

I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK

 . . .? . . . and He saves us from sin. And now we're going to read just a little text, and talk to you a few moments from the Word of God. Cause, after all, that's the all-sufficient part, is the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God."

2 Now let us bow our head just a moment before we open His Word.

3 Most gracious Lord, we are happy this morning for the privilege that we have of standing in Thy Presence, looking up to Thee, and calling Thee our Father. When we remember in our Scriptures, that Thou has said, "Pray ye, 'Our Father Who art in Heaven.'" To know that we are altogether impure. "We were born in sin, shaped in iniquity, and come to the world speaking lies." And such a miserable wretch as we, and, yet, by the Blood of Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, through the unmerited grace that we have been given, we have the privilege of looking up and saying, "Father." Oh, how we thank Thee for this!

4 And, today, we would ask You, Lord, to search our hearts as we worship. We come here for no other purpose but to worship Thee. And to see, in this great day that we're now living, when, seemingly, that everything has failed. But there is one sure thing that can never fail, that's Jesus. For He said to us, when He was on the earth, that, "Heavens and the earth would pass away, but My Words shall never fail." What an assurance that we have, then, to rest our soul's Eternal destination upon His Word!

5 And now, it is, It has been given to us, in the form of a Book called the Bible, know that It was written by the Holy Spirit and can only be interpreted by the Holy Spirit, may He come now over this written Word, and speak through mortal lips, to mortal ears, and give Eternal understanding. Grant it, Father, that it might stir our hearts, to love Him more. And to have better fellowship with Him, to bring us to a close communion.

6 Then, we would ask You, this morning, Lord, that there is many sick and needy here in the church and throughout the land. May we receive the benefits of His striping of His body, upon ours today, for it is written, that, "He was wounded for our transgressions, with His stripes we were healed." And as David of old cried out, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgives all thine iniquity; Who healeth all of thy diseases." Grant, today, Lord, that in this worship, that every person here that's in need of either thing,

salvation for their soul, or healing for their body, may we draw the benefits of this great supreme sacrifice today.

7 We submit ourselves to Thee now, Lord. And we pray that You will speak through us, and will hear through us, and answer prayer. For we ask it in the Name of Thy blessed Son, the Lord Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

8 There is so much good in the Word of God, till it is a hard thing for any persons to ever select a certain Scripture. When I am reading the Word, I'll say, "This sounds so good, I'm just going to underline it. And then when I go to the next service, I'm going to preach on *this* subject." And I'll sit down for a few moments, and I'll listen to the Spirit as It speaks. Then it won't be but just a little bit, till I'll be reading a little farther, and I'll find something that even sounds better. And I'll underline that, and say, "*This* is what I'm going to speak on, when I go to church next." And the—the first thing you know, my Bible is marked up with certain things I'm going to speak on when I go to church.

9 That's how good the Lord is, and how precious His Word is to His saints. And what a great privilege that we have today, in this hour, and when seemingly all hopes is gone, but yet to find one solid, sure foundation, that's the Word.

10 It was upon my heart a few days ago, as I told Brother Neville, or sent word to him, by our Sister Wood, that I was going to speak this morning upon *The Handwriting On The Wall*. It was a message the Lord gave me on a train, coming back from California. But in the message, it was so stirring, and such a hour, until, leaving the people . . . finding the great things, even to this modern sputnik that you hear so much about, is revealed in God's Word. And to see the hour that we're living, we are surely at the end. And then to leave the people in that condition, and then without bringing another Message to follow it, to give the hopes of the Church, then it leaves the people kind of wondering, and makes them nervous.

11 So I thought I would wait till the next Sunday, coming back, and then I would speak on *The Handwriting On The Wall*, on Sunday morning. And then on Sunday night, speak on, "The Church rapturing before the Tribulation." And then if these things are so close at hand, then the Rapture is closer than that is, if the Church goes in the Trib- . . . before the Tribulation. So, I'm sure you understand that It does.

12 Now I want to read out of the Book of Revelation, in the 3rd chapter, pertaining to the church of this day. And the 14th verse, I shall read, beginning. Revelations 3:14.

And unto the angel of the church of Laodicea write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

I know thy works, . . . thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased in goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, . . . miserable, . . . poor, . . . blind, and naked:

I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou may be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that thy shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and will open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

13 Now that 20th verse is where I wish to take the text, to see if God will give us a context: *I Stand At The Door And Knock*.

14 This whole Message this morning, that we have just read, is the Words of Christ Himself, after His resurrection, speaking to the last church age. As we understand, there were seven churches in that day, the seven churches of Asia. Each one of them had an angel, and those angels were sent to guide these churches down through the age. And we're now ending up at the last church age, Laodicea.

15 And it's most unusual to see how striking this thing is this morning, how it pertains to this church of this day, to see the conditions of the lukewarm, and the indifference in the church. And how that they say that, "Oh, we are on the big program. We are building a million-dollar church. And our church is prospering. We have more members than we ever had. Our pastor is better paid. And we are better, altogether." If that isn't the call of the day!

16 But, yet, the Bible said, "Thou art naked, poor, miserable, blind."

17 Just think, if a person being naked, and poor, and miserable, and blind, and don't know it. Now, if he knew it, he would try to better himself. He would rush from the street to find clothing. He would try to better himself. But if he's in that condition and doesn't know it, what a horrible thing! Now, and in the face of all of it . . . That isn't my text.

18 Jesus said, “I stand at the door and knock. And if any man will open the door, I’ll come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” What an invitation to a—a people that lives in this day! To see these horrible sights that we’re now looking at! And with such a glorious invitation, “I’ll stand at the door and knock. And if any man will hear, and open, I’ll come in to him; and I will sup with him, and he with Me.” What a communion! What a privilege! What a fellowship! Standing at the door, knocking!

19 When the great artist . . . I can’t call his name just at this time. Painted the picture of Jesus knocking at the door. Any picture, before it can become a famous picture, it has to go through the hall of critics, the—the people who are famous artists who criticize the picture. They find all the flaws that’s in it. So after this famous picture had went through practically the hall of critics, it was asked the man who give the painting. A critic said, “There’s just one thing that I can find wrong with your picture.” He said, “You have forgotten to put the latch on the door.”

20 And the painter said, “Oh, no. You misunderstand. If the latch was on the outside, He would raise the latch and go in. But the latch is on the inside; the person inside must lift the latch.”

21 That’s the way it is. Jesus, with all of His mercy and all of His compassion, yet you are the person that will let Him in or keep Him out. You have the latch on your side.

22 What would a man knock at another man’s door for? What would be the reason? Why, it’s to gain entrance. He wants to come in. He wants, he’s got something that he wants to talk about, or something to show you, when someone knocks at your door. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit—Ed.] They’re wanting to gain an entrance, or a little fellowship, or something to talk to you about. That’s the reason Jesus knocks at the door.

23 What would you think, that down through the ages, the many calls that’s come to people’s door? Let us go back for just a few moments.

24 Let’s think of the great Caesar Augusta in the days of the Roman empire. What if a foot soldier would have been living down in the little shanty somewhere, and Caesar Augusta would have come from his palace, and went down to the little shanty where his footman lived, and knocked at the door? What a thrill that would have been to that footman! Why, the great emperor of Rome was at his door, trying to get a word with him. Oh, he would have been happy. He would have opened the door and fell on his face, and said, “Great emperor, enter into my humble abode. And whatever you see that you want,

it's yours." Sure, he would have been thrilled to have had such a—a privilege to entertain the emperor of Rome in his day.

