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*"... in the days of the voice ..." Rev. 10:7*

**The Ark**

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## **Introduction**

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what He will tell you. Whatever He tells you, that's Him talking.

We'll walk in the Light, it's such a beautiful Light,  
Comes where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

(While we sing softly, everyone in prayer.)

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the Light, beautiful Light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the Light

(What light? He's giving it now.)

...Light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

Come confess Him as your King,  
Jesus, the Light of the world;  
Then the bells of Heaven will ring,  
Jesus, the Light of the world.

We'll walk in the Light,  
Beautiful Light,  
Come where the dewdrops of mercy are bright;  
Shine all around us by day and by night,  
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## The Ark

<sup>1</sup> Morning friends, it's kind of a little slip-up of me being here today. I was going...I made a promise that the times that I come to pray for the sick that I...it would be announced on the radio broadcast by Brother Neville. But somehow the secretary failed to get it to him, and being that's the reason it wasn't...it wasn't published, it wasn't put on the broadcast. And then some folks had called and wanted to be prayed for this morning.

<sup>2</sup> So I was a little bit excited as you said at the arrival of a new boy at the average time, very grateful for him. When the nurse brought him down out of the room, I said, "Joseph, I've looked for you for four years, so I'm sure glad you're here."

<sup>3</sup> So it...Here about four years ago I was...Just before the little girl was born, before we knew that she was coming, why, I was praying one day after reading the life of Joseph in the Bible, and I thought, "Such a perfect man." Abraham was election, Isaac was justification, and Jacob was grace, but Joseph was perfection. And it run out, see? There was no more said about it. So I thought of Joseph, how he was born, beloved of his father.

<sup>4</sup> Say, by the way, I got a telegram or message from Africa, said they're making him a coat of many colors. They had been looking for him.

<sup>5</sup> So they was...I was back, went into that little closet and began to pray. "God...I just broke down in tears to think what a wonderful person this Joseph was. And how he was sold for thirty pieces of silver, just practically thirty pieces of silver like Jesus—Jesus—Jesus, Judas, pardon me, sold Jesus. And he was took up out of the grave, you know; and set at the right hand of Pharaoh, and no man could see the king except by Joseph. And the trumpet sounded, and every knee just bowed as he went forward, and the same thing to Jesus, you know, and every tongue shall confess. And I just went back and started praying.

<sup>6</sup> Now there's three elements that people live in. First is the humanistic, second is Divine revelation, and third is visions. Now this...Like in prayer, when you pray for anyone in humanistic, we say, "Well, I hope you get well. See I'm hoping, I'm believing with you, trying to use all the faith I can." That's human. Second is Divine revelation, when something's revealed to you...just know in your heart it's going to happen, yet there's nothing but just the revelation. And third is the vision, course that's THUS SAITH THE LORD, that's perfectly positive.

<sup>7</sup> Now it entered up in this realm here, and something was said to me, "You're going to have a boy, and you'll call his name Joseph." Well, I had a little girl. So I thought, "Well..." I praised the Lord for it. And just a...about a month after that, we found out that we were going to be a parent again. And so I thought maybe that was my Joseph. So it come

out, it was a Josephine. It was a girl. So many thought that I said that was Joseph. I said, "No, no, I didn't say that to be Joseph." And someone said "Well, didn't you say that you'd seen a vision?"

<sup>8</sup> You know how people misunder...mix-up. I said, "I got the tapes on it." See, come listen. I never said it was Joseph, I said, "The Lord has put in my heart that I'm going to have a son by the name of Joseph." See? I said, "I don't know how, when, or what, but it's going to be." I didn't know. "We may have six girls before we have him but he'll be here." Well, that just never left my heart, and we went on. And then the other day he arrived, and he's here. So, I'm very grateful for him.

<sup>9</sup> Knowing that when the Lord promises anything, the Lord will do what He has promised. See? He just has to, in order to be God. He has to keep His Word, I cannot able to keep mine sometimes. You're not able to keep yours because we make promises with good intentions, but we're not able to carry it out; circumstances, difficulties, so forth brings us to a place where we can't sometimes do what we want to do. But God is able to keep His Word, and He will do it, it's just impossible for Him not to. That's why we love Him so this morning. Rest upon that perfect assurance that God is able to keep that which we've committed to Him against the day.

<sup>10</sup> Now it's a bad day outside, but cool enough in the tabernacle not to be stuffy, and not enough people here to be jammed in against one another, and stand up around the rows. So it's just a good time I think, to start and teach the Word.

<sup>11</sup> I have tried hard for the last few hours to see if the Holy Spirit...even got Billy back there with cards and so forth, to be for a prayer line, but yet I can't I don't govern that, it governs me, you see. I have nothing to do with that. It depends on what He says about it.

<sup>12</sup> Now Brother Neville here was announcing the revival with Brother Crank down here. I don't know the man. I just stepped in last night on the road from the hospital to see the...Brother Roberts had his film shown there last night, and back in the back of the building, Brother Crank and his father...Brother Crank himself is a boy, suppose to be maybe twenty, twenty one, something like that, and...but his father's with him, and then Brother Matheny from New Albany, the...a Pentecostal. Now I believe this Brother Crank is Pentecostal too.

<sup>13</sup> And so they were very nice men, wanted me to take this next week's service. Course couldn't do that, you know. And then, wondered if I'd be there Saturday night, I don't know yet, I told him I'd have to see. Brother Cobbles was over and wanted next Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And Brother Hall has got to be at Milltown one night this week, 'cause next week we leave for the summer. So then they...I got a few little meetings scattered around, I don't know just where it will be. I told him I'd let him know a little later.

<sup>14</sup> The wife has just been doing fine, and I certainly appreciate all you

my brother for the desire of his heart to be granted...?...Bless my little brother, Father. This I...?...To the little girl, Father. I bless her. In the Name of the Lord Jesus, may she get what she asks for, Father, in Jesus' Name. Grant it. Bless my sister, Lord. In Jesus' Name...[Brother Branham continues praying for people at the altar, but words cannot be understood clearly—Ed.]

<sup>151</sup> Almighty God, as Thou art the Ruler of heavens and earth, Thou sets man's heart in order. Thou put the stars in the skies, and they remain. You hung the sun in its orbit, and it stays there. You set the moon up there in the skies, and put it to watch over the sea; You set its boundaries, that it cannot pass. Thou didst speak, and they did obey. Lord God, You speak to man's heart. May it always be flexible and ready to soak in the Spirit, and do the things that God has commanded.

<sup>152</sup> And Heavenly Father, Thou has spoke to my heart this morning, Your unworthy servant. And I have spoke to the people, that You want to speak, and it did with each one of them. And now, Father, I have went down in commemoration of Your revelation to me, and laid my hands upon them. And Father, whatever You put on their heart at that time, God, may it be their everlasting decision right there.

