
THE REJECTED KING



. . . for the glory of the Lord to be brought upon us today through the ministering of the Word. And it's a . . .

2 This last week, I've kind of been just a little under the weather. Not exactly say under the weather; it was a test I had to take, a physical tests. And that's what you heard, that I was in the hospital. It was because that I went there so I wouldn't have to come back and forth across the river. You take an upper gastronomic, and a lower gastronomic. And they have to, every few minutes, they have to come back and x-ray again. But we're supposed to take them, if we do overseas missions, every six months. Brother Roberts and them, I think, gets theirs every six months. But I hadn't had one for four years.

3 The trouble, I just don't like that castor oil, that's the only thing. And they say there's nothing else they can give instead, so I, oh, I got so sick when they give me that stuff. You know, I've told you, in my life story, how that stuff makes me so sick. And—and I just hate to take the stuff. And I said to my gracious doctor friend, if . . . "Isn't there something else?"

And he said, "I don't think so, Brother Branham."

4 Oh, when that lady come in there with, looked like, maybe I'm exaggerating, but, looked like a quart. It—it was . . . I never seen so much. And I just hold my nose and gag. But I finally got it down.

5 But now, in all of the trial, and all of it went through, I want to thank the Lord for a perfect examination. I passed, one hundred percent; can go anywhere in the world that I want to go. I asked the doctors, which was three of the best specialists, that, I—I guess, in Louisville. And I asked them, I said, "Am I at least ten percent disability?"

6 Said, "You're not one speck disability." Said—said, "You are in perfect health, every way." And I am so grateful to God. Who else could it come from but our Heavenly Father, see, of being that way?

7 And he said, "Your . . . All your flows shows, in there, you be young." He said, "Your blood cells hasn't even started breaking, or anything." He said, "You are in very good shape, Brother Branham."

And I said, "Well, I am so glad."

8 And I had the privilege of talking, witnessing to every nurse in that hospital, and every doctor, to the Kingdom of God. And one certain doctor, I think he's supposed to be here this morning. And I—

I'll . . . I am glad to know that there is still good men in this world, real men, men who would take me for five days, through a physical examination, which would probably run two or three hundred dollars for each one. When I got through, they said, "It's our contribution to the work of the Lord, that you're doing." See? Yeah. Not even . . . Said, "Why, you embarrass us, to even ask us if you owe us." Said, "Just your prayers for us!"

⁹ "And inside," they said, "we find an emotional something that we can't understand." And I said . . . "We . . . It—it doesn't seem to be . . ." He said, "Outwardly, you're not nervous or disturbed. But," said, "inwardly, there's an emotion that we can't understand."

¹⁰ I said, "If you'll just sit down here just a moment, I'll tell you." And I went to talking about visions. It was another field to them. They knew nothing of it. I told them about the Bible. Then I told them of the vision that the Lord just gave me the other day, and they wept like babies. Just sit there and wept. And I . . . they . . . I said, "I hope that you don't consider me some religious crank or some."

¹¹ Said, "By no means, Brother Branham. I believe that with all my heart." He said, "But just one thing I want to say: You don't go to school to learn those things." Said, "I believe that they come from the Almighty God." And that was three of the outstanding physicians in Louisville, the best that they had. And, so, I was so happy for that, and to know that maybe the Lord let me plant some Seed along there.

¹² Each nurse, talked to them. They, one morning, in coming out of the x-ray room, I said to the . . . I looked at a poor old woman. She was so sickly. And I kept moving down, moving down till I got to her. I thought she might be dying. And I said, "I want to ask you a question, sister."

She said, "Yes, sir."

I said, "Are you a Christian?"

And she said, "I belong to a *certain* church."

¹³ And I said, "I just want to make that a little clearer." I said, "I—I want to know if you're a Christian, really a Christian. That, if you should pass over this sea of life, into the other Land, do you love Him?" I said, "Would you really be saved?"

And she said, "Yes, sir. I would."

¹⁴ And I said, "God bless your heart then. No matter which way the wind blows, you're all right then, as long as it goes like that."

¹⁵ And if we just get around, there's lots of fine people yet left in the world.

16 Now, today, I have come in with a vision that I will tell you a little later. And I'd like to speak, first, on some of the Word, 'cause I believe the Word is very essential, the most essential now. And I'm glad to see Charlie Cox, and, brother, my friend standing there, together. Brother, I can't think . . . Jeffries, I can't think of his name. Many of you other precious brethren from Georgia, from different parts of the country. My old buddy, Bill, setting here, I believe it is, this morning. And—and many . . . And brother from Georgia there, the people that give me this suit. You know, that's—that's one of the best suits I ever wore. Feels just so good, really very fine. And you mean so much to me. When I tell you what has happened, this last few days, to me, you'll see why I think it means so much to me.

17 Now, I believe, if the Lord is willing, I want to press the battle harder than ever before, in my life. 'Cause, I find out now it's . . . Course, I could die today. That's, you don't know. My electrocardiograms and everything, sixteen different types of x-rays, yeah, a complete physical, showed that I was in . . . as normally as any person could be, a human being on earth. So I'm thankful for that. But, all things, even all of that, and as thankful and grateful to God, that I am, that I believe He still keeps me in His service, it wasn't what He showed me just a little bit before that, see, just made me so happy.

18 Now, I think, tonight . . . It's all right with you? [Brother Neville says, "Yes, sir."—Ed.] Our—our precious brother is—is one unselfish man, is—is Brother Neville. And if any of you was here last Sunday and heard that marvelous message that he brought, on "the cruse of oil," it was out- . . . one of the most outstanding message I ever heard, was what Brother Neville brought, by the Holy Spirit, last Sunday, to this little herd of sheep that God has gathered together.

19 And if it'd be all right, pleasing to the Lord, and with Brother Neville and the church, I want to speak again tonight and start a series of, say, Monday night . . . I mean, Sunday night, and Wednesday night, and next Sunday, a series that what I studied.

20 I would not have had to have stayed over there to the hospital. But they was so good to me, they give me the room for about one-third the price. And so I just took my Bibles, my books, and wound up the bed, and set all hunkered up there, and got all my Bibles and things laying around. And I really had a time, until they brought that castor oil in there. My good time ceased right there. I—I was finished then. But, Brother Pat, I was really sick. That stuff, I just can't stand. And, but I was having a good time, up for the first three or four days. I were having a good time.

21 And I was studying on the Book of Ephesians. Oh, that setting together of the Church! And I think it's a beautiful thing.

22 And—and if you, now, if you have a church that you go to, you go right ahead and stand at your post of duty. But if you do not have a church, and you'd like to come back tonight, and Wednesday night, and Sunday night, I'd like to take, tonight, the 1st Book of Ephesus, and the Wednesday night, the 2nd chapter of Ephesus, and next Sunday, the 3rd chapter of Ephesus, to set the Church in order. You know what I mean, Its—Its placing, positionally. And I think it's an up-build, to the Church.

23 I'm not. . . I'm—I'm just speaking this to the comers of the Branham Tabernacle.

24 And if any of you dear brethren. . . I know some of you, I think, has got meetings. Our little brother is up at Sellersburg, and—and different ones, have meetings. Now, look, them is revival meetings. You attend those. They are servants of Christ, young men who are standing in the breach, that's come out. When even their own church denied the Truth, and things like that, they walked right away from it. And God called them to the ministry. Yes, sir. I—I admire a man. . . I can't even think of the man's name. But he's a young fellow, fine, handsome-looking fellow, and a lovely wife and children.

25 And—and Brother Junie Jackson has been having some meetings down here, which is another wonderful, remarkable trophy of God's amazing grace. And when they're having revivals in your churches, you go right on to them, because that's your. . . that's the thing to do. Cause, you don't know, might be a sinner come to the altar, and you might be influenced to lead that person to Christ, which will be your great reward across the other side.

26 This is just teaching and setting the Church in order, here at the tabernacle, helping along as we go.

27 Now, I didn't bring my watch, so somebody will have to watch for me. Doc has done showed me, he has one, so, my brother. So now. . . [Brother Edgar "Doc" Branham says, "I won't charge you much for it," and gives his watch to Brother Branham—Ed.] You won't charge me too much for it? All right. Well, now, that's all right. Well, now, I don't believe the thing is right, to begin with. So. . . ["Thank you. I'm going to tell one on you."] Now, oh, oh, sh, sh, sh, sh. ["I held ten pennies back, on my birthday, this morning, just to make you feel better."] Did you? Now that's. . . This clock just moved up a whole lot better then, Doc. Said he held ten pennies back, on his birthday, to make me feel better, 'cause there's two or three between he and I. So you can see

where I am, down the road. But, oh, that doesn't matter one speck, to me. Now, I won't speak very long.

