# Sermons By William Marrion Branham

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

# An Exodus

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## Introduction

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There is a fountain filled with...

<sup>268</sup> Won't you come to the fountain? I'll raise my hand to you. Won't you come up here, join in, let me join with you in prayer? If God'll hear my prayer for the blind and afflicted, won't He hear my prayer?

Wash all my sins away.

Wash all my sins away (Praise God!)

... all my sins away (Oh, how I feel!)

And there may I...

... all my sins away

<sup>269</sup> I want to ask you something. Do you feel strange? I'm not going by feelings, but I'm going by that vision. And something's happened here. I believe that if there's anybody crippled, or afflicted, I believe you're healed. Something. I believe that every sinner's forgiven. I believe the Holy Spirit's going to baptize this place, illuminate it. Are you ready, people? Are you ready to receive it? Look at the people standing up just automatically. Here it is! Why, it's all over the building everywhere.

Oh, God, our Heavenly Father, pour Thy Spirit... I condemn the devil, and ask that Jesus Christ...

## An Exodus

Thank you. You be seated just a moment.

<sup>1</sup> I certainly appreciate that fine welcome. And I want to say also to Doctor ... the chairman, and to Brother Boze, and to the other ... Velan-Doctor Velan, that this has certainly been a pleasure for me to be here and to minister with you brothers in this fine fellowship. And only count it ... I deem it a privilege to get to come back again in the year to come. You've been very nice and I certainly thank you all for your kindness and courtesy.

<sup>2</sup> I want to also say to all the people that's gathered here from different churches: you've been very nice and cooperative. And I appreciate you with all my heart. And hope that I can be a benefit to you sometime and a blessing to you.

<sup>3</sup> Then in behalf of the Cadle Tabernacle and its staff, I certainly thank them, truly, with all my heart, that it's certainly been a great privilege to be here under the roof of this great mammoth church here. I say this without hesitation: I believe this is the best acoustics, and the best arranged church for a healing campaign that I ever walked in in my life. And I certainly appreciate their kindness of opening the doors to us. May the Lord bless them.

<sup>4</sup> And to Mr. Russell Ford, and Cadle, and the staff, I certainly thank you all, my brethren, with all my heart. And if ever I can be a blessing to you, or a favor to you, why, just let me know. And I'm thinking of this, what it means. And how Mr. Cadle ... this memorial here of love and suffering and tears and prayer. But he and Mrs. Cadle has gone upstairs. And God rest their gallant souls is my prayer.

<sup>5</sup> We deem it a privilege to get into the tabernacle to continue the work along and help our part, as Mr. and Mrs. Cadle labored so faithfully here in the church. And then we hope next year, by God's grace, for us all to be back again. I trust that all the sick will be well, and all the unsaved will be saved till we meet again. And God bless you.

<sup>6</sup> I can't think of the minister's name who's been speaking these morning breakfasts, but I certainly have been really carried away by his messages. They've been certainly wonderful. [A brother says, "Charles Weston."] Charles Weston, I believe from the west coast. And he must have a wonderful church out there if he teaches that. And he's certainly a good teacher. God bless you all.

<sup>7</sup> And now, I believe... They told me they'd taken an offering for me a few moments ago. Thank you. I never come for an offering. I told them they didn't have to do that. I just came to be a blessing to you. But, I thank you. I have, well, four children and a wife, and I have a lot of expenses. My expenses runs about a hundred dollars a day, whether I'm working, or whether I'm in the field or not, my office, and so forth. I'll assure you that every penny of it... It's some of your living, and you've

shared it with me. And I'll do my very best to spend every cent to the kingdom of God. And may He pay you a hundredfold is my prayer.

Now, before we open the Book, shall we speak to the Author just a minute as we bow our heads.

<sup>8</sup> Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight from the very depths of our innermost being for the love of Jesus Christ that's shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. And now, tonight, at the ending of this great campaign, convention, we bow to give Thee thanks for all that Thou has done. Bless every one that's had a part in it.

<sup>9</sup> And we just thank Thee for the many, many things that you've done. Seeing the testimonies pouring in, Lord, of people going home and finding tumors gone, goiters missing, and all kinds of diseases and afflictions has been taken from them. We're so thankful for it. The souls, above everything, that's come with an uplifted heart to Thee and surrendered to Thee. We pray, Lord, that Thou will bless them abundantly through life. Give them long life, and eternal life in the world to come.

<sup>10</sup> Now, we're opening Thy Book, Father-the pages. And we pray that You'll minister to us by the Holy Spirit. For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

<sup>11</sup> It's just a little late tonight. And we don't want to keep you long. I've got a hundred-and-something miles to drive yet, tonight. So, I'd just like to say this.

<sup>12</sup> Now, I don't mean this to ... for pastors, and so forth. Many time when people says, "Write to me, send us a letter, sometimes there's something behind it. That might be... I don't mean that to harm, now. See, people's got radio broadcasts, and so forth, to support. But, I haven't anything like that. I try to keep my ministry little, so that I can minister and not honor any burden. I don't have no paper, no nothing, but just the Lord Jesus. He's my sufficiency.

<sup>13</sup> But many times, I noticed in the meeting, there hasn't been any prayer cloths laid up to be prayed over, handkerchiefs, and so forth. All of you believe that, don't you? It's the Scripture. And if you desire one, just write to me at Jeffersonville. I assure you, you won't be dunned or anything. It's all free. It don't cost you nothing. But, we'll just be glad to do it. Sometimes people send us a little something to help us on stamps, and cloths and so forth, we have to buy. Each one, I've prayed over, and will send to you.

<sup>14</sup> We have a greater ministry in that than we do in anything else, nearly. They send out thousands of them, all over the world. And they're certainly... God has blessed our feeble efforts in this because it's obeying a scripture.

<sup>15</sup> Now, just write us at Jeffersonville, Indiana, and it'll come to me.

dying pillow, and the pulse coming up your arms, brother, you'll wish you would've come.

<sup>262</sup> I feel very strange just now. I don't know why. Anyone that's ever been in my meetings know I don't do this. But all at once that weakness left me, and I just picked right up. And the Holy Spirit said, "Look out there." And I seen sinners coming down the aisle. He said, "Call." I'm doing it.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day

(Come on, friend, come on. Leave these your brother.)

And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.

Wash all my sins away

Wash all my sins away

(Come right on. That's it. Young ladies, old, young, all alike. Come on down. Join in now.)

And sin... though vile as he Wash all my sins away.

<sup>263</sup> Just bow your head a moment. Continue on, sister. I don't know what's going on. I don't even know what God's fixing to do. I'm at my end now. But I feel, just kind of strange, that there's surely another little stray sheep somewhere here. Let me pray just a minute while you bow your heads.

<sup>264</sup> Father, I pray that You won't let the people think that I'm just doing this in myself. That they know, Lord, that I'm truthful about it. You're testifying the truth about it. And I feel that there's something else, Lord, hanging back, someone. Will You please, dear God, send that person just now.

<sup>265</sup> While we have our heads bowed, would you raise your hand whoever you are. Say, "It's me, Brother Branham. I just haven't got the courage to come. But, I'll raise my hand that it's me." Raise up your hand someone. Ever who that is that God is speaking to. God bless you. That's good. I knowed it. Come on now, won't move out over here to this side? God bless you. Move right on over here now, while we sing again. Won't you do it?

<sup>266</sup> I believe that God's going to pour out here in a few moments, something. I don't know whether it's going to be a spontaneous healings, whether it's going to be a filling with the Holy Ghost, whether it's going to be a sending forth of a ministry, I don't know. But something's fixing to happen. Remember, I told you.

<sup>267</sup> I never felt this, right in the prayer line. Ask anybody. Here's men's been with me since I was early in the ministry. You never seen that. It

down here, will you? Come here just a minute. Let's stand here for a word of prayer. Come right here. I don't know what I'm doing this for. I've never done it in my life. But the Holy Spirit... Come all, ever where you are. Come right down this way, will you? Stand right around the altar here a minute. Just look, coming here.

Give us a chord.

There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins, Where sinners plunged beneath the flood Lose all their guilty stains.

That's right.

<sup>257</sup> Heavenly Father, I pray that You'll send every person with condemnation in their soul up to this altar tonight. God, they realize they've made a mistake. They've made a start in heaven and went on. God I pray that You'll send them around tonight. Let this be a real outpouring just now. Grant it, Lord. If You'll open the ears of the deaf, and make the dumb to speak, and the blind to see, the lame to walk, and know the secrets of the heart... I knew You were telling me truth, Lord, when You told me a great host was waiting to come. I thank You. And, I pray that You'll grant this to them now, through Christ's name.

<sup>258</sup> While the rest of us sing this hymn, let every condemned soul come this way. Will you? I promise you, I promise you that it's God speaking to me. Was I right or wrong? Looky here. He never tells anything wrong. "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood." All right.

There is a fount... (Here it is, come on) with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins And sinners plunged beneath the flood Lose all their guilty stains. Lose...

<sup>259</sup> Come on, now. Won't you come? Get right out of your seat and come on down. This is the time. You're going to see something happen. Sinner friend, you'd better come on. I call you through Christ's name. Come on.

And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

<sup>260</sup> I know there's more, friend. I'm just as satisfied of that as I am standing this platform. There's still that feeling just don't let loose to me, see. Come one. Won't you do it?

The dying thief rejoic...

<sup>261</sup> You might not be a thief, but you may be dying. You are dying. And maybe before morning that heart will stop. And when you're pressing a

The Post Office Box is 325, but it's not necessary to have it. Just my name at Jeffersonville, it'll come.

<sup>16</sup> Now, quickly, we want to get right into the Scripture, pray for the sick, and minister. And to all you dear people, now, here that's come from... They was telling me back there, I believe there was people here from many different places in the world. So we're happy. Especially, I met the people from Africa. I hope to be ministering in Africa soon again in another great revival.

