
DOES GOD CHANGE HIS MIND?



. . . God. Let us remain standing with our heads bowed, just a moment.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for every graceful thing that You have given to us. We're unworthy of—of any of Your blessings. These are certainly unmerited blessings that we receive. And we pray, God, that You'll continue to be with us. Just walking in and feeling this wonderful spirit in the meeting, I know it comes from You. So I pray, Father, that You'll continue to honor the meeting tonight, with Your Presence, and heal all the sick and the afflicted. Grant it. May this be a—a great night that we'll not forget soon, because of Your Presence. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

2 I want to apologize for keeping so late last evening. I will try to be faster tonight, and just so that we can hurry up and—and pray for the sick. I certainly felt good about last night's meeting. They seemed like that there was many people got healed. And I had plenty of support, everybody praying, and together. That's the way we stand. So, the Lord bless you. Now, I think, tomorrow night we're to be. . . I guess they've already announced it. It's another—another place. All right.

3 Now let's turn in the Book of Numbers, the 22nd chapter, right quick, for just a little text, to pass a few comments, and then we're going to place the most of the time in the prayer line.

4 Billy said he gave out enormous amount of cards, two or three hundred of them. And it'll take quite a while to get them through the prayer line, so I—I will just speak for a few minutes, not over thirty minutes, if possible, and then start the prayer line, pray for the sick. In Deuteronomy, in . . . Pardon me.

5 Numbers, 22nd chapter and the 31st verse, I wish to read this.

And the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

6 Now this may sound like a rude little text for just to—to give a stand and to have our healing service. And I'm going to try to have the prayer line started by nine o'clock, if possible. Now I want to take the subject tonight: *Does God Change His Mind?*

7 You know, we can change our mind, and because we—we learn a little different, we know we were wrong.

⁸ But I don't believe that God can change His mind. Because, if He does, then He certainly could not be infinite, and He could make a better decision if He would change it. So He. . . The faith that I have in Him, that—that He doesn't change His mind. Because if God ever makes a decision, He has to stay with that decision. See? And each time the same problem comes up, He has got to act in the same way He did the first time, or He acted wrong in the first time. See? So it gives us somewhere to have a—a basic faith. Now we cannot. . .

⁹ Yes, faith isn't just a loose-leaf something, that you can fly it *here* and over somewhere else. It's something that's got to be sure. It's got to be stable. And, now, I cannot base my faith upon some theory. It's got to be a proven fact before I can have faith.

¹⁰ Just like a man choosing a wife, to marry. Why, he, he has got to have faith in that woman he marries, or he certainly is fixing himself for a lot of trouble. See? So he's got to, you got to have faith, some solid facts, some faith to base it upon; upon her word, upon what somebody else has said, or something. He's got to have something to place his face on, faith on.

¹¹ So I feel that, to meet God, there is just one thing that I can base my faith upon and that's His Word.

¹² Because, we have different ideas, pretty near all of us. We'd sit down and go to even talking about something to eat, why, we would differ on something to eat; and we're made different, our appetites are different. And therefore it makes our churches, we see they are different in their ideas of what it's right and what's wrong. That gives us, every one, a privilege to take a choice.

¹³ But, to me, I—I believe that the Word of God is right. And I—I don't believe it's of any private interpretation. I believe it's just what It says, that's the Truth. And that's the way I take it, just on the basics of It being the Word of God. Now, I haven't got faith enough, maybe, to make all of it act, but I certainly wouldn't want to stand in the way of somebody who did have faith enough to make It act.

¹⁴ Like, for instance, Enoch had enough faith that he didn't have to die. He just took an afternoon stroll, and got tired here on earth and just walked on up to Heaven. I'd certainly like to have faith like that. But I hope that we do get that faith someday, as we grow on into Him. Now our. . .

¹⁵ The reason I chose this place, because it seems like that here, to me, is one of the places in the Bible that would be a—a critical place for the text tonight, because it looks like that God did change

His mind, and told Balaam one thing to do and then told him something else to do. So I thought, maybe, just for a while, we'll try to straighten this out just a little, and see what He really told him.

16 So now to outline this. We know that Balaam was a—a—a prophet. And Balak was the king of Moab, at the time. And they were not infidels, up at Moab, they served the same God that Israel served. Because, Moab, the nation was founded by Lot's son, by his daughter, and so they served the same God. If you notice, their sacrifices and everything was just exactly the same, bullocks, and also the rams, speaking of the second Coming. And now if fundamentalism is all that God requires, then Moab was just as fundamental in his offering as what Israel was. But we find them now, Israel is in the line of following the Word of God, to a land that had been promised them. And they come. . .

17 Here would be a type of the natural and spiritual, meeting. And when the natural and spiritual meets, there is always a collision, because they run right head-on into each other. And Israel here, would, I want to represent it as a spiritual Church; and Moab as the natural church, just the church, what we call, church natural.

18 And we're all sure that there is a—a church, and there is a Bride coming out of that church. We know that, that that is true.

19 And they clash here. And we notice that when they clashed here, it come under something that I would like to speak a moment on. As soon as they clashed, and one seen what the other one was doing, there was a great impersonation, one of the other.

20 And that's where we find it today, that we do get too much impersonations. And when you do that, you're always in trouble. You cannot live the other fellow's life. We cannot impersonate something. We must be just what we are. You mustn't (never) try to. If *this* fellow does something; because he does it, you think you have to, too. You don't do that. You're an individual, to God. And we mustn't try to impersonate each other.

21 And now, Israel, right in the line of duty, marching on their way to a command, by a commandment of God, to a promised land, they clashed with Moab, another group of believers.

22 And I hope this doesn't sound too bad. But the little illustration I want to make here is, Moab being settled down in a land, he was more like an organized affair. He had his celebrities, and his dignitaries of the . . . of his kingdom.