28 Now, if there is strangers in our gates, we sure want to welcome you with all of our hearts. You are so welcome here at this little tabernacle. We haven't got much of a building. It's in the program now to build us, not a big place, but just a . . . This one is just pretty dilapidated. And we're going to try to build us a nice little comfortable church here, soon as we . . . the Lord will permit us to do it. And a lot of you all are making efforts towards this, and we sure do appreciate that.

29 Now I want you turn with me, this morning, in reading, to First Samuel the 8th chapter, and begin about the, let's begin about the 19th verse, the 19th and 20th verses, maybe, for a little text for a context.

30 And now, as you get it, and before we . . . We'll read it, and then we want to go to prayer. And would there be any requests this morning, and say, "Just remember me"? In our last meet, two weeks ago, or three, when I had the meeting. . . Say, we . . .

31 By the way, while you're turning, the meeting starts in the Chautauqua, the 6th now. We're expecting a great time, Middletown, Ohio. You that's got your vacations coming up, come on. And a big camp, right on the river, where, oh, we . . . all the preaching you ever heard. They're all up-and-down the river, preachers, every morning, all through the day and night. So they all congregate together. It's a big campgrounds, far bigger than Silver Hills, many times. And—and then a big place there where we can put between eight and ten thousand people. And it's always packed out. We have great time in Ohio.

32 And old Brother Kidd, that I went to pray for, the other morning. You all remember me telling you, three weeks ago? The doctor gave him twenty-four hours, to live. He's up and walking around. He quoted a Scripture, a song he couldn't sing. And when I went in and looked at him, the other morning, and that little shawl over him. I left here about three or four hours 'fore day, so I could get to him. They said he would die that day; cancer in the prostate.

33 And his precious, little, old wife, washed for fifty cents a day; that's before daybreak, until after night, for fifty cents, to keep her husband on the field as a preacher. Preached a two-weeks revival, and took up an offering, got eighty cents.

34 But I seen them setting there the other morning, them two little, old couples, a little couple, rather, setting there, and his little shawl over his shoulder. And one of his converts, ninety-two years old, just as brilliant and bright, and Pentecost to the core, and setting there, you know. And I said, "You know what you old people setting out here for? Just waiting for the boat to come." That's all. Their work, all they have

achieved, a—a purpose they have achieved, and they're ready now to go to their reward.

35 And I said to Brother Chev, that to Brother Kidson . . . Kidd, that morning, "You will be at the Chautauqua meeting."

36 He called me yesterday, said, "I'm . . . I'll be there, Brother Branham." Just fine.

37 Many of the meeting, from my new ministry coming in. A brother, Baptist brother standing here, his daughter, teen-age, had been kind of a little wayward. And told him, "I give you your daughter for the Lord Jesus," the other morning. And when he went home, she is saved. And the other one here this morning, to be baptized and going on.

38 And a man, Mr. Sothmann, a friend of mine from Canada, his mother-in-law in a dying condition, said, "You find your mother-in-law when you get there, well, on her road to recovery, all right." That's just the way it was. And just . . . people just coming in. It's just in its infancy now, moving. But, oh, we're expecting the exceedingly, abundantly above all. We're in the evil and last days, but in a glorious hour.

39 Now have you got your Bible, for the reading, 8th chapter of Samuel? And I promised Gene to stay back there, to record the rest of this. We were just beginning to, in our meeting.

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

That we . . . may be like . . . the nation, all nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

. . . Samuel heard all these words of the people, and . . . rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man to his city.

40 Now if I should try to choose from this, this morning, what I would call a text, for the next few minutes, I would like to choose the text of: *The Rejected King*.

41 It was a time, that as in all times, that people has never wanted God to lead them. They want their own way of leadership. And this story this morning. . . And when you go to your home, it would be good for you to read it all the way through. It was during the time of the—the days of Samuel, the man of God, the prophet. And he had been a just man, and a good man, honorable, reputable, true and honest with the people, never deceiving them, and telling them nothing but straight **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

42 But the people had come to a place where they wanted to change this program. They had looked upon the Philistines, and the Amalekites, Amorite, Hittites, and the other nations of the world, and they had seen that they had kings that rule them, and governed them, and guided them, and fought their battles, and so forth. And this seemed to be that Israel wanted to pattern themselves like these kings, and like these people.

43 But it has never been, in any age, God's intention for His people to act like the people of the world, or to be governed or controlled like the people of the world. God's people, as always, has been a—a peculiar people, a different people, a called-out, a separated, and altogether different in their action, in their ways, in their manner of living, than what the peoples of the world has. Their appetites for things, and all that their make-up is, has been always contrary to the things that the people of the world desire.

44 And the people of Israel came to Samuel and said, "Now, you are getting old, and your sons do not walk in your way." Because, they wasn't true like Samuel. They were bribers and takers of money. And they said, "Samuel, your boys is not like you, so we want you to go out and to find us a king, and anoint him, and make us a people like the rest of the peoples of the world."

45 And Samuel tried to tell them that that would not work. He said, "If you do that, the first thing you know, you'll find that he'll call all your sons from your home, and make soldiers out of them, to run before his chariot, and bear armors and spears. Not only that, but he'll call your daughters, to make bakers of bread, and take them away from you, to feed the army. And," said, "besides all that, he'll take a certain taxes off of you, of your grain, and all your income. He'll tax all of that, to make certain government debts, and so forth, that will have to be paid." He said, "I think you are, altogether, making a mistake." But when . . .

46 The people said, "But we still want to be like the rest of the people." There is something about men and women, that they long to be like one another. And there has only been one man ever lived on earth that was our example, and that was the One that died for us all, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He was the perfect example of what we should be, always about the Father's business, and doing that which is right.

47 And no matter how much that Samuel tried to persuade the people, continually they went after him, day and night, "We want a king. We want a man. We want a man that we can say, 'This is our guide.'"

48 And that has never been the will of God. It never was the will of God, or never will be the will of God, for man to rule over one another. God rules over man. God is our Ruler, our King.

49 And it's a very, very much of a peril of today, because that man seems to have that same idea. They don't seem to be able to grasp that God still rules man, instead of man ruling man.

50 So they chose themselves a man named Saul, which was the son of Kish. And he was a reputable man, an honorable man. But he suited the people just right, because he was a great, tall, noble, statue of a man. The Scripture said he was head and shoulders above any man in Israel. He was kingly-looking, and he was handsome in the face. He was a brilliant and an extraordinary man.

51 Now, that's the kind of man that the people like to choose today. The people does not seem to be satisfied with the way that God placed His Church, to be governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. They want somebody, some man, some denomination, some certain peoples to govern the Church. That, they're not able to throw themselves completely into God's hand, to be spiritual, to be led by the Holy Spirit. They want somebody to do their religion for them, somebody that will tell them just how to do it, and all about it.

52 So this man seemed to suit the place exactly, because he was a very intellectual man.

53 And it's a whole lot like today. We like to choose such people, too, to control our churches, to control the Church of God. Nothing that I have to say against it, but just merely to make a point, that: it is not, it was not, and it will never be the will of God, for such to be. God is to rule His people, to govern each individual.

54 Then we find that this son of Kish, great man, and—and his stature, and his . . . He seemed to suit the people, that his robe upon him would look great. And the crown on his head, way in above all the other people, as he walked, would be a—a real asset to the kingdom of Israel. For, the other kings would, of the other nations, would think, "Look what a man!" How they could point their finger and say, "Looky here, what a great king we got! Look what a great man that's over us!"

55 And sad to say, but how true it is today with the church, they love to say, "Our pastor is not a narrow-minded man. He is a great man. He is a graduate from Hartford," or some great school of theology. "He has four degrees out of *so-and-such* a place. And he's a very good mixer amongst the people." All that may be all right, and have its place. But God's way for His Church is to be led by the Holy Ghost, and by His Spirit.

56 But they like to say that, "We have this great denomination that we belong to. We have started back in the early pioneer days, when we were in the minority, just a very few people, and small. And now we have grown until the place till we are among the largest denominations

there is. We have the best schools, and the best educated ministers. We have the best-dressed crowds. And the most intellectual people of the city attends our denomination. And we give to charity. And we do good deeds, and all such.” And nothing at all, God forbid, that I should speak one word against that, for that is all good.

