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## WHAT IS A VISION?

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Thank you, very much. Shall we pray?

<sup>2</sup> Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for all Your goodness to us. God, we just feel unworthy, and to look upon this audience today and see this birthday cake laying here. I'm sorry, Father. You forgive me. I just can't talk. But I pray, God, that somehow, somehow, that this stream of Divine love will just help everyone. Bless these people who has done this great thing, Father. I just ask that Your blessings will be with us, so great, today, until the whole building will be flooded with Your Glory. And—and think of the very time looking at that deaf and dumb people passing by, going to the other side. Oh, I pray, God, somehow, do something in a great way for us today. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

<sup>3</sup> May God's blessings rest upon Buckman. I just pray that God will bless you, my dear friends. That's the prettiest thing. I guess . . . Have you showed it to the public? Have they? [A brother says, "Yes."—Ed.] Yeah. Isn't that beautiful? I want to take this time to thank you. There's no way in the world that I could ever repay any of you for your kind blessings. And I noticed the presents that was given to me, and then the little gifts in the envelopes, and the cards and things. Marvelous! Just makes me feel like I want to make an appointment, come back next year for my birthday. [Congregation applauds.] Thank you, kindly. My! That is wonderful. I looked around; I didn't know what that was. And it sure is pretty, and all your gifts.

<sup>4</sup> There's only one thing I can say. And this is not exactly . . . Well, it's a say with a prayer, "God bless you." And if I never be able . . . and God never lets me do it in this life, to—to show my appreciations for all these gifts from everyone. Even a little girl had a little envelope in there, and it was her tithings, of about eight cents, I think it was. She sent it to me for a birthday present, her tithing. From that, to these great presents here, oh, God richly repay you, my dear brothers and sisters. I just . . . I didn't think you really thought that much of me. I really did. I do appreciate it.

<sup>5</sup> Today, is—is, we taken it for the heart-to-heart talk, I believe, today. Just, instead of preaching was just to talk and maybe explain some of the things that may seem so mysterious to you in the meetings. Kind of out of breath. Just, I wasn't expecting another birthday today.

<sup>6</sup> And just coming in the door, met my good friend here, Art Wilson. I guess the Christian businessmen all know him. Your—your home is

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in Oregon, isn't it? Or . . . [Brother Wilson says, "Reno, Nevada."—Ed.] Reno, Nevada. Brother Art Wilson, to my right.

7 The next man is Mr. Wood. Mr. Banks Wood, it's my friend and neighbor. Mr. Wood has been going with me. And many of you people know him, by selling books in the meeting. The man has been a very successful contractor. And one day, while I was in Louisville, Kentucky, having a meeting; himself being a Jehovah Witness, his wife being a Methodist. They had heard of the meeting, so they just drove down to find out how true it was.

8 On that night, there was a girl was petrifying, had been laying for several months, not able to even move any joint, from her hips down. A young lady of about, oh, a missus about fifteen years old, got right up out of her stretcher, as she was brought to the platform, walked all over the place. Next day, just went ahead. Turned back to school in a few days; normally well, yet. And many things the Lord did.

9 So Mr. Wood, having something to do of . . . house to finish, or something he was on, he had to hurry and get it done; went to Houston, Texas, to my next meeting. There, he was standing in the room that night when the Angel of the Lord appeared, and the cameras caught the picture of the Angel, in which, the picture that you've seen, yourself, here.

10 Then, he had one of his great alternatives. He had a crippled boy, and his leg was drawed up under him. And then Mr. Wood, when I came back . . . I went overseas, and over to Sweden; come back. And then they put the tent over in, I believe it was, Cleveland or . . . Cleveland, Ohio. And Mr. Wood, yet, course in the crowd, just following along, like many of you yet today, but determined to stay until it was over. That's the way, the way to do it. And he laid aside his work and brought the boy up to Cleveland.

11 After a few nights, that was in the meeting. Course, I don't remember; only just by the tape. He was setting back in a tent, way back, he and his wife. And the Holy Spirit came down and said, "The lady setting back there with her husband, a contractor," said, "she herself has a tumor. And her boy is crippled. But, THUS SAITH THE LORD, 'Healed.'" Got the little fellow up. He's a fine, young, straight leg, from that very hour on, just as normal as any boy could be.

12 Mr. Wood quit contracting, is loafing with me. So, his boy and my boy are great chums, together. And he's just as normal and well as any boy, expecting to go in the army right away. So the Lord is good, isn't He? And full of mercy. And how many great things that He has did in our midst!

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13 Now, today, now, tonight, I think, being that . . . We're going to start a little early. I've got to be in Louisville, Kentucky, by an appointment in the morning, at eight o'clock, and got, drive all the way down, tonight, which is around eight- or ten-hours' drive. So, we'll get there just about in time to get to the appointment. We'll leave right straight from here, to the . . . to Louisville, and by car. And then we are aiming to start the services just a little early, tonight. And we appreciate your coming out, just a little early, if you will. They told me I could be on the platform . . .

14 [Brother Joseph Mattsson-Boze says, "Cards will be given at six o'clock."—Ed.] The cards will be given at six o'clock, Brother Joseph said. And we were just . . .

15 The army may get Billy pretty soon, so Mr. Wood is giving out prayer cards, and Billy is breaking him in. I said, "How you getting along, Mr. Wood?"

16 He said, "Say!" He said, "It's fine, but," said, "I got down to two cards and had six people wanted it." That's . . . He said, "What do you do in that case?"

I said, "Just what you done." I said, "Well, he . . ."

17 And last night, when he was so happy, he said, to see the people that—that he had give the cards to, standing on the platform, and the God healing them and making them well. And he was so happy about that!

18 Now, tonight, they're to be given out at six, because I think I'm supposed to be on the platform at quarter of eight. I believe that's right. And then, so we can dismiss a little early, on account of the long, tiresome drive tonight.

19 So, thank you, for coming out, this afternoon. And on this windy, cold afternoon, and yet you come out. It shows you never come out to be seen. You come out for what good you could get out of the meeting, from God. And I pray that He will bless you, abundantly.

Now, mainly, it doesn't mean the people has to be here at six o'clock; just you who want prayer cards.

20 And now may the Lord add His blessings to all of our gathering together. And I—I hope that some day, the Lord willing, soon to be back in Chicago again, and to serve the Lord.

The Bible said here:

*If there be one who is spiritual or a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in visions, . . .*

May the Lord add His blessings to His Word. Now, just as a heart-to-heart talk. I'm going to . . .

21 Joseph don't know this. But I'm just going to ask him if he will just, any time he wants to, interrupt me talking, and say anything. We had an interview something like this, this morning, on the radio. You all hear the program? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

22 And—and so then, to—to today, I thought, maybe just to kind of get the—the feeling of the people, so that you can see that, the operation of the supernatural. And just give a heart-to-heart talk to one another, let you in on the inside of This, just as far as I can go. And I've never . . . Many of these things that I've got on my heart to say, I've never said to audience before, in my life. So may He add His blessings to what we say.

