

THE LAW HAVING A SHADOW

E-1 Thank you brother Joseph, I sure appreciate . . . ? . . . I sure appreciate it . . . ? . . .

. . . things are possible, only believe.

Only believe, only believe,

All things are possible, only believe.

Good evening friends. And shall we just bow our heads, while we're standing, to speak to our Lord.

Our Heavenly Father, we're so grateful to Thee tonight, for this privilege that we have, of gathering here, this lovely, big, Philadelphian Church, to meet this big, a group of worshippers, and our dear, beloved, pastor, Brother Boze, and many . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

Good evening, great Philadelphia Church, and all of its members, and staff workers. And it's certainly a privilege for me to be here tonight, to speak to you in this church. And very warm, but that's what we like, a warm meeting, nothing like one.

Thanks to our dear, beloved, brother for the token of welcome here, also, for the flowers that was given to brother and I. There's . . . You know, flowers preach sermons. Did you know that? That's right. It's an expression of love, what flowers is. But they preach a sermon too, because they're something that God has made. And they are beautiful.

E-2 Now, I was at Indianapolis last week, and—and the Lord met with us there, with a wonderful meeting. And your dear pastor, who is always such a close bosom friend to me . . . You know he loves me, when he knows I'm wrong. That's what makes him such a good friend. No matter . . . A lot of times I say, "Joseph, I wished I could do that, my brother, but I just can't do it."

And some things that's really legitimate, and don't make any difference what you have to do, Joseph don't care. He's just all right anyhow. You know, anybody could be your friend when you're in the right. But when you—you're in the wrong, and he's still your friend, that's a real friend.

I remember, I used to have a little poem in school. Many of you my age can remember it, I suppose. Some . . . I don't get, just the last part, or something about:

A man of words and not of deed,

Is like a garden full of weeds.

Something on that order. And, dry-weathered friends is very many, but real friends that stick as close as a brother, they're—they're appreciated, and very, very fine, and we appreciate it, highly appreciate it.

E-3 Now, we're on our road, tonight, to leave in the morning, real early, about the break of day, if we can dodge some of the hot weather, to Minneapolis. The Christian Businessmen's breakfast is Saturday morning, at the Leamington Hotel. There, we're to meet several delegations. Some from down in the place where Brother Joseph's been wanting me to go, for a long time. They got a delegation coming there from Egypt, to find out about meetings in Egypt.

And—and then from the...I believe another group of a...Got the YMCA to have the delegation meet there, from Non-Pentecostal Ministers of Greater Minneapolis, and many other different things.

And the meeting is going to be a very strange one, as far as advertisement. We...no one's advertised to speak. Well, I have the breakfast. But, all the rest of it is just to be the way the Holy Spirit leads. There's supposed to be Mr. Roberts, Tommy Hicks, and many of the other wonderful brethren that's on the field. Just to set in the meeting, and what the Holy Ghost says do, go do it.

I believe that ought to be pretty good, don't you? I just think that's right. Get the formal out of it, and let God have a chance, one time, to say what He wants to say. We preachers are always saying what we got to say, then let the Lord have a chance to say. And I'm...

E-4 [Brother Boze says, "Our friends from South Africa will be there."—Ed.] And our good friends, from South Africa, they say, will be there, also. I understand...They may be here, in the meeting, tonight. ["No, they're here tomorrow."] Tomorrow night. They're to be here tomorrow night. These men...I met one of them, which set up, I believe, the Johannesburg meeting, or, the Dur...I believe, the Durban meeting, a very fine brother. And so, I understand, one of their greatest among the influential speakers. And if they're to speak here tomorrow night, it would behoove all of Chicago, that can pack this little place, in, to be here tomorrow night. You hear...

I've got...They got pictures, I don't know whether they'll be showing those or not. They got the pictures of some of

the Zulu tribes, and the heathen rage, and many of those things which would be very interesting, you meeting these brothers. And that's tomorrow night, is it, Brother Joseph? [Brother Boze says, "Right."—Ed.] My, I'm sorry . . .

[Brother Boze introduces Brother Masarino and his family—Ed.] This is . . . Well, that's very fine. Brother, Sister Masarino and family, we're certainly glad, I am, to have you here, I know, along with this congregation.

E-5 I was a little late getting in tonight. But, some minister introduced me in United Brethren Church, the other night, and he said, "Friends, the late, Mr. Branham."

I said, "That's right." I said, "I was even about two hours late for my wedding. Now, if I can just be a few years late for my funeral, well, it'll be all right."

So, I tried to hurry, but I got to hear one of the songs, I believe, the door was part of the way open when I was in the pastor's study, of *Onward Christian Soldiers*. And I tell you, that was really wonderful; and I've heard much of them; I'm sure you'll be enjoying their music.

E-6 Everybody knows what I told you, "Look for me up in Heaven," didn't I? You know, the—the River of Life comes out from under the throne of God, it comes down, and turns a bend, and goes down this way, towards Glory Avenue, just where it turn. Well, all the angelic choir, and musicians, will all be over on that hill, singing and playing their harps. And—and over on this side of the hill, I hope there's a little tree, so I can just lean back against it, and soak it in, till I can really get enough of it. I really love singing and music. I know we all do.

How many knows what the order of battle is for the Lord? You know what the first thing went before the battle? Singers and musicians went forth singing, not weeping and wailing. They—they went forth singing; then, after that, come the Ark of the Covenant. So, they went before the ark. And then, after that, come the fighters. So, that's a good thing. It's a very Scriptural order for a religious service. The first thing, the music, then the Word, then the battle. So, it's all ordered of the Lord.

E-7 Hear these brethren. And now, pray for me much, if you will. I've got some real vital decisions to make, at Minneapolis, of the future plans for meeting. And I—I certainly ask . . . Say, I believe I'm kind of secondarily associate pastor here, is that right? That's right. I ask my church to pray for me.

I believe John Wesley said that the whole world was his parish. Is that right? So, that's the way it is. I feel that you're my brothers and sisters in Christ, and I certainly appreciate the time of fellowship with each and every one of you.

Now, I love the Word so well. I just love to talk on It. And, tonight, I thought maybe it would be appropriate, for just a little while, being hot, and that we just have a good, old-fashion, Sunday school lesson on Thursday night. Wouldn't you like that? Just to teach, a little, from the Word. I like Sunday school, and I like the teaching of the Word.

E-8 And, coming fast and had to hurry, I didn't get a chance to look over anything. So, when I went in the study, I happened to come over to this Scripture.

And, all that, you have Bibles, let's turn over now, to the Book of Hebrews, and the 10th chapter, to begin with. Very beautiful setting here, for great—great teachings of the Lord.

The Book of Hebrews was, to the Jews, separating law from grace, as Paul wrote to them, here. There'd been many disputes, in the church, whether they should eat meat, or whether they should associate with the Gentiles. And I think Paul, writing this Epistle here, to the Hebrews, is one of the most outstanding Letters in the Book. It's, to me, It's great, because It's—It's showing the law and grace. It's separating the two.

And now, may the Lord add His blessings to His Word, and come and visit with us. And now, be much in prayer, as we go to try to teach. I'm not a teacher. And my gift, in the church, is praying for the sick.

E-9 And say, by the way, we're talking of that. How many was over at the Indianapolis meetings? You remember the . . . I believe they said, the last night, a mute girl or something another . . . How many remembers little Rosella? What is her last name? The alcoholic, was, Griffith—Griffith. Is she here tonight, Rosella? She's from Joliet. And Rosella, I . . . She called me, the couple nights after that, and I believe, she either taken the girl from a mute school there, or was with her while she was there.

The girl was born deaf and dumb, never heard or spoke a sound in her life, and the Lord Jesus gave her a perfect hearing, and speech, right at the platform, before almost ten thousand people. Isn't He wonderful?

And now, the . . . [Brother Boze interrupts—Ed.] Yes, Brother. [Brother Boze gives testimony of a man healed of cancer.] Uh-huh.

I got a letter of that, in my office. That was right, yes, sir. [Brother Boze gives testimony of a lady healed of a tumor.] Yes. Isn't He wonderful?

E-10 I really believe, that the people are, just now, beginning to understand what I've been trying to tell them, for many years, about the—the healing. The man, I got . . . picked up one of the letters as I passed the office, and he was setting there, he had a—a paralyzed arm, and his hands had growed down until his fingers, he couldn't even move them up to trim the nails from them any more. And they was hurting, into his hand. He'd have to have surgery, to cut—to cut them out.

