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## **Introduction**

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leave her.

Let's say "Praise the Lord." Do you believe. Have faith. Look and live!

<sup>208</sup> Got something wrong with your feet and legs, haven't you, lady, sitting over there, praying. When that lady was healed a few minutes ago, something was said to her, something real strange struck you. Isn't that right? If it is, raise your hand like that so the audience can see. That's right, see.

<sup>209</sup> I seen you here on the platform. That's the reason I knowed you were there. Amen. Do you believe Him? Accept your healing?

<sup>210</sup> That you might know: the lady sitting next to you there. Look at me, lady. Do you believe me to be His prophet . . . His servant? Want to get rid of that high blood pressure? Do you believe Jesus Christ will make you well? Raise your hand if that's right, see. Amen.

<sup>211</sup> A man sitting next to her has got heart trouble. He wants to get well of heart trouble, too. Don't you, sir. Is that right, see. You have heart trouble.

<sup>212</sup> This next man's got diabetes. Do you think God'll heal you of diabetes, sir? Do you believe? All right. If you believe, lay your hands over on each other. I don't care what's wrong with you. It might be my time to go.

<sup>213</sup> Oh, Jesus, Son of God, I pray, I pray in faith, and ask that in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that You will heal every person here.

Satan, come out of them!

## Jesus Christ The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever

<sup>1</sup> . . . stand. And you Southern people have a way of expressing yourself that we Northerners don't have. You can express your feelings, so . . . I believe in a letter there's a little thing, says, "victuals," see, and that's why . . . "victual." I think the same about our brethren and you people.

<sup>2</sup> I deem it a great honor to stand with God's heritage. I've often wondered what I would do if I had a few drops of the literal blood of the Lord Jesus in a charger to pack it in my hand. I just wonder what I would do with it, Brother Jeffries, with the literal blood of the Lord Jesus. I thought how I would hold it, cherish it with my own life, not to spill or to destroy it in any way. But, do you know, in His sight, I have a greater than the blood of the Lord Jesus in my spirit tonight. That's the purchase of His blood: you. He gave His blood, that you could be His. And therefore He would cherish you more than He does His own life, His own blood, is because He gave His life to save you.

<sup>3</sup> And so then, when we meet each other and come into His presence for worship, we should come with just a very . . . a feeling of His great august presence as we can worship and love each other. How will I serve the Lord Jesus? I'll serve Him as I serve you.

<sup>4</sup> Now, I have four children here tonight. And I would rather . . . If any of us had to get a bawling out, or a whipping, I'd rather you give it to me than you would to one of them. Any compliment, I'd rather it be on one of my children than on me.

<sup>5</sup> And that's the way it is with the Lord Jesus. He would rather that we would be kind to each other and show each other kindness. And don't draw any boundary lines of: "Well, I just don't . . . I don't belong to this certain church." That doesn't matter to Him. He wants us to be brothers and sisters. And that's the reason that I think our churches hasn't progressed the way they have is because the sectarian ideas has built fences between the sheep. I think we're all sheep of one pasture. And I think we should worship the Lord that way.

<sup>6</sup> Never have I had, one time, the Holy Spirit, the Angel of the Lord, to ever question me about what church . . . Now, He knows what church you go to and He'll tell you that, see. But where the question whether you should or shouldn't go to this church or that church, it never was questioned by Him. He'll tell you, "Well you belong to a Methodist," or "You're a Presbyterian," or "Catholic," or whatever . . .

<sup>7</sup> How many's ever been in the meeting and hear Him do that? Let's see . . . in my meetings. Raise up your hand you . . . Sure you have. And He might tell you that. But as far as saying you shouldn't do this and you shouldn't belong to this one, He never says that you should not do that. He just wants you to love Him and that settles it.

<sup>8</sup> If you love Him . . . You know, love is the greatest force that we have-

the most powerful force. Do you believe that? Love. Love will just do things that nothing else will do.

<sup>9</sup> And, I usually tell this when my wife's not along, but she happens to be along tonight, and I might tell it now. And you know, when I'm overseas or somewhere, and she writes me a letter, she'll sit down and say: "Dear Billy, I sit here tonight. I just put the children to bed and so-and-so." That's what she's telling me on the letter. But, you know, being that I love her the way she does, and she loves me, I can read between the lines, I know just what she means.

MATT11:25 LUKE10:21

<sup>10</sup> Well, that's the way the Bible's written. You have to be in love with the Author to be able to read between the lines. Because, God promised. . . And He said that He had hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and would reveal it to babes such as would learn. You know that scripture, don't you?

<sup>11</sup> And so, if you want. . . It doesn't take a great degree in theology, it doesn't take some BA or DD. The only thing it takes is a humble heart, surrendered to Him. And that's what does it.

<sup>12</sup> Some of you might know my good friend. The man that wrote my favorite song . . . hymn: Booth-Clibborn-William Booth-Clibborn. A wonderful prince among ministers. One of the best scholars I believe I ever met in my life and a real Christian gentleman.

<sup>13</sup> About five weeks ago we were together, just before going into Mexico. And, if anyone knows Brother Clibborn, he knows what a diplomat and how just precise he is with his grammar. He can preach in seven different languages. And old General Booth of the Salvation Army: that was, I believe, was his father, I believe it was, or some close relative to him. That's why he was named "Booth."

<sup>14</sup> And he's an Englishman. And, we were riding around together, he and I and Mr. Moore, one of the managers. And he was telling me about certain Greek words and certain things, and oh, how he can tear it down. He can just preach in Greek, or preach in Hebrew, or anything he takes a notion to.

So, he said, "Brother Branham, don't that Greek word, you know, means this?"

I said, "Now, Brother Booth, don't go to speaking in unknown tongues to me because I can't interpret it."

<sup>15</sup> And he said, "Well," he said, "You know, the reason you. . . That's the. . ." Said, "You don't know your Bible." Said, "That's all." Said, "If you can't speak Greek, you don't know the Bible."

<sup>16</sup> I said, "Brother Booth, that might be wrong. I might not know the Book, but I know the Author real well." I said, "That's the main thing. If

Thee, Father, if we've found grace in Your sight. Let her go home and be able to eat; come back giving testimony and rejoicing, for the glory of God. In Christ's name. Amen.

God bless you, lady. Go believing now with all your heart.

<sup>200</sup> Would you send the patient. Now, no, I'm not reading their minds. Now, don't think that; that's sin. Here, I don't know this lady. Put your hand on mine, lady. If the Lord Jesus will reveal to me this way what your trouble is, will you accept your healing?

<sup>201</sup> I see a table, and a woman moving away from it with her hand up. The lady's got stomach trouble. You're holding my hand. That's right. Raise your hand if that's right lady. It's caused by a nervous condition. It's a peptic, right in the pit of the stomach. When she eats, it's sour, it's bitter, it comes up against her teeth. She has an awful distress after. She's suffering with a nervous condition from a time of life, too. It's just what they call the menopause. And that makes her nervous, from a lady's condition. And that's run her into a peptic ulcer in her stomach-premature, too.

<sup>202</sup> Now, the Lord bless you, sister. Go on rejoicing and happy from that. And both the conditions is gone from you. Go eat your supper. God bless you, and be well.

<sup>203</sup> What if I just prayed for you, would you believe anyhow? You're a little bit excited, see. That's right. But, will you promise, tonight, that the same promise you made God, if He would heal you, let you get well; will you accept it if I told you you was going to get well? You promised Him that. Now go on. You're healed. Serve Him with all your heart.

I'm not reading their minds. Not at all.

<sup>204</sup> Heart trouble's nothing for our Lord to heal. He could make heart trouble well just as easy. Do you believe that? Then go accept Him. God bless you. You wanted me to lay hands on you, didn't you? God bless you, now. Go on and receive your healing.

Let's say "Praise the Lord." Everybody. All right. Have faith. Don't doubt.

<sup>205</sup> I'm a stranger to you, lady. But, I see you holding to things when you get up of a morning. You got arthritis. That's right. It kind of shocked you, didn't it? Now, move your feet like this now. See how easy it left? Now, just go on your road rejoicing and be well.

