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

The Prophet Elisha
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Introduction

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can't hold him longer. Come out of him, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Raise your feet up and down. It's gone now. Raise up your hands and say, "Praise the Lord," and go off the platform. Praise the Lord... Now, I'll go off the platform and...

⁸¹ Let's say, "Praise the Lord," for...

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, O creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, Holy Ghost.

That's the praise of the Archangels and Angels tonight. That's the praise of His Church. His resurrected living power is living in this building tonight. Nothing can pass before Him but what He knows secret of everything. And in His Presence we stand now to condemn every sin and every sickness in this building. And in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I command every evil spirit in this building to depart from sinner, and depart from backslider, and to depart from the sick, to depart from the cripple, to depart from the blind.

And I ask You now, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to stand to your feet and accept your healing, your salvation, and the glory of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prophet Elisha

¹ Thank you Brother Boze. Shall we pray, friends, as we have our heads bowed.

Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight, for the opportunity we have to come before Thy children at Thy throne and to present them to You, to ask You to send blessings in this building tonight, upon all who wait upon Thee. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Good evening, friends. It's with grateful heart that I come tonight, to minister again in the Name of our precious heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. And I'm trusting tonight, for a-a great outpouring of His Divine Being tonight in our meeting, praying that God will grant to us tonight, the exceedingly, abundantly above all we could do or think.

² I wish to read a portion of Scripture. I want to start the prayer line just a little early tonight, if possible (as tomorrow's Saturday, and I know it's a busy day), so you can get out early.

We're thankful for it being as cool as what it is tonight, little better than usual. And now, tomorrow night, and Sunday afternoon, and Sunday night...

And for those who are selling the books and pictures, or care for one, tomorrow night will be the last opportunity. We do not sell on Sunday. And the picture or the book for tomorrow night... This will probably be the last time. They'll probably going off the market now. Why, my meetings in coming back will be in a different form. So we just ask you if you... We're not book salesmen. No, we just think they would do you good to have it. And it's just-let you have it just as cheap as we possibly can get it. And so if you see people that wants the book and doesn't have money, the picture, we give it to them anyhow. See? And so we just hope that you have one; it'd be a blessing to you.

³ Now, over in this, the readings of the prophets here... My words is a man's words, which will fail, but God's Words cannot fail.

And now, tonight, I trust that you'll pray with me while I speak and watch the clock for a few moments. Maybe a little testimony or something... Try to start the prayer line in the next twenty minutes, if the Lord permits.

Now, in the 3rd chapter of II Kings, we read these words:

Now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him.

And now, may the Lord add His blessings to His Word, the reading of His Word.

⁴ Our text tonight, deals with an Old Testament character, and that is the prophet Elisha. And in the time that our reading was, was a very dark hour in Israel. It was a time that a great king, Ahab, right in the dark ages, I would say, of Israel. They came through a-a "seisure of procesions" just like that the Christian church has.

And I believe about the darkest day of Israel, was when Ahab was reigning. And Ahab then married Jezebel and brought idolatry into the Jewish church. She brought in her pagan gods.

And that was duplicated to the Gentiles during the dark ages when the church married into pagan again and brought idolatry into the church also.

⁵ And Ahab, during the time of our text, had just died. Jezebel, as you understand, by Jehu, was threw out of the window by some eunuchs. And the-Elijah had prophesied that the dogs would lick her blood like it did the just man that she had taken his life, Naboth, for taken hi-having his vineyards stolen from him. And the dogs eat practically all of Jezebel's body, this beautiful little queen, but wicked at heart. Just the palms of her hand and so forth, was left in the streets, where the dogs had eaten.

And then Jehoram reigned in Ahab's place (which was Ahab's son). And he wasn't quite as wicked as his father. His Father was kind of a borderline believer. We have a lot of those yet today. Just on the borderline: whichever way the wind blows, why, they go with it. But Jehoram, he did take down the idols of Baalim, but he still clave to sins that he should not do.

⁶ And-and the land of... The king of-of Moab was perhaps a little afraid of his father, because Ahab had a mighty army. And Israel united pretty good during the time of his reign. So he'd sent over several thousand sheep, because the king of Moab was a sheep master. And many of the... He'd sent these sheep kinda of a-to keep peace between the two nations. But then, perhaps after his son reigned in his place, well, he desired then, to perhaps come and take them back again. So he knew that his son wasn't the warrior that his father was.

So during this time, there was-over Judaea was Jehoshaphat, the king. And Jehoshaphat was a righteous man, a God-fearing man.

⁷ And now, this Jehoram, after he had found that the king of Moab was going to declare war on him, why, he goes over to Judah and asked Jehoshaphat if he wouldn't unite his efforts with him to go make war with this king of Moab.

And now, here is one point that I wish to stress on for a few moments: that is, concerning believers hooking themself up with unbelievers. Doesn't... Why, it doesn't work. God isn't pleased with it. God has said, "Come out from among the unbelief." See? You can't associate night and day together. Neither can you associate belief and unbelief together. And-and when you find unbelief, it's accompanied by hatred. If you find faith, it's accompanied by love, for love creates faith. And without faith, why you can't have love.

⁸ Now then, this believer, Jehoshaphat, willing to give respects to somebody who had a great kingdom, and probably the prestige that this

nervous, got a female trouble. Come here just a moment. Lord Jesus, I pray that this evil will leave her, and let it come from her, and may she be made completely whole. Thou evil spirit that's bound this lady, deaf in her ear, give her all this trouble, I pray that you'd come out of her and leave her in Jesus Christ's Name, come out. Now, just a moment. Which one of your ears was the worst? You can hear me now, though? That's right. Can you hear me now? Yes. Now, your other troubles is gone too. Your hearing is normal, and you're healed. You can go on your road rejoicing. Amen.

⁷⁹ Have faith in God. Believe with all your heart and you shall receive anything you ask for. Now, just a moment. I see a teeny baby; it's a baby. And the baby is a-a... It's either a little Mexican baby or dark complected. And the little baby has a rupture. That's it; that's the baby. It's now... The baby's just above you. Lady, look this way to me. Your baby is ruptured. You believe me to be God's prophet. You're Catholic too, aren't you? By faith, you're a Catholic: I see you with a beads, saying a "Hail Mary."

There's someone setting behind-a man setting near you there, and he's of a-he's got a daughter that's got a rupture, setting right back there. He's... That's right, a daughter. I see the ruptures of a young woman.

Now, let's bow our heads. O Jesus, Son of God, Author of Everlasting Life, Giver of every good gift, send Thy mercies upon these people and make them well. I ask this blessing and condemn the enemy in the Name of Jesus, the Son of God. Grant it. Amen. Go, and repent and be baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, calling upon the Name of the Lord. Your baby's going to get well.

⁸⁰ You believe me as the prophet of the Lord? Sir, quickly... One of the things that's bothering you... I perceive at this moment you're are... Your greatest need you have, you're having trouble in your legs. Isn't that right? Seems like a fever like's, come into your leg, bad. And you also, the greatest need, is the need of the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Isn't that right? You're a sinner, and you haven't accepted Christ. You're coming to ask Him for a blessing. Before you ask of Him, will you at this hour... in telling you this: you smoke too (You see?), and now that's making a-a-a nerve condition in your legs that's a doing this. Will you accept Jesus as your Saviour now, and let Him heal you before them legs becomes chalk and paralyzes? Will you accept Him now as your-as your Healer-or your Saviour? You believe that He will forgive your sins at this time, and He will heal you right here? Do you accept Him? You do. Turn to the audience as a confession that you now accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. He accepts Jesus Christ as Saviour.

Now, heavenly Father, upon the confession of this man, and upon his faith in Thee, he now, as a newborn babe, just coming to You, and the enemy has bound his body, and is trying to paralyze his legs. I condemn the devil that's done this. And I adjure thee, Satan, by the living God, that you leave this man and depart from him. He is God's servant now. You

All right, lady. You are suffering with a tremendous female trouble. You have been to a doctor. He's give you an examination and is going to operate on you. And all the female organs, entirely, are in infected and must be taken out. That's what your doctor said. What do you think the Lord Jesus thinks about it tonight? Come near.

