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

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Introduction

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with all your heart.

¹³⁰ Little lady, sitting right inside there looking at me. You want your eyes healed, don't you? Yes, yeah. You're sitting there praying for your eyes; that's right. Now, you can have it if you believe it. Amen.

¹³¹ You think that God could heal arthritis, sir? You do? When that little lady was healed, Something struck you. Is that right? That light went from the woman to you, and I seen you stiffening, trying to walk, and you got arthritis. That's right. And you were praying that the same thing could happen to you. Raise up your hands if that's right. All right. Now, if you believe with all your heart you can have what you ask for.

¹³² Just a moment. Oh, don't think I'm beside myself; I'm not. This little lady here is suffering with a female trouble. That's right. And way back in the back, is a little Mexican woman, and she is putting her handkerchief up to her face, and she has female trouble, and her husband is sitting next to her, a minister. You're both healed Christ ... That streak of darkness has left and light shines over you both. The Lord bless.

Do you believe?

¹³³ Do you believe God will heal you of that cancer, Sir? ["I do, brother."] Then in the name of Jesus Christ may this thing be done. Amen. God bless you, my brother.

¹³⁴ Do you believe? Then, let every one be healed. I want to ask you: After I leave, will you come to the altar, every sinner, and repeat of your sins? Will you do it?

Let's bow our heads just a moment.

¹³⁵ O Eternal God, bless these handkerchiefs, for the healing of the sick people. And, O Jesus, for every person that's here now that's suffering, we believe that You are the Son of the living God. You are not dead, but You are living. And You are living here in us, and witness tonight, showing the infallible signs of Your resurrection. And declaring to us in this great dark hour, just before the breaking of day, You are proving to us, Your Messiahship, that You have raised from the dead, and are doing the same things here that You did when You were here on earth, to prove Your Messiahship. We are without excuse, in our unbelief. And I pray that You will take away every bit of sickness and affliction in the church tonight-all the sins in here.

¹³⁶ And I now charge the devil as being guilty of every evil thing that is represented in this church tonight. And by the prayer of faith I ask the devil to leave every person here, In Jesus Christ's name.

¹³⁷ Now, if you believe the Lord Jesus with all your heart, stand up to your feet and accept your healing, and you sinners rush to the altar for repentance.

What Think Ye Of Christ?

¹ In the presence of the Almighty God, we offer prayer. Our most beloved Heavenly Father, it is indeed a great privilege that we have to come to Thee in the way of prayer. And with the great promise behind it, that prayer changes things. And in this day that we are now living, there is so many changes needed, and we pray that you will change all the wrong to right. Change sorrow into joy, change sickness into health, change sin into righteousness, change gloom into glory. Grant it, Father. Hear the prayers of your people as we offer it to Thee in the name of the Lord Jesus, Thy lovely Son. Amen.

You may be seated.

² Mr. Moore was just this afternoon met me and he said, "Brother Branham, last night you preached three sermons in one ... or, three different sermons." He said ... then, tonight he met me out there, and he said, "You never preached three different ones, but you tried to put three in one." And I was trying to get him to speak for me tonight, because of a tired throat. But it falls my lot to speak again, the Lord willing.

MATT22:41,42

³ And just a short time to recuperate after getting out to the place I'm staying, the Lord seemed to lead me to this portion of His Scripture to read to you, His children, tonight. That's Saint Matthew the 22nd chapter and the 41st and portion of the 42nd verse.

And while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? And they said unto him, The son of David.

Now, I wish to take for a text, the five little words out of this reading: What Think Ye Of Christ?

⁴ Today I was trying to get to you, in the afternoon service, about the watch, the little mainspring in the watch, which makes all the watch what it is. I did not mean to be rude, but I only meant to show a picture of the condition of the church. We are trying to show the people what a fine case it's got on the watch-fourteen carat. Or, we might be able to show the people what a fine face it has on it, or what fine hands it has on it, or even to the little jewels on the inside. But with all this fine mechanism of the watch, it is of no value to you for time except it has the mainspring that makes all these things work together to keep time.

⁵ Today the church is trying to show their big fine buildings, their fourteen carat cases. Or, some of them, an unbreakable face. And many times we're trying to tell them of the rubies that we have, the gifts that are in the church. And they're all right. There's nothing wrong with them things. And when I try to explain or speak on the different gifts in the church, and how yet everybody seems ... not everybody (Pardon me.), but many seem to be defeated while they have these gifts. It isn't because the gift is no good. It's because the mainspring isn't moving it in the right way. You might shake it and make it tick a couple of times; but the mainspring keeps it ticking all the time, and makes it operate perfectly.

⁶ Now in this little portion of Scripture that I have here under consideration for a text, it is such a little, tiny thing: five little words. But what makes it what it is is because it is the Scripture. The valuation of the Word! The Word is so valuable! No matter if it's one little word, it's the value of the word. The Word was, in the beginning, a thought of God. And then it became, after a thought ... A word is a thought expressed. And when God thinks of anything, then when He expresses His thought, it becomes a signed document. And everything that God is worth, and everything that God is, is behind that Word.

No man is any better than his word.

⁷ And all the Bible is, is prophets who has went up into the place where we spoke today, of the eagles. And God has let them foresee what God spoke in the beginning. For, in the beginning God knew everything that ever would be, from the very first beginning. So, you see the value on the Word.

⁸ Some time ago, I overheard, a few weeks ago, of a little boy who was up in an attic, fooling around, playing. And he run into a little postage stamp, no more than perhaps a half-inch square. And he took the postage stamp and he seen that it was an old one, so he slipped out to a stamp collector and got one dollar for the stamp. That stamp collector sold it for fifty dollars. And the last time I heard from that stamp, it's worth more than a quarter of a million dollars. Now it was not the little stamp ... the little piece of paper that's worth so much. It's what's stamped on the paper, gives it its value.

⁹ And our little text tonight isn't the paper that's so valuable, but it's what's on the paper, that's so valuable. It's the Word of the living God, that's stamped on the paper.