57 But, still, it isn’t the will of God that man should rule over man. God sent, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Ghost to rule in men’s hearts, and rule in his life. It was not meant for man to rule over man.

58 But we love to say that. It’s a very outstanding thing when we can say we belong to such a great organization.

59 “Are you a Christian?” That’s how I fell upon this text, when I was at the hospital. And I would ask one, “Are you a Christian?”

“I belong to *such-and-such*.”

“Are you a Christian?”

“I belong to *such-and-such*.”

60 And a little nurse came into the bedside, where I was reading the Bible, and she was a—a new nurse on the floor. And she said, “How do you do.” She said, “I believe that you’re Rev. Branham, here for a physical check-up.”

I said, “I am.”

61 And she said, “May I rub your back, make you feel a little better with the alcohol?”

And I said, “You may do it.”

62 And while she was rubbing on my back, she said, “What denomination of church do you belong to?”

63 And I said, “Oh, I belong to the oldest denomination that there is.”

And she said, “What denomination is that?”

64 I said, “It’s the one that was organized before the world was ever organized.”

65 And, “Oh,” she said, “what? I don’t believe I know just that.” She said, “I belong to a *certain* church. Is it that organization?”

66 I said, “No, ma’am. That was only about two hundred years ago, that organization. But this organization started when the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy, when they seen the coming of a Saviour to redeem mankind.”

67 And she just stopped rubbing my back. And I was stooped a little, over *this* way, so the lady could rub. And she was from near Corydon, down here. We got to talking. And she said, “Sir, I’ve always believed that if God ever was God, He’s still God, today, just like He was in the

old days.” She said, “Though my church flatly denies that, but I believe that it is the Truth.”

⁶⁸ And I said, “You’re not far from the Kingdom of God, young woman.”

She said, “If He ever was a healer, isn’t He still a healer?”

I said, “He most certainly is, my sister.”

⁶⁹ But man wants to rule, and rule over man. And man wants man to rule over him. He doesn’t want to have God to rule.

⁷⁰ So this son of Kish, Saul, by name, was just the answer to what they had wanted, the great stately man. And the . . . Oh, he could just lead them to their battles, and so forth. But, still, it wasn’t God’s way of doing things. God wanted His faithful old prophet to direct them, and speak His Words to them.

⁷¹ Now, today, in our great church age that we live in, we, I think, and believe this with all my heart, that we have exactly gone vice-a-versa from what God ordained us to do. The last Words of our Saviour was in Mark 16. Said:

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; . . . he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with a new tongue;

And if they should take up serpents; or . . . drink . . . deadly things, it would not harm them; and if they . . . lay their hands on the sick, . . . they shall recover.

⁷² There is not a man, there is no son of Kish, or no one else, can produce that outside of the leadership of the Holy Spirit. But we have made schools, we have made seminaries, and made organizations, to—to satisfy, and to look like the rest of the world.

⁷³ Now, the Holy Spirit used to be the Leader in this nation. This nation used to be governed when back in . . . when they wrote up the declaration of independence. And there was an extra chair setting there. There is not one speck of doubt in my mind but what the Son of God set at that table, when this nation was founded upon the principles of freedom of religion and freedom to all, and upon the basis of God’s Eternal Word.

⁷⁴ But we have corrupted that. Politics; we have voted men in there, under buying and selling, and promises of falsehood. Until . . . Our nation, and our politics, and our democracy, is so polluted until it’s—it’s interwoven with communism and all kinds of isms.

75 And many times we call into the sessions for prayer, when leagues of nations meet, and there . . . or to have discussions. And in one certain, great time, recently, there was not even one time called for prayer. How we ever going to settle differences without prayer? How can we ever expect, in all the world, to ever do anything without the leadership of the Holy Spirit?

76 But let me say this with love and respects to our nation and to its flag, and to the republic for which it stands: We have rejected our Leader, the Holy Spirit, and through corrupt politics have brought in men of perverse mind. And if you don't watch, they're going to make one of the most fatal mistakes they've ever made, right now, is because that the people are desiring men to rule.

77 What we need in the capital of this United States, as a president, what we need in Congress, what we need in our halls of justice, is men who have consecrated their life to God, and are filled with the Holy Ghost, and are led by His Divine direction. But, instead of that, we choose men of intellectual, men who have "forms of godliness, and deny the power of God," men who are atheists, and sometimes even worse than that, we brought into our political realms, of our nation.

78 Not only that, but in our churches. Our churches have become corrupt upon the basis that we, in choosing our shepherds to lead us, we have gone to the seminaries and have selected men that's great intellectual giants, men who are very brilliant in mind, men who has scholarships, and are great mixers amongst the people, and are great men in the neighborhood, which I have nothing to say against. Men who are kind in their ways of walk, careful in their ways of life, and how they conduct themselves among other men, and among people, great men in their fields, which I do not speak evil of. God forbid that my spirit would ever be that evil. But, still, that isn't what God chose for us.

79 It's the leadership of the Holy Spirit: Christ in the heart of men. Many of those intellectual men that stands in our pulpit deny the real existence of the Holy Ghost. Many of them deny the existence of Divine healing and the Power of the Spirit.

80 I was reading an article, yesterday, I believe it was, a series of newspaper clippings from Jack Coe, the late Jack Coe, the . . . one of my converts to the Lord Jesus, who was a mighty man of valor, in his day. And was called to question, down in Florida, because of asking a young child to remove its braces from its legs, and to walk across the platform. And upon doing so, the child walked across the platform, normally, and fell when it got to its mother. All being a setup of the enemy of Christ,

this young woman and her husband brought our gallant brother into the courts of the land.

⁸¹ And when every church ought to have stood by Brother Jack, when every church man that mentions the Name of Jesus Christ should have stood by his side, gallantly, every man that calls on the Name of the Lord Jesus should have fell to their knees in prayer, but, instead of that, across the headlines of the papers, one of our great denominations said they joined hands with the atheists, to condemn, imprison Brother Jack Coe. Could you imagine a church, calling themselves the Name of Christ, would join hands with an atheist, to condemn a godly man who was trying with all of his heart to stand for the Bible? But they did it.

And then Brother Gordon Lindsay was at the rescue.

⁸² And when the unbelieving judge said, “This man is a fraud because he taken the braces from that child and sent him across the platform, and said he was ‘healed.’ And he lied, and he did something contrary to the doctor’s orders, therefore he has a defraud case against him.”

⁸³ And Mr. Coe raised up, and he said, “Sir, I defy that statement. God healed the boy.”

⁸⁴ And the judge said, “I will ask any man in this court if that statement could be true, that God could heal that boy on one end of the platform, and let him be sick on the other end. If that statement can be proved by the Bible, then I say Mr. Coe has a right for his statement.”

⁸⁵ And a minister raised his hand, and he said, “Your honor, sir, may I state it?”

And the judge said, “State on.”

⁸⁶ And the minister stood to his feet, and said, “One night, on a rocking sea, when a little ship was about to go to the bottom, all hopes of being saved was gone. They saw Jesus, the Son of God, come walking on water. And one of the apostles, by the name of Peter, said, ‘If that be You, Lord, bid me come to You on the water.’” And he said, “The Lord said to the apostle Peter, ‘Come on.’ And he stepped out of the boat, sir, walking just as good as Jesus was, walking on the water. But when he got scared, he begin to sink before he got to Jesus.”

The judge said, “The case is dismissed.”

We need Holy Spirit leadership, not intellectual men.

⁸⁷ Saul, the son of Kish, was then made captain over the people, and he taken two thousand men, and Jonathan taken a thousand. And Jonathan went down to a garrison and smote a bunch of Ammonites, Ammonites, rather. And when—when he had smote them, Saul sounded a trumpet, and said, “You see what Saul has done.” He begin to get puffed up.

88 Just as soon as a man gets to be some great Doctor of Divinity, or gets a little something behind his name, he becomes, more or less, a know-it-all.

89 God's men are humble men. God's people are humble people. When you see someone who says they have received the Holy Spirit, and begins to separate themselves, seemingly, not having the Faith, going about, trying to be something that they're not, just remember, they haven't received the Lord Jesus.

90 Then we find that the enemy set in. And he was going to come into a little bunch of God's people, and was going to pluck out the right eye of every man.