Almighty God, Who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, hear the prayer of Your servant tonight. And I ask it in Jesus Christ's Name, that the evil leaves this woman and she is made well for God's glory. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go, being happy, and rejoicing, and praising the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷⁶ Just a moment. Sir, setting back there, you have a breaking out like itch on your hands and on your body. You got a growth on your eye also. You believe the Lord makes you well? Stand up and wave your hands. Your faith healed you then, my brother. You can go home well. God bless you.

A lady, setting right behind you, her faith caught just as I spoke to you. She's suffering with a high blood pressure. You believe the Lord Jesus heals you there, lady? Now, I see a doctor put something around your arm and let it go down like that. It's very serious. Stand to your feet. Jesus Christ will make you well. Do you believe it? Then go home and be made well, for God's glory.

Lady, you believe you were healed 'fore you set down in that chair, a few minutes ago? If you do, go on your road rejoicing. Father, in Jesus' Name, liberate the woman and let her go, happy and rejoicing through Jesus Christ. Don't doubt. Go, believing with all your heart. All right.

⁷⁷ Do you believe sister? If you believe with all your heart, you never have to have the operation for that tumor; it would leave you. Do you believe it? In the Name of the Lord Jesus, may she be healed for God's glory. Grant it now. With all your heart...

A serious case: cancer that kills a person. Do you believe Jesus Christ is going to heal you of that cancer right now? Do you believe that you're standing in His Presence, that His Anointing is here. And to obey His commandments... Lay hands on you, and the cancer will die and you'll live? Grant it, in Jesus Christ's Name, may the woman be healed for God's glory. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go happy and rejoicing, believing with all your heart.

Look sister, do you believe with all your heart? Have faith. (It is too bad, but it's lost.) Your-you're-you had arthritis, didn't you, lady?

Oh sister, why didn't you leave that lady set another minute? All right. Go on your road rejoicing; you're healed now, the arthritis has left you. You... Stomp you feet up and down so they can see it. There, that's enough. See?

⁷⁸ You would never go blind; you would be healed if you believe on the Lord Jesus with all your heart, do you? Your sight going dim, you're

young king had in his day, he, before considering God or asking God whether he should do it or not, he united his forces to go make war with the enemy, and not realizing that he was hooking hisself up with the same-with as bad a enemy or worse, than what them Moabites would be.

I think we've done the same thing during this last world war. Wish we had time tonight, to dwell on it, but we haven't. That is, when we hooked ourself up with Russia and made an alliance with Russia... And "how can two walk together except they be agreed?" See? And they-we refused the cross, and we got a double-cross for it. And now, the very material that we sent to them, they're, look like, fixing to blow it back at us.

Well, that's the way the world goes, but one day, there'll be the King of righteousness will come, and there'll be no more war. There'll be no more sorrow. It'll all be over. Until that Stone that Daniel saw hewed out of the mountains come, the kingdoms of the world are still controlled by Satan. Satan said they were his kingdoms; Jesus admitted they was. He promised to give them to Jesus if He would worship him. And Jesus knew that He would fall heir to them anyhow, so He said, "Get thee behind me, Satan. It's written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord Thy God; Him only shalt thou serve.'"

⁹ Now, during this time this fine man, because that he had looked over and seen the-a bright side there, before considering God, he joined himself with this unbeliever. And I'm-had time to dwell on this tonight... A many good Christian heart has done the same thing when they built a new church in the community, that outshined the old country church, a little, you used to go to. And perhaps, you thought a little better class of people went down there, and left the old fashion church that you once belonged to, went down and joined yourself up with that. You get into the same trouble that this Jehoshaphat did.

Anyhow, they united their forces together. And watch when a believer gets out of contact with his Maker. They fixed up their compass for seven days and went out into the wilderness, taking the King of Edom with them to meet this great company of the Moabites out there.

¹⁰ Now, they went off in such a hurry, without even considering God. And when they found out the seven days was up, well, their water supply was cut off. They didn't have any water to drink. And there they was out there with their cattle, and with their animals, and their water supply was cut off. And looks like that it was just about the end for them.

Now, that's what we do. Sometimes we go off on a tantrum somewhere and not think about God, not pray over it, ask the Lord whether we should do it or not, and we find out that our supply of blessings is cut off. Then we wonder sometime, "Well, wonder why I can't have no more blessings." You don't watch, you let down in your prayer life. You say, "Well, I'm a Christian." Well, that's the more sign

you should pray, more than ever. Read the Bible every day. Pray every day. Don't make any decisions too harshly or too quickly, without first considering God about it. Ask Him, "Shall I do this, Father?" Ask Him, "Is it Your will for me to do this?" Then see what the Holy Spirit will speak to you. He might not give you a vision, but He will speak in some way to you, to let you know, if you'll be sincere and ask Him.

¹¹ Then we see that when the crisis come it showed just who was (down in their heart) was yet a believer. That was Jehoshaphat. He said, "Well, here we are, no water."

And the other king said, "I guess the Moabites has brought us out here, and now they're going to slay us all, out here." But Jehoshaphat, the believer... Now, he'd kinda come to himself; he said, "Isn't there a prophet somewhere that we could consult the Lord?" That's a pretty good idea, don't you think so? As a... Said, "Couldn't we consult the Lord about this matter, if we're in this jeopardy here, and-and we're going to die or be defeated? Shouldn't we consult the Lord?"

¹² Well, if a nation or an army should consult the Lord in a time of trouble, what about when a cancer has got you in a corner? when TB's got you in a corner? When afflictions got you in a corner, don't give up; let's consult the Lord about it and see what He'd have to say. See?

Maybe you'd say, "Well, I have... I'm a drunkard. I'm a harlot. I'm... I've-I've cursed all my life." Don't give up. Let's consult the Lord about it now, and see what He'd say about it.

Say, "Well, Brother Branham, I've tried for six years to be borned again of the Spirit of God, to receive the Holy Spirit. He's never yet come to me." Well, let's try again tonight, and see what the Lord will say, for He's always willing if we'll just get everything out of the way.

¹³ Well, there was one said, "Yes, there is Elisha down here. He poured water on the hands of Elijah, a real prophet." Said, "We know where he lives down here, perhaps in the desert somewhere. And my, he was a real prophet." Said, "He poured water on the hands of Elijah."

Now, the old saying is, "Show me your company, and I'll tell you who you are." And that's about right. Birds of a feather flock together.

¹⁴ I was in South Africa, here sometime ago, and there was a great meeting, as you understood, how the Lord was blessing, and tens of thousands being saved, and signs and wonders had swept-two or three pages of paper every day. And there was a-a critic wrote me. And he said... A letter got to me after a few days. And I want to know how it got through the management and so forth... But when it got to me it said, "All right, preacher Branham, show me your company; I'll tell you who you are." Said, "Ninety percent of the people's behind you, is Pentecostal."

I said, "Well, praise the Lord, that's right. That's right. That's exactly... I..."

believe that? Do you believe that He sent me to do this for you?

⁷³ Would you bow your heads and be reverent. This is very treacherous and dangerous. Keep your head bowed till you hear my voice say, "Raise your head." Come here, young man. Before I ask this blessing, I'm going to ask you something. Will you obey me, as His servant, and do as I tell you to do? You're going to get well. The time of deliverance is at hand. This is a devil doing this, young man. He would drive you stark mad, keep you that way the rest of your life, but God can restore you in your right mind and right mental conditions.

I see another thing. You've been to psychiatrists. They have-see somebody trying to talk to you, but that's not the idea. It takes more than that for you: it takes the power of the living God. You understand me? If you don't, you will in a moment. Bow your head in reverence and believe that God raised up His Son Jesus, to deliver you.

