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“... in the days of the voice ...” Rev. 10:7

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Introduction

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Lord I believe.
 Lord...
 Lord...believe...
 All things...

²⁰⁸ [Brother Branham praying—Ed.]...has come. We believe that You're soon coming. Thou has sent Thy gift to glorify Thy Holy Child. He's stretching forth His holy hand to heal, by the agency of His church. Help the people tonight. While the music is playing sweetly and softly, may the people believe. Father, I...said anything wrong, forgive me. I pray that You'll let the people understand, that this is the time that You have testified. And may they know that Thy servant didn't come because of my desire, it was Your will that I should come, Father. And may they lay every skeptic mind aside, every skeptical thought, and come tonight and be healed. For we ask it in Jesus name, and for His glory. Amen.

²⁰⁹ Now, you'll lay aside every skeptical thought? Now, you done forgot all about your skeptic ideas? You going to come and be healed tonight? Do you believe it? Say, "Amen" all of you. God bless you, friends.

²¹⁰ Now, they're going take a picture. Now, I'll tell you what happens with these pictures. I hang them in my room. Every night, when I'm home, I pray for them. How many wants me to pray for you when I look at this picture? God bless your hearts.

²¹¹ Now, be sure not to miss tomorrow night's service, and the next night, My Life Story, the next night I want to be here. God bless you, now, while we stand, reverently, for a moment. They're going to take the picture. Now, the photographer will tell you what to do.

²¹² [Photographer says, "You folks can be seated, now, please."—Ed.]

²¹³ If that balcony would stand, it'd be so much better. It'd make a much better. Isn't that right, photographer? If they stand it'd be, make a much nicer picture, especially the balcony. Is that right? [Photographer says, "Sure"—Ed.] Shows them better. All right, the balcony, stand. They want the balcony to stand, all around. That's fine.

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¹ [A brother introduces Brother Branham—Ed.]...?...New gadgets, oh it's recording.

² We're, hardly know each night where we're going to be at. That's the, I think the, about the third move in the last four nights. So we got another move, I think, tomorrow night. That's what makes it awfully bad, just kind of shifting around from place to place, and you're hardly, just like a new place every night, and it makes it very hard. I trust that sometimes, when I come back again to Oakland, well, maybe we can get something like the auditorium here for a week or two. That's when we could have a real revival, and a real meeting. Don't you believe that? I believe we could too.

³ It's just, our schedule has been so irregular. Well, I would say this: we're just a night or two here and then a hundred miles farther. Just about the time we get the thing, the people settled down to where they can begin to see the supernatural moving of God, then it's...they break up the meeting, go somewhere else, two or three, four hundred miles farther and start again. And, just when the people have been coming into the revival stage, where they can be healed and many things can be done.

⁴ So I think after I get back now from Canada, well, before we go to Mexico or anywhere, I think we'll just make the revival, places, stay about a month at a time in a place or something like that so we can just really get the people, when they can stay long enough till some of the people that's prayed for will begin to come in. Reports coming in, "Getting well, getting well," like that, and testimonies going.

⁵ Like in my own hometown in Jeffersonville, Indiana, why it's nothing there. My, just soon as you come into town, hundreds of people flock from everywhere, 'cause they have, they're...you're settled down to one place. You're not on the move like this. And then friends, this is just about six months I've been going day and night almost.

⁶ Today I had a wonderful day alone with God. No one was there but just the Lord and I. And I get myself more settled down when I get alone.

⁷ Now I've got five more meetings before I have any rest coming up. Five more meetings, and then in the month of May I'm to take a complete month, going up into the Rocky Mountains where my, alone, there you kind of look like...I like to be alone with God. That's the way that I find Him so dear to me. And then, coming back then to start into Canada.

⁸ Now, we do not have much time. [Brother Branham speaks to someone, "What time do they close the auditorium? Eleven o'clock—Ed.] Eleven o'clock I think they said, the closing of the auditorium.

⁹ So, I wish to speak to you tonight just for, just take a little bit of time and teach the Word of faith, and that you might know how to approach God. There's many of these great, deep subjects that people claim that they know much about, and when it comes down to the final showdown, they know very little of it. Now that's true. And we're going to find out a few of those things tonight. And by the way, the day after tomorrow

night at the other auditorium, I'm to give a little...[Blank spot on tape-Ed.]

¹⁰ I want you to be healed. That's what I'm here for. This is a great sacrifice for me to be here, friends. I have a home, a family, and I'm new. I'm just a baby in the work. This is just a few months since the gift of healing came to me. I don't have...I don't own my own home. I just live in two rooms in a little L-cottage. My wife packs water for somewhat, almost a half a city block, packs it back out of the house again. I've been offered wonderful homes in different cities where they tell me, "I'll build you a home worth five thousand dollars, just give it to you."

¹¹ But friends, it isn't money with me. I wished I never even had to think about it. And that's the reason that many of you send your, offer me your gifts. I don't take them. Because it's not your finance. I want your confidence. I'm here for your healing.

¹² And as I was saying about the little home, wife, and two children. I would-I'd love to be with them tonight. Just about now it's eleven o'clock, that faithful little one is on her knees, praying for me now. She knows it's just about time, starting the service. Lovely old mother, she's praying for me. A little boy that his mother died when he was just two years old, he's praying for me. And now when I come here to the pulpit I just feel that their prayers will be answered. And I know He's near.

¹³ You don't know how I'd like them...?...tonight. When I left them at the plane coming, a few months ago, they were holding onto my coat and crying. The doctor in my church told me I wouldn't live but about a year longer. Said, at the rate I was going, that I would drop some night in a heart attack in the pulpit. My little boy's afraid of that. So he just crying, saying, "Daddy, don't go."

¹⁴ But there's something called out to the sick and suffering. And friends I can only help you if you believe me. That's the only way I can ever do anything for you. And I would love to be there tonight. You don't know how I would like...many of you know what it is to be away from home, don't you? But I, it's just, I'd say it's just a little shack, but it doesn't take a big house to make a home. It's the character on the inside that makes the home. And I'm thankful for a home. So God bless you and you pray for me, and I'll tell you more about it the day after tomorrow night.

¹⁵ And now tonight friends, if you will, keep the little fellows just as patient as you can and you be the same, and give me your undivided attention just for a few moments, and I'll try to explain to you the best of my knowledge the reason I'm here tonight and how that you must approach God to receive your healing. I've suffered much, and I know what it is to be sick, and I want to help you. And I can if you'll just believe.

¹⁶ I wish to take this opportunity, just now. I have so many things on my mind, and tired and weary. But I want to thank the minister. I just forget his name of who let us have this auditorium tonight. I think, gave

could get to me. They believed it. One of them come, she even had a dream that...she couldn't even speak English, and she seen that supernatural being standing.

²⁰² You got the letter here, have you? Many, why? God will testify of His gifts. Is that right? Oh, friends, you know what I'm speaking of. Do you understand now, what I'm speaking of? [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]

²⁰³ [Brother Branham praying-Ed.]...People come tonight, just like they did in the days of the apostles. May they come realizing that this is the apostolic time for them. This is the hour. The-what they have asked for is now present. The Holy Ghost in the form of healing for their bodies. Grant it, dear God. May many people be healed tonight. Have mercy Father, and may everyone that comes tonight, come like they did when they passed by Your humble servant, Simon Peter. And they were laid in his shadow, and were made every whit whole, because they recognized God in the man. May they recognize God like they did in Moses. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. May they recognize God, tonight, in His people. Grant it, dear Father. Have mercy now, and bless every one of them.