²⁵ What a privilege it would have been for a peasant, in the days of Adolf Hitler in Germany, the Fuehrer of Germany! If he would have went down to a poor man's house, and would have knocked at the door, and the man would have went to the door and raised up the curtain and looked. And the Fuehrer of Germany, the great Hitler, stood at his door; the ruler, the dictator of Germany. He would say, "Well, I'm not worthy that such a man like that would knock at my door. Do you mean that Hitler wants to speak to me, a peasant?"

²⁶ Why, he would throw the door open, and fell on his face, and said, "Hitler, enter my home. Sure. Anything that's here is yours, great Fuehrer of Germany." Certainly, he would have been happy to have done it. Not only that, but he would have been honored to done it, to think that Hitler would have come to his door.

²⁷ And you have to watch the importance of the person that's knocking at your door. That has to do with it. If it was a beggar, you might have a right to close the door, or not go to the door; if you had nothing to give him, and you felt ill at the beggar. But if he was an important person. . . .

²⁸ I would say, today, if—if President Dwight Eisenhower come down here to Jeffersonville, today, and knocked at the door of any good democrat, you would feel very much honored to go to the door and welcome President Eisenhower. Though you differ with him, in politics, you would certainly appreciate him knocking at your door. Because why? He's the President of the United States. He's a man of great importance. And though you differ with him, in politics, it would be an honor for any democrat, in this city or any other city, to entertain President Dwight Eisenhower, because of his importance as the President of the United States. He's a great man, an honorable man, and has an honorable position.

²⁹ Just recently, from England, come the queen. She went up into Canada. She visit all through Canada. She came then to the United States. And there wouldn't be a person in the United States but what would be happy if that queen would visit them.

³⁰ What would you have thought this morning, if the Queen of England, though you're not one of her subjects, you're an American subject, but, although, what if she would come and knock at your door? And you would see her maids, and so forth, standing there. And she would say, "I am the Queen of England. I come to visit you." What an honor that would be, because of her importance. She's the queen. And one of the greatest queens in the world is the Queen of England.

Yet, she has no power in this nation. But because she is important, you would be happy to let her in. I'd be happy to let her in, to know that I had the privilege and the honor of entertaining the Queen of England.

³¹ But, oh, Jesus will stand at the door and knock, and we'll keep Him out. We'll not open the door. We'll just let Him knock. And who is more important than Jesus? Tell me who is a greater person than He. And here He says, "I stand at the door, and knock; and if any man will open, I'll come in."

³² If you had all the Caesar's, all the Hitler's, all the great men and women of the world standing in front of your door, you would never have one, all put together, would nothing like compare with the One that stands at the door, daily, and knocks at your heart: the Lord Jesus. He wants to come in. He wants to talk to you. You're one of His subjects. You were made in His image. You are a human being that's made in the image of God. And He longs to talk to you. He just doesn't go to the great, the celebrity. He comes to the poor and needy. "Any man that will hear My Voice, and open the door, I'll come in and talk with him."

³³ Just think what it means this morning: For the King of Glory. For the great I AM. For the One Who was in the burning bush. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] For the One Who separated the waters in the Red Sea, for the children of Israel to pass over. Or the One Who spoke and the sun stood still. The One Who formed the moon and stars, and put them in their sockets, to shine. The One Who said, "Lazarus, come forth," and a man, dead, four days in the grave, come to life again. Think of it! The One Who went into the lions' den with Daniel, and protected him from the lions. The One Who went into the fiery furnace, with the Hebrew children, and fanned the fire from them. The One Who stood and said, "I am the resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

³⁴ He stands at the door of a fallen humanity, knocking, and trying to gain access to the soul. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit—Ed.] And we've turned that great important Person away.

³⁵ Oh, you say to me, then, "Brother Branham, I differ with you right here, because I have already let Him in."

³⁶ Well, that's very good. I'm so happy that you did that, let Him in. But, then, you know what? It seems to be that after you let Him in the door, you've got a whole lot of little—of little apartments in your heart. And you'll welcome Him in the door, "Just stand right here, but don't look around over my house."

37 Could you imagine telling the Fuehrer that he could come in, but he couldn't look over the house? "Now, Fuehrer, you can stand here at the door, Mr. Hitler, but don't you look in *this* closet. Don't you look over *here*. I've got some little secrets that I don't want you to know about."

38 That's the way we, sometimes, who call ourselves Christians, treat Jesus. "You can step in. Yes, I believe that You are the Son of God, but don't go to meddling in my business." See? That's the danger line. You got little places in your heart, little doors that enter into little secret closets in your heart. Christians have those. And many who let Jesus in, is not willing to let Jesus have His way. He is not altogether welcome.

39 If I come to your house, and you welcome me in, I feel like I am your brother. And I can go anywhere I want to, if I'm really welcome, if I come to your house. I feel like that if you said, "Welcome in," that means that I'm welcome anywhere in the house. I'd just go right on through. If I want to lie down a while, I'll go in the bedroom. And if I want to—to eat awhile, I'll go to the kitchen. I'd just feel like I'd be welcome.

40 And what if you come to my house, or I to your house, and you say, "Now, you can stand right here, but don't you dare to open *that* door. Don't you go *here*"? I wouldn't be very welcome.

41 Well, that's the way it is today with people who call themselves Christians. You say, "Oh, I belong to the church." That's good. But you see, the reason there's so much trouble in the church, the reason there is so much confusion in the church, so discontentment in the church, is not because that Jesus isn't there, it's because that Jesus can't gain access to the places He wants to go. We have those little compartments, and we say, "Oh, no, don't touch *that*. Now You can come in, but, oh, that's far enough. I'll join the church, but, otherwise, let me run my own business."

42 Jesus wants to be the supreme ruler of your being. And the only way that He can bless you is when He becomes your Lord. *Lord* is "rulership, ownership." Who made you? Jesus. Who has a right to every place in your heart? The Creator. Have no secrets before Him. Open up your heart.

43 Now let's speak, just for a moment or two, on some of these little doors.

44 One of them is a little door of selfishness. Oh, we find that so much in the professed Christian's heart. Selfish, oh, you . . . I . . . "It's for me and for my group. As long as it's in my denomination, it's all right. But if it's outside, if it's not a Baptist church, or it's not my Presbyterian, or my Pentecostal, if it's outside the Assemblies, or so forth, it's no good."

45 Then, you see, Christ can't have the rulership. He can't be Lord. If He's Lord, He's ruler.

46 If you say, "Well, I—I like for Him to do a certain thing for me, but if it's . . . if I can get so much out of it. I'll go to church if it'll make the people in my community think better of me." But you won't open this little door. "I'll accept Him, but I won't let Him in *this* little place, because I've been this way since I was a child, and I feel like I'm just a little bit over them type of people. I'll let Jesus in, but I'll never go to one of them little old missions, one of those places where they all holler 'Amen,' and 'Glory to God,' and 'Hallelujah.' I'll let Him in, but I won't—won't go to that." He isn't your Lord.

47 "My sheep hear My Voice." Then He's your Lord. He's the ruler.

48 "I'll let Him in, if they'll take me in the best church in the city."

49 I don't care if they'd put . . . if I wanted to go into the barnyard. Wherever He wanted me to go, I'd want to go, as long as He's calling me. I'll let Him in on the grounds that He's my Lord. Whatever He wants to do, let Him do it.