MATT24:35 MARK13:31 LUKE21:33

¹⁰ When it said by our Lord, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but my Word shall never pass away.", that's how infallible the Word of God is, no matter how small.

MATT10:29 LUKE12:6

¹¹ Many times, we think just because anything is small, that it's not noticeable. But Jesus said that even a sparrow who was ... two of them, sold for a fourth of a penny, and not one of those little birds could fall to the ground without God knowing it. God notices little things.

¹² Now, many times you say, "I can't do very much about it-the conditions today." But just a little, kind word to someone, an invitation, a little testimony, little kind smile or a greeting to a passer-by, might mean more than you think it does. It's little.

¹³ Sometime ago up in Canada, the late King George visited the provinces. And while he was in the province of British Columbia, all the teachers turned the children out from school, that they might go and see the king. And being that his highness, the king, was there, why, they all had flags to display their patriotic feeling towards him. And the little children was supposed to wave the flag as the king passed by. And after the king would pass by, the teacher came out and she found one little

¹²³ And that you might know that I am here to help you, he has a sister that has got crossed eyes. Do you believe the God of Heaven is close? Come here, little lad. Oh, blessed God, in the name of thy beloved Son the Lord Jesus, I condemn this enemy, and cast it away from the child by the authority of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and His divine promise which said, "In My name they shall cast out evil spirits." Thou demon that would try to rob this child, leave it. We, as the church of God, adjure thee by the living God that you depart from the child, and may it be made well. My little brother, I bless thee, as God's servant, in the name of Jesus Christ for you healing. Amen. Don't weary, mother; go believing now, and write me a testimony.

¹²⁴ Just a minute, lady. Wasn't you the one on the platform? You laid your hand on that man that had a blue coat on. Yes. The lady sitting on the end there suffers from a stroke. That's right. And, sir, that to be your wife; you're husband and wife. And you're praying for somebody else that's got a stroke, and that's your brother, and he's in California. If that's right, raise your hand. Do you believe me to be God's prophet ... or, His servant? Then, as you believe may the Lord God of Heaven give it to you.

¹²⁵ Do you believe that you could be well? Oh, Jesus, I condemn the devil and ask it to leave my sister, in Jesus Christ name. Amen. Go believing, rejoicing, and being happy.

¹²⁶ God can heal stomach trouble just as easy as anything. Do you believe it? Do you believe that he will make you well, let you eat? You got all nervous, causes a peptic condition in the stomach, and ulcers. But God is able to take that out, and to make you well. Of course, you got other things too, which is a man's trouble at your age would actually have. But do you believe that He will make you well?

¹²⁷ Then, our Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I pray that You heal this man for Your glory. Amen. The Lord God bless it.

¹²⁸ Do you believe that God can heal that heart trouble and make it well? Little girl, Brother Branham has a little Sarah at home about your age. And I love her, and I know mommy and poppy loves you, but there's somebody loves you more than they do; that's Jesus. And in the days when Jesus was here on earth, He took little girls like you, and put His hands on them, and blessed them and ... Do you believe if He was here now and put His hands on you, you'd get well wouldn't you? Well, you know Jesus went up to Heaven in a body, but He sent His Spirit back down. Do you believe he sent Brother Branham to lay my hands on you and you'll get well? Bless your little childish heart, honey. You shall have that you ask for.

¹²⁹ O God, I now, as your servant, if I've found grace in Your sight, I pray for this little girl. And I cast out this spirit that would choke her little heart down. May she live and be well. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen. Bless you, honey. You write her testimony, sister, and believe

Do you see what that was dealing with your heart? It was Christ. Here He is up here moving on the platform visible, not in behind dark curtains or somewhere else: right here before you people. God doesn't go behind dark curtains to deal. That's a perverting spirit. And what is a perverted spirit? One that should be righteous, perverted to do wrong.

¹¹⁷ Now, lady. The lady, she ... No, I thought she was deaf, but she can't speak English. You come to interpret for her. Right. Speak to her as I speak. Do you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you believe me to be His prophet? If God will tell me what you are here for, will you receive it?

¹¹⁸ Now, you know that I don't know you. I can't even speak your language, but the God of Heaven speaks all language. You are here, wanting me to pray for you, for a growth. If that is right, raise up your hand. That growth is on your left breast. If that's right, wave your hand. And this is your husband, and you want prayer for him, because he has got a skin disease. That is right. Then you want prayer for a son, and the reason you want prayer for him is because he walks in his sleep with his eyes open. Receive in the name of the Lord Jesus and be made well. Amen.

Does thou believe on the Son of God? Now, surely that would settle mental telepathy for you.

¹¹⁹ We are strangers to each other, but do you believe that God is able, sir, to help me to know what you're here for? And whatever you want from Him, you have in your heart, and ask Him and let ... then He has no voice on the earth but our voice. We are His branches the branches bears the fruit.

¹²⁰ Oh, how wonderful! How we bless our dear Lord Jesus for His goodness. You want me to pray for a growth that's on you. That's right. And that growth is behind here in the back. And then you have a hernia that's to be prayed for. Do you believe now? Maybe I say this: You want me to pray for your wife too, don't you? That's exactly right. Now, I am not reading your mind, but you couldn't hide it. Do you believe you receive what you ask for? Then, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ may you receive it. Amen. God bless you, sir.

¹²¹ Do you believe? Don't move now; sit still. See, each one of you are spirits, and everyone of those spirits is right in my control, see. Now I'm trying to help you. When you move that just ... I can't explain it; there's no need of trying it. But what it does, it displeases the Holy Spirit, see. It displeases Him, because I've asked you to be reverent, please. Don't move around; sit quiet just a moment.