<sup>206</sup> Come believing. Have faith. Little lady, when you moved from that seat awhile ago, the black shadow swept over you. But God can heal cancer just the same as He can heal toothache or anything. Do you believe that? Do you accept your healing now? Come here.

<sup>207</sup> Thou demon, you might've hid from the doctor, but you can't hide from God. Come out of her, in the name of Jesus Christ. I adjure thee to

and grace to you. Can't you know that He's...

LUKE24:15,16

<sup>189</sup> Cleopas and them, He did something to... They walked with Him all day and didn't know it. But the way He did something, they recognized that that was Him. Well, I tried to tell you what He did when He was here on earth, so, you could recognize the same way. You've walked with Him a long time, maybe your church, and didn't know it. He's here. He's alive. He isn't dead.

<sup>190</sup> The lady now ... I guess this is the patient before me. Now, the woman's a stranger, I don't know her. Never seen her in my life. Is that right, lady, we're strangers?

<sup>191</sup> Now, to the rest of you there. If Jesus will let me know... Now, you know it has to come through a supernatural power. Now it's your attitude what that is, is what determines what you get, see.

MATT26:67,68 LUKE22:64

<sup>192</sup> They put a rag over His head and hit Him and said, "Tell us something," see. But, He doesn't do that. It's your attitude towards Him.

<sup>193</sup> And I declare that it's Him. The mechanical eye of the camera declares it's Him. Science declares that it's Him. The Bible declares that it's Him. The Holy Spirit declares that it's Him. And He's here right now doing the same work He did, and you're without excuse.

JOHN3:18

<sup>194</sup> To disbelieve me would be all right. I'm a man. But to disbelieve His works, it would sin. And sin is unbelief. "He that believeth not is condemned already."

<sup>195</sup> Sin isn't drinking, committing adultery. That isn't sin. That's the attributes of sin. You do that because you're an unbeliever. Believers don't do that.

<sup>196</sup> Now, if God will speak to the lady. She's here for some purpose. I don't know. But, if He'll tell her why, will every one of you accept Jesus Christ now as your healer, that would just settle it?

If the woman would raise her hand that I don't know her, or nothing about her. Is that right, lady. Heard nothing about her.

<sup>197</sup> And I've been so much in service, and it just weakens me so that, I don't like to go too far; and there's men standing around me, to get me just at any time.

<sup>198</sup> And now, this lady standing before me. I don't know her, but I see her all disturbed about something. Yes. I see her going into a place. It's a clinic or a hospital. Something on that order. And it's something wrong with her, it's in her esophagus. It's in the ... here she's... The food won't swallow down. There seems to be nothing can help it. That's "Thus saith the Lord."

<sup>199</sup> Do you believe, lady. Christ, Son of God, heal this woman, I pray

you know the Author, He'll take care of the Book part for you."

<sup>17</sup> And so, that's the way we love Him tonight. And it brings it down to a simple person as I, has a right to be saved. And no matter how much education, you might not be able to write your own name...

ACTS4:13

<sup>18</sup> Did you know St. Peter, the Apostle, could not write his own name? You know the Bible said he was ignorant and unlearned? Did you know that? Peter's the one that had the keys to the kingdom. We're told (that's historically, and I don't know-it might be mythical) that he wouldn't even know his own name if it was wrote before him. But the Bible declares that he was ignorant and unlearned. But they had to take heed to him because they knew he'd been with Jesus. That's the main thing, that's the mark. Get the mark of being with Jesus. It doesn't take smart people, it takes surrendered hearts to know the Lord Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> Now, tonight, here in the church... I have just learned today, sometime, by some of the brethren that's with me, that brother here has just ... they opened up this revival center. And I didn't even know Brother Jeffries. I met him my first time... I'm not saying that name right. Is it Jefferson? [The Brother says, "Yes."] Jefferson. I didn't even know him until I met him here on the platform the other night. Find him to be a real fine brother.

<sup>20</sup> And I'm trusting that God will bless this old theater-where it used to be the devil's church and now it's turned into God's church. Say, if that theater man's here, he'll probably want to pull me for that. Well, let's... I come now for healing service.

<sup>21</sup> But one of the greatest disgraces... Even from the files of the FBI, they can prove that America started her decline by the movie pictures. Exactly right. Not being censored and all this here stuff they put out before young girls and things like that. Now, the devil put it in every home through television. Now, the television's a fine thing if it's used right. So is the pictures a fine thing if it's used right. But uncensored programs and things like that, it's disgraceful for the way it is. It's absolutely put the wrong things before the American people. And that's where... Of course we realize now that we're on the decline. And as far as I can see the historical ahead of us, we're continually going on.

<sup>22</sup> So, every great nation has to fall. I've stood on the Egyptian ground where the Pharaohs once ruled. We'd have to dig twenty, thirty feet to find some of the ruins of some of the greatest kingdoms of the world. I stood in Rome where the great Caesars stood, and they all fell. And I've stood in London where the great men ... and different places around the world, and their kingdoms fall.

And remember, there's... Every kingdom of this world has to give away; all mortal has to give way to immortality.

<sup>23</sup> I stood by a tree when I was a little boy, a great maple in our country. What a great tree it was. I thought that tree would always be there. And that's been about thirty-five years ago, and today it's a snag.

HEB13:14

<sup>24</sup> Just goes to show that here we have no continuing city, but we're seeking one that'll come. Our great nation will fall someday and crumble just exactly like all other nations, because the kingdom of God shall come some day. Jesus shall set up a kingdom here that'll be an everlasting kingdom. And we're looking for that.

<sup>25</sup> All people... We love our nation, the greatest nation under the heavens. If it wasn't, I'd try to get in the greatest nation. But I'm glad to be an American, but I'm sorry to see it demoralizing and corrupting and going down with vice and sin the way she's sinking tonight. And that's why we're preaching the Gospel and trying everything that we can to seine out every soul that God would have saved before the great climax comes. That's our reason of being here tonight.

<sup>26</sup> There'll come a time when there won't be any Charlotte. There won't be one stone left upon another. There'll be a time that these hills will shake and crumble, but you'll be somewhere. And tonight, maybe it's time for you to decide where you'll be at that time. You're a free moral agent. You can make your decisions.

<sup>27</sup> And now, on the ministry that I introduced... Now, I know there's Bible scholars sitting here. And perceiving coming in, even last night, that it's a smart, intelligent people that I'm speaking to. And the ministry will certainly be difference of what you've ever, perhaps, looked at the Scripture.

<sup>28</sup> And now, I want to get right down to your heart, and have a heart-to-heart talk with you. And, for the next night or two, perhaps, as I have said that I'm weak in my throat, and four months straight without any rest at all, and got to go to Alaska immediately after this. Then I get a couple weeks of rest before returning back for the big Cadle Tabernacle—eleven thousand in Indianapolis, Indiana. Then to the Christian Businessmen over at Minneapolis.

<sup>29</sup> Now, the first thing I want you to do, as... I want to make myself clear that I don't belong to any denominational church. And I got...

<sup>30</sup> And by the way, I want to thank this brother, Pierson... or, Parson. I got that wrong yet. Parton. The other day, they had taken up a love offering for me at the end of the meetings. They didn't have to do that. I don't come for love offerings, I come to try to help. But he did. And in there he made me an honorary clergyman of their society. So, I appreciate that, if any of his people are here, to tell him that I didn't know he'd put it in a little check, and he give to my boy, and they gave it to me on my road home. Thank you. I'm very glad to have that honor.

doesn't heal people. This only brings people's faith up to accept what Jesus did when He healed them when He died, see. It isn't a healing now, it's expressing what Jesus has already done, see. Everybody's healed. Everybody was saved in the atonement, but you have to accept it. Now, there's your faith.

<sup>180</sup> It's a little lady sitting there with glasses on, praying, with a little gray coat on. About two people behind this woman was just prayed for. She's suffering with diabetes and wants to be healed. That's right. Lift your hand up, lady. That's true, isn't it? Raise your hand like this to the audience if that's true.