<sup>153</sup> Knowing that Your Spirit is here now, placing upon their hearts exactly. If they're cripple, may they walk. If they're blind, may they see. If they're distressed, may they be made happy. If they have troubles, may it be taken away. Grant it, Lord. If they're trying to make a decision, may the right decision come just now. May the Holy Spirit reveal all these things that we have need of. Grant it, Lord. We're here at the altar, waiting on You, worshipping You.

<sup>154</sup> Now, Father, if there's some here that You haven't spoke to as yet, may Your Spirit now surge down. May It move up and down this altar here, and reveal everything. Make every heart sure, Lord. Make it positive, there'll be no doubt nowhere at all. May Your Spirit just take away all friction. And back in the audience of these dear people, the well, those who are not in trouble, those who You have blessed, and setting there with health and strength this morning...oh, they're praying for these others, their comrades. Lord.

<sup>155</sup> They've had like problems, and they know that You've helped them. And now, Father, we are praying with one accord, that You'll send Your Spirit and confirm everything Lord...just now to every heart as we wait humbly with Your great Holy Spirit anointing, moving, doing that thing which we feel that is right. Grant it, Lord.

<sup>156</sup> Now, with our heads bowed, everyone being in prayer, we're going to sing some songs. Don't be weary now. I am not a fanatic. You know that, if I am, I know it not. But Something has definitely spoken to me, said, "I'll speak to them. You just call them up here." I did what He said to do.

<sup>157</sup> Now, while we have our heads bowed and singing songs, just see

<sup>142</sup> My beloved friends, with your heads bowed. I've tried in all my life to be anything but false. I've tried to be honest in my dealings with God and with my fellow man. And I've tried every time to move and do just as the Holy Spirit would tell me. That's the reason I'm carried from place to place, and stop meetings, and go places, because I follow the leading of the Spirit.

<sup>143</sup> And this morning, while preaching here...Was going to have a prayer line, come up, bring the people up for discernment and talk with them. But Something spoke to me, said, "Tell the people..." That's the reason I stopped all at once, it happened. Said, "Call the people up here and tell them, 'Come, ask Me. If they lack, I'll tell them.'"

<sup>144</sup> You wonder how the little girl can get well, how you with the cancer can get well, how you over here with the throat trouble can get well, how you on this cane can be made well, how you on that crutch can be made well, how the blind can be made to see, how you that's distressed and in trouble.

<sup>145</sup> There's someone here that's got domestic trouble, family trouble. "How can I get over it, Brother Branham?" He will tell you right now. Other troubles, you're wondering about this, that, or the other. Just what strikes your heart, now follow that and see if it's not right. Just follow it, and see if that isn't right. Don't change your mind. Stay right with it. He said He would speak to you. While everybody in prayer...[Brother Branham begins to pray for people at the altar—Ed.]

<sup>146</sup> Father in heaven, bless my brother. Give him every desire of his heart, whatever he desires.

<sup>147</sup> My sister, dear God, bless her. Take the heaviness out of her heart today. Bless my sister, Father. May the Spirit be upon her. God, bless my sister. Give her the deep desires of her heart. Likewise, to my sister here. Through Jesus' Name, Father, grant it.

<sup>148</sup> See this darling little girl, we're so thankful You did so much for her, Father. You helped us not long ago. I pray that You'll make this child completely well, and a revelation to others, that they can believe on You. I bless this child, this morning, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and curse the disease of her body...?...

<sup>149</sup> Bless my beloved brother today, Lord. May his faith never fail as he looks yonder at Calvary, knowing You there, faith, whatever faith is laid there. God will confirm it and bring it to pass. Bless my Brother Morgan. Give him the desire of his heart. Whatever he asks for today, may You give it in the Name of the Lord. Bless my sister...?...Lord, and give to her those things which she desires, through Jesus Christ.

<sup>150</sup> Father God, my brother, I...?...the desires of his heart may be fulfilled...?...Our brother here...?...God bless...?...Heavenly Father, may the desire of his heart, and may he find that desire in Jesus Christ. And thank you for the healing, Lord. Father God, I pray, with hands laid upon

people's prayers. It was through prayer alone. 'Cause it's a mixed audience now, I couldn't say what happened, but you're not supposed to go to a normal time and she did hours, and hours, and hours over, you see. And so usually your heart flies up, and they die right away. But the grace of God, she's better than she's ever been in any of the other births. So I know it was your prayers that helped her, and I certainly do appreciate that with all my heart.

<sup>15</sup> And pray now, we...By the coming of this little boy has marked a turning point in my life. And I have...A few days ago when it looked like that maybe he wouldn't arrive just right, and things looked like was all against us, the opposition...that's usually just darkest before day, you know, that that's the regular routine of human...

<sup>16</sup> And so we...I went up to Green's Mill, the scout reservation, to my old place up there. And I just couldn't stand it no longer, so I went back alone with the Lord Jesus for awhile, and He just assured me that everything would be alright. So I said, "Then Lord, I just promise You that from henceforth..." I've had so many difficulties and things, of times.

<sup>17</sup> You see, there's probably one or two strangers with us this morning, I don't know. I got a couple names here of people that wanted to be prayed for. So I imagine it's just the little Tabernacle group here.

<sup>18</sup> But I go through things that the world don't know nothing about, neither the people, you see? Very hard things. The enemy works on them inside lines, you know. Outside, you don't notice it. It's the inside lines that's cut. And so I meet it on every hand. And so I...But I expect it. I kind of...If it didn't, I just wonder what maybe...I don't want it to be friendship of the devil. I know he's my enemy, and I got to meet on fighting grounds. So I'm so thankful for material to fight with, the Word of the Living God. It'll endure forever.

<sup>19</sup> And now, I just hope that God helps me to rearrange my meetings, such places that I can stay longer, and so forth. Be in prayer.

<sup>20</sup> Brother and Sister Schoeman from South Africa is on their road here. And that's the head of the Ministerial Association of South Africa, to see about coming over this fall and going up into India, and so forth. Brother Thoms is here from South Africa, I met him the other day. He's doing a great work over there amongst the natives.

<sup>21</sup> Reason I kind of like Brother Thoms program is because the program that he talks of, and has got in operation, he and Brother Tommy Osborn, is what I think it's right, worthy of support. Because he's sending out native missionaries. You see, after all, the native knows more about the native. And we could send a fellow from Australia here. He'd be a brother, we'd love him, accept him, and everything. But he don't know the American customs, the American ways. It takes an American to do this job right.

<sup>22</sup> And what if we'd send somebody here from China? Why, he was a missionary, but probably he could speak a little English. It would be all chopped up, and it just wouldn't take effect like a man who knows how to get into the Americans, to work with the Americans, to do in their customs and so forth. And that's the way it goes. And we're kind of blocked off people here...north, and south, and east, and west, and brogues, and so forth.

<sup>23</sup> Here not long ago, I was in Cali...in Florida. And one night there was a dear, loving brother who has a campaign by the name of Brother Jackson, and Gayle Jackson, one of my converts to healing. And so I was way back...And usually, you know, in my offerings and so forth, I just don't let the people know it. If the Lord provides, all right. If He don't, why, we get it somewhere else. So...And Gayle come up, and he said to the manager, he said, "Well, how is the finances running?"