¹²² All right, lady. For the boy. How would I know it was for the boy, because I see the boy right above you. Now, I want to talk to you just a moment. If the God of heaven will help me to know what you want for this little lad, will you believe that the Lord will grant it? The boy is shadowed. One thing, the little fellow has asthma. But that's not the main thing. I shall speak a word that he wouldn't understand: leukemia.

bitty girl standing over on the corner, with her little head against the telegraph pole, and weeping like her little childish heart would break. And the teacher went to her, to comfort her. And she said, "What's the matter, honey? Could you not wave your flag?"

She said, "Yes, teacher, I waved my flag."

Why, she said "Did you not see the king?"

She said, "Yes, teacher, I seen the king."

"Well," said, "Why are you weeping, honey?"

She said, "I did wave my flag, and I did see the king. But I was so little, that the king didn't see me."

¹⁴ But it's not that way with Christ. No matter how little you are, or how insignificant you might feel to be, He sees every move you make.

MATT22:42

¹⁵ This little scripture tonight holds a decision for people. What think ye of Christ? Your decision on that (That scripture asked that question.) will seal your eternal destination. It might mean your healing tonight, physically. Your conception of what this question is may determine whether you walk out of that chair tonight, sir. It may mean whether you rise from the wheelchair. It might mean the difference between death and life, to many of you. And, sinner friend, it may mean your eternal destination, what you think of it.

¹⁶ Now no matter how much emphasis I would try to put on it, still, it is of none effect to you unless you receive it and accept it for yourself. Not applied to some organization, or some denomination, or to mama or papa, but it has to be applied as your own personal taste: what your thought is of Christ, what you think Him to be. Do you think Him to be a dead person that died nineteen hundred years ago? Do you think Him to be just another, like Mohammed, Buddha, some great philosopher or teacher, some prophet or poet? Or do you believe Him to be the infallible Son of the living God, who has raised from the dead and is here tonight present, to give to you the desire of your heart? That He said, "Wheresoever two or three are gathered in My name, I will be in their midst."

¹⁷ Now, if it is written on little paper, or whatever it is, doesn't means so much, but it's the message that it bears. And it's a pardon for sin. It's a healing for sickness. It's a remedy for worry. Oh, it holds in it everything you need in this journey, and everything that you will need in the great beyond, hereafter. All lays in what you think about Christ tonight.

¹⁸ 18Now, a pardon is not a pardon unless it is accepted as a pardon. I read an article sometime ago, where that there was a man in the eastern country. It's been many years ago since the incident happened, but the man was guilty and was sentenced to die under a firing squad. And some good person went to work, and worked around the governor of the state until finally they persuaded the governor to spare the life of the person. And when the guilty person, who was really guilty, was set free, to get

another chance to bring himself up and to make a citizen. When the man come with the pardon, the man who was to die refused to receive it. He did not want it, yet the governor had his name signed, “pardoned.”

¹⁹ What made the difference was the governor’s name, and “pardoned.” It spelt pardon to the man if he wanted to receive it. But if he did not want to receive it, he had to pay the penalty. And the man refused it and said, “I do not believe it. I will not accept it.” And the man was shot the following day.

²⁰ Then, this pardon goes back to the governor. And he had pardoned the man, yet he was a corpse. Then, it was tried in the supreme court of the land, and it was declared that a pardon is not a pardon unless it is accepted.

²¹ And salvation through Jesus Christ is not salvation unless it is accepted as salvation. Oh, if the world could only look on God’s great promises and believe them, that they are God’s pardon to the human race!

²² This little, age-old question has been rising in the minds of people through the centuries, about who Jesus was. Even to this day, among many of the Protestant ranks, it is believed and taught that He was not the virgin-born Son of God, but He was only a prophet.

²³ Sometime ago when our most beloved Brother Arganbright (on the platform with me tonight) and I were in Zurich, Switzerland, the famous revivalist Billy Graham was ending up his service that Saturday afternoon. I was beginning the next day. And down in Switzerland, the state church doctrine is, under the old Zwingli translation, that Jesus was the Son of God . . . called the Son of God; really was the son of Joseph, called the Son of God, but not virgin born.

²⁴ Now, that knocks every foundation out from under Christianity. He was either the Son of God, virgin born, or His blood was no more than my blood or your blood. Sex had nothing to do with it. Almighty God overshadowed the virgin Mary, and she brought forth the Son, Christ Jesus, by the great immaculate conception, by the power of the Holy Spirit to form a blood cell in the womb of a girl who knew no man. And through that holy unadulterated blood, my faith rests solemnly upon that tonight, and nothing else, for my forgiveness of sin. And the reason my faith has stayed there, is because I truly believe it was the blood of God. That’s why it has a resting place.

²⁵ But it’s so scattered today. What about it? Let’s just call a few witnesses for a few minutes and find out what would be said of someone who has passed on.

²⁶ What if we tonight could call his arch enemy, Judas Iscariot? The very name “Judas” just makes us shiver. Now, the word “Judas” is not such a bad name, not up till that time. Perhaps many little Jewish boys was named Judas. I don’t know, but perhaps come from the name of Judah, the tribe. But it was what Judas did that makes people fear and shake at the name of Judas.

your hand. [“That’s right. Sure, it’s right.”] And you received this by an accident. You got hurt in a ditch and done this. [Yes.] Now you know something has happened to you. You’re healed. Just . . . I’ve never touched you or nothing, but you can go on your road now, rejoicing and be happy.

¹¹¹ How do you do, lady. Do you believe on the Lord Jesus with all your heart? Do you believe that God could reveal to me what you are here for? I see you coming down off of a mountain. You don’t live here. Oh, I believe I know you. You’re from Globe. You’re a woman preacher, and your church is in Miami. You’ve got bad breathing. And your name is Edna Marshall. That’s exactly right. Do you believe with all your heart?

¹¹² O Lord Jesus, I now condemn this spirit that’s cutting the breath from our sister, and ask it to leave in Jesus’ name. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go, happy, rejoicing, and be glad.

Sir, do you believe with all your heart?