<sup>181</sup> You was praying and said, "Lord, let him call me." If that's right, raise your hand like this. There you are. How would I know your prayer here.

<sup>182</sup> It's Christ is raised from the dead. It's Him. It's your faith doing that. Believe it. So shall you be healed as you believe on Him.

<sup>183</sup> Now, lady, you... Everyone should believe. And this lady standing before me, she has a trail of sorrow. She's very much disturbed about something. And that's about a man—her husband; he's sick. You got a sick husband. That's "Thus saith the Lord." Raise your hand if that's true. Have faith.

<sup>184</sup> Now, a man came before me just then, but I don't believe he's in the building. Just a moment. Now, be reverent. Everyone just praying.

<sup>185</sup> Look this way again, lady. Have faith and believe in God, every one of you. Just believe the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Just imagine seeing Him standing over here by my side, saying, "You say this, and you say that." And then He taken... looking through my eyes to see something that's happening, that's going to happen.

Now, as I talk to the woman... What was the trouble? Your husband, wasn't it, I believe. Yes, sir. That's right.

<sup>186</sup> Now, I catch your spirit again just like the woman at the well. That's what He was doing. He talked to her a minute so He could catch her spirit.

<sup>187</sup> You got more trouble. That's about a boy. It's your son—a backslider. That boy has caused you a lot of trouble. That boy's in trouble right now. And he's up for a trial. And that trial, I believe it's wrote out, "manslaughter." That's to be tried about tomorrow. Real soon. That's right, isn't it? "Thus saith the Lord."

MARK11:24

<sup>188</sup> Do you believe? Go receive. "As you have believed so shall you receive." Praise the Lord. Have faith in God. Just only believe. Oh, all of you ought to believe. This is for our hour, if you could... if you just have faith. See, Jesus has already done the work. This is just His love

<sup>171</sup> What did Jesus say? “These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover.” Is that right? Then this I do: lay hands upon thee, my beloved sister, in the name of Jesus Christ, that you will receive the desire of your heart, in Jesus Christ’s name. Amen.

<sup>172</sup> God bless you, sister. It all turns right round you now. So, you’re healed and you can go on your road rejoicing and thank the Lord. God bless you, sister.

Do you believe? Only thing you have to do is have faith in God.

<sup>173</sup> Sister, sitting over here in the seat, do you want to get over that rupture? You think God would heal you of that rupture and make you well? If you believed it, you can receive it. It’s up to you whether you want to accept it or not. Do you believe with all your heart?

<sup>174</sup> That didn’t please the Holy Spirit just right. The man lost his healing, see. Just a moment. You’ve got to respond to it. It’s left me, see, it went to the audience. I called a man and He didn’t catch it, see. You must respond. But, see, if He calls you, God don’t want you to linger, He wants you to answer Him, see. Be reverent.

<sup>175</sup> There’s someone else in the audience that’s praying. It’s a dark, shadowed condition. Here it is standing before me here. It’s a woman. She’s upset about something. It looks to me like you could see that light hanging there. Here it comes. It’s over this lady sitting here with the little brown-looking dress. Yes. She’s worried about cancer-stewing about it. That is right, isn’t it, lady? If that’s right, raise up your hand. The little lady there with the brown dress right there.

All right, lady. Don’t you fear. He healed you of that cancer just then. Your faith touched Him and now you’re well.

<sup>176</sup> Have faith in God. Don’t doubt. If you can. . . What did she do? I ask any of you to pray. You were praying, weren’t you, lady? That’s right. That’s right, see.

<sup>177</sup> Now, have faith. How about you up in the balcony? Are you believing? I ask any of you: If I be the servant of God, and I tell the truth about God, God’s got to honor the words that I told. I’ve spoke of Him, now He’s speaking back to me-through me-that I told you the truth. If you can only believe. Have faith.

<sup>178</sup> Look this way and say, “Lord, I believe with all my heart.” Just believe it. Watch. Now, as your faith moves, so does the Holy Spirit. Now, believe.

<sup>179</sup> Is this the patient, sir. Excuse me, lady. I’m not beside myself, yet; it’s a weakening. See, it’s a gift that’s pulling in the audience. There’s fifty-to-one healed in the audience to what’s on the platform. This

<sup>31</sup> And I have honorary degrees, of course, in many different places. Just people. . . Here not long ago somebody was trying to give me a doctor’s degree at the Hindu church in India. And I said, “Now, wouldn’t that look nice for an old boy raised on black-eyed peas and hominy grits, sorghum molasses and biscuits, to get up there, and use such English as I do, such grammar, and then say, ‘Dr. William.’” I said, “People are too intelligent for that.” See.

<sup>32</sup> No, there’s only one thing I want to know. One thing I do know. There’s a great big black door set before me, and it’s before every mortal here, and every mortal in the world. Every time our heart beats we get one closer to it, and that’s death. When I get to the end, when my heart’s making it’s last beat, I don’t want to come there as a coward or a deceiver. I want to come there with this one thought in my mind: I know Him in the power of His resurrection, that when He calls out, I’ll come from among the dead. That’s my one alternative, is to know Him in the power of His resurrection.

<sup>33</sup> Now, this is His Word. And we want to approach it. . . There’s just anybody that’s able to open it up like this, can open it, but there’s only one who could really open it, and that’s Christ-the Holy Spirit. It was written by several different men, set through ages, and every bit of it dovetailed together, and not one contradiction is in the Word. Not one.

2TIM3:16 REV5:3,5

<sup>34</sup> And it’s all given by inspiration. Therefore, there’s no man able to open the Book or to loose the seals thereon as John saw it in the Revelations. But One that had been slain from the foundation of the world-the Lamb-come and took it out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne, and was worthy to take the Book and to loose the seals and to open it. And let’s speak to Him tonight, before we try to open His Book and ask Him if He’ll open it to us, the Author, the Lord Jesus, while we bow our heads.

ZECH14:6

<sup>35</sup> Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight, first, for this place that we have to worship the beloved Lord Jesus. And we come to Thee in His name, asking favors, Lord. We’re constantly asking, because we’re walking in a dismal, dark world, full of sin and trouble. Lying, deceiving spirits everywhere, as You predicted that would be in the last days. And we come humbly, reverently before Thee to ask for mercy and guidance and grace.

<sup>36</sup> We thank Thee for Brother Jeffries here. And for all the ministers that’s present, the shepherds over the flock where the Holy Spirit has given them the overseer job. I pray that somehow, tonight, dear God, that You’ll get right down deep into their hearts. Reveal Yourself in a new and living way to them, each one. Bless their ministry. May they become a greater shepherd and have more sheep to watch over. Grant it, Father.

<sup>37</sup> Bless all the laity here, Your beloved sheep of the pasture. Every church that's represented, we pray, God, that a great revival will break out in each one. And altogether, the Lovely One will come to every denomination. May there be a sweeping revival across this country this coming year that'll shake the other nations. Grant it, Lord. Start it right here, won't you, Father? Begin here in Charlotte, tonight, with an old-fashioned revival in every church. May this weekend find churches just filled full of people; sinners weeping their way up to Calvary, repenting, and great signs and wonders appearing. Grant it, Father.

JOHN14:13,14

<sup>38</sup> Now open the book to us, it may be in a new way, in a light of the Gospel. For we ask this in His name who said "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it"; Thy beloved child, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

JOHN12:20,21

<sup>39</sup> In the book of the Gospel according to St. John, and beginning at the 12th chapter and the 20th and 21st verses, I wish to read this little ... the text here. And may God give us a context from it, in doing so, that He'll bless His Word. We know this, if we read His Word, it will not return void. It'll accomplish that which it was purposed for.

*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:*

*And the same therefore came to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.*

HEB13:8

<sup>40</sup> May the Lord add His blessings to that Word. And for the text tonight, we would use Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today, And Forever.

Now, let's try to be just as reverent, and listen and pray, as we approach these things.

<sup>41</sup> Now, in the Word of God, many times we set our rules and regulations of just certain things that's to take place, and if it happens contrary to the way that we think it should be, then, we say it's not right.