²⁰⁴ And, dear God, at this time I pray for my little church at home. It just had services tonight. Crying, begging for me to come home. Oh, God. People gathering in from different parts of the country. Take care of my little orphan boy, won't You, dear God?

²⁰⁵ Oh, I'm out here striving, trying my best, dear God, to obey what I was told to do. And may the people see, Father, what a sacrifice it is, and what You've done for the people. And may they recognize this day, and many be healed, get well of their diseases, and testify to this city. For we ask it in the lovely name of Jesus Christ, Thy beloved Son. Amen.

²⁰⁶ If they just file from side to side. Oh, how I wished you could...I know you do, God bless your hearts. I just got confidence to believe you have. Let's all sing now while the band plays, and all, Only Believe. Every one now lift your voices highly. Come on now.

Only believe,
Only believe,
All things are possible...

[Brother Branham talks to a brother-Ed.]

Only believe,
All things are possible,
Only...

²⁰⁷ Just a moment, now. You have believed God is in our midst, tonight? You have believed that? You have believed that He has sent to you people, who's cried for deliverance? You believe He sent healing to you? You believe it with all your heart? Then let's sing this with our hands over our hearts. Sing...

Lord I believe,
Lord I believe,
All things are possible,

¹⁹² You think I could pass him? I don't care who he was. If God...I don't care how much they'd put you in jail.

¹⁹³ Then, standing there by the poor old fellow, take a hold of his hands, his eyes had been blown out by an explosion. Taking a hold of his hands, and was praying for him. His wife was crying, with tears rolling down off her coat, like that. She, standing there. After I got through praying, he just-his eyes, he looked so amazed. He'd look around, began to bat his eyes. He said, "Honey, ain't that an automobile setting right there?" And it was our car that we were setting in. Tears rolling down his eyes, out of his eyes. He began to raise his hands and rejoice.

¹⁹⁴ Oh, brother, God will testify of His gift. Heavens and earth might pass, but God's going to move. There's going to be somebody that's going to receive it. Yes, sir. If you'll come and respect what God has done for you. That's right, God will testify of His gifts. It's right now time to get started.

¹⁹⁵ Listen, not long ago I was in, was over in Illinois, and listen. While we're talking of the colored, this come on my mind. There was...I was in a big coliseum. Many of you know where I'm speaking of. And there looking around, just seeing different things, I seen an old colored man with a little ring of white hair around his head. He come along like this, looking. And after a while he come to a certain thing. He stopped, took off his hat. He held it behind. He bowed his head, and I seen he was saying a prayer.

¹⁹⁶ And I walked up to him, after he got through praying, and I said, "Sir," I said, "I'm a minister." I said, "I seen you praying. What was so startling about the box?"

¹⁹⁷ He looked up at me, and poor, old wrinkled, hardened cheeks, and the tears rolling off the side of his cheeks. He said, "Parson," he said, "just look over there."

¹⁹⁸ And I raised up and looked over there, and looked like a little old dress laying there. I said, "I only see a dress." And that's what many people just see, the natural side. I said, "I only see the dress."

He said, "You notice that kind of a circle in it, Parson?"

And I said, "Yes sir."

¹⁹⁹ He said, "Feel right here on my side." Said, "There's marks of a slave belt. That's the blood of Abraham Lincoln." Said, "The blood of Abraham Lincoln cut the slave belt off of me. Why shouldn't I take my hat off and say a prayer?"

²⁰⁰ I think, tonight, if a colored man, for the freedom and his rights, could take his hat off to the blood of Abraham Lincoln, what ought you Christians to do to the blood of Jesus Christ?

²⁰¹ Oh, friends. I expect you to have more faith in Oakland. And L.A. too. I tell you the people that received it not long ago, was the Spanish people at Arizona. They caught the idea right quick. They knew it was God's gift to them. They come right on the platform, right...See them dear old Spanish mothers faint and fall, and pulled out of line before they

away his services. Reverend Jack Walker. [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]

¹⁷ We're so thankful for this, another opportunity tonight, to stand before your lovely people, to speak to them concerning the day and the hour that we're living, just before the coming of Thy beloved Son to take away a Church, a called-out people that's Blood-washed, born the second time, and are ready to go meet a holy God. A way bridged for them by the Blood of the holy Christ of God.

¹⁸ Bless us tonight, together, as we wait for Thy Divine presence. And may the Angel that Thou didst send into the room, that night, to speak to Thy servant, and the reason of being here tonight, may He stand on the pulpit for Thy humble servant tonight, and confirm every word that's spoke. And may great signs and wonders follow.

¹⁹ Bless the minister, Father, Brother Walker, who gave us the auditorium tonight. He and his, may they be blessed. Make him successful in Thy ministry, a fruitful branch. And may he have many trophies to lay at Your feet at that great day.

²⁰ Bless the minister that's sponsoring this program here in the city, our Brother Morris, all the other ministers, the co-workers. Oh, God, may their churches be flames of fire, testimonies for the glory of God in this last evil day that we're living in the shadows, just before the coming of the Just One.

²¹ Oh, speak tonight, Father, in a great way to the people. And may there be faith. And may the Holy Spirit tip His wings across this auditorium tonight. May virtue come in such a way that many, many, great miraculous healings may be done, that His fame may be spread forth, through all the regions, up and down this western coast of this hemisphere. For we ask it in His name, and for His glory. Amen.

²² Now friends, as I say, we're shifted about so many times. I guess many of you here never even hear of how the gift of Divine healing come. But only thing I want you to do tonight, is to believe me. If you will believe, you shall see God's glory, I'm sure. The success has not been as I hoped it would be in the last few nights though: cripples, afflictions, deaf, dumb, lame. But it's very slow. It seems to be since we've hit the west coast.

²³ Brother Charles Fuller was speaking to me when I was down in Long Beach, and he told me, said, "Brother Branham," said, "the reason," said, "this west coast here, has everything under the name of Divine healing." Said, "They have Blue Flame worshippers, Father Divine worship, everything under the name of Divine healing." Said, "It's such a stumbling block for that's..." [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]

²⁴ ...Healer Divine. And now, no man can do a miracle in His name that can speak light of Him. That's what He said. So if anybody is getting people healed, I'm thankful for it. But I truly believe with all my heart, as we go into the subject tonight, that to, maybe, if God will just help us, that you'll get the vision and see what really the day and time that we're living. And then you'll see and believe. May God help us as I

read some of the Scriptures now.

²⁵ Over in the book of Hebrews, the 11th chapter, we will begin and read the first three verses. Listen very closely, because my words is just the words of a mortal. They will fail. But God's Word will never fail. It's always true.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

For by it the elders obtained a good report.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

²⁶ The PA system is a little bit loud so...All right now, I think that may be just a little, a little better; kind of causes a rebound.

²⁷ Now, I wish to take my text out of the third chapter, the third verse rather, and the last, one of the last phrases: "God testifying of His gift." And now for my subject, it's found in the first chapter, the first verse, rather, pardon me, the first verse, Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

²⁸ This day that we're living in, is such a day of unsettled peace, and unsettled rest everywhere. People are running to and fro, seeking whatever they may seek. Most anybody can get a following no matter what they teach, or think, somebody will listen to them. And it's a day that the prophets spoke of.