HEB4:15

¹¹³ Praying for your husband’s diabetes, aren’t you? That’s right. Up in the recording pit. Oh, Satan thought he’d get by with that, but he couldn’t. Oh, if I could only have words to explain what that was. See that man, a different looking man, standing here [unclear words] look around and that little lady sitting there praying. See that streak moving back and forth through there. Oh, isn’t He wonderful? She touched Something, she never touched me. But she touched the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Have faith in God.

¹¹⁴ Now, sir, I suppose we’re strangers to each other? I don’t know you, and maybe you don’t know me, but there’s Someone here who knows us both. You’re a man, I’m a man, and here we stand. You’re a Christian believer, and here I am a Christian. And if I could do something to help you, and wouldn’t do it, I’d be a brute. If you’re needing healing, I couldn’t heal you. But if the Word (being first) says that He died for this purpose, then He will come by the Holy Spirit and do the same thing he did here on earth. That’s the last and only thing He can do. He sent His Word, then He put His gifts in the church. He died for the purpose, come back and living in His church, in His purpose doing the very same thing that He died for, confirming the Word with signs following.

¹¹⁵ Course, you’re wearing glasses, but that is what you want prayer for, is your eye. Not only that, but your ears also. That’s right. Do you believe me to be His prophet? Let me tell you this, then you’ll believe me. I see someone else appear. It’s a friend of yours that doesn’t live here. It’s a person that lives in a city called Mesa, and the man has got . . . the person has got undeveloped eyes, and you’re praying for him. Is that right? Now do you believe me? Then go receive what you ask for in the name of the Lord.

Do you believe with all your heart? Have faith then.

¹¹⁶ Now, you new-born babies in Christ, do you solemnly understand that the Lord Jesus you accepted a few minutes ago, is right here now?

¹⁰³ Why, Jesus looked at him; He said, "Before Philip called you when you were under the tree, I saw you."

¹⁰⁴ Do you know what that Jew said? He was a real Jew. He said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God. You're the king of Israel."

¹⁰⁵ Now if He's raised from the dead, He's got to be the same in principle, the same in power, and all, because He said, "The same things I do you will also". Now, may He grant it.

¹⁰⁶ Here's a man total stranger. I've never seen him in my life. He's standing here for some cause I don't know. But what do I do? Just yield myself to the Holy Spirit. And then whatever He ... If this man I don't know him, and the Holy Spirit, which is Christ in Spirit form, it's just the Lord Jesus come back in Spirit form. "I go to the Father; in a little while the world won't see Me, yet you'll see Me, for I will be with you, all the way to the end of the world." The Holy Spirit is nothing in the world but the Spirit of Christ back working in the church. If the Spirit of Christ worked in Jesus-the Logos worked in Jesus-and He gave His blood that He might cleanse us. And God by foreknowledge set orders in the church, of different things. That same Logos working in us, will do the same thing. Got to.

¹⁰⁷ But now, if God will come and manifest Himself through the Logos, through the Holy Spirit, and will do the same thing in the same manner to this man that He did to Philip ... or, Nathanael, will everyone in here believe on Him then? Will it confirm everything that I've said in the Word? Now see, this is God's part of the service. My part's to preach, your part is to believe. God's part is to confirm. May He grant it.

¹⁰⁸ And the Lord bless now as we yield ourselves soul, body, and Spirit. Be real reverent, sit still. If you want to praise the Lord after something is done, that's up to you. I like to, too.

¹⁰⁹ So, I want to talk to the man like our Lord did ... or, looked at him a moment. Now, sir, I don't know you and never seen you. But Christ does know you. And if He will reveal to me ... I don't know what you're here for. It may be finances, it may be domestic trouble, it may be sickness, it may be for somebody else, it may be for salvation. I could not tell you; I don't know. But if He will reveal to me what you are coming to ask Him, you're coming to me to ask Him, Him to speak back. And then if He can speak through me, and tell me what you're wanting, and I tell you that everything that you have need of was furnished at Calvary' then it would be up to you to believe it. Is that right?

¹¹⁰ Now, if the audience can still hear me. Around the man seems to be coming a real amberish greenish-looking light, as he's very well aware that something is taking place. And the man is suffering. He has got something wrong in his chest, and in his back, and in his stomach, and in his legs. And he's a very nervous wreck. That's "Thus saith the Spirit." That, sir, is right. [The man says, "Yes, it's right."] If that's right, raise

²⁷ What makes the name of Jesus so sacred? There was many little boys named Jesus. But it was what Jesus did and what He was, what makes His name so reverent tonight, that all the family in heaven is named after Him. Not so much of what your name is, but what you are with your name.

²⁸ Judas. If we could go down to the regions of the lost and the damned, if we could go to that wearisome place called hell, and could call that deceiving spirit of Judas Iscariot to this platform tonight, and would say, "Judas, what think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?" I could imagine you could hear thirty pieces of silver rattle across the platform, and he'd say, "I have betrayed innocent blood."

²⁹ What if I could go to the smoldering regions of the lost, and call the Roman soldier who took the spear and pushed it into His heart. I would say, "What think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He?" He'd say, "Truly that is the Son of God."

³⁰ What if I could go to Pilate, that great emperor of Rome, go down to the regions of the lost-I'm a fragile man-and call him here tonight before this audience. Remember, I'm calling His enemies. If I could call Pontius Pilate tonight and say, "Pilate, you've been gone for two thousand years, wherever you have been. I want to ask you a question that you might answer this audience tonight. What's your opinion of Christ?" What kind of an answer do you think he would give?

³¹ When Christ was placed before Pontius Pilate to make his decision of what he thought of Him ... And my brother, sister, Christ is placed before you tonight to give your opinion and to make your decision. What do you think of Him? And your action will speak much louder than your words.

³² Let's look at Pontius Pilate, as they drug him out one morning to sit on the judgment seat. And, to be favorable to the Jews and to the Romans, when they drug Jesus up before him, with the thorns on His head, as a crown, and His hands tied behind Him. I can imagine that great emperor, as he sat on his throne, all discouraged because he had been gotten up a little early. And with his temper all up, as he'd fling his hair back, and look into the face, and say, "There can't be much to that guy."