<sup>24</sup> He said, "Oh, just about a thousand dollars, a little better, maybe fifteen hundred to catch us up."

<sup>25</sup> He said, "The trouble of it is, you don't know how to handle these Southerners." So he just gets up there...Said, "Could I take your offering tonight?"

<sup>26</sup> Said, "Yeah, but no begging because Brother Branham would just get on us for it." Said, "Never beg."

<sup>27</sup> So he got up there, and he just said a few words, and there was two thousand dollars in the offering. He said, "See, Brother Baxter, you just don't know how to handle Southerners, that's all."

<sup>28</sup> So that's the way it is. You have to be custom to Southerners. You have to be custom to the Northerners. You have to be custom. And I think a native, knowing their own customs and their own tribe, is a far better way than...a far better person to put with their own people, than all the tailor-mades that we have and sending. That's right. So I am very grateful for the brethren.

<sup>29</sup> Now this morning, I just want to speak to you just a little while. I'm not...knowing that probably this will be my last meeting to get to be with you for awhile. We go now to Macon, Georgia. And that's sponsored by, I understand, forty two Southern Baptist churches. So then, from there we go to the Christian Business Men's Full Gospel Internationally, at Denver. And then I got to go up in Canada on a little spell. And we'll see then what Brother Schoeman then, of what for...to where we go overseas or continue in the States.

<sup>30</sup> And Brother Moore, of course, makes all the programs, all the itinerary, and for here. And he will be with us over there where we meet Brother Schoeman. I hope that Brother Schoeman comes by and you'll know him, and he will...that he gets to speak here for you one time at the Tabernacle. Very fine man, he and his wife. Treated me like a brother when I was in Africa, so treat him the same way when he comes through

different.

<sup>137</sup> I got some people here, a Mr. Dean Cook, a Mr. Long, Erwin, several others that's got their names on a paper here that's come to have a little prayer, and talk things over. Listen to me now, while we're in prayer then. I just started to tell Billy, "Come up through the aisle, and give out some prayer cards." But the Holy Spirit said, "Don't do that." That's the reason I sung, "Pass me not, oh gentle Saviour." I thought, "What is it, Lord?"

<sup>138</sup> I want to tell you this. Now, if you'll believe me and listen. Whatever it is, it's in your heart, whatever it is you want to know, whatever your sickness is, believe Him now. He will speak to you now. He's going to do it. He's going to speak to you individually. I believe it with all my heart. The Holy Spirit is going to do it; speak to you, tell you just what you have need of. Whatever He speaks to you, do.

<sup>139</sup> If you're crippled, He says, "Get up and walk," you get up and walk. If you got a cancer, and He says, "Forget about it from today on," you do it. See if it don't happen. If you're stand in jeopardy, don't know which way to turn, He will tell you just what to do. He will put it in your heart right now. Don't doubt him, go do it. Do just what He tells you to do. He will do it.

<sup>140</sup> Now, while we have our heads bowed, these that I called their name, I want them to come up here to the altar just a moment, if you'd just walk out. And then if there's any of the local people too, that wants to come up for prayer, would you make your way while we all keep our heads bowed.

<sup>141</sup> A very strange thing, I've—have very strangely warned just now by the Holy Spirit for something. I was just wondering how to do this, but He just told me, and I know He's right. While those who desire to be—have a word of prayer, a little something before God, or has a need. Sickness, financial, physical, material, whatever your troubles is, would you walk up to the altar now just a moment, while we sing that verse one more time. Keep your heads bowed, everybody but those who are coming. And mother here with the little girl, I want you to bring her here, right here at the altar. All right.

Saviour, Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by.

Let me at the throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief  
Heal my broken, wounded spirit  
Help my unbelief

Saviour...

<sup>134</sup> Theirs is the next move. You sent the Holy Spirit, He put the Word in their heart. They raised their hand that they believed it. You said, "He that believeth this shall never perish, but have everlasting life." Come, Lord, settle it with them forever. They believe You, and they believe Your Word now. As You said, "He that heareth my Words (been preached), believeth on Him that sent me (we do) hath (because He did) everlasting life, and shall never have judgment, but is passed from judgment unto Life." Safely in the Ark.

<sup>135</sup> Lord, let them rise with like new men, and new women, new boys and girls. Go from this little old tabernacle today, where this handful of people has gathered, out to live new lives, to preach the Gospel, to teach them to do, exalt Christ everywhere. Grant it, Lord. Bless us now, we pray, through Jesus Name. Amen.

Pass me not, oh gentle Saviour  
Oh, hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by.

Saviour, Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by.

Let me at Thy throne  
(The mercy seat, see?)

...mercy  
Find

(Just let your soul speak to God.)

...relief

(from my sins)

Heal my wounded, broken spirit  
Help my unbelief.

(Let's bow our heads.)

Saviour, Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry  
While on others Thou art calling  
Do not pass me by.

<sup>136</sup> With our heads bowed. Oh, I just think of the wonderful times, every time I've come into this old hull here. I believe it's pitched, stood a many a storm, cradled me, the days of troubles and trials. I see Billy setting back there. He's...I just feel led of the Spirit though, to do something different now. I just feel that God wants me to do something a little

this way, in the love of the Lord.

<sup>31</sup> Now I...After coming in and knowing, they told me that Brother Neville didn't get a hold of it for the broadcast. I was listening...How many hears the broadcast? I tell you, that singing is sublime, and the preaching goes a little higher than that. So it was a really good message yesterday. You all appreciate that? Not to make him blush, but it's the truth. I...if I thought Brother Neville was doing something wrong, I'd take him back in the room, and we'd talk it all over, and pray over it. If he's doing something right, I like to tell him about it. See? That makes us feel better.

<sup>32</sup> The nice little cards and presents that you all know, that sent to the little fellow down at the...there. I want to tell you I appreciate them too. My wife sends her love and regards to all of you.

<sup>33</sup> And now let's turn over in the blessed old Word here. But just before, let's speak to Him, the Author, before we do it.

<sup>34</sup> Our beloved Saviour, we come to use Thy Name, just a few moments as we approach the Almighty One, the Creator, the One Who conceived Thee into the womb of the virgin. And she brought forth this marvellous One, who stands the Mediator between the living and dead, the only Way, the only Mediator.

<sup>35</sup> And we're so happy to know that through His Divine promise, He gave us these Words, "Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I'll do." So we ask today in the Name of the Lord Jesus, Father dear, that You'll receive our thanksgiving in our hearts, as Thou art always gathered in Your sanctuary to hear the praises of Your children.

<sup>36</sup> And we're thankful today for all the blessings, for the health, and the going on of the church and the work, and all around the world. We're so grateful for it. And Father, we pray that You will continue, and not only continue, but will pour double portions upon the work everywhere, for we believe we're running out of time. All things are pointing at the end. Just when we know not, but we wish to be prepared, as ordained our Lord Jesus for us to do so.