<sup>42</sup> Now, brethren and friends of Christ, did you know that's the reason the Jews in the first coming of the Lord Jesus failed to recognize Him? Because He came contrary to what they had figured out Him coming. They expected a Messiah to be different. But He come exactly according to the Scripture. But it wasn't according to their theology, their teaching.

MATT21:5

<sup>43</sup> And you know, I believe if He would come tonight, it would be altogether different than what we've got it figured out He'll come. He always seems to do it, but, yet, it's straight with the Scripture. See, they was expecting Him coming in His second coming: His great power; which then He will come for them and for us. But we know in His first

believing.

Heavenly Father, I pray for the woman in the name of the Lord Jesus. Grant it, Lord. Amen.

Have faith in God. Believe, so shall thou receive.

<sup>164</sup> How do you do, lady. I suppose we're strangers to each other. We don't know each other. Now, you're just a bit excited, because... This isn't going to bother you, see. It's the Lord Jesus, not your brother. I'm just your brother. But it's the Lord Jesus to help you.

<sup>165</sup> Now, if I could help you and wouldn't do it, I'd be a brute, wouldn't I? But if I had any way of helping you, lady, whatever you're here for, I'd do anything I could for you, and I would. Yes, ma'am. God knows my heart. I'd do anything I could. I can't. You see, there's just limitations. As being born in this world, as a child I saw visions. And then He met me and told me that was His work for me to do here on earth. Everybody don't believe it. They didn't believe Him, so how much more would they believe me, then.

<sup>166</sup> But, you're conscious that there's just a little something strange at this time. Just, there's something, now kind of a humble, sweet feeling like, around you. Isn't that right? That's the Angel of the Lord that you can see on the picture.

<sup>167</sup> Now that what you see on the picture is right where you are now. Of course, being this (I call it dimension, or channel) that I'm in, I see it. It's right around you, now, as it comes to you. Then, He may reveal something to help you to believe Him, see, to know that He's living. He loves you.

<sup>168</sup> The first thing I notice, as you begin to move away, is your feeling, or lack of spirituality. You're seeking and wanting and always, ... I see and even as a girl, seem like as a child like, you've always desired a closer walk, but you've never had it performed yet. Never have come into that category. That is right.

<sup>169</sup> And I'm not reading your mind, see. But I see you even as a younger person. And that is true. Now, if that's true, if it is, raise your hand. He's here now, see. Your life is just open before you. And I see you, also, you're upset and beset about something. You're real nervous-very nervous condition. And then I see there's something wrong with the blood ... or, it's a artery in your body-the artery.

<sup>170</sup> Then you got a condition that you walk, it's a kind of a arthritis you have also. That is true. Then I see you take a fall. You just recently had a fall, sometime ago, and it kind of upset you. You never have just felt right since then. That is true. Is that all true? Then there's something here close that knows you, isn't it? Do you believe it to be the resurrected Jesus Christ? Then come here.



be do the same thing He done back here. That's right.

<sup>154</sup> And now, if the lady will be ... if God will grant His mercy, I pray that He will. I don't say that He will, but may He will. I trust Him. She's promised to receive Him. Do you all promise to receive Him?

<sup>155</sup> Now, as the woman... If the man out here at the microphone is still catching my voice, she's moving away from me. The woman is bothered. I see her with a severe nervous condition as she's walking, and the way she grips her hands, and she's extremely nervous. And another thing is with the woman, she's got a sinus trouble up here in her face. And she is... That's right. That's "Thus saith the Lord." Now you believe?

<sup>156</sup> Now watch. See, the more I'd talk to her... That's why the Spirit is moving on. Now, lady, you know whether that was true or not. Now, if you just believe with all your heart, maybe He would show me something else, kind of being you're being the first patient. For that would be...

<sup>157</sup> Now, yes, I see you being examined. You have real bad headaches all the time-migraine headaches. And I see you going in and out of the hosp... more than one hospital. You're going from hospital to hospital. And none of it is doing you any good. That is "Thus saith the Lord."

Do you believe now He made heavens and earth?

<sup>158</sup> Heavenly Father, I ask for her health in Jesus Christ's name. May it be granted for Your glory. Amen. God bless you, sister. Do you believe now with all your heart? Go rejoicing.

<sup>159</sup> Do you believe? Now you can't blame the woman for being all upset ... or, disturbed. You'd be, too, if you were healed. Now, what healed her? Not me. Her faith did it. Just have faith, believe. Now be real reverent. Be real reverent.

<sup>160</sup> Now, the lady here, an aged woman. I've never seen her in my life. We're strangers to one another. Are we, sister, dear? I don't know you, never seen you. But if Christ will let me know what you're here for, will you accept it and believe it? May He grant it.

<sup>161</sup> The first thing I see, if the audience can still hear my voice, she's shadowed. A darkness is all around the woman because she's suffering with cancer. That's "Thus saith the Lord." That is true, isn't it, lady. Raise your hand if that's true. Do you believe?

<sup>162</sup> Now, just a moment. Let's talk to the lady just a moment longer. Visions make me weak. As you can see I am. So I, just for the first night, I take my time. Whatever He told you... Now, you heard my voice. But, that wasn't me. That was Him. I just yielded.

<sup>163</sup> And now, I just... Yeah, I see it coming again. It's darkness. It is a cancer. It's cancer. And one of them is located on your shoulder ... your right shoulder is where that cancer is located. Is that right? Now go

coming, He was to come lowly, riding on a mule, coming in the city. And how even His disciples didn't understand that.

<sup>44</sup> And how it is tonight, that sometimes things happen, and if it doesn't just equal up to what our church teaches, then we want to throw it out and say there's nothing to it. But you know, the thing we ought to do sensibly is to look at it in the light of the Scripture.

<sup>45</sup> Now, I believe that every Bible teaching, or every church, and every revelation (listen), everything must be built on this Word. If anybody teaches anything contrary to the Word, I wouldn't believe it, see. This Bible is God's foundation. No other foundation can be laid but that which is already laid: Christ Jesus.

<sup>46</sup> Now, knowing here, with Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Nazarene, Catholic, and all mixed together... And each one is saying, "Well, my church teaches this." That's fine. We're so happy for that. But let's look, and ask, and see by the Word of God, just what it teaches for this day ... for a message for this day.

<sup>47</sup> Each one of us are familiar with our church doctrine. Well now, that's very good. I appreciate you Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, and all your doctrine. I appreciate that. That's fine. I believe that, too, every bit of it. I believe everything you teach from the Scripture, is right.

<sup>48</sup> But now, in the Old Testament, there was three ways of knowing a message: The first, it was the law; the second, it was a prophet; and the third was a dreamer. And then they had a way of proving that whether it was just exactly right or not.

EX28:30

<sup>49</sup> Now, in the Aaronic, or Levitical, priesthood, on Aaron's breastplate had twelve stones. And it's not exactly known by the scholars whether it was a reflection of the twelve stones together, or certain sacred lights: That when a prophet prophesied, or a dreamer told his dream, or whatever it was, and these supernatural lights didn't flash on this what was called Urim Thummim. And if this supernatural light didn't flash and give witness to that, well, then, it was wrong. No matter how true the prophet was or how real the dreamer was, or whatever the revelation was, it had to be witnessed by the Urim Thummim. If it wasn't, it wasn't true. Any Scriptural scholar knows that.

<sup>50</sup> Now, in the Aaronic priesthood, or the Levitical priesthood, that priesthood was done away with and the Urim Thummim of that time ceased. But in this new priesthood, the Bible is God's Urim Thummim. And if a revelation comes, a prophet prophesies, a church is established, a doctrine is made, and it don't flash on the Bible, then it's wrong. This is God's Urim Thummim.

<sup>51</sup> We must listen to the Word. I'm just old-fashioned enough to believe that that Bible was written by inspiration. And I believe every word of it

is God's living Word. And you can rest your eternal destination on any word that's written in the Bible.

<sup>52</sup> Now, the thought comes this: If God... If we believe... I want to know how many here, first, believes that Jesus Christ was, and is, the Son of God. Let's see your hands. Thank you. How many believes that He has risen from the dead? Let's see your hands.