²⁹ People, when they're hungry, they'll eat from anywhere. If children and people are starving, they'll eat from a garbage can that once eat from a nice table. But if they're hungry they will eat somewhere. So I think real true ministers of the Gospel ought to be up and going, ought to be giving the people the right thing, meat in due season.

³⁰ Now, this subject of mine, as I have testified to you that I am not a preacher. I just merely have the gift of Divine healing, which I humbly say, "It comes from God. I had nothing to do with it coming." [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

³¹ ...healed through the Scriptures. Faith, "He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Without faith it is impossible to please God." This world was made by faith. Things were shaped in existence by faith. God just seen that dew drop hanging out there in the air, that whatever you want to call it, and He just spake and said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And then He brought the land forth, and dried it off and so forth. That was all done by an act of faith with God. The whole world is made by faith.

³² You're here tonight by faith. Many of you told your employer that you would be back tomorrow to work. How do you know you will? You told your wife, "I'll be home after service." How do you know you will?

¹⁸¹ Brother Adams said, "You can't stop for the colored man, you know. Even in Arkansas, if you even shake the hands of a colored man, they'll put you in jail." So, there they are, it's a law they have there. You can talk to him, but don't put your hands on him.

¹⁸² Now, that's not right. That's not. He's a human just as good as I am, or you are, or anybody else. That's exactly right. I don't know what you think about that, but I want to unload my soul about it. That's right. Sure, I'm for Abraham Lincoln in that.

¹⁸³ All right. And look, there this poor colored man standing there, hollering, "Oh, Reverend."

¹⁸⁴ And Brother Adams said, "Come on, Brother Branham." Said, "My, look at that crowd," said, "They're pressing, going out."

¹⁸⁵ They pulled me out of the crowd. They don't mean to be harsh, but they try to take... 'Cause friends, sometimes you get around, they'd tramp you to death, almost. And they just pull you. I love them, God bless their hearts. I'd like to stand right there and touch every one of them, and pray for them till I just, the breath would leave out of my body.

¹⁸⁶ Last night when I left the building, they had to lay me out in the car almost. Even my heart and everything, just shaking and jumping, like that. You don't realize the strain of holding them demons when they come out. They're in the room, and you're responsible. What if something happens in the building? Why, they'd lock you up in jail, and they'd break the meeting for good. Is that... see what you mean? You don't know the responsibility of that. And here then, and so tired anyhow after six months of going.

¹⁸⁷ Then I said, "Wait a minute." And he's just crying, poor fellow. He had his hat in his hand, gray-headed. He was saying, "Reverend, Reverend."

¹⁸⁸ And his wife said, "You can't get to him, honey. You can't get to him."

¹⁸⁹ And I said, "Wait a minute. Just a minute." And so I looked around, and I looked at him. I said, "What's the matter, sir?" And Brother Adams, the other man, taken me back up where he was at and I said, "What's the matter?"

¹⁹⁰ He said, "Reverend, Reverend." He was pulling me like that. Said, "Reverend." Put his hand over on me.

I said, "Yes."

¹⁹¹ He said "Just a minute, Reverend." He said, "Night before last," said, "My old mammy, she's been dead about twenty years almost, and," said, "she was a Christian woman. And I've been blind for better than twelve years." He said, "And last night," or, "night before last, I dreamed... [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] God had sent His gift of Divine healing, and it was at Camden, Arkansas, and for me not to let you get by." Said, "Reverend, please don't pass me by."

church for the Gentiles, before the ending of the Gentile dispensation, like He did for the Jews.”

¹⁷² And said, “His baby daughter, this is her baby.” Said, “She’s kind of weakly.” And said, “This morning, after cleaning up her house, she set her dust mop up and was lying down across the foot of the bed, and was resting.” And said, “All at once she had a dream. She seen a big, black cloud rising.” And said, “Coming down out of that cloud, begin to move back, and,” said, “there come her dead father.”

¹⁷³ And he said, “Rise and take the child, and go to the Houston Gospel Tabernacle. The gift of Divine healing is there.”

¹⁷⁴ Well, she just thought it was just a dream. Never heard of the Houston Gospel Tabernacle. So, she, just laying there a little while, went to sleep again. And she dreamed it the second time. The big, black cloud come; her dead father come walking right down out of the cloud. She said, “Well, that’s strange. I’ve dreamed of Dad the second time.” Said, “He said, ‘Take the baby.’” Well, she got up and got her a drink. Started around the house for a little bit and went back and lied, was lying down again. And when she went back, she dreamed it the third time! The big, black cloud come...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

¹⁷⁵ I don’t believe in all dreams now. So then, called, but he said, “Your young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams.”

¹⁷⁶ And, then she called the recorder’s office. And he said, “Yes, there’s a Houston Gospel Tabernacle way over on the west side, on sixty-seventh street.” And he said, “East sixty-seventh street.” And the lady, the mother, so weak, she could not...

¹⁷⁷ Now the child was, had an infantile paralysis. Little legs is crippled, and she could not bring the child. But she had the neighbor. And the neighbor kept changing buses and cars until she got over and got off of a car, just about two blocks from the church. And there was an officer standing there. And she said to him, “Do you know where the Houston Gospel Tabernacle is?”

¹⁷⁸ Said, “Yes, ma’am. Right there, where that crowd of people is standing in the street.” Said, “They’re having a healing service.”

¹⁷⁹ Well, the poor thing was so weak when she got there, she...You imagine how she felt, walked right in there and seen that. And she told me, I said, “Bring me the baby.” Oh, my. You know what happened, don’t you? Sure. And I thought, even though the people, the angels of heaven know about it. God will testify of it. His works will be declared, regardless of what people think about it. That’s right. It’s true, friends, God bless your hearts.

¹⁸⁰ Here at Camden, Arkansas, Brother Adams. I guess one of the Brother Adams’ are here tonight. And at his place, he was pulling me out. We had thousands attended the service, and they were pulling me out of the service one day. And I kept hearing somebody hollering, “Have mercy, have mercy. Oh, where you at, Reverend?” And I turned around.

You told a person, maybe, to come, a cab to pick you up at eleven o’clock. How do you know you’ll be here? You may be in eternity before eleven o’clock tonight. See? But it’s all by faith. Everything is by faith.

³³ Now, so many people speak of this subject, faith, and know so little of it. Now listen friends, I love you, and I want you to see this. There is so many people speaks of faith, doesn’t know one principle of faith. Now, you’re together. And I, we may never all meet again this side of eternity. But I...if I had a place where we could be together, and I could gradually bring the thing up to where you would be able to see it plainer than what you will now. Because many of you are going to think, and you are probably, many will get the wrong impression of me tonight, when I’m trying my best to get this to you, and you’ll think it’s self-exaltation. But it is not, my lovely friends. It’s for your benefit, if I could just get you to see what God has done for you. Now, some...

³⁴ Many people come through the line and they say, “Oh, I have faith to be healed.” And, friends, when they pass by, I know they haven’t enough faith to cure a toothache. That’s right. And some of them coming through with a cancer, and say, “I have faith to be healed.” They do not have faith.

