
A GREATER THAN SOLOMON

IS HERE NOW



Let us remain standing just for a moment, while we read the Word of the Lord. You who would like to turn to the Scripture reading, tonight, turn to Matthew 12, beginning with the 38th verse.

And there, then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would seek a sign from thee.

But he answered and said unto them, An evil and an adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall be no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The men of Nineveh shall rise in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

2 Let us bow our heads. With our heads and hearts bowed in His Presence, is there a request in here tonight, that you would like to be remembered in prayer? If so, just raise your hands, and signify by that, "God, hear my request." Now pray silently while we go to prayer.

3 Our Heavenly Father, we are deeming this one of the most grandest privileges that we have this side of Glory, is to meet in the congregation of the people who believe in You, that where we can expect Your Presence, because it's according to Your promise. You said, "Where there are two or three gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst. And if they can agree upon any certain thing, and ask, they shall receive it." Lord, the greatest thing that we could agree upon, tonight, that You would just meet with us, that we might behold Your Presence, sense It in our spirits, and know that You are here. And in Your Presence, we feel that we can pour out our hearts, in supplication. And as we meditate upon Thee, may we feel this great sense of the answer of our prayers, as we are asking now in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

4 I want to take the subject, the Lord willing, with some Scriptures I have written out here, for just a few moments before we go to prayer for the sick, upon the subject of: *A Greater Than Solomon Is Here Now*.

5 We find in our beginning of the Scripture tonight, where our text is found, that Jesus was disputing with the Pharisees. He was rebuking them, because that they had not understood Him. A Man, that the theologians that had been trained, looking forward for the time of His appearing, and then, when He arrived, they misunderstood Him and had called Him, “a devil.” They said that the ministry He had was of the devil, because He could discern the thoughts that were in their hearts, and by this they thought Him to be some kind of a—of a witch doctor or some like a fortuneteller; and anyone knows that’s evil spirits. And then, to call the work of God, “an evil spirit,” was blasphemy.

6 And He had told them He would forgive them for it, because the Holy Spirit had not come as yet to tender up their hearts and to—to make them in condition so that they would understand God. They were hearts was far away from God. All they knowed was cold theology of the law, and they had not yet received the Holy Spirit. But He said, “When the Holy Spirit has come and does the same thing, to speak against That, it’s never forgiven in this world nor the world to come.”

7 And I was thinking as I was reading this, this afternoon, and meditating upon it, of how that that they, one of them here, come to Him, in a roundabout way, and asked Him, said, “Master, we would see a sign from Thee.” In other words, the Jews were always taught to believe signs. The Jews seek signs, always; and the Greeks wisdom. And we find that these Jews was relying upon a sign.

8 Now, what a—a very witness against this Pharisee, that him supposingly knowing the Scriptures, that the sign of the Messiah, Jesus had already performed it, and his eyes were so darkened that he didn’t recognize it. Jesus had, Jesus had given him the true Scriptural Messianic sign that was promised in the Scripture. But he was looking for some other kind of a sign.

9 And how true that stands with teachers of today, and people of today. They can see something that is solid and in the Scripture, promised by God, for the day. And then they can see That, but yet they are looking forward to something, they want to see something else, and not taking the sign of the time.

10 He told them once, said, “You can discern the skies when it’s lowring, red. You’ll say, when it’s lowring and red, ‘tomorrow will be foul weather,’ and so forth.” But said, “You can discern the signs in the skies, but, the signs of the time, you don’t understand.” For truly the Scripture had said that this Messiah would be a prophet.

11 We know that God's way of doing things was always sending a prophet to a vindicate His message. Never has failed. Never will fail. God cannot change His way. What His first decision is, it must ever remain that way. What He says is true.

12 God never did deal in great groups. He always deals with an individual. That's how He has taken a people out of the Gentiles for His Name; just an individual, one here and there, for His Name. He deals with an individual, not by groups.

13 And we find that the reason they believed this, that a prophet must be an identified witness of God. For when he said anything, and it come to pass; and he said again, and it come to pass; and whatever he said, God vindicated it to be true, then He said, "Hear him, for I am with him."

14 Now we find that Moses, who they claimed to believe in, had told them that, "The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet liken unto me, to Him the people must hear. And all that didn't believe this Prophet would be cut off from the people."

15 We find that to be true. "He came to His Own; His Own received Him not. But as many as did receive Him, to them gave Him the power, gave them the power to become sons of God."

16 How we find these Pharisees looking right, and Sadducees, upon exactly what the promise of God said that He would do. And there they was still seeking a sign, not knowing that that was the true Messianic sign that He was to give.

17 Philip understood it, when He told him where he was the day before. He understood that was the Messiah, said, "Thou art the Christ, and You're the King of Israel." And so he—he recognized that because he was given to that. He was.

18 Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him. And all the Father has given Me will come to Me." No matter how much we try to get in any other way, it's got to be God. "It's not him that willeth, or him that runneth, it's God that showeth mercy." God is the One that does the choosing. "You haven't chose Me," said Jesus, "I chose you."

19 And now we find that the anti-Christ, in the last day, "will deceive all that dwells upon the earth, whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life from the foundation of the world." Your name was put in God's Book before the Lamb was slain. When His program was laid out, the whole thing, you were recognized in that program because you got Eternal Life. The word *Eternal*, never did begin and neither can it end, and you are an attribute of God's thinking before

the world was ever created. That's the only way you can have Eternal Life. And that Life, that He was thinking of you, is in you now. There is no way to separate it. It's in there to stay.

²⁰ Notice now, these Pharisees, yet being religious teachers, great scholars of theology, and studied the Book, day and night, failed to see that Messianic sign, and was here trying to ask Him for a sign.

²¹ That I might further the thing, to let you know that God always gives signs. Because He is supernatural, He always deals with people through signs, Scriptural signs.

²² In the Old Testament, when they had a—a question, someone dreamed a dream, and there was no—no prophet there, they took him down to the temple, where they had what they called the Urim Thummim. You Bible teachers understand what I mean. It was the—the breastplate that Aaron wore, that had the twelve stones that represented the twelve tribes of Israel. They hung that up on a post; and then when this prophet, or this dreamer, or whatever it was, told his vision or his dream, regardless of how real it seemed, if them supernatural lights didn't come up, making the Urim Thummim on that breastplate, it was rejected. God refused it.

²³ They must be a supernatural sign from God, to vindicate. No matter how real, how deep it was in theology, how great it sounded, it still, if God's supernatural sign didn't vindicate it, it wasn't so, to the Jew.

²⁴ Now, the Old Testament, the Aaron's plate was done away, with the Old Covenant.

²⁵ But in the New Covenant, God still remains with the Urim Thummim. That is, if a prophet, dreamer, theologian, or whatever it is, speaks something that's contrary to the Word, and God don't echo it back through the Word, I'll let it alone, for It's God's Urim Thummim. And I believe it with all my heart, that it's God's Word.

²⁶ And God is His Own Word. "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is, still. God don't need any interpreter.

²⁷ We interpret, we say, "*This, this* is that, and *this* is that," and so forth.

²⁸ God don't need an interpreter. He is His Own interpreter. God don't need us to interpret His Word. The Bible, It's written, and It said It's of no private interpretation. God said, in the beginning, "let there be light," and there was light. That's the interpretation of it. God said,

“a virgin shall conceive,” and she did. That’s the interpretation of it. It doesn’t need anybody to interpret.

²⁹ God said, in this day, these things would happen, and they are. It don’t need any interpretation. It’s God doing His Own interpretation. It happens. No matter how much we try to twist It, and say, “It don’t mean *This*, and don’t mean *That*.” It means just exactly, and God is His Own interpreter. He vindicates His Word, and that’s His interpretation of It, because It’s brought to pass.

³⁰ Now we find these fellows there, in Matthew the 12th chapter, 38th to 40th verse, and they were asking Him, “Master, we would seek a sign from Thee.”

³¹ And He was upbraiding them because they had not believed Him, and had called the very Spirit that was upon Him, “an evil spirit,” in their unbelief, because that they couldn’t identify Him among their—their clergymen. They couldn’t identify (His) where He come from. They didn’t know what school He come from, whether He was a Pharisee or a Sadducee; and was constantly trying to tear down their institutions of—of theology, and calling them a bunch of “snakes.” And, why, they couldn’t identify Him anywhere. And so, “Where did this Man come from? We know not whence He is.” And they didn’t realize the very sign, that He was the Messiah, was there.