23 The first thing we want to speak of is: *What Is A Vision?* What would it be? Some, so many people . . .

I'm not saying, as our Brother Billy Graham said, "Answering my critics." I so thankful I have so few critics. Nearly every one . . .

24 Some of them who has never been to the meeting, they might say, "Oh, well, there's nothing to that." But once in the meeting, it pretty near always settles it, when Jesus gets a hold of their heart, and they see then that it's—that it's true.

25 A vision is—is just . . . Many people ask me, "Brother Branham, is it material that you look at? Or, is it just impressed on the mind? Or, what is it?" No. It's material. It's just as real as I'm looking right now.

26 And now, how that happen, it's done by the sovereign grace of God. And when just a baby, when I was first born, my mother tells me that this Light come in and hung over the little bed that I was born in. And then, since I can remember, those things has taken place before me.

27 Just, it just opens up. It just seems like there's no way I could really explain it; but, just to get the best that I could: just a yielding to the Holy Spirit. And it just starts, and there it is before you. You're conscious that you're standing here, and yet you're forty years back in somebody's life, watching what they're doing. And then, only thing that I say, is just what I'm looking at.

28 And then when I kind of come to myself, I realize I've said something, but many times I don't know what I've said. And the way I get it, is these boys, them setting down here, this tape recorders, they play it back over for me. And that's how I pick it up. So, it isn't in myself, at all.

29 And then that—that is given for one—one purpose. Now, I think, and I say this from my heart, that the greatest and highest form that there is for God to give His Message to His people, is for the people to believe His Word. That's right. That's the highest form. Preaching the

Gospel is the highest form. Then, if you notice, the Bible places it that way. “First apostles, secondarily prophet,” and so forth, then on down, on down, then into the nine spiritual gifts operating in every local body.

<sup>30</sup> Now, my services in America hasn’t been too good as they should have been, in America. My services are more forceful, for the Lord, overseas. They rally to it better. Now, I don’t know why. Now, I’m not speaking of you people. No. I’m speaking of the general public, see, all around, like Chicago, in whole, we’d say; or—or, Durban, South Africa, in whole, see, something like that; or, Mexico City, in whole. Well, they will respond to it, eighty percent more than they will in America.

<sup>31</sup> Now, what the Americans respond best to, the healing services, of my opinion, is, well, of Brother Oral Roberts. Now, Brother Oral Roberts is a forceful speaker, a real preacher, and a good God-fearing brother, our brother, Oral Roberts; and a bosom friend of mine, a lovely brother. And I have a great, deep respect for Brother Roberts. And the Lord is with him and blessing him, tremendously, and his meetings here in America. He . . .

<sup>32</sup> We both might go into a city, and he would set his meeting, and I’d set my meeting. His audiences would snow mine over, by many times, just with a little advertisement, because his ministry has a greater impact here in America, because he’s such a—a—a influential speaker. He’s . . . And he’s got a—a way. He’s smart and educated, and knows the Bible. And he can present it in such a way that the educated people listen to that, because that’s on the level that they’re—they’re living.

<sup>33</sup> But take us, when we went to Africa, well, there was no comparison, at all. See? And the people that’s uneducated, so forth, look for the supernatural, because they don’t have this, the education and the . . . been taught scholarly like these people here. So then the . . . It’s a thing that the Lord has given, to win the people.

<sup>34</sup> Now, I don’t mean to say that . . . Many educated, smart, shrewd, some of the highest, even to kings, potentates, monarchs, certainly, they believe it and receive it.

<sup>35</sup> But in the general run, our American churches, it’s been a long time since we’ve had a revival, from way back in the Wesley age. The old generations died out. When, Wesley people used to be kicked out and called “holy-rollers” and “jerkers,” ’cause they jerked their head, and—and laid in the . . . on the platforms and all around, in the aisles. They poured water on them and fanned them, when the Holy Ghost was on them. Now, that day has died out, a long time ago.

<sup>36</sup> We’ve all settled down to, oh, so Orthodox. But that’s the reason they can’t. The people today are taught, well, a—a speaker who can present it in a—a master way. Well, that’s just all right. That’s just fine

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and dandy. And as long as you receive Christ, that's the—that's the main thing, just as long as you receive Christ.

<sup>37</sup> Now, we notice our Brother Roberts. You heard his program this morning, perhaps. And I read the articles in the paper, and got it firsthand. From how that . . . And down in Australia, what a horrible thing, them jeering, call him "fake" and everything, and run him out like that. Where, perhaps the . . . this type of ministry would have shut that thing up, right now. See? See? It'd have been different. And, but, Brother Roberts, yet, God has given him a way to work with people that I couldn't touch. And maybe I work with people that he can't touch. But, together, we are brothers trying to do what we can for the Kingdom of God. See?

<sup>38</sup> And visions is just a part of the Gospel that's preached. Now, you see, if I'd have had an education and probably had a good voice, and so forth, and could have presented the Gospel, like, I would probably been a—a preacher of that type. But, God knowing that I wasn't going to be educated, He had to give me something else to work with, you see. And that's how He did it, the only thing that I know.

<sup>39</sup> Now, you might wonder what takes place on the platform. When a—a—a patient or . . . I wouldn't say it that way. That's too much in medical term. May I say, when a friend is standing before me, wanting help, here is what takes place. I have nothing to do with that, not one thing. It's that patient itself operating that Divine gift. I have nothing to do with it, at all. I just keep yielding, yielding, until their spirit and the Spirit that is upon me, that I'm yielded to, till the Holy Spirit . . .

<sup>40</sup> I will call it this, make it this way, rather, so that you'll understand. Here is the Holy Spirit up *here*, and then I just keep yielding myself to Him, till I know that He—He's there. And I'm speaking to the person till I can get their attention. Until then, I know nothing else. And the Holy Spirit, by my spirit being yielded, shows me their life. And when that takes place, that builds the faith of the patient, up to a place like this.

<sup>41</sup> And many times, then, I start to say something else, and It will stop me and say, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." Now watch that. That's perfect, each time. It never failed. It'll tell them just what's fixing to happen. And it'll be that way. Mark it down, and see if it isn't that way.

Now, that, the patient is doing that.

<sup>42</sup> Now I might give this just in a little amateur form, so that you'd understand. Say, there, there's a great big . . . We're all little boys and girls, and we are down at the . . . back in boyhood time. And there's just a great big fence here. There's a carnival on the inside. And I—I—I just happened to be a little taller than you. Maybe you are stronger than I am, but I'm taller. See? God makes people different ways for different

works. Well, then, way up *here*, just about where I can look through, there's a hole in the wall. Well, now, I can get a hold the top, because I reach a little higher, and can pull up, on my fingers, and look through this hole. I come back and tell you what I saw. You get the idea now? You follow me?