<sup>17</sup> And I say, there's one thing you can do for me, that'll be the greatest help you can do. Will you do it? Say, "Amen." Pray for me. That's the best I know. Remember, when the times are going hard, and the challenges are coming from witch doctors and everything else, I'll be depending on you, know that the people will be praying for me as I minister.

And if I never see you again this side of the river, I hope to meet you on the other side. So God be with you.

<sup>18</sup> As we read in God's Word in Exodus ... I mean, Numbers, the 13th chapter, and beginning in reading the 30th verse. Just for a little text to pull a little context out of the Scripture if God willing, by the Holy Spirit. Nothing premeditated. Just waiting for unction. And I'll watch and not try to keep you very long if I can help it.

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

<sup>19</sup> Last evening... We have been speaking the last two evenings on Genesis-the seed chapter-where God planted the seed. And Satan planted the seed-his. And they've both been growing together ever since. It'll soon be harvest time, when the harvest will be reaped.

<sup>20</sup> Oh, if we just had about two or three weeks of good revival time, here, to go into some of these great things. I'm a typologist. And I like to type the shadows, because if I know what the shadow looks like, I have some conception of what the reality looks like.

<sup>21</sup> So, without an education, I had to go to that, to shadows-the Old Testament to see it foreshadow the New. And everything in the Old Testament speaks of Calvary-everything. You're complete in Christ.

<sup>22</sup> And you're not saved because that you pack a crucifix. You're not saved because you go to church. You're not saved because you know your catechism, or your textbook. You're not even saved because you know the Bible. You are saved because you know the Person Christ Jesus. To know Him is life. Not even to know His Word is life, but to know Him, the person, is life.

There's only one way to know Him, that's to be born again of the

Spirit of God.

#### GEN15:13,14 GEN22:14

<sup>23</sup> Now, we were studying last two evenings on Abraham, the great patriarch. And tonight, we're going over into the Exodus just for a short time. We left Abraham upon the mount where he had offered up the ram instead of Isaac. And He called the place "Jehovah-jireh." God told Abraham that his seed would sojourn in a strange land and would be in slavery, bondage, for four hundred years, but then He would bring them out with a mighty hand.

<sup>24</sup> And we find that Isaac begot Jacob; and Jacob, Joseph. And Joseph was betrayed of his brethren. Perfect beautiful type of the Lord Jesus. Was taken down... Remember, He was loved by his father, hated by his brethren. The only reason they hated him, because he was spiritual. He saw visions and could interpret dreams. And his brethren, they were good fundamental people, but they just couldn't see the supernatural side. And they hated him without a cause.

<sup>25</sup> Perfect type of Christ. When He came, He was... They hated Him-the Jews, His brethren-because He was spiritual, and had a spiritual understanding, and could foretell, or tell forth, or know the secrets of their hearts, and could tell them what happened to them, what their troubles was. And the Jews hated Him for that cause. But, He was of God.

#### GEN37:24,28 GEN39:20 GEN41:40-44 MATT26:15 MATT27:60 MARK16:19 JOHN14:6

<sup>26</sup> Then Joseph was throwed into a ditch, and supposingly to have been killed. And was taken up from the ditch, and went into the dungeon in Egypt. And from there to Pharaoh's right hand. As Christ was sold for thirty pieces of silver, Joseph was sold almost thirty pieces of silver. Christ was throwed into the ditch, the grave, and was taken up and sits at the right hand of God the Father. And everyone ... no one, rather, could come to Pharaoh without first coming through by Joseph. No man can come to God except by Christ, the Son of God.

#### GEN41:43

<sup>27</sup> And there was a proclamation made that Joseph could bind Pharaoh's servants at his own pleasure. And another thing, that when Joseph went forth in the chariot, callers went before him saying, "Bow the knee, everybody, for Joseph is appearing."

#### ROM14:11

And when Jesus comes, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess.

<sup>28</sup> Friend, you're going to pray sometime. You're going to confess Jesus sometime, either as your Saviour now and meet Him in peace, or as your Judge at that day to meet Him when the wrath of God will be your destination.

<sup>250</sup> If anybody's with her, teach her to speak and hear. The spirit of the deaf and dumb spirit just left her, and she just has to be taught like a child. Praise the Lord! Amen.

Let's praise the Lord, everybody. Give Him praise. Give Him glory. Let's bow our heads.

<sup>251</sup> Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee, tonight, for the Lord Jesus. Surely, Lord, You're omnipotent, all-powerful. Move on these people and let them know that this is You, Lord, that's moving among the people. The great Jehovah they have trusted. Let the sinner know that he's guilty now, in the presence of God.

<sup>252</sup> Now, with your heads bowed, I'm going to ask you something while the audience is praying. Sinner friend, God has did all things well this week. He's brought the paralytics out. He makes the deaf to speak ... deaf and dumb to speak and hear, rather. Are you a sinner? Are you without Christ? Do you believe in the ministry that I'm preaching? Do you believe me as God's prophet? He tells me right now to stop this prayer line for a few minutes, that there's many people that wants to be saved. I'm not a fanatic. God has already claimed that, showed that to you that I'm not. And, somehow or another my strength, instead of depleting, it's renewing. And I feel good.

<sup>253</sup> And I want to know, my sinner friend, if you'll just raise up your hand to Christ just now, and say, "By this, Brother Branham, I ask you to pray for me as a sinner. I want to meet God in peace." Will you raise your hand? God bless you. God bless you. Someone else? God bless you. God bless you.

<sup>254</sup> How many here is without Christ, without being born again? Raise your hands. God bless you. If you believe He hears my prayer... Do you really believe it? Every person in here that desires me to pray for you, for your salvation, if you're wayward, a little twisty in your salvation, you're not sure yet that you're right with God, you better be sure, friend. You'd better be sure. I'm telling you now, there's something in my heart's heavy. Just at this time, telling you, there's many here that isn't sure.

<sup>255</sup> Surely you realize that I'm telling you the truth. Will you stand to your feet, those who desire me to pray for you in this manner? Would you stand to your feet just now? God bless you. God bless you. That's right. Just remain standing just a minute. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. That's right. Sinner friend, backslider, raise up. Just keep raising up. There's more than that. Just keep raising up. Stand up. Just remain standing if you will just a few minutes. I'll have prayer with you. God be with you. God be with you. God be with you. That's wonderful. Some more stand?

<sup>256</sup> I wonder if I could shake your hand. I wonder if it would be too much. Would you like to walk right down here just a minute? Walk right

got epilepsy. Do you believe with all your heart? Raise up your hand if you believe that you want to accept your healing. All right. Then the Lord Jesus be with you. Amen.

<sup>242</sup> Oh, Satan thought he'd get by with that, but he failed. Amen. She was healed. Praise the Lord! Go on your road rejoicing, sister. Believing God with all your heart.

<sup>243</sup> Here's a mute. Bow your head everybody. Don't nobody look up, please, in Jesus' name. Every head bowed, everywhere. I ask in Jesus' name. The curses of God, to... If you believe, you better keep your head down. I want to ask you: How many believes that God sent me, that this mute could speak and hear, will you raise your hands? Now, put your hands down.

<sup>244</sup> I don't want no one, no one to watch me. I don't say He will. I've never sincerely prayed for anything, but what He did it. So, I want you to be ... or, tell me why He couldn't. This will be a sign to these others sitting here. I don't say He will, but it's a spirit. I just see it move when this girl walked up here. Now every eye closed till you hear my voice say, "Raise your head." Now, you wait till you hear my voice. Now, keep your head bowed.

<sup>245</sup> Kind, Heavenly Father, somehow, in Thy wise providence, we trust that we'll find grace in Your sight. Not that we have to have miracles to believe-we believe anyhow-but, that this company of people might know that it's You here, and not I, Your servant. If we've found grace in Your sight, we pray, God, that you'll manifest Your power, to even the critics, tonight, and unbelievers, that they might know that You're Christ, and You live, and I've testified of truth. Will You grant this, Lord?

<sup>246</sup> Now, as I go forward to challenge this deaf and dumb spirit that's possessed this girl, I pray that You'll give me strength, and not one bit of doubt in my heart. A lovely, young woman like this, walking in this condition.

<sup>247</sup> Satan, shame on you. Jesus Christ rebuke thee. I know you claim a privilege. I claim victory from Calvary. I claim you have no right to hold her. You're exposed. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who I represent... You tried to keep them all back, but you failed. Now I challenge thee, in a duel of faith, in Jesus Christ's name to leave the girl. Come out of her, she can be made well.

<sup>248</sup> [Brother Branham speaks very slowly to the girl.] Say what you hear me say: "Mama." [The girl repeats, "Mama."] Do you hear me? Got your hearing?

All right, raise your heads. This mute's speaking and hearing.

<sup>249</sup> [Brother Branham speaks to the girl again.] Watch here: "Mama." [The girl repeats, "Mama."] "Daddy." [The girl repeats, "Daddy."] Do you hear me? You're healed! You're healed now. Rejoice. <sup>29</sup> Notice, then after sojourning, how Isaac was brought down ... or, Jacob, rather. And he died down in Egypt and was brought back into Palestine and buried. Joseph died. And when he died he left a sign to all the Israelites that said, "Don't bury my bones down here."

<sup>30</sup> I like that. Did you ever notice, last night, we had just a little in between the line. Here just a little in between the line. Will you bear with me a moment on it? A little in between the line.

<sup>31</sup> Look, they were prophets. That's the reason they could see these things. It wasn't written. Neither is it written now. But, they were prophets and could foresee it.

<sup>32</sup> Now, notice. When Job, the patriarch, died at the end of his great tribulation... I just love the book of Job. Many people just pass by that. That's got every ... the full gospel in it, the book of Job, all of his trials.

<sup>33</sup> I preached on it at my tabernacle for a year and something. And when I got Job over to the ash heap, I had him there about six weeks. A lady, didn't want to come up to my face and tell me. She wrote me a letter and said, "Brother Branham, when are you going to get Job off the ash heap?"