³⁵ My Scripture lesson tonight said, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” See, it’s a substance. It’s something direct. Something that you really have. Not something that you imagine. Something that you think you have, but it’s some direct, positive act that you have. You see what I mean?

³⁶ Now, here, not long ago...I’ll give you a little story of someone who came, so you can see what faith is. Faith is a gift of itself. You may have a portion of it, but there is a gift of faith. Just like, some of you people anoint the sick to pray for them and you have a result. That isn’t a gift of healing. That is a portion of faith, but that isn’t direct gift of healing. For there is only one direct gift of healing. There is only one direct gift of faith. There is only one direct gift of miracles and so forth. There was, in the Scripture, the apostles had it. Many of, they done many mighty works, Philip and all of them, but there was one gift of healing.

³⁷ Like when we leave this city, as many people say...I’ve noticed in some places after I left some of them, maybe fifteen or twenty say, “The Lord gave me the gift of healing.” Well, God bless their hearts.

³⁸ Some of them say, “Brother Branham, will you lay your hands upon me, that I can get the gift of healing?” I wished I could. I’d have everyone of you pass right down this line here tonight, and I’ll say there wouldn’t be a sick person left in Oakland in a few weeks from now. That’s right. But it’s not mine to give. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

³⁹ “...substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Let’s take that part of the Scripture, “The substance of things hoped for.” There’s three things; hope, charity, and faith. Is that right? Now hope is one element, faith is another element, and charity is another element.

⁴⁰ Charity is love. I seen many people come by, lovely people, real Christians, but didn't have enough faith to be healed, and some sinner pass by and have the faith to be healed. See? It's another element all together. It's not how well you serve God. It's an element that you posses yourself. Now, I want you to see this, because it's for your benefit.

⁴¹ Here, a few weeks ago, a few months ago it was, I was home for just a few nights. And, my, there's about three hundred people that gathered in the home and around the yard, that day. And about two o'clock in the morning, the wife got me into bed, and while I was just laying across the bed, my, my legs were cramping and hurting. I was laying down there and I heard a machine drive up out front, and I said, "Oh, my, there's someone coming."

⁴² And she said, "Well, listen, I'll go out the door." And while she was on her road to the door, I went to sleep.

⁴³ And I could hear someone saying, "Well, the baby has been sick for a long time."

⁴⁴ And the little baby was crying till it didn't even sound like it was human. Something like, you that's reading my little book, A Heavenly Vision, how many read it here in the audience? Let's see, A Heavenly Vision, you see? Something on that order. The little bitty fellow, it was about, eight, ten weeks old, and it was...it had never stopped crying.

⁴⁵ And the mother said, "Well, I, we've traveled all day and all night to get here. And we've brought the baby."

⁴⁶ My, poor little thing. I couldn't sleep. And I went out there and prayed for the little baby. And I set down and there in the chair just a moment, was talking to the mother. They come from northern Ohio. And while we were setting there, friends, the little fellow ceased to cry. It had been crying day and night now. Oh, that's worth more to me than all the money in the world.

⁴⁷ And there, I looked over and the mother started crying. Great, big tears dripping off on the little blanket, the old dad sitting there with a pair of overalls on, probably spent a good portion of his living to come. Come over and put his arm around me, said, "I love you, Brother Branham."

⁴⁸ My, some of the best hearts that ever beats under an old blue shirt. That's right. It ain't the way you dress, it's what's on the inside of you. That's right. And there, I knew he meant that. That wasn't hypocrisy. He meant that from his heart, he loved me. And I looked at the little baby, and the mother, when I went in the other room she was...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁴⁹ ...and in my old jalopy Ford, waiting for me over in Houston, all the side of it's beat out with my knees, where I hit my knees like that, trying to stay awake, while I would go and pray for the sick people. I've left one meeting, going to the other one, and get out into the field with hand out the door of the car, saying, "God bless you, God bless you," sound asleep.

¹⁶³ And I was, going into the drugstore. And when I went in, I noticed some fellow looking at me kind of strangely. I went on into the store, and I come back out, and I had the bottle cap. And I hadn't forgot about him. And I still had my uniform on. And he put his...man put his hand on my shoulder.

¹⁶⁴ And he looked at me, said, "Sir," said, "I seen you was an officer." Said, "I thought I'd ask you a question." Said, "You may think I'm kind of crazy."

Now, I said, "What's the matter, sir?"

¹⁶⁵ He said, "I live at Paducah, Kentucky." He said, "I've been failing in health for about two years." He said, "Last week I had a peculiar dream." He said, "I dreamed that I should come to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and get somebody by the name of Branham to pray for me." Said, "Do you know whether there's any Branham's live here or not?"

¹⁶⁶ My! You don't know how I felt. I thought, "Oh God, testifying of it." And I said, "Yes, sir." I said, "I know there's Branham's live here."

Said, "Do you know, is there anybody prays for the sick?"

I said, "I'm the one."

¹⁶⁷ He just looked at me like that, and tears began to roll down his cheeks. He just took me by the hand, I took him by the hand, took off my hat, laid my hat and gun down, and my hat. Knelt down on the side of the street to begin praying for him, right there on the street.

¹⁶⁸ When I raised up, there was a mother standing, holding her little children back, and men with their hats off, like that, waiting for the prayer. There's been many things done in Jeffersonville, and they knew what was going on. And when we raised up there, they all were standing there with their heads down, listening to the prayer. I raised up, and the brother, he put his arms around me, come back to pat me like that. I never seen him from this day to that. God healed him.

¹⁶⁹ And I was standing, down at Houston, Texas, Reverend Kidson's meetings. And one morning standing there, oh my, how I was thinking, praying. There was, just having a day service, and there was just hundreds of people coming in the line, being healed. And all at once, there was a lady ran in. (Oh, the building's about as long as this auditorium's main floor here.) And the lady ran into the back. She had a little boy in her arms, and she set down, and she was real restless. And the prayer line, about four abreast, was coming by like this.

¹⁷⁰ And she raised up, she said, "Just a minute. Just a minute." And everyone stopped. She said, "I don't like to stop that prayer line, but I want to tell you." She was real nervous and shaky, kind of excited. She said, "I live over on the west side of Houston." Now, Houston's a pretty good-sized city, several miles across it, and we were on the east side.

¹⁷¹ She said, "This morning, my neighbor, the mother of this little child" said, "Her father was an old Methodist preacher" said, "He's been dead twenty years." And said, "Before he died, he used to go around preaching and saying, 'Someday, God would give the gifts back to the

¹⁵⁵ And there was Elisha. And he was God's gift to Israel. You believe it? He was even Ahab's pastor. He was Jezebel's pastor. She didn't want to admit that he was her pastor, but he was the man who told her where she was living. That's right. He was her pastor. She hated him, but yet, he was God's provided gift for her down there, to let her know her sins, and she failed to see. You know what I'm speaking of?

¹⁵⁶ Along come Jesus. Jesus. Listen, Jesus was God's gift to Israel, to the world. Is that right? Jesus was God's gift. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." You believe it?

¹⁵⁷ You think Moses was the deliverer because it was Moses? His wisdom? His intelligence? Why, he said he was a man of slow speech. It was God in Moses, a gift to the people. It was God in Christ. He said, "It's not me, it's my Father that dwelleth in me." That's the reason Martha said, "Lord." Last night's sermon, said, "I know that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God that should come into the world." She believed it. And there, the people believed on Him.

