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

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## **Introduction**

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something a wrong with it, and all kinds of diseases and things, deaf, dumb, blind whatever more, there's no need of doing that. Let's bow our heads. I want you to believe.

<sup>202</sup> Oh God, Our Heavenly Father, I come to Thee this morning as your servant. Lord, I have preached the Word. It's Your Word. It's not mine. I know that You are here to heal the people to make them well. I believe that You will do it dear God. And I pray You to have mercy. Lord, realizing that these visions, the only thing that they can do is to reveal the sins of the people. But Lord God, may the Holy Ghost do that right now. May you reveal in every heart the hindrance. If there's any sin in their life then may it be forgiven right now Lord, I pray through Jesus Christ's Name. And may these, group here in that—today, be like those the other night, may there be a perfect deliverance with every one of them. May they be healed this morning, return back Wednesday night, happy, shouting and rejoicing. Grant it Father.

<sup>203</sup> Now, upon the authority of Your Word, I go forward to cast out devils, to fulfill your Word in Jesus Christ's Name.

<sup>204</sup> Now Satan, I know your holding this people, dark, gloomy, hideous thing holding over them saying, "Well I'll make a try at it." But I want to speak to you. I stand in their place, between them and God this morning. I stand as a servant of Almighty God. My sins are gone through the blood of Jesus Christ by Divine faith that I have in Him as the Son of God. And I claim, and the Bible claims first, and I speak as the Bible that He spoiled every power that you ever had, at Calvary.

<sup>205</sup> And the Bible claims that His disciples are to carry this commission that He had here on this earth, to the end of the age. And I am his disciple; therefore this morning I come as a representative, a representative of Jesus Christ. In His absence, I am sent in His place. And whenever I call over that person your calling will break and the person will be free to go on out here and get well. I challenge you in the Name, the Name of Jesus Christ through His blood I stand. And you leave every person who I lay my hands upon. Not in my holiness, not in my name, for my name is nothing to you. My holiness is nothing, I have none. You won't recognize my name but you will recognize Jesus. And you will come out, and I'm speaking to you, I go now in a challenge and if you try to hold any of these people, may the curse of God come upon you. May you get out. Take your hand off of these Christians. Your dirty, sickening hand, afflicting and crippling and sickening these people and giving them diseases, you take your hand off, in the Name of Jesus Christ. [End of tape—Ed.]

## Believing God

When I shall lay my armor by  
And dwell in peace at Home

We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes  
And then we're gathered Home

No tranquil joys on earth I know  
No peaceful sheltering dome;  
This world's a wilderness of woe,  
This world is not my Home.

We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes  
And we'll be gathered Home.

To Jesus Christ I fled for rest,  
He bade me cease to roam;  
And lean for succor on His breast  
Till He conduct me Home.

We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes  
And we'll be gathered Home.

I sought at once my Savior's side,  
No more my steps shall roam,  
With Him I'll brave death's chilling tide  
And reach my Heavenly Home.

We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
We'll work till Jesus comes,  
And we'll be gathered Home.

<sup>1</sup> Number 227 now, Gathering Beautiful Sheaves. I like to sing this because it's a missionary song, and it kind of spirits me up. 227 is the hymn number. All right now, the closing hymn. Now, let's everyone join right in on it now. Do you like these old songs? Say, "Amen," if you do. Wonderful. All right, all together now.

To the harvest fields away we will gladly go today  
Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves

From the early dawn till night we will labor with our might,  
Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves

Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves  
Oh praise the Lord we're on our way  
To the land of endless day,  
Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves.

On the mountain, hills or plains  
We will harvest in the grain.  
Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves  
Yes we'll labor far or near  
Never falter, never fear.  
Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves.

(Everyone now come on.)

Gathering sheaves, oh beautiful sheaves  
Gathering sheaves, golden sheaves, beautiful golden sheaves  
Praise the Lord we're on our way to the Land of endless day  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.

<sup>2</sup> Just a moment. Now when we come to that part again, "Praise the Lord, we're on our way the Land," let's point upward, "To the Land of endless day, gathering sheaves." Let's try the chorus. Now come on.

Praise the Lord we're on our way to the Land of endless day,  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.

(Well now, let's get it again, all right.)

We will sing and we will pray, and our Master's voice obey  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.  
As we go in a foreign land, doing what our Lord commands  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.

Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves  
Oh praise the Lord, we're on our way, to the Land of  
Endless day,  
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.

Let us stand now, if you will.

<sup>3</sup> Oh Master of Life, we see You in the book called the Bible in a dramatic picture this morning as we think it to be a beautiful Sunday morning when You were setting up on the mountain, gathered Your disciples around You and was teaching them on the beatitudes, just the

demon and so forth, you see what took place, when the Angel of the Lord come down. Now, you know what happened? We never seen no more of them. That night the Lord threw a victory there that's still talked about in Arlington. See? "I the Lord hath planted it. I will water it day and night, lest some should pluck it from My hand."

<sup>195</sup> Come now boys, will you get to the piano right quick? Let the sick people, or what's sick come around the altar right quickly now. We just got about ten minutes here and we're going to free you from every demon power that hangs around you in the Name of the Lord Jesus. "I give unto them My Name and authority."

<sup>196</sup> ...Trying this because I believe God is ordaining me to do so. I believe it. If I could only get the people to believe it. Then if this isn't successful, then I believe the Lord...I've got a fleece before Him; I'll go back just straight with the vision just one, or two, or three, or whatever I can get to in a night.

<sup>197</sup> You've been in my meetings every one of you. You've never seen one of them times but what is perfect. It'll tell you where your sin is. That's the only thing it can do. Healing is already yours. The only thing it is then is sin. Maybe something you're doing in life is not right or either some demon is holding over you that won't let you believe. Now you know, if it isn't, Jesus told something wrong. "All things are possible to him that believes." Is that right? Then it lays within you; it's not in God.

<sup>198</sup> If I said, "Here," If I said, "Here lays the...If you want--needed a dollar bill." I think I got one. All right. "If there's a dollar bill that's already been provided for the needy man. If it is, it's yours, if you'll come get it." I don't have to do no more about it; I laid it out there, is that right? Why, when Jesus died, He healed you. "He was wounded for your transgression; with His stripes you were healed," past-tense. It's up to you now. Come get it. It's yours. I believe. "In My Name shall they cast out devils," I believe that. He's let me do it before, and I believe He'll let me do it this morning. You believe that?

<sup>199</sup> All right, just let the end here move right back this way, I want to get down there so I can pray, and as I pray and cast the evil spirit out, so the people can get right back to their seats around that wall, if you will brethren. Move right in this way. Now look here, what's the use of playing around and halfway believing anything?

<sup>200</sup> Where's that lady was in that wheelchair? You, lady. What's the use of setting there? Jesus Christ has made you whole. Certainly He has. I seen them, led some woman awhile ago. I believe it's that man standing there leading maybe his wife there. She's crippled or something. Lady, there's no need of you being in that condition.

<sup>201</sup> A lady said she had a little girl here, a little child, there was

<sup>188</sup> I said, "Oh you're scared." I said, "You've seen God the healer, have you?" I said, "Watch Him as a Warrior. Watch Him in battle, see how great He is. See our Great God as a Warrior in battle."

<sup>189</sup> That night I walked out, I said, "Everybody in here, that's in my campaign, Mr. Baxter, my brother, and the two young ladies that was healed, and them ministers said today that you was included in them; I want you to go out of the building." And they went out of the building. I said, "Now, I've got a piece of paper which the custodian of the auditorium went out and got up thousands of them off of cars, hired little Mexican kids to go out and get them."