You say, "What a horrible person!" But oh, my decrepit sinner friend, you do worse than that, by rejecting Him.

³³ And so, with His hands tied behind Him ... How could a King with His hands bound ... That's the King of heaven. As Pilate was judging Him, looking Him up and down. Said, "If You are the Christ, why don't You say something about it?" And Jesus never opened His mouth.

³⁴ I can imagine Pilate saying, "Well He's scared, because He's standing before me, the emperor of Rome." Then all of a sudden, I can hear a horse come galloping at full speed, coming from the palace, and a

young handsome soldier jumps from the saddle, into the street, up through by the guard. And they seen he was a palace guard, so they let him in. He was carrying a piece of paper in his hand, and I can see him as he walks up before Pilate, bows his head to the floor and say, "Your majesty, sir. I have a letter from your wife. She said it was urgent for you to receive this at once. That's why I broke in like the way I did."

MATT27:19

³⁵ I see Pilate open up the letter with his head back. And as I begin to watch his eyes under his great brow, the furrows and the long eye lashes and eye brows, his eyes goes to a cold stare. As he reads this letter, he looks around to Jesus, and he looks back. His face becomes white, his lips doesn't seem to have any blood, his knees begin to knock together. What's so important about that letter from his pagan wife? Let's look over his shoulder, and read and see what it says: "My dear husband, don't you have anything to do with that just man, for this day I've suffered many things in a dream because of Him." That's what he would say happened.

³⁶ What did he do? Instead of releasing Him as he had power, instead of embracing him and saying, "Yes, Jesus, I've been wrong; I've misjudged You. But this morning I receive You as my Saviour, as the Son of the living God; I bow before You."

But instead of that, he tried to justify himself, like many sinners of this world today. "I just won't go to the meeting."

MATT27:24

³⁷ Said, "Bring me a pan of clean water." And he washed his hands of Him. Said, "I just won't accept Him, but I just won't have anything else to do with it."

³⁸ Did that clean his hands? No. And neither will it clean your hands. It's before you. You've got to make a choice. God compels you to make a choice. You can't leave that door tonight without some sort of a choice. It's impossible.

³⁹ As the old legend says, Pilate many years later went up in the northern countries, in the mountains. He was finally dethroned, and he worried, and he walked. And finally committed suicide by plunging himself into a great hole of water and drowning. And it is said, as a legend, that every year, just about the time that he washed his hands of the Lord Jesus, and accepted his great dignity, instead of humbling himself to the Lord, the legend says that that blue water bubbles up for hours to show that blue clean water won't wash the blood of Jesus Christ off of the hands of any person.

⁴⁰ Neither will the name on a church book, neither will anything else ever wash the blood of Jesus Christ off of a man or woman's hands who has heard the Gospel. You've got to make your decision. There's no other way for you to do. You either accept Him or you deny Him. He is on your hands, and there's nothing you can do-only make your decision.

⁴¹ You say, "Brother Branham, you've been talking to His enemy. Now, what about some of His friends?" That's what His enemies had to

you to do anything, and you don't do it, to God, that is you don't believe it. No matter what I tell you to do ... Elijah told Naaman, "Go dip in the Jordan seven times." Well, he had his leprosy till he obeyed, see. It's not us; it's God.

⁹⁵ Now, may the Lord add His blessings. Now what do you say takes place? Here stands a man; I guess we're strangers to one another. I've never seen him. You've just been to church and seen me sit up here. Well, I mean I don't know you. Don't know a thing about you. Now, here's a man standing here, his ... Here's another Bible picture.

JOHN1:45

⁹⁶ In the book of Saint John the 1st chapter, when Jesus ministry first started, Philip got converted, and went and found Nathanael. And he said, "Could any ..." He come ... When he found Nathanael, he was doing something. He was under a tree, perhaps, praying. And Philip being all enthused about Jesus and believing on Him himself, he said, "Oh, come see who we found, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

JOHN1:46

⁹⁷ He said, "Could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

JOHN1:46

⁹⁸ I think he gave him a word that all of Phoenix ought to know, and the rest of the world. Said, "Come, see." That's the best thing to do. Come, find out for yourself.

JOHN1:46

⁹⁹ Now, this man was a very staunch Hebrew. He said, "Could any good thing come from Nazareth?"

JOHN1:46

Said, "Come, see."

¹⁰⁰ I think that is the most logical answer. And when he come ... Now I can imagine Philip saying, "Now when you go, don't be critical. Don't look for some great big something; just look for a humble man, just like a fisherman or something. Not dressed any different from any other man, not a great high priest robe on, big turban sitting on top his head to make him look like something. Men are not something the way they dress; they're what they are in their heart.

JOHN1:47

¹⁰¹ And then when he come, he found an ordinary man, just a clean dressed man like any other man. And He looked at him, and Jesus turned and looked at him, the first time he ever saw him. He said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there's no guile." Now, he could not have been an Israelite; he could have been something else. He could not have been an honest man; if he had not have been, Jesus would have knowed it. How did He know he was a honest man?

And that man had kind of startled him. He thought, "That's just a man."

JOHN1:48

¹⁰² But that wasn't a man speaking; it was God in the man, speaking. And he looked at him and he said, "Rabbi," (or "preacher, Reverend," as we'd say today), "Rabbi, when did You ever know me?"

true. But every night in Zurich, Switzerland, around ten thousand at a time would come to the altar to accept Christ. I was there five nights, and fifty thousand people made a decision, and registered for Christ. They believe. What's the matter with us? We are so dense with all kinds of doctrines and everything; just can't get to us. We've just been churched, and churched, and de-churched, and churched, and de-churched, and *this*, and *that*, and all *this*, and *that*, and you don't know what to believe.