³² Now, like that little woman at the well, we spoke of night before last. She recognized it, and it did something for her. And those who recognized it—it, they were the seed of God that was to be called in that day.

³³ God, and always in all times, has always give spiritual gifts to His people. That’s how He is identified and known, by spiritual gifts. And when God sends a spiritual gift to His people, and that spiritual gift is rejected, then that—that people goes into the darkness of a chaos. Every time, through the ages, when God sends something to the people, a gift, and they turn it down, that people is rejected by God because it’s rejected God’s mercy.

³⁴ Oh, what a safety it would be, tonight, how much greater it would be than all the bomb shelters and—and all the places we could think of, if this nation, which is called a Christian nation, could accept the gift of God that’s been given to it, the great Holy Spirit poured out in this last days. And how that if this nation would accept That, it would be more safety than anything they could get into. But they turned It down, so there is nothing left but chaos and judgment.

³⁵ All ages, He gave these great spiritual gifts. And notice always the coming of a spiritual gift, a true gift; I want to speak, one night, on

“the Voice of the gift,” but if the Lord willing. But always these gifts are usually announced by prophets. And then when you see a prophet rise on the scene, that shows that judgment is at hand. Now it’s a sign, when you see identified prophet of God rise on the scene; in the days of Jeremiah, in the days of Daniel, in the days of—of John the Baptist, in the days of the Lord Jesus, and all down through. When a prophet raises on the scene, it’s time that God is going to speak His Word. The nations reject It, and then chaos sets in.

³⁶ That’s the way it was in the changing of the church ages, each time, when the message was rejected. And God giving these gifts and messages to the people, and they turn them down, then there is nothing left but judgment.

³⁷ God is just. He will not send judgment before He offers mercy. And mercy is foretold and how it will come, but the people usually is so all mixed up, and in their minds, and so many different man-made schemes, till they don’t recognize It. And that’s the way it always happens.

³⁸ Now we find that He told them that, “A—a wicked and an adulterous generation seeks after signs.” How many times the unbeliever has taken advantage of this, about Scriptural signs, and don’t believe it!

³⁹ God always speaks with signs. He forever has. He forever will. As long as there is a world, He will still speak by spiritual signs. He has foretold they would come.

⁴⁰ Now many of the unbelievers take that, when He said, “A wicked and, or, weak and adulterous generation seeks after signs.”

⁴¹ Watch, He was speaking in a compound prophecy here. He was also telling them that they were a weak and adulterous generation; and also telling them that any weak and adulterous generation, and one that would come, would receive a sign. Notice, He said, “A weak and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall be no sign given to it, but the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah was in the belly of the whale, for three days and nights; so must the Son of man be in the heart of the earth, for three days and nights.”

⁴² What was He saying here? He was saying, that, “A wicked and adulterous generation would receive the sign of the resurrection.” And what other age have we ever come to, any more than it is right now, to a Christ-rejecting, wicked, perverted, adulterous generation? And they will receive a sign, the sign of the resurrection, that Jesus Christ is alive tonight just as much as He ever was. He has raised from the dead, making Him the same yesterday, today, and forever. “A weak and an

adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and they'll get it, and the sign will be the sign of the resurrection." Now, of course, He was speaking to them, that He would raise up from the dead.

⁴³ Many times, Scripture has its common, or its compound meaning. Like in Matthew 3, it said, "That it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt I called My Son.'" Now if you refer that back, it's to Hosea, and he prophesied that, "Out of Egypt He called God's son," which was Israel. Jacob was God's son, and He called him out of Egypt. That's where the reference runs you to. But, also, Christ was His greater Son, and He called Him out, Israel being a type.

⁴⁴ And so that being a type of rejecting Christ, in that generation; this is a greater type, for that generation that rejected the resurrection had pardon, but this generation who makes fun of the Holy Ghost is impardonable. We're . . . Greater is he that rejects the Holy Spirit than he that reject Jesus Christ in the days of His flesh on the earth. Jesus said so, "You speak against the Son of man," when they said He was a fortuneteller or some evil spirit, said, "you speak against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven you. But whoever speaks a word against the Holy Ghost, shall never be forgiven them in this world," that is, call the working of the Holy Ghost an evil, unclean thing, when they see the work of God being done.

⁴⁵ Yes, Jonah was a witness of the resurrection, as he was in the belly of the whale for three days and nights. Many people try to condemn Jonah, and say that, "Oh, he, everybody, he was a Jonah." Jonah was a prophet. He was walking exactly in the will of God. When he took that wrong ship and got out there, that had to be done, it must be that way to show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He had to play that, just the same as Hagar was put out, that the free woman would not be heir with the bondswoman. These things had to happen, they were shadows and types of the things to come.

⁴⁶ Now we find out, He comes down then, after speaking of Jonah, and He comes to Solomon's age. Now, we all know that Solomon's age was the Millennium, almost, of the Old Testament. It was the greatest time, of all Israel ever had, was under the reign of Solomon; no wars to speak of, and they had a great time. God gave Solomon, which was a son of David, gave him a gift of discernment, and now he could discern the thoughts in the people's heart.

⁴⁷ Now, how that Hebrew standing there ought to have recognized that! Solomon had a—a gift of discernment and he could discern the thoughts in their heart, and they all rallied around Solomon, and yet here stood a greater than Solomon. And Solomon was the son of David,

but he was the lesser son of David, by the flesh; and Jesus was the Son of David, by Seed of the promise, the royal Seed. And here was a greater than Solomon standing there, doing the same thing that Solomon done, only being a greater than Solomon, and they called it “Beelzebub.”

48 You see the interpretation of the Scripture? No wonder He said what He did, “A wicked and adulterous generation will seek after a sign; and they’ll get it, the sign of the resurrection.”

49 And in Solomon’s age, there was a great revival on. I’ll kind of give it in illustration, so the young can understand it. There was a great revival that was going on in the days of Solomon. God gave a gift, and the whole nation rallied around it. Everybody come to it. They believed in it, wholeheartedly.

50 Wouldn’t that be a wonderful thing if it happened amongst the people tonight, if all America, all people that call themselves Christians, would rally around God’s gift in this last days, the pouring out of the Holy Ghost upon the people! That’s God’s gift in this last day, is the Holy Spirit. Christ, in the form of Spirit, He is here with us now. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all the churches that profess to be Christians, would rally around this great gift that God has given us?

51 Why is it? They’ve got it off in all kinds of isms and creeds and dogmas, and you can’t tell what is what. It’s exactly the way they’ve always done it. But God promised it to be straightened out, to the Seed, anyhow, at the end time.

52 Now notice in this, we find that all of them rallied around that great gift, and Israel blossomed like never before. All nations feared Israel; they were afraid to come over there, because they knowed that God was with them.

53 And I tell you, you talk about shutting up communism and everything; just let America come back to God, back to her gift, back to the Holy Ghost, and people will have to quit hollering about communism. It’s so worm-weeded in until even communists has anticommunist setups, to find out who they are. The thing has to be that way. But let them come back!

54 Here not long ago, in Finland. Brother Lindsay, I believe, he—he was here last night, was with me when it happened. A little boy, that I had seen in the vision here, was raised up from the dead, over there. Many of you, I guess, still have it wrote in your Bible, as I crossed the nation, saying what he would look like, where he would be, and so forth. And he was raised up from the dead, according to the Word of the Lord. He had been killed by an automobile accident. Many of

you remember the case, and standing there when he was raised up from the dead.

55 That night, going down to the Messuhalli. Brother Lindsay and I, and Brother Moore, and many of the man, trying to get down to the Messuhalli; where, they let so many thousand, let me speak to them, then turn them out and speak to more. On the road down, they had four or five city blocks was all blocked off. People was in the—in the streets, to watch us coming in and going out. And in there, there had been a little girl on crutches, one leg shorter than the other one, been healed, and many things had been done.

56 Then this little boy being raised up, it went on news. They don't have rock-and-roll and stuff, in Finland, or they didn't then. There was only news and things was worth-while, they had on radio. And that had went all the way down into Russia. If you live in Russia, and forty miles from your home, your birthplace, you've got to have a visa to show your business. And the—the Iron Curtain was right . . . we walked right down to it, where the machine guns was sitting in the street, just out of Kuopio. And that night, this news had went down, and the streets were piled by thousands times thousands of Russians.