#### JOB23:3 JOB32:2

<sup>34</sup> But, oh, my, what all tied into that. That great patriarch standing there. And he was trying to find somewhere to go to the house of God and knock on the door, and have a little interview with God. And Elihu came down and tried to tell him that he was wrong. And how that there was coming a just one who would put His hands on a sinful man and a holy God and bridge the way.

### JOB19:25,26

<sup>35</sup> And when Job... The Spirit come on Job. He raised up and he said, "I know my Redeemer liveth. And at the last days He'll stand on the earth. And though the skinworms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The thunders roared, and the lightnings flashed.

### JOB19:25-27

<sup>36</sup> Notice what he said, "In the last days... I know my Redeemer livethcontinuation. And at the last days He's to stand upon the earth. And though the skinworms destroys this body (Pardon me.), yet in my flesh shall I see God, whom I shall see for myself. Mine eyes shall behold and not another."

<sup>37</sup> Now, they all knew that Job, being a prophet, that if Job was going to see the Redeemer stand on the earth in the last days, the patriarchs, through revelation, knew that they would see Him, too.

So, Job, where he was buried... Many hours we could put on the subject, but to hit the high places...

<sup>38</sup> Along come Abraham. And when Sarah died, Abraham specified a place and bought a parcel of ground. Did you ever check where it was at?

GEN47:29.31

The same place Job was buried. Then when Abraham died, he was buried with Sarah. Abraham begot Isaac. When Isaac died, he was buried with Abraham.

<sup>39</sup> Isaac begot Jacob. And Jacob died way down in Egypt. But, before he died, knowing his spiritual son, Joseph, being a prophet, said, "Joseph, come here and put your hand..." on the hip where the Angel of the Lord touched him. As a great man, strong, on this side of the river, he was a great, strong supplanter. But, on the other side of the river, he was a limping prince. He got the prince name from "supplanter," to "Israel." Then he put his hand on there and he said, "Swear by the God of heaven that you'll not bury my bones down here in Egypt."

<sup>40</sup> Why? What difference does it make where you're buried? Said, "Swear by the God of our fathers, Abraham and Isaac, that you'll not bury my bones down here. But take me back to the homeland." Why?

GEN50:25

<sup>41</sup> Joseph, when he died... Years later, Jacob was taken back, buried with Abraham. Joseph, when he died, he said, "Don't bury my bones down here." Why? Said, "Take my bones when you go out and bury them up in the promised land." Why?

<sup>42</sup> They knew that at the resurrection-the firstfruits of the resurrectionthat Jesus was coming. And when He come and they did for Him what they said. And on Easter morning when He rose up, (Matthew 27), the Bible said that many of the bodies of the saints that slept in the dust of the earth, come out of the graves at the resurrection and entered into glory with Him.

<sup>43</sup> Who was it? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob. See, they were spiritual. And they had a discernment that they knowed that resurrection was not going to take place down in Egypt. It was going to take place in the promised land.

1THS4:14

<sup>44</sup> And brethren, tonight, I know from leaving the Baptist church, and so forth, I got a lot of criticism, and so forth. But I've seen the spiritual meaning of the coming of the Lord. "For those that are in Christ will God bring with Him at the resurrection."

1THS4:14

<sup>45</sup> You can have all your fantastics you want to and all your big denominations, but bury me in Christ. "For them that are in Christ God will bring with Him at the resurrection." Between the lines. Do you see it?

<sup>46</sup> Then, finally, there came the time of the exodus. The exodus means the "calling out," or the "separation." It come a time where God had to separate His people. They were in bondage.

<sup>7</sup> A beautiful type of today. I think the very word church means "the

you're afraid he's going to find something in your stomach that ain't right, that stomach trouble. Do you believe that He'll heal you? You do? Will you accept Him as your healer now?

<sup>234</sup> You got a habit if you'd lay aside, it'd be better for you. That's what hurt your stomach. Do you believe that? Then don't use them no more. Throw the things away. That nicotine goes down into your stomach, and it'll ruin you, keep your stomach troubled all the time. God don't want you to smoke them, so lay them away. Go on your road rejoicing. Will you forsake them now? ["Yes."] God bless you. Go on, be healed, in Jesus Christ's name.

<sup>235</sup> Do you believe Jesus healed you? Do you believe He makes you well right now? Heart trouble, everything done gone, all your nervousness settled. Do you believe that? Then in the name of Jesus Christ, receive your healing. Amen.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God!"

<sup>236</sup> Diabetes and things is easy. God can just make anybody well if they believe it. Do you believe it with all your heart? Do you believe it'll leave you right now? Then in the name of Jesus Christ, may you receive your healing. Amen.

Let's say, "Praise the Lord!" How wonderful, our precious, glorious, heavenly Father is.

There it moves. Forget about the tumor, sir. It left you. Amen.

<sup>237</sup> This lady here on the end had tumor also. Yes. That's right. Raise up your hand so the people see. They think they... The people's not getting it. I feel, when I see it turns light around you, I see it's gone, see.

<sup>238</sup> Will you do me a favor? Put your hand on that boy behind you suffering with stomach trouble, that young lad. Isn't that right little laddie? Raise up your hand if that's it, sir. That's your mother sitting next to you, isn't it? She's got a rupture she wants to be healed of also. That's right. Now, sonny, you lay your hand on mother. Amen. Now go on your road rejoicing. Female trouble and things gone from you, and you can go on rejoicing and be happy. Do you believe that.

Let's say, "Praise the Lord!"

<sup>239</sup> You've got the same thing with female. That's right. Do you believe that you're healed now? Then in Jesus Christ's name, go and be made well. Amen.

Let's say, "Praise the Lord!"

<sup>240</sup> God can heal stomach trouble and everything else. You believe that, don't you? Y'all go eat now. Do you believe you could? Go ahead, in Jesus Christ's name.

<sup>241</sup> Just a moment. I seen a black spirit rise from the back. There's somebody standing back there at the end of the line, a young person, has

you believe it, sir, sitting there? All right. It's all over now.

Isn't He wonderful? He's here to make well, if you just believe.

There He goes right back there. A lady sitting at the end, there, 224 you've got something wrong with your eyes-eye trouble. That's right. Lay your hand on that man next to you with diabetes, and God'll make him well too. Hallelujah!

<sup>225</sup> A lady sitting right back behind that hand up there's got cancer. If you believe that God'll heal you... All right. You can have it also, if you can believe.

REV1:8 226 Isn't He wonderful? Oh, He's Counselor, Prince of Peace, mighty God, the everlasting Father. Don't you believe that? The Alpha, Omega, the beginning and the end. He that was, which is, and shall come, the root and offspring of David, the morning star. He's here! He's omnipotent, all-powerful. Now, when He speaks, answer quickly, see.

227 Trying to believe, aren't you? What if I told you you were healed, would you believe it? You are. Just keep right on; believe with all your heart. God bless you.

228 How do you do, sir? We're strangers to each other. [The man speaks to Bro. Branham.] You live in Martinville. I said we're strangers to each other. We don't know one another. Do you want to be healed of that rectal trouble and get well? Do you believe God, the Holy Spirit, is here revealing this to me? I tell you something else. You got someone in a hospital you're praying for too. That's a granddaughter, in a mental hospital, a child. Isn't that right?

229 Do you believe me to be God's prophet? All right. Go and receive what you've asked for now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's say, "Praise the Lord!"

230 How do you do, sir? I'm a stranger to you, sir, but Jesus Christ knows you, doesn't He? You've got heart trouble. That's right. You've got trouble with your eyes, too. You're here ... and your wife has trouble too, doesn't she? Her trouble's in her throat, isn't it? In her eyes, also.

<sup>231</sup> You're from Indiana, [unclear name] Indiana, to be right. Your name is W. Chamberlain, isn't it? Return home and be well, in Jesus Christ's name.

232 Have faith. What if I told you you were healed, sitting there; would you believe me? You would? Then go praising God, and saying, "Thank the Lord for my healing." Just don't doubt nothing in your heart.

Have faith now. The Holy Spirit's over the audience.

233 How do you do, sir. Oh, my. I wish I... I just wish there was some way I could explain this. How glorious, how glorious. Scared, aren't vou? Especially scared to go to a doctor. How did I know that? 'Cause called out." And there's an exodus going on in the world today. Do you believe it? God calling out a people for His namesake out of the Gentiles. The days of the Jews is soon at hand. The Gentile day's over then, see. When the gospel turns to the Jew, the Gentile dispensation's finished. Oh, I just know that it's bound to be soon. Every sign pointing to it.

48 Notice, the exodus, a calling out. So God, when He got ready to do this, there was nothing in the world that man could do, or put a hand on. God did it Himself.

49 So, no matter how much we try to say, "This organization'll do it. This denomination'll do it." God'll do it. That's the only one that can do it. It'll be the sovereign grace of God that'll come down and unite the churches together-the called out. And we'll have an exodus-a going out.

HEB11:24-26 Watch how God did it. Very strange. They brought a man and woman, a righteous man of God. They brought forth a little boy and they named him Moses. And when he become the age of forty, he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Esteeming the treasures of Christ, greater riches than that of Egypt. He was Pharaoh's son, and had his foot on the throne. But if Pharaoh could've only examined the Word of God, he certainly would've not done what he did.

I'm sure tonight, sinner friend, if you would examine the Word of God, you'd be careful what you said and done.

How that Pharaoh thought, "Surely, I'm all secured." But Moses, being spiritual, understood that God was going to take the children of Israel out, and He called him to do it.

52 Now he tried it in himself. That's what's the matter with a lot of people today. You try to bring healing to yourself. You try to work up your own salvation. That won't work. It just won't do it. Joining churches, and signing papers, and putting pledges in; that's not God's program. That's religion, but it's not salvation.

