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

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Introduction

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Christian now, and walk with God.

¹³¹ Almighty God, according to this man standing here with a trumpet in his ear, deaf in his ear. I pray for mercy for this man. He's now accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. I pray, dear God, that You heal him and make him well. May the Spirit of God come upon the man, and take the curse away from him, the curse of sin, the curse of sickness hard of hearing, and make him a new creature in Christ Jesus. Mighty God, hear my prayer. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹³² Now, you leave this here...?...All right. You hear me? You hear me? Say, "Amen." I love the Lord. You're healed, brother. Your sins are gone. Go on your road rejoicing.

¹³³ Let's say, "Praise be to God." Do you love the Lord? Well let's just raise up your hands and say, "Praise the Lord." The people magnified God. The man's not only healed, but forgiven of his sins. He was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found. Thanks be to God.

¹³⁴ Come, sir. Do you believe me to be His prophet? The prophet of Zion? Are we strangers? I don't know you by face. I've never seen you as I know of. All right. Sir, if I be God's prophet, He will reveal to me...you...you're...I couldn't heal you. But you can't keep your life from me now. For you're aware that something's going on. Is that right? That's right. Now, you're suffering with a trouble in your back. Isn't that right? And don't you have some kind of a rectal trouble? Is that right? Like haemorrhoids? Is that right? And you also have a habit that you should give up, smoking cigarettes. Will you do it? Then go and be well in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³⁵ Let's say, Praise be to God. [Congregation says, "Praise be to God."—Ed.] Oh, how I love Him. How I adore Him.

Come, lady. You like to be healed? Praise be to God.

All right. Come, sir. You believe Him?

Are you believing, lady? Oh, what can happen now?

¹³⁶ Sir, you want to give up that heart trouble? You do? Accept your healing now, and go in the Name of Jesus and be made well.

Let's say, "Praise be to God."

¹³⁷ You've Stomach trouble, also. Isn't that right, sir? Is that right? You have stomach trouble. Stand up. Go home now and get well in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

¹³⁸ That lady setting right behind you...?...You go home and get well too if you want to. Stand up on your feet, lady. God Bless you. Let's take the...?...Stand upon your feet go home and get well...?...I've seen you go to...?...sleep at night thinking this. Is that right? ...?...on your feet...

¹³⁹ What do you think about it, young colored boy setting there? Yes, you. You're tormented by the devil. Is that right? Satan's torments you all the time and just a young convert. Is that right? Is that right? You want to be free from the devil? [End of tape—Ed.]

Led By The Spirit

¹ Greetings and salutations, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. His matchless glory and mercy be upon you all.

² Just before you leave Brother Baxter stay close, I want to talk to you just a moment. I've been associated with Brother Baxter for some, many years now. It's about five years since we've been closely associated together. We've learned to love one another with undying Christian love, the fellowship and the love that we have, one for the other.

³ And I was preaching this afternoon on the deity of Jesus Christ. And Brother Baxter, if it's not asking too much for you, I wish you'd come, and just, and sing, my favorite song. Was written by a friend of Brother Baxter's and mine. He wrote this song out in a cornfield one night, and the inspiration come to him: Down From His Glory. You ready, Brother Baxter?

⁴ [Brother Baxter says, "This is Brother Branham's favorite, and I wouldn't try to sing it for anybody else but him."—Ed.]

"Thank you, Brother Baxter."

⁵ [Brother Baxter says, "But I think, maybe, he appreciates the words, and he can stand the vocal effort. He said it was written by a good friend of ours, that's the truth. Brother Booth-Clibborn told me himself, how it was written. Discouraged, and beaten in his own ministry, sat out in a cornfield, and penned these beautiful words. How many things are born in adversity! But the words I think, are incomparable. They're sung around the world. So we'll try it, and I dedicate it to Brother Branham—Ed.]

Down from His glory, Ever living story.
My God and Savior came,
And Jesus was His Name.
Born in a manger, To His own a stranger.
A man of sorrows, tears, and agony.

Oh, how I love Him, How I adore Him.
My breath, my sunshine. My all in all.
The Great Creator, Became my Savior.
And all God's fullness, Dwelleth in Him.

Without reluctance, flesh and blood His substance.
He took the form of man,
Revealed the hidden plan.
Oh glorious mystery, Sacrifice of Calvary.
And now I know Thou art the Great I Am.

Oh, how I love Him, How I adore Him.
My breath, my sunshine, My all in all.
The Great Creator, Became my Savior.
And all God's fullness, Dwelleth in Him.

⁶ "How many know that chorus? Come on, let's lift it, all together, everybody." Oh...

⁷ I also ended up back in there, and I hope that they got that on that recording and I'll hear that again someday. I'll remember that for many days to come, how that, end off, those women in there, bringing that high alto with the pitch of it there. Marvelous! Just think, "The Great Creator, Became my Savior." Oh, my. That just thrill's my heart to think of that, how God would humble Himself and come down on the earth, and dwell in a body of flesh, to redeem me. The lost, the altogether unworthy one, and the only Worthy One came down to redeem us from a life of sin. Isn't that, it's more, no wonder "eye has not seen, nor ear has not heard," how marvelous He is.