57 Here was those communistic soldiers, Russian soldiers, those little round caps on; and six little Finnish boys, right after that war, they had never been old enough to shave yet, they were slick-faced boys; big old boots on, big long coats, walking down the street, with these sabers and things, watching so I could get through the crowd, to get in. Here stood those Russians standing there. When I come by, they come to attention, hold like that, and the tears running down their cheeks. And when I passed by, they grabbed them Finnish soldiers and pat them on the back, and hug them. Anything that'll make a Russian pat a Finn, will settle wars. They said, "This we will receive, a God that can raise up the dead."

58 That's what's the matter tonight, friend, exactly. What's made them communistic, is because the clergy has let down on the Word of God. They taken all the money, and have nothing to give back in the stead, just like a lodge or anything else. That's what is wrong with the world.

59 Then we find that in the days of Solomon, they were all rallying around this great gift that Solomon had from the Lord. And the people were coming and going. All the nations feared Israel. Instead of trying to make war with them, they brought in peace offerings. They were not afraid, so much, of their man, they were afraid of that God that they were all in unity with.

60 Oh, what a thing that would be to this nation, tonight, if we'd all be in fear of God, if we'd all respect God, and receive His gift of the Holy Ghost and rally around It, every church break down their creeds and throw them out the door, and get down to the altar and stay till the Holy Ghost come to identify His Word in the last day!

61 Some of them trying to say, "Why, it's just for the Jews to get It. That's all there was to It."

62 Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, "Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is unto you and to your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." As long as there is a Seed waiting in the earth, to be called, there is a Holy Ghost to call it to It. That's right. It's still just the same.

63 But we find out, when It comes, It's rejected. That's the reason the nation comes under condemnation. That's the reason things are going the way they are tonight.

64 And we find in Solomon's time, it wasn't so. All of them rallied around that gift of discernment that Solomon had. And the nations all feared God. And news spread out everywhere, "Oh, you should come to Israel, their God has raised up a gift among them and they've made him king. And his wisdom, his discernment, is beyond human reckon-ation. It's beyond. 'It's in the realms of gods out in there,' the heathen would say. And we don't understand how it is, but God, their God, has represented Himself in one of their believers. And, he, they've set him up on a throne, and they all listen to him." You know, the news scattered then not by television, telephone, and so forth, it was lip by ear.

65 Finally the news broke plumb down across the Sahara Desert, all the way into a little country called Sheba. They had . . . It was a heathen country. They had a little queen down there, was no doubt a—a nice little lady. And the news came to her, that, "God was giving a great revival up there in the land of Israel, and great things were taking place. And they had a man up there anointed with the Spirit of their God, that even his wisdom surpassed anything that man could think of."

66 You know, "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing the Word of God."

67 That stirred her little heart. She begin to think about it. And now, as every caravan came by, no doubt, the little queen would send out her soldiers, and say, "I would like to speak to the person, in private, if they have come from Israel."

68 “Yes, queen, we have been up in Israel, and, oh, it is marvelous. You should see it. There is nothing like it. It’s beyond man’s understanding. You know, all of them are in one accord, every one of them is right around that gift that their God has given them, and they all believe it with one accord. Oh, it’s the most grandest thing, and there is nothing withheld. God just reveals everything. If any nation would start over there on them, why, the God of theirs would reveal where they was coming, and—and ambush them before they got there. Oh, it was just a great revival going on.”

69 Then, you know, the little queen begin to get hungry to see it, herself.

70 You know, there is something about it, man knows that he come from somewhere; and he is here, he don’t know why he is here; and he is going somewhere, and he doesn’t know where he is going. And there is only one Book in the world that tells us who you are, where you come from, what you are, and where you’re going, and that’s the Bible. It’s the only one that tells you, and it’s God’s Book. It’s God Himself manifested in word form, called a Seed. That Seed in the right kind of ground will produce every promise that He made, ’cause it’s God Himself. But it has to be watered by faith, to make it come to pass, like any other seed. The germ is in it. Knowed! Notice now.

71 We find that in this doing, the little queen begin to hunger and thirst for God. Oh, if—if the gifts of God could only create a thirst in the people’s heart, for Him, like it did to her!

72 Now we find out, so that the children, little fellows, there is a whole row of them sitting here and different places, that they might understand, we’ll give it in kind of a drama for them, so they’ll understand.

73 Now remember, she was a pagan. So in order to do this, and being a queen, she would have to get permission from her pagan priest, in order to go. And I can imagine seeing her go over to him and make her bows, and say, “Great holy father *so-and-so*, we know the Israelites has got a revival up there, and their God has represented Himself in the form of a man, by a great gift, that he knows the secrets of the heart. And they tell me that He is the Word, and the Word is a discerner of the thoughts of the heart, and they say it’s operating in a man. I would like your permission, most holy father, to go up there, and to visit and see for myself.”

74 Well, I can imagine her answer coming back. “We don’t have any cooperation in that revival,” or that’s the ’64 version of it. But, anyhow, they—they say, “They don’t belong to our denomination. They’re not of our people. We have nothing to do into it, at all. You shall not go.”

And they're nothing but a bunch of—of cranks. They hear all kinds of rumors about them coming through a Red Sea, and all that kind of stuff, but there is nothing about it. *Here* is our great god, see him standing on the side of the wall? They were *so-and-so*, and so many times they've done *so-and-so*." The little queen went away disgusted.

⁷⁵ But, you know, there is something about it, if God begins to put a hunger in a human heart, there is just nothing going to stand in its way. Whether there is cooperation or not, or whether there is anything, she has got to find That! Like I said about the little woman last night, being persistent and perseverant. See, Something gets a hold of you, and you get a hold of Something. Like Jacob, the son of—of God; Jacob, God's son, got a hold of Something one night, and It got a hold of him; and he never let It go until he achieved his purpose, blessed of It. That, that's the real thing. And when man impersonates something, it's never works out right. But if you can get a hold of that Something, and that Something get a hold of you, it's going to happen.

⁷⁶ If you come here tonight for healing, and let the Holy Spirit get a hold of you, and you get a hold of It, you are going to get what you ask for. There is no way of keeping you from It.

⁷⁷ You come believing that Jesus Christ saves, and there is a saving power gets a hold of you, and you a hold to It, you are going to get saved.

⁷⁸ If you believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit gets a hold of you, and He'll baptize you, and you get a hold of Him; you won't have to move from your seat, He will fill you with His Presence right there where you are. Just as He did, "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard It." Something got a hold!

⁷⁹ Something got a hold of that little Syrophenician woman we spoke of last night. No matter how many hindrances she had, she still was going, anyhow. Something got a hold of this little queen we're talking about tonight, a pagan, a heathen. So was this little Syrophenician, a Greek, a pagan, idol-worshipper. But Something got a hold of them, and they got a hold of Something.

⁸⁰ There is always difficults in the way. Satan throws everything in the way, he can, when he sees a real move of God get started. He'll do it to you. He'll put everything, all the hindrances he can, in your way.

⁸¹ Remember, the woman had a lot of hindrance, but her faith didn't have any. Faith has no hindrance. There is nothing going to stop it, no matter what anybody says. If you've got that right hold on God, God has got the right hold on you; there can be forty doctors standing

here telling you you was dying, and you wouldn't believe one word of it. No, sir. No, sir. There could be forty clergymen standing here, like Ahab's four hundred, withstand; if you're a Micaiah and got a hold of God, God has got a hold of you, and you see it vindicated in the Word, there is nothing going to stop you. You're going to stand there, anyhow, because Something has got a hold of you.

⁸² It's revealed to that little woman, that there was a God somewhere. I can see her go read those Hebrew scrolls again, roll them up and put them down in the—the jar; and walk back to that pagan priest, and say, “I want to tell you something, holy father. It might be so, the things you are saying. But, look, my grandmother worshipped that idol, she read that catechism you got. My great-grandmother read it, my mother read it, all my people read it, it's all about something that did happen. I've never seen a move of it, yet. But they tell me they got something up there that's real, moving right now; not some history, but something that's now going on.”

⁸³ “Now look at here,” he would say, “my child. If you go, I'll excommunicate you. And you have no business, as a queen, associating yourself with such people as that.” That same old devil still lives.