Now, now, maybe the next man, he's stronger, but he can't see that tall. So he'll say, "Brother Branham, what do you see?"

<sup>43</sup> I'll say, "Just a moment." And I'll leap up, real high, and catch my fingers over the end, and pull myself up, real heavy. And I'll say, "I—I—I see an elephant." And I come down. See? It's strenuous, because I'm lifting up. I'm saying this like in a parable so you'll be sure to understand.

Now, when I come back down, "What did you see?"

"An elephant." See? All right.

<sup>44</sup> Now, that's like the person standing on the platform, using the Divine gift, as it's a strain, because the person themselves is operating that gift. They're not conscious of it, but they're operating it, themselves.

<sup>45</sup> Now, I was told last night that there was a man standing on the platform. Brother Joseph told me, after he met me, that the man was . . . I . . . First, when he come up, and I thought he was deaf and dumb. I said, "How do you do, sir?" Something on that order. I may not quote it back right. I'm taking what they told me. I've never heard the tape yet. And said the man just stood there. I said, "Well, maybe he's deaf and dumb."

<sup>46</sup> And now watch sovereign grace. See? That's like the maniac at the platform. That's like the witch doctor in Africa, standing there with bones in his fingers, to give you a challenge, you see. Grace takes a hold then. You don't have to worry. Don't. There's not a worry about it. Grace takes a hold. God takes hold where you can't take hold. And then when the man was standing there. Before . . . I—I said, "Well, perhaps he's deaf and dumb." And all of a sudden, there appeared a vision before me. Then . . .

<sup>47</sup> [Brother Branham's watch alarm sounds—Ed.] Now, excuse that watch alarming. That was to get . . . come over here and get started at. So, I knowed you picked it up on this. Just give me a watch over there, that alarms. So, that isn't stopping time yet, I hope. So in the . . . I'll hear of this; don't worry.

<sup>48</sup> So, then, the man standing there. The vision, I quickly, perhaps, saw Finland or something. I don't remember. But now, whatever it was, they said I told him that he was a Finn. And he fooling us, something another, maybe he was a Finn. Well, Joseph here, said he could . . . That

was outstanding to him, how It would know what nationality the man was. God in His grace showed that.

[Brother Joseph Mattsson-Boze speaks with Brother Branham about the Finnish brother that was healed—Ed.]

49 I wonder if it would be by chance that that man would be in the building today, and if somebody is setting near him, that would just kind of . . . if they could speak Finnish, would—would see . . . If that's right, would you raise up your hand? if the man is in the building, today, the Finnish man that was here last night, was we're speaking of, that was on the platform. I just wanted—wanted . . .

50 [Brother Joseph Mattsson-Boze continues to speak with Brother Branham about the Finnish brother that was healed—Ed.] Well, that, I guess he went back, maybe, to his home.

51 Now, now, when Jesus was here on earth, and the . . . He was God's anointed Mouthpiece. Do you believe that? He was the—the only begotten Son of God. And God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, without measure. You believe that, Bible student? He was the Emmanuel. There's none of us will ever come to that place. No. No. He was God's holy virgin-born Son, and never will we be. Never will we be able to do the things, that like that, because He was That.

52 But now He promised that the things that He did we would do also, because we would become adopted children to God, through Him. Is that right? Now, that's not . . . That's for every one of us. Every believer becomes sons and daughters of God. Is that right?

53 Now, when the woman with the blood issue touched His garment, that was just like peeping through the hole. See? He felt virtue went from Him. He got—He got weak, but He didn't know what happened. Somebody had touched Him, by a—a faith. And He asked who it was, and everybody denied it. So then what taken place after He did that, why, He looked around until He found. Now, there's . . .

54 How did He know her? That's the question I want to get to you. How did He know her? Now let me try, with . . . as a brother, to explain this, how He knew her.

55 Because, when anyone has done that, I can say from the meetings here, from the operation of the Holy Spirit. When anyone has been blessed, it just seems like it's just something pulling you, like *that*, see, and you get to the person. And then, just above the person, you see them and what's happened to them, and what's wrong with them. And then you look, and you see it's the same person, and just like a—an avenue or a channel that's working between you and the person.

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56 That's how I think. He never explained it. That's how I think that He knew it. Because, the Holy Spirit working in similar way, that's the way that's understood.

57 Say, like sometimes you say, "The lady setting there, that's got a green hat on," or something like that, "you have been suffering with *so-and-so*. You come from a *certain* place." You're listening to that. See? You're right in the vision, watching what's taking place. And then maybe you see her spring back, and it's light around her, and everything. Why, then you say, "Why, she is healed. It's THUS SAITH THE LORD." See? The Lord Who is showing the vision, is just your faith in Him, is using me as a mouthpiece to say to you what you desire Him to tell you. See what I mean? Now, but when it's the other . . . Now, that is just permissive way of God, working.

58 I say this reverently. The hour is close at hand, when I . . . after I tell you what the vision the Lord has showed me, that this will finally move back, giving place to something far beyond it. And that's what I want to get to, this afternoon.

59 Now, the person doing that, will—will, if they'll believe it, they'll be blessed and they'll get well. Now, not that they were healed; but their faith touched God and accepted their healing that's already been appropriated for them, nineteen hundred years ago. See? It's not that that had anything to do with their healing. It was just a mouthpiece, to speak.

60 How did any place in the Bible? We're not . . . I'm not comparing myself with a prophet. No, sir. No. I'm just a poor sinner saved by grace. But the gift that the Lord gave the prophets, and made them prophets, they were God's mouthpiece. They had the Word of the Lord. And no prophet ever did do anything just upon his own desire. He did it, first, after God had told him. That's right.

61 And that's the way the Son of God, when He came, which was the God of the prophet. He said, "I only do as the Father shows Me to do." That's right. It only has to come through Divine powers, to reveal through flesh. And Christ was God's Mouthpiece on earth. Everybody understand that?

62 Now, for instance, sometimes, I'll be at home. Gene, Leo and them that I was talking about last night, setting down here, Brother Beeler and many of the rest of them, and the ones who know me. At home, I'll be walking through the house, not thinking of anything. Maybe sit down in the room, and there will come a vision. And maybe it'll sit perfectly still for quite a little while. And it'll say . . .

63 He'll say, "Now, you're going to have a call in a few moments, from the phone, and you're going into *this* city. And when you go to this city,

you'll go to a *certain* place. It'll be *this* way. And you'll go into the room, and you'll lay your hat down. Or, the lady will lay your hat on the bed, but it isn't supposed to lay there. It's supposed to be laying over on the table, and another lady will come in *this* way."