⁸ Now, dear, beloved Christian friends, God's peace be upon you. May the richest of God's blessings, ever remain here in Zion with you people. I love you with undying Christian love. As long as I have a memory of Zion, there will be a soft spot in my heart for Zion and it's people. I'll pray for you, that God will give you another revival, before the coming of the Lord. And He'll do it, which I say, see it. I hope I'm with you, to see the time when I feel even...see people around the nation gathering in to Zion. Wouldn't that be wonderful? Keep praying, and keep looking up. God will reveal...I am your servant, in the Lord, to do for you, whatever I can.

⁹ I used to say to people, "The night can't get too dark, or the rain fall too hard, but what I'd come...?..." I had to kind of check that after, got so many, many friends. Just having them, made me feel the least bit...?...I'd do the best...Any time I can be a of service, God will just let me do it, I'll be glad to. See?

¹⁰ Maybe if I...?...maybe...?...friends, maybe, sometimes I've had my phone to ringing for 24 hours, after sick people, long-distance calls on one phone for hours every night. And you can imagine how he can make all those calls. See? He couldn't do it. But if I'm not there, they're all written down. They write them down. They use the phone to make these calls and write them down. I pray over them, constantly praying. And then God says, "You go over to here, to this other brother, away I'll go. Just what He says, do.

¹¹ I try, and I've learned to appreciate that more through the years. Just follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. I want to do that. You don't know tonight, in my heart, all I have to cut from. See.

¹² I'm a temperamental person. Melancholy sort of person I can't let myself get away...for that...you see I'm so happy, to break down now, and say good bye to you in a few minutes. I couldn't do it, I just, to express myself I'd probably go crying, see? But I don't want to do that. I've got something, God's truth stands first, now. I can't say good bye to you 'cause, if I stay in Christ, you stay in Christ, we will go yonder, where there is not going to be any goodbyes. We have already anchored ourselves in Christ. See?

¹³ I may have to get out here in the field, and so forth, and you may have to go to your field. But God be with both of you and watch over you until we can meet again.

¹²⁴ Now are you a stranger to me? We are strangers. You have been in the meetings this week, but I don't know you, I have never been introduced to you or nothing...know nothing about you. No way at all of even knowing. Alright, and your, and me and...?...or whatever it is. And if anything that I know, it's God that showed me something concerning you. then you'll believe me. You believe with all your heart. While I see now that the...is just something else. But it's his stomach. Isn't that right? That's right. I thought to just come and just rile up a question, I thought it was just a look, actually I thought It was kind of like the...?...but it isn't. It's the stomach. It's the stomach...Say, you've had an operation, too. Is that right? Part of that stomach is removed. Isn't that...Yes, yes, sir. That is right. You're still having weak spells and so forth, over it and like that. And you believe He will make you well? Come here, sir.

¹²⁵ Our heavenly Father, the physician has done all that he can do. And I seen him shake his head. But Lord, Thou art near to help this man. I pray, Father, that Your Spirit is near, that You will bless him, and heal him, and make him every bit whole, in the Name Jesus Christ. Amen.

¹²⁶ Now brother, go on your road happy, rejoicing and get well in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

¹²⁷ Let us say, "Praise be to God." [Congregation says, "Praise be to God."—Ed.]

¹²⁸ Now, the first thing, I see the man has a trumpet in his ear. So that taken the first thing that he's either deaf, or something. All right. It's...Can you hear me all right? All right. You come near. You can hear me as I talk through this aid here. Well now, as long as you can hear. You see? Well, if I can talk to you first then...Now, What do you think about the, about Jesus Christ and the Gospel, all the works, does it...Do you think it's wonderful? You expect...?...do. All right.

¹²⁹ Now, if God...If Jesus is the Son of God, which we believe that He is. He's a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, and you're here tonight seeking for help. No doubt for that ear, which it is. That was the ear, yes, sir. Both your ears. All right. Now, I could not make you well. You understand that? I could not make you well. There is no way at all for me to help you, or to make you well. The only thing that I could do would be to pray for you. You understand that don't you?

¹³⁰ And...you need Jesus as your Savior. Now, isn't that right? Be honest with me. That's...that's right. Isn't that right? You're not converted to Christ. Is this the same Spirit that told the woman at the well, "Go get your husband." Jesus Christ, that knowed your unconverted condition? Have you had some affair, about a war or army or something like that? Have you been a soldier? Is that right? Do you believe me as His prophet? Come here. Will you accept Jesus as your Savior now? Promise that you'll not forsake Him, you'll serve Him the rest of your life from this night on? You now accept Him as your Savior? Here's another thing that I notice you doing in a vision. That's up recently, of course being a sinner man, you do it. You smoke cigarettes. You get away from that. See? Don't do that no more now. You're to be a

Spirit comes in you. See? Than comes the breaking away and the vision come in you. See? Than I understand from there.