<sup>53</sup> Now, surely if I was risen from the dead ... had died, and had rose again, I would be visible. I would be to a place that you'd know I was here. And if Jesus has risen from the dead, surely there ought to be some way that we would know that He had raised from the dead.

<sup>54</sup> Here, as I said a few weeks ago ... or, a few days ago, down to Spindale, the great Mr. Reedhead, vice-president, or president, one, of the great Sudan Missions, the fundamental missions-one of the greatest in the world... He was conquered by a Mohammedan that give him that question, and said, "If He has risen from the dead, where is He? Prove it to we Mohammedans. But, until you prove it, then He's in the grave just like Mohammed is."

And Dr. Reedhead tried to give him all the Scripture and everything.

JOHN14:12

<sup>55</sup> He said, "But look, see." Said, "Mohammed only promised life after death." And said, "Your Jesus promised that you teachers would do the same thing He done." Said, "Now, that was His promise."

MARK16:15-18

<sup>56</sup> And I want to show you the little loophole that Dr. Reedhead tried to squeeze through. He said, "I suppose you mean Mark 16, where He said, 'Go into all the world, preach the Gospel. These signs shall follow them that believe. Heal the sick and perform signs.'"

"Yes, that's one of them," he said.

<sup>57</sup> He said, "But, sir, you see, we better scholars of the Scripture, we learned that Mark the 16th chapter, from the 9th verse on is not inspired. It was just added."

<sup>58</sup> And the Mohammedan stood and said, "Kind sir, what kind of a Bible do you read that a part of it's inspired and the rest of it's not inspired?" Said, "I'll let you know that all the Koran's inspired."

<sup>59</sup> What a disgrace to Christianity. This is all inspired, too! I don't believe the Koran is inspired. I believe this is the only inspired book there is in the world. And every promise in it is true. If I can't meet the issue, I'll say that I haven't got faith enough to do it, but yet His Word is true.

DAN3:17,18

<sup>60</sup> Like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego said, "Our God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace, but nevertheless, we wouldn't bow to the image." That is true, the Bible is God's inspired Word.

JOHN4:18,19

<sup>146</sup> Now this is a very beautiful picture to start, tonight, of a repeat of a scripture. In the 3rd chapter of St. John a man and a woman met for the first time at a well. One was a Samaritan and the other one was a Jew. And Jesus went to talking to the woman until He found where her trouble was. And he told her what her trouble was. And she recognized it to be the Messiah.

<sup>147</sup> Now, if He's raised from the dead, He can do the same thing. Now, the only thing that I care about this meeting... I felt led to accept it. I didn't ask who was sponsoring, or nothing about it. I don't know what is sponsoring, just a little, few days' meeting here, just to get acquainted with you Carolina people.

<sup>148</sup> And Brother Moore sitting here preaching, he just... I didn't know where it was going to be. We tried to book the auditorium, that's all I know. I'm here. This is my first person tonight. That's all I know.

<sup>149</sup> I was born miles away from this woman. I never seen her. But, Jesus Christ the Son of God, who's here in Spirit form, now, if He will, He can... If I can yield myself to Him by a divine gift, then this woman can have a repeat of that day up there. Is that right? The Samaritan. Now may the Lord grant it. And all of His promise you would believe and accept it. May the Lord grant it as I talk to the woman.

<sup>150</sup> Now, lady, not knowing you, and never met you, and never knowing who you was or nothing, but you'd have to believe someday that I'd have to know, if I know why you're here for. I wouldn't have any idea. You're just a woman, standing here. I wouldn't have any idea why you're here. But, you want something, or you may be here for a critic. If you are, you just watch what takes place, see. But, that I say ... or, you might be, see. See, I wouldn't know whether you was or not. I have no way of knowing, see. But if you'll just watch, see, you'll find out.

<sup>151</sup> Now, you being a Christian woman, and are here for some purpose. Christ alone knows, I don't. But, you're conscious that there's something besides just me here. There's something besides me. I hope that all of you will watch the expression on each person's face as the Angel of the Lord comes near them.

<sup>152</sup> The woman's aware that something's going on. It's not her brother makes her feel that way, see. Now between me and the woman is this same pillar of fire you see right here, is right between us now.

<sup>153</sup> Now, she being a woman, me a man, not knowing her, never seen her, then God would have to reveal to me something. Now if she wants healing if it's sickness, or, if it's finance, whatever she's here for, I don't know. But, whatever it is, it was already purchased. Whatsoever she wanted, it was purchased at Calvary. The only thing He could do if He was wearing this suit that He gave me, the only thing He could do would

Lord. Take these few mixed up words from a hoarse voice. And I pray tonight, that You'll scatter them across this building in every sincere heart. Grant it, Lord.

<sup>138</sup> Won't You please, once more, send the Lord Jesus back. Let Him come, Father. And as we humble ourselves, as I humble myself, and yield myself to Your Spirit, may it come and speak. May the people yield themselves to the Spirit, and their desires be granted.

Have mercy on us, Father. We ask this blessing in Christ's name, the Son of God. Amen.

[Break in tape.] ... if He does, then, you're without excuse.

<sup>139</sup> Now, we gave out some prayer cards. Where's the boys, Gene, Leo, or someone? Did you give out any prayer cards? Did anybody give out prayer cards tonight? Oh, they did. Who gave them out? Billy? Where's he at? Oh, I'm sorry. What'd you give out? From 1 to 50. All right.

<sup>140</sup> Who has prayer card number 1? raise up your hand. Just look at it, just a little prayer card, we just gave out. We haven't got one. Just this little square card. It's got my picture on one side, on the next it's got a number.

<sup>141</sup> Number 1, raise up your hand. Prayer card number 1. No? Listen. Now remember, your time... May I say this now: The prayer cards is inexchangeable. You have to come here and get your prayer card for yourself. Now, check it out. Every person comes up, come here and get your prayer card, see. Come here to Billy. Come here and hear the instructions the minister gives before I come. And there's where you get your prayer card. And, of course, if you're called and your number's not...

<sup>142</sup> Number 1. (You said 1 to 50, didn't you?) Number 1, is it here? Number 2. Let's see. All right. I guess number 1 went out then. All right. Can you bring them to the usher over that way? Over that way you're going to bring them? All right. Bring them through the hall, or any way you want to, just so they're...

<sup>143</sup> If anyone's crippled and can't get up, now, when you're number's called, we'll have the ushers to pack you up here, see. All right.

<sup>144</sup> Number 1, number 2, number 3. Anybody got prayer card number 3, would you raise your hand? I can't see the balcony too well. Anybody that's got prayer card 3, would you raise up your hand? Is this lady. Number 4? Prayer card number 4, would you raise your... Way back there? I'm sorry. Come right up, sir. Is it a lady? [Blank spot on tape.]

<sup>145</sup> All right. If we've never seen each other before, just raise up your hand. I've never seen you. I don't know the woman, never seen her. She's just standing here, that's all.

<sup>61</sup> Now, these Greeks come with a question that I believe that every human being since Jesus was crucified, that's had any touch or feeling towards God, would ask the same question that they asked there. "Sir, we would see Jesus." I believe that's the life ... or, the desire of every Christian, and I believe that's the desire of every person here tonight. Is it? Let's see your hands. "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

<sup>62</sup> Now, to me, and to the believer, any believer, this is either the truth, or it is not the truth. It's either right, or it's not right. And if it wasn't the truth, I would be somewhere else tonight besides here. I wouldn't be here. If I was against Him, I'd be preaching against Him, I'd be saying against Him. But, I believe Him, and I believe He's the Son of God and I believe He's raised from the dead. I'm for Him, and ready to die for Him, because it's the truth. And I know beyond one shadow of doubt that this is the Gospel and it's the truth. And by God's grace I can prove that it's the truth.