<sup>37</sup> And now Father, we thank Thee. I want to thank You myself personally, for the little boy today. Thy promise lingered for four years. "But I the Lord hath planted it, I'll water it day and night." You always make Your promises real, Father. Though the vision, though it linger, yet will it speak. It's got to, because it's the Word and the promise of God. We don't fear, just moving forward, knowing that all things are working together for good.

<sup>38</sup> Thank you for bringing the mother through safely. Now, in misery and pain today, I pray that You will ease it up. We know it's a natural thing, but give her comfort, Father. Bless her down there today, and may she hurry home, and stand by Thy servant, as we go forward now together out into the battlefields there, to reap the grain and bring it to the

garner for the Master's sake.

<sup>39</sup> Bless the church here. Bless our beloved pastor, Your servant, faithful at the post. And we pray that You will bless all the deacons, the trustees, whatever more. Let Thy blessings rest upon them all. Bless we pray this morning, the visiting clergymen, the strangers in our gates.

<sup>40</sup> And when service is over, may we say like those who come from Emmaus, "Did not our hearts burn within us, because of His Presence?" Get into the Word, Father. May the Holy Spirit come, taking the Word...nothing premeditated, not knowing nothing what to say, but committing it all to You. Thy will be done, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

<sup>41</sup> Let us turn for just a little Scripture reading, if you will in the book of Genesis. The...beginning with the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, just to read for a little quotation here in the Word, and beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>42</sup> And the subject this morning, if God willing, just teaching a few minutes from the Word 'fore we pray for the sick, and then the pastor to finish the service. We are praying that God will multiply and bless tonight.

<sup>43</sup> And I see a little girl setting here on the front seat. I believe the mother setting here that...I think we prayed for the child some time ago. And looks to me like that her...best I remember, she was...couldn't walk or something, or...She looks like she's a lot better today, and I'm so grateful for that.

<sup>44</sup> Praying constantly God will pour more Spirit and power upon His Church and His people everywhere. That our faith may be lifted way up above all the defects of life, that we might be able to be more than overcomers and conquerors through Him that loved us and gave His life for us. Now to you who has got their Bibles.

*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*

*These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*

*And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.*

*The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.*

*And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.*

*And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.*

*Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.*

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

<sup>45</sup> I want to speak this morning, if God willing, or teach rather for a few moments the Word, upon The Ark. What the ark meant, and what the ark

"Remember me?" God bless you, sir. God bless you, sir. God bless you. Bless you, sister. God bless you, brother. "When the storms of life is raging, stand by me."

<sup>128</sup> I can't make your decision friend. I can only pray for you. You have to make your decision. I don't believe there's any honest hearted person could come into the Presence of His majesty and see the love that He's promised...Now, what did you raise your hand for? Something's knocking at your heart. That's God, trying to pull you into the ark. "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him. And all that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out. I'll give Him everlasting life, raise him up at the last days."

<sup>129</sup> Don't be scared. God's driving the winds. God's driving the ark. He has all things provided. Why, Noah wouldn't have had any victories, wouldn't have been storms and trials. If we're just put through a safe tunnel to run through, there's no joy. The storms of life, what makes us have the joy. We'd never know what daylight was 'less we had some dark. We'd never know what a hilltop was 'less we had a mountain. We'd never know what good health was 'less you had some sickness. You'd never know how to enjoy salvation 'less you was once a sinner. God's made all things, the law of contrast. He loves you.

Now, while you have your heads bowed, and your hands up.

<sup>130</sup> Father God, I pray that today, as the door's still open, the people are coming from the east and west, north and south, gathering in. Great signs are happening, in the skies, fearful sights. The atomics of the air has been split, the hydrogen is being burnt out. Saucers are flying, missiles that cannot be understood, some sort of intelligence, they think, from somewhere else. They don't know, and science can't find out, mysteriously slipping down on the scene with lightning speed.

<sup>131</sup> Oh God, we're near the end. And the great pyramid that Enoch built, the last chamber's gone through, ready for the King's chamber now, the coming of the Lord right in the top for the keystone. All the calendar of astronomy points right straight...the stars are declaring it as they did at the first time. When the wise men looked up and saw the stars, they said, "There, the great King's coming." Now, the stars are pointing again.

<sup>132</sup> All nature's groaning. Men's hearts are filled with fear, perplexity of the times, distress between nations, the sea roaring, great tidal waves breaking everywhere killing hundreds up and down the bank, horseless carriages going through the highways and the broad ways, seem like torches running like lightning. And we've passed right on by these milestones as if they was nothing.

<sup>133</sup> Oh God, stop us quickly. Halt this sinful world by the preaching of the Gospel. Save those who put up their hands up today, Lord Jesus. Grant it today. May Thy provided mercy rest upon each of them. May they be right now...Nothing I could do, nothing else can be done.



You said, 'I'll build my Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it.' I believe Thee, Lord Jesus. I now anchor my soul in a haven of rest." Oh my.

<sup>121</sup> Christ, the Chief Captain of our salvation, there He stands, the Great Conqueror. He rent the veil in two, and took down all the middle walls of partition, invited 'whosoever will' to come and partake of His Life, be covered with His Divine blessings, that there'll be no judgment strike you in the judgment. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

<sup>122</sup> I say, God, I'm safe forevermore. I've anchored my soul in the haven of rest, to sail the wild seas no more. The tempest may sweep o'er the wild, stormy deep, but in Jesus I'm safe evermore. Let sickness come, let troubles come, let disheartening, or heartaches, and everything come. That has nothing to do. We receive a Kingdom that cannot be moved. Didn't say you'd be jumping back and forth, but God will land you as safely as you can be in His Kingdom one of these days. You stay right in His ark.

<sup>123</sup> May the Lord bless you, while we bow our heads just a moment.

<sup>124</sup> Our Heavenly Father, today as we look into His majesty there, we see Him back there with Noah. Who was riding out those waves? Who was in that little old gopher wood ark? Where now, the biggest battleship that we have could not stand it. The whole earth rocked and tossed about, thousands and thousands of miles out of its orbit yonder, whirled about like a whirlpool out there, and the waves jumping miles high in the air. The whole world, covered...these big old mountains being washed out of level ground, whirling around in midnight darkness...judgment, dead bodies flopping and floating.

<sup>125</sup> And a little old boat with gopher wood, pitched in and without, and those, Your beloved believers, set inside the ark just as safe as they could be. They didn't care. They'd done just what You said do. They followed Your instructions. And he that follows Your instructions will not be condemned or confounded. Finally, You ceased the storm. The storms of life is over, then we're landed safely in a new world.

<sup>126</sup> Dear Heavenly Father, today upon the storm tossed sea of life, we don't understand how it's done, in the days when the medical science is great, when the churches are making such great big things. But we just anchored away in Jesus. The storms come along, persecutions rise, but we followed the instructions. Thou will see us through. Grant it, Heavenly Father, these blessings to each one. Bless the stranger in our gate this morning. Bless the unsaved, and may they become Thy children.

