of people, can just gather together here in the little city of—of Georgetown. And, we, first we want to be thankful to the Brother Arganbright and those who made this possible. We want to thank the school board for letting us have this gym room, tonight, for this service. And I want to thank every minister that’s here, and every member of any church, whether it is Protestant, Catholic, whether it is Orthodox, Jew, whatever it may be. We are grateful for you to be here, and want you to know that we put no strings or no attachments on any one’s religion. Whatever you believe, as long as you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and He is your Saviour, you’re my brother and sister. And, so, that’s the way we believe it.

³³ And now we have His blessed Word here before us. Now, there’s any man that’s able to—to pull that back with his finger, could open it *this* way, but there is no man can open the Book, to understanding, except Christ Himself. The Bible was written by inspiration. Therefore, shall we just bow our heads a moment, to speak to the Author, before we open His Book.

³⁴ Our kind, Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Thy beloved Son, the Lord Jesus, Who died freely for our sins and trespasses. He died that He might save us from a life of sin, and would take us Home to Heaven, some glorious day at His Coming. He died, also, that by His stripes that we might be healed of our sickness. “And He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquity. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him. And with His stripes we were healed,” saith the prophet.

³⁵ Now, we pray Thee, Heavenly Father, to be merciful to us, and that we just have this one night of gathering here in this city. We pray that You will bless those who has made this possible for the gathering, and also those who have gathered with us, to fellowship around the Word. And we pray, Father, that You’ll bless everyone that’s in Divine Presence, also. And may it be a night to long be remembered. May it be

a night like the apostolic gathering of days ago, when people gathered together, little groups.

³⁶ One night while the Saint Paul was preaching way into the night, a young man, we're taught, fell from the upper story, and his life was taken from him. And Paul laid his body over the boy, and God gave him back his life.

³⁷ We're thankful to have the same Gospel, tonight, to preach to the people, that God still lives and reigns. He heals the sick. He forgives all of our sins. And, Father, we pray, tonight, that You'll bless us as a people.

³⁸ And, now, Thou has said in Thy humble Word, this, "If you ask the Father anything in My Name, I'll do it." And we believe that what we ask, we receive, because it's according to His Word.

³⁹ And when we leave here, tonight, in different groups, in going to our different homes, will You visit us in such a way, that we'll have a testimony in our heart; and our conversation, as we leave here, will be like those who came from Emmaus on the first resurrection, when they had met the resurrected Lord Jesus for the first time. They said, "Did not our hearts burn within us, when He talked to us by the way?" May You talk to every heart tonight, for we ask it in the Name of Thy beloved Son, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

⁴⁰ Opening to the Gospel of Saint Jude, in the Bible, which is only one book, one chapter. And in the 3rd verse of this chapter, I wish to read for just a little text, to get a context from it, for what I'd like to speak on for the next few moments. Then we will pray for the sick.

Beloved, . . . I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith . . . once delivered unto the saints.

⁴¹ And may the Lord add His blessings to His Word. This was wrote some thirty-three years after the Day of Pentecost, after the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the early saints. Jude calls hisself a servant, and brother, to Jesus Christ, and he wrote this Book to the Church, and told them that they should earnestly contend. The only place, in the sacred Writings, that's ever told us to "contend." Because, we're not supposed to have contentions among us. "But to earnestly contend for a purpose, a Faith that was once delivered unto the saints." And, that, we're not to contend, and we're not trying to contend, but we're wanting to face this.

⁴² If I should ask, tonight, "How many Methodists was in the crowd? How many Baptists was in the crowd? How many Nazarenes? Pilgrim Holiness? Catholic?" there would be hands go up. And even this little

group of people here, tonight, there would be many hands go up. And each one of us, in our different denominations, would want to say our church was contending for that Faith that was once delivered to the saints. I'd want to say it about the Baptist church, and someone else would want to say it about the Methodist church, someone else about the Catholic church, and some other one about . . . It would be that way in the little groups of people. Now, I want to believe that we're all contending for that Faith. I believe that every one is contending for, the best of their knowledge, to the Faith.

43 But, in this, seeing so many different denominations, there has got to be something right and something wrong. Now, that's the way I try to be, my brother, sister, that there is . . . You never seen a man drunk and sober at the same time. You never seen a black white bird. There is no such a thing. And there is no right and wrong mixed together. It's either right or it's wrong.

44 And that's the way that I believe God. If I didn't believe that He was the same God that lived in the days of Moses, if He wasn't the same God to fulfill every promise that He made, then I couldn't have faith to accept Him. Now, there's only . . . That's only sensible and reasonable, to think that . . .

45 What good would it do us tonight . . . ? You're not here just to be seen. You wouldn't come out in this rain and gather in a little place like this, just to be seen. You're here for one purpose, that's to find something good. And I pray that God will give each one of you something real good that you will never forget. And each one of you Christians, may He raise your joy to Him, to cause you to serve Him better than you've ever served Him in all your life.

46 Now, what good would it do to serve a God that served Moses . . . a God that Moses served, and if He wasn't the same God today? What good would it do to serve a historical God, if He is no . . . if He is powerless, and gone, and dead today? I want to ask you that question. You wouldn't want to do it, neither would I. If I can't serve a God that's a living and right here present, to help me when I have need, then what's the use of serving God?

47 If He was a God, but He isn't a God now; or if He was a God of power, He's lost His power now, there is something weakening about that God. Isn't that right? Now we want to reason together. There is something wrong if it isn't. If He was, and He isn't now, then there is something wrong with God. If the . . . If God was a—a great, mighty warrior in battle, and He was a great healer of diseases, and He was great in all of His attributes, in the days gone by, and then He has lost all of His power, and He isn't the same today?

48 Yet, His Word says He is the same today, promised He would do the very same things through all ages, until He come again. It's undisputable, in the Bible. Hebrews, thirt-. . . 8:13, or 13:8, rather, says that, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever." That's, the same in principle, the same in power, the same in resurrection, the same in omnipotence, the same in omnipresence, the same in—in—in all. He's—He's just the same as He was. And everything that He once was, He is today. The Scripture says that's true. All things of Him is the same. Now, so if we . . .

49 Each want to believe that, but yet they limit Him to a creed. Well, they say, "I belong to the Baptist church." I say Baptist, because that's the church I was ordained in. Say, "I. . ." Well, the Baptists say, "Well, our creed is right." The Methodists wants their creed right. But if we limit God . . . That creed, I have nothing against it. That's all right. But if we limit God to that creed, then we limit God, and we try to say that you can walk *this* far.