And now, what we want to look at then, if Jesus has raised from the dead, can we see Him? "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

<sup>63</sup> Now, there's only one way to do and that's go and see what kind of a person we would look for. If you were going tonight to see Jesus, if Jesus was in Charlotte tonight, what type of man would you look for? Would you go and look for some fellow that was way up in some great, high cathedral with real priestly-looking clothes on? Walk out... Would that be the kind of Jesus you was looking for? If it is, He's certainly changed since He was here on earth the last time; for He dressed just like ordinary men. He went in among men, in and out among men, and they didn't even know Him, because He looked so common like other men. There was nothing, any conspicuous about the Lord Jesus to look at Him. He would do a certain thing; that's the only way they'd know Him, by His miracles and the sign that He did.

<sup>64</sup> On the road from Emmaus, after His resurrection (Do you see it?) Cleopas and his friend was walking with Him after His resurrection. And He was so plain yet, until they didn't recognize Him until He done a certain thing like He used to do it before He was crucified. They recognized it to be Him. Do you see it?

<sup>65</sup> Notice. He was not a man of great swelling vocabulary, or words. He didn't overdo the thing. And I'm going to give you a little between the lines, if you can receive it. Scholars today are all turned around, "This Greek word means this; and that word means that." You know why? They're trying to mate the Bible to the highest sphere of the Greek or the Hebrew, when Jesus didn't speak His words big like that. The Bible said the common people heard Him gladly.

<sup>66</sup> We're supposed to speak English. And when I went to England, I needed a interpreter there worse than anywhere I ever went in my life. I got with those Cockneys and Oxford groups, talking way down here in their throats. I couldn't understand what they were saying. The man tried to tell me how to go to the Abbey. I needed an interpreter.

<sup>67</sup> You see, there's so much difference, even between the north and south here in America. I called from Houston, Texas, to up in New York, and the little southern girl with her talk, and the northern girl with her talk; they had to break it up somewhere between here and get somebody to interpret for us. Right here in America. Sure. They couldn't understand each other.

<sup>68</sup> And Jesus talked with such simple language with the simple people, and was written likewise. And they're trying to put those great big swelling, outstanding hold-on-for-dear-life (as I call it) words in it, and they miss it.

<sup>69</sup> So, it was wrote simple. Christ, so simple, as it was to bring the gospel to the poor and needy. Amen. That's what makes Him great to me. A guy that sticks his chest out and thinks he's somebody, that shows how little he is, to me. That's right. The more simple you can get, the higher God'll raise you. Just be simple.

<sup>70</sup> That's what's the matter with the American people. That's the reason we can have a service in Africa, India, and tens of thousands will be healed at once. But, oh, we got everything figured out. Dr. Jones, or ... (If there's a Dr. Jones, forgive me, brother.) But, see, he said it was this. Another Dr. So-and-so of our church said it was mental telepathy, and this... That's the reason you can't get nowhere, see.

<sup>71</sup> You make it so complicated, when the gospel is so simple. It's just believing. That's all. Christ said so, that's just fine. He gave it to me. I take Him at His Word.

<sup>72</sup> Now, that's how simple it is. So, we wouldn't look for a fellow that looked like that He had taught Mr. Webster then. He wouldn't be a man that was so full of great words. He wouldn't dress any different. He'd be ... what kind... He wouldn't be up with the classics.

<sup>73</sup> "Oh," you say, "yes, He would." Well, if He has, then He isn't the same yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8 says "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."<sup>HEB13:8</sup>

<sup>74</sup> So, if He dressed different today-like a priest or a rabbi-then He wouldn't be the same. If He used great swelling words today like the scholars... I'm not degrading education; I'm trying to get to a people.

<sup>75</sup> Look, sitting this pit here. Look out in there: sick people. I'm trying to get to where they can see how simple it is. You're trying to look for something way off and try to educate yourself to it, when it's right here

<sup>131</sup> You're all born to be sons and daughters of God, but if you want to give yourself to drinking, or the world, or any kind of deviations and things like that, that's up to you-using it for the devil. Sure, it's where the devil gets a hold of you. When God borns you here for a certain thing, to do a certain thing, then you let the devil get a hold of you. You're born here to be sons and daughters of God, but you let the devil get a hold of you, and you want to become glamour girls and popular and everything else like that. Humble yourself before the hand of God so God can make sons and daughters out of you. Amen.

<sup>132</sup> I'm sorry to take your time like that, but you're a wonderful audience. And maybe I spoke too much or too loud; I didn't mean to. But I want you to know, my dear friend, that Jesus is risen from the dead. He's here tonight in spirit form. He's been here since the day He rose from the dead. Many people don't believe that.

PSA2:1 ACTS4:25,30

<sup>133</sup> They didn't believe it back there. They believed they carried Him out and ... out of the grave and hired people to say the same thing. The Bible said, "Why do the heathens rage and the people imagine a vain thing? Truly has Thy Son Jesus, Thy Holy Child, stretched forth His hand to heal." Same thing, see.

JOHN14:12

<sup>134</sup> God never does take His Spirit; He takes His man. He took Elijah, but his spirit come upon Elisha. Then it come upon John the Baptist ... predicted again for the last days. So where it goes is upon Christ, it comes down through the church, on down through the church age. Same things that Elisha done Elijah done -double portion. That's the church exactly. "Greater than this shall you do for I go to my Father." A double portion of the Spirit on down.

<sup>135</sup> The devil takes his man, but never his spirit. Real Orthodox, stiff, starchy, and religious to who wouldn't have it. Washing of hands and saying the Doxology and repeating prayers and everything else. Just as religious as he can be, but still the devil.

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15 JOHN8:44

<sup>136</sup> Jesus said to those staunch, staunch teachers... Nothing you could put on their life saying he's unholy. No, sir. They had to keep that law to the letter. But yet Jesus said, "You're of your father the devil," because they called Him an unclean spirit. Because He did the very things that I was talking to you about tonight. That's the reason they said, "He's a devil. He's a fortuneteller. He's a witch. Because he has that power, he's Beelzebub."

May the Lord help us now as we bow our heads.

<sup>137</sup> Our kind, heavenly Father, this is Your Bible I've been quoting to the people. Being tired and weary, and wore out, I know I can't do justice with it, Father, and couldn't anyhow. But, I just came to see You,

<sup>125</sup> That's right or it's wrong. If that's right, then the Bible's right. If that's wrong, then the Bible's wrong. But if Christ promised to do these things, and will come into this audience tonight and do the same thing, living His life right back again the way He did, will you believe that He is raised from the dead and will accept Him as your Saviour and healer? Will you do it? Raise your hands, everywhere, if you will. Anywhere?

<sup>126</sup> I won't say that He will. I've served Him now twenty-three years. I've been in the ministry of this type since He called me. It would've been since I was two or three, four or five years old, but I didn't know it. My people wasn't religious. They didn't go to church. And so, I would've noticed quicker. I wish they had've been. So you raise your child to serve the Lord and to know what God is calling.

<sup>127</sup> Then when I got with the church, they told me it was of the devil; and like to scared me to death. Well, then, when He come and told me, when He said to me that night...

And I said, "Well, my ministering brethren..."

<sup>128</sup> He said, "Yes, that's the way they did in the first place." Said, "When they was arguing what kind of buttons must be on their coats, there was the Magi out there worshipping."

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15

And when Jesus came, the ministers of that day, the preachers, said, "He is Beelzebub, the devil."

MATT8:29

And the devil turned around and said, "I know who you are. You're the Son of God."

That devil knowed more about it than preachers did. Hasn't changed too much when it comes to supernatural.

ACTS16:16,20-23 MATT17:6

<sup>129</sup> And then when Paul and Silas come down... That little fortuneteller... The ministers up there said, "These men turn the world upside down. They're imposters, they're terrible people," said the preachers and all the church. "Get them out of the country. Well, these men ought to die. We ought to beat them and put them in a jail and everything." The preachers had that done.

ACTS16:16,17

But when this little fortuneteller, when she seen them she said, "Why, these are the men of God who tell us the way of life."

ACTS16:18

Then Paul turned around and rebuked that spirit. He didn't need any help from the devil. That's right.

<sup>130</sup> But the little fortuneteller knowed more about it than all those Orthodox preachers. That's right. Because she was more subject to spirits. She was perverted, that's all. What is a fortuneteller? A perverted Christian.

and you just step right over on the top of it, see.