¹¹⁷ Now I want you look this away for just a minute, and I'm not trying to read your mind. I want you to be thinking about me, about the Lord Jesus that's I'm thinking. Yes. Thank you, thank you. Yes, yes, you have tumors. Isn't that right. Now that's a tumor you've been prayed for before. Isn't that right? Part of your tumor got well, and part of it didn't. It was in my meeting. Isn't that right. Now you believe? God in heaven knows I wouldn't recognize you, but I see a vision when I was standing praying for you. Is that true? See, I see it coming back again just a moment. You have a, you have also a female trouble. Isn't that right? It causes a discharge. Is that right? See it's in the back. Is that true. I put my hand over there on account of a mixed audience. Is that true? [Women replies, "That's right."—Ed.] Say, don't you have some kind of twisting or jerking or spasms in the muscles of your stomach. Is that, is that right? There's nothing can be done for it they claim. But they, but please be still, be still. Quite down. When you speak that breaks the vision from me. Was everything true I said? [Women say, "Everything was true."—Ed.]

¹¹⁸ I want the audience to know. I don't know the lady. I don't know now what I told her. That's just what God said. That's what the vision shows. And that's why, God, knows all about her. I don't know her, but God does know her and knows what's wrong with her.

¹¹⁹ Now If this presence is that spoken. Would you believe about asking God to get well, along with the rest of the Scriptures, always pray with me. You believe you will get well? You do, with all your heart? Yes ma'am, alright, now bow your heads everyone.

¹²⁰ Our heavenly Father, as this poor women here is suffering...?... With all my heart that You will touch her. Grant it dear Lord, may your Spirit come upon her and make her well. Lord, I lay my hands upon her according to the Word. The Holy Book that said, "If you lay hands upon the sick, they shall recover." Grant it father in Jesus Name. Amen.

¹²¹ God bless you sister, now go on your road happily, rejoicing, and telling your testimony.

¹²² Alright, come sir. Alright, do you believe with all of your heart that the sayings that take place here in the services are of God? You do believe. Alright, if you believe that in your heart then perhaps I can help you to have faith in that. Now the only thing that will move is that faith. Faith cures all the wounds and that's all anybody could do. They might preach the Word, you hear it by the Word, "Faith cometh by hearing by the Word." Now this is the Word God, is that right? That's the first step, the Word of God. That's to all people.

¹²³ Well, maybe there's something in an individual life. That won't permit, that demon or something. Then, second glory, the Word of God would come through the fear to help that person to, get right, respect God, or something. Is that right? That's, that's God's co-ordination's of things. That's how God does things. He's that way.

¹⁴ I hear that these gallant men of here, something about the expense of this auditorium. It's true cause I've been out of the services for about seven months. How I thank you my brethren. God bless you...?...never. If I ever set my own mind...God help me to have gentlemen enough about me to walk on through it, and pray through till God gets my heart right to heal again. See.

¹⁵ It's not that. But we are a little bit desperately needy now. It's...?...for about seven months, went several of hundreds of dollars in debt, and...I'd done just...And then I've got to make up my budget for overseas, where I'm going to be, with colleagues and I believe with...?...

¹⁶ Today Brother Baxter sent a little love offering. I appreciate that with all my heart. Just as soon as I can, the Lord will send us into the field.

¹⁷ Oh, I would love to walk by your car and talk sometime. I'd love to be right here, around home, to talk with you, and come into your homes, and visit. No one knows how I want to do that. God does. I would, there isn't a person in this building, that I wouldn't like to go to your home tonight, and stay all night with you, and talk with you. Get up tomorrow morning, set out on your front porch, or set out under a tree somewhere, and talk about Christ with you. But it's just...I can't do it to all, you know what I mean.

¹⁸ And then all the other people that's there said I do the best that I know how, for my Master and for you. And I, there alone in the room, I pray constantly, "God, help me so that when I go down there, I can be a representative of Yours to the best that I know how. That I could let the people see the love of God." See? And something to help you.

¹⁹ Now if you pray for all that little offering...Tonight, let me give you a scripture. Jesus said, "Insomuch as you have done unto the least," that's me, "of My little ones, ye have done it unto Me. If whosoever shall give one of my disciples, he that believes in Me, as much as a cup of water, in the name of the disciples you'll in no wise lose your reward." And may the Lord repay it a hundred-fold back to you. Thank you.

²⁰ My, I know that they said praying for...Brother Baxter's not that kind of a man. And, just to say, "Thank you." And I want you all to know, that the custodian will be here tomorrow if I am not mistaken...?...and the different ones, the ushers, the ministers, the laity and every one of you. Some of you have penciled down little things to eat, and the things you can't.

²¹ There was a brother setting in the building there the other night that I recognized a few months ago, and I went to pay my bill. I had my wife, and Sister Baxter, and the children. The bill was already paid. A man...?...