¹⁵⁸ And look at Peter, when he was walking by. Why, he was a mortal. He was born of sinful flesh, just like I, or you. That's right. But the people had need of a healer, so they sent...God sent Peter to do that specific work. John was love. Peter didn't have a love in his heart that John had. John was God's agency of love. You see?

¹⁵⁹ Look here. When He'd taken Peter, James, and John: hope, faith, and charity, don't you see? Those gifted people, them three, to hope, faith, and charity. Hope was in James. He was the one who set the church in order. Faith was in Peter, and charity was in John. Hope, faith, and charity was God's representatives on the earth. And the people laid in Peter's shadow, and were healed. Oh, friends!

¹⁶⁰ Oh my, don't think I'm yelling at you friends. You may think I'm excited, but I'm not. I'm trying to get my point to you, close enough so you'll see what I'm talking about.

¹⁶¹ Now, Pentecost people has been praying for the last thirty or forty years for a gift of healing. We're living in the days when we've got the best medical science we ever had. We got the best hospitals we ever had. We got the best doctors we ever had. We got the best drugs we ever practiced with. And we got more sickness than we ever had. There's thousands, and hundreds of thousands of precious saints of God suffering tonight. And they are crying and crying, and cried for years, for God to restore the gift of Divine healing to the church.

¹⁶² And when God moved the orbits thirty-seven years ago, and foreordained it, and sent it, many hundreds of people are passing by without recognizing it, friends. Now it's got to pass. I hate to say this; God have mercy. Look, friends. Down through the rest of the country, over in Phoenix, over in Houston, over in San Antonio, down in Arkansas, down across the country, thousands are being healed, coming through there with all kinds of sicknesses, diseases. Oakland, know your day! Some...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁵⁰ I never will forget, one day, coming from Houston I...there was, I hear a car blowing and I knew I was on the wrong side of the road, only couldn't get awake. You see? I had set there fifteen days and nights praying for the sick people, and seen wonderful things. But, oh, my friends, if my life will be short, maybe somebody else can stay because of my going.

⁵¹ And this man said, young fella, he said, "My little sister..." He told me he belonged to a church. I will not call the name here because it's not expedient, and I don't criticize anybody's religion. And, anyhow this church is my archenemy. They claim that there's no such a thing as Divine healing and so forth.

⁵² And I was at my church, the Milltown Baptist Church, where I went to hold a revival. Many of you seen in the little book, called Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday Today And Forever; a little girl in there weighed forty-seven pounds, twenty-seven years old, weighed forty-seven pounds, by the name of Georgie Carter, with tubercular. And she belonged to this same church.

⁵³ And she said, the people through the neighborhood said, "Let..." She had been laying on her back now, for nine years and six months, and said, "Let her get well and we'll believe it." But my friends, she's my piano player in the Milltown Baptist Church tonight. But, do they believe? No. "Even one raised from the dead," they don't believe it.

⁵⁴ By the way, a man that laid in the morgue, pronounced dead by three doctors when I went in to where he was at. He's driving a Pennsylvania locomotive tonight, and still they don't believe. That's true. That is true. They won't believe.

⁵⁵ The hour is here where people's eyes are so blinded with the cares of the world and the other cares, till they don't even see God. He is right in their midst, many times, and they pass by like it was in the days of Christ, and they missed seeing Him.

And now, this lady, or this man rather, he said, "Will you go?"

I said, "Yes sir."

He said, "Maybe I'd better take you."

I said, "No, I'll try to stay awake."

⁵⁶ And the wife started crying, and she said, "Now, honey, you'll fall asleep somewhere."

I said, "No, I'll be all right, sweetheart."

⁵⁷ And I got in my old car and started trailing down. I said, "I'll watch him." Going down, I was pinching my...biting my fingers, and I'd take spit and wipe my eyes, and everything else trying to keep awake. I know that sounds very unsanitary, but I was doing anything to try to get to the child.

⁵⁸ And we drove about eight miles through an old roadway up into the rural district. And there lay a young girl, something about seventeen or eighteen years old. And she was lying there in a terrible condition.

⁵⁹ And when I walked into the room, she was real nervous, and she

said, "Oh, so you're Brother Branham?" She said...

I said, "Do you believe, sister?"

⁶⁰ She said, "Oh yes, I believe." Said, "I believe." Said, "I don't care what my church says." She belonged to the same church as this Georgie Carter did. "But, I don't care what my church says, I believe, I believe."

⁶¹ And so they, the man, the father come met me and shook my hand, and he took me around to the bed. He said "Sir," said, "she's going to be operated on this morning." And said, "She...we're afraid she can't make the trip." Said, "We got to take her all the way to New Albany, Indiana." That's about, nearly forty miles to the first hospital, and she had about eight miles through rural. Just, oh, my, just a fence road, coming down like that where wagons had traveled almost to come down.

⁶² And well, I've assisted and helped in operations and...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁶³ Go to the hospital. She would die before she got there. There may be medical doctors sitting present now. Usually there is doctors come and listen on the service. And her side had swollen up and was turning red. The appendix were ruptured and ready to burst at any time.

⁶⁴ Now many times I've went in with Dr. Adair, the doctor of our city, the one that comes to my church. And we had the operation, and cut the incision open and when it burst on the table, and sometimes take the bowels out and spray them off, and wash them out, and keep them from peritonitis setting in, and cut it in kind of a V-shape, and put a tube in there to drain, sometimes they get well. But that child couldn't...that appendix would have burst and she'd have had thirty miles or more yet to drive, and she would have died before she got there.

⁶⁵ Now, friends, the girl was looking to me, and she said, "Oh, Brother Branham, do you think I'll live?"

⁶⁶ And I said, "I believe you will." But she...I said, "Now, do you believe?"

⁶⁷ She said, "Oh, yes, yes, I believe. Sure. I don't care what my church says. I believe. Georgie Carter got well." Said, "I'll get well too. I'm scared of the operation." See, just like that. Some of the neighbors had gathered in.

⁶⁸ Now, look. Here's where I want to get to you people, now, on this. The girl thought she believed. Just like many of you come down this line. You think you believe, but she did not believe.

⁶⁹ Now, many of you have female trouble, and maybe something another that, maybe an ulcered stomach, and you have to take your...You can have a little time. But that girl, that had to be emergency. Her life was at stake. Something had to be done. So I said, "Sister, I do not mean to hurt your feelings, but you do not believe."

⁷⁰ Now it's just like the brother says here...When you have your head up no matter where you are in the building...I don't say this, friends, remember I'm telling you this just for your good. It's not I, but God. I

¹⁴⁶ Now, then they were in need of a Savior. God sent Christ to the world for a Savior. Then after Jesus going away, many of the beloved people of God were sick and afflicted. God gave Peter the gift of Divine healing. Now it, the people got healed because God testified through Peter, of the gift...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

¹⁴⁷ ...is not in material things. God is in man. The Holy Ghost never fell on organizations; it fell on man. That so many people, they say, "They don't belong to my faith." Well, if you have the faith of Christ, it's all the same. God doesn't care about your organization, don't mean that to Him. And the people's got their selves to a place, it's just a big organized world.