⁸⁹ In Africa where one sign of a little cross-eyed boy first, and the next was a native boy walking on his feet and hands. And a few little things like that was done at the platform-not over three or four-and twenty-five thousand people got healed at one prayer. And thirty thousand come to Christ at one time-thirty thousand. Over as much as ten thousand of those were Mohammedans. Think of it: Mohammedans. When I met a missionary, he said, "That precious jewel." Been there thirty years and won one single Mohammedan to Christ.

⁹⁰ Why? We've done everything but what Christ told us to do. You can't teach him theology. He's got just as good as you can teach him. That's right. He's got to see that God is God, and living. As one said, "What can your living Christ do for me any more than my dead prophet? If your living Christ is alive, then let you teachers do what He said He would do through you and we will believe it." That makes the Christian keep still if he isn't a believer.

"Oh," the Christian says, "we're happy. We have joy and we have all these great fine attributes of joy and peace."

⁹¹ The Mohammedan said, "Now, just a moment. We can produce just as much psychology in Mohammedanism as you can Christianity." (It's this little gadget here, Brother Brown, that holds it on here.) Said, "We can produce just as much psychology. We're just as happy looking for Mohammed as you are for Jesus." Said, "We can shout just as loud as you all can. But what we want to see you do ... "Jesus said that if He raised from the dead and come back again in the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, as you say He has ... He said you would do the same things He did. Now we're waiting for you to do that." There you are.

⁹² But when it's really produced, they say, "There goes the Koran. Jesus lives." They believe it. That's what He told us to do: representing. "I will be with you." God asked you to do the impossibles. That's right. God asked you to do the impossible, and you've got to have the miracle-working Holy Ghost to do the impossible-not just a little psychic emotion, but the impossible. May the Lord grant His blessing.

⁹³ Be real reverent, look this way, believe God, pray with all your heart that Almighty God will give to you the deep and blessed desire of your heart. That's my sincere prayer. All right. Thank you, sister.

⁹⁴ Now will you please, just for a few moments, if you will just sit quiet. Now what did the Angel of the Lord ... How many ever read my story? He said if you'll get the people to believe you. Then when I ask

2KNG5:10,14

say. Let's see some of His friends. Let's call the Hebrew children to the platform tonight.

⁴² Oh, you beloved friends of God, what think ye of Christ? You lived many hundreds years before He ever was manifested in the flesh. I can hear Shadrach say, "I will speak for the three of us." Amen.

We are not divided. All one doctrine we, one in hope and charity. "I will speak for the rest."

DAN3:19,25,27

⁴³ "It was on a gloomy morning when we were cast into a big pit of fire of a furnace hot seven times hotter than it ever was hot. And we wondered what was taking place. We never felt any fire on us, neither did we feel or hear any hair singeing, but it seemed to be very comfortable down there. And when we turned to look, there stood One that looked like to me the Son of God. That's what we think of Him."

Ezekiel, the prophet that we spoke of today, "What think ye of Christ, Ezekiel? Whose son is He?"

EZEK1:16

⁴⁴ "One day," said Ezekiel, "while the Spirit of God was upon me, I looked up into the heavens. I saw Him coming, and the clouds was like dust under His feet. I saw a wheel in the middle of the wheel, turning way up in the middle of the air."

"Daniel, will you testify tonight?"

DAN7:9

⁴⁵ "Most surely will I testify," he said. "I stood one day while the Spirit was upon me, and I saw the Gentile world all formed together. And I beheld until there was a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, who rolled into the image and smashed it. I saw all nations come to the Ancient of days, whose hair was as white as the snow. That's what I think of Him."

What a marvel!

Let's ask his mama. If anybody ought to know whose Son it was, his mama ought to know.

"Mary, will you testify?"

"Most surely will I testify."

⁴⁶ "Mary, you are His mother. He laid the first nine months under your heart. What think ye of Christ, Mary? Whose son is He?"

LUKE1:35

⁴⁷ She said, "I knew not a man. But one day, on the road down, the great Angel Gabriel stood before me, and said, "You're going to bear a Child, and that holy thing will be called the Son of the living God." I believe her.

⁴⁸ I think the final notice ... the final word that ought to settle it before all nations, both heaven and earth, let's ask God about it, see what He says about it.

MATT17:2,5 MARK9:2,3,7 LUKE9:29,35

⁴⁹ One day upon the Mount Transfiguration, there come a great cloud from heaven and overshadowed them. And Jesus was set out to one side,

and His raiment did shine as the sun. God, what about this man that the Jews turned down? What about this that the Gentiles love pleasure more than they love ... Who is this? Listen to God's own Word. "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him." That should settle it once forever. Every man or woman that's ever amounted to anything has believed that.

⁵⁰ Let's call a poet on the scene. Eddie Perronet: he and his writings was rejected, and he was a man cast out, but he loved the Lord. And he did not go to the arm of flesh, but he went to the God who answers prayer.

⁵¹ And sitting in his office one day, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, Eddie Perronet picked up the pen, and wrote the inauguration song:

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

⁵² Blind Fanny Crosby who was tortured through her life by scornful hands, and making fun of her because she wouldn't write worldly songs. "What think ye, Fanny Crosby? Let's call you here. And what do you think of Him? Whose son is He? What does He mean to you, Fanny Crosby?"

And when she picked up the pen, she wrote:

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

Thou the stream of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Or whom in heaven but Thee?

Another one wrote:

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified, freely forever:
Some day He's coming-oh, glorious day!

What think ye of Christ and whose son is He? What's your opinion of Him? What do you think about Him?

⁵³ William Branham, what's your opinion? Oh, my! If I had ten million tongues to speak with, I could never express my thoughts to Him. Laying yonder on the bed, come up out of a sinful family, and the doctors looked at me and said, "You got three minutes to live." And all of a sudden something passed my way. It was the blessed Son of God, whose saved me from sin, and healed my blinded eyes, and put me out to preach the

body of Christ-and will show forth Your resurrection until You come. And as we as believers yield our members to You, may you work through the gifts of faith and prophesy, and so forth, to show forth that our religion, our holy religion, is not in vain though it be looked upon, and scoffed at, and seemingly to the world just a bunch of idiotic people. But You did that so that You could hide it from the eyes of the wise and prudent, and reveal it to babes such as would learn. And I thank thee, Heavenly Father, that Thou has considered us, and let us believe on Thee. And make these young, new born babes tonight very happy. For I ask it in Jesus' name, as You heal the sick. Amen.