<sup>190</sup> I said, "I've got a little bill here that says here tonight that I'm Simon the sorcerer and going be exposed by the FBI, here tonight." I said, "Alright, FBI, I am on the platform in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ; come to the platform now and expose me." I said, "If I'm doing anything outside of God Almighty's Bible come here and expose me." I said, "Where you at?" Thousands setting here and everybody was crying, I said, "I'm waiting for the FBI. According to your paper here you're going to expose me here tonight."

<sup>191</sup> Just then I waited a few minutes and I felt that Spirit coming around. I said, "It wasn't the FBI. I'm no criminal." I said, "Every time an FBI agent come into my meeting they got saved. Their chief got saved in my meeting, Captain Al Farrar." I said, and, oh, I said, "No FBI does anything like that." I said, "What it is, is two backslidden preachers." I looked, hanging out there, and there was a big black thing hanging over the audience. I seen it move right up like this to the second balcony. I said, "Right there set one with a light suit on, one with a grey suit on." And they got down like that. I said, "Don't get down, I thought you was going to expose me. Look like somebody else." I said, "You're a couple of backslidden preachers. You have nothing to do with it."

<sup>192</sup> And I said, "Now, if I am Simon the sorcerer, and casting out devils and witchcraft, as you say I am, and you're holy and righteous in God come down to the platform. If I'm Simon the sorcerer, I'll fall dead. If you're Simon, if you're the one that's wrong, you'll fall dead. Come on down now. We'll see who's right." That's right, put them to a challenge. They kept their heads down. I said, "Don't duck your heads like that." I said, "Now people you see who's in the right, who's in the wrong. They are scared." And there they went over the top there, just as hard as they could go. I said, "Oh I see they're leaving. Perhaps maybe they're coming down here." They went out the building just as hard as they could down the steps. I stood there and waited.

<sup>193</sup> I said, "Now, we'll just see, let them come to the platform. Let God show who's who." That's right. I said, "If I speak falsely then God will show it falsely. If I am right, God will always testify for the right."

<sup>194</sup> Like it was in Houston, when that backslidden preacher said I was a

things that they should do. You said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my Name's sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven."

<sup>4</sup> After this manner you taught us all that we should pray like this: "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

<sup>5</sup> Now let's class dismissed, take their places, the adult class move forward if you can while the boys give us, Cloud and Fire.

<sup>6</sup> Now there are some empty seats in front if some of you in the extreme back. I know our Tabernacle's not...the acoustics here is not so very good, because we have a rebound between each one of those pilasters there, rafters hanging down. There's a rebound. If you want to come a little closer, there's a few seats. You're more than welcome, while we're doing this, if you desire.

<sup>7</sup> Let us turn now to Genesis the 22nd chapter and then also turn to Romans the 4th chapter for just a short message this morning before the healing service and our Sunday school teaching. Genesis twenty-two. Anyone need a Bible? Did you forget yours? If you did, just raise up your hand if you want one to study from, we have a number of them back here we'll be glad to have one of the ushers to bring them right to you if you desire. I see some hands up. Brother Roy would the brothers pass those back up through there.

<sup>8</sup> Mrs. Harvey here? Mrs. G. H. Harvey from Danville, Illinois have you got your boy with you? Alright. We'll have prayer just in a little bit for him alright, Mrs. Harvey.

<sup>9</sup> Alright, now we're going to speak just a little or have Sunday school. It's customary here that we have our Sunday school lesson. But while I'm around home, why usually I...They give away, let me have the Sunday school on account of praying for the sick. And then our pastor will bring the message for the morning right after this part of the service. And we'll try to give him the platform just as quick as possible, by eleven o'clock if the Good Lord will.

<sup>10</sup> Now, there's many requests and I'm praying for you all constantly and everywhere. I want you to pray for me, I have something. The reason I'm at home so long about this time, I'm seeking God's Divine way for me to go in my next services as I promised Him I would. I'm not trying to rush the Lord 'cause he knows all things, but I'm asking Him to show

to me a vision of what I must do or where my next move will be.

<sup>11</sup> And since I have come from Africa, there's only been one vision that taken place and that was the other morning and it come two or three times through the day. And I believe that He is near now. Visions usually come in a cluster if you noticed in the Bible up on the, our brothers of days ago that usually a bunch of visions that would move in to Daniel or to Joseph and then just be a space there where there wouldn't be any.

<sup>12</sup> I've often wondered if I should carry my services the way I been carrying them just pray for oh, maybe I get to a dozen or two a night when thousands of them waiting. And it just keep coming to my heart, I shouldn't do that. God has given me the authority to put the diseases...to break the power of Satan.

<sup>13</sup> And Wednesday night a week, I come down here at the Tabernacle and there's a group of people gathered in. So I just laid like a fleece before the Lord, and I said, "Lord I never did walk out, I have many times. I've always questioned the people, first. Do you believe? How much do you believe? Do you believe I'm able to do this?" And all these different things like that. And then I'd wait, get them on the platform and wait till I saw a vision see just exactly what was going on then I'd pronounce it just what it was; and it so slow I could hardly get to the people.

<sup>14</sup> But a few days ago I was wondering many times I'd be setting on the platform in front of maybe a hundred thousand people. And first thing you know something real bold, something just rise up in me and I'd go right on and call that demon and cast it out. I thought, "That's strange," and then here I begin to think...many of you has read my little book no doubt, all in here.

<sup>15</sup> And of many instance there, and I seen one night in Portland, where a demon, oh my, a man weighing three hundred pounds about, runs up to the platform and he said, "Well, you hypocrite" said, "I'll show you how much man of God you..." Insane man out of the institution. And he run up the platform and was going to break my neck, and five hundred preachers just fell back from him and he drew back his arm and said, "I'll break every bone in your body."

<sup>16</sup> I weighed a hundred twenty-eight pounds, and him about three hundred, and great big chest and oh what a powerful man he was, well able to carry out his threats. And right in the midst of it, why there was just something moved up on me and I just walked up to where he was. He said, "Tonight I'll break every bone in your frail-looking body."

<sup>17</sup> I said, "Because you have challenged God's Spirit, tonight you'll fall over my feet, in the Name of the Lord." There was the two prophecies made.

<sup>18</sup> And he rushed forward to me and said, "I'll show you who's feet I'll

telepathy, take everybody out that knows anything about me out and bring me the patient."

Said, "It's spiritualism."

<sup>179</sup> I say, "Then if I, by spiritualism, winning souls to Jesus Christ and conquering devils, what are you doing with what you got? 'Judge by their fruits' Jesus said, 'You shall know them.' Did you ever see a spiritualist casting out devils? You never will. That's right." I said, "In the past few years, by God's grace I've won three hundred and fifty thousand souls to Christ, what have you done?"

<sup>180</sup> A man met me out here and said a certain woman told him that I was a devil and all my work was done in the devil. They pulled me away from the church here, and they've got a bunch who run out with them, and there like that.

<sup>181</sup> I said, "What have you done? Show me the fruit. You started down there and God uprooted it." Said, "Every branch that our heavenly Father hasn't planted will be rooted up."

<sup>182</sup> When I put that Tabernacle on the corner, and kneeling there on a pile of gypsum weed and old horse weeds here under this, right over this pulpit here this morning, when it was a pond, God said, "I'll bless it."

<sup>183</sup> Here stood the false prophets up, said, "I seen automobiles moving in and out. And I seen the stones going one from another."

<sup>184</sup> That was twenty years ago, and today it's still sailing on. And it will sail on. Cause it was built here upon sweat, and tears of prayer and promise of God. It shall prevail.

<sup>185</sup> "Upon this rock I'll build my church; the gates of hell won't prevail against it." There you are. Yes sir. Don't pay no attention to what they say. I've learned my lesson listening to people who don't know what they're talking about. I listen to one person; that's Almighty God. Jesus said, "From henceforth you ask in My Name, ask the Father in My Name, and you'll get it." I believe it.