²² As Christians, we don't desire anything, see? We don't let this hand know what this hands doing. So I appreciate it all. And you know it. God knows. I pray His blessings will ever be with you. And way yonder, in dark regions of the heathen lands, on the battle for the power, to rub Satan on his side, I remember him dying, and praying for him. Thank you. God bless you.

²³ Ever drop in down around Jeffersonville, drop in and shake my hand. I'm home. I'd be glad to have you anytime. Alright. Let's read from the scriptures. I want to read in the second chapter of Saint Luke. I wish to read there. What awaits us here. Beautifully written. I like it. All the scripture's are beautifully written. The twenty-fifth verse of the second chapter of Saint Luke, I believe we'll begin.

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he would not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for Him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Let us bow our heads, just a moment.

²⁴ Eternal God, oh how we just love Thee tonight. As I stand here, before these people, I've often thought, "What would I do if I had two drops of the blood of Your Son in a glass, or a charger in my hand?" The literal drops of blood from Calvary. How my tears would run down my cheeks as I'd hold it, knowing that I held in my hand the blood of Jesus Christ, in a little charger.

²⁵ But tonight, in Thy sight, according to the Scripture, I believe, to me, it's a greater, than I hold the purchase of Your blood. Your children that You brought forth and with Your own Life, You paid it for us. And here I am tonight, to be a teacher for these people.

²⁶ Oh Father, what kind of a person should I be? Mold me and make me Lord. I feel it's a great change, and something's going to happen, shortly. And I pray God, it would be for the good of the people, the glory of God. I'm glad that they begin to feel that way in Zion taking up shape. Now I believe that soon You will reveal it.

²⁷ And now Father, I call humbly upon You. I pray tonight, for every one of you people, from ministers, down to the janitors in the building, everyone of them. Lord, I ask You to direct them, and give them the best that I know how to ask for them. And may they live long lives, helping them get free from sin and sickness.

²⁸ And the great plan someday, there will be a large table set, all redeemed of all ages shall gather in at that table. We'll look across at one another, with tears of joy running down our cheeks. I'll look across to see the old veterans, fought to win the prize, sailed through bloody seas, slip across the table with our hands, and shake hands. How I can say, "Praise the Lord."

²⁹ Then the King, in His beauty, will come out and wipe the tears from

¹⁰⁸ Alright now. You're the patient, the lady? Now, lady, I wish there was some way that I could do something for you, or something. I can't. But if I had anything in my hands, or in my body that would heal you, I'd sure know that you went off the platform well. I'd do it. Not only that. I'd go down to that little girl setting there in that wheelchair. I'd lay my hands on her and heal her. I'd go to this lady here. I'd heal her. I'd go to that poor old dad there, his hands up over his ears, trying to listen. I seen him the last two or three days and nights, trying just to break in. I seen what his trouble was, know what's wrong with him. I trust that God will heal him tonight. I wished that I could do that. I wished I could. But I can't.

¹⁰⁹ I'm a man. I'm just, as your loved ones would be. I'm just like Brother Baxter, as just any man here. I'm just a man. But God is God. Now, I was born by a gift. Those gifts don't come by laying on of hands, those gifts come by the sovereignty of God. Gifts and callings are without repentance. They was foreordained of God to be. Gifts are born.

¹¹⁰ Jesus Christ in the Garden of Eden, He was the woman's seed that would bruise the serpent's head. Moses was born a proper child. John the Baptist was the voice of one crying in the wilderness according to Isaiah seven hundred and twelve years before he was born.

¹¹¹ Before is, Jeremiah...?...that great prophet, Jeremiah. God said, "Before you was even born, in your mother's womb, I knew you, and called you, and sanctified you, and ordained you a prophet of the nations."

¹¹² You believe? See, it ain't just what somebody does, it's what God does. What God does. See? That's right. That is right.

¹¹³ Now, he was dead. Not knowing about the full gospel people, I was leery at first, I didn't know what to do. But God called and sent me to them, not knowing. That's why I'm here now. I'm here trying to help you. You believe that I'd be a hypocrite to my...?...You wouldn't believe that, would you?

¹¹⁴ You would believe that as a Christian man that I would at least be truthful wouldn't you. If I be truthful God will help me, He'll be with me. But if I'm not truthful than He wouldn't be with me. That's one thing sure. But I try to represent Jesus to the people. Tell them I'm just a servant, just a servant. That's all, and if I should die tonight and go up before His gates and He'd say, "You're condemned and I send you to hell."

¹¹⁵ And I'd be in hell, I'd raise up my hands and say, "Just and true art thou Oh God" I'd praise Him if I was in torment. For He's real, and whatever He does is right. That's right.

¹¹⁶ Now we're standing to find God's will. Now do you believe me to be His servant? His prophet. Now just talking to you as a conversation, like Jesus did to the woman at the well. If you notice it tonight. Have you ever been in the meetings before. When I was the last time you was at the meeting? Well then this wasn't manifested than. See every night the first person I usually talk to them a little bit. So the anointing of the

the world.”

I said, “What is the gospel?”

He said, “Oh, the, um, the, uh, the Word.”