<sup>64</sup> You'll see it all acted out just exactly the way it's supposed to be done. And if I fail in one of those things, it won't happen. It has to be just exactly to the moment and the time, and everything positionally the same, for it's a vision. It—it has to be perfectly materialized. And then when it does, it's got to happen. It's never failed. Now, that's when God is using His gift. That doesn't weaken me. That doesn't bother me.

<sup>65</sup> Now, when Jesus raised Lazarus from the grave, was a far more of a miracle than what the woman was that touched His garment and was healed with a blood issue. Do you admit that? He never said one word about getting weak, and virtue going out of Him, because God was using His gift. See? That's them kind of vision. That's that type of vision.

<sup>66</sup> But when people use the gift of God, and what makes me weaken so, at the platform, it's you yourself. That's what's doing it. You yourself is doing the work, the operating, that's the reason it's pulling through. It's either you using God's gift, or God using His gift.

Now, in comparison, I'd say . . . If you asked me, "What's in there?"

"Well, it's a giraffe."

"What else did you see? What's . . .?" Getting tired, see, it's something else you see.

<sup>67</sup> But now when God wants you to know what take place, He just picks you up and raises you up above the whole thing, and said, "Here is the whole circus. See? This is the whole picture. You're going to do *this*, and do *this*, and do *this*, and *that*." Sets you back down. He's got you lifted up, with His everlasting arms and wing. And there's nothing in the world . . . You come back down, you feel like shouting the victory. But that's it.

<sup>68</sup> Now, most people, they think that someone who sees visions ought to be Divine. No, sir, not by no means. No, sir. There's no one Divine but God. That's all. And there's no one . . . There's no difference in none of us. We're all sinners, saved by grace. And one is not above the other. Just, one is given something, and he'll have to answer for what he done with what talent was give him. That's right. Every person has to answer for that.

<sup>69</sup> Now, I might tell you a vision that's just recently happened. And so that . . . Brother Joseph asked me to do this, so that the people that's here in the building that couldn't get the—the issue of this magazine,

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would understand. I made . . . When I first become a—a servant of the Lord, to pray for His sick children, you know the story, how He told me that I was born to pray for sick people.

<sup>70</sup> Now, you say, “Oh, I’ve heard that many times, where, of different people.” That’s all right. See? That, they, I—I can’t answer for someone else. I have to answer for my own, and you have to answer for yours. Now that is true.

<sup>71</sup> And then when He told me that, I knew that there was, in this ministry, there would have to be a lot of things under consideration; money, for one thing. Well, I made a promise to God, that I wouldn’t take the people’s money. And I asked Him . . . I didn’t want people’s money, but I knowed, in that, there would be a lot of money given to me, and I’d have to refuse it. So, I told Him, as long as He prospered my ways, so I wouldn’t have to beg for money, I would stay on the field as long as He prospered me. But when He got so He failed me, to where we’d have to beg, or take hours, or whatever they do to take up offerings, as I had seen it many time in my own denomination church that I belonged to then, then I said I—I would come in off the field. He blessed me for about nine years. But in California it . . .

<sup>72</sup> My ministry, looked like, begin to drop down, somehow. Mail fell off. Looked like that people wasn’t interested. “Well,” I thought, “God, that’s all in Your hand.” Where, I used to get around a thousand letters a day, or something like that, and be down there, would drop down to six hundred, then five hundred, then down to four hundred, three hundred, a hundred, to seventy-five, somewhere. Got down to about like that, a day, seventy-five letters a day, maybe.

<sup>73</sup> Well, I thought, “Well, wonder what’s happened? I don’t know as I’ve done anything. If I have to—to, for the people, why, I—I’m—I’m sorry.” Course, I thought, “Well, I haven’t got . . . I don’t sell things. And the only thing people writes to me for is to get prayer cloths. And we don’t sell them. We give them to them. So, well, Lord, maybe You’re fixing to change things.”

<sup>74</sup> I went to California, went about—about fifteen thousand dollars in debt, in a meeting. And that night, when I left, I asked Billy to tell me. And the dear people who was sponsoring it, they underwrote it, and was very, very fine. But that wasn’t the promise. I promised God what I’d do.

<sup>75</sup> And when a dear brother taken me home that night, out to the little cabin where I was staying, I went out upon the mountain, to myself, about two o’clock in the morning. And we was to leave around four-thirty. And I prayed, and the moon shining down, bright. I can just see it. It was last fall. I said, “Heavenly Father, now I—I leave the field. I

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go home. And whatever You want me to do from henceforth, You just reveal to me.”

<sup>76</sup> And so I couldn't tell Billy and them. I didn't want to tell them, didn't want to tell my wife. But, “Oh,” I said, “I'll tell them when I get to Arizona.” Well, then I said, “I'll wait till I get to grand old state of Texas, where my mother come from.” I said, “I'll tell them there.” And then I got there. I told them as I come in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Well, Billy, he said, “Daddy, better be careful what you're doing.” Said, “Don't the Bible say, ‘Woe unto me if I preach not the Gospel?’”

<sup>77</sup> I said, “I never said nothing about preaching the Gospel. I mean the evangelistic service.” And I said, “Look, Billy,” I said, “God has got men on the field, everywhere. He don't need me out there. I can go back and get my job again, and—and go to pastoring, and pastor the tabernacle, or something. I may go down, rent the old theater down there, have a Sunday afternoon international gathering, and a broadcast or something.” I said, “I can't stop, all at once now, because my expenses runs about a hundred dollars a day, at home. So, I—I can't, with my office and things.” I said, “I just can't shut right down, because I can't do it.”

And so my wife said, “Billy, I hope you know what you're talking about.”

I said, “Well, now, I—I know one thing.”

<sup>78</sup> When I come here one time in a convention, for a convention, and you know the story, because I promised this dear little Swede friend of mine here, Brother Boze, that I would come and preach two days for him, in the Philadelphian Church, after that convention is over. And I was told, if I didn't; if I did do that, I couldn't be a speaker. I could take my choice. I said, “I'll stay with my word.” And I went to Brother Joseph. Exactly. Because, I'd do it again. A man that won't keep his word isn't very good.

<sup>79</sup> That's the way I take God. He give the Word, and I believe every Word of It. And if He wouldn't keep It, It wouldn't be God, to me. I . . . He has to keep His Word, I believe. And He will do it, and I know He will. Now, then I . . .

<sup>80</sup> That night, I went to bed when we got home. My wife was crying. She said, “Billy, I'm afraid you're making a mistake.” Said, “You know I want you to be home with the kiddies and I. But,” said, “Bill, look what it's done. It's started a worldwide revival, and I can't see where God would bring you in, off the field.”