And he said, that while he was setting there, he said, "I'll send you a picture, Brother Branham, both before, and after." And said, "I just caught the idea."

Something happened in Indianapolis, that had never happened before. After going through a long prayer line, and just weak enough, till I could hardly move, then all of a sudden, something picked up. And I looked up *here*, and here was a vision of people coming, streaming down the line.

And you, were in Indianapolis, know that hundreds times hundreds, circled down to that altar, and gave their life to Christ.

He said he was setting there, like *that*. And he said, "You know, I now understand what the man's talking about." And, he begin to feel something tingling and burning in his hands. And, it was his fingers, just coming open like *that*, and away went his hand; he was—he was healed. And—and see, on the road . . .

E-11 The man said, that had the cancer in hi- . . . on his back, and it just went away. See? The idea, the people just now beginning to see. They've been used to laying on of hands, and—and putting water, or holy water, or something on, you know, or something. Well, them's all right, but that's secondarily. The initial way, and the right way, is just like you receive the Holy Ghost.

"While Peter yet speak . . . spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them that heard it." They were ready. And it's massive healings. It's not great, long, worn-out prayer lines. It's right now, the Presence of the Angels of God, and the Holy Ghost to bring perfect deliverance for anything.

The world's got to be evangelized, all at once. We got to go. Two-thirds of the world never even heard of Christ. And we've got to hurry and do it. You don't have time, just to bring up a hundred

tonight, and tomorrow night, all wore out. It's just, right now, the whole group's seeing in massive. And in Africa, there was twenty-five thousand healings in one prayer. Think of it.

E-12 And, the other night, on the platform. . . I don't want to start this testimony, so I better switch to the Word quickly. But, that you might know why, on my heart. . . These brethren's coming tomorrow night, very strange, I've been feeling to go to Africa. Difficults has rose, not because of myself, but others that's connected with me, as Brother Boze understands. And, I was coming, dedicating a church, and some of them come up, said, "Brother Branham won't you have a little prayer line?"

I said, "Well, brother, I sure will." I said, "I can pray for the sick; there isn't many." A little church, seat about two hundred people. A little brother, just come out of great tribulations, and of a drunkard's life, and got saved, and went away to the Church of God, and was dedicating a wonderful little church, the name of Cash, Junior Cash, of Charlestown, Indiana.

E-13 Someone come out, said, "What do you mean?" A minister. He said, "I got a church that seats, nearly fifteen hundred people, and I heard by telephone that you're. . . And here you are back here in a. . . and you didn't come to my church, and here you are back here in the swamp, to a little brick structure, or concrete, and it's sticking sideways in."

I said, "You don't need help. He does." That's—that's the one that needs help.

And, in the line, coming down, just praying for the sick, I seen a—a girl, a colored girl.

And we know the—the dark race of people, the colored people, come. . . their native home is Africa. Just like the yellow man is from China, the Anglo-Saxon from Ireland, England, so forth, Swedish. When they separated from Eden, or, from Babylon, some of us went down into hot countries, and some went in neutral countries, and some went in, way up in the north. And some was bleached white, and some got brown, and some yellow, some black, but they're all by one blood, and that was Adam.

God, of one blood, made all nations. Each man, the black man, the yellow man, the brown man, the white man, you put the plasma from the blood, it's all the same, just the same. It's just the way the climate's colored the people.

E-14 And in going. . . Seeing the time coming close when, I got a vision wrote in the back of my Bible, to go into Africa. They brought

this young Ethiopian girl. And as she was coming up, I noticed, she was swinging her leg. And she was kind of a, what we call, kind of a slim, thin girl, about fifteen, real skinny, well-dressed little lady. But, I noticed her working her mouth. It was just like *that*, and the tears running down her cheeks. Well, I wondered, "What's the matter with that child?"

Well, when Mr. Cash brought her to the platform, her mother was behind her. He said, "Brother Branham, the girl has a—a severed nerve from an automobile accident, that bursted, or something another, the nerve that . . . from her hearing and speech. She'll never speak, or hear again." And said, "It was an automobile accident, it," and said, "in doing so, it also done some other nerve, that the doctor had to tie off, which makes her, with her leg like that; it's stiff in her side."

Well, I said, "That's sure too bad; poor kid. My heart goes out for her." And I said, "Bring her here, and let me pray for her."

E-15 So, as she was coming, I looked up over top of that girl's head; no visions had come; there was that tall grass, little mounds of ant hills, and things, like typical of South Africa. The grass waving, I could hear wind blowing, even. I knowed something had taken place. That left me; I didn't know what to say. I stood there a few moments. I said, "Now, friends, I want to make this clear. I just saw, come before me, a vision for Africa."

I said, "Perhaps, maybe, somebody's on their road here, or maybe He wants me to go over; it's time for the vision to be fulfilled, which will be exceedingly greater than the other one was."

And so then as I said, "Heavenly Father, we don't seek signs."

How many knows what seeks after signs? "A weak and adulterous generation." Is that right? We don't want to be classed like that.

E-16 But I said, "We're not, but yet, You give signs. And I'm asking You, being that I've prayed, and wanted to know what about going, and so forth, when to go, and so forth, but, now, as this girl, standing here, and that vision has broke, if You want me to be ready to prepare for Africa, will You give this little child, poor little thing here, and a Christian, although the doctor says the nerves are severed, it'd have to be a work of creation, would You just give her back her perfect soundness? And all be a sign between You and I, that I must make ready for Africa."

Not knowing, that sailing right then, was these brethren, that'll be here tomorrow night, to make arrangements, for the African campaign, knowing nothing of it.

And when I took my hand from the little girl, she screamed, "Mother, looky here!" And she was as perfect, and normal, as she ever was in her life.

And there was some people there, from a very formal church, who denies the very existence of the Holy Spirit, great denomination in the world today. Would argue with you at the drop of your hat, or fight, either one, that there was no such a thing as miracles. A great group of those people walked up there, one by one, husband and wife, and shook my hand and said, "Brother Branham, we have believed in miracles, but this confirms it, that God *is*, 'cause this girl is from our neighborhood."

E-17 There you are. That's right. So, God still rules and reigns. Amen. Oh, how we love Him.

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Now, if we would have to type, which I do, do much typology. So, then the law was a shadow, so all the law could not have been darkness. There has to be certain percent of light, in the darkness, to make a shadow. Is that right?

So many people, in quoting the 23rd Psalm, they misquote it by saying, "I go through the dark valley, of the shadow of death." Now, if it was a dark valley, it wouldn't have any shadow.

So you see, death itself, under the law to David, death now, only, is a shadow. There's a lot of light in death. Now, if it was all darkness, my, that would horrible, but death is just a shadow. So, there has to be light mixed with the darkness, to reflect a shadow. Isn't it wonderful? Know, yet the struggles, in our throat.

E-18 And how many knows Brother Bosworth? Oh, how, the meetings he had in Chicago. While in Indianapolis, his wife called me, said, "Brother Branham, your old friend is dying." Said, "He's got death rattles in his throat all day. And we've tried to locate you everywhere. He's under a oxygen tent, unconscious. And he's rattled in his throat all day, and I believe he will be gone before morning, and, Brother Branham, we want you to preach his funeral."

I said, "Sister Bosworth, don't speak of that. Let's speak of something else." And we went over and fell on our knees, before

God, and announced it to the church, that night, of thousands of people. And the next night, Brother Bosworth called me up, and talked to me on the phone. Yes, sir.

He said, "Brother Branham, I'd like to be with you, in the Cadle Tabernacle, in a revival." Said, "Maybe we can go in next couple years, sometime."

Oh, I love that courage. No shadow, no—no—no negative; it's all positive, with that old teacher. He knows right where he's standing. And every reader of the Bible knows that all that death can do is to put a shadow or a spook before you. But it cannot hold you. Christ burst forth all those thunders of darkness, and freed those that were in paradise, in the shadows, and they're in the positive now, in the Presence of God, our Father. What a thought, not only a thought, but a truth, that God has made manifest, through His Word.