50 Maybe we don't have the faith to walk where Enoch did, when he took a little walk with God, one afternoon, and went Home with Him, without death. And—and of also of Joshua, who marched around the walls of Jericho, thirteen times, and—and shouted real loud and the walls fell down. We may not have the faith to shout down walls, we may not have faith to walk Home with God, but let's not stand in somebody's way who does have that faith. If—if it doesn't agree with our creed, and they have faith, let's move right on and believe, say, "The Lord bless you, my brother." And go right on, regardless of what church he belongs to. That makes no difference, as long as he's a Christian and believer. And, do you know, Christian friend, that's what the world is wanting to see, today!

51 I landed in Bombay, India, where I had the largest crowd, of five hundred thousand people. The largest crowd I ever preached to, at one time, in my life, was in Bombay. When I'm went up there, here come the bishop of the Methodist church, and many of the great churches. There come the archbishop, the Hindu, Hinduist church there, and many other of the great outstanding churches. They met me out there where thousands of people come to the airport. And when they come, and they put me up to the Taj Mahal Hotel, and they met in a room similar to this, with all the celebrity of the city, and the rajahs and everything.

52 And the bishop of the Methodist church, he said, "Brother Branham, we don't accept you as a missionary," he said, "because we don't want to hear of the word 'missionary.'" Said, "Because, you people in the West, with your Western education, does not understand the Scripture in the light of an oriental book." And that's true.

53 With all of our theology, if you ever go to Jerusalem, or to the Eastern country, where this Bible was written, It's a brand new Book to you. Our Western ideas are far from the Eastern ways. You'll not, can't understand the parables, and so forth, the teaching, until you go there and see those same customs lived out today.

54 And many people have sent . . . I have nothing against seminaries, and students, and monasteries, and so forth. But, all of that, they'll never know God. It's only knowing catechism, and so forth, like that.

55 To know God, is to know the Person, Christ, Himself. "And to know Him is Life." Not to know your text book, or to know your creed, or to know your catechism; isn't Life. It's to know Christ, the Person, is Life Eternal. And that's what we wish to know.

56 Now, this bishop said to me, he said, "Rev. Branham, of theology," said, "we had the Bible, a thousand seven hundred years before you was a nation." That's right.

57 Saint Thomas went down. And I stood in the church and preached where Saint Thomas, the original church, that he established in India, when he went down from Jerusalem, to India, and established a church.

58 And he said, "We've had the Bible ever since then, and we've had Christianity since then, but," said, "it's at low ebb in India." And he said, "We have heard of Dr. Reidhead, the man that came to you."

59 Which was the—the president of the great Sudan Missions, the greatest in the world, who came to me. And he said, "Brother Branham," said, "I've got enough degrees till I could plaster a wall with them; Doctor of Theology, a Doc- . . . a— a Bachelor's degree, and all kinds of degrees." Said, "I've studied since I was about eight years old. But," he said, "Brother Branham, where is Christ in all of it?" He said, "Has the teachers been wrong?"

60 I said, "The teachers hasn't been wrong, sir. But, what it is, that you'll never know Christ by theology. You'll never know Christ by education. You've got to know Christ by a personal experience, to be born again of His Spirit, that comes down and changes your life and makes you a new creature in Christ Jesus. That's what does the difference." That's what makes the difference of you.

61 Now, that's the reason we have so many different denominations and theories. They're all all right.

62 But, the real thing, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, said (in Saint John, the Gospel of Saint John, the 4th chapter; or the 3rd chapter, pardon me), to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, of water and Spirit,

he will in no wise enter into the Kingdom,” no matter what church you go to. That’s Jesus Christ’s Own Words.

⁶³ Now, to be *born*, means to be “delivered from.” Now, unless you are delivered by the Holy Spirit, in your life, to a new Life in Christ, then our creeds and things are no good. But they’re good, they’re all right, they’re moral teachings, and so forth, which help us. But, the real, personal Christ Jesus!

⁶⁴ And that’s what has made the meetings what it has been today, and swept around the world, is because, by the grace of God, to introduce, to the large or small crowd, a resurrected Lord Jesus right now, present tense, in His same power that He ever was in. We don’t have to guess at it.

⁶⁵ He said, “Brother Branham, we have the Word. We have the Bible,” the bishop said, in India. “But,” said, “what we are interested in, is not your theology.” Said, “What we’re interested in: has God visit you Yankees with a Spirit or a gift that can make this Bible live again?” Said, “We know the Bible.” And said . . .

⁶⁶ I said, “Well, you just admitted we didn’t know It. But, I don’t know it too well, but I know the Author real well.” And I said, “That’s the main thing.”

⁶⁷ He said, “That’s what we want to know. Have you faith enough, in God, to make these Divine promises that He has made,” said, “have you faith enough to make them reality?”

I said, “By the grace of God, God will.”

⁶⁸ And that afternoon, I was entertained by seventeen different religions that denied Christianity. Some of them worship gnats, and some of them horses, and some cattle, and some Buddha, and Mohammedans, and so forth. And they all had their theologies. Very good, everything was works, something that you have to do. “Do *this*. Do *that*.” All in works; no grace to it, at all.

⁶⁹ Am I too loud for you? There is just a rebounding. I—I hope not.

⁷⁰ But, notice, that night in the prayer line, when the Lord Jesus came on the scene: There set the rajahs on their pillows, and so forth. And it was over two hours, getting into the line up, to where we could get to the speaker’s stand. And when the Lord Jesus came up and told a man, that was totally blind for twenty years; seeing the vision over him, and knowed he was going to be healed, I challenged every one of them, to come heal the man. Course, they set still. But our Lord Jesus gave the man his sight. Thousands times thousands and thousands came to Christ at one time. There it is.

71 It isn't whether our creeds work. They'll work all right in moral life. But to reproduce the Lord Jesus and His promise, is to know Him, not your creed.

72 Now, quickly to our text, and I'll try to be just as quick as I possibly can; and get the line started, 'cause it's midweek, and you people work. Now, and listen close. The text says, tonight:

Beloved, . . . I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, . . .

73 This is Saint Jude, now, writing to the Church, thirty-three years after Pentecost.

. . . and exhorting you that you should earnestly contend for the faith (not a faith; the faith) that was once delivered unto the saints.

74 Now, each one of us, in our churches, they are fine. And—and I want you be with your church and support your church, and help it for the glory of God.

75 But now let's go back and find out. Now, there has got to be something, if we . . . He said, "Earnestly contend for the Faith that was once delivered to the saint," then there is surely some way of knowing what "the Faith" was. Now let's go back in the Bible. I think that would be logical, and proof enough to all of us, if we go back and see what the saints . . . what—what kind of Faith they had. And if we was "exhorted to earnestly contend for this Faith," we find out what kind of Faith they had, then we ought to contend for that Faith. In other words, say, "This is right." Now we'll find out what it was.