⁸⁴ There is no better crowd in the world, to get into, than a born-again church filled with the Holy Ghost. I don't care where it's at, if it's in the alley or wherever it is. It's the best crowd. It's a heavenly group, notice, believers who believe in God.

⁸⁵ Her heart was thumping heavy, with anticipation. She wanted to see. She had heard about it. She knowed nothing about it, but she wanted to see it. And I can hear her say, “Well, you can just take my name off the book, if you want to. Whatever you say, and them idols, and them books and things, I see you keep telling about something, telling about something. It's never moved. I've never seen a move of it yet. I want something that's real,” and she gets ready to go. Too bad we ain't got more of them little queens today! Right.

⁸⁶ So then we find out that now, in order to go, she used a very good tactic. I would like for everybody to think of this. Now she said she didn't know. She had read all the scrolls, to find out what Jehovah was, to see the way He had worked in days gone by. “If that be so, then He would identify Himself with this man as they said he was, then that was Jehovah. And if it was Jehovah, and He was the true God, the God of the living, not some statue or monument of some creature that lived or didn't live; this was a living, present God right now,” so she wanted to get ready to go. Now she said . . .

⁸⁷ She packed up a lot of money. She took gold, and myrrh and, oh, frankincense, I suppose, and silver. And she had laden camels with it.

Now she said this, "I am going up. I'm going to look into it, myself. And then if it's so, I'll support it; if it isn't so, I'll have nothing to do with it."

⁸⁸ You know, she could teach Pentecostals something. A lot of them support a program that laughs and makes fun of you. And you support a program on the air, that makes fun of the things you believe in. And that's right. Yes, sir. Because it sounds right. Sure, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man," Jesus said.

⁸⁹ But notice her, she said, "If it isn't, then I can bring my gifts back." But she was going to see for herself, and be convinced. She had read the scrolls, she knowed what Jehovah was, and she would see. If He was, He is, then He is still Jehovah.

⁹⁰ That's good today. Jesus Christ is what He was, and He always will be. He never changes. The Bible said, "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

⁹¹ We find the little woman then, talk about hindrances, then this might have come through her mind, "Remember, I've got to cross the desert, and that's a very long trip." Measure it, from Israel, from Palestine down into Sheba, across the Sahara Desert. It would take a camel about, I think, the caravans, taken them ninety days, three months, traveling constantly, to go from one place to the other. Three day . . . three months, to go. And just think, she come across that hot desert. She had that in her mind, she had to do it, across that hot desert, all the way up here, to find out if this truly was God.

⁹² No wonder Jesus said, "She will stand with this generation and condemn it." She didn't have an air-conditioned Cadillac. And some people here in Dallas won't come across the street, to hear It. That's right. No wonder she'll stand in the last days! But stand over somewhere and criticize It, anywhere else they do it. Said, "She'll come from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and a greater than Solomon is here." Notice.

⁹³ She had that to confront her. She probably had to travel by night, so hot on the desert. The direct rays of the sun upon that Sahara Desert would take the hide right off of you, and there she had to travel maybe by night.

⁹⁴ Another thing, remember, she was loaded down with offerings and things. The sons of Ishmael were fleet horsemen. They were robbers on the desert. How easy it would have been for Ishmael's children to come in like a flood, and cut them two or three little eunuchs she had with her; her little group of soldiers, eunuchs, and her little maids; cut them down and left them lay there, and packed off tens of thousands times

thousands of dollars worth of jewels, besides the costly frankincense and myrrh, and stuff that she was bringing for a gift.

⁹⁵ But there is something about it, if your heart is set to see God, and Something has got a hold of you, you don't know no danger, you don't know no defeat. There is something, you're going to get it, anyhow, no matter what the difficult is.

⁹⁶ Sure, it looked like a very setup for the robbers. Any of them could have come, but she didn't take the thought of any danger.

⁹⁷ She didn't take the thought whether she could get up and walk, like somebody afraid to rise from a bed or a cot, or something or other, "I don't know, see, I'm afraid to do it." She didn't have that kind of a fear. Something had a hold of her.

⁹⁸ And if Something can get a hold of us, in the same manner, something is going to take place. Now, you can't do it until That gets a hold of you, you had better not try it. But when That's a hold of you, it's going to happen.

⁹⁹ Notice, here she is, she never thought of how many robbers there was on the desert.

¹⁰⁰ Or, again, when she got up there, would she be received, or not? She was of another denomination, you know, so would she be received, would she be welcome at the meeting? She wasn't asked to come. Holy Spirit worked on her, to come, so He was the One doing the leading; so, to satisfy that feeling that she had, that she longed to know.

¹⁰¹ Remember, it's your life. It was her life. You've only got one time to settle it, and maybe tonight is your last opportunity. You turn Christ down, tonight, you may not have another opportunity.

¹⁰² And that might have been her last opportunity. She realized that. Was her cold, form religion she had, all right, or was there truly a living God? She had seen nothing in her own religion, but she had heard there was Something in the other one, and she had read of what He was. She wanted to see. It was her life was at stake.

¹⁰³ It's my life, tonight, I have to face this. I have to come to the Judgment, so do you have to come to the Judgment. It behooves us to sit in our seats, lay on our beds, or wherever we are, and consider this thing deeply. Because, you don't know what time your card is going to be taken out of God's rack up There, and you'll answer at the Judgment. Whether you're a church member or whether you're not, that has nothing to do with it. You're going to answer, anyhow, and you better be dead sure of it. Check your experience with God, see if Something really has got a hold of you, that brings you back to this Word, away from creeds and forms, and so forth. He promised it in the

last days, "There would be a turning, again, of the hearts of the children to the fathers." And we believe that. Notice, we find it in this day now.

¹⁰⁴ And she take no thought of fear or anything was to bother her. She wasn't thinking about that. The idea was, she wanted to find out if it was real or not, so across the desert she went. And not . . . She had a hard time doing it. Anything that you have . . .

¹⁰⁵ That's the trouble, we Pentecostals, we just got everything handed to us, on a platter, everything we want. The pastor don't come just on time, "I'll leave the Assemblies and join the church of God." And, you know, it's just . . . we just so babied around!

¹⁰⁶ Reminds me, there was an old salt, one time, coming from the sea. And a poet went down, had never seen the sea; he had wrote about it, but never seen it. The old salt met him, he said, "Where goest thou, my good man?"

¹⁰⁷ He said, "I'm going to the sea. I'm a poet. I have wrote of the sea. I have longed to smell the brine, and see its great briny waves leaping around the gulls a singing, and blue sky reflecting itself in the sea."

¹⁰⁸ The old salt puffed his pipe four or five times, looked down, and spit. Said, "I was born on it, seventy years ago. I don't see nothing so attractive about it." He had lived on it, so long, till it become common.

¹⁰⁹ That's what it is with us, tonight. We've lived in the Presence of God, so long, till It's become common to us. We ought to wake ourself up, and realize that Jesus Christ is alive and has raised from the dead.

¹¹⁰ This was all to be a new experience for this little queen. She was persistent. She wanted to see it. Certainly, she was persistent. She had to persist, to leave her nation. She had all of her prestige, she had to leave behind. What of all of her card society and all she belonged to, all the stitch and sew circles, and things that she belonged to, as a queen, all the celebrity that she knowed? She would be a laughingstock to that group. But what difference did it make to her? It was her soul.

¹¹¹ It's your soul. It's my soul. What difference does it make to the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, or Oneness, Twoness, Threeness, or whatever it is? It's my soul that's concerned. It's your soul that's concerned. It's God's Word that's being vindicated.

¹¹² We find her, she didn't make any difference to her, what anybody said, or what her celebrity, what her friends, if she had to leave everything there was in the world. If It was real, she was ready to go to It. She would give her kingdom, anything else. If It was real, she wanted to find God. There was something in her heart.

¹¹³ We find out, across the desert she came. Finally, day after day, ninety days, three months, the caravan finally arrived at the gate.

114 Now, she never come like a lot of people do in meetings today. Many of them come and they'll say, "Uh, I hear they got, uh, somebody told me they had. . . Uh-huh. Well, I'll go over." And they'll sit down just for a moment. Watch them. You see them everywhere. They'll say, "The first word he says that's contrary to my belief," out the door, they're gone. "I'll never go back to hear another one again." See, they just don't sit long enough. That's it.