⁷⁴ Heavenly Father, this young man standing here, fine looking young fellow, standing here in the statue of young manhood, and Satan has come to him to tear up his home, break up his family, and drive this young man out into the wilds. But O God, Who made the heavens and earth, Who created all things through Christ Jesus, I come as your servant in a prayer of faith for this young man, knowing that just now, he can't have faith for himself because of his conditions. Lord, hear the prayer of Your servant. And Satan is haunting at him and making his life a misery, but the Lord Jesus that set the maniac free, that was far beyond this boy. You can make this boy well, tonight.

And Satan, you who bound him, you've escaped the psychiatrists; you've escaped the medical treatments; but you can't escape the power of God. Come out of him, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Go from him.

Young man, look here, now. It's over; you're healed. Don't smoke any more. Live like a real Christian. Go, giving God praise and sing his praises day and night. Raise up your hands and give Him thanks for your healing. You're-you feel all right, now, don't you? The boy says that he's feeling fine. Now, everything's gone and when it went, an evil spirit went that way.

God in heaven knows I am not a fanatic, will be judged at the day of Judgment. The thing whirled, passed out of the boy going in that direction. It even felt like a wind, "ssss," going like that, when it left him. The evil powers left the boy. Go, get to your wife and family, and rejoice, and be happy. Rejoice in the Lord.

⁷⁵ Bring the lady. (The first time visible, that I've seen an evil thing leave someone for a long time. It passed by like a bat, like that going from one side.) Look here, lady. Do you believe with all your heart?

And the Lord Jesus Christ be merciful to us all. And may the Blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus, cover us and shield us from all evil powers. Jesus is wonderful. Be merciful, God, is my prayer.

Now, you raise your hand up, lady in the front seat, the one in the-the lady with the white jacket on. Do you catch her by the hand-sister, you in the back seat. Lay your hand over on each other.

Kind heavenly Father, I pray now, as those demons, trying to think they could escape the-the damnation of the wrath of God that'll come upon them, they can't do it. Come out of the women, thou evil spirit. I adjure thee to go, in Jesus Christ' Name, may you go. Amen.

Now, my sisters, I cannot tell you at this time, but it-the thing that pulled me to you, your faith, the darkness that was hanging over you has left both of you. See? Go now, and God be with you and make you well.

⁷¹ How do you do? You're the lady that's to... This is the lady to be prayed for? Supposingly, we are strangers to each other? Our sis... Aren't we sister? You know me, but I don't know you. But our Lord Jesus knows us both. He's fed us all of our life. You come to me as to get help for something. There's no doubt but what you are a Christian. You are a Christian, and I know that you wouldn't come here for no other purpose but in needy, or some way, being a Christian.

Now, I see someone near you. It's a someone you're wanting to be healed. It's a great favorite. It's a girl. It-it-it's your daughter, and she's suffering with a gland trouble. Then you... I see a great space of time move, and there's a-someone near. It's connected with a church somewhere. It's a-it's a minister's wife, and she's suffering with diabetes. And that's in Ohio. Come here. This handkerchief is for her. Father, I pray, that as You look down on the scenes, I ask that You heal these, Lord, and bless who the handkerchiefs are represented to and may they be made completely whole in the Name of Thy dear Child, Jesus Christ. Amen. Don't fear. Lay it upon them and everything will be all right. Don't doubt at all. Just have faith. Believe with all your heart and the Lord bless.

Now, Are you believing with all your heart?

⁷² Sister, setting there looking at me, suffering with arthritis, your faith has saved you now; you can go home and be well. God bless you.

Would you bring the... How do you do, young man. Do you believe me to be the servant of God? Many other servants are here, but I am His servant. Immediately, there's a spirit pulling from this young man. This boy's in trouble, and he's deeply in trouble. This boy is suffering with a mental disorder. You have just come from an institution. And I see them giving you some kind of a-it's a shock treatment. They've give you shock treatments. And you have an aphobia: that is, you see a face before you all the time. And it's a-it's your mother's face that you see. You're a married man. You have a wife and two children.

Jesus Christ, that come along and delivered the man in Gadara, is here tonight to deliver you from this and take that phobia from you and drive the devil from you, that you can return to your home well. Do you

He said, "Ninety percent of the people behind you are Pentecostals." Said. "They believe such stuff." Well, certainly. That's where the Lord would come, to where there's believers. That's the only thing He can come to, is to believers.

¹⁵ Then, but that's it. Elijah had had his association-or Elisha, rather, with Elijah, the great, mighty prophet. If you remember how Elijah called him and threw his mantel over him, and he followed him to Gilgal and on to many places. And I want you to notice, how when Elisha knew that he was going to be called the prophet in Elijah's stead... Why, Elijah tried in a round about way to leave Elisha behind, but Elisha said, "As the Lord liveth and your soul never dies, I'm not going to leave you."

I like that. When a man has been borned again of the Spirit of God and set his eyes towards heaven, keep your eyes set that way. Don't leave Him for no one or nothing else. Just keep your eyes on Christ.

¹⁶ They went on up to the school of the prophets, the great seminary up there of that day. And then, it wasn't very much of a seminary, probably like some of our modern seminaries. They sent somebody out to get some peas to make some pottage, and a fellow went and gathered a lap full of green wild gourds and put them in the... The fellow didn't know the difference between peas or gourds, wasn't very much of a prophet, I wouldn't think.

¹⁷ But that's about the way it is today in some of these seminaries: They don't know the difference between fanaticism and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. It's just about the same.

But I notice though, when the-the-one of the prophets come back and said, "There's death in the pot, death in the pot."

Elijah said, "Don't worry." He went and got a handful of meal and threw it into the pot and said, "Now, eat all you want to."

¹⁸ That meal come from the meal offering. And the meal offering was to be ground with burrs that were set, every burr just the same. Ground the meal offering perfect: the burrs just the same, every ground of meal. And the meal offering represented Christ. And when death is on, and Christ is put in its stead, death turns to life again, don't you see?

So the same pottage... He didn't say, "Dump it out, and we'll get some more." Just take that same one.

So when a cancer has come to your life, or some sickness that the doctors, the medical science can't control, don't give up. The meal offering is still ours: the Lord Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Throw Christ into your life with faith, and it'll turn from death to Life every time. It just can't fail because it's the Lord Jesus.

¹⁹ Elijah, foreseen that shadow of Christ, knowing that this meal represented Him, which He was the wave offering, the-the heave offering, and the meal offering. And all the offerings pertained to Christ.

So he got the meal which was ground the same and threw it in the pot: the same yesterday, today, and forever. And as sure as Christ taken the place of death in that pot and brought life, so will He today, when He's taken upon the basis that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, will change death to Life every time.

Now, and then they went up to this school. And then Elijah said to Elisha, you tarry here because I'm going to Jordan."

²⁰ You notice there was three stages of that journey: one of them to Gilgal, other one from there on up to-to the school of the prophets, and the next one was down to Jordan.

Now, Jordan was his last place, the last time that he had to watch. That represents the church ages we've come through. The first from Gilgal... After the church come of dark ages, it come through the Lutheran reformation. The second stage of it come through, what they call, the second blessing or the second work of grace: sanctification through John Wesley. Then we come down to Jordan, died out and got the Holy Ghost after that. Now... crossed over...

²¹ After Elijah had crossed over, got over on the other side, he said to the young prophet... And them two prophets represented perfectly, Christ and the Church. Elijah going away, leaving the authority with the Church, was a type of Christ going away, leaving the authority with the Church. But the church had to come through Lutheran age, through Methodist age, through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, die out to self in order to receive the blessing.

Now, they crossed the Jordan. And they're going up the hill. Elisha turns around and said, "What would you that I do for you, seeing that you've been patient to follow me from every place, and won't turn back. You're determined to go on?."

Elisha says, "That a double portion of your Spirit might come upon me." That's the way to ask. See? Ask plenty. So God likes to give it that way. Just a little... The trouble... People say, "I-I ask the Father so much..." Oh, my, don't be scared to ask Him: ask just all you can ask. He likes to give you just as much as you got faith to receive. He won't run out. God's got plenty a blessings.