¹⁴⁸ And it—that's the reason I'd rather have it in an auditorium. If it's in a Oneness Church, the Trinity won't come. The Trinity's Church, the Oneness won't come. The Methodist Church, the Baptist won't come. To the Baptist Church, the Methodist won't come.

¹⁴⁹ One body, one person said, "Should we be baptized over now, in order to come be prayed for?" Mercy! That's as pagan as we ever had it. That's right. No, brother, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body." That's right. Regardless of who you are, and where you are. That's right.

¹⁵⁰ So it don't make any difference what organization you are. You don't have to belong to the Baptist Church, or the Methodist Church, or the Pentecost, or whatever it is. You have to have faith in God. That's right. Now, and frankly, you don't have to belong to no church, but if you get healed and go sin again, it'll come back on you again, worse than it was in the first place. You go somewhere, then, to church, and serve God. God don't heal you for the devil's glory, He heals you for His glory.

¹⁵¹ Now look, how the people failed. Now Moses felt—I'd imagine how he felt. He just hated to come right out and tell the people, because he thought it would be self-exaltation. He thought the people would say, "Now, look at that man." We've had a lot of that in the world today.

¹⁵² We've had a lot of people come through, say, "God done this, and done that." But God didn't bear record of it. But if God bears record, He will respect His gift. Is that right? Yes, sir. God honored the gift of Abel.

¹⁵³ He honored the gift of Moses. And Moses thought the people would understand, but they did not understand. And today, surely looks like a person wouldn't have to come down any closer than what you are right now, to know what I'm speaking of. All right. But it goes over the majority's head. And friends, I love you, and I want to see you get well.

¹⁵⁴ Now, when they called for a deliverer, God sent the deliverer, and they failed to see it. Moses was God's gift to Israel. You believe it? On down, Elisha, the prophets, they were God's gifts. Many of them raised up, false prophets. Right in the days of Elisha, there raised up false prophets, but God testified of the prophecy of Elisha. If it's of God, God will testify of it.

the people; they did not understand him. You see what I mean? They did not understand Moses. And Moses thought, surely, that they would understand that he was their gift, to deliver them, but they did not understand.

¹³⁹ And now friends, don't get me wrong. May I say this with reverence in my heart, knowing that I'm an eternity-bound person who'll stand before judgment some day. Thousands of people are missing their gift! See? They can't understand it. And they're looking say, "Oh, he's just a man." That's true. Was it God or Moses that delivered the people? It was God in Moses. See? They cried for the deliverer, and when God sent the deliverer to them, they failed to see it because it was by a...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

¹⁴⁰ "...dwelleth in Me, He's the One that doeth the works." You see? But He was God's gift to the world. God gave Him for you and I. Aren't you happy about it? Look. God gave Him. Well, now the people that believes that God give Him, they can be saved. But those who do not believe it, they can't be saved. Is that right? And there's no other way at all, to enter the Kingdom, only by Him. Is that right? Well, now, if you believe it, you can be saved. But if you don't believe it, you can't be saved, because He is God's gift.

¹⁴¹ Look. The Scriptures say, "No man." We know that God was with Christ, for no man could do the works that He done, except God be with Him. Is that right? Then what was it? God was testifying that that was His only begotten Son. Is that right? God testifies that. He said, "This is My Son." He said, "If you don't believe Me, believe for the very works sake." Is that right?

¹⁴² He said, "If a man testifies of his-self..." You know how the Scriptures read? "But if he testify, and that what he says is not true, then believe me not. But if I testify, and that what I say is true, My Father will testify of it."

¹⁴³ And if I tell you about a gift of Divine healing, and God doesn't testify of it, leave it go; it's wrong. But if God testifies of it, believe it's God's gift to you. That's right. You see what I mean? I hate to have to bring this out like this, friends. I'm trusting you're getting between the lines of it.

¹⁴⁴ Now notice. See, it's God's gift. After Jesus, when He went away, He was taken up. Many people came to Jesus that never got healed. He prayed for many who never had no results of it. Because they didn't believe. They didn't believe that He was God's Son. They said, "Why, He makes His-self God. He forgives sins on earth, blaspheming." Don't you see?

¹⁴⁵ They said that about Elisha. They said the same thing about Moses, "Why, we would that we had died down in Egypt, than be brought out here to starve in the wilderness." See, God's messenger has always been rejected. You know what I'm talking of, don't you? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed. I hope you do, friends. God bless your hearts. I want you to see it, friend.

know when you got your head up. I feel it. And where you're behind me, where you are, like one last night setting with their head up behind me, I knew it all the time. And, so, that's between God and the individual, you see. I can't help that. They hinder the people. Many times things are hindered.

⁷¹ So then, this girl, she said, "Oh, I believe, I believe, Brother Branham." Well, she thought she believed. Now look, she had hope. But faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. You see what I mean?

⁷² Now, I said, "Sister, in an ordinary case," I said, "I could have a little time, and let you have time, maybe to take about that much faith and go out with it. But you've got to have immediate attention right now, for I'm going to be honest with you, you'll not live to see the hospital." Now, the parents didn't appreciate that very much at that time but I'd rather be honest with you. [Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁷³ "I want to ask you, and show you, rather, that you do not have faith."

⁷⁴ Now listen, and collect every word of it. Hanging in the room from a chandelier was a string, and on the end of that string was a little bracelet. And it had, it was a white bracelet, little red sets in it, where a child, probably been playing with, you know, swinging it in the room. Maybe even some of you have your own babies to be pacified that way, swinging something around like that to play with, it amuse them. And I seen that little bracelet hanging down, it was...

⁷⁵ I said to the young lady, I said, "How far are you away from that bracelet?"

She said, "Approximately fifteen feet."

⁷⁶ I said, "Now all you other adults here, all you people, just turn your back right around..." [Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁷⁷ You're a free moral agent, you're a human being. You can re... [Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁷⁸ "...be done to her anyone. I've just got to speak to this girl, because she's got to catch the idea now." And that's the reason I'm getting into these things with you tonight. We've got two more nights and something has got to be done. You see? Now, I don't want you to go away and say anything wrong about this, because you might have to answer at judgment for it.

⁷⁹ And so, I said, "Something has to be done immediately." And I said, "Now you parents, you just turn your back." And some of the neighbors were setting up with her, and they all turned their back to me, and turned their chairs around. I said to the young lady, I said, "Now, you tell me you've got faith to believe for all things?"

She said, "I have, sir."

I said, "How long has it been since you've eaten?"

⁸⁰ And she said, "About three days." Said, "I can't even keep water on my stomach." And you know what appendix is, and fever on her also.

⁸¹ And I said, "Now, if you believe with all your heart, and you prove to me now, that you've got faith, now you look right directly at that bracelet," and it hanging there in midair, "and you make that bracelet swing around and around in the room. Then you make it swing back and forth in the room, and then stop it, and I'll believe you have faith."

⁸² She said, "Oh, Brother Branham." Said, "My! Why ask me something like that?"

⁸³ I said, "I wanted to see if you had faith." I said, "Jesus said, 'All things are possible if you believe.'"

⁸⁴ Now that's just pure faith, friends. Magicians use it many times to play pranks, and so forth, burst glasses and things. It will if you believe. But I'm trying to base your...the thought on faith so you'll know what I'm talking of. Now, I want you to set still, now, so you'll catch this. Wake yourself up, so when I get through with it, you'll know what it's all about.