⁹⁹ I said, “Well, not altogether, my brother.” I said, “That’s not scripture.”

“Oh,” he said, “Well, Reverend Branham...”

¹⁰⁰ I said, “Oh, no. Paul said, ‘The Gospel come to not in Word only, but in power, and demonstration of the Holy Ghost.’” Yes, sir.

¹⁰¹ When He said, “Go into all the world, preach the gospel to every creature,” He also said, “Demonstrate the power of the Holy Ghost in all the world.” Yes, sir. Never come to us in Word only. The Word’s got to be potent in every life, in demonstration of the power of the Holy Ghost.

¹⁰² I said, “Then, if you call that the greater thing, surely you can do the lesser things then. Go heal the sick. Pray for the sick. Cast out devils. Do those kinds of works.”

¹⁰³ Jesus said, “The things that I do shall you do also.” And if you’ll do them, He will do them. “The things that I do, shall you do. And greater than this, for I go to my Father.” To be greater is to be more of you, more of it. Oh, my. Isn’t He wonderful? Now believe Him tonight, while we pray.

¹⁰⁴ Almighty God, the Creator of heavens and earth. The Author of everlasting Life, the Giver of every good gift. Tonight as I close this service here in Zion city, Illinois...?...God, I see it laying there in that desk drawer of mine, now, lays a little paper. Little blue back, many pages on it, with men’s name’s, business firms this city. Time I come back to this city. I remember the night when I left...?...I said, “I will return.” You’ve given me the privilege of doing that again. I trust, Lord, that the services have been a blessing beyond what they recognize now. May it start something right here, in the city that’ll not till Jesus comes. May it be a revival and start moving right here in the city, break out somewhere right among the people. Grant it, Lord.

¹⁰⁵ And now, tonight, as we’re closing, would You come to You’re humble servant. Would You bless me, Lord, in a mighty way, tonight. Just send Your Angel down. Break forth with great visions, Lord. Speak to this people, show them signs and wonders. I do not know what You will do. Thou knowest that, Lord. But Thou dost know all things. And I pray, and prayer changes things, I ask for a special blessing upon this audience, tonight. Grant it, Lord. In humility, I ask it in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

¹⁰⁶ Alright. He’s setting behind me in the shadow, I didn’t even see him, my son. What’s that number for the...?...Alright. We’ll start a prayer line tonight by calling some from the prayer line. Billy had to come down, tonight, and give out the prayer cards. Didn’t get to give them out this afternoon, so he come tonight. Alright. Everyone...?...

¹⁰⁷ Does that just thrill you, that song Oh How I Love Him, How I Adore Him.

our eyes, say, “Don’t cry no more, it’s all over. We’re here. Enter into the joys of the Lord.” God grant that every person present tonight, may be at the great wedding supper, with white robes and ready to crown Him King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Until that time Lord, may we all be about the Master’s work. We commit the service tonight, and everything that’s done or said be in the Name of Jesus Christ, that You’ll get glory and honor. Amen.

³⁰ To the minister brethren, preach the Word. Be up and going. If there ever was a time that you need a preacher, it’s now. Get moving, swiftly. Don’t let anything stop you. Go out. Get going around everywhere. Get going somewhere.

³¹ Here, not long ago, I was coming, the Russians, they came back...?...after the war, they dried their own wheat, and it...?...was getting right into fall, just about to snow. And all day and all night they pulled, tired. They couldn’t wait for the wheat out in the field...?...it up. They had to just do the best they could. And at night time, here, these little children run in front of the parents with the lanterns. And the parents, the women and men, pulling a high wall to press the ground...?...pressed it in...?...too close to the snow.

³² Can you hear me all right? Way back there, wave your hands, if you can. Alright, that’s fine.

³³ They couldn’t wait till it had snowed. The next year, it (harvested) started to...those crops. They had to get the little seed in the ground somehow. They had to scratch the ground and then put the seed in...?...day and night...?...pull the harrow...?...the human, the man himself pulling the harrow.

³⁴ I thought, scratching the ground, “If they don’t get the seed in, there’s not going to be any crop.” And minister brethren, if there ever was a time that God’s field needs scratching, if there’s going to be a harvest, let’s get the seed in right now. She’s sowed...?...You’ll see what I’m talking about. It’s getting near. Get going. Christians everywhere. Don’t let your denominational barriers. Get out here, do something for God. Let’s get the seed in the ground so we’ll get a crop for tomorrow. God bless you.

³⁵ Now. On this scripture reading tonight just before the appearing of Jesus. There was an old man by the name of Simeon, an old saint. Probably, I would picture, him look like something like doctor Dowie, with a long white flowing beard. He had an outstanding name as a teacher of Israel. A wonderful old church father. And, you know, the Holy Ghost spoke to him one day, and said that he wasn’t going to die until he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he believed it.

³⁶ Now they had been looking for Christ to come for years and years. Israel, here they were in captivity...Christ coming, but the Holy Ghost promised him. So he wasn’t scared to go around and say, “Now, now I’m not going to die till I see the Christ.”