²² Could you imagine a little fish about that long, out in the middle of the ocean saying, "I better drink of this water sparingly; I might run out someday"? Oh, my... that... Why, my... That's nothing compare with what the blessings God's got for you. Could you imagine a little mouse under the great garners of Egypt saying, "I just better eat a few grains each day, because it might not last through the winter"? Why, he could never eat it in a thousand lifetimes. Neither could you "off-surp" the blessings that God's got laid up from you if you live ten million years here on earth. There'll still be plenty of blessings for you left, for He is the inexhaustible fountain of Life. When you plant yourself in Him, by

line. You suffer with a rupture. Stand up on your feet now. This man here at the end of the row. Stand up. Your rupture goes from you now, sir. You can return to your home. He heard your prayer. Your faith has healed you. Jesus Christ is merciful to you. God bless you.

⁶⁸ Is this the... How do you do? Do you believe that the things that you are seeing done, comes from the Lord God? Do you believe that His Presence is the anointing that you feel now? Do you believe that that is Him? I am a stranger to you. I do not know you, as far as I know. We're strangers to each other? We are. And you're suffering with a heart trouble. You have a heart condition. And-and you're from out of town. You're from Iowa, I believe. Is that right? And you-I see you in a place, a hospital or some sort of... I see it repeat twice. It's two operations you've went under. And one of them, you had an accident in: the doctor did, he punctured the bladder. That is true. Come near.

Merciful Father, as our sister stands tonight, here under the anointing of Jehovah God, Who raised up His Son Christ Jesus, to declare these things in this wicked, adulterous generation we're living in, I pray, God, that You'll take sickness and disease from her body and make her well.

I condemn this evil as I lay my hands upon her and ask for her healing through Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Amen.

⁶⁹ God bless you, my sister. You-you know that something has happened, don't you? See sister, that's where the victory is. See, I'm just your brother. But now, I don't remember just what the vision was, because it leaves me immediately. I'll ca-take it on the tape recording, but (See?) what it was-whatever He told you-was something I knew nothing of: things that's happened or something another, that wasn't nothing of-that I knew nothing of. But you know that was true, don't you? It was, it's absolutely infallible truth. Well then, if a spirit is on me to make me see those things, then if you believe that it is the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay hands on the sick they shall recover." You've got to get well, haven't you? Now, you are healed. You are healed. Whatever's wrong with you, it's all white around you now. And you can return to your home, rejoicing, and happy, and praising God. God bless you.

⁷⁰ All right. Bring the lady. How do you do?

You're trying to believe, sister, setting there with that little red thing around your neck. I seen It-Him by you, in the last two or three minutes... I see Him near you. Now, that you are suffering, the lady setting right in front of you is suffering with the same thing. I don't know what it is to this time. But the Lord Jesus can reveal it to me, can't He? You're praying, trying to have faith. Yes, it's hardening of the artery. That's right. The lady in front of you has the same thing. Isn't that right, lady? See them demons pulling one to another? It's just like a black streak going one from another.

her. I say for it to go, as I come to challenge this enemy in the Name of Jesus Christ, Who defeated Satan at Calvary, and stripped him of every privilege he had. Come out of the woman, Satan, through Jesus Christ' Name. Amen.

⁶⁵ Have faith. Believe with all your heart; ye shall receive. Now, everyone, just reverent as you can be. Would you come forward, lady, just a little closer? I want you close enough that when that-that anointing will come between us... See? There's a great group of people pulling out there, calling, you know, and that makes It leave me many times. And I... The reason I wanted to keep in the line, if I could for awhile till the bigger part of the line was finished, if possible...

Now, we are strangers to each other? We do not know each other? But the Lord Jesus knows us both. Now, if He was standing here talking to you, He would know your life just as the Father would reveal it, is that true? And He promised that His seers would do the same thing that He did, is that right? "The things that I do..."

⁶⁶ And then God sets some in the church as-as prophets, some apostles, and some teachers, and some evangelists, and some pastors, all for the perfecting of the church. You believe that? I'm only talking to you to get you quiet. You're just a little shaky, standing here. But nothing is to harm you. It's all to do good.

My dear sister, as you realize that something is moving to you now, that picture that you see, That's what's between us now, that milky Halo of God's grace. And I see you moving from me. You are in a dangerous, serious condition. You have got cancer. And the cancer is all through you. Then you have... I see a doctor giving some sort of a-a test or examination. He's moving on the-a-something about the right lung. The right lung has a cloud; it's tubercular in the right lung. You've come from away from here. You're from a city that I-of Indiana, Kokomo, Indiana. Come near.

Almighty God, the meal Offering of this day, to the church... This poor dying mortal standing here, realizing that a supernatural Being is moving through mortal flesh, just at this time, to reveal the secrets of the hearts of the people and to make known what is truth. And Father, I ask You to be merciful. And as your servant Elijah, placed in that pot, the meal offering that changed it from death to life, I lay my hands upon this woman in the Name of Jesus Christ. May His Spirit change this death to life and may she live for Your glory. I condemn the enemy and ask that it goes from her and she lives through Jesus, the Son of God, for His glory. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go rejoicing. Now, write me your testimony.

⁶⁷ Have faith in God. Do not doubt. Only believe.

Sir, He was hearing your prayer. You were praying for God to let me say something to you, because you had not a chance to get in the prayer

this fountain, it's like the tree that's planted by the rivers of water. How glorious. And how He likes to push forth His blessings to His people and give to them abundantly.

²³ This prophet, going up... He said, "I want a double portion of your Spirit."

Said, "You've asked a hard thing, but keep watching me. And if you see me when I go, then It'll come upon you."

Now, how would that type the church? One time there was a-a young man came up to-or woman, come up to Jesus and said, "Lord, let one of my sons set on one side, and one on the right-hand and one on the left when You come into Your Kingdom."

"Why," he said, "can you drink the cup that I drink (persecutions, bitter dregs, death)?"

"Yes?"

Said, "Can you be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

She said, "Yes, Lord?"

He said, "And you can. But the right and left-hand is not mine to give."

Now, Jesus said, "The things that I do to the church, greater than you..." Now, it couldn't be greater in quality. It had to be greater in quantity, because He stopped nature, raised the dead, healed the sick. Everything that could be done, He did it. See? Give life back to the dead and everything. So nothing could be done any greater in-in quality, but in quantity. "These things that I do shall you, and more (greater) shall you do, for I go to My Father."

²⁴ Now, could you imagine after that blessing being promised, this young preacher, how he kept his eyes right on Elijah. I tell you if somebody said, "Look over here, Elijah," or some noise happened over here, Elisha kept his eyes right on Elijah. He wanted that double portion.

And if you want that double portion tonight, keep your eyes on Jesus. Don't pay any attention to what the devil says, and what the critic says, and what the unbeliever says. Keep your eyes set on Calvary, saying, "Lord, You promised it."

²⁵ And then, when a-a...?... a fiery chariot come down, and horses of chariots, Elijah stepped on, and as he went up into heaven he unbuttoned his robe or whatever it was, and threw it back to Elisha. And Elisha picked up the garment, and put it on his own shoulders, and walked down to the Jordan. And the very same thing that Elijah done, he doubled his garment together and struck the Jordan, said, "Where is the God of Elijah?" And they a parted asunder, one part and the other.

Elisha done eight outstanding miracles, Elijah did, and Elisha done sixteen outstanding miracles in his days.

²⁶ Notice, now, as Elijah went up, Jesus promised a double portion of His Spirit to the believers: "The things that I do, shall you also; even greater." And on the day of Pentecost... When He went up on the day of the ascension, on the day of Pentecost, the same Holy Ghost was upon Him, come again upon the church.

And I wonder today, people who claim to have the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and claim that they have kissed the rims of the cup of blessings of God, how can we hold our peace when we see things going on the way it is? It's time to take this Holy Spirit that we're anointed with and say, "Where is the God that was upon Jesus Christ? Where is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Jacob? Where is the God that was on our Lord Jesus Christ?" That's the blessings.