<sup>127</sup> While we have our heads bowed, I wonder if there would be someone here that's outside of Christ, would raise up your hand, say, "Brother Branham, I'm raising my hand to God, just so you and He can see it. I want to be remembered and brought into the ark before it's too late. Will you pray for me?" Would you just raise your hand, say,

foreshadowed, and the types of the ark. For the ark perfectly, and everything in the Old Testament, typed Christ. And Christ is the fulfilling of all the Old Testament, was fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

<sup>46</sup> Now, it was a time of destruction, the time just before destruction. The whole earth was full of violence. If you notice, wherever you see men begin to multiply, people begin to get together, great gatherings of people, and remain, that city is becoming populated, more population. The first thing you know, it begins to bring in devicity for recreation. From that it goes into gambling, from gambling into drinking, from drinking into prostitution, breaking up of homes, marriage, divorce then murder. It just keeps growing, growing, growing, like a chain of no end.

<sup>47</sup> When God walked with just man alone, by himself, he had favor with God. But when man begin to multiply, and begin to get others, and others, and others, then they begin to...Satan having a more of a range to work in. This mind might believe a little bit, leaning in that way, and the other one, a little bit this way. Then when Satan comes in, he just fires it on. Then it becomes this and that, and imaginations begin to come great, and then corruption sets in. And when Noah...

<sup>48</sup> If you'll notice, between the generations, after the slaying of Abel, God replaced him with Seth. 'Course we're taught by historians that Adam and Eve had seventy sons and daughters. But as the Bible records only the three sons, Ham, Shem, and Japheth, was Noah's sons. Pardon me. Was Cain, Abel, and Seth was Noah's sons, or Adam's sons. Then just a little bit excited, I have been for the last couple of days since my Joseph come, so I kind of get things a little mixed up.

<sup>49</sup> Notice then through this lineage of Ham, after he carried on over through there, we'll—through the antediluvian destruction. His whole generation faded out into wickedness. And when we come over through the lineage of Cain, it did the same thing. They went off into the land of Nod, Cain did, and there married. Took his wife and went in there, and later, man become like giants. When the Children of Israel come up through there they found men, even some of them had fingers of fourteen inches long. And think of that, great giants. David slew Goliath, which was a great fellow, and he said that his spear looked like a weaver's needle. And how many...nine feet tall and something, and what a mighty fellow he was.

<sup>50</sup> But if you notice, there come a great civilization through that lineage of Cain back there, that begin to come in. When men begin to multiply, they begin to go out after different educations and so forth, and discovery of things, inventions. One, a great worker of wood...oh, how they built and begin to build, and build, and build, was a sign that the end time was near. Did you ever see the like of building that we got now? It's again the sign of the end time.

<sup>51</sup> They were great workers of metal. And they discovered how they could, what they could do with metal. And look what they're doing with

metal today, even making...I hear on the radio the other day, making steel or metal houses now. They cut out all the timber practically, so they're making them of aluminum, and out of steel, and so forth. And great discoveries of education, and great going on of science, progress of science, a sign of the end time. Look what science has done in the last few years, oh my, just the things that's done.

<sup>52</sup> What is it? Nearing the end time. A sign that all believers...ministers in the pulpit should be preaching it with all the force they got, showing to the people. We're passing milestones, and all things point to the end. The Scriptural verse, God's Bible that we read and believe today is pointing to the end, not much farther. The great scientific world says the end is in sight, another great milestone. The zodiac on the calendar and so forth, the astronomy and everything says the end is in sight. The pyramid says the end is in sight. Every great pointing place says the end is in sight. We're at the end time.

<sup>53</sup> Notice, but God in His sovereign grace before the end time...He referred to it now in Jesus...Jesus did, said "As it was in the days of Noah before the flood, what people were doing, that kind of a repeat will come again." And we see it. So we just have to be spiritually blind, or we can see it. Open up, look around. There's such a great difference between physical blind and spiritual blind. I believe if I had to take my choice, I'd take physical anytime. Yes, there's such a thing as being blind.

<sup>54</sup> Here not long ago, a minister said, "If you be a servant of the Lord, smite me blind."

I said, "You're already blind."

He said, "Me, blind?"

<sup>55</sup> I said, "Yes, sir." 'Cause he was ridiculing Divine healing, ridiculing the baptism of the Holy Spirit, saying there wasn't such a thing. I said, "You're blind."

He said, "No, that's some of your own makeup."

I said, "That's the Scripture. The Bible said so."

Said, "When was the mind ever blind?"

<sup>56</sup> I said, "Well, many times. Jesus told your fathers, said, 'You blind Pharisees. You got eyes, and you can't see.' That's right. 'But if you'd have known the time...'"

<sup>57</sup> I said, "Elijah was down, that great prophet, at Dothan one time. And there the whole Syrian army got around to take Elijah. And Gehazi said...?... 'Father, they're upon us. The whole city is compassed around here with the army of the Syrians.'"

He said, "Well, there's more with us than there is with them."

<sup>58</sup> He said, "Well now, here they are, but I can't see nobody but you."

<sup>59</sup> Said, "God, open his eyes." And when his eyes come open, he looked, and around that old prophet was chariots of fire, the hills was on fire with angels. He walked right out to where they was, and he said he

Blood, and will save "whosoever will." And two angels beat out of gold, and the wings pointing across each other at the mercy seat, where every believer come, confessing his sins receive reconciliation for his sin. There He is.

<sup>116</sup> Now, look at Him. The gold crown, does that represent Christ? Yes. When Christ was here on earth, He was crowned with a crown of thorns to shed the Blood. That's right. But every believer that comes through that shed Blood, pulls forth that crown of thorns and crowns Him with the glory of praises and honor. Every believer that steps into His Presence accepts that Blood from His pressed brow here with thorns, and crowns Him with glory, and praises, and majesty as King of kings, as Healer, as Alpha, Omega, as the Beginning and Ending, as the Counsellor, the Prince of Peace, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father.

<sup>117</sup> Noah was the father in his ark. Moses was the father in his ark. Christ is the Father in His ark with His subjects. You people, the Church, the believer, safely secured. I want you to notice again, the approach to that ark come through a way that...You notice, every man that come into that ark had to come through, first, the outer court. The next he had to come through was the inner veil, then into the holiest of holies. That was Christ as Prophet, as Priest, as King, crowned. First thing come, you see Him spoke of here, when He first come through, He was a Prophet.

<sup>118</sup> A man coming to Christ must first come to the cross. The cross was His priesthood. The cross was there where He was represented in death. That's where that cross, where "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." There's no man in his right mind can ever come in before the cross, brought before Him but what hears Christ preach to him. Christ is the Prophet, the Preacher.

<sup>119</sup> Then the next thing He does, He goes through then for the atonement. He goes through the veil as a Priest to intercede, intercessions, "making intercessions, setting at the right hand of God, making intercessions for the believer." And the believer comes into His Presence, and then Christ makes intercessions for him upon the confession of what he believes when he comes to the cross. He comes up now to Christ. He said, "Oh Christ, I know You preached to me through the cross, Your Word. I believe You, will You have mercy on me?" And Christ, the Intercessor, intercesses.