115 What about when, Jesus, when He was sitting before His seventy there, and He had seventy and He had the whole multitude? He was a great Man. "He was a Prophet," they said, "the Galilean Prophet." One day He looked upon that great crowd standing around Him, He said, "Except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His Blood, you have no Life in you."

116 Could you imagine the physicians sitting out there, what they said about that Man? "Why, He will make vampires out of us. Drink His Blood and eat His flesh?"

117 He never explained it. He didn't have to explain it. He had to shake off the parasites that was around Him. Instead of trying to baby and put their name on a book, He was shaking them away. He had no use for them. So we find out, there He was, He said, "Except. . ." He never explained it.

118 Watch, those disciples sat still. They never said nothing.

119 I see the doctor and see the Pharisees, said, "See, the Man is out of His mind. He is crazy, wants us to cut up His body now and eat it, and drink His Blood? Human vampire! Well, we, we couldn't do a thing like that. Oh, that's crazy. The Man is out of His mind." Walked away.

120 Then He looked around to those theologians sitting around Him, them seventy, and He said, "What will you say when you see the Son of man ascending up into Heaven from whence He came?" Them Doctors of Divinity looking around, said, "The Son of man ascend up into Heaven from where He came? Why, we know Him, we've been to the stable where He was born. We seen the cradle He was rocked in. We know His mother. We. . . He fishes with us. He hunts with us. He is out here on the hills. He wears the clothes that we do, eat the food. And this Son of man, where did He come from? He come from Nazareth. This is too much for us." Away they went. He still didn't explain It. See?

121 He looked, and He looked around to the twelve, said, "Will you go also?"

122 Now, they couldn't explain it either, but Something had a hold of them. See, they knowed! That's when Peter said those memorial words, "Lord, we have seen the Scripture a vindicated by You. Where

would we go? We know that Thou has the Words of Life. Thou art the Fountain of Life. We are satisfied of This.”

¹²³ Jesus said, “I chose twelve of you, and one of you is a devil.” See, He had no bones, and polishing, and babying, and pat them on the back, and baptize them secretly, or something another.

¹²⁴ He—He was God made flesh on earth. He was the vindicated Word of God. And those who hungered, come. Those who did not hunger, could not come. Said, “All the Father has given Me, will come.” How can you come then unless He has given, been given?

¹²⁵ Now notice, we find this little queen, she finally arrived. She didn’t wait just like those people did. Some of them followed her along.

¹²⁶ There is always three classes of people; believers, make-believers, and unbelievers. The unbeliever will get up and walk away; the make-believer will stand around for a long time. There all three of them was. The unbeliever, the crowd; the make-believer, the group that turned away last. But there was a genuine believer who could not explain It; they knowed nothing about It, but they knowed that He was the Word. That settled it!

¹²⁷ There we find the little queen. She had brought a whole lot of food, many pieces of bread, and a lot of stuff. She brought her tents and things. She threwed her things off of the camels, and things, out in the yard, the courts of the temple. And she pitched her tents, and was there to stay till she was convinced whether it was right or wrong.

¹²⁸ No doubt, day by day, she had read those Scriptures. Nighttime, they probably had to travel by night. In daytime, then she would sit back under those palm trees, in the oasis in the desert, and read what Jehovah was, what He was supposed to be. Now she would know Jehovah. If He was in that man, she would know His action, she would know whether it was right or not. So she was all posted in the Scripture.

¹²⁹ She didn’t go there and say, “Now, if he says anything different from what my priest says, I’ll just pick up my camels and go away.” She was going to stay till she was convinced.

¹³⁰ Oh, if men and women would only do that today! Take the Scripture, see if the Holy Spirit is for today, or not, see if these things we’re talking about are predicted for this hour that we’re in. But she did; that’s the reason Jesus said her name is infallible. . . not infallible, but it’s immortal. She will stand in the Day of Judgment and condemn Dallas, Texas. She will condemn the United States, in the Day of the Judgment. For, she came from the uttermost parts of the earth, to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than

Solomon is here. The resurrected Jesus Christ is here in the power of His resurrection. Notice.

¹³¹ And she pitched her tents. I can imagine that morning, for the children's sake now. The bells rang, the trumpets sounded, and church was on. They had church every day. Think of it, they loved to go to church every day. So they, church started, I'd imagine the little queen went way back in the back and sit down. And after a while all the trumpets sounded, the hymns was sung, and everything.

¹³² After a while, Pastor Solomon came out, sat down. How all the people regarded him, because they loved him. He was God's servant. And they come out, there wasn't one saying, "Huh! If he was just *this*, if he just belonged to my group!" No. There was only one group, and that was—that was them, so there they was.

¹³³ And then we find out, someone come up. And the first thing you know, Solomon revealed the secret of their heart. I'd imagine the little queen said, "Now wait just a minute," you see. "My, that sounded real." The next one come up, found the same thing. Oh, her little heart begin to jump. She, she wondered.

¹³⁴ So she must have got a prayer card, and waited. Excuse that expression; but, you know, just to make a point, see. She might have got a card, and she waited. One day her card was called, and she come up before the Holy Spirit that was working through Solomon. And the Bible said, "There was nothing hid from Solomon." The great Holy Spirit revealed everything that she had need to hear; He revealed it.

¹³⁵ And here was the Holy Spirit, Its fulness in Jesus Christ, doing the same thing; and those Pharisees saying, "Show us a sign. Heal *this* man out here. Do *this*, and say *this*. And what will be *this*, or *that*?" See, they just don't understand.

¹³⁶ This little queen standing there, and the Bible said that, "Nothing was held back from Solomon." He revealed all the things that she had need of knowing. He told her all about it.

¹³⁷ And when it did, she didn't have to take somebody else's word, she had watched it and she believed it. Then she turned to the audience, and she said, "All that I heard, when I heard it, I wondered. But all that I heard is so, and more than I heard is so." See, it was her turn, she had seen it. It was worked on her. She knew it was real. And she said, "Blessed be the Lord God Who has made you His servant. Blessed be the . . ."

¹³⁸ What was it? The poor little woman had lived there, all those creeds and idols, and one time in her hungry heart . . . Any real believer wants to see God in action. If He ever was God, He is still God. And she seen

something that was real, not put on; genuine real. She served God the rest of her days, for she seen something that was real.

¹³⁹ Oh, friend, we've seen so many, "Join this creed, this Moslem, *this*," whatever it is, "come to *this*, and *this*, *that*, and the *other*," and all kinds of sensations and things. Surely the world ought to be hungry tonight for something real, see something that's genuine. Not some mythic bunch of flowing blood, or scratches, or oil, or something that's not even Scriptural; but a real Jesus Christ Who promised that He would live in His people in this last days, and do the things that He did, something that the Scriptures says would take place in these days.

¹⁴⁰ All these little creeds, "Well, if you know our creed, you know." See, you're—you're—you're looking back to what Mr. Luther said, a great man of his day. Sure. No more than some of these women here, seventy-five years old, trying to be sixteen, looking back and trying to dress like they're sixteen, cut off their hair and wear shorts, and make. . . Anybody who drives, looking through a rear-view mirror, has a wreck. And that's what's the matter with the church today, it's looking through a rear-view mirror, to what it was. No wonder it's wrecked up. Don't never. . .

¹⁴¹ Paul said, "Pressing to the mark of the high Calling, I go forth. I go forward." I know Mr. Moody was a great man, Mr. Wesley was a great man, the Pentecostal move, the Baptist move, were great, but let's press towards the mark of the high Calling in Christ. Don't look through a rear-view mirror, forty years ago. Look what is tonight. Look what the Scripture promises tonight. He did promise them in that day, but we're living on above there now. We're going on.

¹⁴² What if Wesley would have looked back and seen what, Luther, see? But he didn't look what Luther said, he looked what God said. What if the Pentecostal looked back towards the Methodist? See where you'd have been? There you are, the same thing, you organized and cramped it down, you can't move anywhere. Now the Spirit of God just moves right on out, takes It on somewhere else.

¹⁴³ Every time they do it, a man-made system where you get all worked up like that, it's again like the gainsaying of Korah, how Dathan and them wanted to get a big bunch of man and make an organization out there. God said, "Separate yourself, Moses, from them, and I'll swallow them right up in the earth." And that was a type of the journey today, and you know it, on the road to the promised land. And there they was. They couldn't believe that anointed message of God, that was moving right on, and they wanted to start something themselves. It's always that way.