E-19 All the law did was foreshadow Jesus Christ. For in Him is the perfection. And if I was going from the sun, and there was the sun at my back, it would cast a shadow. I could look at that shadow, and pretty well guess what I would look like, whether I was a—a flying fowl, or four-footed beast, or whatever it would be; it would cast a shadow.

And the law only cast a shadow of the coming of the Lord Jesus.

On over here in the next chapter, of Hebrews, 11th chapter, how Paul, speaking there, told back the great heroes of faith, how they escaped the edge of the sword, and was. . . And the mouths of the lions were closed, and great wonderful things was done, as the people lived under the shadow, and could do all of that by faith. How much more ought we, be able to do today, when the anti-shadow is here, when Christ has come and fulfilled all the law, and has become a real, living, resurrected, glorified Christ in our midst? What kind of a people ought we to be?

E-20 Why, I believe the time will soon arrive, that when healing will be, a miracle healing, will be such a common thing. We've got to get some rapturing faith in the Church, to go away from here one of these days.

"Law having a shadow. . ." how it foreshadowed all things. We could go back, if time would only permit, and get the great things, like all through the coming of the ark, at the flood; how Moses, down in Egypt; and many of the great characters; in the

changing of the dispensation, how the law, by the word of the law had supremacy, and how that everything else give away. When God's law spoke, it was law.

E-21 Now, if God's Word through the law spoke, and taken the initiative, how much more ought the Holy Ghost, in a human being that's been borned again by grace and called of God, how It ought to be the—the power that was behind that Word when It was pushed forward by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. What It ought to be today.

The Word having such a great effect. Knowing that, "Heavens and earth will pass away, but God's Word will never pass away." And the law was God's spoken, written Word.

Watch! It was kept in a sacred place. It was sprinkled on top with Blood, had a crown laying on top of there to show that It was the King's Word. And although shadowed, as today, the Blood being sprinkled on the believer where the Word of God goes forth from the believer.

And what an effect it ought to have today, when *that* sprinkled by a lamb's blood, and *this* sprinkled by the Blood of Jesus Christ, our own conscience from sin and—and defilement. What a forceful thing the law ought to be. That's where I find the weakness of the Full Gospel church, is not having faith in this wonderful Word that they have received.

E-22 Let's stop here just a moment, go back, listen for a few minutes, what that Word was. This Word that we're reading from this Bible tonight, was not only in Its existence from the pen of Saint Paul, and Luke, Mark, John, this Word that we're reading out of this Bible was spoken before the world ever come into existence. Amen. Only thing they did was just write down what God had already spoke. The Bible said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Now, let's take a little imaginary trip, before the world ever begun. Do you know Jesus was the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world? Now, just take away the curtains, and let's look into it, just a moment. Then that'll give you courage for anything you have need of. Long as you find It written here, just take a hold of It, God will—God will make It right.

E-23 Think of it, the world as it turns in a cycle, Eternity. Just . . . Eternity is like a perfect circle; It has no corners or no end.

If I started with a perfect circle here tonight, going around and around on this desk, it might cut through the desk, through the

floor, through the earth, the billions of years and aeons of time to come, it would still be going on, a perfect circle, endless. That's the way that God was in Eternity, at the beginning.

Now, we can't credit Satan to be a creator; he just perverts what God has already created. God created you to be perfect, and Satan perverted you to imperfect. God allows you to be a, to your wife, a sweetheart, legally married. But to love someone else, is to pervert that true love that you should have for your own wife. Satan does that.

E-24 Your love ought to be to Christ, undefiled. But Satan perverts that love, to something of the world. He perverts it. So then, when he perverted good to wrong and taken the angels with him, a little block fell out of this perfect circle of Eternity, and dropped down to a place called time. It come in right *here*, goes around, and goes out right over *here*. Time . . . Eternity exists right on down through time.

Now, when Christ saw what Satan had done, when God saw it back here at the beginning of time . . . Notice now. Now, God at the beginning was no wiser, or, no less wiser than He is tonight. God is infinite. You believe it? God is infinite. Then He can never change.

Now, we get a little smarter as we get older. The whole world gets a little smarter. You used to go to church in a Model T Ford. Tonight you can have a V8 in the same thing. Used to be, the only way you'd get across the ocean was an old ship with sails on it. Tonight, a jet plane will take you across. See, we get smarter; but not God. God was perfect at the begin, and He will be just as perfect at the end.

E-25 Now, here's what I love, listen at it now, if God is infinite, and perfect, and cannot make a mistake . . . Are you following me? If He cannot make a mistake, then, the way God acted in the beginning when a crisis arose, He's got to act the same way when the same crisis arise, or He acted wrong when He acted back there. You see it?

Then, if God said something, He's got to stay with that in order to be God. Amen. That would make a Methodist religious, wouldn't it? Look at it. God's got to stay with His Word. You believe it? Say, "Amen." He's got to keep It.

Then, if a crisis arose on earth, like the people dying in the wilderness, and God erected a brass serpent for their healing; 'cause the doctors, and so forth, was with them, if they had any, could not, none of their remedies of Egypt, could not cure their sickness, so God had to act.

E-26 And if a crisis has rose today where we got more sickness than the world ever knowed, diseases like cancer, heart trouble, that the doctors can't touch, then God is duty-bound to act the same way He did then, or He acted wrong when He acted that time. Certainly, common sense would prove that if it wasn't even written in the Word. He has to be the same.

So, when God speaks the Word, forever It—It's part of Him. It can no more fail than God can fail. If one Word of God can fail, then God's not infinite, neither is He omnipotent. He has to take It back, then He becomes a mortal like I am. That's right. But when He speaks, It's perfect. Amen. Oh, that's what I like: perfect. And we are perfect with the Word.

. . .the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, . . .those sacrifices which were offered year by year never make the comer unto perfect.

E-27 Jesus, in Saint Matthew Gospel said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How you going to do it? How can you do it? How can you be as perfect as God is perfect? But, that was a commission, or, a commandment by Jesus Christ to be as perfect as God is, in Heaven, perfect.

Then you say, "Who can be saved?"

Hold it just a moment. Let's find out how that perfection is made. Now, God, back there in the beginning, when He foresaw down through this streak of time, and He knew they would have to have a remedy to save those which were desiring to be saved, those who hungered to be up there in that realm, He had to make a way to redeem those people back again.

E-28 If He was infinite at the beginning, there never was a flea, frog, fly, or anything else ever come on earth but what He knowed it before the world was ever formed. Amen. Think of it. He knew you, He knew me.

And in order, knowing that our hearts would hunger and thirst after Him, He had to make a remedy. His great love and His great power and His great law constrained Him to do so. He couldn't do nothing else in order to be God, but to make a way.

So, when He looked down through the stream of time, from this end of the fall here, up to this end of the fall, you know what God did? God did nothing else but speak right then of Jesus Christ coming, His Own Son, which He was—He was tabernacled with on earth, came down from out of the Heavens, was made flesh and dwelled among us, redeemed us, went right back up, and standing

up here on the other end. And all that great highway that Isaiah saw across the place, crossing the span of time, Christ is standing at the other end, the receiving end.

E-29 Here I was, illustrating a little something for the kiddies, the other night, and was telling about the father of Moses, and the mother, how they was giving the little baby back, committing it back to God, Who gave it to them. I said, "Now, if you save your soul, keep it, you're going to lose it. If you give it back to God, you'll keep it." And, it's spoke five times in the Bible. Now, I said, "If—if the father and mother of Moses kept him, they would lose him; if they give him back to God, they would keep him."

E-30 And how, that that day, when they pushed him out in the flags and bulrushes, how God rose from His throne, great robes drop around Him, walked out there, and He said, "Come here, Gabriel, all of you Angels, come out here. Look down here; I've got somebody believes Me. I give it to them, and they're giving it back. They can't keep it, because the witches of hell will get it." Them old women going around busting their little heads, and throwing them, and fattening up the crocodiles on them.

Said, "We'll . . . If we keep it, they'll kill it, we'll lose it; but if we give it back to God, we'll keep it."

And in this little bark that you're sailing in tonight, you've got a precious thing in there, it's a soul. If you keep it, you'll lose it. Go on, keep it, go on out to the world and act like the rest of them; you'll lose it. But, if you give it back to the One Who gave it to you, you'll keep it. Amen. Just believe Him.