And I said, “Well, I promised Him. He said . . .”

“But—but—but He never told you.”

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<sup>81</sup> I said, "But, I promised Him. See? That's it. I promised Him. I'm going to keep my word to Him. If I'll keep it to my brethren, I surely would keep it to my Saviour." So I went in and slept very well through the night.

<sup>82</sup> The next morning, about six o'clock, we woke up. And—and I just getting out of the bed. She was on the other side. I just rubbing my face, like *this*. I said, "Well, I'm going to call the Public Service Company today, and ask if I can have my old job back again." And I said, "If they don't give me my job, Mr. Wood is a contractor, I'll just go with him. And he and I will go out and wreck some buildings, or something. And I got to work, because I got to go to work. And so, 'cause this money has got to be met, and I'm fifteen thousand dollars in debt." I said, "Then what can I do? I got to pay that back, no matter how much they underwrote it, I—I'm going to pay it back. That's right."

And so she said, "You're going to call Mr.—Mr. Bar, this morning?"

<sup>83</sup> I said, "Yep. I'm going to call him and ask him if I can have my job back. And if he . . . If that job, someone has got it now, and they can't give him a better job," I said, "then I'll just . . . I'll go with Brother Wood, and we'll go to building buildings or something another. I'll help him." And so I said, "If I come off the field, course, that's going to bring him off, too, and he can go back to contracting, and we can go to work." So then as . . .

She said, "Well, I—I sure hope you know what you're speaking of, Bill."

And I said, "Well, I . . ."

And I looked. Coming, moving down from the ceiling. . . Oh, I just maybe . . .

I couldn't expect you to understand it. But that's something that, when we meet in the . . . face to face with Jesus, you'll . . . ? . . . on the Word.

Here come something, moving. I seen two little, dark-faced children come, moving down, pulling a little wagon.

I said, "Sweetheart, look, coming *here*." I was done gone then.

And she said, "What's you talking about?" I could hear her, but I couldn't answer her.

And these little children was walking towards me, little, kind of long hair; and black, dark eyes; brown face, coming, walking to me.

<sup>84</sup> And I—I seen then, I started moving. On beyond the children, I seen Mr. Arganbright, my brother, that's went overseas with me many time, seeing him standing there, looking at me. I moved on, to him.

Now, I could still hear my wife walking around in the room.

<sup>85</sup> I'll say it this way so that you'll understand it. Might not be the right words, but so you'll understand. That one dimension I was in, I had moved out then into another. I couldn't hear her walking no more. It was gone.

<sup>86</sup> And I seen Mr. Arganbright. He was his peculiar little way, the way he holds his head and kind of smiles as he looks at me. And he said, "Brother Branham," he said, "we've put out cards, everywhere. And we got a way for you, get in and out. And everything is ready."

I said, "All right, Brother Arganbright, which way shall I go?"

He said, "Just keep on."

I walked on. I passed some ministers.

Then, I walked a little farther. I came into a great panoramic affair, and all kinds of, looked like, seating for thousands of people.

And just then I heard someone say, "The meeting is dismissed."

<sup>87</sup> "Well," I said, "who dismissed it? How did it come to be dismissed?" And I was discussing. I said, "Why is it dismissed? What's happened?" And it was sprinkling rain.

And Something said to me, "By this you'll know."

And then I said, "Well, I don't. . ."

<sup>88</sup> And then I went in, farther into the vision. And when it did, I was standing with, you know, a little baby's shoe, of about a year old. You know, the little bitty eyelets; not a bootee, but a—a shoe. And I had a—a string in my hand, trying to lace this little eighth-of-an-inch hole in this eyelet, with about a half-inch string. Just working fervently, trying to push that string through, that half-inch string, through an eighth-of-an-inch eyelet. And I was breaking the threads all over, the string, trying to push it through like that. And it just wouldn't do it. And the string was being all broke up, on the end.

<sup>89</sup> So, just then I heard Someone say, behind me, "Don't you understand that you can't teach babies supernatural things?" I looked around. And It was behind me. And I recognized that Voice. He said, "You're using the wrong end of the string."

<sup>90</sup> And I looked down at the end of the string laying on the floor, a great pile of string, and it was laced down to a nice eighth of inch, so it would go through the hole. I said, "I understand."

<sup>91</sup> And as I reached to pick up the string, I was taken again. Now, you mark this down. Watch it come to pass. See? And as I—I started to reach down, I was gone again. Then, when I come to, I was standing by the side of a beautiful lake, something like your lake out here in the

summertime when it's real pretty and green. And there were fishermen all around the lake, and they were fishing, but they were catching small fishes. And I looked out into the lake, and those great, beautiful rainbow trout out there, and I said, "I know this is a vision, but I can't understand those trout. But," I said, "you know, I believe, right down in my heart, I can catch those." So, I picked up the string, but, instead of it being a string, it was a fishing pole.

<sup>92</sup> And just then, the One behind me said, "Now I'll teach you to fish, how to catch those." And so He took . . . And He said, "Tie on the lure." And I snapped the lure on. He said, "Now throw way out," now listen close, "way out into the deep." And He said, "When you do, now let the lure sink down, first. Then," said, "pull it slow." Now, that's really fishermen's technique. So I . . .

<sup>93</sup> He said, "Then, when you do, now, you'll feel some nibbles at it, but don't tell nobody what you're doing. Keep it to yourself." And said, "Then when you—when you feel it nibble again," said, "pull it just a little, a little bit, but not too hard," He said, "and then it'll pull it away from the little fish. And when they scatter, that'll attract the attention of the big fish, and they'll grab it." And said, "That's the way you'll catch it." Said, "Then, when they bite, on the third time, set your hook for the—the catch."

And I said, "I understand."

Said, "But keep still. Don't tell nobody. Keep still."

And I said, "All right."

<sup>94</sup> And I had the lure in my hand. And all these fishermen turned out to be ministers, and they all come around, saying, "Brother Branham, I know you can catch fish."

<sup>95</sup> Oh, of course, that made me feel real good. I said, "Oh, yes, I'm a fisherman. I can catch fish." And he said . . . I said, "Now, here is the way you do it." And I said, "You throw it way out." And I went way out, in to the—to the deep water. I said, "Now, those little fish are fine, brethren, but we want the big ones, too." And I was . . . let . . . I said, "Well, see, when it sinks down, now see, there it is, just about where it should be, now, see there's, see, there—there, them is little fish." I said, "Now, when it sets again . . ."

<sup>96</sup> I give it a great big jerk, and, when I did, I pulled the whole lure out of the water. And when I did, I caught a fish, but I wondered how he ever got the lure in his mouth. Cause, looked like the skin just stretched over the lure, about the same size of the lure. And I thought, "Oh, my!"