Then she said, "Why, Brother Branham, no one could do that."

I said, "Oh, yes. Anyone can that believes."

And she said, "Well, I don't believe that anyone could do that."

⁸⁵ I said, "I thought you said you believed for all things." See how she was caught right there? I said, "You said you believed all things. I want you to prove it."

⁸⁶ And she said, "I don't believe there's anyone can do that. That's material, Brother Branham." She said, "Could you do it?"

I said, "Yes ma'am."

And she said, "Well, could I see it done?"

I said, "If you desire."

And she said, "I desire."

⁸⁷ Then, of course, putting my mind on it, and having her to watch that and not me...as many times in the meeting, I'll take any cross-eyed child you got in this meeting. You bring it up here, without even praying for it, and just let me look at it straight in the eyes like that, I'll make its eyes come straight. But when I turn my head...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

⁸⁸ Use it for an illustration. She went back. She thought she wasn't going to get back to the line, taken two or three days before she got back. But when she come that time, she said, "Brother Branham, you told me to get back in line." There's hundreds of people piling everywhere, setting in, way early in the morning, come in soaking wet from out there, coming in to be prayed for. And then when God healed her eyes there, both eyes come straight and she was normal, went out rejoicing. You see? That's the difference between your faith, and the faith of God.

⁸⁹ Now, then of course, fastening my eyes to that bracelet, which you can yourself if you won't doubt it in your heart. And, it started moving around. And then it moved back and forth, and around and crossways and stopped it.

⁹⁰ She said, "Brother Branham," she said, "that's spiritualism." [Brother Branham laughs—Ed.]

¹²⁹ And people tell me they got faith, and say they can't believe in Divine healing. Friends, if you don't believe in Divine healing, you're lost! That's right. How you're going to...if you can't have faith enough for God to patch up this body to glorify Him in, how much more you going to have faith to believe that God will take this old mortal, and make immortality out of it, to take it up? That's the direct Divine healing.

¹³⁰ Oh my, is going to be some awful disappointments at the Day of Judgment, at the resurrection. That's right. Faith. We've got to get in such a place that we be translated like Enoch was. That's right. Faith. Testimony, till he pleased God. Did the...Enoch...The following Scripture says that Enoch had a testimony, by faith, that he pleased God. Is that right? And the Bible says, "Without faith it's impossible to please God." So you've got to have...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

¹³¹ ...not a gift of miracles, though many miracles are performed right along with it, but it's a gift of healing. The people get well. They go out, prayed for, they come back, and my, they're healed. Wait till I leave the city, friends, after I'm gone a long time; you'll hear the people coming to your churches and saying, "Oh, that cancer: it's gone." "That deafness I had, why, I hear now." "My affliction, why, it just left me." It's just the simplest of...

¹³² It's nothing you can work yourself up to. It's no excitement. I notice people come in line, just get to shaking themselves and saying, "Oh, God. Hallelujah. Amen. Glory to God." Don't do that. You interfere with faith, there. You interfere with God.

¹³³ Come up reverently; just lay your hand up and believe. That's all. Faith; you don't work yourself up to it. Faith is something it's already in your heart. You just come and believe. You see what I mean?

¹³⁴ Oh, friends. My, I love you! I wouldn't talk to you so straight if I didn't love you, but I love you too well to see you get by without this, you see? You must understand.

¹³⁵ And now look, now to my text, right quick, so we can hurry up. God testified of Abel's gift. God always testifies of His gifts. Is that right?

¹³⁶ Now I want you to notice, when the children of Israel were in bondage, four hundred and twenty years down in Egypt, carried down there by Joseph when they went down. By and by there raised up a Jo...or a Pharaoh who did not know Joseph. And then the people got in bondage. And they had to make straw houses, and bricks and things, out of straw and stubbles. And then they began to cry to God for a deliverer. Is that right? And they cried and cried, and God foreordained a deliverer. Is that right? Moses.

¹³⁷ And when Moses came to the age of maturity, he went out and seen two Egyptians mistreating a Hebrew, and he slew the Egyptians and buried them. And the next day, when he met the Hebrews striving among one another, why they said, "Will you kill us as you did the Egyptian?"

¹³⁸ Now look, be quiet, people. Moses, the very deliverer, God's gift to

¹²¹ I didn't smell it. I didn't hear it. I didn't feel it. I didn't see it. But, yet, the sense of taste told me that was orange juice. You think I'm right? ["You're right."] Sure it is. Why? The sense of taste proved that it was orange juice. Now, no matter how much you tell me it was water, I know it's orange juice; I tasted it. See? You could taste it too, and if you've got a sense of taste, you would know it the same. And if you've got faith, you'll know the same thing I'm talking of.

¹²² Now watch here, again. Now watch here. I smell perfume. That's perfume. [Brother Kidson says, "You can't see any."] I don't see any perfume. ["You don't hear any."] I don't hear any perfume. ["You don't taste any."] I don't taste it. ["You don't feel any."] I don't feel it. ["What makes you think that's perfume?"] 'Cause I smell it. ["Amen."] That's right. The sense of smell tells me that was perfume before my nose.

¹²³ ["...music?"] No sir. ["Well, what makes you think that's music?"] I hear it. And I know it's music. ["Are you sure about that?"] I'm positive. The lady is playing Only Believe. You think I'm right? ["You're right."] Try to argue me out of it. I don't see it. I don't taste it. I don't feel it. I don't smell it. But I heard it. Was I positive? Do I know that I'm right? Why? Now there is the five senses of the body. Now, they're positive, aren't they? You know when they happen. You know...you're looking at an audience. You know you're looking at me.

¹²⁴ Well then, friend: faith. Here it is. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." It's positive. You know it. There's no need of anybody telling you anything more about. It's just as much declared as any of these other five senses of the body. Do you know what I mean?

¹²⁵ How many has a general understanding, now, of what I mean, let's see your hands. See? See? It ain't what you try to make yourself believe.

¹²⁶ Now, for instance, I try to make myself believe I'm hearing music. I wouldn't do it. Maybe I'll make myself believe I'm smelling perfume. It's just not there. I've got to absolutely do it. You see what I mean? And faith is that positive. It is an act of positive. You know it. Oh, my! I hope you see it, what I mean. See? "It's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." You don't see it, you don't taste it.

¹²⁷ Somebody say, "I don't feel any better." Oh, what's the matter? Why don't you feel any better? If you have your faith, "According to your faith be it unto you." Is that right? See? No matter how you feel, you're healed anyhow. No matter what you see, you're healed anyhow. See what I mean? It is a...you know it. There's nothing can take it out of your heart. You know it. It's this positive act right there. Oh, my. If you could only see it friends, something would take place.

¹²⁸ If you could only know what I'm talking about, something would react right now. See it's a positive, it's right there. Just as positive as these other five senses. These are of the natural man; faith is of God. The natural man can be wrong, but God cannot be wrong. Oh, my! Why, would it make us go to shout! Think of it!

⁹¹ I said, "I thought maybe you would say something like that." My, isn't it strange how people that profess they know God, and know so little about Him? Isn't that right?

She said, "You know, we belong to the Church of Christ?"