53 Notice, he failed-miserably failed. And run into the desert for another forty years while God had him back on the backside of the desert where he married this Ethiopian woman, Zipporah, and she was high tempered. Moses was, too, so I guess there was some little trouble on the backside of the desert once in a while.

Don't turn your wife down 'cause she's got a little temper. Maybe 54 that's your cross. God might've give it to kind of keep you lined up. Same thing with you women to your husband. Stick together. You promised God you would, so stay with it.

Notice, I'm a person that don't believe in marriage and divorce, you know that, so... Look my brother, if you went at that more prayerfully, there'd be less of it.

EX3:1

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Now, Moses now was eighty years old. Instead of being a deliverer, 56 it looked like all hopes was gone. And he was a sheepherder for his father-in-law. My. Way back on the backside of the desert one morning, walking along when the sun was coming up, and he looked over, and he seen a bush burning.

God always gives something to attract attention of the believer.

57 So he stepped aside, not to criticize, or not to analyze, not to pull some of the leaves off, and take it down to the laboratory to see why them leaves didn't burn. He stepped aside at this burning fire, to kind of... Reverently he approached it.

EX3:5 God said, "Take off your shoes, Moses, for the ground you stand is holy ground."

58 That's what it is today. The reason that gifts and the church... The reason people don't get very much today is because it's irreverent ... you approach it. You've got to come to it with a full surrendered, made-up mind. Amen. When you come to God, don't just haphazardly come up and beat on the altar and chew the chewing gum. That's not the way to come to God. Come just as sane as you can come, and mean what you're talking about. God will receive you.

EX2:24 EX3:7 10 59 Notice, said, "Moses, I've seen the suffering of my people. I remembered My promise." I love that. God always remembers every promise He made. "And I'm going to send you right back down."

#### EX33:18

And Moses began to complain. But he said, "Show me your glory."

EX33:19-23

60 And God showed Moses His glory. And he was ready to go. And all the forty years of training his dear mother had given him on theology, and all that he had learned out of all the textbooks, he made a failure out of it. And in five minutes' time, surrendered in the presence of the fire of God, he was better equipped than all the equipment in the world could make him.

61 And I say today, that what our seminaries and preachers need is not a great long education, several years of schooling. They need to come in the presence of the living God and get a revelation of His divine will and His power. And approach it, not in a critical standpoint. "My church don't believe it." Take off your shoes when you approach it! Come to it reverent.

EX4:20

God can do some of the most ridiculous things, to the human mind. 62 Watch the carnal mind. What would he said about this the next morning? Here come Moses runs home and gets Zipporah. Set her astraddle of a mule with a kid on each hip. A stick in his hand, an old man eighty years you're here for, will you believe? You will.

<sup>216</sup> Now, I could take lots of time, but I'd never get that prayer line through. But just to talk to you, I'll ask Him to let me stay as long as I can. But, you're... One thing, you're extremely nervous. That's right. And I notice you trying to get out of a bed. You're stiff, you've got arthritis. That's right. Leaning on things, especially early of a morning, I see you getting going. You drop things, too ... dropping. I see you drop dishes and things like that. That's right. MARK16:17.18

I'm not reading your mind. That's true. Here, that you might know this. You got a friend that's real, real sick with a cancer you're standing for too. Is that right? Do you believe me to be His prophet? You believe this Spirit that's speaking is the Spirit of God? Then Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they'll get well."

Now, Heavenly Father, I obey Your commands by laying hands upon this woman, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God bless you. Go and receive what you've asked for. Now look around this way again. You know your arthritis is gone. Now just ask the audience. Don't you feel free from it? [The lady says, "I do. It feels much freer.]

You hear that, do you? She's healed.

Do you believe God? Do you believe me as His servant? I'm a stranger to you also, I suppose. Now, He went to the audience. Just a moment. Be reverent

Sir, sitting out there at the end of the row. Got epilepsy. Do you believe Jesus Christ'll make you well? Do you accept it and believe it? Pray and ask God, God'll give you your desire if you can believe it.

<sup>221</sup> Lady, you've got a lot of spiritual troubles, haven't you? You've got somebody on your mind you're wanting to pray for. And here's what it is. I believe it's your mother-in-law. Some relative to you, something, that's got a kidney trouble. And, you've got, yourself, you have some kind of a skin trouble, and a breaking out. And you've been very nervous and upset. Jesus Christ can make you well if you'll just believe Him. Believe with all your heart. Will you do it? Do you believe that Jesus Christ will heal you? You did have, you don't have now. God bless you. Let's say "Praise the Lord."

<sup>222</sup> I seen a man appear before me when I mentioned that just a few seconds ago. You're just sitting right down in here. Suffering, also, with a skin trouble. Do you believe, sir, that the Lord Jesus will make you well? If you can believe with your heart, it's all right. Wave your hand way up high to God so God can see you. You was healed then, sir.

Have faith. If I told you you was healed of that chest trouble, would

<sup>207</sup> What did she say back? She said, "Sir, I perceive that You're a prophet." Is that what she said? She said, "Now, we know that when the Messiah cometh, He'll do these things."

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<sup>208</sup> Was that the sign of the Messiah then to the Samaritans? It was a sign of the Messiah to the Jews. And if He's the same Messiah raised from the dead, would it be the same, the Messiah sign, tonight? Is that right, audience?

<sup>209</sup> Now, the woman can hold her hand, that we're strangers to each other. We've never met before, never seen each other. Now, Jesus knows her, He knows all about her. And all the food she ever ate and everything else, He gave it to her, and you too (Is that right?), and me.

<sup>210</sup> Now, it has to be something, if something is told ... the woman might be here. She might have domestic trouble. She may have something else, I don't know. But, whatever it is she's here for, would perhaps be the easiest thing to find, 'cause that's what she's here for. But me, never seen her in my life. It'll have to be some supernatural something do it. Then it's your attitude towards what it is.

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15

Now, the Pharisees told Jesus when He did that, said, "You're Beelzebub, the chief fortuneteller."

MATT12:32 MARK3:28,29 LUKE12:10

<sup>211</sup> Jesus said, "You'll be forgiven. I'll forgive you. But, when the Holy Ghost comes and does the same thing, He'll never forgive you in this world, or the world to come."

JOHN5:14

<sup>212</sup> So, I'd be real sure that I believed before I let Him say anything to me. 'Cause, the Bible said, "Go ye and sin no more (that's disbelieve), or a worse thing will come upon you." That's is right, isn't it?

<sup>213</sup> I'm talking to you like He did to her, just to catch your spirit. And if God will tell me what you're standing there for, would you believe Him? You will?

Will the audience believe the same thing, every one of you? Now, if you want to question the woman, you're at liberty.

<sup>214</sup> The Holy Spirit tells me that you've got a throat trouble. That's right. And He tells me, also, that you're extremely nervous. He tells me you got a ladies' trouble-a female trouble. And you've got something wrong with your mouth, too. Is that right? He tells me you're not from this country. He tells me you're from Tennessee. Your name is Turner-James Turner-Mrs. James Turner. Your house ... you live on Third and North Street. Your house number is 223, isn't it? You're healed. Go back home. Jesus Christ makes you well.

<sup>215</sup> Now it's up to you now. It's up to you. I don't know you, but you're suffering. If I'll explain to you by the Holy Spirit, by a divine gift, what

old, whiskers hanging way down, long hair hanging down, leading a little old donkey along, pulling him along with a rope. And his wife sitting on the mule with a child on each hip.

"Where you going, Moses?"

"Going down to Egypt to take over."

<sup>63</sup> How ridiculous! A one-man invasion! Right! But the beauty of it was, he did it. Why? God said so. It don't make any difference how unreal it seems, and how unreasonable it seems. Don't try to figure it out; just obey what God said do. You can take over the circumstance tonight if you wish to. God said so. You can take in control every disease that's in this body. God said so. And He did it. And God'll do it again. When He gives a promise, He'll stand behind it.

<sup>64</sup> "What kind of a weapon are you going to use? Remember, Pharaoh's got a lot of chariots, and swordsmen, and horsemen, and everything like that."

<sup>65</sup> He had a crooked stick in his hand. What's in your hand? You might not be able to whistle, but you can do something. Whatever's in your hand use it to the glory of God. Give it to Him and let Him bless it and watch what takes place. Certainly. No matter what it is. It may seem little and insignificant to you, but give it over to God one time.

MATT14:19-21 MARK6:41-44 LUKE9:14-17 JOHN6:9-13

<sup>66</sup> A little boy had a lunch. It wasn't very much to him, but once in the hands of Jesus, it fed five thousand-taken up basketsful. Whatever you got to do, do it. What little faith you got, press it in yonder, and put it on the cross of Calvary, and believe God's promise for it, and watch what takes place; how it'll multiply. Certainly.

How ridiculous it seemed. This old man, whiskers all over his face. "Yep, going down to..."

"Where're you going, boy?"

"Down to Egypt."

"What are you going to do?"

"Take over."

<sup>67</sup> And he did it. Went on down and took over. He brought the children of Israel out of bondage. And on the road out, God showed signs and wonders. Every time you see a man, any time in the Bible, that's ever had a touch of God, signs and wonders follow.

MARK16:17,18

<sup>68</sup> Jesus promised the same thing. "These signs shall follow them that believe, to the end of the world. In my name they shall cast out devils, speak with new tongues, take up serpents, or drink deadly things, it wouldn't harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover."

<sup>69</sup> What you think today, a sign of a believer's a D.D., Ph.D., LL.D.,

something like that, but Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." The supernatural signs.

Our ecclesiastical things won't work. You're trying to do it in yourself.

1SAM17:8-11

<sup>70</sup> Like Saul was one time, backed up there, and Goliath on the other side of the hill, threatening. And all of them was scared to death. But the wrong man come in the camp for Goliath one day: A little scrawny-looking fellow, stooped-over-shoulders, with a sheepskin coat on, called David.