³⁷ I can imagine somebody says, said, “The old man’s got kind of old you know, something’s wrong with his mind. He’s going around there

saying that he's going to see the Christ. Just think, an old man like that, nearly a hundred years old, now, walking around here saying he's going to see the Christ, and we've looked for Him for years. Think of that!"

³⁸ But He, the Holy Ghost said so! That's what made the difference. He wasn't off in his mind. He was listening to that Holy Spirit.

Now, there's no two Holy Spirit's. There's only one Holy Spirit. Is that right? And the same Holy Spirit then, is the same Holy Spirit today.

³⁹ Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Some magi (astrologers) come over and (stargazers) and they seen the star pass right over every conservatory. Nobody saw it at all but magi saw it. Why? They were looking for it. The star of David, according to the prophet Balaam...said, star of David...?...watching. And it passed right by the people that were stargazers and didn't see it. But they followed the star. I believe they saw a star, what do you think about it? The observatory didn't see it, but the magi saw it.

⁴⁰ You get what you're looking for. If you're expecting tonight, to get healed, you're going to get healed. If you're not expecting it, you're usually...If you've come to the meeting tonight, just to say, "Well, I'll see what goes on," that's all you'll see. You say, "I know that's not right." Say, "I know something isn't right."

⁴¹ You say, "Lord, I believe. I want to let You in my heart." You'll get it. If that's what you're expecting, that's what you'll get. Always expect Him friends. Whatever your expecting to do, whatever you're expecting to find, and that's what you'll receive.

⁴² Now. Then I can see when the shepherds came down and the angels went up, not to the clergy men now. Not to Caiaphas. Not to the high priest's and them. But out to shepherds and things. Today, in the city of several hundred was born Christ the Savior. And these shepherds came down...They didn't have...tune in by radio like we have today...so the news had got around.

⁴³ And after eight days, the mother had to come and offer a sacrifice which was a lamb. A rich woman...a poor woman offered turtle-doves. And so, that's a peasant's offering for her cleansing of her purification, and the circumcision of the child, and so forth.

⁴⁴ So let's take a look, just now, mentally, like a vision. And let's go back 2000 years, now. Just about 2000 years and look at the conditions up there, in Jerusalem and around the Palestine...?...time...?...a bachelor, and...

⁴⁵ But an old man walking around and, "the Holy Ghost told me that I was going to see the Christ." Now, I can see him setting way back in the building, a little prayer room this morning studying the scriptures maybe. Let's say, that Monday morning. And, I'd reckon about two or three million Jews that were in Palestine at the time, there were probably many children born in that one day. Probably fifty, sixty, seventy-five or a hundred. Or maybe two or three hundred each day. On every eighth day they had, on the eighth day circumcision line and this morning as

life. Why? It is written. God said so. It's true. That settles it.

⁸⁹ He says so, I believe it. Jesus said, "What you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and you'll have it." I believe it.

⁹⁰ And I believe if your led here tonight by the Holy Ghost like Simeon was in the day of old. You wouldn't come here to see these meetings unless there was something in your heart pulling, letting you believe that there was such. You see it nightly, watching in the papers, seeing testifying here and there. This one's dying with cancer, well. This one over here was crippled, walking. This one's blind, seeing. Would you believe it? You've got to.

⁹¹ If you got any Christianity at all about you'll believe it. If you got a speck of God you'd know that. If He is Almighty God, He can do all things. And if He cannot do all things, He's not Almighty God. And if He is Almighty God and Jesus Christ is His Son, "the same yesterday today and forever." I believe it, don't you?

⁹² And it is written, "The things that I do shall you also. Greater than this," or maybe way, the right word is, more than this, "Going to be more of it shall you do."

⁹³ I heard some fellow here not long ago, he said, "Oh, yes. Greater things. Brother Branham, He said greater than this. That's what He said. That's King James translation of it."

⁹⁴ I said, "Alright. Greater." I said, "What is the greater?" He stopped nature. He raised the dead. He healed the sick. He opened the eyes of the blind, as the Father showed Him to do. He didn't do nothing until the Father showed Him to do. Is that right? That's what He said. "I can do nothing except the Father shows me first, then I go do that."

⁹⁵ They said, "Why don't You do this? Why don't You do that? Why don't You come down the cross? He's blindfolded. We smacked Him on the head. Why don't You tell us who hit You? We'll believe You're a prophet."

⁹⁶ He didn't clown for people. He said, "I do what the Father tells Me to do, and shows Me to do." Otherwise. Saint John 5:19 says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing first. Whatsoever things the Father doeth, He showed the Son, and this doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loved the Son and shows Him what He does."

⁹⁷ Now that's right. That's the reason He couldn't heal all that day there at Bethesda, all crippled, and cripples and withered and so forth. The Father showed Him one man that had been sick for thirty eight years with diabetes or something. He said, "Take up your bed and walk on." And he did. Why didn't He heal the rest of them? He said, "I can't until the Father shows me to do it." Now, if He's the same yesterday, today, He'll do the same thing.