²⁷ And as in that great crisis there, they had someone to turn back to. Although Elijah was gone, here was the one that poured water on his hands, that had a double portion of his spirit. So is this sick and sinful world today, looking to a real Church of the living God, who possesses a double portion of His Spirit. What can we do in this time? Brother, our answer shouldn't be: "Who's going to be the next president?" or some theology. We should give to them the living God, the resurrected Lord Jesus. 'Cause he goes down to find out...

²⁸ And Elisha, perhaps, setting in there with his a-a Bible or reading, or a scroll somewhere... I can imagine Gehazi, his servant, said, "Here comes down three mighty kings coming to visit you."

Now, usually one of our clergymen of the day would've went and polished up a...?... on his best suit and everything to go out meet him, but not Elijah. He walked out with all of the good grammar he could've used, he'd a put it on.

But Elijah walked out, and they wanted to know what they must do.

He said, "Why don't you get to the God of your mother and your father? Why did you come to me?" Oh, my, he was really tearing them apart. Said, "Why'd you come to me? Why don't you get to your pagan idols?" He said, "If it wasn't I respected the presence of Jehoshaphat, I wouldn't even look at you." My... he kinda had his dandruff up, as we call it, didn't he? or his righteous indignation, as we holiness people like to call it. See? He had something all stirred up within him. He said, "Why... why... I-if I didn't respect Jehoshaphat, this righteous man, I wouldn't even look at you."

²⁹ And I tell you today, I believe, if it wasn't for a bunch of people hungering and thirsting after God, that God would wipe this whole thing clear this very night, and start over again. People are dying. Let's get them to Christ. That's why He's-His mercy is lingering on, long-suffering, because there's some righteous people are praying and trying. The only hope that we have is in the-the Lord Jesus Christ tonight. Nothing... Our nations are polluted; our democracies are torn to pieces

Now, when our Lord went up to... He was going to Jericho, and He went up the way of Samaria to a-for a purpose. He said He did as the Father told Him. And then, setting there, He come in contact with the Samaritan woman. (Be like a-a colored woman would be tonight. See?) And-and He said, "Bring Me a drink."

And otherwise, the Jews didn't have any dealings with the Samaritans, and they said, "Why, it's not customary for You to have any dealings." They had no...

But He let them know that that race-bound, was broken. He said-He said, "If you only knew Who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink." And the conversation went on. She realized that she was standing by some great Person. And then, after while, after He talked to her awhile, catching her human spirit, He saw where her trouble was, for He was the King of seers. And He said, "Go, get you husband."

She said, "I have none."

Said, "You have five." He went right straight to her trouble.

⁶³ Now, if He's-had raised from the dead; you're standing here for some purpose. I do not know; I have no way of knowing. You're just a woman that's walked up here, but He does, doesn't He? Well -if He-if I have preached the Gospel and said the right things about Him... And I said that He told me to go do this for a witness of His resurrection, then if He does do that, then you've heard my words. Then if He says it, then that's His Word. Is that right? And you-you have a right to doubt my word until He speaks and says it's the truth. Is that right?

The audience has the same way. You have a right to doubt my word, but when He says anything, you have no right to doubt Him. It'd be sin to doubt Him. "Go, and sin no more, or worse things come on you..."

⁶⁴ Now, you realize, sister, I-I'm a grammar school, seventh grade student. I-I am not a psychiatrist. I am-I am God's servant, and that's-that's true. I do not read people's minds as people say. Why would sin and things be brought up and things that they forgotten about years ago, and they're not thinking of those things. But Jesus did the same thing (See?), and they said He was Beelzebub. So I couldn't expect to be called anything less, could I?

But you're here tonight, as a believer. You're here, acknowledging now, knowing that you're in His Presence, not mine (your brother), but His... Now, you are suffering with a nervous condition. You're an extremely nervous person. Then you're pending an operation which is a large tumor. And it's located in the stomach, inwardly. Those things are true. That was not my voice; that was Him. Now, if He's standing here to do that, would you accept Him now as your Healer? Would you come here just a moment.

And heavenly Father, as Your Spirit is here, and the woman realizes that You're near, I pray that You'll heal her, and may the enemy go from

If you believe He raised from the dead, then I want to ask you: Does the Scripture say that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever? Does He do that? Did He say, "The things that I do, shall you also."? "I go unto My Father." And He said, also, that He could do nothing till the Father showed Him a vision what to do. Is that right? Now, if He's raised from the dead, He will do the same thing tonight. Now, that's my contention tonight, that He has raised from the dead.

⁵⁹ And when this service is over, perhaps I'll be weak and not know when it ends, but I pray that as you leave the doors tonight, it won't be as a critic, but you'll go saying, like them who come from Emmaus, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" You know why their hearts burned? They walked with Jesus all day long, over there, but He done something kindly peculiar that other men didn't do it that way, and they know it was Him. Is that right?

Now, I pray... Look this a way, Christians. You've been to church. You've been saved. You've got the blessings of God with you, you people and your fine churches around Chicago, but I pray that our Lord Jesus will do something just a little different tonight, that'll make you know that He's raised from the dead, like those from Emmaus. And may you return to your home saying, "Our hearts are burning within us." That's my prayer.

⁶⁰ And now, Holy Spirit, behold your servant, Lord. I have preached the best that I know how to tell the people that You have risen from the dead, and Your compassion and mercy is just as great for them today as it was then. And realizing that Your hands tonight, is our hands, and You only have hands as we have them. You only have, as we submit ourselves to You and take our own selves out of the picture, You can work with us. I pray that You'll do it with Your humble servant, for the glory of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and for the fulfilling of His Word in this generation. Amen. Now, may the Lord Jesus...

Did you get them all lined up, Billy Paul? All-all right.

⁶¹ Would you come, Lady. Now, to you people coming in the line, remember this, and to out in the audience, whatever He says, do.

And now, at this time, they... Many of you has got the picture. I wished you could-not to-in order to sell the picture, but that you could all get that picture and get that write-up. It's marvelous. Now, that same Being, that the scientific world has recognized to be a supernatural Being, at the day of the judgment, when I will stand before every one of you, It isn't standing three feet from where I am right now. See? Now... Now, It hasn't come into me yet, but It's standing here, and It will perhaps, in a few moments. It's the One Who does the discerning. May the Lord bless. Now, He is here. Thanks be to the Lord.

⁶² Now, I... Lady, you being the first one here to the platform tonight, I am a stranger to you, I supposingly.

and broke up, are the kingdoms of this earth is torn to pieces. But there's one Kingdom that we believe that is a coming soon: the Lord Jesus Christ to set up an everlasting Kingdom. And all nations of the world that's saved will live in that Kingdom. There'll be one flag, one nation, one people, speaking one language; that's the heavenly language. And the... And that will be the people at that time.

³⁰ Now, Elijah, when he was all that prophet... You know, prophets get angry sometime, or he did. So he got all out of humor. And he... being out of humor (This may hurt just a little bit, someone, but I say it reverently now.), notice, he said, "If I didn't respect Jehoshaphat I wouldn't even look at you, but nevertheless, bring me a minstrel." That's some music.

Now, some people criticize music in the church. But if music brought the Spirit on the prophet then, it'll do the same thing today. See? Said, "Bring me a minstrel." And they went and got the minstrel, and they begin to play some real good hymn. And the prophet set in there, I imagine. And after the minstrel played a long time, and the prophet got out of his bad mood, and begin to think on God, after while, the Spirit of the Lord come on him. And when the Spirit of the Lord come on him, he begin to see visions.

³¹ And brother that's what's the matter with the church today. The reason we don't see visions, and have just a little narrow minded thought, is because we don't pray long enough or do something long enough until the Spirit of God comes into our midst.

We used to sing the old fashioned songs till tears run down their cheeks and sinners got saved even before the preacher got to the platform. But today, we have just a-the old ritual, cut and dried program. We got to go through this, and that, and the other. I'm afraid we're grieving the Spirit of God away from us, don't you think so? Certainly is...