50 There's another little door called pride. Oh, what a horrible little black devils is all pinned up in that heart of pride, thinking you're better than somebody else. "Well, I wouldn't send my children over there. They don't dress right. The people who goes there isn't in my class."

51 If Christ is Lord in your heart, we're all one class because of one Spirit. We're all baptized into one Body. Pride, feels just a little . . . A little complex you have. Oh, you don't want Jesus to touch that, because it would degrade your social standing in the community. I'd rather degrade my social standing in the community, than to rub my name off of the Lamb's Book of Life. But they won't let Him in. That little pride holds Him out.

52 "Oh, Jesus, yes, I'll join the church. I'll accept You, but, oh, don't look in *this* closet. Because, You can sit down in a chair by the door, but I wouldn't let You in *this* closet." Then He can't be your Lord. He has got to have access to every room in the house, every compartment, all the little secret things of life. He's got to have access to every bit of it, then He becomes Lord.

53 What does He want to come in your heart for? Is to be your Lord. He's knocking at the door, to be your Saviour. And if you hold selfishness, and pride, and malice, and all these things in your heart, He can't be Lord. Though you accept Him in, He can't be Lord. When He's Lord, He's Lord over all. And that's what He's knocking for. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] "Oh, Lord," you say. Let Him in.

⁵⁴ “I want to come in and sup.” What *supping* is, is “fellowship.” When you got fellowship, one with another, how that the—the Lord and you are buddies. You are partners, and whatever you have, He has, too. Whatever He has, then, you have, too. You see, He becomes you, that you might become Him, and everything is in common.

⁵⁵ Then there is another little door in the heart, I’d like to speak of this morning, and that little door is the door of faith. So many professed Christians don’t want to open that door of faith. Now you say, “Lord, You can come in. That’s right. But I don’t believe that all the Bible is right. I will take what my church says, but I won’t take the rest of it.” How is the Lord ever going to bless you then? How can He be your Lord and healer, if He can’t get your heart’s door of faith open? If He can come in and you’ll welcome Him, He’ll open that door. And He’ll walk into that faith of yours, and He’ll sup with you, in the door of faith.

⁵⁶ Oh, I want to welcome Him, this morning, to my heart, to every room, to all that I am. I want to welcome Him at every door. Swing it open, and stand there and kiss the cup of blessings with Him, in the door, and say, “Yes, Lord, all I am, and all I have, and all, is Yours. Let’s stand at this door, Lord, and commune with each other. Let’s have communion at the door of faith, Lord. Let’s have communion at the door of pride, Lord. Let’s have communion at the door of selfishness, Lord. Take it all from me, Lord.” Faith!

⁵⁷ Oh, you say, “I’ll join the church, but I believe that the days of miracles is past.” Then you refuse to let the Lord come in the door of faith and manifest Himself to you. “Oh, yes,” you say, “but, Brother Branham, I am a Christian.” I know, honey dear, you are a Christian, and I appreciate that, by accepting the Lord, but you’re living under your privilege. You’re keeping your door closed. You are running from pillar to post, and so forth, because you don’t believe.

⁵⁸ You must open that door of faith, and let Him in, then He will give you the desire of your heart. “He that waiteth upon the Lord shall renew his strength. They shall mount up like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” “If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ask what you will, it’ll be given to you.” Oh! “Verily, I say unto you, if thou shall say to this mountain, ‘Be removed,’” and in the original Greek lexicon, says, “‘be raised up and thrown into the sea,’ and believe that it’s being done.” Oh, my! “Believe that it’s being done; you shall have what you say.” Certainly.

⁵⁹ Oh, it don’t have to be spontaneously. It don’t have to be that way. Certainly not. Just as long as you believe it. There is where Christians fail today.

60 The Bible said, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for. It's the evidence of things not seen." Then what would you say to it then? Now, it's not a myth. It's not a thought. It's not a hope. It's not a wish. "It's a substance." It's actually something that you possess.

61 For instance, I come to you, and I say to you, "I am hungry. I have to have some bread."

And you say, "What do you need? What money do you need?"

62 "I need twenty-five cents, to buy a loaf of bread. I'm hungry."

63 And you say, "Here is the twenty-five cents." Now, twenty-five cents is the purchase power of the loaf of bread. And as long as I've got the twenty-five cents, I've got it. It's a substance. I can be just as happy, standing here with the twenty-five cents, and the loaf of bread on Spring Street.

64 Oh, blessed be His Name! You don't let Him come in. Open that door of faith. When He says anything, it's the Truth. When His promise is to you, that's the substance. When faith anchors, to know that God cannot lie, it's settled.

65 Now, I got the twenty-five cents. It's not just something I imagined. I'm possessing the twenty-five cents. I walk out the door. Why, I'm just as happy as I . . . if I had the bread, for I've got the purchase power.

66 And if I've got the faith, the works is finished; if He can open that door and come in, and give me the faith of God in my heart. It's finished, when I can really believe Him. It might not happen right then. You know, the Bible said, that, "Moses endured, seeing Him Who was invisible."

67 Many of you has been over to see the Ten Commandments, that's been showing in Louisville for some time. Wonderful picture.

68 Now, "Moses endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible." The invisible, he *endured*, that means, he "held out."

69 Abraham, when he was given the promise, when he was seventy-five years old, that he was going to have a child by Sarah. It was settled. The very hour that Abraham opened up his heart, and his door of faith, and said, "It will be done." And as he got older, he . . . The Bible said, "He never weakened, in unbelief; but he was strong in faith, giving praise to God, for he knew that He was able to perform that what He had said." There's faith. Years passed by. Sarah, no different. "But he staggered not at the promise of God, through unbelief; but was strong, giving praise to God."

70 We who call ourselves Christians, we let Jesus in. Say, "Oh, I'm a Christian." And you can be prayed for, or anointed, or do what God

says do, or He can do some miracle before you, and you can see it; and if you're not healed instantly, "Well, that's it. I never got it. I'll come back the next time." You see, it isn't faith.

71 You have to let Him in, say, "Lord, here's the door, come in and take a hold." Then when He walks in there, it's settled forever.

72 "I stand at the door and knock." He's trying to get in that little door of faith. If He can only work His way in there, then it's a settled thing.

73 When I'm going with the twenty-five cents in my hand, it's just as good as the bread, to me, for I've got the purchase power of the—the substance that I want.

74 And when faith takes its hold in a heart, there's nothing can shake it. The work is finished. God has settled it. It's forever done.

75 I go down the street. I cross over the river. I go through the brier patch. I'm getting hungrier, all the time. I haven't got the bread yet, but, all the time I'm going, I'm rejoicing because I got the purchase power and the assurance that the bread belongs to me.

Oh, blessed be His holy Name!

76 When I. . . Before I get there, I may have cramps; I'm so hungry. I may get delirious, till I'm fighting my way through the bushes, like a madman. But as long as I'm holding the twenty-five cents, the bread has got to come.

77 There you are, long as that faith is anchored! Doctors may turn me down, all, everything, but I'll be there. I'll be healed. God said so. I'll let Him into my door of heart. My faith was given to Him, and He gave me the promise, and nothing will interfere with it. It's there. Faith!

78 The door of faith, how many Christians keep Him out? How many Pentecostal people keep Him out of that door of faith? How many Baptists? How many Presbyterian? Methodists? That door!