GEN2:16,17

<sup>76</sup> You don't know God by education; you know God by faith. There was two trees in the garden of Eden. One of them was the tree of knowledge. One was a tree of life. As long as man eat from this tree he lived. But, when he left this tree and bit his first bite off there, he separated himself from his maker. And he's been biting on it ever since.

<sup>77</sup> And we've even brought it over and put it in church. You got to have so many degrees, or you have to say "Aaah-men" a certain way, or you can't get to the platform. You have to have all your papers and everything to show what creed you're with, and so forth, before you can even come into a church almost. See how they got it? The devil's done that. Exactly right.

1SAM9:2 ISA53:2 JOHN8:57

<sup>78</sup> Now, but watch the lovely Jesus, that's the one we're looking at tonight. Now, we see then He didn't go up with the classics. He was very humble. He didn't... What kind of a person was He? The Bible said, "There was no beauty we should desire Him." He was thirty years old and passed for fifty. He probably is not a great big seven-footer with shoulders like barn doors. He wasn't that type. That's the type that they call a beautiful or handsome man like Saul, with his big seven-foot-something tall. But He was probably a little bitty fellow. He said, "I'm no man-a worm," see.

1COR15:4 HEB1:3 HEB8:1

<sup>79</sup> But now, now Jesus, Himself, when He was crucified and put in the grave, He arose on the third day. God raised Him up, and set Him on the right hand of His Majesty on high, and sent back the Holy Spirit, which is to represent Him in the same way that He was here on earth until He comes again. That Spirit was given to the church.

JOHN12:21

<sup>80</sup> Now, let's trace His life just a little bit and see what... If you'd say, "Sirs, we would see Jesus," let's go see what He... let's go back and see what He was. And I want to ask you now: What He was then, He's got to be the same today. What His ministry was then, if the Holy Spirit brings His ministry today as it did then, then it's got to be the same type of ministry.

<sup>81</sup> If a man professes to be a Christian, has got to live that same Christlike life. If the Spirit of Christ is in you, it'll certainly do the same works that Christ did.

<sup>82</sup> What if I told you tonight that the spirit of John Dillinger was in me? Why, you'd look for big guns, and I'd be a dangerous person to stand before. What if I told you the spirit of some famous artist was in me? You'd expect me to get out here and paint these hills and seas and white clouds over these various things here, just like the artist would do if his

spirit was in me. Is that true?

<sup>83</sup> If I told you the Spirit of Christ was in me, then the Spirit of Christ has to operate the same way that it did in Christ. If it isn't, then the Spirit of Christ doesn't lead me. I'm led by some other spirit. But if the Spirit of Christ is in you, then you're Christlike. You become Christ's disciple.

COL1:27

<sup>84</sup> And there's where people today look upon different emotions of shouting and joining church and things like that, till it takes the place ... or education, a denomination, or something on that sort to take the place of Christ, and it'll never take the place. It can't do it. It's the Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>85</sup> Now, notice, let's follow Jesus in His life's journey, and find out... Now, you get your pencils and paper. We'll probably go into it in detail more each night, if the Lord leads. But let's go into the life of Jesus Christ and find out the type of persons He was then... What type of person He was then, He'll have to be the same today if He has raised from the dead. That ought to be clear enough that any of us would understand.

<sup>86</sup> Now, let's go back to the beginning of His ministry. Of course, we know He was born a virgin birth, conceived by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, and came forth as a child, and was... Age of twelve we find Him at the temple. At the age of thirty we find him being baptized in the Jordan by John. And He stood right upon them and they didn't know it.

MATT3:11 MARK1:7 LUKE3:16 JOHN1:26

<sup>87</sup> John said, "There's one standing among you now that you don't know, who was preferred before me. He's right among you and His shoes I'm not even worthy to loose. You call me a prophet, but I'm not worthy to loose His shoes." There stood Jesus, standing there, but the sign hadn't come yet.

MATT3:11 LUKE3:16 JOHN1:33

<sup>88</sup> And one day John looked up and he saw a light like a dove coming down. John said, "I didn't know Him. But He in the wilderness said, 'Upon whom you see this sign descending, that's the One that'll baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.'"

MATT3:14

John said, "Why comest Thou unto me? I have need to come to You."

MATT3:4 MARK1:6

<sup>89</sup> When the Messianic sign was shown to the first person, outside of His shepherds and the magis, was John the Baptist. He saw this boy, after John going into the wilderness at the age of nine years old... Never went off to some seminary, now; he went to pray and come out of the wilderness. Burly-looking fellow, a piece of sheepskin wrapped around

a street called Straight. And Ananias was down there (a prophet) a-praying. And when he did, he looked at a vision and he saw him, just exactly where he come, and went down and found him and told him exactly what happened on the road. He laid his hands on him and he received his sight and was filled with the Holy Ghost. Is that right?

HEB13:8

<sup>118</sup> Notice, if Jesus did those things in that day, and He has raised from the dead, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He's obligated to His Word.

1COR12:28 EPH4:11,12

<sup>119</sup> Now, His corporal body sits at the right hand of God. You believe that, don't you? But the Holy Spirit is here, working through His sanctified vessels. And God has set in the church, what? First apostles, then prophets, then teachers, then evangelists, then pastors (Is that right?) for the perfecting of the church.

JOHN5:19

<sup>120</sup> God has did it. It's not the preacher that preaches, it's God preaching through him. It's not the prophet that sees the vision, it's God speaking through him. "I do nothing except the Father shows me first what to do."

JOHN4:4

<sup>121</sup> That's the reason He had to go up to Samaria. That's why all these other things taken place. Follow His life and see if that isn't right.

Now, our time is way passed. But we want to call for some sick to be prayed for.

MATT28:20 JOHN14:12

<sup>122</sup> Brethren, I say this, and declare this as your brother in Christ: What motives have I got here tonight? What's my business here? Why am I here in Charlotte, anyhow? I come to try to encourage you to believe on the Lord Jesus. I come to help you Baptists, and you Methodists, and you Pentecostal, and you Nazarenes, and every one of you. I come to help you. I come to say this, that Jesus that you have been worshipping is not some creed or form. He's a living Jesus. He's with us. "I'll be with you, in you, to the end of the world. And the things that I do shall you do also."

<sup>123</sup> He's got to keep that Word. If that isn't true, then the Bible isn't true. If the Bible isn't true, then Christ did not raise from the dead; Jesus, the one who claimed to be Christ, is still in the grave.

<sup>124</sup> But, thanks be to God, He's living tonight. He's here in Charlotte right now. He's omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent, infinite. He's everywhere, all the time, every place. Satan can't be that, for God's the only One who's omnipotent and omniscient and omnipresent. He's everywhere.

MATT18:20 JOHN14:13

"Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I'll be in their midst. Let them ask anything in my name, I'll do it."

you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise.” How many knows that’s the Scriptures?

JOHN5:19

<sup>111</sup> What did He say then? “I do nothing until first the Father shows me in a vision on what to do. Then I do just what He tells me to do.” Listen. “Verily, verily I say unto you. . .”

“Why don’t you go down there and heal all that bunch? Why don’t you do this and why don’t you do that?”

JOHN5:17,19

<sup>112</sup> He said, “I say unto you the Son can do nothing in Himself. For what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh and I worketh hitherto.” That settled it.

JOHN14:12

<sup>113</sup> Then, if Jesus, when He was here on earth, He said, “He that believeth on me. . .” St. John the 12th chapter and the 14th verse, I believe it is. He said, “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also. More than this shall he do, for I go unto my Father.”

MATT28:20 JOHN14:19

<sup>114</sup> Jesus said, “A little while and the world (that’s the world order) the world will see me no more. Yet, ye shall see me, for I (I is a personal pronoun) I will be with you to the end of the world. I’ll even be in you to the end of the world. With you, even in you. And these things that I do shall you do also.”