⁹⁸ This fellow said, "Well now, looky here." He said, "the greater things. Jesus couldn't preach the gospel all the way around the world." And said, "We've done the greater things by preaching the gospel around

⁷⁸ Well she said, "Listen I'm going to have a baby too. For the Angel of God who told me that you was going to have a baby, said I'd be overshadowed with the Holy Ghost, and the Child that'll be born of me would be called...I should call his Name Jesus."

⁷⁹ And as soon as she said that salutation in the ears of that woman, that little baby John was laying dead in his mother's womb, began to leap and jump for joy. Just as soon as...The first time that the Name of Jesus Christ was spoke through mortal lips caused a dead in his mother's womb to come to life and receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah.

⁸⁰ If it'll do that to a dead baby what ought it to do to a born again church. I don't understand. Oh, my. He said if they hold their peace the rocks will immediately cry out. That's taking God at His promise. How do you know you're going to have it? God said so.

⁸¹ And when the nine months rolled around the baby was born cause God said so. "Whatever things you desire when you pray believe you receive it." God said so. The Word of God will defeat Satan anywhere, anytime, anyplace. Do you believe it?

⁸² As I was speaking this afternoon the Deity of Jesus Christ, the Father in Him. All God was, give His gift into his Son. That it might be manifested in the earth. When He met Satan He never used one of them. He brought it down to show the weakest of Christians.

⁸³ Satan comes in and says, "If," that question mark's always across the Word. "If thou be the Son of God command these stones to be turned to bread."

⁸⁴ When He was hungry, Jesus said...never said, "Now here I am the Son of God, I rebuke you." He never said it. Jesus said, "It is written." The Father's Words. "Man shall not live by bread alone." Taking him up on the pinnacle of the temple. Jesus said, "It is written." Taking Him up on the mountain Jesus said, "It is written." Is that right? So, Jesus showed you that Satan could be defeated by the Word of God.

⁸⁵ The Word of God will defeat Satan tonight if there never was a gift in the church. See what I mean? How many believe that's the truth? God's Word. And if you'll look at it, believe it, and accept it, and tomorrow when Satan says, "See, you're still sick, you still this way."

Say, "It is written. It is written."

⁸⁶ When they told me at Mayo's I couldn't get well, said I was gone. I said, "It is written."

Said, "You can't come out of it Reverend Branham."

⁸⁷ I said, "It is written. Whatever things you desire when you pray believe you receive it and you shall have it. I believe it."

⁸⁸ Satan says your not going to get well...I said, "Now look here fellow, if you want to here me testify and glorify God stick around." I said, "I'm going to give him praise day and night just as loud as I can scream it." He got away from there too, what I mean. And now, I weigh more than I've ever weighed in my life. The best health I ever was in my

everybody is going about their business stands a line of about a hundred woman standing in there some...?...them standing in there with a little lamb, with their little baby wrapped in fine linen and so forth, and the other Jewish mothers just tipping and oh how happy they are.

⁴⁶ Let's come down the line. I see Mrs...?...standing down there. And her, and how she's got her baby...?...And she's one of the up and ups you know, and my...?...such a lovely child, and my it's such a lovely child and so forth and coming on down.

⁴⁷ But standing down a little I see a little girl about eighteen years old a veil down over her face with a baby, with swaddling cloth wrapped around it. If I understand right that's what come off a yoke of an ox, where it plows you know, keep from rubbing it.

⁴⁸ And there was no room for them in the inn and when she brought forth her firstborn son and...?...wrapped it around His body. And she has in her hand not a little lamb a beautiful lamb washed and all fixed so pretty for the high priest, or, for the sacrifice.

⁴⁹ But a poor little turtle dove in her hand, a peasant's offering. I hear some of them say, "Do you know who that is standing there? That's that woman had a baby without, out of holy wedlock. Don't stand near her. Stand back..." Holier than thou, you know. With their mouth you know. "Stand back don't stand around where she is. She's just a girl, she's a prostitute."

⁵⁰ But down in little Mary's heart she knew what she was. And you might say, "Look at that fanaticism, Look at that." But remember, down in their hearts they know where they stand.

⁵¹ Alright, than I can see her standing there watching her baby and she counted it all just in her heart while she standing there watching her little baby, holding the dove waiting for the purification. One dove was to be killed and so forth and the both of them would have to be. And then she's holding the dove and then, not paying any attention to them. She's tending to her own business but about that time way back over in the building...?...in one thousands and thousands of Jews and the trumpets were sounding, and the sacrifices being offered, prayers being made, and the jubilee falling and so forth.

⁵² But way back in that prayer room I can see an old man sitting back there that's got the promise by the Holy Spirit sitting there reading an old parchment all about...?... "All we like sheep have gone astray, the Lord has laid upon him the iniquity of us all."

⁵³ About that time I can see the Holy Spirit come up and say Simeon rise up. Simeon rolls up the parchment and sets it down yonder, raised up the Holy Spirits on him, do you believe that men's led by the Spirit? I do, I do for...?...here he comes moving out, "What's the matter Lord?"