<sup>71</sup> He said, "Do you mean to tell me that you let that uncircumcised Philistine defy the armies of the living God?" Said, "I'll go fight him."

Oh, what a courage. Why? He'd been somewhere. He'd some experience.

<sup>72</sup> Saul said, "Come here, son. I'll put my armor on you." And he put a big armor on him, a helmet. The poor little fellow's probably bowlegged.

<sup>73</sup> That's what's the matter with the church today. And the pastor, you load him down with so many degrees and things, till he's bowlegged and don't know what to do.

<sup>74</sup> Saul found out one thing. That's right. Try to school him and educate him. Worse off... Take him over to the seminary and take all out of him God put in him. That's right.

#### 1SAM17:39

<sup>75</sup> David looked around, he found... Saul, found out that ecclesiastical vest of his didn't fit a man of God. That's right. So, we find little old David, said, "Take the thing off; I've never proved it. But, I had an experience one time. That's what I'm going with."

<sup>76</sup> That's what the church needs today is a genuine, no-show, experience that you can step out and make any difference. That's right. Anointing of the Holy Ghost. Do you believe it? Yes, sir.

<sup>77</sup> He said, "I know one thing. I took this sling shot; and a bear wanted to get one of the lambs, and I killed him. A lion come in, I took him." Said, "So will that uncircumcised Philistine."

<sup>78</sup> He knowed what he was talking about. That's what men that's had experience tonight knows what they're talking about. That's the reason Moses had to go down there. No matter how ridiculous it looked to the world, Moses knowed what he was talking about. He'd been in the presence of God.

<sup>79</sup> And any man that's had that kind of an experience know what you're talking about. Let the world call you a holy-roller, fanatic, or whatever they want to. Don't make you no difference anyhow. Go on anyhow.

<sup>200</sup> Do you love Him now? And you're expecting Him? Are you expecting to see Him move? How many out there now, that didn't get in the prayer line, and you want to be healed? Let's see your hands wherever you are. Oh, look, about two thousand five hundred yet. Why, He's already healed you. You're, every one, healed, if you can just believe it. That's all. Just believe it. How many knows that to be the truth? Sure. When He died at Calvary, every redemptive blessing was finished at Calvary. So you just have to believe, that's all.

<sup>201</sup> All right. Be reverent now. May the Lord, God grant it. Is all the prayer line lined up, Paul? All right. Now be real reverent, and don't move around. Just sit real still, and be in prayer, each one of you. Now, you look this way and believe. You that can't get in the prayer line now, you look this way and believe with all your heart, and God will do things for you, see. And then, the rest of it is to you. God bless you, I say again.

<sup>202</sup> The angel of the Lord is here. I can't tell you why... It's like another sense-a sixth sense. I just know that He's standing here, right here, see. Now, when I... Here's a woman, or... Which one is the patient? This one? All right.

<sup>203</sup> Now, the lady's standing here. You don't know me, I guess, and I don't know you. Now, here, to the newcomer, here's a picture of the Bible. Here's a woman standing here that I never seen in my life, and she never seen me.

JOHN4:7

<sup>204</sup> Now, when Jesus went up to Samaria, He sat down by the well. Everybody was gone, and sent the disciples into the city. And a woman come out, a bad woman, to get some water. And Jesus, what did He do? Asked her for a drink. Is that right?

And she told Him it wasn't customary for Jews to ask Samaritans such.

<sup>205</sup> Did you ever read that story? And He said, "Well..." Would you like to've been standing there then? Wouldn't you like to've been standing there?

#### JOHN4:16

<sup>206</sup> Now, Jesus was talking to that woman for some purpose. He carried a lengthy conversation with her. And all at once, the Father showed Him where her trouble was. Do you remember what her trouble was? She'd been married too many times. So Jesus said to her, "Go get your husband."

She said, "I don't have any."

JOHN4:18

Said, "That's right." Said, "You got five. And the one you have now is not your husband."

five minutes from now, I'll be standing in the presence of Jesus Christ, clothed in His righteousness."

Little did he know, when I was a little old boy, sitting up there at the 192 Redigar Tabernacle, listening to Paul Rader preach, that I'd ever pack his song around the world. How many knows the Redigar Tabernacle, would you hold your hand up? Sure.

193 Romane, the one that had been in the insane institution so long. One day she come down to my house. I didn't know it. I come up from Florida. And they had her back in a coal shed back there, pulling her hair and screaming from an insane institution. B. E. Redigar's daughter. A man who died in a harness for divine healing. Big, Fort Wayne, gospel tabernacle pastor and founder.

I thought, "B. E. Redigar's daughter in my coal shed." I went back out there. Mrs. Redigar, a beautiful, lovely lady, she said, "Brother Branham?"

I said, "Mrs. Redigar, you don't remember me. As a little boy I used to come to the temple."

She said, "We heard that God had visited you, Brother Branham," And said, "I brought my child." Said, "Her sister died in the same thing."

And I said, "What's the matter?"

196 She was sitting there saving, "A nickel is a nickel, penny is a penny." Beautiful, young lady, about eighteen years old, pulling her hair out like that. And her mother trying to quiet her.

197 I stood there a little bit, and my heart was crying. I thought, "Redigar's daughter." All at once I saw a vision come over her. Walked over and laid hands on her I said, "Satan, you can't hold her any longer. God's done pronounced her healing, so you leave her."

The girl straightened up, combed her hair. She's married and got two children. Right there, right at that time.

Jesus Christ still lives and reigns, friends. I never done it. He just showed me what to do, and I did what He told me.

198 Isn't He wonderful? I'm waiting for them to line, the people up down there at the end of the line, till they can get it done. And then as soon as they get finished up down there, they'll let me know. See, if they get it all lined up, I'm going to try to stay in the line as long as I possibly can.

Everybody be real reverent. Be just as quiet as you can. Say, "What you stalling about, Brother Branham." I'm waiting for Him. Right. How many's seen His picture? Now, let's see your hands. We've got them back there. Just check in on that and see if that's authentic or not, or any testimony in one of those books. It has to be authentic, or we can't put it in there. So, you be reverent, and God will surely, will bless you. I'm sure of that.

You got one thing to do. Jesus had one thing to do: to fulfill the Father's will. You got the same thing to do. All right.

We find out, sometimes God lets us get in trouble just to show His love to us.

80 Look at them after they come out of Egypt. If we had time to strike those great places, it'd take weeks. But, let's watch. When they come out of Egypt, here they are with their ... marching right on, and the first thing you know, they find themselves cornered. My. They woke up one morning to look back. There was the mountains on one side, the Red Sea, and the desert; Pharaoh's army coming, pursuing them. All nature was trembling under them. Not a thing could be done. God let them get in that kind of a tight place to reveal Himself to them. HEB13:8

I think lots of times, today, the reason we get in tight places is God wants to reveal and to show us His love, and to prove to us that He's the same God, yesterday, today, and forever. And His power still is the same. Certainly.

EX14:21 82 Notice him. First thing you know Moses begin to pray. Walked down towards the Red Sea, made his step. And the Lord sent down a wind, and it blew a path right across the Red Sea.

PSA46:10

83 Oh, how God always makes a way of escape. Every trial, He'll make a way. Stand still! Don't go to jumping about and getting scared. "Stand still." He said. "and know that I am God."

84 And when the trials get hard, remember, it's God sometimes trying to demonstrate His love to you. But remember, no matter how many Red Seas, God's path went through it. God... Isn't it strange how God leads His children?

> Some through the waters, And some through the flood Some through deep trials But all through the blood.

God leads His children. No matter what gets in its way, it'll have to get out of the way. It'll have to give a way to God.

EX15:20,21 And when they crossed over the river, they had a great big Pentecostal jubilee, a camp meeting. Why, if that wasn't' a Pentecostal meeting, I never seen one. Moses sung in the Spirit, and Miriam and all the women beat tambourines and danced in the Spirit. If that ain't Pentecost, I never seen one. Right.

God promised He'd supply all their needs in that journey. He promised us He'd supply all our needs in the journey. The same God by the same promise. Same God made the promise.

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And we find out, that when they got out there a little ways, they didn't have any bread. God rained bread down out of heaven for them. It was called manna. And they went out to taste it and they said it was sweet. And that was a very beautiful type of the Holy Spirit. Our life... That was natural bread for the natural man to journey on. We got spiritual bread for the spiritual man to journey on. EX16:33

88 And look, that was never ceased as long as they were in the journey. And Moses told Aaron, said, after the journey, even, "Go lay up several omers full, that in all generations, when a priest is ordained into the ministry, he could go into the holiest of holies and get a mouthful of the original manna that fell in the beginning."

ACTS2:16 What a beautiful type of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit first fell on Pentecost, Peter told them, said, "This is that that was spoke of by the prophet Joel."

I've often thought, "If this ain't that, I'm going to keep this till that comes." I kind of like this. This'll do till that comes, if it isn't that. But I believe this is that.

91 Notice, and when they were all eating that manna, they got drunk, just as drunk as they could be. And was staggering like drunk men.

92 And listen, my Catholic friend, the virgin, Mary, was with them. And if she had to get that before she entered heaven, how much more are you going to have to have it. That's right.

93 You know what's the trouble today? The reason we're so allergic to so many things: we don't get drunk enough. Do you believe that?

94 I believe it was William Booth-Clibborn one time said in the early Salvation Army days in England... He missed his train one night, and had to walk up and down the streets. And he walked with a cop. Been raining, and an old drunk was laying in the street, just as drunk, and froze to the street. And he said ... called the paddy wagon, he come, picked up the drunk and pushed him in there. Said, "What'll you do with him?"

"Why," he said, "we'll take him down, throw him in the jug." He said, "Well, what...? Aren't you going to take care of him?" Said, "He don't need no help."

"Why," said, "the man'll take pneumonia."

95 He said, "I guess, then, if you took him down to the Salvation Army, you'd pat him a little while, and warm him up, and give him hot coffee, and a hot bath, and all these things."