79 Oh, there's many doors. One more I shall speak of, and that's the door to your eyes. He said, "Thou art blind, and don't know it." He's speaking of the church today, spiritually blind.

80 I was speaking the other day. Which, this I cannot say publicly. But to Brother Sothmann there, and many others, Leo and Gene, and them, "What's this coming to?" I said. "Why can't the people see these things? Why can't they understand?"

81 Even that picture should shake the nations, but not even—not even a newspaper could pack it. What did George J. Lacy say, of the F.B.I.? He said, "Mr. Branham, that'll be on ten-cent stores, some of these days, but not while you're living." It never echoed. It never answered to the other day. I thought, "Truly."

82 Think of the maniac in Portland. Think of the witch doctors in India. Think of the little fish, Brother Wood, on the river. Think of the things that's infallible, the proofs. And yet I can't even go out, hardly, and hold a big campaign; held back. Something would let go, but it holds back. What is it?

83 They never knew Elijah till he was gone. They never knew many of them. They never knew who John was till he was beheaded. They never knew Jesus to be the Saviour of the world until He was crucified and raised again.

84 Saint Patrick hated the Catholic church, and protested it. But after he was dead, they canonized him a saint. They never knew he was a saint till he was dead and gone.

85 They never knew that Saint Francis of Assisi was a saint. He protested the Catholic church. He was a walking preacher with a Bible under his arm. Went down to the river to preach, and little starlings a hollering. He said, "Little sisters, hold your peace; I'm preaching the Word of God." And they shut up. But they didn't know that till he was dead a long time.

86 Joan of Arc, who saved France, the girl was a saint. She was spiritual. She saw visions. She was a spiritual woman. She heard angels speaking to her. She heard the voice of God. She saw visions. What did they say? "She's a witch." And the Catholic church drove a stake down and drove her to it, and burnt her, them priests did, and her screaming for mercy.

87 Two hundred years later, they realized she was a saint, so they done a lot of repentance. They dug up those priests body who burnt her, and throwed it in the river. That's a lot of repentance, of course. But they didn't know her until she had come and gone.

88 Jesus said, "They could not believe, because Isaiah said, 'They got eyes, and can't see; ears, and they can't hear.'"

89 Only last night, on the flyleaf of my Bible, when some time ago, in a vision that the Lord had given me, and I spoke it to the church. And then He said to me, "Go to Africa, then back to India."

I said, "Yes, Lord."

90 And when Mr. Baxter told me, in Canada, or in Chicago, said, "Let's go to India. Let them Afrikaans alone; they won't cooperate with us right."

"All right," I said.

91 I forgot it. When I went home, the Angel of the Lord met me between the two rooms; a Pillar of Fire, a Light, the same One *there*. And He said, "You go to Africa like I said go."

And a year later, they talked me into it again.

92 And I forgot it; I didn't write it down. And I was with my boy there in Portuguese, Lisbon, Portuguese. And I was stricken down, sick, all night. And the next morning, I was going into the bathtub, to take a little shower. And on my road in there, there stood the Angel of the Lord, said, "I thought I told you to go to Africa first?"

93 I said, "Lord God, I'm not worthy to be Your servant." I said, "If You will, lift Your Spirit and give It to another."

94 Then, not only till a few days ago, when I made arrangements for Africa this year, they're over there making it now. And last night, I was reading in the vision, and God knew that I would fail that. And in the vision . . . I never seen it till last night. And I called Brother Sothmann, Leo, and all of them, around. The vision said, "You'll go to India first, and then back to Africa."

95 See, I—I wrote it, myself. I wrote the thing, myself. Jumped from the bed where I was sitting, early one morning, and seen Him come in the room. And I wrote down just exactly what It said, as He—He was telling me there. And I read it over, many, many, many times, and never noticed it. And last night when I called the boys, there it is, right on the flyleaf of my Bible, where many, many people has read it.

96 It said, "There come a half-dressed people, and—and I preached to them, and they was rejoicing. Then a Light flashed on, afterwards, and showed the white and black together, in Africa." Never seen it, looking right at it. Our eyes open.

97 God, open my eyes, that I might see. Let me look past curtains of time, Lord. Let me just see, Lord, what's around me. Let me see what's fixing to happen.

98 When I think of the blinded human beings in this earth, who see, but yet can't understand; see God come into the meeting and perform the very same things that He performed when He was here on earth. See Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God perform and act and do just as He did when He was here on earth, and still they don't understand. How can it be? Because their eyes are not open.

99 It's going to open, one of these days, my friend, but it'll be too late then. The time will be gone. And you'll wonder, back, "You mean to tell me, *this*, that *So-and-so* and *such* a thing was *this*, and I didn't know it?" It goes over their head. They don't catch Him. Do you catch what I'm saying? It goes over them. It's right . . . And you're looking for some great something to happen in the future, when it's right now, and you fail to see it.

¹⁰⁰ God, come into my heart and open the doors to my eyes, that I might see.

¹⁰¹ How Cleopas and his friend walked along the road one day, coming from Emmaus, or going to Emmaus. And on the road down there, He talked with them, He walked with them. He supped with them, and their eyes of understanding was closed. When He got inside, and they all got quietened, He did a little something that they recognized, that no man could do it but Him. That is after His resurrection. And quickly, the Bible said, “Their eyes were opened.” He opened their eyes, and they went back down the road, rejoicing, and saying, “Truly the Lord has risen, for He has been with us through the day.” Their eyes opened. They had understanding.

¹⁰² Our Jesus can come right into the midst of the people and perform those very same acts, and what happens? The people will go away and say, “It’s mental telepathy. Oh, he might be a spiritualist or a fortuneteller, something that’s happened in that manner.”

¹⁰³ Oh, if God would open our eyes and let us see what these things are! That door to the eye is in the heart. It ain’t what you see with your eye. That isn’t seeing; that’s looking. Jesus said to Nicodemus, “Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” You don’t see It with your eyes; you see It with your understanding. You look with your eyes, and understand with your heart. So the door of your eyes is in your heart, because it’s a door of understanding.

¹⁰⁴ “Oh, I understand that Jesus said He would do that in the last days. I understand that these things are the sign of God.” Then how different, how it becomes a reality to you, how things change, if our eyes are open. He’s with you all the time. He helps you. He is standing at your door, daily, but you don’t recognize it.

¹⁰⁵ I heard a minister tell something, not long ago, that struck me. Was down in the south, there was an old man down there, a colored man, who . . . he was a good old fellow, but they couldn’t get him lined up with God. He just wouldn’t go to church, and yet he was a good old fellow. And they couldn’t get him to go to church.

¹⁰⁶ So, one day, he and the minister went hunting. And he was a very poor shot. He couldn’t hit nothing. So that day, on the road coming home, they had shot so much game till they were just loaded down with game. And the old colored man’s name was—was Gabriel. And he called him Gabe, for short. So he was loaded down, with game hanging all over him; he just barely could move. He was walking behind the minister. After a while he punched him on the shoulder, and he said, “Parson?”

Said, "Yes, Gabe, what do you want?"

107 Said, "Sunday morning, I'm finding myself at the mourners bench. I take my position in the church, there to live the rest of my days."

108 The parson said, "Good, Gabe. But what caused the sudden change? Why, when we've talked to you, and godly, saintly people has prayed with you and persuaded you, and you've turned your heart away?"