⁵⁴ "I got something to tell you Simeon this morning. I gave you a promise, come on out."

⁵⁵ "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm going out of the building."

⁵⁶ Here he comes down through the crowds lurching along through the

crowds moving through this one. Some of them say, "There's that old fellow cracked at the head going to see the Christ."

⁵⁷ He was sitting right there among them and they didn't know it. Here comes the Holy Ghost leading him. He hits that line of women for their purification, here he comes right down along the line led by the Holy Spirit. And when he gets right in front of that little despised and rejected woman with that baby wrapped in swaddling cloth, he takes the baby from her arms the tears dropping off of his white beard and said, "Now Lord, lettest thy servant depart in peace according to your Word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation." What a difference. He was led.

⁵⁸ About that time, we are taught, there was an old prophetess in the temple by the name of Anna. It's believed by theologians that according to history that she was blind. She stayed at the temple day and night offering prayer, all the time praying for the sins of the people. And she was waiting for Him, and the Holy Ghost come upon her, she was waiting, here she comes blind moving along the people bumping into this one over here...What's the matter? Blind leading along. She move on down the line comes to the women right down the line, stops, in front of the Christ child. Raises up her hands and blesses God. Led by the Holy Spirit. She believed that there was coming the Christ.

⁵⁹ Simeon had the witness of the Holy Ghost that he would see Him. And the same Holy Ghost that led Simeon that morning, that led Anna that morning, is the same Holy Ghost that's led you here tonight.

⁶⁰ You believe in divine healing do you? You believe as long as I said today, that when the deep calleth to the deep that there is a deep to respond to it? If you believe in divine healing, there's bound to be a fountain open somewhere. And the same Holy Spirit that led them there, has led you here, right to the place where you can see His moving of the Spirit showing you He's the same yesterday today and forever.

⁶¹ Then Lord, oh my, well, what could happen here tonight led by the Spirit of God.

⁶² Moved up here and took a seat believing that God was going to make you well, expecting to be healed. Are you all, how many of you sick people is expected to be healed tonight? Alright. You're going to get it, have to, you believe it and expecting, it's got to happen.

⁶³ I just believe God, don't you? Certainly. What He said is the truth. Don't try to figure it out, just believe.

⁶⁴ Watch when the Angel of the Lord met Zacharias. Told him up there he was going to have a son by his wife Elisabeth. "Why," he said, "these things couldn't be she's to old and I'm old."

⁶⁵ He said, "I'm Gabriel that stands at the right hand of God, and in his presence of God because you doubted my word you'll be dumb till the day the baby is born for my words is going to be fulfilled in its season."

⁶⁶ Then he was stricken dumb till the day the child was born. They said, they called him John, his mother did they said called for a writing tablet and he said, "His name should be" he said, "his name is John." God had

already named him.

⁶⁷ Then when the Holy Spirit, the Angel of God, Gabriel, goes down into the city of Nazareth to little Mary engaged to a widower.

⁶⁸ Here she is, her type probably with water on her head packing it up to the washing. Walking along the street, and all at once a light flashes before her. She stops. She thinks this is strange. Than something began to materialize in that Light. She looks standing there, and there stood the Great Arch Angel said, "Hail Mary." It frightened the little virgin, said, "Blessed art thou among women." She was frightened, it would frighten you, it frightened me.

⁶⁹ There He was said, "You're going to have a baby knowing no man." She didn't argue about it said, "the Holy Ghost is coming upon you and overshadow you and the Holy thing will be called the son of God."

⁷⁰ She said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to Thy Word." Instead of arguing, questioning and going on like Zacharias she just took God at His Word.

God give Zion tonight some Mary's that'll take...

⁷¹ She went out testifying that she was going to have a baby, knowing no man, before she had any physical evidence at all. Oh my! What did she have? God's Word. That's all she needed. She went out and said, "I'm going to have a baby."

"Have you felt life?"

"No sir."

"Are you positive?"

"I'm positive."

⁷² "Well if you haven't felt life, there's nothing there, how do you know you're going to have a baby?"

"God said so." That settles it.

"Are you going to get well?"

"Yes sir."

"Have you got any evidence?"

"Yes sir."

"What is it?"

"God said so." That's right. It's good enough for me.

⁷³ Look at her, I see her taking those...?...up yonder to see her cousin.

⁷⁴ John and Jesus were second cousins. Elizabeth and Mary were first cousins.

⁷⁵ So the angel told her about Elizabeth. So she goes up there to find Elizabeth. Here come Elizabeth out to meet her. Hugged her and kissed her. And she said, "Oh, I understand that you're to be a mother."

⁷⁶ Said, "Yes." I'd like to dramatize this just a moment, "Yes I'm to be a mother, that's right and God has visited you in your old age."

⁷⁷ "Yes I'm going to have a baby that's right and it's six months with me now. But, I'm just a little afraid, there's no life as yet." See? That's all subnormal.