144 Israel's most rash move they ever made, when they rejected grace, in Exodus 19, and took the law. And Dathan made the awfulest mistake he ever made, when he said, "There is more leaders in here besides you, Moses."

145 And—and he had been a vindicated that he was God's manifested Word. He had took dust and turned it into fleas. And everything that he had said had come to pass. And God was with him. A Pillar of Fire had vindicated, hanging above him there, and still they wanted to start something else. That's just man-made.

146 That's the way it is today. That's where the church has got. That's right. Oh, church of the living God, don't you want to see something real? Something real!

147 A little story before praying for the sick. I like to hunt. My mother, you know, is . . . she . . . her mother drawed the pension. She was a Cherokee Indian. I . . . and my conversion never taken the love of the woods. I love it. That's where you see God. That's where I first saw God, was out there in the woods. There is where He meets us. There is where He does the talking. There is where those seven Angels met. Did you . . . on, *Sirs, What Time Is It?*

148 Brother Borders and I was sitting there the other day, when that (stand) come down, a whirlwind out of the heavens, even tore the rocks out, right above where I was standing there, what He said, see. And there, oh, many man, Brother Sothmann in here somewhere, one of the . . . Terry, I believe over here, was present at that time. And things, you see Him in the wilderness out there! I love to hunt. I do that just to get out, not to kill the game, but just to be in the woods.

149 I used to hunt with a fellow up in New York, up in New Hampshire, rather, he was a—a fine hunter. His name was Bert. He was an Englishman. And his—his parents established, or cut that, where they call Jefferson Notch, through there, and over to Carroll Notch, and separated that in the early days. There was a little Indian about him, too. But he was one of the best shots I ever seen, and one of the finest hunters. You never had to worry about going out and hunting him up; he knowed where he was at. I used to love to hunt the white-tailed deer up there. And they . . . And I'd go up every fall and hunt.

150 He was such a fine hunter, but he was the cruelest man I ever met in my life. He had eyes like a lizard, and he just . . . Them kind, you know, like the women try to paint their eyes today, kind of lizard-like. Well, he actually had that kind of eye. And it don't look like human, to me. And so I—I always kind of hated to look at him. He was so slimy-looking like that, you know, look them eyes sideways.

151 And he loved to be mean. And he would shoot fawns, that's little baby deer, just to make me feel bad. And he would say, "Oh, preacher, you're like the rest of them. You're chicken-hearted. You would be a good hunter if you wasn't a preacher."

152 I said, "I'm hunting souls, Bert." And I said, "You got one that's lost." See?

153 And he, "Ah, get next to yourself!" Said, "Billy, you're all right, but," said, "don't talk that kind of stuff to me." So he'd—he'd shoot those little fawns, and—and that just make me feel so bad.

154 Now it's all right to kill a fawn if the law says so, now, the size or sex, just whatever the law says. I was game warden for many years. But look, Abraham killed a calf and fed it to God, so there ain't nothing about killing a fawn, if the law said. But not just shoot them, just let them lay there, and act smart about it; that's wrong, that's wrong in doing it. So I just said that to justify my hunting brothers here, you see, so that you would see what I'm trying to mean.

155 Now notice this, that we find that this man . . . One day I went up there, wife and I were together. And—and he had made him a little whistle that blowed and sound just like a little baby fawn crying, you know, a little funny blate they make. Well, as long . . .

156 I had been working, and I hadn't got through in time, in a meeting, and I went up to hunt with him. And there had been a lot of hunting going on, and the first time a gun fires, in that country, them whitetail . . . You—you thought Houdini was escape artist; he was an amateur, to them. And the first thing you know, they would all hide. And if there's moonlight, they would graze at night; or get under a brush pile or something, and they—they wouldn't move.

157 Then we see that day, I said, "Bert, you're—you're not going to use that whistle?"

158 He said, "Ah, preacher, you're so chicken-hearted!" Said, "Get next to yourself."

159 And we started out, and we put some sandwiches in our—in our shirt. And we was hunt . . . was going to hunt till about noon, up around the rims of the top of the—of the Presidential Range, and then separate and come back down. If we got a deer, we know where it would be hanging, we would go pull it out, in a day or two; hang it up. So there was about, oh, four inches of snow, or six, something like that, it was good tracking time. And we started off, got along about, up the mountain, not a track, there wasn't a thing. The moon shining at night, and deer . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

160 Bert was in front of me, leading the way, and so I was walking along behind him. And he just kind of sat down, like *that*. The snow was dry. And he started reaching back, I thought he was going to eat the sandwich and we would just part from there, 'cause we was way high in the mountain then. And he reached back *here*.

161 And I started getting my sandwich, and I started finding a place to set my rifle down. And—and I started to get my sandwich, and I looked around.

162 He brought this little whistle out. That, I thought, “Boy, that’s a dirty trick to do that.” So he took this little whistle, and looked at me, in them lizard eyes, and looked up at me. He put that little whistle in his mouth, like that. And I said, “Bert, you wouldn’t do a thing like that, would you?”

163 He said, “Oh,” and he blowed like that. And, to my surprise, about fifty yards from me, just across, a great big doe stood up. Now, the doe is the mother deer. And there she was, her big brown eyes, and them ears peaked up. See, she heard. Now, she was a mother, see, and her baby was crying. And so no matter whether the rest of them come out or not, there was something in her. She was a mother.

164 So Bert looked like that, and he blowed it again real low. And that deer walked right out into the opening. Now that’s unusual, very unusual, walk out like that. And she was looking around, with big head up, and her eyes looking around.

165 After a while, when the hunter reached up and got the gun, she seen the hunter. Usually they’ll just flash, and gone, you know how it is, quickly. But, you know, she never moved. She just stood and looked at him, broadside, had turned her head and looked. My! I thought, “Bert, you can’t do that.”

166 See, she wasn’t putting on something. She wasn’t hypocritically. She wasn’t acting. She, was born in her, she was a mother. And that baby, I don’t care if it cost her life, it was in trouble, she was trying to find that baby. It was in trouble. She was, the instinct in her, she was mother. And she saw the hunter. But her mind wasn’t about the hunter, it was about that baby in trouble, that little fawn.

167 And so he pulled the safety down on this thirty-o-six. Oh, he was a dead shot. He leveled that rifle down. I—I just had to turn my head. I couldn’t keep from it. I—I couldn’t look at him. Thought, “Just a couple more minutes, and he will blow her loyal heart out; trying to find her baby, it’s in trouble, knowing that hunter laying right there in the bush.” And he would blow that loyal heart plumb through, with that hundred-and-eighty-grain bullet in there. And I—I. . . He was such

a dead shot. He leveled. I thought, "I just can't stand to look at it." I turned my back.

And—and I—I said, "Lord, help him, that he won't do that."

¹⁶⁸ I—I felt so sorry. That poor mother standing there, hunting for her baby, and I knowed she wasn't putting that on. She was a mother. She would have run, any other time. She wouldn't have got up, and us going by. But there was something in her.

¹⁶⁹ And I waited, and I waited, and the gun never went off. Well, I wondered, "What's the matter?" And I waited, then I turned around real slow. And I seen the deer standing out there, still was looking at him. And I looked at the gun barrel, it was going like this. He just . . . he was trying to hold aim, and he couldn't do it.

¹⁷⁰ He threwed the gun down on the ground, and looked around at me, and them big eyes had changed. The tears was running down his cheeks. He grabbed me by the trouser leg, he said, "Billy, lead me to that Jesus you're talking about."

¹⁷¹ What was—what was it? He saw something real. See? That little mother deer had to display a loyalty, a real loyalty that made that cruel hunter there . . . that had the wickedest heart I ever seen. It wasn't a sermon I preached. It was what he seen, something that was real. It wasn't put on. It wasn't a sham. That was a genuine mother seeking for her baby, and that led him to Christ. He is a deacon in the church there now, a wonderful Christian, because he saw something that wasn't put on. It wasn't a make-belief. It was real.

¹⁷² Oh, brother, sister, if this church, if this people, tonight, if you and I! There is something real, not a put on. You might see some putting it on, but there is a genuine thing. There is something in a man that makes him live for God. There is a genuine Holy Spirit tonight, brother, that's not a put on. There, it's a genuine thing.