76 Before they were ever called saints, in the Bible, they were . . . In the New Testament, John the Baptist come between the law and Christ, which was a gap, or the keystone that locked the two dispensations together.

77 Now, we'd have to begin with Christ, if we're going to talk about Christian Faith, because He is the—the beginning of Christian Faith.

78 John came, John the Baptist, preached in the wilderness of Judaea, and he never done one miracle, never done any sign. But he just condemned the churches, and condemned the priests and the rabbis, and so forth. And told them there was coming One.

79 And at the baptismal service, when he was baptizing, he saw Jesus coming with a Light following Him. And he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, that take away the sin of the world."

80 And Jesus was baptized. The Holy Spirit came from out of Heaven. And the Voice from It, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I

am pleased to dwell.” The original translation says, “In Whom I am pleased to dwell in.”

81 Which, “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself.” He was God in flesh.

82 Now, now let’s notice what kind of a life that He did. And I want to ask you something, you people, as we’re talking. What He was then, He should be. If that’s the Faith that He introduced to the world, that ought to be the Faith that we should contend for tonight. Is that right? That’s right. It should be. All right.

83 Now, we notice, as soon as He started off in His ministry. We’ll watch what kind of a ministry He had. We’ll start from the 1st chapter of Saint Luke, quoting it by memory. You might read it when you wish to. Saint Luke, the 1st chapter, it teaches that Jesus begin to go about, doing good for the people. He would pray for the sick, and they would be healed. Now, that’s one of the things that He did, pray for the sick. And one day . . .

84 Now, listen close now, ’cause it’ll . . . If you do not listen close, to catch every word, it’ll be a stumbling block to you, in the next twenty or thirty minutes, when the prayer line starts. See? Now listen close.

85 The first thing we find Jesus doing, after He had chose two or three of His apostles . . .

86 And one of them’s name was—was Philip. And Philip was a good man, Saint Philip. And when he seen and knew that that was the Messiah, because he saw Him praying for people and them getting well, he went over around, about thirty miles, around behind the mountains there of Judaea, and he found his friend whose name was Nathanael. And Nathanael was under a tree, praying. And he said, “Come, see who I have found: Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

87 And he said, “Could any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Nathanael said.

He said, “Come, see.”

88 Now, I think that’s the best answer that any person could give at any time; is, before criticizing anything, come and see it, first. Look at it, yourself. Live in the light of the Bible, and see if it’s right.

89 No matter what it seems like, or what others say, the religion of Jesus Christ has never been popular. And It never will be popular, because the world knows its own. See? And you’re not of the world, when you become a Christian. You are a different person, from the world. We know that. Jesus said, “I pray, Father, that they not be of the world.” So, you’re not of the world. The world . . .

⁹⁰ The Bible said, “If you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God is not even in you.” That’s, the Scripture says that.

⁹¹ So, “You can’t love two masters,” Jesus said. “You can’t love God and mammon.” The word *mammon*, translated, means “the world.” And He said, “You’d either serve one, and hate the other,” or vice versa. Jesus said that in Saint Matthew, the 5th chapter. Can’t serve the God and the world, at the same time. You’ve got to be one or the other.

⁹² And God have mercy! That’s what’s the matter with our people today, that’s called Christian in this—this nation. They’re trying to live like the world, and profess to be Christians. And that’s the reason the unbeliever, outside, has such a hard time to make up his mind, is because he sees people that call themselves Christians, live no different than the rest of the world. That’s pretty flat, but that’s truth. We got to face truth.

⁹³ There’s probably men and women sitting here, I’ll never see again till I see you at the Judgment. And I—I’ve got to be truthful and honest, because I’ve got to face the Judgment and meet my words again at the Judgment, so I have to be truthful about it.

⁹⁴ Now, we notice that—that Philip, as soon as he found Nathanael, he said, “Come, see Who I have found.”

⁹⁵ And Nathanael, being a righteous man, a good man, he said, “Could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Nazareth was a mean, wicked city, very bad; outlaws, gangsters, and so forth, raised up. And—and had outlaw bands, in those days, that come out of Nazareth, very vile city. He said, “Could anything good come out of Nazareth?”

He said, “Come and see.”

⁹⁶ Now we might ask today, “Could anything good come out of the Methodist church? Could anything good come out of the Baptist church, Presbyterian, or whatever church it may be?” The first thing to do is come and see. Find out.

⁹⁷ Now examine it, not by your ritual, not by the catechism, not by one . . . Examine it by the Word of God.

⁹⁸ For, the Bible said, that, “He that will take away, or add to, anything that’s in this Book, God will take his name out of the Book of Life.” The Revelation, 21st chapter, says that He will do that; or, 22nd chapter, rather, of the last book of the Bible. He said, “If anybody . . .” God Himself, speaking to the writer, said, “If anyone shall add one word to this Book, or take one word out of It, God will take his name from the Book of Life. And he’ll be destroyed.” So we must stay exactly with what the Scriptures has got to say.

99 Now, when he found Nathanael, and he—he said, “Come, see,” so he followed him.

100 Now let’s watch what kind of a man Jesus was. Now, if we wanted to find Jesus tonight, if we went . . . If somebody told us Jesus Christ was in Georgetown, Indiana, what . . . and He was in human flesh like we are, tonight, what type of a person would we want to find? Now, this may be shocking.

101 But, we come to find a man that would be dressed a little different from any other men? We wouldn’t be looking for Jesus, or we wouldn’t find Him, ’cause He dressed just like other men. There was no difference in His dress.

102 Would we come to find men that was—that was great forceful speakers? Great forceful speakers? No. The Bible said, “His Voice shall not even be heard in the street.”

103 Would we come to find a man that was a—a great boaster of his great church and so? No, sir. The Bible spoke very different of Him. Said, “He was a Man of sorrow, and—and acquainted with grief.” He wasn’t a great carry-on, or a go-on. He was a humble Man. And He was. And He left . . .

104 Would we find Him among the rich people? He never dwelt with the rich people. Where did they find Him? You would find Him among the poor. He went down along the river and found fishermen.

105 Think of the great Orthodox church, with all their great priests and high priests, and their great glamour and glory, in that day. And not one time did any apostle or any man of God ever visit it, or accept it. When God sent His Son, He sent Him away from it. And He sternly told them that they were in hypocrisy, and told them how bad they were, and everything. And they said, that, “He has a devil, because He don’t even believe in our church.” See? And they were the church of the day. So, you see, you can’t go by church. You got to go by God. That’s where you have . . . and by Christ.