109 He said, "Boss, you know, I know that I'm a poor shot. I couldn't hit nothing." And said, "Look at the game I got. He must love me, or He wouldn't have give it to me." There you are. What was it? His eyes just come open. He realized Who give him that game, where it come from.

110 "The ox knows its stall. The mule knows the master's crib, but My people know not," said the Lord. Certainly, they don't know where these good things come from. If your eyes were just opened, and you could see.

111 Some time ago, a man was on his road to the seaside. He was going over there for a rest. He wanted to refresh himself, because that he loved. . . He thought he would like to hear the sea gulls as they flew over the water and skipped down by the great white-tip waves, as they roared and bursted in the air. And he wanted to smell the salt water. He said, "It'll be such a rest, to live by the seashore, for a while. I just want to rest. I want to live by the seashore, to see all the things the sea has to offer; the blue skies, as it reflects from the sky to the water. How that the foam of the salt water will boil up in great waves, strike and roll!" And he said, "If I can stand and look at that, and hear the scream of the gulls!"

112 And on his road down to the seashore, he met a man coming, and he was an old salt, an old sailor from the sea. He said, "Where goest thou?"

113 He said, "I go down to the seashore, to enjoy the goodness of the sea."

114 And the old salt said, "I don't see nothing strange about it. The waters are just waters. The sky is just the sky. The gull is just another bird." You see, he had seen it so much, until it become common to him. It wasn't thrilling, to him.

115 And that's what's the matter with you people. You seen the goodness, and the miracles, and the Divine things of God, moving and working, until it becomes common to you. You don't notice it no more.

116 In the meetings, I've noticed people, where the Lord, under His discernment, will speak right out in the audience, just as He did when He walked in Galilee, and just His promise that He said He would do.

And people, the first time, they say, "Oh, did ever. . . Oh, that's got to be the Lord." The next time, "It's got to come." And after a while, "Well, it's just another thing." It's common. It's passed over. You don't notice it. Your eyes of understanding, your heart, becomes closed to it.

¹¹⁷ The thrill, the blessedness of knowing the risen Lord Jesus stand in our midst, should send every soul to heights beyond anything in this world could thrill. It should do something to you. It should shake your faith till you would open up every door of faith, and everything else, say, "Lord Jesus, take full possession of me now. Take me into Your caring. Here, come into my heart. Take my selfishness away. Take my misunderstandings away. Take my doubts away. Open my eyes, Lord, and let me see. And take all of me, and be my Lord." Until the church does that, we are walking in blindness. Jesus is knocking at the door, and we're leaving Him outside. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit—Ed.]

Let us pray just a moment, while we bow our head.

¹¹⁸ While our heads are silently bowed, our faces are turned towards the dust from whence we was taken. And some day this mortal flesh will have to. . . the results will be back to the dust. Should there be such a person here this morning, that's never opened their heart, in this manner, to the Lord Jesus, that would raise your hands to Him now, and say, "Jesus, be merciful to me"? God bless you, mister. God bless you. Someone else. God bless you, young fellow. "I open my heart at this time."

¹¹⁹ Say, "Lord Jesus, take me, all, full possession. Be my Lord." God bless you, sir. Ta- . . . "Be my Lord." God bless you, lady. "Be my Lord; the Lord of my pride, the Lord of my faith, the Lord of my eyes, the Lord of my seeing, the Lord of my hearing, the Lord of my appetite." Many of these things I could have spoke on, but time wouldn't permit. "Be Lord over all." God bless you, lady. Just . . . God bless you, brother. "Take me, Lord." God bless you, brother. "Take me as I am, Lord." God bless you, sister. God bless you, brother. God bless you, back there. That's right. "Take me just as I am, and be full control, Lord. Let me not lead You. You lead me." A fellow was saying. . . God bless you, my brother.

¹²⁰ A fellow said he went out in a pasture and caught a pony, here the other day. He put the rope around the pony's neck, then made a half hitch across the muzzle of his face, and was leading the pony back to the barn. Before he got there, the pony was leading him.

¹²¹ That's what it is. God catches us, and we try to lead Him. Let Him lead. He knows the way. He has traveled the road. He made the road. We don't know the road, so why do we try to reason these

things out? Let us just submit ourselves to Him, say, "Lord, You lead me. I'll follow."

¹²² Maybe you've been a Christian. Maybe Christ has come into your heart, but you've never turned your faith loose, to Him. Say, "Lord, walk in. Take all the doubts out of my heart. If Your Word says that, I believe It. So, from this day on, I'm taking You like I. . . I want You to give me that what the brother just said, like a twenty-five-cent piece for a loaf of bread. And in the prayer this morning, for the sick, I'm going to receive You. I believe that You're going to do it. And I walk right on, rejoicing, no matter when it happens. It will happen." Would you like to open your door of faith, in your heart, to Him today? [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . you would, then raise your hands, and say, "Lord, here I am." God bless you. Masses with their hands up.

Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour Divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
And take all my sins away, (My unbelief.)
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

¹²³ Lord Jesus, Thou seest this people's hands. You know their hearts. You stand there. That's You knocking. May they not look out to some mythical mystic. But may they look straight in the face of the crucified Son of God. May they have an understanding this morning, like never before. Grant, Lord.

¹²⁴ We've had difficult. Satan has fought us in every way. Even for this meeting this morning, wasn't even any here to give the prayer cards, that they could be lined up, for the out-of-town people; that Thou might be able to show the exceeding abundance of Thy Presence, according to a Divine gift, and a will by Your Own great power. But Thou art God who overrules all things. You overrule difficults and circumstances.

¹²⁵ And I pray, God, today, that You will catch the heart of every person, gain access to every room and compartment. May they swing open their heart just now, and all those who raised their hands, of being selfish, or being neglectful, or things that's not like You would want to be. It shows in their life, that You don't live in that compartment. May it be opened up just now. And, Lord Jesus, come in and make Your abode with them.

¹²⁶ And then, Lord, we would pray also for these who are sick and afflicted, that this hour, that something might be done, that would so shock this people to an understanding of the realization of the Presence of Jesus Christ, that their hearts might be open. I pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹²⁷ It was giving out, over the radio, and by mouth, at the tabernacle, that today we would give out prayer cards. And the reason we give prayer cards, in the tabernacle, is to get the people who is out of town. See? That, the people that's here in the city, we have prayer for them daily, or times here at the tabernacle. But to get the people . . . The power of discernment is in Christ alone. And anyone knows that. That is in God alone. And in . . .

¹²⁸ When Christ was on earth in a physical, corporal body, as we stand today, He walked in Galilee and different places. There He claimed not to have power to heal the sick or to perform miracles. He said, "I can do nothing in Myself. I do nothing till first the Father shows Me what to do." Anyone knows the Scripture, Saint John 5, knows that that's true. He did not perform any miracles until the Father showed Him. He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son," Himself, the tabernacle that God dwelled in, His body, "the Son can do nothing in Himself; but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise."

¹²⁹ And you notice when He come to His Own country, His Own city, what happened? He couldn't do it. He laid His hands on some sick folks. He turned around and said, "Verily, I say unto you, that a prophet, in his own country, amongst his own . . ." You know how that was said, that.

¹³⁰ But He's been so gracious to us, to permit us to have a few meetings of that type. That's right. What is it to do? Is to let this city, these people, and those who are round about, who has never been out, in the other meeting, to know that He is the living God. He said, "These things that I do, shall you also. You will do these same works." He said, "A little while and the world won't see Me no more, yet you will see Me. For I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age." That's right. "And the things that I do, shall you do also, to the end of the age."