<sup>186</sup> One time in Arlington, Texas. I...This is though I trying to get away from; it's burning my heart. They come up there, and I've got it in my, well it's in my little textbook of events. Said that I was a...The FBI was there to expose me; that I was a devil. And the ministers a bunch of them up there around somewhere up above Houston there, (I'll call the name of the place in a minute.) Put out a big bunch of tracts and passed them all around like that, over the auditorium, and said that I was Simon the sorcerer. Casting out devils like Simon the Sorcerer: witchcraft.

<sup>187</sup> So that night, here there's been a couple girls, had been healed there, they were crying and everything, said, "Well, you ought to..." said they was going home they was afraid. Said, "the FBI wants to get Brother Branham. And this girl was put in her right mind when you seen that vision over her." And he said, "I did it, maybe I caused the trouble."

right, but there's something won't let you do right. Is that right? That's the Devil. Hallelujah. Christ paid for your healing and your salvation.

<sup>171</sup> Now, here it is, you get ready. He commissioned His church to cast them devils out. There you are. "In My Name shall they cast out devils. You ain't going to heal nobody, but you're going to cast the devil away from, so they can accept the healing I've already done." That's right.

<sup>172</sup> Preachers stood on the platform and preached the Gospel, devils scatter. The man come to the altar under conviction, say, "I want to get saved." He never saved the man, he cast out the devil. That's right. And the man got saved. He come, accepted his salvation. The same thing by Divine healing. You sick people here this morning believe that, and have been born again and are sons and daughters of God, Christ has already healed you.

<sup>173</sup> The only thing that keeps you from being well this morning is the spirit hanging over you. It won't fully let you go out yonder and believe God's promise that He's done it. That's right.

<sup>174</sup> Now, that's my commission, that's what God gave me; it's what He give every Gospel preacher who will believe Him: the power and the authority to break that spirit. I believe with all my heart that every demon power that's in here this minute is already broken. I do. I believe there's every sick person that's in here right now feels a lot different. If that's right raise up your hand you who are sick.

<sup>175</sup> See that? You, what's the matter? That devil has broke away from you. He has to. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing of the Word." Jesus Christ died for you. You can be healed right now to fulfill that commission. You people that's sick here this morning, or have come in here that way, while that Spirit's upon you, while you feel the Spirit of God...It's getting...Oh I'm sorry; it's way passed.

<sup>176</sup> All you people that's sick, was sick when you come in here I want you to come here that I might fulfill my commission. I'm under obligation to my Lord. And my claims that the Divine Angel appeared to me at my birth, and commissioned me at twelve years old, and sent me out there a few years ago and said these things, and it's indisputable around the world.

<sup>177</sup> Demons and infidels, and skeptics, and agnostics, and modernists, and communists, and everything else has attacked it upon the ways of saying it was...Some of them said it's spiritualism. Some of them said it's the working of devils, and the others said it's a mental telepathy. And every single time that they rose up, Almighty God stood before me and conquered it. That's right. Take it anywhere you want to in any nation you want to, every nation I've entered, every city nearly, I've had to fight that thing. They say, "It's mental telepathy."

<sup>178</sup> I'd say, "Take everybody out of here that thinks this mental

fall over." Just spit in my face when he come up, and he drew back his great big fist.

<sup>19</sup> Just then I said, "Satan come out of the man." And he threw up his arms and screamed and fell across my feet till the police had to pull him off. Now he didn't have any faith in me. He didn't believe me. And I see it takes a bold challenge, I've been praying for every one who comes.

<sup>20</sup> The other night there was people here, a woman couldn't speak, as soon as that evil power was challenged, she spoke normally. And there was a lady here who had a big goiter on her throat, I just walked up to her and said, "Satan I just have the authority to break your power. You have to come off of her." I said, "He's gone, do you believe that?"

She said, "Yes."

<sup>21</sup> I said, "Alright you go home and put a string around your neck and measure it, and see how big it is. And every three days cut a piece string off of there, see how it starts shrinking."

<sup>22</sup> The first day there is was about that much, the second day about like that, and the third day about like that, where it'd went down. See? Just to demonstrate, she brought it here to the platform. And then I begin to hear it come in. And I'm just asking God, would that just be His Divine will? And the other morning about...

<sup>23</sup> I've got a little girl eight, ten months old, little Sarah. And she's a sweet little darling and I haven't got to be with her very much. And I've spoiled her I'll admit that, just hold her in my arms all the time. You would to if you would get to see that little chump of love no more than I get to see her, you know, just now and then when I'm home. So I guess I spoiled her a whole lot.

<sup>24</sup> She's cutting some teeth and gotten real sick. She must of got a dysentery also. It's going around. I guess some of your families have had it too. And real sick, vomiting, and dysentery. And so she was crying and her mother was so tired she didn't even wake up and I never either. And I woke up, I was asleep back in the second room them. And her mother, and her in there and little girl and I was sleeping in the other room, little Rebekah.

<sup>25</sup> And so, Billy Paul was staying with his grandmother that night. So I woke up, I heard...I said, "What made me wake up like that?"

<sup>26</sup> I heard His voice say, "Go to your baby and give her a drink of water."

<sup>27</sup> I went in the room and she was crying, she cried a long time she must not have woke her mother up in her little crib. I went and got a glass of water as I went in. The little thing pretty near drank the whole glass of water and there in her condition, with the dysentery she'd had. Just, I thought, "Isn't that lovely, how sweet He is to do that?" That's the second time, or the third time.

<sup>28</sup> One time I was in Sioux Falls. She was only three months old. She was laying on the bed. Her mother had walked out to talk to some people, and I was shaving like that, getting ready for the meeting. And I was just standing there shaving, I heard the Angel of the Lord say, "Get your baby right quick." And I laid my razor down, run around and just one half a minute longer she'd been gone. She was on a high bed just about like that and she had both arms, she was just rolling and rolling her head hanging down and her arms just sliding off, and I had to run real quick just to grab her as she went off. He's lovely, sweet.

<sup>29</sup> A little later than that, there was a young girl. She's perhaps setting here this morning. I don't see her, but she comes sparingly. She's a member of a church in New Albany, a very prominent church, an outstanding church in New Albany. I've been down there. She wants...she's got a mental condition of a psychoneurosis. And she can't...She won't even leave the city or anywhere. She starts screaming and crying, going on.

<sup>30</sup> So I prayed for her two or three times, but something wouldn't let me challenge that demon somehow. I don't know, I just couldn't do it. She's a good friend to a nurse that lives in the neighborhood there. They come up there, and she's getting worse. She'd been that way for about eight years.

<sup>31</sup> And so she come up the other day and she said...I told her I said, "Sis, the only thing that I'd know there's a cause there somewhere. I don't know what it is." I said, "I...If you could come up..."

<sup>32</sup> She said, "I've been prayed for, my pastor..." And said, "My pastor sent me up here, said 'Go see Brother Billy and see what he'll do.'"

<sup>33</sup> Well now I said, "I don't know, sis," I said, "I'm just like your pastor..." I said, "Have you confessed all your sins?"

"Everything."

<sup>34</sup> Sunday school teacher, has a great class, doing a good work. But just that hung over her. Well I didn't know what to do. You can just about imagine how I'd feel, I just didn't know what to do. We took her in the room. I said, "All right, come on up."

<sup>35</sup> When people come we just stopped everything. I got her in a room. I set down and just started talking about genealogies and about the beginning, the origin of time and everything and watching her. It was that same morning. God's always there at the crucial moments you know.

<sup>36</sup> And after awhile I looked out; there come a vision moving up. I seen an automobile going swiftly. I said, "Your condition has something to do with an automobile."

She said, "No, I never was in a wreck."