106 Now, when Nathanael came up in the road, now we’ll see what he found. He found a Man standing there, doing something contrary to what the church was teaching. The church taught that the days of miracles was passed. But here was Jesus standing there, performing. . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

107 Raise up your hand, anywhere in the building. I don’t care where you’re at. Just raise up your hand, say, “God, by this, I want You to heal me, God.” That’s right. It’s just about general, everywhere. I’ll tell you what you do.

108 I told you that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is here in the form of the Spirit of God. Is that right? How many Christians believe that? Let's see your hand. That's fine. Then, if He is here, and He is the same Lord Jesus, then He's got . . . He is duty bound to do the same thing. Is that right?

109 Now, He said He couldn't heal. The Father showed Him, and He did what the Father said. Is that right?

110 Now, standing in the line, I do know this first lady standing here. And I don't know now whether I know anyone else or not. I've seen that lady, about second or third from the back there. I seen her. I don't know what her name is, but I've seen her. I guess that's about the only ones that—that—that I know of. And, that's about the only ones that—that I know. All right.

Now let's just bow our heads a moment for prayer.

111 Now, Heavenly Father, this is the moment. I have spoke, the best of my knowledge, of You. Now, dear Lord Jesus, I pray that You'll help me, Thou knowest that I know nothing about these people. Sometimes I know their . . . who they are. I don't know their troubles. Thou knowest. You can say anything you wish, and I humble myself and submit myself to Thee, that the great Holy Spirit will come tonight and take this poor, unworthy man, for the glory of God, and anoint. And don't let me speak, my own lips, but let the Holy Spirit speak and do the works that Jesus Christ the Son of God said that He would do through His people, through every age. I pray this blessing in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

112 Now, I'm going to ask you one thing. If you'll stand reverently, and be humble, and don't doubt, and believe with all your heart, then the Lord God of Heaven will no doubt heal your body and make you well.

Now, it's your faith. It's not . . . See? Now this is it.

113 Now here stands a lady, I—I believe I know who the woman is. I'm not sure, but I believe that I know who she is. And I—I—I . . .

114 Is that right, don't I know you, lady? Uh-huh. All right, sir. I believe I know who you are. That's it. All right. Now, if you'd come here just a minute. Now, as knowing your name, not knowing you . . . Is your name Seduf, or something like that? [The sister says, "No, my sister's name is."—Ed.] Oh, yeah, that's your sister. ["You knew me when I was a Wilson."] You were, I—I believe, didn't I know you when I used to work for the Public Service Company, or something? ["Yes."] That's right. I seen your face somewhere. I—I knowed it. I thought your name was Seduf, but, Seduf is your sister. Is that right? ["Yes."] And your name was Wilson.

115 Well, I'm glad to see you again, sister. Now the Lord bless you.

116 Now, I, as your brother in Christ, you know that I don't know what you're here for, do I? [The sister says, "No."—Ed.] I—I—I don't know. No, ma'am. It's a—it's a mystery to me, that I do not know. Now, if the Lord Jesus will let me know what you are here for, and what you want of Him, if He will make Himself so positive that—that He'll declare what you want, then will you accept it as coming from Him? ["Yes."] You will. All right.

117 Now the audience is catching her voice, and you see the recorders going. That's the way. Now you watch. Now, if He speaks anything to tell this woman, what she is here for, would not it be the same Spirit that spoke to the woman at the well, that knowed where her trouble was? Would that be right? See? Now, that, then, her faith in what is being done, will determine her healing.

118 Now to you in the audience, that doesn't have prayer cards, believes with all your heart that Jesus Christ is here to heal you, if you'll believe with all your heart, you won't have to be in this prayer line. You certainly won't. The only thing you'll have to do is have faith in God.

119 Now I would ask you, being that there is epilepsy present . . . And anybody that's been in the meetings, knows what epilepsy does. It sometimes carries on. So, now, just be reverent, just sit still. No matter what takes place, you sit still. See? And just believe in the Lord Jesus and pray. Ask the Heavenly Father to be kind. But, now, if you are an unbeliever, I would not stay, see. So, now, this is not playing church. This is facts. We're facing things. If I just only had a few moments longer, or another night, that I could explain to you what these things are, that you could see what they really are by Scriptural terms, (they've give medical names), but what they really are in the sight of the Bible.

120 Now, the sister here is standing before me. Now, it's not a telepathy. No, sir. I feel it, feel it. You, now, you—you couldn't hide your life now if you had to. See, His Spirit is here now.

121 How many ever seen the picture of It, where they took It? And It's in Washington, DC, the only supernatural Being was ever photographed, can be proved, in the world. They have fiction stories of men in a bush, and all like that, but it's always proved out wrong. See? But they took This, and many of you here was present when It was taken.

122 A few weeks ago, the Germany camera took It, in Germany, three different times. And it's that that you see in the picture, is right here now at the platform. Exactly right.

123 Now be reverent. Don't move around. Keep your children near you. And be in prayer, and see what the Holy Spirit will do for us, tonight. And if . . .

124 And I pray that God will bless you; and sometime, on earth, we'll meet again. Pray for me, as we go into the fields after this service, into the fields out yonder, in the big meetings, to pray for the sick.

125 And be reverent, everyone, please, because we're in the Presence of the almighty God, the Holy Spirit which is now near.

126 Mrs., what was your name now, Wilson? [The sister says, "Cobb, now."—Ed.] Mrs. Cobb. Mrs. Cobb, if—if the Holy Spirit is present now, He will make known to me something of your life, that might give you encouragement to bring you up to a place to let you believe in the Lord Jesus for your healing. Or, I don't know what you're here for. It may be financial troubles. It may be domestic. I do not know. But, He knows, doesn't He? ["Yes, He does."]

127 I see the one thing that you're here for, is because you're suffering with a nervous condition. You are very nervous, upset. Another thing, you have a—an asthmatic cough that's bothering you. Isn't that right? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] That's right. All right.

128 Now, do you believe that everything is all right with you now? You are healed now. You can go home. Jesus Christ, your faith, has made you well. You go and be in prayer.

129 Kind Heavenly Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we bless this, our dear sister, and ask that You be kind to her, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

130 Come, sir. How do you do, sir? Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ being the Son of the living God? [The brother says, "Yes, sir, I do."—Ed.] You believe that He is here to make you well? ["Yes, I do."] Uh-huh. You do? ["I know it."] You know that He is here to make you well.

131 Was that the lady was just prayed for? Was you the lady there? Uh-huh.

132 You got trouble with your side, setting there by her, don't you, sir? You believe that God can make you well and heal you? When she passed by you just then, you had a strange feeling, didn't you? That was the Holy Spirit. You had trouble with your side. Now, it's gone from you now, sir. Your faith has healed you. Is that right? Raise your hand. That's right. That's right. All right, sir.