I remember the old nights of the Methodists, or reading of it, rather. When they first come here, Asbury, and John Wesley and them, when they were called holy-rollers themselves. Now, you Methodists, in these big fine churches don't want to believe that, but they were. That's right.

³² And your pastor, your founder John Wesley was a great believer in Divine healing too. He even anointed his horse with oil after it broke it's leg, and got on it and rode it away. That's what he did; that's in his own notebook. I have it. Yes, sir, he was going to pray for a woman, and the horse fell and broke its leg. He couldn't get the horse up, and he seen the horses leg was broke, took the cruse from his pocket, anointed the horse in oil, jumped on his horse, and rode away. That's right.

Preach that in the Methodist church today, they throw you out your door. But that's what's got the wrong with you. You let down the bars, the sheep got out and the goats got in. And that's where your church

got... And all... That's exactly where we're standing today, exactly...

What we need today is not a new theology. What we need today is a good old fashion Saint Paul's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost back in among the-all the churches, which will bring back the power of the living God to the church again. That is true. That's what the church needs today.

³³ And Elijah, I can imagine then... The minstrel began to pray and the spirit come upon the prophet. Then when the Spirit got on him... He was a man all riled up, and ready to tear into this Jehoram and some of these kings standing there, and talk back to them; but when the Spirit of the Lord come upon him, he begin to see visions, begin to see something.

You come to the church tonight and say, "Oh, I didn't see nothing, just a bunch of psychology." The reason, you don't let the Spirit of the Lord get on you. You let the Spirit of the Lord get on you, you'll see something. That's right. Usually you get what you-you've come to see. If you come to criticize, the devil will show you enough to criticize. You come to see the Lord, God will see that you see it. You usually get what you expect to see. That's right. So you just expect the Spirit of the Lord to come on you and show you His resurrected power and signs and wonders, and you'll see it, and you'll get it.

³⁴ And Elijah, when the Spirit of the Lord come on him, he saw a vision. He said, "Now, when the vision comes, salvation come to the kings at that time, for the Holy Spirit had spoke to the prophet at that time." He said, "Now, go out here... You're not going to hear any wind; you're not going to see any rain; but I want you to dig a whole lot of ditches. And all in the morning, about the time of the sacrifice, they'll be filled with water." Said, "Dig a whole lot of ditches."

Now, they sent-went back and got every man... I could imagine getting him a shovel and getting started, right out in the hot burning desert to dig ditches for water. You're not going to hear any sound of wind. You're not going to see any rain falling, but yet there's going to be water. Now, how is there going to be water in this burning sandy desert? How could you imagine going in the middle of the Mojave Desert in the midst of August and digging a trench, and there's not going to be any sound of rain; there isn't going to be any sound of wind; but yet the trench is going to be filled up full of water? Why? God said so. That's exactly why.

He just makes the carnal mind foolish in His sight and brings to pass and to naught, those things which seems to be so real to the carnal mind. And He takes those things which seems foolish to the carnal mind and makes then real. "Right out in the middle of that desert now, start digging ditches."

³⁵ Well, every man dug his ditch. Well, now it depend on how much water that fellow got for himself, and for his cattle, for his horses,

and doing the same things that He did while He was here in flesh, working through the flesh of His Church, as He promised. It's because it's to fulfill the Word of God.

And in... Immediately after His resurrection, He appeared unto a man named Paul. And they seen that he was a-a great man of-of God. He saw visions, and God honored his prayer and healed the sick. He couldn't get to them all, so he taken from his body, handkerchiefs and aprons that went to the sick and needy. And God, we're told by the sacred writings, which is infallible, that evil spirits went out of the people and diseases were healed. And Lord, we realize that we're not Saint Paul tonight, but we're-You are still the Lord Jesus, saving us sinners, like he was. And I pray that You will heal everyone that these handkerchiefs go to. Watch over them, Father, to their final destination. And heal those little sick babies, and mothers, and daddies, and-and daughters and sons, wherever they go. May the blessings of God, like that followed in the days when Paul taken them from his body, and when they go from this body of believers tonight, may the signs and wonders accompany it. For God's glory we ask it, in the Name of His Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord add His blessings...?...

⁵⁷ Now, Christians, positionally you realize where I am standing. Stand yourself here. And now, I'm asking, if you are just a little skeptic, please move over in the other realm tonight and believe just a little. Be reasonable. Just say, "Let's come reason together, saith the Lord." See? Watch what the Lord Jesus did in the days when He was here on earth. And look what He promised: the very same things that we would do.

Could you imagine what He would do if He was standing here now? As far as healing people, he'd say, "I've already did that when I died at Calvary."

You say, "I'm a sinner; I want you to save me."

He'd say, "I did that when I died at Calvary. Do you accept it, now? See? I healed you when I died at Calvary. I was wounded for your transgressions, with My stripes you were healed." He can't do it doubly: He's got to do it once. And it's already finished; it's settled forever.

Now, the only thing that He can do now-or I can do, rather-is point you to Him. That's all. He's the Healer. He's already did it. Just look at the sovereign grace of God. What He's already did.

⁵⁸ Now, if it would be me or you, you would say, "If they can't take my word for it, let them go on. But not God. He sends gifts into the church. He-He persuades. He's not willing for any to perish. See? And He sends then, signs of healing, and miracles, and everything among the people, trying to get them to believe. Now, let's just push our church doctrine to one side, look straight into the Bible, and see what the Bible says, and then see if Jesus... How many in here believes, as Christian believers, that Jesus Christ rose from the dead? Let's see. Thank you.

then maybe if we have a little time left, we'll call somewhere else in-in there, and get some more people up. It doesn't matter how many stands up. Sometimes I don't get to three, or four, or five. Sometimes I get to fifty in a night: depends on how faith runs.

But now, dear Christians, I'm still receiving letters of criticism because of weakness. I can't help it. Honest, I can't. It's something that the Lord Jesus does. And do you know if He be... Christ was God. Do you know that? What is the Word "Christ?" Means "the Anointed one." And God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. Do you believe that? Well, if just a-a virtue would go from Him, the immortal Son of God, what would it do to a poor lost sinner, saved by grace, like me? See? So I... But on next time, coming to Chicago, it'll be different meeting.

⁵⁴ In-in Africa, India, anywhere... Call one person to the platform or let the Holy Spirit reveal something out there, the entire group will do anything that you tell them to do. And at Durban, Africa, that day, as witnesses are setting here. Brother Stadskev, our chaplain friend setting here somewhere (He's on the platform with me a few moments ago.), he was there to know, after a man had been-walked like a dog. And when he was raised up and made whole by a vision that the Lord had showed, told him who he was, all about it-twenty-five thousand people accept-er-thirty-thousand people accepted Christ at one time, as their Saviour.

And Dr. F. F. Bosworth, who just left this afternoon for Japan (Spoke this afternoon... a very true man... And I know wouldn't say anything 'less it was absolutely the truth.), he said, "Brother Branham, there was at least twenty-five thousand people healed in that one prayer that you prayed."

⁵⁵ But in America, when we see that, well, "Dr. Jones said it was psychology. Somebody else said it was mental telepathy." And we-we get reasons. Why? We're just tossed about by every wind of doctrine. One says this and one says that. Friends, examine it in the light of the Bible. If the Bible said so, it's true. If it doesn't, it isn't true.

Now, may the Lord bless. And now, I think they're getting some handkerchiefs ready here to be prayed for. And any time that you lose your handkerchief or something and would desire to... (take stuff away from me...) [Brother Branham talks to someone-Ed.] then, when if you'd lose your handkerchiefs and would want to a-one, just write me at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and I'll be glad to send it to you.