<sup>37</sup> I said, "Just set humble." Said, "I see you in a car. You almost get hit

if that's all you can send me..." yeah. But what did Elijah see when he seen the very first wheel turn? "Oh my," he said, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain." No cloud no bigger than that, what would it do to water a nation? Why if the cloud's so...it's so hot in them skies, that it would of "whew," vaporized it, the vapor would've went away like that. But as soon as Elijah saw the first sign, the first little teeny move, he said, "I hear the sound of abundance of rain." When it's just a cloud that big.

<sup>166</sup> Brother, I believe the, right now at this minute, that the power of the Holy Ghost that's in this room to cheer every sick person there is, if you can feel the cloud the size of a man's hand, scream and holler, "I hear the sound of perfect healing." God has to...If you reject and say, "Well I didn't get nothing." Then they'll die out; the hot waves of hell and doubt will fade it out your soul. But when you get the little grain of Seed, stand on it. It's not like the rock of Gibraltar, but like the Rock of Ages. Stand there, and you'll feel the sound of abundance of rain.

<sup>167</sup> You are God's child. Satan has put that affliction upon you, and you know, and Christ has already healed every one of you. A sinner come to the altar and say, "Brother Branham, I...say, I want you to pray for me. I want to be good, but I just...You pray for me," and go back to your seat. Next night I say, "How many wants to be saved?" Here he stands up. "You want to be saved young man?"

"Yes sir."

"Well why don't you get saved?"

"I don't know."

<sup>168</sup> Said, "You're just..." The devil's holding that boy, that's all. He wants to do right, but there's a spirit, a power that won't let him do right. Now, hallelujah, there it is. Oh no wonder, God would never let a true man of God ever say he could heal somebody. Christ done that when He died.

<sup>169</sup> I couldn't save nobody, or no one else could save anybody but God. And God can't save you because He's already done it. The only thing you have to do is accept it. It's already done. I wasn't saved twenty years ago, I was saved nineteen hundred years ago, but twenty years ago I received it, and accepted it. If it hadn't the first thing I done, God would have wiped me off the face of the earth, 'cause He said He would. He had to keep His promise, I was healed nineteen hundred years ago, but I've got to accept it.

<sup>170</sup> And the only thing that kept me from being saved when I was twelve years old was because the spirit hung over me. A devil saying, "Wait a little while longer." That's the reason you wasn't saved when you become the age of accountability. A spirit, you got with a crowd and that hovered over you, and kept hanging over you. And you wanted to do right. There's not a man that's got his right mind but what wants to do



*But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification.*

<sup>159</sup> Oh brother, that just. God just gets the devil in a fix with that three hundred and sixty-five days a year. (See?) “You’re a liar, there’s the Word. I am healed.”

<sup>160</sup> If somebody comes up and puts it on you, if somebody around here done some kind of something to you and lets you get well, it doesn’t inspire you. But here’s what it is, “He that believeth,” I am healed now. If God come down and healed me positive, right out with a miracle, it wouldn’t be as great as it would if I can see the promise of God and take it into my heart. Stand there, I can say, “Jesus is now healing me for I have accepted His Word. It’s in my heart, He is now interceding for me before the Father, I shall be well.”

<sup>161</sup> There’s what God loves. Stand there, on His Word, and say, “It’s right, He’s healing me now every day.” That was the one woman with the goiter. I can see. I just give her something to do, so it just...?...Wouldn’t have went it at all. But she was happy, said, “Oh look, look.” Then the next day it was about that much. Then the next day it was about that much. She put it all together said, “Well, that can’t be wrong. But look, see it’s...” There you are.

<sup>162</sup> When Elijah had closed the heavens that it rained not for the space of three years, Elijah did that. That it rained not for three years and six months and when he ducked his head between his little old skinny knees...Probably if he came to your door this morning you’d run him away. Fur all out over his head like a, I don’t know what, an old piece of sheepskin wrapped around him like this, and cruse of oil and a stick and here he come. That’s all. And every time he set down there, he put his knees down—or head down between his knees, and he prayed. “God, the trouble’s out of the way now, Israel has repented, come, Lord and send them rain.”

<sup>163</sup> Like that woman the other day when sin has gone out, I said, “Satan, you can’t hold her.” No sir. That’s it.

<sup>164</sup> “Come Lord, all right, the trouble’s gone.” He prayed six times, come back down. That didn’t stop him. he kept on praying. That’s right. Then after awhile, Gehazi goes up, his servant looks, and he come back and he said, “Oh I see a little cloud about the size of a man’s hand.” Why, the skies, where it hadn’t rained for three years and six months: brass. Brass speaks of Divine judgment, the brazen altar, judgment upon the nation that had forgot God, brassy skies. Wish we had time to get into it.

<sup>165</sup> But then unbelief would’ve picked that up and thrown it away. “Well

by a train.”

She jumped, she said, “Oh.”

<sup>38</sup> I said, “Yes, you’re not with your husband. You’re with another man. Your husband was oversees in war at that time.” Went ahead and begin to bring it on down, I said, “The things that you done, the immoral things, you told him about some of it but you didn’t tell him about it all.” And she started screaming and holding her face like that. I said, “You was going to have an operation not too long ago for your tonsils, You was afraid to take anesthetic, afraid that you’d tell that under the...”

<sup>39</sup> She just screamed and fell on the floor. She said, “That’s the truth.”

I said, “How can you ever get anywhere with that hanging?”

She said, “I asked God to forgive me.”

<sup>40</sup> I said, “You never sinned against God, you sinned against your husband and vows.” I said, “You go back and make that right, then come, I can control that demon then.” See?

<sup>41</sup> I said, “By the way, your husband...” I described how he looked, never seen him in my life, I said, “He’s got the same thing to confess to you.” I said, “Now if you don’t believe it, call him on the phone and tell him to meet you.” So she called him on the phone, they met on the road and here they come back, tears running down their cheeks, forgive one another. The demon left her and there she was free. See? Now I might have screamed and hollered at the demon and cast, and everything else, but it’d never left, till that was corrected. See?

<sup>42</sup> See, you’ve got to find the cause before you can find the cure. You go to a doctor, you say, “I got a headache.” Well, he might give you an aspirin, well it will come back, maybe you got stomach trouble’s causing the headache. Maybe you got an infection somewhere that’s causing the fever making you have headaches, something another. You have to go back; that doctor has to diagnose that case till he finds where the cause is. Then you get rid of the cause. Just like a hole in a bucket, if you’re pouring water in, the water just keeps leaking out, you better stop the hole up first. You see? And that’s...

<sup>43</sup> Now there’s where I lay, what must I do? Now the biggest thing in my meeting, one of them, you don’t get prayed for it. And I prayed and asked in prayer for all of them, but they say, “Well, if you’d just touch me and you’d do this,” And right...they see those things take place...

<sup>44</sup> And it is right, the Bible said they’d lay hands on the sick and they’d recover. Then when you start that...I’ve tried that and placed them through the line, lay hands on them, but if their life isn’t combed through by the Holy Spirit to find out there’s anything in there, they don’t feel they’ve been prayed for. Here’s my secretary setting here and things that knows, gets the letters isn’t that right? They just think they’re not...Now there, I’m up against something.

<sup>45</sup> And I believe if maybe could preach, and I'm not much of a preacher, but if I could get the people to see that they've got to absolutely come clean with God, then I believe I'd have the authority by Jesus Christ to break the power of any demon there is. When the...Peter and John passed through the gate called Beautiful, they never asked the man if he was a believer or what he was or anything about it. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I'll give you." Said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." He picked him up, held him there until his ankle bones got strength and away he went, walking.

<sup>46</sup> Well, there's something in there that I'm studying on and I want you to pray for me, all right, will you do it? All right, God Bless you.