¹⁷³ And how many in here would like to be as much Christian, and as loyal to Christ, death, persecution, anything else, you would love to be as much Christian as that deer was a mother? Would you like, wouldn't you like to be that? I would long to be that kind of a Christian. That even like that little Syrophenician woman last night, was that kind of a Christian. This little queen we're talking about tonight, was that kind of a Christian; when she saw something that was real, she was ready. God help us, tonight, to receive something real, Christ.

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

¹⁷⁴ Now I wonder, in the building, tonight, if there is . . . if there is any here, while you're real quiet, if there is any here that would like, and don't know Christ as your personal Saviour, and you would like to

know Him as your Saviour, would you raise up your hand? One, two, three. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you.

¹⁷⁵ I wonder if there is some here tonight, that's claimed to be a Christian, maybe a member of a fine church, of a great bunch of people, but yet you know down in your heart that you haven't got Christianity in your heart, borned into it. Just like that mother was, deer, was born to be a mother; she was mother, through and through. And you would like to become a real Christian, like that little mother deer was a mother; would you raise your hand, say, "Pray for me, Brother Branham"? God bless you. God bless you. All around, up in the balconies, I see your hand.

¹⁷⁶ Heavenly Father, little did I know, on that cold November day, standing there, snow all down my neck, wet, to see that man laying there, how I talked to him, held his hand, cried with him, but told him about the Bible and everything. And he said, "Oh, you're perhaps right." But to see You have to send around something so real, that right in the way of nature, that—that he—he just couldn't keep from seeing that there was something real. And now he is Your servant, Lord.

¹⁷⁷ Now there is many here tonight. Some of them raised their hands, Father, that they never have been a Christian, and they want to become one. God, just don't let them be one of these, just run and join church, or take some form, or creed, or baptism. But let it be born in their heart, Christ.

¹⁷⁸ And those who have joined church, they, they're seeking, Lord, like perhaps the—the little woman, the little queen we've been talking about. She—she was hungering for something. And—and they are, too, Lord. And when she seen something that was real, that identified God in human beings, she was ready then. And she said, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!" She wanted no more to do with pagan forms.

¹⁷⁹ And, Father, many here tonight, no doubt, is in that same state. If they can just see something real! And You told us when You were here in the world, that what would take place in this day. We're told that You're the same yesterday, today, and forever. And we know how You was identified, and how the Pharisees failed to see it. Lord, the same groups today are failing to see it, by belonging to church, joining, having certain forms of creeds, and so forth. They, they fail to see the Messiah, the great Holy Spirit identifying Himself with the people, as You promised You would.

¹⁸⁰ Grant, tonight, Lord, that each one of these will realize and will see Your Presence. And may it come into their heart, the text, "A greater than Solomon is here tonight," that's Jesus Christ, the resurrected Son

of God, ready to come and to convert, and to make hearts new, and to put in them a born experience of God. Just like that mother doe, something that she had nothing to do with, by the grace of God she was chosen to be a deer, she was chosen to be a mother, and a loyal mother. And You told us we were “chosen before the foundation of the world.”

¹⁸¹ I pray, God, that You’ll let every one of those who has that drawing in their heart, like the little lady did, to find God, that tonight there will be something real happen, that they’ll see, and serve Him. “For a greater than Solomon is here.” We ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

¹⁸² Now reverently, silently, just before we come to the altar. Please, no one move around. Just be real reverent a moment. This is a solemn hour, solemn moment. Decisions are being made. Many raised their hands. I believe you were deeply sincere in that, when you said that.

¹⁸³ Now, you’ve heard about the Bible, you’ve heard about Jesus, you’ve heard He was the Son of God. You’ve been taught that He raised again, and you are taught that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

¹⁸⁴ Now is this Holy Spirit that we talk about, is that Jesus Christ? Sure, It is. See, He is God; known as God, the Holy Ghost. It ain’t another God; it’s the same God. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, is not three Gods; it’s three attributes of the same God, see, just the same God in three forms. You see, in otherwise, three offices, like, you know; when He served as Father, and then as Son. It’s God condescending, coming from One Who cannot be touched (even to touch the mountain, had to die), till we could handle Him in flesh.

¹⁸⁵ And now He is in you. He sanctified you with His Blood, that He might live in you. “At that day, you’ll know I am in the Father, the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me.” See? It’s God above us, God with us, God in us. See?

¹⁸⁶ And that’s Christ, tonight, the Holy Spirit. He is the same. And you are . . . He is the vine, and you’re the branches. Have faith in Him. And if He will identify Himself, tonight, being among us!

¹⁸⁷ Now if he stood here with scars, that would be a human being, that’s flesh. Anybody can impersonate that; a human being can disfigure himself. Or, maybe, we don’t know what Jesus looked like, we just got the—the—the artists’ idea, the psychology of it, what He looked like; Hofmann had one kind, Sallman another, and how many more!

But how would you know Him? It would be of His Life.

¹⁸⁸ Because, if a man stood here with thorn prints in his hand, and whatever more, that would be an impostor; ’cause, when Jesus Himself

comes, every eye shall see Him, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess it. Certainly.

¹⁸⁹ But His Spirit is here, see. And if we can just let our own minds drift into His. “Let the mind that was in Christ be in you.” He is the Word, and the Bible said, “The Word of God.” Which, how many knows that Jesus was the Word? In the Bible, Hebrews 4, and the Bible said, “It’s sharper than a two-edged sword, and a Discerner of the thoughts of the heart.” Now, that’s what was in Solomon, (the Word, God) reason he could discern their thought. That was in Jesus, see. That’s what’s here now, same Thing.

¹⁹⁰ Now you out there. I ain’t going to call no prayer line, ’cause I’m going to make an altar call. There might be some here that’s never been in one of the meetings. I don’t see a person in the building, that I—that I know.

¹⁹¹ Someone was telling me that it was about thirty last night, or better, called. Do you realize that one time a woman touched His garment, and He turned around, and the same thing taken place, and—and virtue went out of Him, Him the Son of God? But He said, “Greater than this shall you do, for I go to the Father.”

¹⁹² Now you just believe and have faith, each one of you, all around here, in these cots, stretchers, wherever you are. Believe! Don’t think you’re hopeless.

¹⁹³ Now if I could heal you, I would do it, but I cannot heal you. I could lay hands upon you, and I intend to do that, to everyone having them cards. And they give out cards every day. So I intend to do that, but that is, that, that’s just to signify that I believe with you.

¹⁹⁴ But, look, why don’t you just touch Him? The Bible said, “He is a High Priest,” right now, “that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities.” Is that right? Well, if He is the High Priest, then He would certainly act in the same way He did then. Would He not? He certainly would act the same way He did then. All right, now you touch Him by faith.

¹⁹⁵ Now, Heavenly Father, the meeting is Yours. But I have taught tonight on this little woman seeing something real, when she seen that spirit of discernment upon Solomon. And we are sure, Lord, that Your Words are true. You said that would return again, like it was in the days of Sodom, just before the Coming; and You was the same yesterday, today, and forever. The works that You did, we would do also. And You’re a High Priest, tonight, that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. How much more do we need?

¹⁹⁶ How much did those Jews need, to see that He was a Prophet? A virgin conceived, and all these things, but, they, their creeds blinded them.

¹⁹⁷ Lord, there is some here come like, maybe not from Sheba, but they've come from many places. I pray, God, that You'll identify Yourself tonight, real. And then identify Yourself in them, as the instinct of that mother in that little deer did that day. We are Yours, Father. Speak through us, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹⁹⁸ Now I want you to have faith and believe, each one of you, all around everywhere. And just pray. Now don't. . . Just look and pray now, and just believe. See, this might not, the Holy Spirit might not be pleased with doing this. If He doesn't, I'll call up a prayer line. But just stand here. Somebody out there, even if you. . . I don't want you with prayer cards. Just—just anybody just—just pray. Course, I wouldn't know, but you just pray and see. Just say, "Lord Jesus, I know that man don't know me. He knows nothing about me, but I know that I do believe."

¹⁹⁹ Your faith is unconscious. Don't press now, or jump. You jump away from it. It's right with you. Just relax yourself and believe. Just believe now, have faith. [A brother prophesies—Ed.] Amen. And be reverent, just have faith, just believe. Sometimes your faith is unconscious, you have it and you don't know it. That little woman had it; she didn't know it.