E-31 And they put this little baby in the ark and pushed him out. I can hear God say, "Gabriel, come here a minute. Call ten thousand Angels on marching orders, and line them all up and down the Nile. You see that not any crocodile comes near that; and when it gets into a whirlpool, see that it gets out all right."

You're going to hit many whirlpools in this life, my brother, but if God has called Angels on marching orders to take care of you, don't worry, He will get you out of it. Amen.

Notice. And the little ark was pitched. I can imagine why they put that tar on it; you know, like that on the street? Old crocodile start to stick his nose up there, what a smell. He backed off. And we watch him, all at once, he becomes flusterated, and away he goes. Why? Gabriel is setting up on top of that ark floating down the river. That's the reason they couldn't touch it. It would been give back to the ones that gave it.

E-32 And that's the way it is, tonight. God lets His Angels have watch over us. "The Angels of God are encamped about . . ." They don't go back and forth; they stay here. I like that. "The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him."

I can hear Gabriel say, "But, Lord, where are You going to be at all this time?" Huh.

"I'm going to be on the receiving end, down at the other end." He will be down there to receive it when it gets there.

And there's where He's standing, tonight, on the receiving end. He is standing on the portals of Glory, on the receiving end, to receive His children. And someday, when life is over, He will reach down and wind the end of that highway of holiness around His hand, give it a big pull. And when He does, where she broke here, He will lift every saint right back up into that realm of Eternity again, and she'll roll on through the ages. He's on the receiving end.

What you scared about? Afraid He won't do it? Yes, He will. As sure as there's a God of Heaven, He will do it. And He's on the receiving end. Oh, my. Look at it!

E-33 There, when God stood there, and He said, "Here's My program." And, now, a *word*. . . "In the beginning was the Word." Now, a *word* is a "thought expressed." Now, God was thinking about it. Now, it was just a thought. But when He expressed it, it became a Word. And when it's once expressed, He can't take It back. He's got to stay with It.

So, therefore, the Bible plainly said, that, Jesus was the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. For at the moment God spoke it, He was slain in Heaven, at that time. The only thing it had to do was materialize. Only thing it had to do was come out to a head. Four thousand years later, before He was ever slain, actually. But when God spoke it, it was so perfect, it had to be, and it could be recorded as a document in Heaven, 'cause God said so; had to be.

E-34 No wonder He said, "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head."

Now, you say, "That was Jesus." Let me tell you something. How many Christians here? Raise up your hand, borned-again Christians. Good, I guess all of you. All right, did you know that the same time He was slain, you was accepted? Did you know that?

Oh, you say, "Brother Branham, I got saved about a week ago. Glory to God, new name written down in Glory."

Wait a minute. Don't want to be different, but the Bible makes it different. The Bible said, over in the Book of Revelation,

that in the last days, that the antichrist would be very religious. And he'd go around, just like a religious person. And he'd—would deceive all upon the face of the earth whose names were not written in the Lamb's Book of Life (from where? the revival?) from the foundation of the world.

The same time the Lamb was spoke to be slain, and the Blood stain was appropriated then, your name was associated with It at that very time, and put in the Lamb's Book of Life. The only thing it had to do is run out to the time that God called you by the Holy Ghost. And, "No man can come to Me, except My Father calls him. And all comes to Me, I'll give him Everlasting Life and raise him up at the last days."

Whew! Wished I was twice my size, maybe I could hold twice as much.

E-35 Think of it, that, before the world ever was formed, when the Lamb's Book of Life was spoke back there, your name was associated with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Whew!

What you scared about? He's up there on the receiving end; He's got His Angels here watching over us. Let a alligator stick his nose up and say he's going to do something.

If you want to jump out of the ark, go ahead. But I like to stay right with it. "Lord, You said so; This is Your Word. When You spoke It back there, and You spoke my association with It, I'm staying in the Word; You said so."

What is the Word? The prophets there; the Holy Spirit come down and just spoke the Words to the prophets, as they wrote it on the Book, that God spoke before the foundation of the world. "In the beginning was the Word." Amen . . .

E-36 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . ? . . . Him at Calvary, everything that He ever—ever possessed, Christ took it back to the Church, and give it to the Church. All that God was, He poured out in Christ, and all Christ was, He poured out in the Church. "And I am with you, even in you, to the end of the world. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Oh, Church of the living God, how can you mope over little old things that's so insignificant? Why don't you put your faith in the Word of the living God? And look at men back there of old, the shadows, like Abraham and them, "Call those things which were not, as though they were." God said so.

E-37 When Abraham, under, back there under the law, was probably asked, “Man, what’s the matter with you, a hundred years old, and your wife ninety, and say you’re going to have a baby?”

“Glory to God, yes, sir.”

“Well, man, you are crazy. Well, there’s something wrong in your head. You better go to the doctor. There’s something wrong with you, Abraham.”

“No, there’s not. I just got a change of heart.”

What if a man a hundred years old, and his wife ninety, today, walk down to the doctor and say, “Doc, we want you get the maternity room all fixed up. My wife’s going to have a baby.”

Doctor say, “Well, I—I tell you, sir, if you’d just walk out in the room a few minutes.” He’d ring the bell, “Psychiatrist, come here quickly. Bring your handcuffs.”

Sure, because the wisdom of God is foolish to the world, and the wisdom of the world is foolish to God. But those who can ever get anywhere with God, has got to take God’s Word and say that It’s so.

Say, brother, that’ll defeat the devil, anywhere. That’ll heal every sick person that’s in this building. That’ll give everybody here the baptism of the Holy Ghost; it’s your promise.

E-38 Why are you here? If you’re here, as a real believer, you’re setting here, wanting to serve the Lord, God is obligated; you could not have that desire in your heart, unless God created it in there. You used to didn’t do that, but God create it, Himself.

Each one of you, maybe there’s sick people here, say, “I wished I could be healed, Brother Branham. I been suffering, with a stomach trouble, for years,” or a headache, or something like that.

God is here to do that. See, it—it’s not God; it’s you. See, He—He’s here to do it. His Word is real, if you could just lay hold of It and say, “That’s truth.” The reason it is . . .

See, the reason that you was saved so easier, sometimes, than you are healed, is because you was elected before the foundation of the world. Your name was put in the Lamb’s Book of Life, and that strain as a son and daughter of God still hold on you. Oh, you was out in sin, and kept scratching your head, and wondering, “You know, I ought to do that. There’s something I, well I—I’ll do it a little later.” Finally, it rolled around; there you was.

Now, healing is included in this. You believe in healing, or you wouldn't come to hear about it. Now, if you could lay a hold on it, just the same way you did for your salvation, you'd get the same results, got to.

E-39 Now, the law having a shadow of good things to come, can never make the worshipper perfect. Now, why couldn't it? Because, there was nothing there to perfect him with. The law was a shadow.

In the Old Testament, when they went to make an offering, the man brought a lamb. He took it up there, and he—he confessed his sins, put his hands upon the head of the lamb, and told God that he was sorry for what he done.

Priest cut the lamb's throat, jugular vein here, and the little fellow begin kicking, bleeding, dying.

His hands was bathed all over, with blood, and he felt the quivering and pain of that little lamb, laying there, suffering. He kept his eye on it; he'd shake and suffer, and shake and suffer, like *that*. And he'd think, "That ought to be me. What a horrible fellow I am."

E-40 Now what? Then the man went right out of there, not perfect, he couldn't be. Because when he did, he went out of there with the same desire in his heart, to go do the same thing that he did when he went in there, still had the same. . . Why did he have the same desire? Because, why? The blood cell had been broke in the lamb, which was a shadow of the Lamb of God.

Now, when that blood cell was broke and bursted open, the life that was in that blood cell, or in the li- . . in the lamb, which consisted, coming from one blood cell, it all come back to one master blood cell, that was from the germ, which was the pollen from the fe- . . from the male. And when that blood cell was broken, this life was separated here, the life that was in the blood cell could not come back on the worshipper. No, sir.

Because how could a animal, without a soul, how could the spirit of a brute come back and coincide with a human spirit? It couldn't do it, 'cause it didn't have no soul; it was an animal. Now, but when a worshipper. . .

E-41 Watch here, in the next chapter over here in Hebrews, it said, "The wor- . . ." next couple of verses, below here: "For if the worshipper once purged would have no more conscience of sin. And He by His Own Sacrifice has perfected forever those that are sanctified."