¹³¹ I believe that we're living in the closing days of the Gentile dispensation. Everything is just perfect in order, right now, for the end time. But the going Home of the Church, that's what Christ is waiting on. "As He was in the days of Noah, longsuffering, not willing that any should perish." He's same thing today. Not . . . Longsuffering He is now, not willing that any should perish. Great signs and wonders has gone.

¹³² People say, "Well, we're looking for a great age to come." My friend, the age is just about gone. The Gentiles are finished. It's at the end time. So now is the time to be, to receive Christ and to be ready. Now listen, friend, I don't know . . .

¹³³ Now, there's not a prayer card in the house. There's not one. Billy was here a while ago, or somewhere. He had about a hundred cards to give out, but the people didn't get here to give them to them. They had

to start the service, so we don't interrupt that. So I said, "I'll just call the people up and pray for them."

¹³⁴ But I feel that the Presence of Christ is here. I feel that I've prepared, and this Message, even, for the church this morning, for that purpose. And somehow the enemy has beset us in some way, but I believe that Christ is able to override the enemy if our hearts are right with Him. And many of you people who has raised your hands, of course, as soon as this service is over, when the altar call is made, I want you to come here and thank God for what He's done for you.

When you receive faith, what is faith?

¹³⁵ We could form a prayer line here, and bring the people through, half a dozen or more. That discernment is very powerful, and It—It would come here to the platform, and you would notice. I'm forty-eight years old; visions has been seen since I was about two years old, and not one time has any of it failed. Even the things, when I would say it, I didn't know how—how it could ever be. But it works just that way, then it's God. See? It has to be God. Then if God is present, to fulfill His Word, to prove that He. . . "These things that I do, shall you also." Then He proves that to be so. Then, God, open our eyes. If we could see that come to pass, then every promise is true.

¹³⁶ When He was on earth. . . Just a moment. When He was on earth, what did He say? Here is what He said. He said, "You destroy this Body, I'll raise It up in three days." How did He know to do that? Because David the prophet said, "I will not suffer My holy One to see corruption, neither will I suffer. . . leave His soul in hell." He knew He was the anointed Messiah. He knew that was His position. And by knowing that was His position. . . Now notice. Knowing that that was His position, then He was able to give that statement, because that promise applied to Him. He said, "And the Scriptures cannot be broken." If your understanding opens! "The Scriptures cannot be broken." That promise pertained to Him, and He knowed it had to come to pass.

¹³⁷ Then listen, friends. Every Scripture that pertains to you, every promise that pertains to you, is yours, just as much as that was His. Sure, it is.

¹³⁸ That's why I stand this morning. I'm, if the Lord will permit, I'm going to ask Him to do something, and in here where it's so hard, and so forth. In my own. . . Not because that you don't believe in me, but it's because His Word said this would be. See? His Word said it would be. I'm going to ask Him to overrule the prayer card situation. See? I'm going to ask Him if He'll do it. See? I don't. . .

139 Now remember, let me go on record, and this tape machines here that's going, several of them in the room there. I don't say that He will. See? I don't say. I'm going to ask Him to. And if He will, we'll be thankful. What if the Lord . . . How many . . .

140 No one out there has a prayer card. How many sick people out there, that's sick, raise your hands, or—or have . . . want something from the Lord? Raise your hands, wherever you are. Now I can see your faces, so I can just about tell who you are. So, I—I don't . . . I can tell . . .

141 And if it's any of the folks of the tabernacle, I don't want them folks. I want the Lord to show me somebody that's away from the tabernacle; somebody that's from out of town. Cause, if somebody from the tabernacle . . . That's why we give out cards, to get the people that's not in the tabernacle. So that . . .

142 The people say, "Well, he knows that person. That's how that discernment comes."

143 How does It come in Italy, in Germany, in Switzerland, Africa, and all around, over the world? How does It sit here and tell things that will happen three or four, four or five years off, and hit it just as perfectly to the dot? It's Christ.

144 Who was It, led the children of Israel through the wilderness? Christ. What was He then? I want to ask you something. Just think of this a minute. What was He? A Pillar of Fire. A Pillar of Fire. And when He come on earth, He said that He was that Pillar of Fire. He . . .

They said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness."

He said, "I am the Bread of Life."

Said, "Our fathers drank from a spiritual Rock."

He said, "I am the Rock."

"Why," they said, "Moses saw Him in a burning bush."

145 He said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." The "I AM" was in the bush.

146 He said, "Now, I came from God, a Pillar of Fire." God is Light, we know that. He, God, dwells in Spirit, not in flesh. And in this Pillar of Light, Jesus said, "I came from That, and I go back to That." Now, that might be out of your theology, but it's in the Bible. Jesus said it.

147 And when He died, buried, rose again, and when Saint Paul was on his road down to Damascus, to arrest the people, Jesus appeared to him, again in that Pillar of Fire, and struck him down. Now, it could be possible, one could see It and the others couldn't see It. Them men that was with Paul didn't see It. They said, "We heard a noise, but we seen

no Light.” But the Light was so bright, to Paul, till It put his eyes out, and he was blind for certain days. Pillar of Fire!

148 He come to—He come to Peter, in the prison, as the Pillar of Fire.

And here He is today!

149 And if a spirit of—of the devil is in you, you’ll do the works of the devil. If you’re an outlaw, a spirit, if John Dillinger’s spirit was in you, you’d pack guns and kill people. If the spirit of anything was in you, will make it act like the person.

150 The Spirit of Christ is in you, It’ll act like Christ. It’ll do the works of Christ. “He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he also.” There you are.

And now I’m putting this just for the glory of God.

151 And I’m getting to be an old man, and I know my days may not be too long on earth. I don’t know. That I can’t say. I hope I live to see the Coming of the Lord. I don’t know that I will. But, I don’t know that I’ll ever preach another sermon. But I. . . We can’t tell that. That lays in the hands of God. I don’t know.

152 But here’s one thing. I’m. . . If we will ask Him to come into this midst this morning, and will do something, the infallible proof of it, that He is the same resurrected Christ, and do the same thing that He did when He walked the shores of Galilee, I wonder how many would say, “I’d forfeit a place in the prayer line, even if It didn’t call me. I’d forfeit my place. And I believe that in my heart would anchor a faith that would just hold me stedfast to Christ, and I’d go from this building this morning”? If He will come into these human bodies here this morning, and give somebody out there enough faith, like the woman did that touched His garment!

And He looked around, said, “Somebody touched Me.”

And they said, “Well, everybody is touching You.”

153 Said, “But I felt I got weak.” And He looked over the place till He found the woman, and He said, told her what she had had, and what her trouble was, and said that her faith had saved her.

154 That was Jesus. Tell me anybody ever lived on earth, ever done it, outside of Him. Show me the history where it was ever done. I’ve got the Foxe’s book of *The Martyrs*. I got Josephus’ *Early Writing*. I got Pember-man’s *Early Ages*. I got Hislop’s *Two Babylons*. There never has been anything happen like it until this day, that’s right, because we’re at the end time. We’re at the junction time. And the Gentiles are finishing up, not long till we be cinders and ashes.