<sup>120</sup> Then He goes right on into the ark, into the judgment there, and bears all of his judgment. [Blank spot on tape-Ed.]...taking away all sin and shame, and reconciling to God, through the propitiation of the Blood brings him back into fellowship with God and puts him in the ark safely forever. Nothing to worry about. No harm can be done. You're just as safe as you can be. Let the storms come. Let the...oh, everything take place. Let sickness strike. Let anything take place that the Satan desires to send. God will rock you right through every bit of it. Don't go to jumping out. Stay right in Christ. Say, "Lord God, 'Upon this Rock',

He's safe from all Divine judgment.

<sup>108</sup> Does that include sickness? Yes sir, absolutely does. It don't say it won't push you about, it won't knock you, it won't get on you, it won't do this. "But many are the afflictions of the righteous." Many times will the ark be tossed this way and that way, "but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Many bounces had the old ark. Many ups-and-downs, and many gales did she ride, but she landed on Mount Ararat just the same.

<sup>109</sup> Many alligator I said crossed the little ark. Many gales had rode through the night, many dark storms she rode through, but landed safely in the bulrushes where the intents could be taken to the throne of the nation. From the lowest to the highest. Amen.

<sup>110</sup> We miserable, wretched, from the lowest of all insects, lowest of all creatures, morally polluted, spiritually dead can be lifted from that place by the ark of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to be sons and daughters, and kings and priests unto God. What a picture. What do we have under consideration? How can a man turn such a proposition down...that God has made with man?

<sup>111</sup> There, another thing I want you to notice. When the ark went into its place, He said, "A crown of gold you'll lay on top of it." So in other words, when the ark was pitched over and around with all this, the law was on the inside...

<sup>112</sup> And then notice, another thing, the bread. The kosher or the manna that fell at first, that manna was in the pot, was kept inside the ark. And brother, if you've never tasted God to see He's good, get into the ark one time, for there's where the manna lays, not out in some cold, carnal, free-creed or something another, but in Christ, inside. Come in at the door, and God will shut the door behind you, keep the judgments out.

<sup>113</sup> Notice, as he walked in. He took this ark...Also, Aaron's rod was put in there and budded. An old rod that was dead, a staff, a stick, no more than that piece of wood right there, that all life is gone from it. It's dry as it can be. But once put into that holy place, it lived again.

<sup>114</sup> Every sinner, I don't care how dull, how black, what your life has been, in the Presence of Christ you'll live again and bloom, and bring forth blossoms, nourished of the Spirit. How sick you are, that doesn't matter, you'll live yet in the presence of the atonement. What a marvel. What a thing we have under consideration. What a Scripture, what a God. What perfect...what a sure foundation. All other grounds is sinking sand. All other grounds is sinking sand.

<sup>115</sup> Notice, put a crown on it. Why? It was the king. What did that gold crown laying on top of a box mean? It meant that here, with that gold laying over it, humanity was covered with gold. Blood sprinkled on top of it, and a crown laying on that. What a perfect type of Christ and His Deity, His love. He come forth into the world and laid Himself over humanity, His Church, His believers. Upon that, He sprinkled His own

smote them blind. Walked out...?...not physically. One way they were physically blind. He went out, said, "Are you looking for Elijah?" He was Elijah, himself.

Said, "Yes, we're looking for him."

<sup>60</sup> Said, "Come follow me, I'll lead you right to him." They didn't know it, they were blind.

<sup>61</sup> And today, men are stricken blind because they are rejecting God, mercy. That only leaves judgment left. But God in His love and mercy has so appropriated a way, that before Divine judgment ever strikes, there is a way. God makes a way of escape for all those who desire to follow that way. That's the mercies of Him, making a way of escape. "Not willing that any should perish, but all might come to repentance."

<sup>62</sup> He's in the world today, showing signs and wonders, and raising up people, great things taking place, showing signs in the heaven above, and on earth, signs. Signs of flying saucers through the air where even the Pentagon, and all don't know what to think of it. Signs in the heaven above, and on earth. The healing of the sick, the raising of the dead, the opening of the blinded eyes, the casting out of evil spirits, the Gospel being preached, signs before His Coming. "Not willing that any should perish, but that all might humbly, sweetly bow to repentance."

<sup>63</sup> But those who reject Christ have to walk blind. What if I, today, was to reject I had my eyesight, letting it be put out? If I refused to keep my eyes, I'd take something and stab them out. I don't want to see then. That's the way it is spiritually. If a man refuses to look into God's Word and see the plan, and see God, he automatically puts out his eyes. He himself shuts up his eyes to the things of God. What a day, what a time. What a lesson we ought to learn today from looking around at the end time.

<sup>64</sup> But God in His sovereign grace in the days of Noah, He said, "Now I want you to go out and make a provision for all those who desire to escape this judgment." Isn't that marvellous? God not willing that any should perish, making a way of escape for those who wanted to come God's way of escape. So He said, "Noah, I want you to make an ark." Now, the word ark is "a little chest, or place of escape, a hiding place." There's three of them spoke of, in the Old Testament. And we want to look at those three now, for a few moment. All those three were typing one great Ark, Christ, to the Church today. Three is a confirmation, all the old things just foreshadowing.

<sup>65</sup> I was reading the other day while setting out on a creek bank, of how that those Hebrew mothers that gave birth back there to the patriarchs, and each one when she come forth and uttered his name while in labour, said what he would be, and what he would be in the last day, not knowing what she was doing, and muttering.

<sup>66</sup> Take a hold of Genesis 49, and type it out, where their end time,

where they're at, and watch what it is. It's right there, my. How, if we could only open our eyes sometime and our spiritual hearing, that the Word comes forth, that we'd realize what it is and the Spirit would reveal to us...And I pray now the Holy Spirit takes these things of God and put out into the heart of every man and woman, boy and girl here.

<sup>67</sup> The ark, there was one of them Noah built, a way of escape. Second one spoke of was the one that Moses was put in. The third was the ark of the testimony to Israel. And the fourth, all fulfilled in the fourth, being Christ Jesus.

<sup>68</sup> Let's go back now and begin at the first in Genesis, and see how the preparation was made for the ark, and see if it doesn't type Christ exactly. And all those who gathered into each ark, or under the come to reconciliation by the ark, all was preserved through judgment. And just as certain as they was preserved in the type, how much more are we to be preserved in Christ, the real antitype of all the arks. Oh, He's marvellous.

<sup>69</sup> Then we notice back there, that God told Noah, said, "I want you to make this out of a specific type of wood." Now, just any wood wouldn't work. We got to have a certain type, and it must be gopher wood. Gopher wood now was...I was studying here a few weeks ago on what gopher wood was. And it was a soft wood, pliable. And that is what makes up the ark, was a wood that could be easily applied, a pliable wood.