Said, "Sure."

Said, "That's the reason you kill him."

96 Said, "You know what?" Said, "You people don't understand. But that man's so drunk, and every pore of his skin's filled with whiskey."

185 And so is it with some as preachers. They don't need no seminary experience. All they need is to get out and get a hold of the Word and get going. They're born preachers. They just yield themselves to God and go on. Wish I could do that. But mine is a prophetic gift. I just yield myself and He does the talking. Your faith operates it-not mine-your faith.

186 Now, Jesus didn't do nothing. The Father used the Son. Look, here. Let me show you something. The woman that touched His garment, the reason He didn't know it: She believed that He was the Son of God, and she pulled from God, through Jesus, her healing, see. She did that herself. You do it yourself when you're pulling. It's not me, it's Him. And you're just respecting Him. And that's the reason the Holy Spirit turns to you and tells you what you should do, or what you oughtn't to do, and what's happened to you, and so forth. That's your own faith doing that. I have nothing to do with it, see. Well, now, that's the way the people use God's gift.

Now when God wanted to use His gift, He just took Him up and 187 showed Him what was going to happen. There was no virtue lost there. When He seen Lazarus and raised him from the dead, how much greater was that miracle than the woman that touched His garment? There was no virtue lost there, because the Father just used His own gift.

Now, when God wants me to know something, He'll say, "Now, you go to a certain place, and you'll find this and it'll be that way and this way, and so forth. And you do this and it'll be that. Even tell me months and months... And I tell the people... How many's knowed and seen that predicted, and seen it come to pass? Raise your hands, see, see. That's true. He'll tell me that's... I don't lose any strength there. But when you come into a meeting, and then just be anointed with that gift, and the people goes to pulling, that's what makes you weak. Now you understand? So, if a critic happens to say something about that, you know how to answer them.

Now, be reverent, be in prayer. And let's see, where's the boys? X's, a hundred. We've been calling from ones, and tens, and we've never called from what? 50? Well, let's call from 50 tonight then. All right.

190 Who has X-50? Would you raise your hand? Your prayer card. Little prayer card in your hand, got a X on it. Got X-50? Well, this man can't have it, and this lady, too, now. There's somebody... Look, lady, is yours a X-50? There's three hands up now. X-50. Better look on the back. It's a little card. Look. A little card with my picture, and on the back of it, it's got a X, and a 50. X, X like Exodus, what I preached on. X-50. Ever who has it, come up. X-51. All right (Break in tape.)

And when he was going to heaven, he called his brother Luke, and said, "Luke..." (So I understand, I wasn't there, this was told me.) Said, "Luke, we've been a long ways together, haven't we? But, think of it, in

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Until then, He's no more than our prophet."

<sup>176</sup> But thanks be to God, the light is shining. Jesus is raised from the dead. He's here tonight and will do the very same thing as He did when He was here on earth, or I'm a false witness of His resurrection.

<sup>177</sup> That's a challenge, isn't it. A false witness of His resurrection. I'm standing near, many thousand people sitting in this church tonight, and critics, and skeptics, and atheists, and everything else. And there's a lot of saints sitting here, too. But, don't be afraid. God said so, that settles it.

<sup>178</sup> This is either the truth, or it's an error. If it's an error, I don't want nothing to do with it. If every word isn't inspired, I don't want nothing to do with it. I wouldn't know which was right and which wasn't. But I know every word's inspired. And you can hang your soul on any phase of it, and God'll honor it.

<sup>179</sup> So, if He will come tonight, and will perform the same things, here on the platform, that He did when He was here on earth, will every person in here receive Him with joy? Will you do it, as you put up your hands to Him and say, "I will receive Him with joy."?

<sup>180</sup> Our Heavenly Father, now I have spoken of Thee. And I pray that You'll come now, and speak of Your servant, that I have told the truth to the people. Therefore, if we come back in a year from now, there's many people sitting here, and maybe myself, wouldn't be here a year from now, a crowd of this size.

<sup>181</sup> Then, at the judgment bar, they'll be without an excuse. They'll have to witness that they've seen the Bible live again. So, I pray that You'll grant this, not because that we're worthy. We're confessing our unworthiness.

<sup>182</sup> And, Father, I pray that You'll let Your humble servant submit himself, and yield himself, until the Holy Spirit will take hold. And let every servant in this building yield themselves, until the Holy Spirit will speak in the audience, and heal the sick and afflicted; save the lost. For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

<sup>183</sup> Now we're going to ask you, if there would be a critic... This is a divine gift; it's not me. If there is a critic here, I'm asking you not to stay in the building any longer. I won't be responsible. And if you have to go for the next fifteen, twenty minutes, go. Don't be moving around. Let's make this a real night of God's presence. And if God will honor us, now, I don't... I can't do this. I just have to ask Him, and He does it, see. I can't make it. No, sir. He could just leave me flat. That's all I could do, just stand here. But, if He'll come, He'll magnify Himself.

<sup>184</sup> And the only thing it is, friends, people ... some are born with good voices to sing. Do you believe that? Some are born musicians: just strike the note, they don't have to have any lessons, they know what they're doing. They know it. It's a gift. You know that.

Said, "They can't no cold get into him."

And the Bible said, "Be not drunk upon strong drinks which is to excess, but be drunk on the Spirit."

<sup>97</sup> What's the matter today, we ought to get so drunk till our carcasses would be so full of the Holy Ghost until nothing else can press in its way. The trouble of it is, that we don't get on a good, old-fashioned, Pentecostal drunk. Amen. That's right.

<sup>98</sup> Notice. In the journey, God said He'd supply everything they had need of. And they went to taste of that manna, and it tasted like honey.

PSA81:16

<sup>99</sup> You ever taste any of it in the spiritual line? I believe somebody said it... A poet said, "It tastes like honey in the rock." David said it.

<sup>100</sup> Did you know, David was a shepherd. He herded sheep. And the shepherds always carried a scrip bag on their side, and they had honey in it. And whenever one of their sheep would get sick, they'd put the honey on the rock, and let the sick sheep go and lick this honey. And while he was licking the honey, he'd lick the limestone off the rock and get healed.

<sup>101</sup> Brother, I got a whole scrip bag full of it here tonight, and I'm going to put on the rock Christ Jesus. And if you sick sheep get to licking, you're sure to find something.

<sup>102</sup> Now, we won't put it on any denomination. We're going to put it where it belongs-on Christ, Rock of Ages. That's the one to lick from. You're sure to get something when you go to licking then. So just start licking right quick. Watch how diseases go to vanishing when you lick the honey off of God's rock, Christ Jesus. That's the Word off the rock. Find out what takes place.

<sup>103</sup> What they need today, what the church needs, is a good old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. We need a fire back. About the only fire we got in the church nowadays is in the basement. That's right.

<sup>104</sup> When I was a little boy, my brother and I, we went out one time, we seen an old terrapin-turtle. We Indiana people know what they are-walk funny. And we little kids, we thought, "Say that's a funny looking thing."

<sup>105</sup> So I said, "Let's go to him." And as soon as we got up to him, he pulled himself back in a "huh-huh-huh." Puts me in a mind of when you really go to put the gospel down. How them old mossbacks get back in that "huh."

"Oh, I don't believe that! Days of miracles is past."

"Oh, it is?"

<sup>106</sup> So I said, "I'll fix him." I went and got me a long switch and cut it, I poured it on him. That didn't do no good, he just laid there. You can't

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beat it into them. That's right.

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<sup>107</sup> I said, "I'll fix him." I took him down to the creek and I put him down in the creek. Just a few bubbles come up, that was all. Brother, you can baptize them face forward, backward, any way you want to. It don't do a bit of good. Right.

You know how I made him walk? I built me a little fire, and set the old boy on it. He walked then. That's right.

<sup>108</sup> What the church needs tonight is a good old-fashioned baptism of the Holy Ghost, and it'll move for God. If it'd just only get it on the fire. That's true.

<sup>109</sup> How that God made a way. All of His signs and wonders. And then they came to Kadesh. (Oh, there's so much there we would like to go into, but time just won't permit it. We want to pray for the sick in a few minutes.) When he got into Kadesh-the judgment seat-then the testing time come.

<sup>110</sup> So, I want you to notice, after all the great miracles and things, they were just ready to go over and possess the land. And the testing time come, and they were afraid to go.

<sup>111</sup> And I think, brethren, today, what's the matter with the church is at its end of its great doctors and theology. I think it's testing time for the church.

NUM13:27

<sup>112</sup> And just before going in, they sent twelve spies over. And they come back. And when they did, ten of the spies said, "Oh, it's a good land." All twelve said it's good. Said, "It had a bunch of grapes cut down that two men could pack." And they said, "It's flowing with milk and honey."

<sup>113</sup> I imagine that'd be a pretty good bait, don't you? Milk and honey? That would make a good Pentecostal cocktail, wouldn't it. Amen! Wine, milk, and honey stirred together. Talk about vitamins; that's more than the drugstore ever did have. Certainly.

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<sup>114</sup> Said, "It's flowing with milk and honey." But he said... Ten of them said, "Oh, but brethren, we just can't do it. It's all walled up. It's impossible. The denominations is so high, I'm telling you, you just can't pierce them."

#### NUM13:30

But one little old fellow knowed what he was talking about ... two of them. Caleb and Joshua said, "We can take it!" Amen!

That's what it is today. Said, "Can you have a interdenominational, old-fashioned, sanctified, Holy-Ghost filled revival?"

"Certainly we can!" "Can we have divine healing?" "Certainly we can!" power, He's got to be the same in every way, except a corporal body. Is that right? For God raised up His corporal body, sitting on the right hand of God, and sent down the Comforter, which is Christ again, [blank spot] the Holy Spirit, to minister into His church.

1COR12:28 EPH4:11,12

<sup>170</sup> And the Bible said that God has set some in the church. First, missionaries; secondarily, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors. And then in the nine spiritual gifts that's in the church, all to glorify God and to bring the church together.