155 You receive Him. If He will do it, I don't say that He will, if He doesn't, we'll call the prayer line, if He does do it, would you say, "And I know the person is absolutely strange, and God does that, I will believe the Lord Jesus is present, and He'll take my case in His hands, I'll commit it there, and I'll receive, like the twenty-five cents, I'll go away from here thanking God for my healing?" Would you do it? Raise your hands, and see. How many in here will say you'd do it? Just raise your hands, all over. That's wonderful. Oh, my!

156 Now get yourself in condition. Pull that heart open. Say, "Jesus, if ever You worked on my heart, do it now. Get all the unbelief out. Let me wake up here, shake myself. Is it true that I've passed over something, all these years, and missed it? Have I been closed up? Oh, yes, I know You're with me. But have I let You in, everywhere, to see You?" If you can see Him this morning, faith will anchor, and diseases will go away. You'll be well. Believe it now. My! I hope you will believe it. God, grant it, is my prayer.

157 Now, before we do, let's pray.

158 O Lord, this is a terrible day we're living in. I realize that everything that could happen, will have to be You permitting it to be done, Lord. There are many here, dozen or two, that perhaps are in serious condition, someone who will not get well, if it isn't for You. And I pray that You'll grant this blessing to us.

159 And, Father, we know that there's only one way to receive faith. The Bible says, that, "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God." The Word of God says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." The Word of God says, "The things that I do, shall you also." The Word of God said, "All things are possible to them that believe." And, Lord God, we're trying to get faith into the people's hearts, to get their doors open, that they might see, and know the goodness of God, to permit these things to be.

160 Now have mercy upon us, Lord. As I kneel here by the side of this altar rail, O merciful God, be merciful to us. I pray for every person in here, Lord, for the tabernacle folks, for the out-of-town folks, for all. You've said, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick. God shall raise them up. And if they have did sin, they shall be forgiven of it."

161 And we realize that the people who receive anything otherwise than by the Word, it doesn't last very long. We think of the children of Israel, how they all stumbled at the supernatural, and then fell in the wilderness.

162 Truly it is, Lord, and as people has a solid faith on Your Word!

163 Now grant, this morning, that Your great Presence will permit this what we ask for, Lord. That the people might know and see the glory of God. And may every person that's in here now, may something another, faith, come down through the channels of God's Spirit, and anoint their heart just now, and their eyes come open. That, when they leave this building, today, that they would say, "Did not our hearts burn within us? For, we seen His resurrected Being. We've wondered, but now we understand." God, throw open their door now, of faith, and walk in. And reveal to them, and make known Thy ways and will.

164 Help me, Lord. I'm a poor subject of Your Kingdom. I'm unworthy. And I ask forgiveness of my own sins, my own doubts, and fears, and trespasses, and indifference, and all that I've done. Lord, forgive me. And help me to be a bright, brilliant servant of Yours, that I might magnify Thy Name before my brethren. In the things I have not strength to do, give me strength, Lord. Not for my glory, surely, Lord, all these years You've tried me. I pray that I find grace in Your heart this morning, that I might gain a little time of fellowship and supping with Thee. Grant it, Lord. I pray that You'll help me now. And give people faith, for I rise to look, to see what You'll do. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

165 Now, don't doubt. Just believe, for all things are possible to them that believe.

166 Now, the Lord Jesus is not obligated to do this for us. I'm going to ask Him for at least three peoples that I don't know; three peoples that I don't know, for Him to reveal to me. What . . . I want every one of you that's got a need for anything, to pray. And what He reveals, if it's truth, you'll know it, whether it's the truth or not. If it isn't the truth, then it just isn't the truth. You'll know where, yourself. But if it is the truth, then you embrace it and receive it.

167 What would He do if He stood here this morning? What if He stood here where I'm standing, with a corporal body like I stand in? If you'd say, "Lord Jesus, I have need of healing," what do you think He would say? He'd say, "Well, I—I did that for you when I died for you." How many knows that's the truth? Sure. It's already finished.

168 Then what would give you more faith? For Brother Neville and I to come pray, and lay hands on you, anoint you with oil? The Bible says that. Do that, that's good. We believe that. Sometimes they don't even anoint with oil. Sometimes they just, they have discernment, and find evil spirits and cast them out. Sometimes that's done that way. And sometimes it's done by just . . . When Jesus walked . . . Now what we're . . . That was what He give the apostles. That's what the apostles did. And many times they did it all different ways.

169 Now which would be more effective, as we've had so many meetings here, which would be more effective now? Just to let the Lord Jesus come down and prove Himself that He's here, in that supernatural realm.

170 Is there people in the building here, that—that you know I don't know what's wrong with you, or who you are? Raise your hands, if there is. The people in the building, that knows that I don't know you, just raise up your hand. Yes, sir. I guess it's—it's everywhere. All right.

171 Now, the Lord, it's up to You, Lord. Now that's all I can do. And, Father God, I pray that You'll grant it, that these people might, in the next ten minutes, many be streaming to the altar, with their hearts overflowed, to see. Open up their eyes, Lord. Let . . .

172 Open their eyes like those who went to Emmaus. They walked with You all day and didn't know You. But when You done something that they knowed no one else could do but You, they recognized that it was You. That was after You was dead, buried, and raised again.

173 Now, Father, grant the same thing this day, among these people. And the Bible said, "Three would be a witness." So I pray, God, a confirmation will be made this morning, in the presence of the people, without being brought to the platform. It's all in Your grace, let it be done, Lord, I pray, for Jesus' sake, and in Jesus' Name. Amen.

174 I know this is a strenuous moment for you. What about me? But what I preach, I believe. What I preach, I practice; by the grace of God, I practice. God be with me, to help me, that you might know that I'm not saying these things within myself. Your eyes open up, and say, "Well, I knowed Brother Branham a long time. I've seen this. But I tell you, no matter who he is, he might be Charles Branham's son, or so forth like that, but I know one thing, God did something through him." Then look at God. Don't look at the man. God don't want to show me; He wants to show Himself. It's He. Now if a vision will just come!

175 Here it is. Sister Snyder. . . I—I'm trying to look away from that, see. And, God, be merciful.

176 Here's a man sitting right here. The vision is over him, looking right at me. I guess I'm a stranger to you. You're trying to get rid of a habit, aren't you? [The brother says, "I'm trying to get rid of the habit, sir."—Ed.] Get rid of smoking cigarettes, is what you're trying to. Is that right? Raise your hand if that's right. No, I mean the young man sitting back *here*. I don't know you. We're strangers, is that right, among one another? If it is, wave your hand like *this*. Is that exactly what you was praying about then? All right.

177 You believe? What does that? What did he touch? The Bible said, that, “He’s the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.” He never touched me. I never seen the man. But he touched Christ, Who is here, and Christ used my lips and eyes, to speak.

178 You got your hands up, young man. I see you keep holding your hands. You believe me to be God’s prophet? Would you accept what I told you? If you’d have faith and believe! You think she’d actually be saved? Your girlfriend, you’re praying about, ain’t it? [The brother says, “That’s true.”—Ed.] Uh-huh. You want her to get healed, too, don’t you? If that’s right, stand up on your feet. You! That’s right, isn’t it? [“Yes, sir.”] Now have faith in God, and you’ll receive it. I’m a stranger to you, young man. I never seen you. Are we strangers? Raise up both your hands, high, if we’re strangers. I never seen you in my life; you’ve never seen me. Now who . . . You may be seated now, and receive what you asked for. Your faith has granted it to you.

Do you believe?