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97 And just then, this One Who had been talking, behind me, stepped around in front of me. It was Him, the Angel of the Lord. He had His hands folded. He looked at me, said, "Just what I told you not to do!"

And I said, "Yes. That's right."

98 He said, "You see, that First Pull was when you used to put your hands on the people and tell them what was their trouble." Said, "The Second Pull was when you'd know the secrets of the heart, like I told you." And said, "Instead of you keeping that to yourself, you tried to explain all about it, and tell people. And when you did," said, "you didn't know nothing about it, yourself. And how could you explain it? And you've caused a big bunch of carnal impersonations to rise up, and you see what you've done."

And I said, "Lord, I'm sorry." And I—I said, "Oh, I'm so sorry! I don't know what to do."

99 And I was pulling the line, like *this*, and I was trying to straighten my line out. And He looked at me, said, "Now, don't get your line tangled up, in these kind of times."

100 I thought, "Maybe He's going to give me another try." And I was . . . I said, "I'll sure be careful." And was winding my line in, seen it taken up all right.

101 And then when He said that, just then I felt myself go higher, way up. And when I was set down, then I was beneath, and standing up above, a great tent. I never seen such a tent!

102 And I had just made a altar call, seeming like, down at the altar. And when I was down there, I looked, and there was hundreds of people standing around the altar, weeping, because they had accepted the Lord Jesus. And they were just weeping, out loud. And I said, "Oh, that's more like it, like that."

103 And a real kind gentleman walked out to the platform, said, "While Brother Branham is resting, just a few moments," he said, "we'll call the prayer line." And said, "Everyone with prayer cards beginning with a *certain* number, stand over, on to the right." Well, I noticed the prayer line, seemed like it went all around the tent, and out, and down the street. Such a prayer line!

104 And I looked over, which was then to my left; and that would be to my right, if I was standing on the platform, would be *that* way. There's a piece of canvas stretched there. And in behind this canvas was a little, square building, about twelve-foot across and twenty-foot long, something like that. Well, I stood and looked at that.

105 And I seen them bringing a lady up, on a stretcher. And there was a lady there taking her name and things, with a . . . on a—on a paper. And

so there's someone come and got her, and pushed her through. And the next man come through, was with crutches. I see them go through that little building.

And on the outside, the lady come out, screaming to the top of her voice, pushing this stretcher. And the . . .

Then there was another lady on the other side, looked like kind of a dark-haired woman, and she said, "What happened?"

<sup>106</sup> She said, "I just don't know." She said, "I couldn't tell you what happened." She said, "I have been paralyzed for twenty years. And, looky, I—I feel like I—I—I never was sick."

And just then, out come the man, leaping and jumping, with his—with his crutches in his hand. And I—I looked at that. And just then . . .

<sup>107</sup> Now, here is something. Notice close. There's a difference between the Angel of the Lord and that Light. Because, I heard something moving, as It does when It comes here at the platform, at night, kind of like a "Whew! Whew! Whew!" and like a Fire whipping around, licking blaze. And It left me, and It went right down over the top of that audience, and went and stood over the top of that little building, then settled down on top of it. And then, when It did, this One that was standing by me, behind me, the same Voice, the Angel's Voice, He said, "I'll meet you in there. And this is the Third Pull, but nobody will know nothing about it."

And I said, "Well, I don't understand. Why in there? Why there?"

He said, "It will not be a public show, this time."

And I said, "I don't understand, going into that closet like that."

<sup>108</sup> And He said, "Is not It written by our Lord, 'When thou prayest, be not like the hypocrites who like to be heard before men. But enter into the secret closet and pray to the Father Who seeth in secret; and He Who seeth in secret shall reward thee openly?'" It's perfectly to the Scripture. Every time, it is.

And I said, "I understand."

<sup>109</sup> Then He took me to this place, and set me down in this room where I was at. And then He told me what to do for the third time. Now, Christian friends, that will, when I leave this world, that will still be in my bosom. When I . . . But, you mark my words, what's going to take place.

When, that—that was five months ago, six months now, and we had no idea we'd ever go to—to down here at Mexico.

<sup>110</sup> But I thought I was going to Phoenix. And our dear friend and brother who's praying for the sick, Mr. Allen, he went in there. He said,

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“No. I’m going to stay here, so I’m not going to leave for that part of the month.” Well, I wouldn’t go in then, with my brother in there. I just wouldn’t do that. So, I don’t know Brother Allen, but yet he’s doing out there in the work of the Lord. So I . . . They said, “No. He was going to stay.” I said . . .

<sup>111</sup> Well, the brethren called me, the—the association there, the ministerial group. Which, I was supposed to take Brother Roberts’ place while he was gone to Australia. I said, “Well, that’s all right. If they’ve got someone there, Brother Allen praying for the sick, I wouldn’t go. That wouldn’t be brotherly.” So I said, “All right.”

And Brother Arganbright called me, a few days later, and said, “Brother Branham, I’ve talked to the . . . Brother Moore. Why not go down in Mexico?”

I said, “Oh, Baron von Blomberg and a lot of them has tried to take me to Mexico. I don’t care about going down.”

I said, “Let’s just have an American meeting somewhere.” I said, “I wanted to set that tent there, for the first time.”

And he said, “Well, why not go into Mexico?”

I said, “Well, all right. I’ll . . . You see about it.”

<sup>112</sup> So there was another man down there. And he called back, said, “The meeting is all set for them same dates.” And said, “We’ve got it on the inside of a great big auditorium down there.”

<sup>113</sup> And that night, I was down to Mr. Wood’s. I thought, “You know, that’s right. ‘Little, dark-faced children, look like Indian,’ that’s what the vision is.” And then I said, “But, the strange thing, it was supposed to be in a panoramic, and something about the ‘dismissing.’” So then when we . . .

<sup>114</sup> Two days later, Mr. Arganbright called up and said, “Brother Branham, we’ve got the big bullring. And the Mexican government is bringing you in, for the first time in the history of Mexico that a non-Catholic was ever brought in by the government.”

So I said, “That’s wonderful.” So I said, “Now something is fixing to happen.” I said, “We got trouble coming.”

<sup>115</sup> And you know, when we went down in Mexico and got ready, and went out to the bullring, somebody . . . It rained, on the road going out there, and somebody had dismissed those meetings. And they don’t know who done it, yet. That’s right. That’s exactly right.

<sup>116</sup> Then I come back home, flew back the second day. We couldn’t even . . . Brother Moore said, “Brother Branham, I’ll—I’ll find out.” And we couldn’t even get a minister, nowhere. And nobody knew nothing about it. And Brother Moore said, “If I . . . Brother Branham,

as much as I followed you, if I'd have never believed you till this time, I sure would now."

And I said, "That's right." So, we come back up.

And then I heard Mr. Arganbright was on his road up to see me.