²⁰⁰ How many of you has ever seen the picture of that Angel of the Lord, that Light? It's, it was taken right here in Texas. It's been taken, all over the world now.

²⁰¹ But what do you think, sir? Do you believe, sitting right here at the corner? Looked like you were looking so eagerly. You have many things wrong with you. You have complications, many things. Now when I said that, a real strange feeling come to you, didn't it? If that's right, raise up your hand. Now I'm a total stranger to you, I don't know you. That's right. You know what? That Light just settled right down over you. See? That's what you felt, kind of a real sweet feeling. I was watching It, see, come right down.

²⁰² Now, yes, you're here, you want to be prayed for before you leave the building. If God will reveal to me what your trouble is, and you sitting there, and me here, would you believe it to be God? It's a hernia, one of your great things. That's right. Is that right? If God will tell me who you are, what your name is, you've got a good contact with Him now, will you believe me to be His prophet, or His servant? Excuse me, that's a stumblingblock to a lot, see. Do you believe it? Your name is Mr. Sturgeon. If that's right, raise your hand. Believe it, and be healed.

203 Here is a little lady sitting right back there, dark-headed, right out here in the aisle. Yes, you. You was amazed when that was said. Now right at this time you begin to feel kind of strange, see, real sweet-like something around you. If anyone will look, if you can see It, kind of an amber-looking Light coming down upon the little lady. Now what her trouble is, she has headaches that bothers her real bad. That is right. If that's right, raise up your hand like that. And I have never seen her, in my life. That's true. That's right. Headaches bothers her, like a migraine, but they're going to leave you. Amen. Believe it. Now the . . .

204 There is a man sitting right next to you there, and he is looking right at me so earnestly, and that Light is moving right over towards him. And the man is suffering trouble with his eyes. But if he will believe, God will heal the eyes and make them well. You believe? All right. I've never seen you in my life. You're a stranger to me.

205 Say, that young fellow sitting right next to you there, also, he suffers with trouble with his head. That's right. That's right. I never seen the man, in my life. God knows that, see. All right, you believe.

206 The man sitting right next to you, with glasses on, looking this a way. Yes, you're wearing glasses, but that really isn't your trouble. You got something wrong with your back, that you're wanting to be prayed for. If that's right, wave your hand. All right.

207 That young fellow sitting right next to you there, right next to you. He has had a lot of troubles, that young man has. Yes, sir, with the red tie on, you've had a lot of troubles in your family and things. Kind of, your wife is a nervous type of a person, and you are suffering with some kind of a pressure in your head, also. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. That is true. That's right. You just believe. Don't you doubt, but you believe.

208 Here is a woman sitting right back here. Don't you see that Light move back there, and settle down right here? She is suffering with an eye trouble, and her bladder. Oh, she is going to miss It. Lord God, help me. Her name is Mrs. Chambers. Believe with all your heart, Mrs. Chambers. Raise up to your feet. Raise up, so that the people see who you are. I'm a stranger, never seen her in my life. Yeah. It's over now. Jesus Christ makes you well.

209 Now if that isn't Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever, where is He? Did He promise to do it? All that believes it, raise up your hand. All right.

210 Do you want to be a real Christian, you that raised your hand a while ago; like that old mother deer was? While the Holy Spirit is here, and the anointing is all over us, why don't you just make your way, and

come stand right here at the altar, for just a minute. If you are seeking God for salvation, will you come here, and just come here at this altar and stand here with me just a minute? Raise up. That's it. That's right. God bless you. Anybody in the building, anywhere you're at, will you come? That's right. Come right now, you that wants to find Christ.

211 You will never be no closer to Him until you meet Him. He is here. He is identified, something real. You've joined church, a lot of you church members now, you've joined church but that's all you had, you want to see something real. If that isn't exactly what Jesus Christ identified Himself to be!

212 Look at this little child coming here, crying, the tears running down his little face. No wonder, they're tender. They haven't been pulled through everything. Another one coming down the aisle, another one in the back, coming down, little children, when the adults has passed theirs by. Won't you come? Come right up here now and stand around the altar. You church members, you people that wants to have an experience of Christ in your heart, won't you come here? If He knows your heart, and you know you couldn't hide it, won't you come right now and stand here, just before we go further. Come here, stand here for a word of prayer. Will you do it?

213 Come, show, stand for Him. You stand for Him. If you're ashamed of Him now, He'll be ashamed of you there.

214 Remember, He is here. The Scripture said this would happen, and here He is identifying Himself as being here. If you're a church member, and don't know Christ as a real experience, won't you come at this time? Now, I'm not much to persuade people. Only thing I can say, is tell you the Truth, and if Christ's Presence, plus His Word being made manifest.

215 Up in the balcony, you that raised your hands; sister, brother, if you want to come down, we're going to wait right here. Come right on down, and gather around the altar, just for a word of prayer. Let the world know, let Jesus know that you're that you're not ashamed, you want to be a real Christian. Won't you come, while we're just waiting a moment or two?

216 Church member, lukewarm, backslider, won't you come stand along with them now? Come here and stand along, you who haven't, if you haven't got an experience with God, that you are borned in the Kingdom of God, like that.

217 What more do you want to see? Remember, I tell you in the Name of the Lord, if you regard me to be His servant, this is the last sign that the church will see, according to the Scripture. That was the last

thing that Abraham seen done before the promised son arrived. And we are the royal Seed of Abraham, and Jesus promised the royal Seed to see the same thing that Abraham seen, just before the Gentile world burned. Don't put off for something else. Satan trying to get you to look over. Come now, while:

There is a Fountain filled with Blood,
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins,
Where sinners plunged beneath the flood,
Lose all their guilty stain.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That Fountain in his day;
There may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

218 Won't you come and accept it now? I'm waiting just a moment, somebody else might come and stand here for prayer.

219 Now I'm going to ask ministers here, brethren, come down and stand with me, around, while we pray; and ministers out there, who is concerned, and some of these people in your neighborhood, that would come to your church or—or something, that you are interested in—in souls coming to Christ, and you believe this to be Jesus Christ.

220 Now, remember, I am not Jesus Christ. I am your brother, a sinner saved by grace. I am like you are. But it's Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit that's here with us, keeping His Word. He don't have to do this, but He promised He would do it. Jesus didn't have to heal the sick, but the Bible said, "He did it, that it might be fulfilled which was promised of Him."

221 Now, we don't care what brand of church that you belong to; if you believe that Jesus Christ is present, you believe that there is a born-again experience, of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

222 Ministers, move right up, in among these people here. Come right up among them, laying your hands on them. We're going to offer prayer for them. I'm asking our congregation to be just as reverent as you can for a few moments. How do we know what the Holy Spirit will do! That's it, move right in, mingle yourself right with the people. Come right around them, each one.

223 Now remember, there is only one thing you can do, is accept what He has promised you. Have you seen the reality of the resurrection of Christ?

224 Now I'm going to ask the congregation if they will stand just a minute, in reverence and respects to them. Each one of you believe now. Confess all that you've done, that's all you can do, and then ask

God to forgive you. And accept It, believe It. Now let everyone pray in your own way.

²²⁵ Our Heavenly Father, we come to You, with penitent souls. How the little story, about that mother deer, stuck down deep, that people wanted to do something, or see something real; like the queen of the South, who came from the uttermost parts of the earth, to hear the wisdom of Solomon. And a greater than Solomon is here, the Saviour of mankind, Jesus Christ of Nazareth! Save them, Father. Forgive their sins. Wash their souls in the Blood of the Lamb, and give them an experience of being born a Christian. No other animal, no nothing else, could have done that, but the mother deer. That's what she was. Give us that experience, Lord, now, of a born-again experience, in the Kingdom of God, while the Holy Spirit is there. Grant it, Lord. Grant it, Lord.

²²⁶ Now close your eyes, raise up your hands, and say, make your confession, saying, "Jesus, I now believe. Take me as I am. There is no more I can do. Heal my sick body. Take me, Lord. I believe You're here, the Holy Spirit is here identifying Itself. Save me by Thy grace, Lord. It's all I know how to do. Through Jesus Christ's Name!"

Brother Grant, will you lead us in prayer?



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