<sup>171</sup> Now, God doesn't ... hasn't died. Now, if I'd pass down the Ganges River, or some other place in the heathen lands, where that, tonight, heathenism outnumbers Christianity by the millions and millions. But if I passed down, say, to the shrine of Buddha... He died about 2300 years ago. And if I'd pass by his shrine... In Japan there, they got a great big thirty or forty foot statue made of him with great big ruby eyes. It's worth thousands and tens of thousands of dollars. And it's made out of teeth, and hair, and bones of his followers-a statue unto Buddha. If I'd go to that shrine, or to his grave, he's laying in the grave.

<sup>172</sup> If I go to the shrine of Mohammed... That's the greatest and most popular religion in the world is the Mohammedans. It outdoes the Christians by many, many numbers. And if I go to the grave of Mohammed, a white horse has been standing for right on two thousand years, changed about every four hours, waiting for his resurrection. He's dead and in the grave.

But there's only one, and that's Christianity, that has a living God.

<sup>173</sup> Now, if we only know it in the way of theology, how much comfort can you give the people, outside of just what they do? Read, give it to the people. But Jesus, like the Mohammedan said to Dr. Reedhead... He said, "Why don't you renounce that old dead prophet, and receive a resurrected Lord Jesus?"

<sup>174</sup> He said, "What can your Lord Jesus do for me any more than my dead prophet?" He said, "They both wrote books; promised life after death, and we believe it."

He said, "But our Jesus raised from the dead."

He said, "Did He? I'd like to see you prove it."

"Oh," he said, "we got happiness and joy, and we got the Spirit in our heart."

JOHN14:12

<sup>175</sup> Said, "Looky here, sir," said, "Mohammedism can produce just as much psychology as Christianity can." That's right. And that's the truth. Yes. Listen. He said this to the Christian. He said, "Mohammed never promised nothing after his death but life ... after death but life. But your Jesus promised you teachers would do the same thing He did. Now let me see you do that." Said, "Then we'll believe He raised from the dead. to His own words. How many believes that's true, say, "amen." He saw a vision, and what the vision told Him, that's what He done.

<sup>164</sup> Now, in the beginning of His ministry... I'll take one place, when He was all through His ministry. He was preaching, and a man went off, by the name of Philip, to find his friend, Nathanael. Found him, brought him back. Way around the mountains from him. When he come to Jesus, Jesus said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile."

Said, "When did You know me, Rabbi?"

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Said, "Before Philip called you, when you was under the tree, I saw you."

He said, "Thou art the Son of God."

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He said, "Because I told you that, do you believe?" Said, "You'll see greater things than this."

<sup>165</sup> When He was here on earth, He was able ... people could touch Him. Now, a lot of people touched Him and didn't get healed. But, those who touched Him... A woman did one day, went off. And He said, "Who touched Me?"

MARK5:31 LUKE8:45

Said ... everybody denied it. "Nobody touched You."

MARK5:32,34 LUKE8:46,48

<sup>166</sup> He said, "Well, somebody touched Me, because I got weak. Virtue went out of me." So He looked around until He found the woman. Told her her blood issue was over.

JOHN5:19

<sup>167</sup> The woman at the well. How He sat there and talked to her. That was a Samaritan woman. Now the Jews recognized Him to be the Son of God, because He had power to see visions as the Father would show Him and tell Him what to do. Now, He never performed one miracle Himself. He said, "I do nothing except the Father shows me first." How many knows that's the Scripture? St. John 5:19. No prophet, or no one else in the Bible, ever did do anything without first God showing them.

JOHN14:12,19

<sup>168</sup> And now, "The things," He said, "that I do shall you also. Even more than this shall you do, for I go unto My Father. A little while and the world sees Me no more, yet you shall see me (the world means "the unbelievers"), they won't see it." Said, "But yet, you shall see Me for I'll be with you." And He promised to be in us to the end of the world.

JOHN14:26 HEB13:8

<sup>169</sup> Now, the Bible said that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever: Hebrews 13:8. Do you believe that? Well then, if He is the same, He's got to be the same in principle, He's got to be the same in

"Can we have divine healing in the Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Baptist churches?"

"Certainly we can! God said so!"

<sup>115</sup> Them men was looking at the circumstances. And Caleb and Joshua was looking at the Word of God. That made the difference. If you go to look at the circumstances around you, you'll faint. But if you'll take your eyes off the circumstances and look at what God said about it...

"Oh," you say, "but, Brother Branham, the doctor told me I had cancer."

EX15:26 That's all right. But God said, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee." Now, what about that?

<sup>116</sup> You know, Moses led that group of children of Israel for forty years in the wilderness-over two million. How many babies was born every night? How many people got legs broke, and everything else, traveling? The sickness and diseases among them? And when he brought them out in forty years, there wasn't one feeble one among them.

<sup>117</sup> Say, wouldn't some of you doctors here tonight like to look in his medicine kit and find out what he had in there? What prescription he give them all? How did Dr. Moses make all them trips every night to childbirth, and the old and afflicted and everything. How'd he do it? Would you like to look in Moses' medicine kit? How many'd like to see in it? Let's see your hand. All right. We'll turn right over and see what it said.

PSA103:3

<sup>118</sup> Here's his prescription. I found it. "I'm the Lord that healeth all thy diseases." That's what he give every one of them. That's all they needed! "I'm the Lord that healeth all thy diseases." And two million people made a forty-year journey, without one feeble one coming out.

<sup>119</sup> Hallelujah! God still lives and reigns, and He's still God. He's as much Jehovah tonight as He was Jehovah then. Amen. Come back. God leading His dear children.

Oh, I just hate to stop, but I've got to cut off.

<sup>120</sup> But do you believe God leads His children? Spirit-led, Spirit-filled. Why do you come in here? Why was you here for tonight? To be seen? Not in this hot place you wasn't. You come for one purpose: The Holy Spirit led you here.

<sup>121</sup> God leads even His animal life. Do you believe that? Here not long ago... You might've heard it in the magazines. I love wild animals. And, I was sitting on my porch with my student ministers down here, Mr. Mercier and Mr. Goad, the tape boys. And they come up there and we talk. We was sitting on the porch speaking, about last July. Early one morning coming down the road, come an old possum, and she was

crawling along. And come all passed four houses that didn't have any fences or gates and come to mine that had a fence and a gate and turned in.

And I said, "I know..."

Anyone knows animal life, that's studied it, a possum's blind in the daytime. They prowl at night.

And I said, "Look at her. She's probably got rabies."

<sup>122</sup> And Mr. Woods, here, the book salesman, he had been out in the yard, raking there. So, there was a yard rake laying there and I took the yard rake and went out and throwed it over the old possum.

<sup>123</sup> And I said, "Well, I suppose..." I said, "Oh, look." Her left shoulder was all broke; mashed up, been chewed by the dogs, or by a car. And I hope this doesn't make you sick, but maggots was all over it, and green blowflies. I said, "Poor old thing's a-dying."

<sup>124</sup> And I happened to notice, and I started to raise it up. And she was... Usually they play possum. But, when I raised it up, she took out for the house. And I threw the rake over her again, the yard rake. And I found out that she...

There's only two animals in the world that has pockets, that's kangaroo and possum. They pack their little ones in it.

So, when her pocket let down, she had nine little naked baby possums about that long.

<sup>125</sup> Well, the day before that, Leo and Gene and I were talking ... a piece in the paper where a young, lovely-looking colored girl had give birth to a baby-a illegitimate child. She wrapped it in a blanket, and put wire around it, and smothered the child to death; took it out on the bridge in a taxi cab, and dropped it off in the river. The authorities had caught her. We were talking about how cruel that was.

<sup>126</sup> And I said, "This mother possum is a better mother, being a dumb brute, than that woman was." That's right. Got better morals than that woman.

<sup>127</sup> And so we were talking, and Mr. Woods come up and Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Gilmore, he come in; we was talking about it. As soon as I let that possum up, she took off towards the house as hard as she could go.

<sup>128</sup> And I said, "Look, she's only got about, maybe, thirty minutes more to live, but she'll spend that thirty minutes fighting for those little babies to live. And that woman wanted to drown hers." I said, "That's real motherly love."

<sup>129</sup> So, the poor old thing got right up to my steps, and toppled over, exhausted. So, I went there and I punched her. I said, "She's dead." I seen her after I punched a little bit, I said, "No, she's got life in her."

very worst type of sickness down to every little minor ailment.

<sup>156</sup> Grant, Lord, that Your Holy Spirit will now, as it was, spread forth wings of power over this building to illuminate this being the last hour of the meeting, that faith will rise in this place till all the people will know that You live and rule and reign. Grant it, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

I hate to be pressed of time, and hurry, and so forth, but we've got to quieten for this healing service.

<sup>157</sup> Now, my friend, I love you. I want to tell you goodbye now. Way that the Holy Spirit comes, I won't be able to do it afterwards, 'cause it weakens me. And I'm going to tell my brethren to let me stand in the line just as long as there's hardly breath in me tonight, to pray for every person that I possibly can in the line tonight.

<sup>158</sup> I've got a few days. I've got to dedicate a church Sunday. And then I'm going up to the Christian Businessmen, not for a healing service-for a speaking service.

<sup>159</sup> Then I'm going into Canada to take a word to a woman, that eight years ago, being way in her forties, I saw a vision of her packing a baby, and I told her. She went for years, five or six years, she begin to kind of doubt. She's fifty-three now. Her baby's to be born next month. God never lies. Fifty-three years old, see. I've never seen it fail and it won't fail. I'll fail. My words will fail, I'm a man. But when God says anything, that settles it forever.

<sup>160</sup> Now, that's in the Bible. You say, "That was wrote years ago." But His Word is just as real tonight as it was when He spoke it before the foundation of the world.