<sup>70</sup> That's the believer. Once in the hands of God, cut down from his own self-righteousness of the tree, he becomes pliable in the hands of the Builder, not tossed about with every wind of doctrine, but a pliable that fits right into the Word of God to be used easily. And we notice that it was a wood that would suck up moisture easy, take in moisture. And now, to one thing, the man a pliable in the hands of God could be a great thing to God, or you could be a great thing to the devil.

<sup>71</sup> Now, if the ark was built out of wood that was pliable and would suck into the water, it wouldn't be but a little while till it was waterlogged. And it would sink immediately, become heavy because gopher wood is real light. And the water would soak right through it. So that's what I think today...this is it. I believe today the trouble with many sincere men and woman today, not willing to give their self in completely, but went after error. And that's why the ark become waterlogged, can't go any farther. She heads up and down, about ready to sink.

<sup>72</sup> So what kind of a Holy Spirit there formed the way? But it...They could not stand to go on like that. So God said to Noah, "Pitch it within and without, both sides. Pitch it." Then I was studying over what pitch was made out of. I went back and got it, and went back into an old dictionary, begin to find out what pitch meant. Into the Greek, I find out that pitch meant one thing, meant to...a substance. But how they got pitch, they beat it out of another tree. It was like a resin, and they beat it out and boiled it, and then poured it on and it become pitch.

<sup>101</sup> Over in the Old Testament He said, "Now, you shall make an ark." And He specified the wood, "acacia wood." Or you can make it out of this wood. It's called, in the Bible "shittim wood", but it's really called "acacia wood." And you can make it the same thing, the ark. And said, "You shall make it and overlay it with gold." Watch that ark, see if it typed Christ. Notice, it typed every time. Noah was a type of Christ making a way, so was Moses. Now, watch the ark of the covenant. He said, "You shall make it out of acacia wood and overlay it with gold."

<sup>102</sup> Anyone who knows the Scripture know that gold speaks of Deity and wood speaks of humanity. See He said, "You shall cover it, overlay it with gold, over the wood." That's Deity over the wood, Christ over the Church, inside and out. Deity, overlaid.

<sup>103</sup> You'll have a lid on top of it. It'll be a mercy seat, and all the laws will rest in it. But before you take it, you sprinkle it over with blood. The law speaks of judgment. But between the law and the congregation, he couldn't, for Deity stood in its place...type of Christ. Between the wrath of God, the judgment in hell, between that and the believer stands Deity Himself. Christ, standing in the way with an atonement made to save us from our sins and to heal us from our sickness.

<sup>104</sup> Deity stands in the way between the judgement. The law was a judge. The law judged, but the atonement stood between the confessed believer and the judgment. There laid the judgment in the ark, ready to come forth. But when it did, it couldn't, for there was an atonement standing between it and the believer. And the believer come and accepted Christ in the shadow and type, shed blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat, then he had mercy and could walk away rejoicing because he was free from judgment. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit."

<sup>105</sup> And when a man knows that he's died to the things of the world, and those that get in Christ Jesus, and walking according to the Holy Spirit and not the ways of this sinful world, there's no condemnation to him. He can look in the face of hell and judgment and rejoice, because there's the Blood of Christ making an atonement, standing between him and judgment. Amen. There you are.

<sup>106</sup> The believer once in, the lid shut down, that settles it for all time. Amen. Gold, Deity laid over and underneath it, and all around it, wrapped up in Deity. Every man that's come into Christ is wrapped up in the Holy Spirit and become sons and daughters of God.

<sup>107</sup> Poured, and just beat out gold. They got it hot and beat it. And the beater of the gold beat the gold. He had to beat it with a hammer. And they beat the gold until he'd see his reflection in it. Then get her hot, and pour it out over the ark, and it soaked into the wood. Oh, my. When the Holy Spirit, being the power, Holy Ghost and fire poured out upon the believer through the Blood of Christ makes an atonement there for him.

all should be closely knitted together, then the pitch poured on, then it all sticks together and cements together, making a safety. Marvellous, pouring the pitch on it.

<sup>94</sup> Then the little baby Moses was laid in the basket and pushed out into the judgment of the water. Water always means thickness and multitudes of people. The little fellow out there...probably a little cover over his face, out on the ark, out on the Nile River. She's swift. And there, going out through there, through the reeds and bulrushes, and the alligators and everything else, around in the Nile. And the rains, and the storms, and the blizzards, and it blowing through there, the gales...the little ark rode it out.

<sup>95</sup> Why? There a priest was in the ark. Amen. He was a priest, he was a lawgiver, he was a king. So was Noah. Noah also was a father. And the father himself, who made the ark, was in the ark with his substance. Christ, our Father, Who made the ark with His Own Blood is inside the ark with the believer, fellowshiping. My.

<sup>96</sup> As all the children and all the animals listened to Noah preach while the judgments was on, pouring down, the ark riding back the waves, tested about from place to place. Noah said, "Hold still children. God has made this ark, it's built according to His constructions. It'll stand everything that the devil can send against it." Noah, in the ark, preaching, taken from the judgment...

<sup>97</sup> Little Moses out there, looking up towards the star lit skies at night, when the wind was blowing and howling across the places. The old Nile was jumping, and the crocodiles going under the basket...hallelujah. Safe, protected, standing between was an atonement...between him and all the gales, and the heavy winds that the devil could send. Nothing would upset that little ark. He floated right on through. I can see the great Holy Spirit standing above it. I can see the Angels of God setting near with their swords drawn. No sir, nothing's going to touch it.

<sup>98</sup> I can see the devil trying to sink the ark up there and Noah singing, "Jesus, keep me near the cross," or whatever it was. All the devils in hell couldn't take it, because it's built according to God's instructions. There was an atonement made between judgment and mercy.

<sup>99</sup> That's every believer today, no matter how hard it must seem, jolt and fight...how hard life may seem. As long as you're in Christ Jesus, there's nothing present, nothing future...can't reach your soul, separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen. The devil will turn every gale in hell loose on you, but God's got an atonement standing between you. You'll float every wave, you'll go through every alligator bed.

<sup>100</sup> Where did he land? Right straight in the line of being the king of all Egypt. Hallelujah. And one of these days, when this old ark lands on the other side...?...of the stormy Jordan, we'll walk out as priests and kings unto God, standing under the atonement of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, freely give it to whosoever will...the atonement, the mercy.

<sup>73</sup> What a beautiful thing, of the wood before it's cut down, a certain type of timber, being human, Christ in His humility, being human. And the Church, His ark today, coming into His Church, which is no more than His Own spiritual body here on earth...That Christ was cut down, and life was beat out of Him that it might be applied to the Church.

<sup>74</sup> Now this soft gopher wood, when they poured this hot pitch over it, it soaked it up right quick, inside and out and make it sealed. Amen.

<sup>75</sup> Oh, you see it? A seal...soft, soaking in the Word of God, Christ pouring the Holy Spirit in...heat up. Amen. It won't run when it's cold, it's got to get hot. What we need today is an old-fashion, Holy Ghost meeting, heat up, poured down.