⁸³ Now ... A, prayer card A. Okay, pardon me. All right, prayer card K was what was give out today. Let's start ... Where did we have last night? We've been all over ... Lets start back from 1 tonight. Who has K number 1? Would you raise your hand? Prayer card K number 1. I can't get them all, but ...

⁸⁴ All right, come right over here, ever who it is. Come here. K-2, would you raise your hand quickly now? Two, would you raise up your hand? All right, a lady over here. All right, lady, you come over here. K-3; all right, 4, that's good; raise your hand quickly. Watch ... Look at your neighbor, now; he may not be able to raise up, or he may be deaf and dumb and can't hear his number called. Let's see number 1, 2, 3, 4. Who has prayer card 4? Would you raise your hand? Prayer card 4. Five, would you raise your hand? Prayer card K-5. The gentleman here? Would you come, sir? Number 6, prayer card number 6, would you ... The lady? All right, lady. Seven, all right, lady over here. 8, prayer card 8, would you raise your hand quickly? Quickly now. [Blank spot on tape.] Do you have prayer card 8, sir? All right. 9, 10. That's good, quickly. 10, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15. Prayer card 15.

⁸⁵ Now look, while they're coming: If the Holy Spirit should move beyond this line, then let the next start: 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, on; just keep on coming. Sometimes it sets in where real good faith is moving, and they just swarm through maybe fifty or hundred at a time. But it depends now how faith is moving, see.

⁸⁶ Now how many does not have prayer cards? Or at least your not going to be called in the prayer line, and you'd raise your hand and saying, "God, I want you to heal me." God bless you. That's very fine: your faith. I do so appreciate you. And I pray now that God will bless you. Okay.

⁸⁷ Now, real reverent. I am going to ask mothers to keep their babies just as close as they can. And if you folks will just be just as reverent, sit still just about fifteen minutes. See, I go from one meeting to another ... See, you just see me here, then I go from here to another, then from there to another, then from there to another, from there to another, then over seas. Oh, my!

⁸⁸ You know what? One of these signs can be done in Africa, India, some of those countries and ... Brother Arganbright, here, knows it is

⁷⁵ Now, I'm trusting upon the merits of our blessed Saviour, that He will come here tonight and confirm His Word, right publicly before you all, that you might see that what you have done is not just merely a guess-so or a maybe-so. You confessed your faith in a living God who's right here now, who put your name on the Lamb's book of life.

MATT28:20 JOHN14:17,19

⁷⁶ Now, when He was here on earth, He said this: "A little while and the world won't see Me no more. Yet ye shall see Me." That's the world, the church order, and the world order. "They won't 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 not only be with you, but I'll be in you to the end of the world." I, Jesus, will be in you unto the end of the world.

MATT28:20 JOHN14:19

⁷⁷ Now, friends, we've got a world tonight. "A little while and the world won't see Me no more." No matter whatever takes place, they'd never believe it. That's the ones that Jesus spoke of. Then He also said there would be some "ye's" to the end of the world. "Yet ye shall see Me." Now He wasn't just talking to that nation there ... or, that generation. "You shall see Me, for I will be with you to the end of the world." That's the "ye's" to the end of the world. I trust tonight ...

⁷⁸ Is any here that never was in my service before? Let's see your hands. Just a few. I don't claim to be a healer. I can't heal people; no one can. God does that alone, but I do confess that Jesus did die, but, oh, more than that: He raised again. And He come to us to comfort us in the form of the Holy Ghost, and is right with us doing the same things that He promised to do. And it's in the evening time and the evening lights are shining. I trust that you will receive Him.

JOHN14:19

⁷⁹ And if He will come to this platform tonight, in a vindication of the truth of His Word ... Now when Jesus was here on earth, He healed and done these signs that it might be fulfilled, which was spoken by the prophet. Now He comes tonight and continues His work that it might be fulfilled that "Ye shall see me."

⁸⁰ The crowds go down the street drunk and everything else, laughing, making fun, that it might be fulfilled. The Word has to be fulfilled. It must be on both sides. I am so happy tonight that I accepted Him as my Saviour, the Son of God.

JOHN5:19

⁸¹ Now, let us call the prayer line. And if the Lord Jesus should come and do just the things that He did when He was here on earth ... He said, "I can do nothing in myself; just what I see the Father doing, that I do." Looked over the audience perceived their thoughts, the woman touched His garment, many things as we're acquainted with from the previous part of the revival. May He grant it.

MATT11:25 LUKE10:21

⁸² Father God, now I have delivered to this people the message that Thou has put on my heart. And many souls has raised their hands and accepted You as personal Saviour. Oh, will You, tonight, kind Heavenly Father, make Yourself known here? And will move into the body-the

Gospel.

Oh, how I love Him! How I adore Him! I couldn't express what I think of Him. What kind of people ought we to be?

⁵⁴ Sometime ago down in the south, they used to buy slaves, and they would sell them just like you do on the market of cars. And a buyer would come by and buy those people, and sell them from one place to another. And one day a slave buyer came by, and those slaves were very disheartened because they were away from their home. They would have to whip them with whips to make them work. They'd never go back to see their loved ones no more; they were slaves. And they were so discouraged.

⁵⁵ But one day when a certain buyer came by a great plantation, he noticed one young man. Oh, you didn't have to whip him. His chest was out, his chin was out. He walked right along with a smile on his face. He'd done every bit of work that he'd seen to be done. The buyer said to the slave owner, "I want to buy that slave."

But the buyer said, "He's not for sale."

"Well, what makes him so much different from the others? Perhaps he's the boss of the others."