117 I went out to pray at my cave, and ask the Lord what. He showed me another vision. He said, "Dead fishes." It was laying, and He told me what it was. Said, "Go back. But this is really not the time, but I'll bless it."

118 I went back down there, and somewhere around forty, fifty thousand people come to Christ. A dead baby was raised from the dead, and great things taken place.

119 Now I'm waiting for the hour. You can imagine how minor this seems to be now, that these things are taking place, these great things that has already took place.

120 The other night, I, not knowing...How many was at the Philadelphian Church when they heard me say at a certain person, "Cursed be the person that raises their eyes while I'm praying for this blind woman"? That's what I was doing. See?

121 The Lord is fixing to visit His people, in a great, marvelous something, friends. And I would... It has to be a secret in my own heart. But as you know me, and you believe me, and love me, and respect me as God's servant; just remember, I'm telling you, a blessing is on the road, that's right, coming. And it will not be weakening. It will never weaken me no more. And it'll be far beyond anything that's ever happened here or anytime else. It's just something the Lord has given. And I want... .

122 That would make me a—a believer in grace. After I had done, and the things that I had done, and the way that I had acted, and condemned before God, and yet, when God speaks anything and makes a... . He's going to do it, anyhow. Amen.

123 Moses killed a man, one time. But God was determined. He kept him back there on the backside of the desert, for forty years, but he took Israel to the promised land.

124 Isn't He wonderful? He's the same God today that He was then. And, friends, I say this to you, every one of you Christian believers, regardless of what church you go to.

125 Down in the studios, the other day, there was a man. I was speaking to him, a very fine man and his wife, where Brother Boze and I were making some recordings for a broadcast. And he was shaking my hand and talking. And I said... Well, he—he loves Brother Joseph so much. I said, "Are you... You go to his church?"

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He said, “No. I’m a Methodist.”

I said, “Well, you can be forgiven for that.” And so I just kidding him, like that. And I said, “I was just going on, to you.”

<sup>126</sup> I said, “Look, brother, I used to do a bit of riding. And my father was a rider.” And I said, “Up on the Arapaho Forest, where we grazed the cattle,” I said, “they . . . There’s nothing that could come on that range but a thoroughbred Hereford, absolutely. The ranger stands at the drift fence and won’t let nothing pass unless it’s a registered, thoroughbred Hereford.” And I said, “Some of them comes in there with the Lazy J, some comes with a Bar W, some with a Circle R, some with a Tripod. They’re branded different brands, but they’re all thoroughbred Herefords.” That’s right.

<sup>127</sup> That’s the way it is. We may be Methodist, Baptist, *this*, or *that*, or the *other*. But as long as you’re a thoroughbred Christian, by the power of the Holy Ghost, that’s the only thing can come into the pasture, into the Fold. Because, “By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body.” And we become one people, one Church, with one idea and one motive: to glorify Jesus Christ while we’re here on earth. One Heaven! That right? And we are so thankful for that.

<sup>128</sup> Now I’m past my time, of speaking with you, ’cause you’ve got to hurry back just in a little bit. But how many loves a heart-to-heart talk? You seem that you—you understand it. We could talk hours after hours.

“And now,” if to say, “Brother Branham, could you explain this to me?” I can’t. I wish I could, but I can’t. It’s impossible.

<sup>129</sup> You can’t explain supernatural things. And when you try to do it, it’s just as He told me, you cause carnal comparison to rise. See? You do it. It’s just actual. It’ll do that. And it’s—it’s a hindrance to the Body of Christ. You know what I mean? It—it—it causes conflict.

<sup>130</sup> Now, the thing to do is to be true in your heart, love the Lord with all your heart, and just be thankful that God is marching on with us, the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>131</sup> And I say this, and make this predicting. I’m not saying it in the Name of the Lord, now. I’m saying it, as your brother. I predict this. And listen close. I predict that America, this year, the United States, this year, will either receive Christ or she’ll start falling, from this year. Yeah. This is America’s time to repent. And if it doesn’t . . . I predicted that on, I think, about January the 15th or 16th of this year, just feeling led to say it. And it . . . I’ve stuck with it.

<sup>132</sup> And I looked at the wheels turning up. I notice the great, famous evangelist, Billy Graham, he come back from overseas and he staged his

meetings, New York and these great places, to hit the very nerve center, and so forth. And I see that, Brother Roberts excommunicated out of the foreign country. Mr. Arganbright wants me, after June, and them, to go into Germany, back down into South Africa and through there, but something is holding me to America. And all the others seems to be the same way.

<sup>133</sup> And I believe that America is going to get her last call, this year. Right. I'd be daresn't. Look *here* at the tapes down *here*. They might be played twenty years from today. See? Have to watch what you're talking about, watch what you're saying. But I believe that. Now, the Lord hasn't told me that. But I believe that, that America is either going to receive Christ or is going to turn Him down, flatly, this year. And I predict that they will turn Him down. I do.

<sup>134</sup> Look what they're doing down in Florida, to Jack Coe. Look what they're doing, all the way. How could they ever . . . ? That's even unconstitutional, to oust a man out of a state. We got freedom of speech. Certainly, we have. But they'll . . .

<sup>135</sup> First thing you know, they'll try to stop all of this. They'll try to quit praying for the sick, and put a "banned" on it. And just remember that: when persecution rises, the Church, It comes to Its very heights then. It's always the best. Yes, sir. And God is working it all together.

<sup>136</sup> [A brother says, "Amen. Glory to God! Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. And glory to God!"—Ed.] Praise be to God Who gives us the victory!

<sup>137</sup> [Two sisters speak in tongues at the same time—Ed.] Seek for the interpretation now, see what He would say to us. [Two sisters again speak in tongues at the same time. Blank spot on tape.] . . . and right.

<sup>138</sup> There's an interpretation to follow this now. Everybody real reverent. And the lady spoke, ever who it was. Listen real close. Let them who know, now, see. [A sister begins speaking in another tongue—Ed.] Shh, shh, shh, shh, shh! [The sister continues speaking in another tongue, while another sister gives an interpretation at the same time.]

<sup>139</sup> With your heads bowed, you've heard that interpretation. How many here wants to receive Christ as personal Saviour, to be remembered in prayer? Would you raise your hands real high just now? Way high, so we can see who you are, way up.

We get a little chord on the organ, if you will, for a few moments.

<sup>140</sup> While you bow your head now, and believe with all your heart, while the voice has said that this was the Truth. If you're ever coming in, come now.

<sup>141</sup> Our Heavenly Father, we pray that in Jesus Christ's Name, that, as Your Spirit is moving over this building now. And the voices went forth and said that this was the time, this is the hour. And I pray, Heavenly Father, that, seeing all those hands who raised up. Some, maybe thirty hands or more, went up in the air just now, to receive Christ as their personal Saviour; hearing the Message, knowing that we're at the end time.