91 That's what the enemy always tries to do, is pluck out both eyes, if he can, so that the people cannot see what they're doing. That's what Satan tries to do today to every Christian, pluck out his spiritual sight, that he can only follow the intellectual sense of things, and not the sense of the Holy Spirit leading him.

92 So then when they did that, when the great defeat come, then Saul cut up two great ox and sent them to all the people. And I wish you would notice here, when Saul sent the pieces of the ox to all Israel, and said, "Let every man that will not follow Samuel and Saul, let him, this ox, be as *this*." Do you see how deceitful he tried to represent himself with the man of God? How—how unchristian it was! The fear of the people was because of Samuel. But Saul got them all to follow him because that the people feared Samuel. "Let them come after Samuel *and* Saul."

93 And how many times, today, have we heard it! "We are the great Church. We are the Church of Christ. We are the Church of God. We are the—the *so-and-so*." It makes the people get a fear, and think that that really is where God is a working. And they don't want the leadership of the Holy Spirit. They'd rather follow men like that, because they like to live their own individual life. They like to believe what they want to believe.

94 Do you see? The Holy Spirit is our Judge. God never give us a pope, or a bishop, or anybody, to be a Judge. The Holy Spirit, the Person of God, in the form of the Holy Spirit, is our Judge and our Guide. Now, why is that?

95 Please pardon this rude, and most rude expression. I do not mean it to be mean. I say it from love.

96 But the Holy Spirit says it's wrong for our women to cut their hair. And it's wrong for our women to wear little shorts and slacks, and to make up their lips and face with paint. The Holy Spirit says it's wrong.

97 But we want men to tell us that it's all right, "As long as we follow me and Samuel." They like to live through six days, any way they want to, and go to church on Sunday morning. And a fine intellectual college graduate with plenty of degrees can speak to them a little sermon that will . . . a few jokes in it, that would tickle their ears and cause them to be entertained, like some movie or television program. And say a little prayer over them, and send them home with kind of a—a self-satisfied security that they've done their religion. That is not the will of the Holy Spirit.

98 The Holy Spirit wants you to live godly, every day in the week, and every night, separating yourselves from the things of the world.

99 But the church don't want that. They want some man who can—who can interpret the Bible the way that they want to hear It. They won't listen to the Voice of the Holy Spirit speaking through the Bible. Many of them want to say, "The days of miracles is passed." That's what tickles the people. They want to say, "There's no baptism of the Holy Spirit." The people don't want to act any different than what the rest of the world acts. They don't want to get on the street and to have their face washed, and—and men with clean countenance, and not cigarettes in their mouth, and—and cigars, and pipes, and—and the things that men do. And women wants their hair cut up real short, and—and little dresses on, and of showing their forms, and things that they want. They—they want men who will tell them, "That's all right."

100 Then, the other night, here come a man to tell me, that because that I had preached against such, that a great denomination, about five of them, said, "We'll drop Brother Branham and have nothing else to do with him. You'll either call those tapes back, and apologize for them, or we'll drop you."

101 I said, "I'll stand with God's Word. If it takes everything that's in my life, I'll remain with the Word. And I . . ."

Said, "Well, should you not call back *such-and-such* a tape?"

102 I said, "I have never preached anything, in my life, that I was ashamed of. I call back no tapes or no records. I remain with what the Holy Spirit says. That I live by and die by." Not trying to say about myself now. But I'm just trying to give you an illustration of what's going on, so you will see and understand. It's people wants to be led by men.

103 They didn't want Samuel. Then before they anointed Samuel king . . . or Saul, king, pardon me, Samuel came to them again. And I'm going to speak just in language like he would have said it today. You may read it. He said, "What is the matter with God being your King?"

"Well, we don't see God."

¹⁰⁴ “Well, I am His representative,” Samuel said, “have I ever told you anything wrong? Have I ever prophesied anything that didn’t come to pass just as I said it would do? Have not I told you the Word of the Lord? And I’ll ask you this: Have I ever come to you and begged any your money? Have I ever took anything from you? Have I ever brought you anything but straight THUS SAITH THE LORD? And God has vindicated it, every time, that it was the Truth.” And He sent a thunderstorm and rains (You know the Scripture, you, right there.) to prove that Samuel was God’s mouthpiece.

¹⁰⁵ And as Samuel perfectly represented: Today, the Holy Spirit—the Holy Spirit is God’s mouthpiece: that speaks just exactly what the Bible says; that believe just what the Bible said, and won’t vary from It, one bit.

¹⁰⁶ But they wanted somebody who could tell them different. And the people could not say that Samuel’s prophecy wasn’t perfect. They answered and said, “Samuel, all that you have spoke in the Name of the Lord, the Lord has brought it to pass just as you said. There is not one flaw. You never did come to us and beg us for our money. You have supported yourself. You’ve never asked us to do any great, outstanding thing for you. You’ve trusted in your God, and He has delivered you from all things. And your words are true. Everything you spoke in the Name of the Lord has been just as you said. But still we want a king.”

¹⁰⁷ Can you see the discrepancy? Can you—you see the—the cunningness of the devil, can work on a human being? Instead of yielding himself or herself to the Holy Spirit, and listen to what THUS SAITH THE LORD is, for a pure life, an undefiled character, for a different life, a peculiar people, a holy nation, a odd-acting people; they had rather coincide with the world, and act like the world, and go to some church that says, “That’s all right, just act like that and go on.”

¹⁰⁸ Can you see what it is? They say, “There’s no such a thing as healing. Oh, the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a framework to the church.” In other words, then God taken men, took the Holy Spirit out of the church, and let the denomination build it up. Never, never. There’s no such a thing. The Holy Spirit, the Word of Truth, was to guide you until Jesus comes. But that’s the way it—it went.

¹⁰⁹ Saul come into power. He great . . . He got a great following. Oh, he had beautiful armors. He had singers. He had shields, and he had spears. Oh, he outshined all the rest of the nations. And he brought them into a democracy that was beyond anything that anybody had ever heard of.

¹¹⁰ And that’s exactly what our denominations and churches has done today. We have the biggest church buildings in the world. We have the

prettiest-dressed people in the world. We have the highest scholarships that could be brought.

¹¹¹ Like Saul's trained men who could take that spear, and they could move it and maneuver it till nations feared them. They were a trained people, and all. But, one day, there come a time that there was a challenger come out. And it so excited the whole Israelite army till they stood, trembling in their shoes. Goliath made them a challenge, "If your God is what you say He is! You are the best trained." And he challenged them. They didn't know what to do. Their fine, polished armors wouldn't work. Their spears wouldn't work. There was something they hadn't heard of, before, was taking place.

¹¹² And with all reverence and godly respects, and honor and dignity, and love and Christian fellowship, I say this: I read, the other day, in an African paper, where that our son of Kish, our challenger of evangelism, when a Mohammedan challenged him, Billy Graham. Said, "If your God is God, let Him heal the sick like He said He would do." And the son of Kish, with the rest of the army, quieted themselves and left the country, defeated. It's a disgrace. Our God is God.

¹¹³ We have our good churches. We have our fine evangelism. We have our paid singers. We have the best choirs, the highest spires in the country. We have the finest men, some of the most money. We have the intellectual. We have theology down to the point; we can preach it; we can tell it. We can evangelize and bring people in, and make millions each year, of converts, into the church. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] Our paid singers, our intellectual evangelism, doesn't know how to meet a challenge like that. They know nothing of it. They know nothing of His healing power, of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, of the power that can take a shadow of a man dying with a cancer, and set him free. They know nothing of it. They haven't been trained in that field, as Saul and his man-made group was.

¹¹⁴ But let me say to the people of God, and to you children, that you might know that God never leaves you without a witness.

¹¹⁵ Not knowing, to Saul, Saul knowed nothing about it. But God had a little David back over behind the hill somewhere, that wasn't feeding sheep on ecclesiastical weeds. He was leading them beside still waters and in green pastures. He was mindful of his father's sheep. And if something run in, an enemy, to grab one of his father's sheep, he knowed the power of God to deliver that sheep.

¹¹⁶ God has still got a David, somewhere, that knows what it means to deliver one of God's sheep, by the power of God. He still knows all about it.

117 He had trusted. He didn't know nothing about Saul's armor, neither did he want any of it. He didn't want any of their denominations. He didn't want the old armor upon him. He said, "I don't know nothing about it. But let me go in the power that I know of." He had fed his father's sheep. He had took care of the pastures. He had given them the right kind of food, and they lived and thrived.