<sup>47</sup> Turn to Genesis 22. Now I'm going to read some for the lesson before prayer service. All right, we're going to start along about the...Let's just talk of it a little bit. I'll tell you what we'll do. I want you to get to in Romans 4 also. I'm going to teach a little about faith. That's what we all need a whole lot of isn't it? Faith is not an evidence; only it's a substance...Faith itself is a substance and an evidence of things that the senses of the body won't declare.

<sup>48</sup> And I thought, maybe in teaching this would spur your faith up. See? Get it to a level that where that God can move into you and bless you. Now, let's begin reading about the 8th verse of the 22nd chapter dealing with Abraham. And he was first called Abram and then he received his priest name or his father name which was, Abraham. Which means "the father of nations." Now listen.

*And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand and a knife; and they went both of them together.*

<sup>49</sup> What a dramatic scene here. Way back, eighteen hundred and seventy-two years before the coming of the Lord. God foreshadowing now, speaking, getting ready to make a parable. And he...Abraham was an old man, ninety years old. And Sarah, or Abraham was a hundred and Sarah was ninety. That's about forty years beyond the menopause. Said the life in her was dead and the life in Abraham was dead, an old man at that age.

<sup>50</sup> And God appeared to him when he was ninety and nine and said, "Abraham, walk before Me and be perfect." Just think, at a hundred years old. And He told him what was going to take place, said, "All the nations will be blessed in you because that you're going to...I'm going to give you a son by Sarah." Now think, a hundred years old.

<sup>51</sup> And then the Bible says that Abraham, you know how he ought...made his sacrifice, and kept the birds off of it till the sun went down and how the darkness come over and the Spirit of God came down,

know Mrs. So-and-so over here belongs to that Full Gospel church" Said, "Her pastor come up and laid hands on me according to Mark 16 and I got well." Said, "The doctors couldn't do nothing for me when I had that sick spell." Said, "So that's how I got well.

<sup>153</sup> He said, "Well mother, I want to inform you something," said, "'Course away to college we learned this," said, "The last nine verses of Mark 16 isn't inspired." Said, "That was put in there by the Vatican." Said, "There's no history in there that says that Word is inspired."

And the little woman said, "Praise God! Praise God!"

He said, "What's the matter with you mother?"

<sup>154</sup> She said, "If God could heal me with Words that isn't inspired, what could He do with Words that, that is inspired?" There you are. If He can do that with uninspired Word what will He do if it is inspired?

<sup>155</sup> When there's six hundred and something promises directly to the Church in the last days that these things will take place and His power is just the same, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. Whatsoever things you desire when you pray you'll receive it. If you abide in Me and My word in you, ask what you will and it will be done unto you. The things that I do shall you also. Greater than this when I go to My Father. Lo, I am with you always even to the end of the world. Where ever two or three are gathered in My Name, and agree upon anything and ask, they shall receive it."

<sup>156</sup> Forget about it brother, it's God's will to do it. Yes sir, It's only Satan robbing you. Believe Him.

*And against hope, believed in hope, that he might be the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

*And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead,*

<sup>157</sup> Not circumstances, not what somebody else said, "What if somebody else died when you got the same thing?" Don't consider it. See?

*...when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:*

<sup>158</sup> She was included in it. God never give Sarah the promise; He gave Abraham the promise, but Sarah was included. He made the promise in Christ Jesus, and I was included in Him, you were to. See?

*He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God;*

*And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was also able to perform.*

*And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.*

*Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;*

For all seven compound names, Our victory, our banner, our shield, and our buffer, and our healing and our salvation, our provided sacrifice, all laid in Him.

<sup>145</sup> And when He died at Calvary, He spoiled principalities, raised up, threw His hands up, said, "It is finished." Hallelujah. Devils trembled. Hell shook. The...?...went every way. And He rose up on Easter morning, 'I am He that was dead and is alive again.' There He is, Jehovah-rapha, Jehovah-manasseh, Jehovah-jireh, God's provided sacrifice. Couldn't have a word to say.

<sup>146</sup> Then back there and Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up a brass serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." And if shining that light of God, back there in a type, looking upon a brass serpent which is a symbol...[Blank spot on tape.—Ed]

<sup>147</sup> He said, "I have to keep my Word. You have to die." The poor fellow was shaky. He said, "What can I do to you before I kill you?"

Said, "A glass of water."

<sup>148</sup> So went and got the glass of water. And he was holding it in his hand, and trembling like that; he couldn't hold it. And he said, "Now wait a minute, now straighten up." He said, "I'm not going to kill you or take your life until you drink that water." And the slave threw it on the ground.

<sup>149</sup> What's he going to do? If he's a just man, if he'll keep his word...If he don't keep his word, he's not a just man; he has to set him free. No matter what the laws of the land says. And if Jesus said, "Whatever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it." He's got to keep it. He's Just. Atonement or no atonement, that's His Word.

<sup>150</sup> A boy went away not long ago to a certain seminary, to learn a whole lot of stuff he oughtn't to have learned. So his old mother got sick. One of the neighbors belonged to a Full Gospel church. They brought the pastor home. Said, "Let me bring the pastor up here and pray for you." Said, "He's a good, righteous man, and he believes in God," said, "Let him come pray for you."

So she said, "All right."

<sup>151</sup> The doctor couldn't do nothing for her, so the young man come up there, the pastor, and prayed for the elderly woman and laid his hands on her according to James, or according to Mark 16, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." He come up and laid his hands upon the woman. A few days, she was was up, and going about her work, was well. When the son returned home from the college why he was so happy you know, he said he seen his mother so happy, said, "How you been getting along mother?"

<sup>152</sup> Said, "Oh just fine." Said, "Oh son, I forgot to tell you something." Said, "While you was away these four years," said, "I got sick and you

talked to him. And Abraham believed God. Now, I want to deal with that subject: "Believing God" or "Taking Him At His Word."

<sup>52</sup> Now Abraham didn't have any, a great cloud of witnesses like we have today. For Abraham himself was a Chaldean, yet father of the Jews. But he was a Chaldean from the city of Ur. And he was called out from among his people to walk in a strange land.

<sup>53</sup> How beautiful that types the Christian walk today, that we have to come out from our associates of the world to walk in a strange land or strange to the first land that we walked in. And the land that we call today is walk in the Christian way, walk with Christ, separate ourselves from the things of the world.

<sup>54</sup> And he did that by faith, and he sojourned in a strange land, not even knowing where he was going. The only thing God said, "Come out Abraham, and go into a land." And he was looking for a city whose Builder and Maker was God. Now if that was what we would refer to in the natural life, would be I'd say instinct, you'd naturally call it but we call it leadings of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>55</sup> God called him out from among his people, out of a land his own homeland, of...from his people. And he dwelt in strange land professing that he was a pilgrim and stranger. Seeking a city, looking for a city, oh my how that still comes down to his children. That strain of looking for a city whose Builder and Maker is God.

<sup>56</sup> And God blessed him. Then when he was real old He said, "Now Abraham you walk before Me, be perfect." And how He was going to bless him and multiply him. Now if we looked at the natural side, why it was impossible for him to have this child by Sarah. Why all the resources of life is gone. Sarah is ninety years old, Abraham a hundred.

<sup>57</sup> Why, you tell that to a doctor today, a man a hundred years old, with his wife ninety, she was going to have a child. Well you know what they do? They'd lock you up in a psychopathic ward somewhere. Saying, "Why the old fellow and old lady a little off up here somewhere." But you don't look at circumstance you look at the promise. See? If you go to looking...

<sup>58</sup> Now that's the same way about maybe the lady in the wheelchair here, or some of you with cancer. The doctor says, "You can't get well." Now if you believe that then you can't get well. But you've got to look at a Divine promise.

<sup>59</sup> An old man, was called in to his place said, "Brother, come pray for my baby he's got black diphtheria; it's settled in the heart. The cardiogram shows that the heart's done dropped plumb back till it's gone." Well they wouldn't let us in to pray for the baby.