133 I don't know the man. I've never seen him in my life, but Jesus Christ has healed him. Just the same as his faith touched the Lord Jesus, in days gone by, the woman with the blood issue, so did the man's faith touch just then. You don't have to . . .

134 What do you think, little lady standing there in the prayer line, with the coat over your shoulder? [The sister says, "Only the Truth."—Ed.]

Uh-huh. Yeah. [“What you said is the Truth. I believe every word of It.”] God bless you.

¹³⁵ That lady behind you there, with her hand up, like *this*. Uh-huh. You’d like to get out of an operation, wouldn’t you? You think that tumor, God could take it from you, without an operation? You believe God would heal you? You have tumor, don’t you? And, yeah, that’s right. You believe that God will heal you without an operation? You do? Will you accept Jesus right now, as your healer? You will?

¹³⁶ Kind Heavenly Father, the woman’s faith struck up here, and I saw the vision before her, and the doctor rolling out that place for her operation. I pray, Heavenly Father, that, in Jesus Christ’s Name, that You’ll heal the woman without an operation, for Your Glory. Amen.

¹³⁷ You may take your seat now. You won’t have to come in the prayer line. Your faith heals you. Amen. God bless you.

¹³⁸ You believe the Lord Jesus? “If you can believe, all things are possible.”

¹³⁹ Lady, standing; you broke your arm. Got your arm hurt there, haven’t you, lady? Uh-huh. You’re from Corydon, aren’t you? Got someone with you, come along, didn’t they?

¹⁴⁰ She is suffering with a nervous condition. Isn’t that right? If it is, raise up your hand. All right. Now you can walk out and go back, be healed, too, lady. Amen.

¹⁴¹ It’s your faith, it is. That, now, that’s what I’m speaking of, the Holy Spirit.

¹⁴² Sir? Would you believe your heart trouble had left you, and you was going to be well? You do? [The brother says, “Yeah. I believe.”—Ed.] All right, sir, then you can leave. Amen.

¹⁴³ Let us say, “Praise be to God.” [Congregation says, “Praise be to God.”—Ed.] All of us pray.

¹⁴⁴ The lady coming, how do you do? I suppose we’re strangers to each other. Are we, lady? I never seen you in my life. I’m perfect stranger to you. Just like the . . . our Master Who stood at the well and talked to the woman. And said, she said . . . He said, “Bring Me a drink.” He wanted to catch a conversation with her. Now, this being our first time to ever meet in life, it’s a man and a woman again, isn’t that right? Well, then, if Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and He promised that He would be with us, in us, to the end of the world, and we would do the same things that He did, it’d have to be the same kind of a thing.

¹⁴⁵ Then, if Jesus stood here and He was wearing this suit that He gave me, the only thing He could do, as far . . . if you’re sick and need healing, He would tell you, “I did that at Calvary, child. Would you

believe it?" Now, but, now, He could tell you something, maybe that's wrong with you, or something, the reason you don't get healed. But, me, being a stranger to you, it'd just be the same. Isn't that right?

¹⁴⁶ Now, everyone real reverent now. Remember, you're in the Presence of the Lord. And the very Gospel that I've read to you, tonight, you see It living anew. See?

¹⁴⁷ I've never seen the woman. I don't know nothing about her, never seen her in my life. God knows her; I don't. But, now I would speak to her, to contact her soul.

¹⁴⁸ The anointing that's here with me now is that Angel of the Lord, the Pillar of Fire followed the children of Israel, which was Christ in Spirit form; came down, was made flesh; went back to the Father; came back again to live in His Church, the same thing. Not me; it's Him.

¹⁴⁹ I don't know the woman, know nothing of her; got a seventh-grade education. Look at the people, you say . . .

¹⁵⁰ Well, out there in the audience, they're being—being healed. Just sitting in the audience, standing wherever they may. God is here to heal, that's all, if you can believe.

¹⁵¹ I see a child that's suffering, but I can't say it's healed; I don't know yet. If you'll keep praying, mother, believing with all your heart.

¹⁵² Now, to you again, sister, to speak with you. Now, there has been a hunger in your heart, for a long time. That hunger is a closer life with God. You've tried that much; try and fail; try and fail. Isn't that right? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] Uh-huh. Ups and downs in life.

¹⁵³ Here some time ago, you were praying somewhere, because you were facing a serious thing, like an operation or something. Yes, it is, I see it, a doctor, he has examined, you have something on, it's your leg, it's on your right leg, is the trouble that you're going to be operated on. You made a promise, if God would let you get well, that you'd serve Him and walk a closer life. I am not reading your mind. That's true, isn't it? [The sister says, "I believe it."—Ed.] That's true. If it . . . you . . . if that's true, raise your hand.

¹⁵⁴ Now, there is Something here that you know. I want to ask you something. In the Presence where we're standing now, and so the audience might know, there is a feeling that you have now, that you've never had before in your life. [The sister says, "Right. And I can't explain it to nobody."—Ed.] That's right. It's because that Light, the Holy Spirit is between you and I; and you just go back, even to a little girl. ["And before, standing in the line, I felt like I just . . . I could feel a feeling I can't explain to nobody."] They're feeling the same thing, right along the line there now. See? Here, it's in the Presence of Something

that the world doesn't know. Come here, that I might ask God to bless you, sister.

¹⁵⁵ All of you, do believe with all your heart now? Do you? Are you believing? If you do, say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

¹⁵⁶ Kind Heavenly Father, this our dear sister stands here in need. All things work together for good to them who love You. And she is standing here, needy. And she wants to be well. And this is the time. I pray, that just this moment, Father, that You'll take away all of her infirmities, cleanse her from everything that's not like You. And I ask, Dear God, that You will forgive her of every sin and trespass, and take her into Your Kingdom, tonight, as a new-born babe, and heal her body. Through Jesus Christ's Name, Thy beloved Son, I ask it. Amen.

¹⁵⁷ God bless you, sister. Go, rejoicing and happy, God being with you.

¹⁵⁸ How do you do, lady? I suppose we are strangers to each other, too. We're not knowing each other. But if—if Jesus has risen from the dead, as I say that He has, and I believe that He has, and He would be standing here with us, you and I; then me talking to you, like He did the woman at the well, and He is able. . . . And by His Word He promised that He would reveal these things, and we would do the same things He did, because He would be. . . . He said, "I'll be with you, in you, to the end of the world."

¹⁵⁹ Now don't be shook up because you feel a little strange, but, a glorious feeling, but you're just, not, that's not your brother, that's Him, your—your Lord, not me, Him.