118 "Man shall not live by bread alone. But by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, man shall live." The true Shepherd feeds them. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." And if the enemy grabs one, in sickness, he knows the power of God.

119 Look at little David, stood there. Said, "That guy is a warrior, from his birth. And from his youth, he has knowed nothing but a spear and armor. He is well trained. He's a theologian. And you know nothing about it."

120 He said, "That is true, sir. I don't know nothing about his theological training. But there's one thing I do know, that, when an enemy come in, to take one of my father's sheep, I went with the power of God. I delivered him. I brought him safely back to good health again. I brought him back to the shady green pastures and the still waters. And the God that delivered the lion into my hands, and I slew him when he took one of the—the lambs, and He let me slay the bear, so will the God of Heaven go with me to slay this uncircumcised Philistine."

We need leadership of the Holy Spirit. I don't know my days; no one does.

121 The other morning I was laying in my bed. And I was . . . had been asleep, and I dreamed that Joseph was sick, and I had picked him up to pray for him. And when I woke up, I was very upset. I said, "Well, maybe Joseph is going to be sick."

122 And I looked, going before me, in a little, dark shadow, rather of a brownish color. And it seemed like it was me. And I watched it. And coming behind it was Someone white, and it was Him. I looked over to my wife, to see if she was awake, that I could show her, if she could see the vision. But she was sleeping.

123 I said, "Oh, I'm sorry, Lord. But, that's been my life. You've had to drive me to everything that I done. Every time anything would happen, I'd think it was You doing it. And I realize it was Satan trying to keep me away from it." I said, "If You could only lead me." And as I looked, I seen the prettiest face I ever saw on a man. He was in front of me, looking back. He raised His hand and got a hold of mine, and started moving *this* a way. The vision left me. Last Sunday morning, I was, had waken up early. That was on Saturday, this vision. On . . .

124 I've always worried, I've always thought of dying. It, me being fifty, it's, my time is not . . . didn't think was too long. And I wondered what I would be in that theophany, celestial body. "Would it be that I would see my precious friends and, say, a little white fog going by, and say, 'There goes Brother Neville,' or, he couldn't say, 'Hello, Brother Branham'?" And when Jesus come, then I'd be man again." I often thought that.

125 I was dreaming that I was out West. And I coming down through a little sagebrush place, and my wife was with me, and we had been trout fishing. And I stopped and—and opened up the gate. And the skies were so pretty. They didn't look like they do over the valley here. They were blue, and the pretty white clouds. And I said to wife, I said, "We ought to been out here, long time ago, honey." She said, "For the children's sake, we should have been, Billy." I said, "That's . . ." And I woke up.

126 I thought, "I'm dreaming so much! I wonder why." And I looked down, and she was laying by me.

127 And I raised up on my pillow, as many of you people have done it, put my head upon the—the headboard of the bed, and put my hands behind me. And I was laying there like *this*. And I said, "Well, I just wonder what it will be, the other side. I am already fifty, and I haven't done nothing yet. If I could only do something to help the Lord, for I know I won't be mortal. Half of my time is gone, at least, or more than half. If I live to be as old as my people, still half my time is gone." And I looked around. And I was laying there, fixing to get up. It was about seven o'clock. I said, "I believe I'll go down to church, this morning. If I am hoarse, I'd like to hear Brother Neville preach."

128 So I said, "Are you awake, honey?" And she was sleeping very soundly.

129 And I don't want you to miss this. It has changed me. I can't be the same Brother Branham that I was.

130 And I looked. And I heard Something, kept saying, "You're just starting. Press the battle. Just keep pressing."

131 I shook my head a minute. I thought, "Well, I probably just thinking like this." You know, a persons can get some imaginations. And I said, "I just probably imagined that."

It said, "Press the battle. Keep going. Keep going."

132 I said, "Maybe I said it." And I put my lips within my teeth, and put my hand over my mouth.

133 And there It come again, said, "Just keep pressing. If you only knew what was at the end of the road!"

134 And it seemed like I could hear Graham Snelling, or somebody, that sang that song like this (They sings it here, Anna Mae and all of you all.):

I'm homesick and blue, and I want to see Jesus,
I would like to hear those sweet harbor bells chime;
It would brighten my path and would vanish all fears;
Lord, let me look past the curtain of time.

You've heard it sang here at the church.

135 And I heard Something say, "Would you like to see just beyond the curtain?"

I said, "It would help me so much."

136 And I looked. In just a moment, I . . . one breath I had come into a little Place that slanted. I looked back, and there I was, laying on the bed. And I said, "This is a strange thing."

137 Now, I would not want you to repeat this. This is before my church, or my sheep that I am pastoring. Whether it was, I was in this body or out, whether it was a translation, it wasn't like any vision I ever had. I could look There, and I could look here.

138 And when I hit that little Place, I never seen so many people come running, screaming, "Oh, our precious brother!"

139 And I looked. And young women, maybe in their early twenties, eighteen to twenty, they were throwing their arms around me, and screaming, "Our precious brother!"

140 Here come young men, in the brilliance of young manhood. And their eyes glistening and looking like stars on a darkened night. Their teeth as white as pearl. And they were screaming, and grabbing me, and screaming, "Oh, our precious brother!"

141 And I stopped, and I looked. And I was young. I looked back at my old body laying there, with my hands behind my head. And I said, "I don't understand this."

142 And these young women throwing their arms around me. Now, I do realize this is the mixed audience, and I say this with the sweetness and with the mellowness of the Spirit. Men cannot put your arm around women without a human sensation; but it wasn't There. There was no yesterday nor tomorrow. They didn't get tired. They were . . . I never seen such pretty women in all my life. They had hair way down to their waistline, long skirts to their feet. And they were just a hugging me. It wasn't a hug like even my own sister, setting there, would hug me. They were not kissing me, and I was not kissing them. It was something that I—I have not got the—the vocabulary, I haven't got the words to

say. "Perfection" wouldn't touch it. "Superb" wouldn't even touch it, nowhere. It was something that I never . . . You just have to be There.

¹⁴³ And I looked *this* way, and *that* way. And they were coming, by the thousands. And I said, "I don't understand this." I said, "Well, they . . ."

¹⁴⁴ And here come Hope. That was my first wife. She run, and never said, "My husband." She said, "My precious brother," and when she hugged me, there was another woman standing there, that had hugged me, and then Hope hugged this woman; and each one. And I thought, "Oh, this has to be something different. It can't be . . . There's something . . ." I thought, "Oh, would I ever want to go back to that old carcass again?"

¹⁴⁵ I looked around then. I thought, "What is this?" And I looked, real good. And I—I said, "I—I can't understand this." But Hope seemed to be like, oh, a guest of honor. She was no different, but just like a guest of honor.

¹⁴⁶ And I heard a Voice then that spoke to me, that was in the room, said, "This is what you preached was the Holy Ghost. This is perfect Love. And nothing can enter Here without It."

¹⁴⁷ I am more determined, than ever in my life, that it takes perfect Love, to enter There. There was no jealousy. There was no tiredness. There was no death. Sickness could never, in There. Mortality; could—could never make you old. And the . . . They could not cry. It was just one joy.

¹⁴⁸ "Oh, my precious brother!" And they took me up, and set me up on a great big high place.

¹⁴⁹ I thought, "I am not dreaming. I'm looking back at my—my body laying down here on the bed."

¹⁵⁰ And they set me up there. And I said, "Oh, I shouldn't sit up here."

¹⁵¹ And here come women and men, from both sides, just in their bloom of youth, screaming. And one woman was standing there, and she screamed, "Oh, my precious brother! Oh, we are so happy to see you Here."

I said, "I don't understand this."

¹⁵² And then that Voice that was speaking, from above me, said, "You know, it is written in the Bible that the prophets were gathered with their people."

And I said, "Yes. I remember that in the Scriptures."

Said, "Well, this is when you will gather with your people."

I said, "Then they'll be real, and I can feel them."

“Oh, yes.”

153 I said, “But, there’s millions. There’s not that many Branhams.”

154 And that Voice said, “They’re not Branhams. Them is your converts. That’s the ones that you’ve led to the Lord.” And said, “Some of them women there, that you think is so beautiful, were better than ninety years old when you led them to the Lord. No wonder they’re screaming, ‘Our precious brother!’”

155 And they screamed, all at once, said, “If you hadn’t have went, we wouldn’t be Here.”

I looked around. I thought, “Well, I don’t get it.”

I said, “Oh, where is Jesus? I want to see Him, so bad.”