179 It was joke a while ago, wasn’t it, sister? But it’s not a joke now. I knew the Lord would do that, or I thought He would. God can’t be played with. He’s real. If thou canst believe!

180 Here’s a woman sitting right back this way. She’s praying for somebody else. The woman has got a nervous condition. She’s a Catholic, by faith. That’s right. She lives on Meigs Avenue, doesn’t she? If that’s right, raise up your hand, lady. All right. You believe? Then receive what you ask for, if thou canst believe.

181 What about you way back there? Somebody get the . . . You—you are not too far back. Christ knows exactly where you’re setting. I challenge you, in Jesus’ Name, to believe now. He’s here. His Spirit is here. His Power is here.

182 Here sits a man sitting way back there, looking at me now. Got a green tie on, gray suit, like. He’s praying also. He wants to be healed of some sort of a stomach trouble, gastric conditions in his stomach and bowels. That’s right. You sitting back there. Let me tell you who you are. You was at a doctor yesterday, and he examined you. That’s right. I don’t know you, you know that, but God does know you. Your faith saved you, sir. Praise be to the living God!

183 The lady sitting right behind him, in the next row, about three, back in there. There, praying for your mother-in-law, crippled condition. If you will believe, all right.

184 There’s a little fellow sitting there, with a hand up to his mouth, looking at me, way back towards the back. He got his hand to his

mouth. He's praying. There's a sad-like spirit around him. He's wiping his eyes. I can just make out, a young man. He's praying for somebody. That's a relative of his. The man has been in an institution. It's a young fellow. It's a brother-in-law, a nervous condition, of a mental condition. That's correct, sir. You have faith, and God will work it for you.

¹⁸⁵ I challenge your faith in Christ. Do you believe Him? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Is that three? Oh, it's. . . That's more than that, isn't it? Now do you believe? ["Amen."] Is your faith settled? Has your heart come open? Raise your hands, if your heart has come open. Is the door open? ["Amen."]

Then let us bow our heads.

¹⁸⁶ Lord, come near now, blessed Jesus. O God, I am grateful to Thee, Father, that Thou did grant these blessings. That they, the people which are now present, will know that it wasn't Your servant. It was the God of Heaven, Who has honored us this morning by coming into our midst, and permitting such to be done. To prove to this Gentile generation, before it's wiped from the earth, that You are the Messiah. You are the Lord God of Heaven. You are here, O Lord.

¹⁸⁷ Please, I ask You to give one more great shock to this people, as it were, or to open their understanding, for they'll go in their sins if they fail to believe on Thee and confess their doubts and unbelief. May there come such a blessing to the people, just now, that they'll know that the Holy Spirit is present, and that He is just as willing to heal them, as He is to heal anyone. It's based upon, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible." Lord, grant it. And may Thy healing power sweep down into the hearts of the people, just now, and heal each of them. I thank You, Lord.

¹⁸⁸ When Satan comes in like a roaring lion, the Spirit of the Lord raises up a standard against him, and overthrows him, the great Satan who claims to be the great One. But our Lord Jesus is the great One, He and Father God.

¹⁸⁹ And I pray, Lord, that just now, by Your Spirit, that You'll move through the audience and heal every person. Through the Name of the Lord Jesus we ask it. Amen.

¹⁹⁰ You believe you're healed? You believe that, by His stripes? Has something anchored down in your heart? You have the twenty-five cents that's going to make you walk from the building? Do you have it? Raise your hand. "I have it. It's an anchored faith. I don't care how long it takes, how many days, how many hours. I've got the purchase power of my healing right now, and I'll walk from this building, right now, just the same as if I was perfectly well." You may be, when you

raise to your feet. You may not be; you may not be, for weeks. I don't know. But you will be, if you've got the faith to believe it. God is faith. Believe Him with all your heart.

¹⁹¹ Now just shut yourself in with God, now. Now just start like this, "Lord, I believe. Lord, I believe. All my doubts are buried in the Fountain. Lord, I believe. Saviour, raise my faith in Thee, till it can move the mountain. O Lord, could You be wrong? You can't be wrong. First, if Brother Branham had not one thing to say, Your Word said so. Then, by grace, You permitted Brother Branham to look over this building to many people, to do the same thing that You did when You walked Galilee. If I've had a doubt in my heart, Lord, then take it away, before my day is finished. Before I'm called on, to answer at Judgment, take away my sin of unbelief. And make me Thine right now. Let me be Thine." God bless you, is my prayer. And those . . .

¹⁹² Now while you're praying, shut in with God, there was those who raised their hands, that wanted a walk with God, wanted to open your hearts to Him. The altar is open now, my friend. I'd invite each one of you to come here at the altar and kneel down, and say, "Lord Jesus, be merciful. I want You to come into my heart. Move all my doubts. Move all my fears. Move my selfishness. Move everything out, and You come in. Come into my heart and be Lord. Oh, I believe You're my Saviour, but You haven't been my Lord."

¹⁹³ God bless you, brother. This man's name is Davis. He comes from Virginia. He's here to give up a habit of smoking, and a little grudge that he's held in his heart against a loved one since he was a child. That's what he's at the altar for, this morning.

¹⁹⁴ Now come. You're invited to walk to the altar now. Kneel down here before the Christ of God. Don't notice the little humble tabernacle. Notice Who is in here, this morning, our blessed Saviour. Would you come? You're invited. The Lord Jesus waits for you to come, for every (cleansing) spirit to go from your heart.

. . . His dear children along.

Some through the water, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the Blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,

Walk up, this morning, kneel down in His Presence.

God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley in the darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.

Some through the water, some through the flood,
 Some through deep trial, but all through the Blood;
 Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
 In the night season and all the day long.

Some through the water, some through the flood,
 Some through deep trial, but all through the Blood;
 Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
 In the night season and all the day long.

Though sorrow befall us, and Satan oppose,
 God leads His dear children along;
 Through grace we can conquer . . . ? . . .
 God leads His dear children along.

Won't you let Him lead you?

Some through the water, some through the flood,
 Some through the fire, but all through the Blood;
 Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
 In the night season and all the day long.

¹⁹⁵ Now you're invited, as we're singing; if God is knocking at your heart, to let you open up your heart, to see His Presence, to enjoy the blessings of Him being your Lord, your ruler. Won't you just forget that you're in this little old tabernacle? And come up here to the Throne of His grace, and kneel down with these other weeping people, and open up your heart, so that He can open your understanding, that you will be His child and serve Him. Once more we sing, the last verse of this song. You're invited. Now come.

Away from the mire, and away from the clay,
 God leads His dear children along;
 Away up in glory, Eternity's day,
 God leads His dear children along.

Some through the water, some through the flood,
 Some through deep trial, but all through the Blood;
 . . . but God gives a song,
 In the night season and all the day long.

Softly.

Some through the water, some through the flood,
 Some through fire, but all through the Blood;
 Some through great sorrow . . . (Don't you
 understand?) . . . a song,
 In the night season and all the day long.

¹⁹⁶ Reverently we bow our heads now in the Presence of the great King of glory, the great Prince of peace. How thankful we are that you've

raised your hearts open to this great Spirit that's present now. "He that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out." No matter what your needs is. "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them." God does this for us.

¹⁹⁷ Now, children, as you're in the building, anywhere, just bow your head. Be real reverent while our brother prays, and you're going to receive that what you asked for. The Lord bless you richly now, while the sister continues her singing, slowly now. [Brother Neville prays—Ed.]



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