¹⁶⁰ Now, the lady is a stranger. Be real reverent, people; real reverent, please. See? I don't know her. God does know her. I don't know the people, but you'll know that there is something here that's doing the work of the Lord, according to the way the Bible said it would be. If. . . . You believe that now? See? Well, what is it? It's the Lord Jesus. See?

¹⁶¹ Now I just want to speak to her again, 'cause I—I see the woman now as she moves from me. Yes, the woman is very much tore up about it. Oh, she has had a nervous breakdown, been very bad, and had a breakdown. You are still suffering from it. That's the truth. Isn't it? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] If it's truth, raise your hand.

¹⁶² You've had real funny feelings goes through you, all the time. And especially real late of a evening, you get real strange feeling. Isn't that right? Then I see you setting down in a chair, kind of late of an evening, too. You get tired; you can't do your work. And—and isn't that right? Causes even stomach condition in you, like that, acids and things, when you drink coffee or something another on that line. You belch up acids, out of your stomach, and so forth. That's right. I see you moving away

from the table where there is stuff like that on, by a window, near a window. Is that true? Raise your hand if that's true.

¹⁶³ Now, Something here knows your life, isn't it? I've told you, out of the Bible, that Jesus Christ did the same thing, and promised that we would do the same thing. Do you believe that it's Him? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] I see a real dark shadow following you, too, which is a devil. And he has almost tempted you to suicide, sometime, telling you that you had—you had crossed the separating line, that you wasn't never going to be saved. Is that right, is that? ["Yes."]

¹⁶⁴ Do you believe, out there in the audience now, with all your heart? See? It's perfect. It's true. It's the Lord Jesus. I don't know your opinion. I know some of you are wondering, 'cause you can't hide your life now. See? You know I couldn't do nothing for you, but you couldn't—you couldn't hide your life if you had to, right now. You're in the Presence of Him.

¹⁶⁵ Now, sister, if I can, by the grace of God, can make it leave you now. And if. . . You've been wondering, for a time of relief, anyhow. Now, He'll do it, if you'll believe Him? Will you believe Him? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] I'll have the prayer. You believe Him.

¹⁶⁶ Now, look. You probably never was any closer in your life than you are now. Now, so that the audience will know, and your friend. Where you're standing now, a real humble, sweet feeling is around you, (isn't that right?) like Something near. Not your brother; but Something supernatural. If that's right, raise your hand. See? It's the Angel of the Lord. See? I am living now in another dimension, see, in a spirit world. Now I want to pray for you while this anointing.

¹⁶⁷ Now, the very Thing that's here, that knows your life, I see it go way back to a little girl. I see you as a little girl. You were running from something. It—it was something chasing you. It was a dog. It seemed like you was coming from school or something, way, long ago. Scared you. You've been nervous, like, all your life. That is true. Isn't it? See? They just. . . more I talk to you, more the vision will show.

Now, for the sake of these others, let us pray.

¹⁶⁸ Dear God, Author of Life, Lord Jesus, Who will judge us all at Your Coming; knowing that we are Eternity bound people, and will have to meet You some day. Standing here in Your Presence, and knowing that right now, here at the platform, is the Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, and confirming every Word.

¹⁶⁹ Father, Thou art so lovely, because You—You make manifest those things that are true. You speak of truth. And the lady stands here, which she is tormented by an evil spirit that's trying to get her to commit suicide and do things wrong. But Thou art here to remove this, Father.

And I pray according to Thy Word, which said, “You ask the Father anything in My Name, I’ll do it.” And I know that Your Word is true.

¹⁷⁰ So, Satan, you evil one that’s tormented our sister, I adjure thee in the Name of Jesus Christ, the living God, come out from the woman.

¹⁷¹ Now look at this way. Now something has happened to you. You’re weeping. You don’t feel like you did, do you? You feel happy now, feel good. Is that right? Raise up your hand here, at the people, so . . . And you’re going, believe you’re going to be well, and go home and serve the Lord? All right. Now, run along, just be real happy. It won’t come to you no more.

Let us say, “Thanks be to God,” as we . . . See?

¹⁷² All right, would you come. Sister, being a stranger to you, that the people might not think now that . . .

¹⁷³ You know what a “telepathy” is. That’s what’s on somebody’s mind. I can’t pick it out; and when it does, I’m going to call who you are. So, you’re in there, it keeps coming to the platform to me. And I think it’s the clergymen, ’cause I seen the platform before me.

¹⁷⁴ I just want you to put your hand on mine, sister, as a way of contact. I don’t know you. I’ve never seen you, and I’m not looking at you. I look out here into the audience. If almighty God will reveal to me, by a vision, as I look *this* way, what your trouble is, would you admit and tell the truth, whether it is right or not? If you will, raise up your hand. Now may the Lord Jesus grant it as I pray. If you’ll lay your hand back on mine, just the way, for the point of contact. The Bible said, “Laying hands on the sick.”

¹⁷⁵ Yes, sister, you have a female trouble. It’s a lady’s trouble. If that’s right, raise up your hand. Now do you believe it’s mental telepathy? That takes place. She was in a bathroom. Which, it wouldn’t be right to tell the mixed audience like this. The lady knows what; is a drainage. That’s right. Isn’t it, lady? That’s right. See? That’s true.

¹⁷⁶ Now, only God can heal her. I can’t heal her. Certainly not. I’m not a healer. I’m His servant, just a vessel where the Holy Spirit come.

¹⁷⁷ Like this right *here*, this is a speaker. *This* is not a speaker, this is a flat, a pulpit. This is a speaker; some man made this a speaker. Some man made this a—pulpit. Some man made you a preacher, some . . . I mean, the Lord. I don’t mean . . . Excuse me, my brothers. I didn’t mean some man made you a preacher. I didn’t mean that in that mean, that manner. I was saying man . . .

¹⁷⁸ And, this, is kind of you’re—you’re working in two worlds. You’re here in another world; when that goes out, then you go in and you see what’s standing here at the platform here, Angels of God, and

everything. And you see hideous things that takes place. Then you're—you're wondering sometimes, that's the reason I said . . .

179 When God called you and made you a minister, God called me and made me a seer, as He promised in the Bible. The Bible said, "You're . . ." And the Bible said, at the . . . In Acts, the 2nd chapter, "In the last days," that's these days, "it'll come to pass that I'll pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your young men shall see visions." Is that right? "Prophesy." Is that right? Prophets will It raise in the last days, and show visions and signs. Is that what the Bible said? Well, it's just what He said.