Perfected for how long? Forever. Then what is the Holy Ghost, friend? We've allowed It to too many things.

You Lutherans, oh my, you think, 'cause you join the Lutheran church: "The just shall live by faith," Luther says, "we got it." But, they found out they didn't.

You Methodist, when you got sanctified and shouted and clapped your hands and run up and down the aisle, you thought you had it. But, come to find out, you didn't.

The Pentecostals, when they could speak in tongues or dance in the Spirit, they thought they had it. But they found out they didn't. That's right.

All those things are all right, but that ain't it. It's the Person, the Holy Spirit Himself, the resurrected Christ.

E-42 And when you lay your hands by faith upon God's accepted and provided Sacrifice, which was absolutely perfect, there's the body of Christ. And out of Adam's side come a rib that made his bride. And out of the side of Christ came the Blood, water, Spirit, for His Bride.

And, how do we get into that Body? "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body." And Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

They're like Abraham; they call those things which were not, as though they were, because they are dead to the things of the world, and alive again in Christ Jesus, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

E-43 That might have hayseeds on it and sassafras, but it'll save you, as sure I stand in the pulpit. Amen. Notice.

"The worshipper, once purged has no more sac- . . ." or, "no more desire of sin." No more conscience; the word *conscience* is "desire." Look, and see if that ain't right. Conscience is what's in it, in there, making your desires. Your conscience is to do it, and your conscience is not to do it; it's your desire.

So then, if the worshipper under the law could not be purged because that the lamb was only a shadow, and he went away with the same desire, yet, it was speaking correctly to the right Lamb coming. And then when God sent His Lamb, and He died, and the worshipper then coming, putting his hands by faith upon the bleeding locks of the Lord Jesus; and can in your heart appreciate that He was the only thing that could ever come and redeem you, and you'd be lost and gone to hell; and then to appreciate His love

for you, when you were unlovable; appreciate His foreknowledge of you, that you'd have a heart to do it; and appreciate His leading of the Holy Spirit to bring you to that place to accept It; and you lay your hands upon Him by faith, and renounce your own life, as a sinner, and accept His Life instead, the Blood of Jesus Christ then cleanses you. And the Life that was in the Blood Cell of Christ, which was none other than God Himself, the Holy Spirit, comes back into your life, and coincides with your body, and you act and walk a Christian life, till the day you leave the world. And the devil couldn't touch you, if he had to. Amen. Every promise in the Book is yours, then.

E-44 He can't do it. Why? The blood cell, where did it originate? Where did it originate in the lamb, the little sheep? Where did it originate? From the male sheep. It was a sexual desire. It was sinful. After the . . . God had pronounced this, He made it a permissive, but never the perfect. "God made man out of the dust of the earth and, phfff, breathed the breath of life into him, and he became a living soul."

But then tampering, women become that instrument to bring life, and that's the reason it has to go back, the body. The soul then must be taken care of first, to originate the beginning of a new life. Did you realize that?

Now, the lamb when its life broke, at the—at the place where it was sacrificed, the worshipper, with his hands bloody, and realizing he was a sinner, was a shadow yonder of Calvary.

But the worshipper could not be made perfect, because . . . by the life that come out of the lamb. He could not be taken back in the lamb's body, because he was a human. The lamb was . . . had a different nature. It's nature was different. Now, if the lamb's life could come back to the worshipper, he'd go back out and eat grass, and act like an lamb, 'cause he was a brute. So, he could not be made perfect.

E-45 But in this place, where the worshipper is once purged from his sins, the very Life that was in that Body, comes back and baptizes this individual into the Holy Spirit. And this Lamb was not born by sexual desire. Where that original Blood Cell started, God Almighty created It in the womb of Mary. No man had nothing to do with it.

And that one Blood Cell, where God brought Himself down, and come into this Blood Cell, and grewed out a Body called Christ, and come in the fulness of the Spirit, and lived in Him. Then when

that Blood Cell was broke there for sin, every man coming to Christ and purged by that Blood has no more conscience of sin, and is perfectly anchored in Christ until the day of your redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 says, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you're sealed until the day of your redemption." Amen. Oh, that makes the devil go, when a believer realizes where he is, what he—what he is.

"Oh, there's no good in me, Brother Branham."

That's right. I never was any good; neither was you. There's nothing we could do about it; that's the good part of it. But when you can just recognize that, that you're no good, then you'll not trust in your own goodness.

E-46 If there's one thing you could do to merit it, you'd have something to brag about. "Lord, I've sought You day and night." But you can't say that to Him.

He said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him." And God seeks man, and not man seeking God. So, you don't have one thing to say, but, "God it was Your grace that did it." And then, as long you're accepted in the Beloved, how can God bring you into judgment, when He's already judged Christ in your stead? How could you have to suffer for your sins, when Christ has already done it? God would be a two-timer, and an awful Person. That's right.

When it was thoroughly paid by Jesus Christ and you accepted it; and as long as God accepted Christ, He accepted you with Christ. And when did He do it? Before the foundation of the world, when He spoke Him into existence, He spoke you redeemed with Him.

And, your names was written in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. And then you're scared. Whew. "Oh, if I could just keep holding on." I quit that a long time ago. I never did even try it in the first place. I just turned loose and let Him do the holding.

Someone said, when I was sick that time, when I got over it, said, "Brother Branham, did you keep your religion during your sick spell?"

I said, "No, sir, it kept me." That's the difference. And, that's what happened.

E-47 When God brought an Israelite in . . . Abraham believed God. Talking to a very outstanding, one of the greatest Christian leaders in the world today, one of the greatest, pastor Boze and I, in the room the other day, speaking on that.

See, it's not what we did; it's what Christ did. It isn't what I'm going to do; it's what He's already done.

I know I'm no good, never was, never will be. But then, in the Presence of God I'm absolutely perfect, because it's not me. He never sees me; He sees Christ. I'm in Christ! And my name was associated with Him at the foundation of the world. I'm just waiting for the cord to be drawed up. And we'll go, some of these blessed days, to meet Him in the air.

Some of them said, "Brother Branham ain't you afraid?"

E-48 You know, many times, way back, when I was a kid, little boy preacher, oh, the people used to come around, and say, "Brother Branham, why if that be so, well I, then, I can just do anything I want to."

I said, "That's right, sure. Do anything you want to. If evil's in your heart, then you've never been to Calvary. That's one thing sure."

I always do what I want to. God lets me do what I want to, and I'm so glad of it. If I did what the devil wanted me to do, it's hard to tell what I would do, but, if I'd do what I wanted to do like I did before I was saved.

But now, there's a new Spirit in there. And it's not the spirit of a lamb, neither the spirit of William Branham; It's the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that makes me love the unlovable and makes me do things that I thought I never would do. It's Him.

Why, if it was me, you know what I'd said tonight? I'd have called up Mr. Boze and said, "Say, boy, look, I've been up for two nights; I ain't had a bit of sleep." I ain't slept, about two hours in the last two nights, going and coming, and people at the door, and everything else; and way in the night, and try to lay down a few minutes, they get you up again, then it's broke, and then that goes away; here's another. Sure I'd stayed home.

But, there was Something in me that wasn't me, said, "You're supposed to be in Chicago tonight." And it was twelve-thirty at home. About two hundred and eighty miles to drive, through that traffic.

I said, "Lord, I'm going. You help me." And He did, I got just in time. I was here.

See, it's Something in you. "Though... There is therefore now no condemnation, can't be, to those that are in Christ, for they

don't walk after the lust of the flesh, they walk after the Spirit." And if you love the Lord, you want to do everything you can to please Him.

E-49 Why, let's take it this way, so that the—that the unlearned would understand, if you love your wife right.

I love my wife real good. My! Well what, if there was such a thing: if some other woman would come up, and say, "Billy, I love you too." And she'd be a real pretty girl, and say, "I love you." Well, she won't do it, but if she would. See?

You know what I'd tell her? I'd say, "Look, Sister, kneel down here a minute. I want pray with you a little about it." See? Why?

Well, you say, "Bill, you're in Africa, Asia, somewhere; your wife would never know it." That might be true. And if she never did know it, I'd know it. See? I would know it.

And another thing, if I love her the right way: You say, "Well, if she loves you so much, she'd forgive you." That may be so, too. But I love her too much to do it. See? That's grace. Not nothing I done, but it's just my love for her.