156 They said, “Now, He is just a little higher, right up *that way*.” Said, “Someday He will come to you.” See? Said, “You were sent, for a leader. And God will come. And when He does, He’ll judge you according to what you taught them, first, whether they go in or not. We’ll go in according to your teaching.”

157 I said, “Oh, I’m so glad. Did Paul, does he have to stand like this? Does Peter have to stand like this?”

“Yes.”

158 I said, “Then I preached every Word that they preached. I never divvied from It, one side to the other. Where they baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, I did too. Where they taught the baptism of the Holy Ghost, I did too. Whatever they taught, I did too.”

159 And them people screamed, and said, “We know that. And we know we’re going with you, someday, back to earth.” Said, “Jesus will come, and you’ll be judged according to the Word that you preached us. And then if you are accepted at that time, which you will be,” and said, “then you will present us to Him, as your trophies of your ministry.” Said, “You will guide us to Him, and, all together, we’ll go back to the earth, to live forever.”

I said, “Do I have to return back now?”

“Yes. But keep pressing on.”

160 I looked. And I could see the people, just as far as I could see, still coming, wanting to hug me, screaming, “Our precious brother!”

161 Just then a Voice said, “All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given you Here.” And I looked. And here come my old dog, come walking up. Here come my horse, and laid his head upon my shoulder, and nickered. Said, “All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given them into your hand, through your ministry.”

And I felt myself move from that beautiful Place.

¹⁶² And I looked around. I said, “Are you awake, honey?” She was still asleep.

¹⁶³ And I thought, “O God! Oh, help me, O God. Never let me compromise with one Word. Let me stay right straight on that Word, and preach It. I don’t care what comes or goes, what anybody does; how many Sauls of . . . sons of Kish rise, how many *this, that*, or the *other*. Let me, Lord, press to that Place.” All fear of death . . .

¹⁶⁴ I say this, with my Bible before me, this morning. I’ve got a little boy there, four years old, to be raised. I got a nine-year-old girl; and a teen-ager, that I’m thankful for, that’s turned the way of the Lord. God, let me live, to bring them up in the admonition of God.

¹⁶⁵ And above that, the whole world seems to scream to me, ninety-year-old women and men, and all kinds, “If you hadn’t have went, we wouldn’t been Here.”

¹⁶⁶ And, God, let me press the battle. But if it comes to dying, I am no morose. It would be a joy, it would be a pleasure, to enter, from this corruption and disgrace.

¹⁶⁷ If I could make, up yonder, one hundred billion miles high, a square block, and that’s perfect Love, each step this way, it narrows, until we get down to where we are now. It would be just merely a shadow of corruption, that little something that we can sense and feel that there is something somewhere. We don’t know what It is.

¹⁶⁸ Oh, my precious friends, my beloved, my darlings of the Gospel, my begotten children unto God, listen to me, your pastor. You, I wish there was some way I could explain it to you. There’s no words; I couldn’t find it; it’s not found anywhere. But just beyond this last breath, is the most glorious thing that you ever . . . There is no way to explain it. There’s no way. I just can’t do it. But whatever you do, friend, lay aside everything else till you get perfect Love. Get to a spot that you can love everybody, every enemy, everything else.

¹⁶⁹ That one visit There, to me, has made me a different man. I can never, never, never be the same Brother Branham that I was. Whether the planes are rocking, whether the lightning is flashing, whether the spy has a gun on me, whatever it is, it doesn’t matter. I’m going to press the battle, by the grace of God. For, I’ve preached the Gospel to every creature and every person that I can, persuading them to that beautiful Land yonder.

¹⁷⁰ It may seem hard. It may take a lot of strength. I don’t know how much longer. We don’t know, physically speaking. The . . . From my examination the other day, he said, “You’ve got twenty-five years of

hard, good life. You're solid." That helped me. But, oh, that wasn't it. That isn't it. It's something within *here*. This corruption has got to put on incorruption. This mortal has got to put on immortality.

¹⁷¹ Sons of Kish may rise. I . . . All the good things they do, I have nothing evil to say against it, giving to the poor and to charity. And remember, why, Samuel told Saul, "You'll also prophesy." And many of those men are great, mighty preachers, can preach the Word like archangels. But still it wasn't God's will. God was to be their king. Brother, sister, you let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Let us bow our heads just a moment.

I'm so homesick and blue, I want to see Jesus,
I would like to hear those sweet harbor bells chime;
It would brighten my path and would vanish all fear;
Lord, let us look apast the curtain of time.

Lord, let me look apast the curtain of sorrows and
fear,

Let me view that sunny bright clime;
It would strengthen our faith and would vanish all
fear;

Lord, let them look apast the curtain of time.

¹⁷² I am sure, Lord, if this little church, this morning, could just look apast the curtain: not an affliction among them, there never could be; not a sickness; nothing but perfection. And It's just one breath between here and There, from old age to youth, from time to Eternity, from a weary of tomorrow, and a sorrow of yesterday, till the present time of Eternity in perfection.

¹⁷³ I pray, God, that You will bless every person here, if there be those here, Lord, who does not know You in that way of Love. And truly, Father, nothing could enter that holy Place without that type of Love, the new Birth, the being borned again. The Holy Spirit, God, is Love, and we know that that is true. No matter if we move mountains by our faith, if we did great things, still, without That there, we could never climb that great ladder yonder. But with That, It'll lift us beyond this earthly cares. I pray, Father, that You will bless the people here.

¹⁷⁴ And may, that, every person that has heard me, this morning, tell this Truth, that You be my witness, Lord, as Samuel of old, "Have I ever told them anything in Your Name but what was true?" They are the judges. And I tell them now, Lord, that You taken me to that Land. And Thou knowest that it's true.

¹⁷⁵ And now, Father, if there be some that doesn't know You, may this be the hour that they say, "Lord, place within me the will to be Thy will." Grant it, Father.

176 And now, you, with your heads bowed, would you raise your hands, and say, “Pray for me, Brother Branham, God will within me.”

177 Now while you’re right where you are, just real sweetly, why don’t you just say to Father, “God, within my heart, today, I renounce all things of the world. I renounce everything, to love You and serve You, all my life. And I will, from this day, henceforth, follow You, in every Scripture of Your Bible”? If you have not been baptized in the Christian baptism, “I will, Lord.”

178 “If I have not yet received the Holy Ghost . . .” You’ll know when you received It. It’ll give to you—It’ll give to you the assurance and Love that you need. Oh, you might have done different, had sensations, like you might have shouted or spoke with tongues, which is fine. But if that Divine Love isn’t there, believe me now, say, “Lord, place within my heart, and in my soul, the reaching of Your Spirit, that I might love, and honor, and have that Divine Love in my heart, today, that would take me to that Land when my final breath leaves me,” while we pray. You pray, yourself, now. In your own way, you pray, ask God to do that for you.

179 I love you. I love you. You precious gray-headed men sitting here, who has worked hard and fed little children! You poor, old mamas who has stroked the tears from their eyes! Let me assure you this, sister, dear, it isn’t that way across the other breath yonder. I believe that It is absolutely in the room. It’s just a dimension that we live into. This is just a corruption that we live in now.

180 “But will in me, Lord, Thy will to be.” You pray, while we pray together.

181 Reverently, Lord, upon the basis of Thy Word and Thy Holy Spirit, we are so glad that we know where our Birth comes from. We are glad that we were “born not of the will of man, nor of the will of flesh, but of the will of God.”

182 And we pray, today, Father, that these who are now asking for pardoning grace, that Your Spirit will do that work, Lord. There’s no way for me to do it; I’m just a man, another son of Kish. But we need You, the Holy Spirit.

183 God, let me be as Samuel, one who tells the Truth of the Word. And You have vindicated It, so far, and I believe that You will continue, as long as I stay true to You.

184 May they all now receive Eternal Life, Father. May this day never depart from them. In the hour when they come to leave this world, may this, what I have just said to them, open to a reality. And as we sit here, mortal, today, looking at our watch, thinking of our dinner, of work tomorrow, of the cares and toils of life, they’ll not be then. They’ll all

fade away. There will be no cares; and one great joy of Eternity. Give them that type of Life, Father, every one. And may . . .