<sup>142</sup> These revival fires on every hill. God promised, in the last days, that He would raise up these things, to prove that He was God, and in our midst and doing that which was right, and showing great signs and wonders among the people, that the blind would see, the deaf would hear, and there would be great supernatural ministries going on. And today, Lord, we live to see it.

<sup>143</sup> And I pray, Heavenly Father, that every one of these poor, dear children that raised up their hands just now, that they wanted to receive You as personal Saviour, that You will save them from sin. Grant it, Lord.

<sup>144</sup> And I pray, also, that while we are in this great move just now, that the Holy Ghost will fill every heart, anew. Kindle new fire, Lord, in their souls. May they go out with a zeal, after hearing; as soon as that Word was spoke, that our beloved nation would turn down the offer.

<sup>145</sup> O God, great kingdoms has to fall. Every mortal thing has to give way to immortality, O God, as we see this. We stand yonder on the ancient ruins of Rome, see where that great, great monarch country one day stood as a blooming place of the world, the brightest spot in all the world. And, today, you dig twenty feet under the ground, to find the ruins of the great empire. Yonder, in where the temple once stood, the Moslem of Omar stand. Many of the great things, the great nations, the great Alexander the Great, and Greece, and many other places, how the kingdoms has fallen!

<sup>146</sup> God, we see the foundation of our nation crumbling, because of the rejecting of the Gospel. While great men has swept this nation, combed through every place, the Gospel messages went forth; a spirit like John the Baptist, not doing miracles or saying anything about miracles, but swept the nation over. Then the miracle-working power of Jesus followed it, as it did John, and still our nation, whiskey, tobacco, night clubs, sin heaping on every side. Our great civilization is falling, falling. Everything must give way. All these kingdoms must fall, that the Kingdom of God might be issued in, in its brightness, and the great Millennium come into place.

<sup>147</sup> Seeing an old tree, where once, a few years ago, as a boy, set; while its great, kingly branches, how I thought that tree would be there for

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hundreds of years. And today it's a snag, knowing that all mortal things must give way.

148 I, too, Lord, once was young man, seeing myself give way now, reaching across the top of the line yonder, to see the setting of the sun. Today, many gray heads is bowed in this building, where once were strong, handsome young men. Many women with their faces bowed, wrinkles, and now the tears cutting down the pathway of the wrinkle in their face which was once lovely and beautiful, as young women. O God! "All flesh is like grass." The end is close.

149 O Christ of God, receive these poor people into Your Kingdom. Some day, I must stand Yonder at the—at the Throne of God, and give an account for my ministry, give an account for these things that You've permitted me to do, Lord, in the midst of the people, to declare the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. God, I must answer for that. O God, burn zeal down into my heart, more and more, and wisdom, that I might know how to lead the people to the Lord Jesus.

150 Today, Father, Thou hast promised in Thy Holy Word, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life; and shall never come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto Life."

151 Many hands across here went up, Lord. Many poor, lost people, many of them backslidden and out of the way. God, grant that, just this minute, that the Holy Spirit giving witness that these things are true, that we're at the end time, and they realize that some day they got to pass. May they receive Christ just now, while we have our heads bowed.

152 Is there someone in here now, that never raised their hand at the first calling? Would you raise your hand now? And say, "I want to receive Christ, at this time, as my Saviour." Would you do it? Someone else? That never . . .

153 Did you notice how the Fire struck the building when that Word went forth? See? I believe, friend. God bless you, my young friend, young man with your hand up. God, grant my brother. You have Eternal Life by believing on the Lord Jesus.

I wonder, in the balcony somewhere?

154 If we see that God promised these things, we are here to see them come to pass. We know that God promised it. And anything that God promises, God is obligated to do it.

155 Would there be another? God bless you, lady. I see your hand. Would someone else raise their hand? God bless you, lady. I see your hand. God bless you, young lady. I see your hand. Someone else? God bless you, lady. I see your hand.

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<sup>156</sup> Someone in the balcony? I'd like to see someone, up in the balcony, that's not a Christian, would like to say. God bless you. I just knew you were up there, son. There's somebody, 'cause the Holy Spirit seemed to be leading me to the balcony. I don't know why. I'm not a fanatic. If I am, I don't mean to be. But just seem like there was someone in the balcony. God bless you, son. May you . . . And if that's your wife by you, may you serve the Lord Jesus with all your heart. May It change your life, your home. It will. May you become His servant.

<sup>157</sup> Is there someone else, just before closing now, 'fore I turn the service to Brother Boze? The boys will have to come in, a few minutes, and start giving prayer cards. Would you, just one more, raise their hand, somewhere in the building? Brother Joseph . . . If you'll just raise your hand, just a moment; I want to pray with you, again. Yes. God bless you. I see you down there. Thank you, kind sir. God bless you over there, young man. That's very fine.

<sup>158</sup> Now, this may seem a little strange to some of you, how that one Word would break something like that, and a Fire would scatter. See? It's because it's Truth, and the—the keynote to the Message, you see, that we're at the end time.

God bless you, sir. I see your hand. God bless you. God bless you.

Now, I tell you, friends, there's many setting here, I believe, that will stand a horrible persecution for their faith before it's sealed away.

<sup>159</sup> God bless you. Someone else raise their hand? God bless you, way back in the back. I see your hand, sir. Someone else? Now, someone else, raise your hand right quick. While we're waiting for the dismissing prayer, if you'll raise your hand. God bless you, son. God bless you, son. God bless you. God bless you. I see your hand, over the man up there. Yes. God bless you, brother. I see.

<sup>160</sup> That's wonderful; just accepted Christ. You, when you raise your hand, God writes it down on the Book of Life. The very minute you believe, you pass from death to Life, when you raise your hand. How did you raise your hand? "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him, first." That's it. God, here, drawing; you're raising your hand. Angels writing your name on the Book of Life. That settles it. Now you'll receive the Holy Spirit if you'll just only believe.

Now, with our heads bowed again.

<sup>161</sup> Our Heavenly Father, send Your blessings. And I thank You, Father, for this great host of people just receiving Christ. I thank You for vindicating back Your Message, Lord, and giving It, and to do the things that You have done for us today. These people will be happy all the days of their life. Thou has given them everlasting Life, just now, because they have believed on the Lord Jesus. And, Father, when that

altar call is made, just in a moment, to come up here and personally stand around the altar or in the aisle, and pray to You and give thanks for their salvation, I pray that every hand that went up will stand in the aisle, somewhere, and pray to You, and give thanks for receiving them in, or, receiving them into Your Kingdom. Grant it, Lord. May Your Eternal blessings rest upon them.

And with our head bowed, Brother Joseph will continue on, the prayer.



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