And that's the way our love is to Christ, when we been borned again, and realize that we are sons and daughters of God; it ain't me, "have to *this*" and "have to . . ."

Paul said, "All things to me are lawful, but not all expedient."

E-50 So, it isn't some law, that I have to preach the Gospel; isn't some law, that I have to do *this*; it's because I love Him so much. I just love to do it. And if you love Him like that . . .

As long as I love my wife like that, she don't have to never worry. And as long as she loves me like that, she don't have to worry.

We don't go around to one another, "Now," if she'd say, "now listen here, Mr. Branham. Ahem! Tell you something right now: You're going away on this trip. Ahem! I'm going to lay the law right down, to you. Don't you run around on me, young man. Uh-um! Don't you do that."

Well, after she gets done laying down the law, then I turn back and I say, "Now, my fair lady, let me tell you something: While I'm gone, don't you have no other husbands. Don't you do *this* and don't you do *that*."

Well, we don't say that. Sure, I just love her so much, my trust is in her. And she just loves me so much, in the same way.

So we: As I say, “Good-bye sweetheart; be praying for me.”

“All right, dear, I’ll be praying for you, all the time. Hurry back.”

“All right.” That’s all of it. See.

You ain’t got no big, “Well, you have to come and be *this* way, and sprinkled, and confirmed, and brought to *this*, and *that*, and *these*, and *that*, and all these different orders, and things like that. If you don’t dance with your feet crossed *this* way, it ain’t right; you have to dance with your feet crossed *this* way.”

E-51 A young lady come to me, here some time ago, when women wore those skirts that they call “scandal skirts.” And she come to me, and she said, “Brother Billy, I want to ask you something.”

I said, “Yes ma’am, sister.”

She said, “Do you think it’s wrong for a Christian girl to wear a scandal skirt?” Said, “Do you think I . . .”

I said, “What in the world does a Christian girl need with a scandal skirt? If she’s a Christian, she’ll be so far away from that thing, until, why, it’ll be as dead to her as . . .” Her love is for Christ, and not to be a “scandaler.” That’s right. That scorches the shorts, don’t it? That’s right! If you love the Lord, you’d be doing something else, besides *that*.

E-52 Now, you can preach all the liberation of women or men, what you want to, but that’ll never change the Bible. God’s Word is true, and that’s to you Pentecostal people, too. Yes, sir. Oh, you let down the bars some way, something happened.

Used to be, it wasn’t the way it is now. It’s just because the weakness of the pulpit. It’s just because you got mixed up in things. If the Holy Ghost taught you better back then, your mammy, and everything, and then you start doing *this* today, the Holy Ghost don’t change. It’s just the same every time, every time, every time.

You know what I’m beginning to think? That a lot of time people get one another’s ghost, instead of the Holy Ghost. You watch them, the way they act. You go into a church where the—the pastor is kind of a flighty, wild fired-up, and overnight, watch the congregation be the same thing.

Brother, I’m telling you, it behooves you to get down, and pray to God until that real Christian Spirit moves into your heart, and it settles all problems. You know, the Bible said, “There’d be

a famine in the last days; not for bread and water alone, but for hearing of the Word of God." That's right. And that's as true as it could be, friend. It's a shame.

E-53 For it never make the worshipper . . .

For then they would not have ceased to been offered? But because that the worshipper once purged should have . . . no more conscience of sins. (It's all gone.)

Now, the worshipper once purged, how does it do? When the Life of the Sacrifice comes back to the worshipper, then it's meekness, patience, gentleness, longsuffering, goodness, faith. See what I mean?

Now—now what did we Methodist do? We wanted to shout and get it. What do we Pentecost, we want to do? We want to speak in tongues and get it. But that's not it. That's not the fruit of the Spirit. No, no.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, patience, meekness. There's not one visible evidence of it, not one fleshly, it's all in the supernatural realm. That's right. It's the hidden Force that's in you. The Life of Jesus Christ coming back on you, the worshipper, as you laid your hands upon His head and confessed that you was wrong.

E-54 Now look, a good Baptist brother said the other day, he said, "Brother Branham . . ." Not the other day, it's been a couple years ago. He said, "What . . . Didn't Abraham believe God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness?"

I said, "That's right."

Said, "What more can any man do, but believe God? What more can he do, but to have faith?"

I said, "That's all he can do. That's all Abraham done. But God give Abraham the seal of circumcision as a confirmation that He had received his faith." And I said, "Then, when all the old things pass away, and everything becomes new; when you make your confession, and believe, and accept the Lord Jesus, and you become meekness, patience, gentle, and faith, and to believe God, believe Divine healing, believe the whole Bible, believe everything that God says; then that's the evidence that you've been saved. God has circumcised your heart, and taken away all your unbelief, and you believe in God then."

E-55 What is the word *sin*? *Sin* is "unbelief." Jesus said, in Saint John the 4th chapter, "He that believeth not is condemned already." You don't have to do anything, you're condemned already.

Now drinking, committing adultery, and that: That's not sin. You do that because you're an unbeliever. You're an unbeliever to begin with. That's the reason you do those things.

Now, if you once get right with Christ, those things are just . . . they're circumcised at the altar. When God . . . When you confess it, God just takes it away, and puts the Life of Himself in you. And then you're in Christ, and you can't come to judgment.

Jesus said in Saint John 5:24, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall never come into judgment; but is already passed from death unto Life." He can't bring you to judgment, you're already judged.

And when the Holy Spirit comes back to make you live this different life, it's God's seal of His circumcision on your heart to prove that you've been . . . stop your drinking, smoking, gambling, cursing, unbelieving, and not believing in Divine healing, the works of God; and has received God. And it's a Seal that everybody knows about it from now on.

E-56 You once come in the house like, oh, my, angry and kick over something, and oh, my, how you'll carry on. Like the old man that got converted one time, they said he got saved . . . I ain't saying this for a joke. I'm just saying it so you . . . I don't believe in joking, but, you might see what I mean. He come up the road, and he was singing. He used to curse, and carry on, and hoop, and holler. He went to a little old meeting and got really saved. He come back up the road singing, *Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross*.

When he got close to the door, said, the old hound looked over there and said to the old cat near the corner, said, "Listen at that, would you?" He always kicked them off the porch and everything. Said, "I bet he hasn't got it."

Said the cat, "You lay *here*, and I'll lay *here*; we'll see if he's got it or not."

When he got so close, they couldn't stand it any more. So out of the house went the dog and around the house went the old cat. He went back out and went down to the barn. He'd always knock the chickens around, beat everything up; mean, just the devil in him.

So the old rooster said, "He used to get so mad at me when I crowed to get him up in the morning, I will try him out." So he let out a great big crow and then flew, he couldn't stand it no more.

The old cow said, "Now, I'm in a awful fix. He's got me with a halter on me, tying me around a post, and I have to stand it."

All the fowls and things gathered around said, "Try him out." Said, "The only thing you have to do is switch him in the tail. . . with the tail right across his face and watch what happens." Said, "We will see if he's got religion or not."

Old cow thought it was hard to do. But as he was standing, saying, "Jesus keep me near the cross," just milking away, the old cow took her tail like *this*, and she swatted him in the face like *that*. He patted her on the back and said, "Bossy dear, your old soul." He said, "Bless the Lord, you didn't mean to do that."

They all said, "He's really got it." Now, that's right.

E-57 That's what the evidence is, brother, you've passed from death unto Life. And all the things that you once done passed away, because the Life of Jesus Christ has took your spirit into controlling you, a new creature; and once purged has no more desire of sin as long as you live on earth.

So if you're constantly weak and falling up and down, remember, you might have a mental acception of it, but never an experience of being borned again, when meekness, gentleness and patience take the place of this mental theology.

Oh, you say, "Listen here, Mr. Branham: I—I study the Bible; our pastor, and so forth; I—I took Bible lessons."

Yes, the devil has, too. He knows—he knows more about It than you'll ever know. That's right. But there's one thing: he can't get the Holy Ghost. You can. That's right.

So as long as—as he—as he can't get to you, for you are dead, your life is hid in God and sealed by the Holy Ghost. Umm. How could he ever get you? The first thing, you're dead. Did you ever hear a dead man tell a lie? Did you ever hear a dead man fuss back at you? You stand at the casket and fuss at him all night, he will never say a word. Why? He's dead.