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<sup>161</sup> Now, is there anybody here that's never been in one of our meetings, would you raise your hand just a moment? Thank you. Pardon me for drinking before you, but I just want for the newcomers, to say this: Would you like to see Jesus, you newcomers that's never... Would you like to see Him? You would? Well, if He's not dead, why can't we see Him? When He said we would see Him? "A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you'll see Me, for I'll be with you to the end of the world." Is that right? Well, why can't we see Him?

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<sup>162</sup> He said, "The same things that I do shall you also. What did He do? Did He claim to be a healer? No. What did He do? He never said... In St. John 5:19, He said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself." How many knows He said that? How many's read it? "I could do nothing of Myself, but what the Father shows me. What the Father shows me, that I do."

<sup>163</sup> Now, Jesus didn't do nothing till He saw it by vision then, according

and every duck on the pond will come to him. Yeah, ducks know their leaders, but men don't. And that little old duck was born on that pond, but he'll raise right straight up off that pond and go just as straight to Louisiana rice fields as he can go.

<sup>149</sup> Instinct, they call it. Well, we ought to have duck sense. If God has give a duck instinct to take him out of danger, how much more did He give a man the Holy Ghost to take him out of danger. Surely we'd know as much as a duck, by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>150</sup> But, the trouble of it is, brother, God performs signs and shows wonders, and we sit back, and wonder whether that copes with our theology or not. That's the reason He can't lead us today. That's the reason we're walking around in circles like Israel did for forty years. What we need to do is take out after God's Holy Spirit and the pillar of fire again, and move into the promise of every divine promise in the Bible belongs to you. And it's your personal property, if you believe it. Amen.

<sup>151</sup> Do you believe that tonight, friend, with all your heart? God leading, even showing through dumb brutes, His love to His creation. He loves you better than He does the dumb brute. How much better are you than the dumb brute? How much more Jesus died for you than He would for a dumb brute. And He wants to heal you. That old possum didn't even have a limp in that leg. She just walked out of there just as good as anything; perfectly normal and well.

<sup>152</sup> Oh, my. When you think of the love of God and the sovereignty of God. How that God does all things and leads us. Now, He's here tonight. He's here to show His blessings. He's here to show His power. He loves to show His power. He puts his children in corners so that He can show His power, His love.

<sup>153</sup> How different from that and the trend of the day. Say, "God gives you sickness to make you lay with patience." If that's so, then Christ defeated His own purpose when He healed the sick. See, He didn't do it. God takes the sickness off of you... Sometimes He might permit sickness to come, to heal you, to show His love to you. That's right. He might do that if you get out of His will.

Now, if God will come tonight and show His power, will you believe on Him, all of you? Let us pray.

<sup>154</sup> Our Heavenly Father, knowing that the hour is growing late, makes us nervous as we know that people has to drive hundreds of miles. And the hour is close at hand. The meeting's closing, Lord. Tonight many sick people are sitting around.

<sup>155</sup> Oh, Christ, I pray that, somehow, that You'll move their faith up to Thee just now. May each and every one of them be healed tonight, from the greatest to the least, and from the oldest to the youngest, and from the

<sup>130</sup> Well, Mrs. Woods, Mr. Woods' wife, is sort of a veterinarian. She was standing there. She said, "Well, Brother Branham, the only thing to do with her now is go kill her, and kill them little possums. See, they're too little, and round mouth, anyhow. You couldn't put them on a bottle." Said, "Don't let them suffer."

And those little possums was trying to nurse that dead mother. And I said, "Oh, my. That's too bad." I said, "Kill her?"

Said, "Yes."

"Oh," I said, "I can't kill her.

And she said, "Well, why?"

I said, "I don't know."

She said, "Well, you're a hunter."

I said, "Yes, but I'm not a killer." I said, "I ... I can't kill her, somehow."

She said, "Well, let my husband Banks go kill her." Said, "Go get one or your guns and kill her."

I said, "I just can't do it. I don't know why."

<sup>131</sup> Said, "You're going to let that poor thing lay there in that hot sun all day long like that, and them poor little babies nursing that old milk from her like that, and die a death like that?"

I said, "Sister Woods, I know you're right, but I just can't do it."

<sup>132</sup> So, all day it was pretty heavy around the house, and people coming. And that night Mr. Woods come up said, "Now look, Billy, you've got to go out and take a little rest."

<sup>133</sup> So, he and his wife, and me and my wife, we took a little ride, and we come pretty near running over a little dog. And I had him to stop, and I went back and picked it up. Mangy, and fleas, and lice all over him. And my wife said, "I guess you're going to keep it."

I said, "Yes, ma'am."

"Oh," she said, "kill the dog, Honey." Said, "The thing is dying anyhow."

<sup>134</sup> I said, "I'm going pray for him." I said, "He's little, he ought to live. Ain't nothing wrong with him." So, he's a great big fine collie now.

<sup>135</sup> So, you know, God does that. Sure does. So then, we find out, when we went in that night about eleven o'clock, I throwed the lights. There laid the old mother possum stretched out.

<sup>136</sup> Brother Woods said, "Well, now, Brother Branham, you've hunted enough to know, and hunted possums enough to know, when the sun went down, if there's any ... if that possum was ever going to raise, it would've raised then." You know that too, you people who know possums. Said, "She'd have raised right then, but," said, "she'll never raise no more. She's done."

I said, "I believe..." Dew kind of all over and them little possums still nursing.

Mrs. Woods said, "Brother Branham, are you going to let them suffer like that?"

And I said, "I don't know, Sister Woods. I just can't kill it."

Billy come in; been fishing somewhere, and come in about one o'clock. Throwed the light on the old possum. There she laid.

<sup>137</sup> All night I thought about that old possum. Next morning I went out... I've got a little girl. She's ten years old, and she just saw her first vision recently. A very spiritual child. And, I found her going out on the porch with her little pajamas on, about six-thirty in the morning. I went out there, and looked over the side. Laying there by the door, there laid the old possum, stretched out; and them little ones still trying to nurse.

Becky said, "Daddy, is she dead?"

And I said, "I don't know, Honey."

She said, "Daddy, what are going to do with that poor old mother possum?"

And I said, "Honey, I don't know. You go on back to bed, Sweetheart." I said, "It's too early for you to be out."

She said, "Daddy, I've been thinking about that possum all night." I said, "So have I."

And she said, "Well, what are you going to do with it? Are you going to let Brother Woods kill it?"

I said, "No, Honey. I just can't do that." I said, "You run on back in the bed now."

<sup>138</sup> And I went out and punched her. And looked like she didn't move. And I tried a little bit. And I seen she was still alive though. But, oh, my, that big old leg was all swollen up, and maggots and flies all over it. And I said, "Poor old thing."

<sup>139</sup> I went back in to the side room, to my den room. I just sat down there where the sick comes to be prayed for. And I was just rubbing my head like this. And I thought, "Well, what am I going to do with that possum? I've got to do something. That's a shame."

<sup>140</sup> And something... Now, I don't know how you're going to believe this. That's up to you and God. I heard Something say, "Well, she's waited at your door for twenty-four hours, like a lady. You preached about her yesterday, and took a text and said she was a real mother; she wanted to raise her babies. And I've had her laying at your door for twenty-four hours, you've never said a thing about it."

"Oh," I said, "I didn't know. What do You mean?"

Said, "She come to be prayed for. She's waiting for her turn."

I said, "Well, I didn't know she come..." I thought, "What's the matter with me. Am I talking to myself? Why," I thought, "what is that?"

<sup>141</sup> And I recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit. I opened the door, and went out there and I stood by her. I said, "Heavenly Father..." Becky was looking down at her. I said, "Heavenly Father, have I been so stupid to know that You, with Your divine grace...?" I said, "Now, wait a minute. Yes, You know the birds of the air. You know all things. You know all. And, why," I said, "then this old possum knows more about divine healing than a lot of preachers does."

<sup>142</sup> And I said, "Here she is. And now, she ain't got no soul. So, it encouraged me. You told me go pray for sick. And I've seen, many times, sick people be led. But, if You thought enough of the respects of that old possum, for her to raise her babies. And you had to pull ... have the Holy Spirit to bring her, cause she didn't have any soul. She's a dumb brute. And she come and laid there as a mother, dying, waiting for her turn to be prayed for?" I said, "God, forgive me for being so stupid."

<sup>143</sup> I said, "Now, Heavenly Father, I pray, if that be the case, that You heal the old possum. I ask it in Jesus' name. If you sent the old thing from the road, or wherever she's chewed up, and her laying there, and she wants to raise her babies, and You sent her here to be prayed for and led her in here, why," I said, "I'm sorry. I didn't understand it. So, I pray that she'll be healed in Jesus' name."

<sup>144</sup> And no more than I said that, the old possum turned over and looked at me, got up, picked up her nine little babies and put them right back in her bosom like this. And looked up to me as if to say, "Thank you, kind sir." Stuck that tail up in the air, and right down the road, and over to the woods and went just as hard as she could. That's right.

<sup>145</sup> Newspapers has packed them articles. All places... Our local paper's packed it. The magazines has packed it. People send from Germany saying, "Brother Branham, pray for my like you did that possum."

<sup>146</sup> Look, if God can lead a dumb brute, how much more can He lead you here? Certainly. We ought to know as much about God as a dumb brute, being smart, Holy Spirit-filled, borned again. God working in His nature, performing signs.

<sup>147</sup> Why, you take in the ducks, from the north ... they go from the south, up in the north, and lay their eggs up there and hatch out their little ducklings. They've never been off that pond. Let the first little cold breeze come down off that pond ... off the mountain, the frost.

<sup>148</sup> When I'm going hunting in the north in the wintertime, fall of the year, around September, the first freeze comes on top of the mountain, that cold breeze blows down. You know what? There's a little old drake in that bunch that's been selected. And he'll run right out in the middle of that pond, stick that little honker up in the air, honk four or five times