⁵⁶ Now, shall we pray for these poor, sick, needy people. Now, the kindness of our Lord Jesus' ear... Here sets right on three thousand people, perhaps. Eyes have trained towards this platform. No doubt, but many skeptics. Many people, their hearts are thrilled; they're firm believers. Some are in curiosity seeking, and they're watching to see just what will take place after we have said that Jesus has risen from the dead

depend how dig-how big a ditch he dug, 'cause the ditch was going to be filled full. I can imagine seeing him start digging. That's what we ought to be doing tonight, is doing some digging, getting ready for an old fashion pouring out one of these days.

And I can see the fellow dig. The first thing you know, he'd throwed out a few shovel fulls. He hit a big old clinker. What was it? He pulled it out, some big old tin pan of some sort. Looked down there at it, and here's what it was. One of the members of the church said, "Now, looky here, John, I know you're sick, but if you go over there, the days of miracles is passed." As long as you let that old tin pan lay in the ditch, you'll never be able to fill water. Throw the thing out, so it-water can take its place. Water represents life.

³⁶ You dig on down there and here comes somebody saying, "Now, be careful. It's mental telepathy. I know a many one lost his life trusting in such stuff as that." Just dig the thing out. Deeper you dig, the more water you'll have. And that's-what's we need tonight, is a good old fashion getting-rid-of all the little old spooks and things the devil throws around you. Open up both arms and say, "God, send down a rushing mighty wind. Fill my soul full of Thy Waters of Life."

'Cause this one thing the prophet knew, that out in that wilderness, one time when Israel passed through there, not many years before there... That Rock was still in the wilderness out there, and that Rock that could produce that water. And the same Rock that was in the wilderness, is right here tonight, in the form of the Holy Spirit, to bring forth waters of Life to every hungry, parching soul. Sin sick, or dying in cancer, whatever you are, God's here to produce the waters of Life for you. It's already smitten. It's running. Dig out your ditch. Throw all the unbelief out, for the Bible said, "Whosoever will, let him come and drink of the waters of Life freely." If he's Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, whosoever will, let him drink freely of the Spirit of God. Amen.

³⁷ Then I notice, the next morning when the Moabites looked, the whole ditches was full of water and the sun coming up, reflected on it made it... It was water to the Israelites, just a drinking and having a wonderful time, but it was blood to them over there. So they said, "We'll run right down." And there was an ambush, and they drove them Moabites plumb to the walls-cut down their cities. And another thing, each man carried a rock in his hand, and stopped up every well that they had.

Now, what we need to do tonight, is to dig enough ditch till we can get enough water to get enough Spirit about us to rise up and trust God and take the rock of a good old fashioned testimony and stop up some of these old formal wells around here, saying, "The days of miracles is past." Go, rejoicing and praising God. It's what we need tonight. Don't you believe that?

³⁸ My time is passed. Oh, my, when I come to Chicago again, I want to have more time. I just love the Lord, thinking of His goodness and His power. Hearing this little brother, Ekberg, here, a while ago preach that-or in preaching it-and singing, rather, the-"One set along the highway begging, then Jesus came. The maniac cutting himself with rocks, then Jesus came."

Reminds me of down in Arkansas here, some years ago. I was at Little Rock, Arkansas, in a meeting. And there was a-we was up like something on the order of this in the auditorium. And there was a basement beneath.

And Mr. G. H. Brown, Little Rock, Arkansas, a pastor there of the Apostolic church (505 Victor Street, if you'd like to write him for the testimony.), and he said to me; he said, "Brother Branham, you might see a many a sight, but you never seen nothing likes down in the basement."

I said, "What is it?"

Said, "It's a woman, a maniac." Said, "You ought to see her."

³⁹ So when I got a little space, time, between the time of preaching, and the-the sick, praying for the sick, I went down the basement to see the woman. They'd put her in there. And she'd just about tore up the church when they brought her in, or the building where they were at. And they had her down there and some... Her husband standing on the-the steps as you went down, a very typical old Arkansas brother: his shirt patched, and everything as they... going down the steps... And I said, "How do you do, sir."

He said, "You're Brother Branham?"

I said, "I am."

And he said, "I was just listening to your sermon through the P. A. system."

And I said, "It's your wife that's sick?"

He said, "Yes, sir. She's been in the insane institution for two years now."

I said, "Why, it's too bad."

Said, "Brother Branham, she's a good woman." Said, "We got five little children, and got one child here about three years old." And said, "The doctor give her a shot, and it run her crazy. Something was wrong." That was the doctor's mistake. Nothing said about that, but-but anyhow... I'm not criticizing the doctor, but sometimes medicine kills too, the same as it helps, you see but that's all...

⁴⁰ Sometime ago there was some woman, Christian Science woman, trusted the Lord for her baby, and it died in California. All across the nation, within twenty-four hours time, every paper, magazine: "Oh, you see it? You see what I mean? See what I mean? There it is. It's-it-Divine healing, you can't trust it. See there, what it is? That's what it does. That

they shall recover." That was the great and last commission, the last words that fell from the Saviour's lips. And I know that His commission is true.

⁵⁰ He said now, the things like He did it, we would do it also, for what is the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit? It's Jesus Christ in Spirit form: "A little while and the world seeth Me no more, yet you'll see Me for I (personal pronoun) will be with you, even in you to the end of the world." Then we see Jesus tonight, the same Jesus, doing the same things He did then: preaching the Gospel, making manifest the power of God, visions being showed Him, doing what the Father tells Him to do.

⁵¹ Now, I haven't called the prayer line, have I? All right. Let's see, what was them you... T's, wasn't it, you give out yesterday? T's. All right. I believe we taken along... We just take a few at a time. I believe we was long about 35 or 50, up to there last night, I believe what it was, 35 to 50. Let's take from 85 to 100 then tonight. That'll be the last part for them: 85 to 100. And now, who has prayer card T-85, would you just raise your hand, say, "I have it." T-85, the lady. 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, on to 100. Let them come first and-and stand in the row over here, and we'll pray with them.

Look around. The ushers... Brother Moore, will you go down and help Billy and some of the ushers to find out if these people... Some of them may not be able to get up. They may be crippled. They may be blind or deaf, and they can't hear their number called. We'd be glad if they-they would help them get...

⁵² And now, how many in the building tonight, that doesn't have a prayer card, and yet you want the Lord Jesus to heal you, let's see your hand. You have no way of getting in this line, but you want the Lord Jesus to heal you? All right. And up in the balcony... My, I am almost in notion just have some night a-a line just to pass the people through to pray for them. And there's so many to be prayed for. How many would like that, one night, let's see your hand? I am going to someday... I'm sure that I have put too much of the meeting on the phenomenal and just let the people have faith.

What I'm scared of is, I would take something off of someone, that God had put on for punishment. And if I'd take it off, then it would be... God would make me settle with Him.

Remember Moses-Moses what he did there? He had power to do it, and he smote the rock when God told him not to do it. But God taken him up and wouldn't let him come in the promised land. I sure want to go over, don't you? I-I-I want to be sure that I know what I'm doing. And then I-what He says, then I know that is right. And I'm trusting to God for everyone.

⁵³ But here, this type of ministry in America... While they are getting a-a prayer... Let's see if they got all of them over there... If they haven't,

⁴⁸ Merciful Father, as we bow our heads now, thanking Thee for those great characters of the Bible, how that those men came down and needed help. And You've never left Yourself without a testimony. And tonight, the blessed Holy Spirit is here as a testimony of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord said to us before He left, "The things that I do, shall you also; even more... for I go to My Father." The very same kind of works... He said, "A little while and the world will see Me no more, yet you shall see Me." And He said that He would be with us, even in us to the end of the world. We're thankful tonight that we believe it and see the marks and results of Him being here.

And now, Father, as this church and your humble servant at the platform here, as we submit ourselves to You, we believe that the Holy Spirit will come and take over every person in the building. And manifest Your love in so much that You'll save all the unsaved tonight. Bring back to the Father's house those who have wandered away like the prodigal. Grant it, Lord.

And to your poor, sick, needy children, may every one of them be healed tonight. I pray in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son... His Name, I ask it. Amen.