E-58 And you reckon yourself dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost. The only way the devil could ever get you, he'd have come through the same washings that you came through, and receive the same Spirit you did, and then he'd be your brother. See? So he can't get you. It's you that's never come to Christ right in the first place.

You get to a place, say, "Well, I—I still. . . Brother Branham I—I. . . you know the Lord never did sanctify me from *this*." If He sanctified you from one thing, He sanctified you from all of it. He takes your whole soul, body, and spirit. That's right.

Don't be deceived, brother. "The man who despised Moses' law, died without mercy under one or two witnesses. How much more sorer punishment, though worthy, who's trod the Blood of Jesus Christ under his feet, and counted the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified with, an unholy thing, and done despite to the works of grace?" There you are.

The Bible said it's impossible for that man to do that. And, "If a man's once been enlightened and made partakers of the Holy Ghost and tasted of the power of the new world to come, it's impossible for him to fall away, to renew himself again unto repentance." So if you're constantly on the up and down, remember, brother, you have never correctly ever come to Jesus Christ yet. If . . .

E-59 The Bible said, "Love not the world, neither the things of the world. And if you love the world, the love of God is not even in you," in your life. You're only emotionally, mentally worked up with some kind of a churchanity, some kind of a theology that's been taught you, and never in your life have you ever come face-to-face and met Jesus Christ, and been borned again. For when you once fall in love with Christ, the world dies right then, for Eternity.

For you're sealed by the Holy Ghost until the day of your redemption, and you are dead, and your life is hid in God, through Christ, and sealed there by the Holy Ghost. Your destination is determined right then, when you're sealed by the Holy Ghost.

E-60 Take an old freight car when they load it, after it's been *this* put in it and *that* put in it; well, the car might, if it could've been, humanly could do it, would jump up and down on the track, say, "Oh, look where I am!"

You're not gone yet, boy. Before the Holy Ghost is ever put up here on you, before the seal's ever sealed that car till its destination, the inspector comes by. He looks the whole thing over. He examines and sees everything fitly tight.

The trouble of it is today, we've had in our Pentecostal churches too much over-het religion. That's right. That's right. Instead of coming back to the old-fashion, Blood-washed Gospel of Christ (Right!), we have too much emotions, too much mental into it, and psychic emotions, instead of being really settled down and safe. Cause you can watch it when the Holy Spirit comes in the meetings and presses the Word, the people don't know how to receive It. If that channel was open, the Holy Ghost would run right to it just as quick, it, like water seeping its way through a crack in the dirt. Amen. You believe that?

What we need today is a good old-fashion breaking up, like the prophet going down to the Potter's house to be broke up and remolded. That's what the Pentecostal, Full Gospel church needs today, is a good old-fashion breaking up, coming back to be remolded again. Do you believe that? Let us pray, then, as we bow our heads.

E-61 Our Heavenly Father, just seems so good to stand here in the Philadelphia Church, and feel the respond of the Spirit, and know that the Word is sinking deep into the people's hearts; to realize that they are receiving This, and It's Life to them. Oh, how they love It. And it just feeds my soul to see the people respond to this Word, though I have not the ability to put It out the way that It should be.

But, Father, I pray that It'll help somebody. That the person who's weak, needy, just stumbling along, lift up those weak and feeble knees, straighten up those hands that hung down; may they be lifted up and rejoice because there's no need of us living a defeated life, going . . . ? . . . [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

. . . sons and daughters of God and the devil ain't got no business saying anything to us, and by Your grace, we won't permit him to. When he says something, we'll know it's the voice of the devil because it's contrary to God's Word. And we'll move right on in the Spirit. Grant it, Lord.

E-62 Here's some handkerchiefs and these letters, Father, and requests for prayer is poor, sick, needy children. I pray that, in Jesus' Name, that You'll heal these people. Grant to them their requests. Let Your Holy Spirit come now and anoint these handkerchiefs, and may they, every one, be used to the glory of God as little tokens of love, that the people know that You love them. Grant it, Lord.

And living in this generation of people of this day, when, oh, such treacherous working of Satan. But, Lord, we cast down reasoning, and believe in the Word. And we believe that the Word teaches this, and we send it to the sick and the afflicted, in Christ's Name, for their healing.

God, I pray that You'll heal every sick person in presence now. Let them know that Jesus said these word, when passing by a tree one day that had been cursed, and it withered up, said, "Have faith in God."

E-63 Then, Father, we wonder, as lukewarm, borderline believers, just enough to make them, maybe, look around, and they wonder. But think of that poor man the other night, who was setting there in the meeting, accepted You as his Healer. He never felt back to see if

the cancer was gone, but, on his road down to the train station, the great Holy Spirit reached down with His great hand, and moved that cancer, till not a spot of it left.

Made that poor, little Ethiopian girl who was standing there, where the doctors had clamped off the nerves that would never be speak, or hear, or walk normally again, and in one moment's time performed an operation that could never be done by medical science.

How great You are, God. How You could take a sinner's heart, and rend it to pieces, and make it over new, a sweet humble Christian. How powerful You are, Lord.

And, Lord God, if there be sick in here tonight, we pray that, just now, that You'll speak to them in such a way that, in the depths of their whole heart and soul, that they'll say, "Yes, Lord, I believe it, and I'm now accepting it by faith, and I know, that, as it happened to others, it shall be also to me." I pray this prayer of faith for them. In Christ's Name, I ask it.

E-64 And Father, if there be somebody in here who is lukewarm, or backslidden, or perhaps, maybe, a man or woman, boy or girl, who's never accepted Christ, their Saviour... And just listen at these ambulances scream every day on the street. Watch these undertakers, and the men out here in their yards, graveyards, digging dozens times dozens and dozens of graves, right for Chicago people. And knowing that our card is hanging yonder, as it was, and we got to answer at the judgment.

Oh, Father, how careful should we be. How we should weigh our thoughts of You. How we should weigh our conception, and see that it has been placed there by Divine grace; or is it something that we've worked up ourself?

We realize that in the school of prophets one day, in the great seminary, which had a great name, but some of them cooked up something, but it was death in the pot, and they didn't realize it until they were eating.

And now, Father, we pray that if this person, tonight, is just mentally believing, if they just simply had a know-that-they-should-be, and never once had that experience of really having a change of heart till things has passed away and a new life come in, through the trials, temptation, it only—it only damage your heart and makes you love more; knowing that God is chastising for your perfection. Father, if that person's in here tonight, I pray that You'll give them a desire right now to accept the real Holy Spirit. They're wondering how visions happen, and how the Supernatural works. God, how

simple it is, if they can only just get into that realm. I pray, tonight, that if there would be any here, that You'll grant it to them, their salvation, through Christ.

E-65 While we have our heads bowed, and our eyes closed, I wonder if there's a . . . just a wayward person. I spoke awful hard tonight, very straight, been a "sassafras way," as we call it in the country. Just throw It out the way . . . I don't premeditate on anything, just as I receive It, I give It. Sometimes it's awful cut up, but I depend on Him to set It in order.

Like the little boy down on his knees saying his ABC's, and the pastor came by, said, "What are you doing, sonny?"

Said, "I had a good, praying mother. I know she prayed," said, "I'm an orphan," said, "I didn't know how to pray." Said, "I just said all the ABC's, the alphabet, and maybe God would put them together, and know what I was praying for."

Certainly, we depend on Him to put it together.

Has He—has He tied the ends of your conviction, tonight, to a place to where you'll realize that you really have need of Christ? If you do, will you raise your hand, and do that to God? And when I see you raise your hand to our Heavenly Father, then I'll remember you in prayer, right here, that God will give you that. God bless you, lady. That's very . . . God bless you, lady. You, lady. You, sir. God bless you. That's just fine.

E-66 Now, look, I've come to you many times when I'd be under the anointing, and speak to you, and tell you, and you'd see the Holy Spirit working, and how He proved Himself. Would that Holy Spirit, which is right here now, would He let me, for forty-seven years, see visions and things that never once fail? Would He take me, with a grammar-school education, let me win over a million souls to Him in ten years? Start a revival that swept the world around and caused a million five hundred thousand Pentecostal people to come into the church last year? Would He do that, and then I wouldn't know what I was talking about?

Are you really hungry, children?