<sup>60</sup> But when I got in there why, oh the intern, the doctor, "No sir, no sir you can't do it. Got children of your own and you can't do it." But yet

believing God, persuading... The man was Catholic.

<sup>61</sup> Said, "Now, why, if the patient was dying, and a priest was sure to give him his last rights would you let him in?"

"Oh, he has no children."

<sup>62</sup> "That's not the question, this is just as sacred as the last rites (see?) of the church."

"All right."

<sup>63</sup> Finally going in and kneeling down by the side of the baby and just prayed a simple little prayer. Laid hands upon the baby, said, "Lord God of heavens and earth Who created all things You give us the Divine power to break the power of Satan over this life. In the name of Jesus Christ, Satan come out of the child. It shall live."

<sup>64</sup> Turned around...the father, "Thank you Lord, thank you." Mother and them began to laugh and going on.

<sup>65</sup> The little nurse was upset. She said, "Say...you don't...how..." Said, "It's all right to have faith but that little baby is dying." Said, "How can you act so unconcerned about it? Why," Said, "You misunderstood the doctor." Said, "The doctor said the baby's dying, it's been unconscious now for over a day." Said, "You've misunderstood the doctor."

<sup>66</sup> The old patriarch said, "No, I didn't misunderstand the doctor." Said, "I heard what he said; said the baby is dying."

<sup>67</sup> Said, "Why, but see when this cardiogram shows that, that heart in that condition," said, "it's never in all history ever raised up again." Said, "It's alright to have faith," but said, "It can't...Faith can't do nothing now." See?

<sup>68</sup> The old man with a steady finger looked at the nurse and said, "Lady, you're looking to that chart. I'm looking to a Divine promise."

<sup>69</sup> Boy's even married now. All right. He laid like that for about twenty-four hours laying, and all at once that heart begin to come up. There it went. See? When a Divine promise is made, God is solely under oath and obligation to take care of any of His promises. And His, the...God is worth no more than what His Word is worth. If that Word is not effective then God is not effective. That is God. You believe it? It's God. The Bible said, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." And I'm worth no more than my word, and you're worth no more than your word.

<sup>70</sup> If I had a handful wheat laying here in my hand, and lay it on this desk, it would never be nothing but wheat laying there. But plant that wheat in the ground and it'll produce maybe a bushel of wheat. See? But the germ of life is in the wheat, but the wheat has to fall into the ground and die. Jesus said it, or Paul I believe that said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and dies it remaineth alone." See?

<sup>71</sup> And then this is God, His Word. And when that Word anchors down

"God...." I had the Bible on the table. I said, "If I die, I'm coming home trusting you. Your Word said this. I've got to either consider what the doctor said, or consider what You said. I've took his word for a year and I ain't no better. I'm getting worse. I'm not considering what he said anymore, I'm considering what You said."

<sup>138</sup> And I asked the blessing. We had beans and cornbread and onions. I took a dish-full of them out and started eating them. The first bite went into my stomach liked to kill me. I had to hold my hand over my mouth to keep it from coming back. It kept on coming back. I'd swallow it down, come back up I'd swallow it down. But I didn't consider my stomach, I considered what God said about it. Not what I felt, it was burning me up.

<sup>139</sup> I went out on the street, and was walking down the street like this, the water running out of my mouth. Said, "How do you feel Billy?"

I said, "Wonderful."

<sup>140</sup> Days passed, weeks passed, still walking; standing down in a ditch with my stomach...?...and holding my hand like that, stamping like that and singing, "Oh How I Love Jesus." Lay it down, and throw some more dirt in and holler, "Oh how I love Jesus." Just belching that food up, coming back, so swimmie-headed till I could hardly work.

Said, "How you feeling this morning? Billy you sick?"

I said, "No, I feel wonderful."

And later on when I testified someone said, "You lied then."

<sup>141</sup> I said, "No, I never, I wasn't talking about these senses here in the body; they're dead. I reckon Christ for my...?..." I said, "I was taking what He said and I felt wonderful about it." There you are. Consider not your own body, consider not your diseases for they are of the devil. Right. Consider God's promise.

<sup>142</sup> Someone not long ago said, "Now look, you can't preach Divine healing in the atonement." Smart, Baptist preacher, which was too far off anyhow.

<sup>143</sup> Said, "Now I won't argue with you about the atonement, which I know you haven't got a foot to stand on, very fundamental." I said, "I know you haven't got a foot...here's one Scripture for you that'll take the whole thing out: 'he was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace upon Him with His stripes we are healed.'"

<sup>144</sup> I said "Where do you apply that to in Calvary?" I said, "Do you believe the seven redemptive names, compound names belongs to Jesus? If he wasn't, and didn't fulfill, and in Him was them seven compound names, He wasn't Jehovah-jireh. There is Jehovah-jireh, 'God's provided sacrifice'. And you'll have to admit that or say He wasn't the Son of God. Then if he is Jehovah-jireh He's Jehovah-rapha, the Healer also.

God, Satan will tremble when you speak because God swore under obligation He'd take care of that prayer. That's true.

<sup>130</sup> Now listen. Abraham now an old man, (I'll hurry through) an old man now, well-stricken in age, hundred years old. God had done give him this son about sixteen or eighteen years later, maybe a hundred and eighteen, twenty years old...He said, "Now take him up and destroy him."

<sup>131</sup> And Abraham staggered not at the promise. Listen to this: he was like God; he had a part of God in him, for he believed. Listen, 18th verse,

*And who against hope believed in hope; ... (Wasn't even any hope for it yet he believed in hope)...that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be.*

<sup>132</sup> Now listen, 19th verse. Put on a jacket; hold up the cup. Watch.

*And being not weak in faith he considered not his own body now dead...*

<sup>133</sup> Now if your father Abraham, who you're a child of through Christ, considered not his own body when it was dead, what about yours which is alive this morning? See what I mean? And that was before Christ came. That's before any atonement was made. That's before the great cloud of witnesses was gone on, before the Holy Spirit came. And Abraham believed God. "Being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body."

<sup>134</sup> Don't consider your sickness; consider what God said about it. If I had considered mine, when Mayo brother's told me, "You're finished," I'd been finished. But I didn't consider my body, I didn't consider my sickness, I didn't consider what they said, I considered what God said.

<sup>135</sup> But when I was blind, going on around here with glasses on, couldn't even get a haircut. Take my glasses off at the barber and my head would shake. I'd have to set down, let him cut somebody else's hair awhile, then get back in the barber chair and try to cut mine. What if I would have considered it? But I didn't consider the blindness of my eyes when I learned of God.

<sup>136</sup> One doctor told me "One mouthful of solid food will take your life." When I pulled up...my mother's setting there as a witness. They was giving me barley water and steamed prune juice. I lived on it for a year, nearly. And they said, "Well, one mouthful of solid food would kill him."

<sup>137</sup> I just begin to read the Bible and found God in my soul. I read in there where it said, "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you'll receive it." There'd never been a prayer said at our table. I remember dad sitting on the corner there. I said, "Can we pray?" Mom looked over and started to cry, pop didn't know what to do. I said,

in the heart...Oh, if I could get you to see it. When that Word anchors there it'll produce just what it said. It'll do just...It's God, it has to. But if you just say, "Well I know the Word's there, yeah that's right," It just lay a handful, yeah. It'll be dormant. That's right. It won't move because..."Oh I read the Bible." But until you can anchor that and say, "Yes, Lord that's for me," then something's going to happen. It has to. Until then it's just the written Word. That's right. But when it's once anchored...