¹⁸⁵ I ask You this, Father, that every person that's here this morning, that's heard me say this vision, may I meet every one of them on the other side; though there may be men here that would disagree with me, and women, too. But, Father, never let that stand in our way. May we meet them over There, and they run, too, and we grab each other, screaming, "Our precious brother." Let it be like it was shown There, Lord, to everyone, all that I love, and all that love me. I pray that it'll be that way, Lord. And I love them all. Let them appear, Father. I offer them Eternal Life now. May they do their part, to accept It. For I ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹⁸⁶ We have just a few moments, to pray for the sick. I see we got a little, sick girl here, and a lady in a chair.

¹⁸⁷ Now, to my most precious brethren, sisters, please do not misunderstand me. I—I don't know what happened. I don't know what happened. But, God, when I die, let me go back There. Just let me go to that Place, is where I want to be, wherever it was. I'm not trying to be a Paul that was caught up in the third heavens. I'm not saying that. I believe that He was just trying to encourage me, trying to give me a little something to push me on, in my new ministry coming up.

¹⁸⁸ Would it seem irreverent if I read something here, just a minute? Would it be all right? One of the nation's leading magazines, Billy Graham:

Doctor Billy Graham Invited To The Islam, on the front page of *The Afrikaans Times*, February the fifteenth, 1960. The writer of the article, who was a Moslem, Mohammedan, thinks that miracles should follow the preaching of the Gospel of Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. We quote: "It is this: Christ promised His followers, when He said, 'He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; even greater than these shall he do.' Has the Church ever done the works, that, the—the attributes of Christ in the Bible? Can It today? Can any of the church distinguish, to perform even half the miracles performed by Christ, not to say 'greater works'? Can you, as an individual, renown, advocate of the Christian, rise, to raise the dead to physical life? Can you walk on the seas? Can you heal the sick and give sight to the blind? Is not this, according to the above mentioned era, set forth of the Mohammedan, or, set, or, the test by Christ's followers as the statements of some, were in your belief?" Much to the Moslem article is plainly one misstatement after another.

¹⁸⁹ They discredit this Moslem, but he was right. But here is what they had to say:

The best answer to which, to read the Bible, and to know the Koran. The Koran suffers that the . . . by . . . suffered by the comparison. The claim of “Mohammedism is outstanding and outpacing Christianity,” is pure, (b-o-m-b-a-s-t-i-c) bombastic (I suppose) imagination. The writer, nevertheless, has touched a vital point regarding miracles belonging to the Church. But here again we doubt the writer’s sincerity, for who could point out and could dispute the miracles done by Rev. William Branham before the Moslems in South Africa, when ten thousand received Christ as Saviour under the ministry of William Branham, at Durban, South Africa, and elsewhere throughout the world, or to T. L. Osborn in East Africa? Of course, we stand one hundred percent for Billy Graham. We talked the point of question, is of no . . . this point of question is of no value.

¹⁹⁰ But in the midst of every bit of it (They called me . . . said we was fanatics, we didn’t know what we were doing.), they had to witness, in their own paper, that God did do it, anyhow. God is just as much God, today, as He ever was.

¹⁹¹ You might not think that they don’t believe it, they don’t see it. Just isn’t hid; it isn’t done in a corner.

¹⁹² And hundreds of thousands of people setting there, watched that. When they seen that crippled, afflicted boy come there, the Holy Spirit tell him about his life, and things, and what took place in there. And see ten thousand Moslems lay themselves on the ground, flat, and accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

¹⁹³ We still got T. L. Osborns, and so forth, that still feed sheep Food. I guess Brother Osborn hasn’t had been down amongst the Moslems yet. They claim they’re so predominant. But we still have a God who can deliver the sheep from the lion, can deliver the sheep from the bear.

¹⁹⁴ It done me good to know that they’d have to write it and recognize it. No, they think they don’t; they walk away and turn their back, and said, “Ah, them days are passed.”

¹⁹⁵ The Moslem said, “Are they? The whole Bible then is passed. You’re all wrong. You’re worshipping a Man, a Man that died, and His Name was Jesus. And He died, long years ago, and there’s no such a thing as Him being resurrected.”

¹⁹⁶ But they couldn’t say that at the Durban meeting. There He stood doing the same thing that He did, it proved to them. Now even the—the denominations has to come back, the very person that wrote and told me that I’d have to with-trace my teaching on the Bible, was the one had

to write that in their paper. God will make them praise Him, anyhow, then, regardless. That's right. He'll make them praise Him, anyhow.

¹⁹⁷ We got a little, sick girl sitting here. That your child? What's her trouble, sister? [The sister says, "It's brain hemorrhage."—Ed.] Ma'am? ["Brain hemorrhage."] Brain hemorrhage. ["I wrote to you, several years ago, about her brain hemorrhage."] Oh, yeah. ["She's been sick now, be four years in August."] Four years, in August. ["Brother Neville has been down to see her."] Oh, is it from Marengo, or somewhere down there? ["Paoli."] Paoli. Is this the girl, then? There's only one thing, mother, can save the girl: that's, God knowing her. ["She's a lot better than she was."] I'm so glad of that.

¹⁹⁸ Have you been down to pray for her, Brother Neville? [Brother Neville says, "Yes, sir."—Ed.] Since Brother Neville went down and prayed for her, she's gotten better. Still have shepherds that know sheep Food.

¹⁹⁹ What's your trouble, sister dear, setting in the chair there, yours? [A sister says, "She has cancer."—Ed.] Cancer.

²⁰⁰ Well, if I'd just ask you something, maybe right here. How many in here has been healed by . . . of cancer? Raise up your hands. Look here, sister. ["She is practically deaf, and she cannot hear what you say."—Ed.]

²⁰¹ God is the Healer. We know that. If I told you I could go down there and take that hemorrhage off of the girl and make her well, I'd tell you wrong, or, could take the cancer off the woman. But I know one thing, there was a bear (a cancer, a tumor, a blindness, and even death) grabbed some of God's sheep, one day, and I went forth with the power of God, and I slew him and brought that sheep back. That's right. And we go forth today, not with any great something, *so-and-so*. I go forth with the plain little slingshot of prayer. He'll bring her back.

²⁰² You believe that, don't you, sister? You believe, too, don't you, sister? How many of you believe with your heart now?

²⁰³ Now you bow your heads while I go to pray.

²⁰⁴ Dear Father, a beautiful young woman lays here, that can never walk no more, or get around, except You help her. The enemy has caught her. She is beyond the reach of any doctor. The enemy has jerked her so far out yonder in space, till a doctor couldn't even do a thing. But she's not out of Your reach, Lord. She's right where You can put Your hand on her. On the basis of the Word of God, I lay my hands upon this young woman, and condemn this brain hemorrhage. In the Name of Jesus Christ, call her back to a normal woman again. She'll live to the glory of God. May she be well, walk in and out of

this church, like others who have come in, similar to this, give praise to God. So be it, through Jesus Christ.

205 As the frosting of her hair, just a few more rounds, and she'll be in that Land yonder where I saw not old no more, but young. But her loved ones set here, weeping, and they love her. A great enemy that's grabbed her and jerked her out of the reach of the doctor, a fearful lion of cancer. God, I come, after her. I come to bring her back. I slay the lion of cancer, in the Name of the undefeated Christ, to Who I'm an ambassador to. May it leave her, and may she be well, and live many years, yet, to the honor and glory of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

206 Now, Heavenly Father, that just not in great armor, not the polished spear, language and vocabulary of some orator, but with a common, little slingshot of faith. I come for this soul, and this body that the enemy of cancer has grabbed her beyond the reach of the doctor. But I come for her, this morning, Lord, bringing her back to shady green pasture and still water. In the Name of the triumphing Jesus, to which I am His ambassador. With unfeigned faith, I believe that she shall be brought back, by this power of this prayer we have made. So be it . . . ? . . .

207 (I believe there is a baptismal service. Is there?) [Brother Neville says, "Yes, sir. Two preachers got some folks to baptize yet."—Ed.]

208 Would you raise your head just a moment? The pastor has just told me . . .

209 These people are very, very sick. They'll be all right. Just don't . . . It's okay. God's promise never fails. We go after them.

210 They've got a baptismal service. There is some people that must go. We're going to have service again tonight.

211 Is there anyone here that could not come tonight, would want us to offer prayer for you now, that cannot be here tonight? Would you come right here then, you that cannot come tonight. I'll have more time; form a prayer line, tonight. They got to baptize these people.

212 You got a little boy there? All right. [A brother says, "All right if I give you this?"—Ed.] Yes, brother. Thank you, very much. Is it all right if I read it after a bit or right now? Thank you, sir.