Somebody that didn't raise your hand, and you know you should, would you just raise your hand to Christ right now? Do it, that never raised a few minutes ago; seven or eight hands went up. Is there another one here? Maybe you just had kind of a lukewarm life. God bless you, brother. God bless you, brother, too, back there. That's honest. That's just being honest as you can be.

E-67 While you got your head bowed, let me just ask you just one more thing before closing. Be in prayer, all the Christians.

My dear old mother, half-Indian, setting there, and her hair slicked back, not a gray hair in it, her little teeny, deep-set eyes looking at me. I looked at Daddy's picture hanging on the wall, I said, "Mama." She come over, and put her hands in mine, her poor old shaky wrinkled hand. I said, "Mama, I want to ask you a question." I said, "What is value, and what should we place value on?"

She said, "What do you mean, son?"

I said, "If I had a hundred million dollars laying here on this table, and there was a little button here, and I'd press that button, and I'd lose that hundred million dollars, but I'd get to talk to Dad again for a hour," I said, "I'd press that button right quick."

What could I do with a hundred million dollars? How I could evangelize the world, nearly, myself. But I never was too sure about my daddy. He died in my arms praying, but I want a little more insurance. And how a hundred million dollars I'd give tonight, easy, never think a thing about it, be glad to do it, if I could talk to my daddy one hour. Oh, I believe I could persuade him then. What is value?

E-68 I said, "Mama, you remember that old Model T Ford, when I was a little sinner boy about sixteen years old?" I used to stay home on Sunday, shine it up. What if I went to found a piece of it today? I couldn't find a piece.

What if somebody come in here, tonight, and give each one of you a million dollars, and you went out and fed the poor, and everything, done good; when you died you went to Heaven, but where would your million dollars be? Where would all the people that you fed, where would they be?

You ain't got no million dollars, I don't think. But you do have something you can do. You got something that's worth more than a million dollars. What if you get some person saved, pray a prayer of faith right now, and somebody gets saved? Or one of these little boys or girls or men or women that's raised their hand, and would. . . You know what?

Somebody said, "Brother Branham, you mean you're going back to Africa, where them people over there don't know right from left hand? You're going over there, and them little ol' black boys and girls that out in the tribes there, that never had a bath, maybe, in their life, and just as wild, and may run a spear through you?"

I said, "No, they won't."

Said, "You going back over there?"

I said, "Yes," I said, "You know what? If I could get one of those little black boys up on my lap, and put my arm around him, and tell him in his native language, to, 'Jesus loves you, honey. He died for you.' And if that little black boy would accept Jesus as his Saviour, brethren, out yonder in Eternity, when that star's shining yonder, all my monies and everything else will fail, but my name would be associated with that convert, as long as there was a Heaven above."

That's what it means. Where is your value? In your job? No. That's a good thing to have, a job. In your family? No. It's a good thing to have a family. Where's the value at? It's in your soul, brother. That's where it's at; it's in your soul.

E-69 Now, would there be one more that knows that that's true? No matter what you do, or how popular you are, you're going to leave the world some day, and if you're not borned again, Jesus said, "You will in no wise enter the Kingdom."

Though you give a million dollars to the poor, though you belong to churches, you was baptized every way, you made confessions, that still isn't it. Jesus said, "Except a man be borned again, he will in no wise enter the Kingdom."

Are you sure, not mentally worked up now, but down in your heart, a peace that just lingers, and you're saved? If you're not, will you raise your hands, once more now, before we pray? Would you raise up your hand? Say, "Brother Branham, pray for me." God bless you, honey boy. God bless this little boy sitting here, too. God bless you, my brother. And you, sister. Yes, sir. You back there, my brother. You, sister there, also. To my right, someone raise your hand, say, "Brother Branham, I realize I'm not right." God bless you, brother. God knows your heart. That's the way to be honest with Him, that's the way to be really honest.

E-70 Now, I wonder, while you have your head bowed, if you've been honest enough to raise your hand, would you stand up just a minute, while I pray for you? And then, after that, I wish you would come up to the altar, and kneel down. But if you're really sincere, and really going to serve the Lord from tonight on, and you're really desiring that experience with God; if you believe He heard my prayer to give that little deaf and dumb Ethiopian girl, the other day, speech, and hearing, and soundness. . . The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; it's by prayer. That's it. Prayer changes things. You

think it would help change your life? Let me pray for you. Will you stand up on your feet, you that raised your hands, would you just stand up for a minute for prayer?

God bless you, little boy. God bless you. Just remain standing. That's right. Stand on your feet. That's good. Just remain standing. God bless you. That's very good. Someone else would want to stand? God bless you, little girl.

That little girl that raised up there, the little colored girl, reminds me of the little colored girl was healed from deaf, and dumbness, and cripple for her life. Today she's perfectly normal, even to her doctor came to me, said, "Reverend Branham, what happened?"

I said, "Jesus came." Now, he's here, too.

E-71 Now look, if He's so merciful to heal that little girl, which she'll have to die someday, this body; how much more is He willing to give you the Holy Spirit that you're hungering for, to let you live forever?

Why are you standing? You know what I believe? Ten thousand years ago, maybe, before the foundation of the world, God put your name on the Lamb's Book of Life, and that's what's pulling on you, tonight. That's that Word of God that spoke that can't fail.

Did you know there's people that can never be saved? God knew they wouldn't save. . . be saved, from the beginning. They were born for this purpose. Look at Esau, rejected from birth.

But remember, you standing on your feet, that shows you've been received, you got Life. God promised it to you. Now, I'm going to pray for you.

As this little boy stands here with his head bowed, how do you know that that's not another Dwight Moody? You remember his conversion, don't you? Remember how that little ol' hair. . . boy, he, hair hanging in his eyes, knelt down at the livery stable one night and prayed? Sent a million souls to Christ. Might be another one. How do I know who you are out there?

You say, "Well, I'm no boy, Brother Branham, I'm older."

That don't. . . Abraham was, too; seventy-five when God called him. Now, let us pray, everyone.

E-72 Dear Jesus, here's a host of people standing here. I know I'm just leaning over this pulpit, and I know that right from here has went the Word of God, right from this pulpit. I've stood here,

myself, and watched great powerful visions that shook this country go across this pulpit; healed cases that Mayo Brothers turned down. How from here, You've made the great things to happen.

And tonight, I'm asking You, as Your servant, and if I've found grace in Your heart, Lord, I pray that these words that's been planted, this sermon tonight of words, right down into the heart, and now the Holy Spirit is there watering it, and this host of people that stood to their feet, desiring the baptism of the Holy Ghost, for Something to come into their life that will change them and make them a different person, make them a better man or woman, boy or girl, than what they have been.

Oh, God of Heaven, hear my prayer, and grant these requests. And these who are standing on their feet, Father, You said, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him," and I pray, God, that You'll, after You have drawed them, that You will receive them into Your Kingdom now.

And, dear God of Heaven, let this be so, that when life is all finished, and on the other side, may I be able to shake hands with each of these who's standing tonight, over on that side, and they be able to say, "Brother Branham, it was that night in Chicago that I stood to my feet, that my life was changed from that time on."

Grant it, Lord, hear my prayer, I ask in Jesus Name. Amen.

E-73 God bless you. Now, you can be seated.

How many believes that God receives them? Let's see your hands. He would have to. He has to. Now you that stood, how many say, "I felt better"? Let's see your hand. Sure you do. Certainly, have to. You can't ask God anything without receiving. Ask and you shall receive.

He said, "You have not because you ask not. You ask not because you believe not. Ask and you shall receive. Ask abundance that your joys may be full." God wants to pour out His blessings. May the good Lord bless you, uh-huh, all real well.

Thank you, my dear beloved people. You know, each time when I come and face audience like this, I think, "Wonder if they'll all be there when I come back to the next meeting, or will I ever be able to come back again?" That's the question. Is this my last night to ever preach to you? Will you leave, or I leave before we meet again?

Have I said just the right thing? Have I—have I done anything wrong that would cause a stumbling block, or have I done something right, that I—I've put an influence to you that you want to love the

Lord? If I've sinned, or done something wrong, forgive me. Will you? And if I've said something that would make you love the Lord, praise God and I'll meet you in Glory.

And I hope to meet you back here in the Philadelphian church one of these days, or somewhere on the battlefield out here for the Lord.

Now, I'm going to turn the service to the pastor for the final word, Brother Boze.

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