⁴⁹ Now, we shall call the prayer line and pray for the sick. May the Holy Spirit at this time, take full charge of the meeting and get glory out of it. Now, I'll ask that everyone be as reverent as can be, and then just let the Holy Spirit come in. Don't-don't be suspicious. And-and-don't... That just hurts so bad. Do you realize that you are an individual unit of God, yourself? Did you know that? If I... They tell me I look like my father. And he was about my size and-and a... Why? That's my father. Well, if we're Christians, then we'll have some mark of our heavenly Father, don't you think so? Our spirit will take on that reverence that He would have in His-in the meeting, for He was being glorified.

To the many, maybe tonight for your first time-first time in one of our services, it may be a little different than what you have in church, as you see the Holy Spirit moving. And I-I pray that-that you will not be a-a critic though, that you'll be kind. And just read the Scriptures and see the things that you see taken place, whether it is Scriptural or not; see whether God has promised this or not. We wouldn't dare to say one thing unless first it comes out of here. This is God's program in the Bible.

Now, sometimes theologians has misinterpreted it. But now... they have tried to by-pass all the phenomenal, all the things that... That's the reason the Gospel, the Christianity, is one of the lowerest religions today. Mohammedan outshines it by millions. See? Christianity is low. Why? Because we have failed to do what Jesus told us. Said, "Go into all the world and demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost to all peoples. These signs shall follow them into all the world: In My Name they shall cast out demons. They'll speak with new tongues. If they take up serpents or drink deadly things it wouldn't harm them. If they lay hands on the sick,

baby died." Well, they're always trying to point somebody to a someone who went a little too far, and they never think about the one that didn't go far enough.

Listen the-there's an old saying and it's... And I don't mean it for a expression of this, but sauce for the goose, is for the gander. At the same time that that woman was-sent-that paper was going across this nation, there was ten thousand died under medical treatment. So if you have to brand one not to be trusted, then let's brand the other one not to be trusted. That's right. So I would do both and say, "Trust the Lord Jesus Christ." That's right. Is... But there you are.

⁴¹ So at the-this time the doctor give her a shot for premature menopause, and it had gone to her head, and she'd been in a institution ten years. And so they would... She was in a terrible shape. And I looked over on the floor, and there she was laying out there. They had her dressed in the way that... She hadn't been off her back for two years. Her-her limbs were sticking right up like this, arms and legs. And she was bleeding all over her limbs and arms. And I said, "What's she bleeding about?"

Said, "Brother Branham," said, "I-I had to bring her down here tonight," said, "in a car." Said, "The ambulance wouldn't dare to bring her. And I had a brother... And there's four of us come and got in the car and one drove." And said, "She kicked all the glasses out of his car." So that's...

I said, "My..."

⁴² Said, "Brother Branham, we got a little baby-home." Said, "I-I..." Said, "I've sold my mules. I've sold everything. And I've give her all the treatments that they could, and the shock treatments and," said, "there she lays in that condition." And said, "I-I don't know." Said, "I heard of a woman being healed (that was that woman from Meridian, Brother-Brother Jack, that was healed out of the institution, ten years in the insane institution.) So he said, "Well, I just brought her over."

And I said, "Well, I will pray for her, brother." And I stepped off the steps like that and started out.

He said, "Oh, Brother Branham, don't go out there." Said, "She'd kill you."

And I said, "Oh, I think not." I was just a boy then. And so I walked out there, and she act like she was holding her hand out to me like that. And I said, "How do you do." And she never... Just batting her eyes (laying there), real glassy looking. And I took hold of her hand to shake her hand. And if God hadn't have been with me, the man would've been right. She give me a great big pull like that, and my... People that's possessed with the evil spirit is ten times, almost, their power.

⁴³ And if the devil, with full possession of a person can make them that many times stronger than their actual strength, what will God do when

He's got full possession of you, like that? What could He do? He'd make the cripple arms come out straight. He can make the person that never walked, walk again. He make the sight push through that cataract yonder, till you can see natural again and... Why He's powerful and wonderful. All powers in heavens and earth belongs to Him.

And this woman, in that condition, she give me a big jerk. And my foot here, just caught right across her bosom, or she'd a just threw me across the floor. And I jerked-jerked my hand loose, and I-I-I run back and jumped up on the step, and here she come following me, dragging her body, making good time chasing me like a serpent across the floor. Just drag, drag, like that. And she pulled right up close, and a blowing just like a snake, "Ssss, ssss..." [Brother Branham illustrates-Ed.]

Well, I looked at her, and I thought, "I have never seen anything like that." And so, then she turned around and put her great big strong limbs against the wall and kicked like that, and there's a bench setting there, and she hit her head against the bench, and-and a piece flew off of it. And the blood come out of her head; hair was left on there. And she was laughing real hideous like, "Hee-hee-hee-hee, hee-hee." [Brother Branham illustrates-Ed.]

⁴⁴ And I said, "My..." And she took that piece of board in her hand and threw it at her husband, just knocked the plastering from the wall. And I said, "Well, that's terrible." I said, "Well..."

He said, "Brother Branham, you see what I mean?" Said, "Is there anything can be done?" And he started crying, put his head over on my shoulder.

And I said, "Yes, sir. Jesus Christ can heal her."

He said, "Why, Brother Branham," he said, "what must I do?"

I said, "Just believe." I said, "I'm-I can stand here and pray for her if you... I'm-I'll tell you, I don't know whether to go out and put my hands on her again or not." I said, "But if you will believe, that-that-that Jesus will make her well, I'll pray from right here."

He said, "Brother Branham, I will believe."

⁴⁵ And about that time she turned around and said, "William Branham, you ain't got nothing to do with me. I brought her here."

Well, her husband said, "Brother Branham, what's happened to her?" Said, "That's the first words she's spoke in two years." Said, "She don't even know her own name. She don't know nothing."

I said, "That's not her. That's that demon. See? That's him speaking out. See?" I said, "See, that's the way..."

And he said, "Well, I-I'm alarmed."

And I said, "It is alarming." And I said, "Just have faith now. And let's put our arms around each other."

And I raised up to heaven. I said, "Heavenly Father, I pray that you

will heal the woman. And Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, you leave her."

He said, "What must I do?"

I went on back upstairs. He said, "What must I do?"

I said, "Take her on back to the institution. See what they say about it. What do you believe?"

He said, "I believe if that other woman got well, my wife will too."

I said, "That's the way to do it. That's it."

⁴⁶ And then about three weeks later-four... I was up at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and I was in a-a tabernacle, and I had one or two nights service there. And I kept seeing somebody waving at me, setting out like that. And I never noticed them. And whole lot of little children there, and kept waving. After while, the lady just couldn't stand it any more. She said, "Brother Branham, don't you know me?"

And I said, "No, ma'am."

She said, "Last..." Said, "This is the first time I remember seeing you." Said, "I was on my back over here at Little Rock."

I said, "You're not the lady?"

Her husband said, "Let me tell it, honey." So he got up, and the little children with their arms around their mother, and all of them... They said they taken her back to-to the institution. Never had a bit of trouble with her. The next morning when they went to look at her, she was setting up. Three days later she was dismissed, normal, in her right mind.

⁴⁷ And not long ago, Brother Moore, and I was down in San Bernardino, California, and I was relating that before several thousand people, and the lady raised up, said, "Don't you still remember me, Brother Branham?" her and her husband... And they sold their farm and he's preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus comes, all things that's wrong straightens out and becomes right. So let's ask Him to come tonight, our lovely One. When He was here on earth, the things that He did, He knew what was wrong with the people. He said, "I can do nothing till the Father shows me," Saint John 5:19. When they questioned about all those cripples, why He didn't heal them and so forth... He healed one man laying on a pallet. Why, the Father showed Him where the man was and told Him what to do. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing... And what the Father doeth, that doeth the Son likewise." He...

A woman touched His garment and run out into the audience. And Jesus knew that virtue, strength had went from Him. He turned around, and looked at her, and said, "Thy faith has saved thee." He's the same lovely Father tonight. Don't you believe that? Shall we pray to Him just a moment.