The slave owner said, "No, he's just a slave."

Said, "Maybe you feed him better than you do the others is what makes him act like that."

Said, "No, he eats out in the galley with the rest of them."

Said, "Well, what makes him so much different from the rest of them?"

⁵⁶ And the owner said, "I wondered that myself for a long time, but I found out. I found out that over in the homeland, his father is the king of the tribe. And though he's an alien, and he's away from his father, and he's away from his tribe and loved ones, he conducts himself as a king's son. He knows that he's an alien, but he's the son of a king. Hallelujah!

⁵⁷ What kind of people ought we to be? How should we conduct ourselves? We are sons and daughters of the King not a king, but the King; Jesus Christ the Son of the living God who is the King of kings.

Let us pray.

⁵⁸ Our Heavenly Father, it is with humble hearts that we embrace Thy Word. And we give to Thee the very adoration of our innermost being, because Thou has redeemed us; and we are not redeemed by corruptible things as money. We are redeemed by the precious blood of God, who has purchased us through His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus.

ISA53:5

⁵⁹ And I believe tonight that He is God's only begotten Son, that He died for the propitiation of our sins. "And He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." I embrace that tonight and say, "He is the virgin-born Son of God."

⁶⁰ Father dear, if there is people here who has been deceived by just thinking they could join church, or could hide around some little doctrine and be saved, oh, may they hear the poet say:

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

⁶¹ Grant tonight that sinners may come and be saved through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, God's only virgin-born Son. We pray in His name.

⁶² And while we have our heads bowed. I wonder tonight: no one here would surely have the audacity to be as Pilate, would try to push back the message. "Oh, say it another time." I believe you're better mental balanced than that. Would you have the courage, not to me (I'm just a man.), but to God would you raise your hand up, while everyone in prayer. If you would raise your hand and say, "God, this is my witness to You, not to Brother Branham or no one else. But this is my witness to You, that I believe that Jesus is Your Son. He died for my sins, and I now confess all of my iniquity and sin. And by raising my hand, I'm saying this: 'I believe on Him for the remission of my sin.'"

⁶³ Put up your hand. Will you do it, before God? We're going to have just a short prayer. God bless you, son. God bless you, sir. All right, on the bottom floor, put your ... God bless you, sir. God bless you, lady. God bless you, mister. God bless you. God bless you, little girl. Someone else raise your hand on the bottom floor and say, "By this, God, I mean, I surrender everything."

⁶⁴ Remember friend, in ten million years from tonight, you'll be somewhere. God bless you, little boy. Up in the balcony to my left. Someone say, "By this I put up my hand." God bless you, little boy. God bless you, lady. "I put up my hand and say, 'God, receive me as a penitent sinner.' I now raise my hand and say, 'I haven't lived right or true to You, and from this night on, by Your help, I will do it.'"

⁶⁵ The balconies to the rear, would you raise your hand and say, "I now will put my hand to God." God bless you, lady. The balcony to the right, would say, "I put up my hand. God be merciful to me."

⁶⁶ "I belong to church, that's true," you say, "but as far as really knowing what it means to accept Christ as Saviour, I have never done it. I still live the life out there-the ups-and-downs-and I'm just ... the only thing that makes me. I try to hide around the corner. Don't do *this*, but down in my heart I want to do it anyhow." Brother, that ain't right. You know that's not right.

1JHN2:15

⁶⁷ For, the Bible said, "If you love the world, or even the things of the world, the love of God's not even in you."

⁶⁸ Will you put your hands up to God, just as I ask God to bless you? God bless you. God bless you, here lady, on the bottom floor; I see your hand. God bless you, back there, young man; I see your hand. All right.

One more before we close the altar call and pray for you. Is there another some ... God bless you, young lady.

⁶⁹ It may seem like ... Oh, is that a hard thing? Just think how simple it is, just like this little word. Just three or four little words, but it spells your eternal destination. Your choice; you can raise your hand and receive it, you can keep your hand down and miss it. It may be your last call God gives you. Let me persuade you if you feel led to put up your hand. No matter how long you've been in church, put your hand up. God bless you, little one; I see your hand. God bless you, sir. God sees you, of course He does. All right, once more look over the audience to see if I can just ask God to bless another one that's decided for Him.

⁷⁰ All right. With your heads bowed. Our most kind Father, these people who raised their hands, I believe with them as an intercessor, an earthly priest, to make intercessions to Jesus Christ who stands in the presence of Almighty God, sitting on the throne of God, making intercessions; I bring these by my message tonight of the Gospel, who has felt in their heart that they must raise their hands to accept You. Now we realize, Lord, them raising their hands, they break every scientific rule. They overstep gravitation and raise a hand that was made to hang down, and bring it up. Shows that there is a supernatural spirit in there. And that spirit has made a choice for eternal life, and has raised their hands towards the Creator of heaven and earth, to ask pardoning for their sins.

JOHN5:24

⁷¹ Thou has said in Thy most holy Word, "He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me has everlasting life and shall not come into the judgment, but has passed from death unto life."

JOHN6:37,44 JOHN10:28,29

⁷² And it is also written from the lips of our Saviour, "No man can come to Me except my Father draws him first. And all that comes to Me I will give them everlasting life. No man can pluck them from My hand, for they're God's love gift to His Son."

⁷³ Now, Father receive them into Thy kingdom, believing that each one raised their hand is now born-again. And I pray God for them that you will give them the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and on this new heart and new spirit that they have just received, place that teeny little Holy Spirit in there, to setting that body in order. Give to them the great gifts and let them see the signs of the time. Grant it, Lord. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

ISA1:18 JOHN6:37

⁷⁴ God bless you, my brother and my sister. Some fifteen twenty hands went up. You have received now Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. You did not try to wash it from your hands. You took that same guilty hand, and raised it up, and said, "God cleanse it." "He that comes to me I will in nowise cast out. Though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow. Red like crimson, they shall be white like wool." God promised it; God keeps His promise.