180 Now, sister, go, believing, having faith. Believe with all your heart, and God will heal you. Do you believe it? [The sister says, "Yes, sir."—Ed.]

181 Kind Heavenly Father, in the Name of Thy beloved Son, the Lord Jesus, knowing that this woman is near the Light, and the shadow right behind her, called cancer. And we pray, Heavenly Father, that You'll grant her healing tonight. And I condemn this enemy, upon the confession of her faith, and the Word of the Lord God. I condemn this devil that's bothering her, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

182 Go, happy, sister. Don't be bothered. Just believe with all your heart.

183 You want to be healed, do you, sister? Would you do . . . would you believe me as His prophet? If I would tell you where your trouble is, and what's wrong with you, and what to do, would you believe it? You would? You'd have to know that some way come. It's in your back, isn't it? Yeah. That's right. Now you believe that God will make you well? You're all nervous, too, and got complications of things. And a lot of things you believe you have, that you don't, because it's your nerves, see, it does that. Sometimes, when you lay down, you feel like your heart is bad. But that's not nothing but just your stomach. It's little peptic ulcer in your stomach, which causes gas pressed upon your heart. It's not going to hurt you. You're going to be well. You're a fine woman. Your faith has healed you. You believe me? [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] Then go on your road, rejoicing, thanking God.

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

184 Sister, of course, you knowing that only one thing can heal you, that's God. God is the only One Who can heal cancer and make well, but He can do it if you can believe. Do you do it with all your heart?

185 Kind Heavenly Father, in Whom we believe, I pray, dear God, that Your omnipotent Spirit will touch this woman and will make her well. As You have said in Your Word, "These signs shall follow them that believe." The last thing You said, Jesus, when You left Your

Church, You said, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My Name they shall cast out evil spirits; lay their hands on the sick, and they shall recover.” Lord, You are true to Your Word. And upon the commission of the Lord Jesus, upon His omnipotent Word, I now ask that this evil leave, sister, in Jesus Christ’s Name. Amen.

¹⁸⁶ Now go, happy, rejoicing, and be made well. Amen. All you, you audience, you’ll never . . . Wish you could . . . You may think I’m beside myself, but I’m not. No, sir. I’m not. But I say this in the Name of the Lord, that Jesus Christ the resurrected Son of God, is alive tonight, and is here in this auditorium right now, showing the things that His Word said that He would do. Isn’t He wonderful? So wonderful. Oh, how good!

¹⁸⁷ I was looking at a lady, but I believe it’s the lady behind her, that’s got a gallbladder trouble, sitting back there, that would like to be healed. You believe that God would heal you, sister? Setting there, right behind the lady; kind of a heavy-set lady looking at me. Well, do you believe? Right back behind the lady. You was setting there praying, wasn’t you? Huh? You. No, the lady setting right *here*, there is that . . .

¹⁸⁸ If you could see, if you could only see! How many seen the picture of the Angel of the Lord? Here it hangs, right here, over this woman right here.

¹⁸⁹ She is suffering with something wrong in the gall. It’s in the . . . right under the side here, that causes the trouble. And she was setting there, praying and asking, God would make her well.

¹⁹⁰ Sister, you won’t have to worry no more. Christ has made you well. Amen. We thank the Lord.

¹⁹¹ What do you think, sister? We’re strangers to one another. Are we? [The sister says, “Sure.”—Ed.] We don’t know each other. Jesus Christ knows us, doesn’t He? If God will reveal to me where your trouble is, or something about you, that you know I do not know, will you accept Him as your healer? I’m your brother. I—I couldn’t heal you. I’m just a man, like your—your father, or husband, brother, so forth. I—I’m no healer. But, you know that you’re standing in His Presence, or, something, that you—you know that there is Something near besides man. Isn’t that right?

¹⁹² Now, to your friends out there, and to a witness of the Lord Jesus, that they might know, and so that the audience will be sure. Because, after this night, they’ll be many stand in judgment. See? “That they might know!”

193 I just want to say something. Just since you have come up here, even now, that there is a real loving, humble, sweet feeling around you. That you . . . If that's right, raise your hand, and I have never seen you in my life. Now, to the people who know her, you couldn't stand this close without knowing It, recognizing It. And He's here. That's the Holy Spirit. See? The . . . It has such an effect upon the—the human. It's got to be something.

194 For instance, if you—if you see something through the eye, it'll have an emotional effect to you. And if there's a sense of feeling, and if something effects that feeling, it—it brings emotion, you see. You—you have to. See, it has to react, and you're in His Presence. Now, I . . .

195 If God will tell me what your trouble is, will you accept Him as your healer then, for it? Your trouble is a lady's trouble, female disorder. That's right. You have pains, low, in the side. Isn't that right? [The sister says, "That's right."—Ed.] It's a tube. And it's in- . . . It's infected. You have an abscess on it, and it's causing you trouble. Sometimes it's worse than ever. I see you, days, when you hold yourself and just walk, just almost putting your teeth together. That's just been recently. Is that right? You don't believe I'm reading your mind, do you, sister? ["No."] You're a believer.

196 Now, Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Now, the Bible said these things would take place. And you're right now . . .

197 Look. First, the Word, God's Word said that these things would take place.

198 Here, you walk up to me, a stranger, never seen me. And as soon as you move up here . . . You've walked in front of men all the time, ministers, but never felt like this in your life. See? Then here comes Something down, this lovely Person that's here with us now, tells you where your trouble is, and what you been doing. Then you know it's got to be some supernatural, hasn't it?

199 Then, you believe that I am a believer? [The sister says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then if I lay hands on you, and ask for your healing, it'll have to get well, won't it? ["That's right."] Then you come forward, if you will. May I just put my hand on yours.

And shall we pray, as we bow our heads.

200 Our dear Heavenly Father, knowing that Your Presence is here, and You are omnipotent. You're omnipresent. And I pray, through Jesus, the Son of God, that You will heal our sister. And she is standing here in Your Presence, now, and You're anointing. And I ask that You take away the evil from her body. Now, we know that it would take her life, and send her to a premature grave, but You are here to remove it. And,

Father, we pray that You will do it. And we know that we have what we ask for, for You are here to witness to us that You are resurrected from the dead. And You know this woman. You've knowed her since she come on earth. And you're here revealing to her the things that she has done in her life, and what's wrong with her.

²⁰¹ And, now, upon the—the authority of God's Word, I come to challenge the enemy in her body. Thou enemy, called the devil, I come, claiming a gift that was ministered to me by an Angel, that, Satan, you are aware of, and I adjure thee by the living God, Jesus Christ the Son of God, that you come out of the woman, and don't torment her anymore! Amen.