<sup>76</sup> They took that soft gopher wood, the big ladle, and poured it on. And the gopher wood, real soft, ready then from the inside and out, that pitch went through and cased it over like steel. No water could seep in it at all. It was a protection.

<sup>77</sup> And every man that comes and receives Christ, and coats him by the Holy Spirit, becomes so one-minded till he sees nothing else but Christ. He doesn't care for the world anymore. You can bump him, bounce him, kick him out, do everything you want to, but he's cased over. In other words, he's sealed. Seal up all the cracks, that's what they did with the pitch. And the Bible said what...You know the sealing is for this, have with this ark today?

<sup>78</sup> Ephesians 4:30 said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed (or pitched, cased over) until the day of redemption." Amen, all sealed up. Every little portion of wood, every little outlet, every little hole, every little crack, every little pore in the wood is just sealed and cased in with the Spirit of God. Oh, how marvellous!

<sup>79</sup> See, if you put it on cold, you'd have air holes in it. If you ever hit against a log or something, it might bust it because it's got a flaw in it. But when it's heat, poured on, then it goes all the way through and seals it both sides, inside and out. Amen, perfect type of Christ and His Church.

<sup>80</sup> How one tree had to be cut down, to be beaten and bruised and all the juice took out of it, and then that applied to the other tree to preserve the tree through the judgment. Christ was cut down, that through His life, and by the Holy Spirit, the Church might be carried through the judgment. See it? What a beautiful picture. Oh, my. That thrills you, doesn't it? Just make your heart jump back and forth. See? All of it speaking of Christ, everything in the Old Testament was of Christ, foreshadowing it.

<sup>81</sup> Someone said the other day, he said, "Brother Branham, why is it that this happens, and that happened?" Well, he's sitting present now. I was eating at a table, I said, "Sister, come back of all these things, and come back to the beginning." I said, "The first thing that person was,

before anyone else, before there was one cell, they were spirit. That's the fundamental part. Keep that spirit right. From everything from that spirit this way will perish, whether it's houses, lands, homes, health, whatever it may be, it's perishable, and it'll go right straight back to that spirit again." Hallelujah. And right back to the spirit again, so keep that right.

<sup>82</sup> No matter what you got here in this world, what you haven't got, keep your heart right in tune with God. For it's all, everything...All your houses, lands, all your money, all your sickness, all your health, all your children, all, everything that you've got here on this earth will everything leave you, and you'll go right straight back to the beginning again. If that's right with God, you'll come forth again just as certain as there's a God in Heaven. If it's not right with God, you got to take the other route. You're here to make a choice. Make it today for Christ.

<sup>83</sup> Notice, oh my. Another thing that the word meant, when it said, "Pitch, pitch it," tar it, or soak it with resin, it means to "atone." Now, the word pitch means to atone. Over in Leviticus, the same word that was used for pitch in Genesis, in Leviticus is used as an atone...to make an atonement. Well, now, atone is to stand between. And the pitch that was in the gopher wood in the ark was to keep out, or to atone the believer from the wrath. You see it? Noah could not get into the wrath, the waters of judgment. Oh, I see it now. You get it? Look, he could not come into the judgment because there was an atonement between him and the judgment. And the judgment was the water of the world. And the believer in Christ is safely secured. Amen.

<sup>84</sup> Not upon the merits of himself, but on his obedience, obedience to walk into the ark. The only thing Noah had to do was get in the ark. He didn't even have to shut the door. God did that Himself. Walk in, that's all the believer does is walk by faith in Christ. God takes care of the rest of it. "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into the judgment." Passed from death unto life, in the ark, safe forevermore. Amen. Let the judgment rock her if it wants to.

<sup>85</sup> Why, I imagine sometime the ark was standing on the end, and upside-down, and everything else. But Noah was safe. The pitch stood between him and the judgment. And today the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, stands between us and all the judgment. Amen. "...shall not be condemned, or come into judgment, but passed from death unto life." Amen. Why? Because he is in the ark. What a perfect picture.

<sup>86</sup> Trees cut down, the way they started in the world, cut down first. That's every man comes into the world, born in sin and shaped in iniquity, come into the world speaking lies...undone, unlovely, ungodly, away from God, alienated, without hope, without Christ, dying...going to a sinner's grave, ready for the judgment. Then the Word comes along, sharper than any two-edged knife; cuts the tree down, hews it out, cuts off all the stickers and all the thorns, cuts the best part out of it, and is a

pliable. Amen. In the hand of the Builder, Christ.

<sup>87</sup> Then His life was poured out at Calvary, that through the shedding of the Blood, He might make an atonement to protect the man that's in the ark of safety. Oh my, what a picture. Then in order to get the pitch to put on it... 'Cause it'll waterlog. I want you to take notice of this. A man just says, "Well, I believe the Word. I'll just take this, that." Without the Blood, you're left to the world. No matter how much you're in the ark, how much ark or what board you are, you got to get pitched; soaked up, all soaked up with the Holy Spirit, keeping the world out.

<sup>88</sup> Then I want you to notice, how beautiful. Then in order...there had to be another tree cut down, a fellow kinsman cut down, and beat until all the resin fell out of it. And this resin then was poured onto the other one that was cut down to preserve it. Amen. And today...How long preserved? Why, that sin, six thousand years ago...and they see the old ark yet setting on top of a mountain. No other wood has ever stood it and never will. Why? It was pitched by the death of another. The ark still stands, pitched within and without as a memorial of what pitch will do.

<sup>89</sup> Oh, what a perfect picture of how Christ is. The believer's position in Christ, after once in Christ, pitched on the outside with the...All you have to do...The ark is prepared. The only thing you have to do is come in and believe.

<sup>90</sup> Notice Noah, when he came in, that's the only thing he had to do, was walk in. God shut the door, and he was safely, until the judgments was passed. God done the shutting, God done the opening, that's the believer today in Christ.

<sup>91</sup> Notice, quickly now...The next ark was spoke of (we'll go to it just a moment) was Moses. The Bible declared that little basket to be an ark. And notice, it was provided by the mother, the one who gave him the birth. Amen. Not through some seminary, not some...through theological experience, but the One Who gives the believer the birth prepares the ark for him...carry him through the judgment.

<sup>92</sup> So she weaved it with the little stalks that they had there, like a little corn stalk, flax stalk. They still have it in Egypt. You can still see them mothers taking their little babies across the Nile River, push it across while she's wading. A little basket, the same way, push him in a basket across the Nile River. And she went and made him a little ark. And the way it's made, it weaves in and out when they're making it. That's the way the weavers do, weave it back and forth. And she went and slimed it. Slime is a pitch again. The same word slime, take it right through, look if it don't say 'pitch' or 'atone'. Then you see, with the weavers weaving the stalks in and out, made little gaps in there so it would hold the pitch.

<sup>93</sup> Oh my. How the believer...What a shame today that we're all separated...one a Methodist, and the other one a Baptist, and one a Lutheran, and one a Oneness, and one a Three-ness. And what a pity. We