⁹² Excuse me. I didn't mean to say that. Excuse me Church of Christ people, I didn't mean to say that.

⁹³ Anyhow, she said, "We speak where the Bible speaks, and silent where the Bible is silent." You know, you have that slogan. I've questioned that a few times.

I said, "All right."

⁹⁴ She said, "There's no such a thing can be showed in the Bible, of anything like that."

⁹⁵ I said, "I thought that's what you would say." I said, "Sure that's in the Bible."

And she said, "Well I never...I don't believe it."

"All right," I said, "You don't believe it?"

She said, "No. You show me where that's at in the Bible."

⁹⁶ I said, "One day, Jesus passed by a tree; He wanted to find some fruit on it. There was no fruit on it; He put a curse on it, and the tree began to wilt, and when they passed by at noon the tree was wilting down. Peter remarked, and said, 'How quick the tree was wilted.' He said, 'If you would say in your heart for this tree to be plucked up and cast into the sea and wouldn't doubt it, it would obey you.'" Did He say it?

⁹⁷ I said, "He said, 'If you say to this mountain be moved, and doubt it not in your heart, by and by it would come to pass.'" Did He say it? Sure, He did.

⁹⁸ I said, "I know, your unbelieving pastor, trying to justify his unbelief, said that was a mountain of sin. But I went to school myself. He was kneeling by Mount Olives. It was Mount of Olives. 'If you'd say in your heart for it to be moved and don't doubt it.'" I said, "How much more faith?"

And He said, "If you had faith, size of a mustard seed!"

⁹⁹ I said, "Now, if the faith the size of a mustard seed would move that mountain, how much more, smaller faith would you have to have, just to move that bracelet?" You see what I mean?

¹⁰⁰ Now, I've often wondered why He said mustard seed. I...[Blank spot on the tape—Ed.]

¹⁰¹ Jesus could not do many mighty works because of what? [Congregation responds—Ed.] Correctly. See how little people know about...how little people know about faith? It's amazing, friends, to find out how little people know about it. They talk so much of it, and yet know so little of it.

¹⁰² And then, she said, "Well, do you mean to tell me, then...what part does that play with God? That part there."

¹⁰³ I said, "Now look. There was an angel came down into the room and told me that way back, back before I was born, was foreordained to have a gift of Divine healing. And he came and told me in the room one night, that God had sent the gift, and it was the gift of Divine healing for the people. And if I could get the people to believe me, believe me, and would be sincere when I prayed, that nothing would stand before the prayer."

¹⁰⁴ I said, "Therefore, speaking face to face with this supernatural being, I believe it with all my heart. And if I can get you to believe me with all your heart, that's what moves God, and then you're healed. Your faith has saved you."

¹⁰⁵ See what I mean? Your faith to believe has saved you. Not what you worked up, and thought in your mind, but what you really know; the very evidence of things not seen. You see what I mean?

¹⁰⁶ Then the girl said, "Brother Branham, I truly know that there's something above where I have ever reached." She said, "I'll try with all my heart; God have mercy on me." She said, "Let me believe."

¹⁰⁷ And I took a hold of her hand then. There was a vibration for even that ruptured appendix. Had prayer for her and it stopped, immediately. I said, "God bless you, sister. Your faith, now, has saved you."

¹⁰⁸ A few moments later, I was setting in a chair, and I went to sleep. Sun was coming up, and I had to rest just a little before returning home, 'cause I was afraid I'd break up somewhere on the road, and have a wreck. And I was setting there. They called the ambulance, told them there was no need. When I was wakened up by one of the family, well, the girl was out of bed and had eat a pint of ice cream. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

¹⁰⁹ Is the only direct, and positive sense, and it's the sixth sense. Faith is more than sight. Faith is more than feeling. You do not feel faith. You don't taste faith. You don't smell faith. You don't see faith. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

¹¹⁰ Here, see this Bible? Now, I want that Bible. Now, I'm looking at it. Now, I want it. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things I do not see." See what I mean?

¹¹¹ Here, in my pocket, I think there is an old Bordeaux knife, I've carried for years. Now, I do not see that knife. I do not feel that knife. I do not taste that knife. I do not smell that knife. But I know that knife is in there. "How do you know?" Because I believe it is in there. Now if it is not in there, faith will put it in there, if it is not there. That chokes you, I know, but that's true. If you believe, all things are possible. You're afraid to take God, friends. You're scared.

¹¹² Now, I might have left that knife laying on the dresser where I changed clothes awhile ago. But just as sure, if that knife is on the dresser, right now, if I believe it with all my heart, it will be in my pocket. That choked you, but God is able to put it there, if you believe it.

¹¹³ Here, I want to show you something. Come here, Reverend Kidson.

Is this system on? [Brother Kidson says, "Yes."—Ed.] Would you stand up here a moment? I want to show you something, friends. Just stand right here. You don't mind? It's not making a public show for you, sister, but it's for the glory of God. Now look, friends, I want to show you something.

¹¹⁴ I believe there's, a woman standing in front of me. Would you tell me I'm wrong? [Brother Kidson says, "You don't..."] What? ["You don't hear any woman."] No, I don't hear any woman. ["You don't feel any woman."] No sir. Don't know how I know there's one there? ["You don't taste any woman."] No. ["How can you tell there's a woman there?"] Because the sense of sight tells me, I see a woman. ["Hmm. But are you sure?"] I'm positive there's a woman standing there. Do you believe that I'm right? ["Yeah."] Audience, do you think I'm right? [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

¹¹⁵ ...hair. It's a woman's hand. I know it's a woman, because I feel her. You think you could out-argue me? ["No."] Huh? That's directly...I know it, that that was a woman. I've got my back turned to her, but yet I know it's a woman. See? Because the sense of feeling tells me there's a woman there. You see what I mean?

¹¹⁶ Now if sight told me there's one there now, I don't feel her. That's with sense of sight. I know she's standing there, because I'm looking at her. I close my eyes. I know she's standing there now, not because I see her, because I feel her hand. I know she's standing there. I don't see her, but yet I feel her. The sense of feeling declares there's a woman standing there. See what I mean?

¹¹⁷ "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence..." See, direct positive, just the same as my sight is positive, same as my feeling is positive. "It's the evidence of things not seen." Just as positive as that is. You see what I mean?

¹¹⁸ So many people try to work their self up and say, "Oh, I got faith." But, friends, it's not there. If it was, it would react. See? You know what I mean? Now, look. (Thank you, Sister Morrison. God bless you.)

¹¹⁹ Now, look. Now, I seen the woman. My sense of sight said she was there. Then I knew she was there by the sense of sight. But I closed my eyes, I didn't have sight. Then I felt her, and the sense of feeling said she was there. The sense of feeling was just as direct as the sense of sight, because it was the direct evidence. Now faith is the direct evidence of things not seen, felt, taste, smelt, or heard.

¹²⁰ Now, look here. I'm going to close my eyes now. Watch. That was orange juice. [Brother Kidson says, "You don't see any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't hear any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't feel any oranges."] No, sir. ["You don't smell any oranges."] No, sir. ["What makes you think that is orange?"] Because I tasted it. ["Are you positive?"] I'm positive that was orange juice. That would not have been lemon. It would not have been grape. It would not have been grapefruit. That was orange juice, because the sense of taste.