²⁰² God bless you, sister. You go, believing with all your heart, you'll get well. Write me your testimony, tell me what happened up here when you come.

²⁰³ Would you like to get over that heart trouble, sir, be well? Go off the platform, say, "Thank You, Lord Jesus, for healing me," and you'll get well. Amen. Believe now with all your heart.

²⁰⁴ I want to ask you something. When I said "heart trouble" to him, something happened to you. Wasn't it? Cause, that's what you had, too. When you were standing down there in the audience, a few minutes ago, you said, "Yes, I believe." And since that very time, there's been a difference in you, hasn't it? That's right. But, you see. . . ["I—I—I—I was thinking I was believing what you were saying to that man."] That's right. Exactly. ["And that is heart trouble. I wasn't thinking of myself."] I know. But when you heard me say that to that man, what I said, then something, you felt wonderful, didn't you? Now, that's what come to you, to bring your healing. Do you believe with all your heart? ["Yes. I do believe, all my heart. I do."] Come, my sister.

²⁰⁵ Kind Heavenly Father, I pray that, in Jesus' Name, that You'll make manifest Your love to this woman. And will heal her and make her completely whole, as I lay hands on her, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

²⁰⁶ Now, I wonder, out there, how many believes now with all your heart? Do you believe? Raise your hand.

²⁰⁷ Is there a person in here, that's not a Christian, before we pray for any more sick, that say, "I now accept Jesus as my Saviour. I've been a little afraid in my life"? God bless you, young man sitting up there. God bless you, lady standing with the baby. Would someone else raise your hand, say, "I now accept Jesus Christ as my Saviour"? God bless you, sister.

²⁰⁸ Remember, you'll never, probably, till you get to Heaven, be any more in His Presence than you are right here, watching Him moving with the people.

209 Would someone else, while we bow our heads just a moment?

210 Heavenly Father, You want people to believe on You. You want people to love You. Four or five has raised their hands, that they want to accept You as their personal Saviour. I pray, Father, that You will deal just now. And let men and women, who have never yet come to You, or maybe got away from You, and away from church, and away from worship, and they want to come back to You, and they know that You're here, and they—they know that it's You that's speaking to them just now, I pray that they'll humbly raise their hands to You, knowing that someday they've got to meet You. And maybe before this year is out, or maybe before this week is finished, they may come to—to meet You, and they want to come in peace, knowing that their sins are forgiven.

211 And, Father, I give them, by Your Word, the promise; that You said, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life; and shall never come to condemnation, but is passed from death unto Life."

212 While we have our heads bowed, and the music is playing, I wonder, Christian friend, or sinner friend, is there another one in here? Not to me, your brother; but to knowing that the Lord Jesus is near, would you raise your hand? With your heads bowed, no one look, please. Just raise—just raise your hand to God, and say, "By this hand up, I now want to accept Jesus as my Saviour. While He is this close to me, I want to accept Him as my Saviour." Would you raise your hands? God bless you; you; you down there, young lady; you, little boy; you, lady; and you. That's good. God bless you. The Lord Jesus be merciful to you, every one.

213 Is there some here that used to go to church and take part in some church somewhere, and you just got away from church, you don't go to church any more? I don't care what church it is; that doesn't matter. But you want to go back to your church, and take up your fellowship again with the children of God, and you want to be remembered in prayer, that God will let you go back? Raise your hand. Will you do it? God bless you. Oh, my! There's a dozen hands, I guess, up. Now, that's wonderful. Do that, will you?

214 Our brother, pastor, will call you up to the altar, after a bit, the brother, Junior Jackson, for this altar call, just in a few moments.

215 But I want to ask you a question. Are you believing now that the Lord Jesus is here, and you would like to be healed? Will you raise your hand, just raise your hands if you want to be healed? God bless you. God bless you.

Now with your heads bowed.

216 I see a lady setting right here, just a moment. Yes, she has a female disorder. Setting right out here, with her hand up towards her head. God bless you, sister. Your hand went up a few minutes ago. You don't have to worry no more. God, He heals you; your faith.

217 Brother, you setting back there looking towards me, with a shaking, with kind of a palsy, you have a prostate trouble. You have to get up at night. Don't you? That's right. Yes, sir. And now, that, you believe that Jesus Christ makes you well? If you do, all right, then you can have your healing. God bless you. That's fine.

Now be real reverent, everyone.

218 Up in the balcony here, over on my right, someone over there say, "Lord God, I believe You with all my heart. I want to be remembered in a word of prayer just now." Would you raise your hand, no matter where you're from. God bless you, son. God bless you, sister. God bless you. God bless you.

219 I see a waters, flow. It's a missionary setting here praying, too. May the Lord God bless you, my sister, and give you the desire of your heart, also. The Lord be with you.

Say, "How do you know that, Brother Branham?"

I have to say it. Here it is, the Angel of the Lord is present.

220 Now, you, I'm going to ask you to do something. You that's setting next to somebody to you, what's sick, would you lay your hands over on them just a moment, for a word of prayer, lay your hands over on each other, for a word of prayer? That's right. God will hear your prayer, too. He loves you. He is here, and He wants to make you well.

221 Our Heavenly Father, I bring this audience to You just now, knowing that You're here, never failed on a one. You never fail, Lord. You're God, and You can't fail. And Your attitude towards this ten or fifteen people that come across the platform, tonight, is Your attitude towards each and every one. Several out there in the audience, maybe eight or ten out in the audience there, that You have showed visions over, tell them what their diseases was, and what they were. Why, You're the Lord Jesus. You know all of them. And You can reveal, to Your humble servants, that which is necessary.

222 And I pray, Heavenly Father, just now, that You see them, as they are now. . . And I pray that on Your great heart, which I know is far beyond what human compassion would be, but You look at them and see their need, and heal every one. Lord, You know their conditions. And I pray, through Jesus' Name, that, right now, that You will heal them.

²²³ And the enemy, the devil that's bound them, and the unbelief that's bound them to circumstances, I adjure thee, enemy of Jesus Christ, that you come out of the people, and leave them, through Jesus Christ's Name.

²²⁴ Now, with your heads bowed, believing with all your heart, that Jesus Christ the Son of God is here, and making you well, that you're setting in His Presence, and you believe. And if you believe with all your heart, and believe that you can accept your healing, with your head bowed, raise your hand; if you feel you can accept your healing, that you're healed. God bless you. That's wonderful. The entire audience, and every one, I believe, that raised their hand, is now accepting their healing. The Lord bless you.

²²⁵ While we bow our heads again, for a word of prayer from Brother Junior Jackson, with your head bowed. All right, Brother Jackson, the Lord . . . [Brother Jackson prays—Ed.]



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