<sup>72</sup> Now, Abraham he didn't look at his body, said, "All right Lord, going to have a baby." On down we could go for hours on this, but we don't want to take too much time. Now he comes to the place where little Isaac's born. And here he's going out, after receiving him and probably just...Abraham was probably a hundred and twenty years old maybe by this time, a hundred and fifteen, twenty years old, Isaac's probably fifteen, eighteen years old.

<sup>73</sup> And God said, "Now Abraham," said, "I want you to take that boy up to the mountain up yonder and offer him up for a sacrifice." Now, after he had received him, promised him to be the father of nations and here now the only seed that he has, He said, "Take him up and destroy it." Double check...oh my! See? "Now I know you was old, and you believed me and I give you this boy and now you got an idea here now, the promise is going to be fulfilled because you got the boy. But now I want you to take the boy up and kill him."

<sup>74</sup> Well now what if Abraham said, "Then Lord, now look I want to ask you something. Me here, maybe a hundred and twenty years old and I received this boy and poor Sarah can't hardly get around she's so old, and she's just wrinkled up and gone away nearly. And here I'm an old man, have to lean on a staff and walking like this." Just barely could walk maybe, "And I'm so old and the boy is a young man here. I see what you've done, but what...Would you mean me kill him? First, it'll tear my heart out and then how am I going to be a father of nations when You're going to kill him?"

<sup>75</sup> But Abraham didn't stagger, said, "Yes, Lord." Takes the boy, here they go. He didn't know how, wasn't his business to question. He obeyed.

<sup>76</sup> That lady here might say, "How am I going to walk?" Maybe you been crippled a long time; I don't know. Maybe some of the rest of them say. "Well the doctor told me I couldn't live, Brother Brahmam, I'm going to die."

<sup>77</sup> That's not what we're talking about. That's a natural thing see? And if you look to at any of that you will never live. But you've got to look to a promise that God made, and that's the promise. See, the inside of you, this outside is sin. Do you know that? Do you know your body is sin? That's the reason you don't try to perfect that body. It's sin. Did you

know that, it was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. And that soul is the same way until the soul died and then was born again of God, then that soul can't die. "The soul that sinneth shall die but he that believeth on Me has Everlasting life," then there's an immortal life living in that body.

<sup>78</sup> Now that's like a string coming from heaven like a cord on the inside of a man. Now that's the part that's godly, it operates this body. But before this body can ever become perfected, the Spirit will bring it in submission to God to make you...It'll war all the time, a constant. Paul said, "We'll never get more than he," See? Paul said, "When I would do good then evil is near me." See? And there's a constant war of flesh against the Spirit.

<sup>79</sup> And here people look to the flesh, "The doctor said, and I believe...Look at how simple...." Then you can't serve God. You've got a soul besides your senses. God never give you those senses to trust Him with. God gave you His Spirit to trust...You will trust in Him. Your senses is only to contact; see, taste, feel, smell and hear. But to you yourself is that Spirit that lives in you. And when that's been regenerated and the old man dies and the new man born again, that is a part of God. Then you become a son of God, an offspring of the Creator. Then you can believe the impossible things because you're made up of the miracle working God, you're a part of Him.

<sup>80</sup> It would have been natural for me to drink. My daddy drank. It'd be natural for me to use tobacco. My daddy did. My generations behind me did. Some said, "Why didn't you never smoke or drink?" Well, when I was just a lad before I started into it, the Holy Spirit came down and said, "Don't you do it." There's the conversion. You see? In the beginning and even way back before that, the morning I was born when the Angel of God stood over where I was at, that seed that was in the ground was changed from a cocklebur; don't you see what I mean? You get what I mean?

<sup>81</sup> Then in there is the Spirit, and from there is your immortal life. Then a man that's born of the Spirit of God does not commit sin. You get the Scripture straightened out then. If he, if...the worshipper once purged has no more desire of sin, or no more conscience of it.

<sup>82</sup> In the Old Testament the worshipper come in and offered his sacrifice, walked back out with the same desire to sin. But here...Here it is. Get it. Hebrews said, "When the worshipper in this case who puts his hands on the Son of God's head and his sins are purged by the sanctifying power of God there's no more desire in there for sin." Oh there's where life lays. Then that makes you an offspring of Jehovah, and Satan can't hurt me then without hurting my Father.

<sup>83</sup> You can't hurt that little girl there without hurting me, I'll tell you that. Can't hurt your children without hurting you. And then He's not

<sup>119</sup> Like someone trying to get back at the manager. Said, "Why Brother Branham," said, "well my Jesus said, 'There'll be many come to me in that day saying, Lord, haven't I cast out devils in Thy Name?' and everything like that?" Well, said, "that doesn't mean you're Christian." (He was talking on these signs shall follow them that believe.)

<sup>120</sup> The brother said, "Well just a minute, and that's the way you ecclesiastical bunch." Said, "You fail to see the real meaning of the Scripture, you do always error in your heart, teaching for doctrine the traditions of men."

<sup>121</sup> They failed to see that, to be the Son of God. They said, "He's Beelzebub." They failed to see the Scriptures that clearly pointed to Jesus being that.

<sup>122</sup> He said, "Oh you hypocrites," said, "you can discern the face of the skies but you can't discern the signs of the time. For if you had known it, you should have known Me, and known My day. The things that was supposed to be."

<sup>123</sup> And we see today that God promised in these last days that these things would take place. What's the matter with the people? They're blind. Them demon powers even in the ecclesiastical realm...You said, "Jesus never said anything,"

They said, "We cast out Devils."

<sup>124</sup> Jesus said, "I know nothing about it." They were saying things that they didn't do. "Oh, we..."

<sup>125</sup> Someone said a certain denomination church; he said, "Let preacher Branham heal one, and I'll heal a dozen."

I said, "If I healed one, you could heal a dozen."

<sup>126</sup> He said, "If you had a gift that you say you have like that," said, "why don't you go out to that hospital and say, 'All of you sick people get up and come on out?'" Said, "They'd all have to obey you."

I said, "Are you a gospel preacher?"

He said, "Yes sir."

<sup>127</sup> I said, "Go down to the bootleg joint and say, 'You're all saved, come on up.'"

He said, "I could if they'd believe me."

I said, "So can I."

<sup>128</sup> There you are. Faith in the Word. See? You couldn't save no one. And preaching the gospel of salvation doesn't make you a Divine Savior, no more than preaching Divine healing makes me a Divine healer. But it's the faith in God's spoken Word. And I know this, that some of us has more faith than others and those who have abundance of faith are supposed to pray for those. But if you don't live the right kind of life, you better leave away from it. The devil will laugh at your prayer.

<sup>129</sup> But when you live right and do right and act right and have faith in

<sup>112</sup> My old granddad built the Tabernacle here, some say, “Oh you’re just like your granddad. You look like your granddad, you talk like him, you have a nature like him.” What is that? It’s some strain that’s been handed down through that generation that I have here. You look like your parents, there’s something about them. You seen a little girl you say, “Don’t she look like her mother? She acts like her mother.” You’ve seen people do that.

<sup>113</sup> Now if we’re born of our Heavenly Father, God, “Who calls those things that are not as though they were,” there’s got to be something in us like that. See? That’s the reason that a real consecrated Christian that’s all out for God, looks to what God said instead of what you see or feel. That’s your earthly man there. If we walk in the flesh we can’t please God, we walk after the Spirit. See?

<sup>114</sup> Now God has done everything, more than His duty was to do. He’s sent prophets, and priests. He sent His Son. He sent the Holy Spirit, He’s done everything and even took an oath by Himself that he would perform these things. Now when God gets rich and deep down here, see, more you get of God in here, more you’ll believe God because there’s more of Him. And the more you cultivate this down here, the more you can believe God.