ACTS27:20-26

<sup>115</sup> And when the disciples came forth, they did the same things. Paul was shipwrecked . . . or, not shipwrecked, yet. He was out in the sea fourteen days and nights with no moon, stars, or nothing. All hopes was gone to ever be saved. And he went down in the bulkhead and was praying. Come up and said, “Be of a good courage for the Angel of God, whose servant I am, stood by me and said, ‘Don’t fear, Paul. You must be brought before Caesar and, lo, God gives all these that sail with you to you, but the ship’s going to be wrecked before a certain island,’” he saw the vision. And said, “Wherefore, I believe God. It’ll be just as He showed me.”

ACTS10:9,11

Peter on the housetop, when the sheet come down, showed it’d go to the Gentiles.

ACTS9:3,5

When Saul was stricken blind, when he saw that Angel of God in the form of a light. . . And he said, “Who are you, Lord?”

JOHN16:28 ACTS9:5

<sup>116</sup> He said, “I’m Jesus.” He was a light to fire the children of Israel. He said, “I come from God; I go back to God.” And He said, “I’m Jesus who you persecute.”

ACTS9:11,12,17,18

<sup>117</sup> What was the light? Same pillar of fire was again. And he was led to

him with a leather camel-skin belt on. Fuzz all over his face, and probably, if he come to your door begging, you’d call the police on him. Come stomping out of the wilderness, but preached repentance, till it was through all the region. Amen.

MATT3:11 MARK1:7 LUKE3:16 JOHN1:26

<sup>90</sup> Notice, and he kept saying, “I don’t know who He is. But there’s One among you somewhere. I’m not worthy to bear His shoes. I couldn’t unloose His shoes. He’s standing here.”

PSA114:4 ISA40:4 ISA55:12

<sup>91</sup> Look what a great instant that was. All the prophets, all the way back from the garden of Eden, had spoke of this event. The Bible said that the mountains would skip like little rams, and all the leaves would clap their hands. And all the high places would be brought low, and the low places would be brought high; and the rough places made plain.

1COR3:19

<sup>92</sup> Look what them Jews looked for. Look how simple He come. Amen. What happened? It looked like there’d be a host of angels come down in golden chariots packing someone along. But it wasn’t. That’s where they were fooled. What man calls great, God calls foolish. What man calls great, God calls foolish; and what God calls great, man calls foolish.

<sup>93</sup> What kind of an inauguration would this be? Here an old burly. . . Not a rabbi, not a priest, but an old woodsman with a piece of sheepskin gird around him, with a stick in his hand, stomped out there on the wilderness . . . banks out there, of Jordan, and preached repentance. And they stood in the muddy banks of the Jordan. Where was the mountains skipping like little rams and leaves clapping their hands?

We’ll try to get that a little later this week; I’ll show you in the Scripture what will happen.

JOHN1:26,32

<sup>94</sup> He said, “There’s One among you. One standing here. I don’t know Him yet.” But when he saw a sign, a light coming from heaven, circling down in the form of a dove, and went upon Him, John said, “That’s Him! That’s Him. I knew Him because there was a sign over Him.”

JOHN1:33

<sup>95</sup> John straightly testified, “I knew Him not. But He that said to me in the wilderness, ‘Go baptize with water,’ said, ‘Upon Whom thou shall see the Spirit descending and remaining, that’s the one that’ll baptize with the Holy Ghost.’” He knew Him by the sign that God gave him.

<sup>96</sup> Now, if God raised His Son from the dead, we’ve got a right to look for the sign of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. He promised it to us! And we got a right for it.

MATT4:1,2 MARK1:13 LUKE4:2

He went into the wilderness, was tempted for forty days by the devil. The devil wanted Him to do something before him.

MATT4:3 LUKE4:3

<sup>97</sup> He said, "I tell you, if you're the Messiah and you a miracle-worker, let's see you do a miracle here before me now. Now you turn these stones into bread ('cause you're hungry) and you eat it. Turn these stones to bread. Do a miracle before me and I'll believe you."

Now that same... Now that man, see... That same spirit is on men today. [Blank spot on tape.]

MATT26:67,68 MATT27:40,42 MARK15:30 LUKE22:64

<sup>98</sup> ... on the cross and said, dying, He said, "If thou be the Son of God, come down off the cross and we'll accept you. We'll believe it." He could see visions, so they put a rag around His head and hit him on the head with a stick and said, "Now, you prophesy. Tell us who hit you."

See that same devil? Working right... It's still right in the church.

A man, not long ago, give a thousand dollars to any man that would show one miracle that'd been performed. Any kind of sign of healing...

<sup>99</sup> Just happened to be, I had a broadcast that morning. I took two doctors and two people that had both been cured by divine healing. One of them was a cripple, the other with cancer. Knocked on his door and asked for it. He said, "We'll have to take you to Abilene, Texas. And said, "We'll take a little child and we'll cut that child's arm with a knife or something. And then you heal it before we brethren and we'll pay off."

<sup>100</sup> I said, "You need healing worse than anybody I ever seen-mental healing." That's right. I said, "It shows you're mentally crippled."

Same old spirit. "Do it here before me and let me see it." That's what they said to Jesus. Jesus ignored them.

<sup>101</sup> I said, "No, that's not a gentlemen. You said you'd pay off. And here they are, and here's the doctors to prove it." I said, "I'll just turn the check over to the missions, overseas."

But he wouldn't do it; 'course he wouldn't. And so that... You can't ... don't pay any attention to them.

<sup>102</sup> So, if you notice, why, the Lord Jesus, the first thing He begin to do... Let's watch now for a few minutes. Let's follow His blessed life. And if we see what He was then, He has to be the same today in His church. If He isn't, He hasn't raised from the dead. If He is raised from the dead, He's obligated to do it. That's Christian believers, for He said He would do it. And He's obligated to His Word. And He can't take His Word back. He's God, and He can't take His Word back. He's got to keep His Word.

Now watch Him. First thing we see Him do is going about, praying for the sick. Great success started.

<sup>103</sup> Let's turn... I see you getting your Bibles. Turn to St. John. We'll

stay in St. John tonight for awhile. All right. St. John the first chapter. We'll find out that there was many things that he began to do. His fame began to go about because His prayer for the sick began to do great miracles ... was performed.

<sup>104</sup> And now, the first thing we find out: There was a man by the name of Philip who got saved. The same man we're talking about tonight: Philip. And when he got saved, he wanted to find his friend to tell his friend of something good he'd found. That's a good sign he got saved. One ought to tell somebody about it.

JOHN1:45

<sup>105</sup> So Jesus... If you was ever in Palestine, and marked the places where Jesus was preaching, it was several miles, way back around the mountain and over in another country, that Nathanael ... Philip made his way over to find Nathanael, his friend. And when he found him, he was under a tree, praying. And when he got finished praying, Philip said to Nathanael, "Come see who we've found: Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph."

JOHN1:46

<sup>106</sup> And now, Nathanael was a staunch Presbyterian, Lutheran, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness, Orthodox to the core. And he said "Now, could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

JOHN1:46

<sup>107</sup> And he gave him the best answer any man could give and said, "Come see." That's the best thing to do. Said, "Come see." That's the best way to find out. Come pledge your own judgment. Then God'll judge you. Whatever your judgment is. If you're righteous then He'll judge you righteous. If you're a critic then warn to you.

<sup>108</sup> But, notice him: When he come, he come to find out and he comes with Nathanael. He and... Nathanael and Philip comes together. Several miles around the mountain Jesus was holding the prayer line, praying. And Nathanael came up to Him in the prayer line, for the first time he'd seen Him.

JOHN1:47

And Jesus looked at him and said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile."

How many ever read that in the Bible, let's see your hands. Sure.

Now, if I say today "You're a Christian, a staunch, real believer." And it struck the little fellow.

JOHN1:48

<sup>109</sup> He said, "Now, Rabbi (or teacher, reverend, whatever you want to call it), when did You know me? Now, you never seen me in Your life. And here you [blank spot on tape]."

JOHN5:19

<sup>110</sup> Are you ready? Here's what Jesus said-St. John 5:19. "Verily, verily I say unto you (verily means 'absolutely') ... Verily, verily I say unto