213 Now if you just give us just a minute or two longer, we then would have the—the service for the—for the baptism. I know you'll want to see it.

214 And those who are wishing baptism this morning, well, you, the ladies go over *here* to change their garments, and the men go over on *this* side. And then while I'm praying for these sick people, then you may be making ready for the baptismal service. And those now that . . .

215 Now, tonight, I'll try to run a—a little prayer line, tonight, right away, soon as they come in. And we're going to start in the 1st Book of Ephesians, tonight. And we'll be very happy now to have you in, if you have no church to go to. But if you have your own pastor and church, then you—you attend your precious church where you support.

216 If you that have to go, and are going to leave at this time, God bless you. Be with us again when you can. We'll be happy to have you.

217 Are you to be prayed for, too, brother? What is your trouble? High blood pressure.

218 Now, the rest of you, while you bow your head, a minute, we want to pray.

219 Father, I thank Thee, today, for the little shepherd sling, the prayer that brought the lion to his knees, and the little lamb was jerked away from him, and took back to its mama and daddy. I pray for our brother. I ask that You will bring him safely in, too, Lord. May the blood pressure and troubles of his body cease. I go after him, Lord, bring him back, in the Name of Jesus Christ. So be it. Amen.

God bless you, brother.

Going down, I see you hold a little, blind boy.

220 One more thing I'd like to say. I was having. . . very sick, was vomiting. And I thought. . . I don't want you to miss this, if you can. I thought, "God, what would I give if I could hear somebody stop outside? My wife would say, 'Billy, there's an old gentleman here to see you.'

221 "And here come in a little, bald-headed fellow with the gray whiskers hanging around his face. He'd walk in, say, 'You're Brother Branham?'

"I'd say, 'Yes, sir, I am.'

222 "'My name is Simon.' Put his hand over on me, and look at me a minute. Say, 'You're a believer, Brother Branham.'

"'Yes.'

223 "'It'll be all right.' Simon Peter, of the Bible. How I would appreciate that! He wouldn't have to say much. Just put his hand on me, be all right."

224 And then what come to me, by God's help, and by God's grace, there is tens of thousands of people believe the same thing, if I'd come to them. And I thought, "Lord, let me get to every one I can, then. Let me just—just. . ."

225 I thought, "If Simon, or just Paul, some of them, just come in and say, 'You Brother Branham?'

“‘Yes.’

226 “Put their hands over on me, and look at me, and say, ‘All right, Brother Branham,’ just walk out.

227 “I’d get well. I’d be all right. Sure. I said . . . Boy, my courage would pick up right then. I’d say, ‘I’m going to be all right.’” Yes, sir.

228 And there’s people believe that same thing today. And that’s what I’m coming down here to do, lay hands on you, ask God.

229 I want to go with this little boy, sister, just a minute. He’s a little, blind boy. How long has he been blind? [A sister says, “Ever since birth.”—Ed.] Ever since birth.

230 Hi, little boy! Oh, you’re a mighty fine, little boy . . . ? . . .

231 O gracious God! Beyond the reach of doctors, at the birth of this little boy, being born blind, and he can’t see; this beautiful, lovely little boy. And the enemy, before the little fellow had a chance in life, jerked him beyond the reach of a doctor. So, I’m coming out after him, this morning, Lord. This simple, little slingshot of prayer. Let me bring him back, God. I meet the enemy, the devil, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and I claim this boy for God. I claim his sight, for God, giving him back that what Satan robbed him from. May he have it. In the Name of Jesus Christ, it will be. Now, so be it.

232 Now, sister, dear, now, don’t you have one speck of doubt that this little boy is going to be all right. And I want you, bring him back here at the church, and show the people, he can see, now, won’t you?

Give him his sight, in the Name of Jesus Christ . . . ? . . .

233 Lord Jesus, to lay . . . This little one that we have offered so much prayer for! But, this morning, I come again in the Name of Jesus Christ, packing this little slingshot that You gave me. And You’ve helped me with this, Lord, by Your Power, to take the . . . out of the mouth of cancer, out of the mouth of death itself, raise up the dead after they been pronounced dead, and laying stiff and cold. I come after this enemy, in the Name of Jesus Christ. So bring her back to good health again, Lord. Grant it. So be it done, for the glory of God.

234 And you’re to be prayed for? [A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.] You are a believer? [“Yes.”] Lord, I bring her, in the reach of this little sling. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may it leave her and never come back.

235 [A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.] Well, that same little slingshot, that went and got Brother Harley, and for your daughter and yourself.

236 Now, Heavenly Father, I come after the enemy, using this little sling that You give me, for You said, “If you get the people to believe, and

be sincere when you pray," that little rock will go to the killing point. May it go now, Lord, as I send it to her request. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may it be so. Amen.

²³⁷ [A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.] All right, sister. Now we're . . . Nerves is beyond the reach of doctors. They can give you something to kind of quieten you, but it'll make you worse, after that. Yeah. Now look. We're going out after it, this morning. Going out; bring you back. [Blank spot on tape.]

²³⁸ Lord Jesus, . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . five little stones, f-a-i-t-h, and the slingshot of prayer. And I'm bringing back my sister from the clutches of that nervousness . . . ? . . . yonder. I'm bringing her back to peace and shady green pastures and still water. I do this in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.]

²³⁹ Father God, this little girl, we're so glad that it wasn't muscular dystrophy. But regardless of what it is, it's still in Your reach, Lord. And I come with the little sling of faith, and this stone. And I press this stone with all the strength that I can throw it. In the Name of Jesus Christ, may it hit the mark. May our sister be well. I do this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

[A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.]

²⁴⁰ As this young mother, and her little offspring, a little one that she wants to meet over yonder, on the other side, in that glorious Land that I just spoke of, and they . . . The mother won't live to the . . . raise the little fellow, and neither can the little fellow live long without Your help. But I'm coming with the sling, with all that the strength and the aim that I can take at the enemy. And in the Name of Jesus Christ, I sling this at him. They shall be well, for the glory of God. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

[A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.]

²⁴¹ Oh, that's so nice. I'm glad. Well, that ministry, then, was the greatest ministry of pointing people out. It pointed to works . . . ? . . .

²⁴² Our Heavenly Father, Satan has jerked this little mother beyond the reach of the doctors yonder. They can only sling a drug out that way, Lord, that will only tear her around, around, hardly make her know where she's at. And then when she comes to, she's worse. But I'm coming with this slingshot of faith, with a stone, directing with a direct aim, to zero in on the target. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I take this nervousness from her, for the glory of God. Amen.

[Someone speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.]

²⁴³ Dear God, Brother George laying yonder, dying, not long ago, I seen what a faith did for him. Now he's got rheumatism, Lord. We realize that they could give him some cortisone, something that would kind of ease the pain, but it won't take the thing away. So we aim this prayer, in the Name of the Jesus Christ. May the rheumatism go. May he go home and be well.

Thank you, brother.

²⁴⁴ How do you do, dearie? [A sister speaks with Brother Branham—Ed.] Oh, my! Deafening. Can you hear at all? Uh-huh. Just beyond the reach of mortal ken! You're a believer in the Lord Jesus? ["Amen."] I see a beautiful woman over There, one of these days. You'll be young again forever. I know you want to live now to His glory. Going back to a . . .

²⁴⁵ [The sister says, "No, I'm grieving for my son."—Ed.] Your son. ["That's been gone for over two years."] Can't you find him? ["He's in God's hand."] Oh, he—he went on? ["Uh-huh. Through the valley of death."] Oh, that. ["And my grievousness."] Grief-stricken. Yeah. ["I'm grief . . . I'm grief-stricken. And I feel like, if it's God's will, I'd like for Him to take me. I've nothing but happiness in Him."]

²⁴⁶ Sister dear, I want you to get where you feel good. Did she hear the vision, this morning? [The other sister says, "She can hear all right."—Ed.] Well, you tell her.

²⁴⁷ Well, she's going to tell you what happened. Just beyond your breath here, that precious boy is waiting for you. You'll be young like him. Love, just love the . . . [The sister says, "I don't want to stay. I want to go to him, if it's God's will."—Ed.]

²⁴⁸ Dear Heavenly Father, life's race has been run. There's not much more left. And her precious boy, just across the river, if he could only look back, he'd say, "Just a few days." She's waiting for the boat, Lord, that will take her through the fog, to that glorious Land. Do bless her, Father, and comfort her heart. And may that be a great reunion, just across the river.



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