<sup>115</sup> It’s just like a child, when he’s a little bitty fellow maybe he doesn’t know very much about it, but as he grows older he begins to get knowing more of God. And that’s when this Spirit in here takes the nature of our Heavenly Father, who is God, like I take the nature of my earthly father, from my earthly parents. Now look, oh I just love this, listen now.

*...God, who quickened the dead and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

<sup>116</sup> You know what, how did God make the earth? This earth that you’re setting on, here this morning? People don’t want to believe in faith. How did God make the earth? He spoke it. Amen. You see it? He spoke, and the world came into existence. And this world this morning is the spoken Word of God and He believed His own Word.

<sup>117</sup> Here it is, watch it. And if God, and you’re an offspring of Him and God is in you, He’ll believe His own Word. Though it can’t be seen, felt, taste or anything, He’ll believe it. See what I mean? For God in you will believe His Own Word. Is that right? Then you don’t look at things you see, you will look at things that God said. Man don’t have very much victory when he goes down. I know this exactly.

<sup>118</sup> God performs miracles through the skilled surgeon, through medical drugs. God does it. Man doesn’t do it. God does it. Psalms 103:3 says, “I am the Lord that heals all of thy diseases.” No healing can come, only through God. Somebody said, “The Devil can heal.” The Devil can’t heal; he can make claims.

willing that any should perish or suffer. But now, before this flesh here, before this flesh can be perfected it has to die like the soul died.

<sup>84</sup> God never did have His perfect will for women and men to bring children in the earth. Did you know that? God made man Himself. Out of the dust of the earth after the fall. Now I won’t argue about that ‘cause you know got some very funny views on it. But after the fall, then women brought children in the world. God told her, “Because you’ve taken life out of the world, you have to bring it in the world.”

<sup>85</sup> Look what type of life it was; after sex, desire, fleshly. But then when that body dies, and goes back to the earth, dust of the earth, then God will take the immortal spirit out of it into the Kingdom of God, or to His throne, Paradise, and then on the second coming of Jesus, my mother sitting there and my daddy that’s gone on will never have to give this another body. But God will mold one that’s perfect, immortal and can’t die.

<sup>86</sup> Now Abraham take Isaac, and they start towards the mountain. Now the 9th verse...

*And they came to the place which God had told them of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar upon the wood.*

<sup>87</sup> Now just before coming, I can see him coming away; didn’t tell Sarah where they was going ‘cause she would have screamed out. I believe that it was Abraham’s faith that performed the miracle in Sarah’s womb, because she doubted it, even laughed when It said so. It was Abraham’s faith.

<sup>88</sup> So therefore that’s reason said, “The prayer of faith shall save the sick.” That individual prayer. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Oh, if you only knew, that in your hand Christ gave us the authority with His Name by being Christians, the most powerful weapon the world has ever known.

<sup>89</sup> Prayer, it even changes everything. It will change the mind of God. It did do it after death was pronounced to a man, he prayed God told His prophet, “Go back and tell him I heard him.” See there, prayer. Hold on.

<sup>90</sup> Billy Graham was asked recently...Mattson Boze is up there taking my book to Billy Graham on an interview. But...And they want to me follow him there in Washington now in that big auditorium. We can get it. But now is it the Father’s will?

<sup>91</sup> They just sent last night to come to...Or night ‘fore last to come to Seattle, got a great meeting going there, and Captain Al Farrar wants to come there in town for me. He’s coming. They got a gospel meeting, want it. But is it the Father’s will? That’s the main thing.

<sup>92</sup> Called me; an auditorium free, in Baltimore, seats ten thousand

people, don't have to pay a penny for it. Five hundred ministers with their names on a paper, have it at the house now, "We'll sponsor a hundred percent, we're all in prayer everywhere."

<sup>93</sup> "Now Father, where do You want me to go?" See, that's it. "You tell me now I'll go." There it is.

Then Billy said, "You know what I hold my success to?"

Said, "I have no idea."

Said, "I hold little bitty meetings."

<sup>94</sup> He heard of these meetings, he went out in a little tent, was out there in Los Angeles just holding a small meeting. And all of Northwestern College fell to fasting and praying, and God sent down about fifteen newspaper reporters and have turned in his meeting; it scattered all over the nation.

<sup>95</sup> When I first started with these claims here I told my church, "Stay on your face and pray." God begin to move. First thing you know I heard calls coming in from Africa, from all over the world. How did it get in there? I don't know. Prayer went up. Praying... Believe when you pray. That was it. Believe.

<sup>96</sup> Abraham when he was old he believed. And God told him to go and he obeyed. And on his road out I can see him take the servants, the little mules and start out; they get to the mount of God. Oh I just love this. Listen to this, he said to the servants, he said, "You stay here while we go yonder and the lad and I shall return."

<sup>97</sup> Oh, Oh my. Excuse me, my emotions get away from me sometimes. "The lad and I shall return. How? I don't know, I'm going up there to kill him." Now, when he...He knew somehow, someway he would return and here he had a knife sticking in his belt. And he laid the wood on Isaac's shoulders. And Isaac went up the hill led by Abraham.

<sup>98</sup> Beautiful type, his only son taking him to the hill and the very altar that he laid his son on he packed it up the hill on his back. A type of God sending His Son up Golgotha with a wooden cross on His back, the very cross he was nailed on, and where, "God spared not His own Son..."

<sup>99</sup> There little Isaac looked around he said, "Father," he said, "Here is the altar and the fire and..." But said, "Where is the sacrifice?"

<sup>100</sup> Said, "God will provide Himself a sacrifice." Bound his only little son, threw him up on the altar, pulled out his knife and started to take his life. "God, You gave him."

<sup>101</sup> And as he started to pull the knife down, an Angel grabbed his hand, said, "Abraham, Abraham stay your hand."

<sup>102</sup> Just then a little lamb, ram bleated in the wilderness got his horns hooked around some vines. Abraham rushed quickly, grabbed the ram, unloosed his son, and substitutionary (see?) and killed the ram.

<sup>103</sup> Then God spoke to Abraham said, "Abraham, I know now you love Me; you haven't withheld anything from Me."

<sup>104</sup> Now look, for the text I want let's read in the 13th and the 14th verse:

*And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

<sup>105</sup> You know who that ram was? That was Christ: offered Him up instead.

*And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*

<sup>106</sup> Jehovah-jireh which was God's first redemptive name. Jehovah-jireh means, "The Lord will provide a sacrifice." Now He was Jehovah-jireh, Jehovah-rapha, nissi and on down like that. He has seven compound redemptive Names. And substitutionary to a human life took a lamb and offered it up as the provided sacrifice that in Isaac, all the nations would be blessed and through Isaac came out Christ. "And we being dead in Christ take on Abraham's seed and are heirs according to the promise." There you are. And that brings not in our bodies...

<sup>107</sup> We are gentiles in our bodies. We're sinners in our bodies, but in our souls being born again with the same Spirit was upon faithful Abraham, that strain down in there makes us want to trust God, but the body gets scared. Oh if we're the children of Abraham let's be as father Abraham was. Now, Jehovah-jireh, "The Lord will provide the sacrifice." He did provide the sacrifice.

<sup>108</sup> Now in Romans the 4th chapter let's begin at the 17th verse.

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations),

*...before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

<sup>109</sup> Now you see? Then we as Christians don't look, feel, see, taste and smell, hear when we're speaking to God. We just believe God. And it was imputed to Abraham for righteousness.

<sup>110</sup> Now the senses are worldly instruments. You believe it? Now God can control them; I'll admit that. But they are not given to us to contact our Heavenly Father because He is not in human flesh. God is a Spirit, and we contact Him by spirit through faith, believing.

<sup>111</sup> Now if we...Say I have a...When I had any hair, I had wavy hair, just like my daddy. My daddy had close-set eyes, deep, blue. Many people say, "You look like your dad," or, "look like your mother." Well I have a lot of things that's like my people.