23 But Israel was just a—a wanderer. They had no certain place they went. They just wandered as the Lord led them. Now, I believe,

also, Balaam, later in his prophecy, said, “The people would not be among the nations. It would just be a scattered.” And that’s what it’s always been. And we find out, the clash come.

24 Just as Cain and Abel, they also came together in a clash. And them being brothers, and both of them of the same mother, Eve. And we find that they realized that they were mortal, and they had been put out of Life, out of the garden of Life. And they both was trying to find a way to get back in There. And if you noticed, both boys was very religious. Cain was just as religious as Abel was. And they both built altars, otherwise, a church. They both made sacrifice. They both prayed. And they—they served God, both of them, but one of them served Him wrong.

25 Now, you see, you can be ever so sincere and yet be wrong. You can be wrong. “There is a way that seemeth right, but the end thereof is the ways of death.”

26 Now we—we see that this was so true with Cain and Abel. And when they seen . . . Cain saw that Abel’s sacrifice was received. And, I might stop here to say, why did God receive his sacrifice? Is because that—that he was . . . By a revelation, he understood that it was not apples, or I believe now they got it the pomegranates or something that they eat in the garden of Eden, that caused sin. And he found Adam . . . or, I mean, Abel believed that it (he) it was blood. Which, it really was. And Abel, by revelation, faith, offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than that of Cain; which God testified by it, he was righteous. See? And the whole Church is built upon a Divine revelation of the Word of God. The whole . . .

27 Jesus said so. One day, coming down off the mount, He said to His disciples, “Who do you say I the Son of man am? Or who does people say I am?”

28 “And some of them said, well, You’re ‘Moses,’ You’re ‘Elias,’ or ‘one of the prophets.’”

He said, “But who do you say I am?”

29 And Peter made that great statement, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!”

30 He said, “Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas.” And here is the great argument amongst believers.

31 Now the Catholic church says that, “There He—He built His Church upon Peter, for He said, ‘Thou art Peter,’ little stone, ‘upon this stone, little stone, I’ll build My Church.’”

32 Well, now, the Protestant mostly believe that it was upon Himself that He built, upon Him, the Cornerstone. But, you see, He was the Cornerstone to the building. I believe that what He built the Church upon. . .

33 Not to be different, but, you see, the question was, “Who does man say I am?”

34 And Peter said, “Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

35 He said, “Blessed art thou, Simon, son of Jonas, flesh and blood never revealed this to you. You never learned this by going to a seminary. See, you never learned this by some man-made affair. But My Father, which is in Heaven, has revealed this to you. See? Upon this Rock I’ll build My Church, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against It,” the spiritual revelation of Jesus Christ, Who is the Word. Then it would be the spiritual revealed Truth of the Word, is exactly where the Church rests.

36 I think that’s what Abel had at the beginning, a spiritual revelation that it wasn’t the fruit of the field or the works of our hands, or so forth. It was blood. And he offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than—than Cain did.

37 We find in Abraham and Lot, the same thing, in a choice, because Lot went down, when the time come, when the spiritual and the—and the natural church come in a clash, because of the herdsmen. They had to separate one for another. And whenever this does, it sets up a jealousy.

38 We find out that Abel, because God had received him, and He did not receive Cain’s beautiful big offering, he had toiled so hard for. And was religious, and bowed down and worshiped, and so forth, done everything that Abel did, only he didn’t have the revelation of what was the truth. So we find out, that when God accepted Abel’s revelation and his offering, it made Cain get jealous of Abel. And there was the first murder.

39 We find out that jealousy become between the herdsmen of Abraham and Lot, and they had to separate.

We find out that Moses and Korah had a clash, also.

Jesus and Judas had a clash.

40 And as ever, it’s been the same thing, and so is it today, the natural church and the spiritual church has a clash when they come together. Now, the natural tries to match the spiritual, always with a carnal impersonation. But, as it was with Esau and Jacob, it will not work.

41 God has His Church called, named, set aside. And in the age that She lives in, He'll reveal Himself to Her, each and every time, just as He said in Romans the 8th chapter, that the foreknowledge or predestination of God might stand sure. Cain, or I mean . . .

42 Esau and Jacob, before either boy was born, before they even had a chance to make a choice, God said, "I hate Esau and love Jacob," for He knew what was in them, from the beginning. And we know . . .

43 Keep that in mind, He knows what's in your heart. He knows what you mean. No matter what we say, He knows what you mean.

44 And it's always caused trouble. And they, the . . . always, the natural always tries, since Cain destroyed Abel, the natural has always tried to destroy the effects of the spiritual. We find it the same thing today, the very same thing today. It proves that it comes from Satan, because it's jealousy and impersonation of Truth.

45 So, we really believe that God never changes His mind about what He said. He always keeps It true.

46 But He has a permissive will. Now, there, where the trouble lays. We try to work on God's permissive will, and He will permit it. But also if we take His permissive will, though it's not right, He will make His permissive will to work out, together, to glorify His perfect will.

47 There is nothing will go wrong, with God. We're . . . He knows just where the clock is ticking at, tonight. There is nothing wrong. Every lick is hitting just exactly the way it should be, everything. We think it's wrong, but He knows it's right. It's supposed to be like this.

48 Like at the beginning, God just permitted sin to come. He didn't, not . . . That wasn't His perfect will.

49 But, you see, God, the great Spirit, the Father, in Him was attributes, and these things that you see displayed now is just His attributes being displayed. He dwelt alone, He was not even God; God was an object of worship. He was the Great Eternal One. And in Him was attributes, such as to be Father, to be Saviour, to be Healer. And now, how could He first . . . He had to be Father, because it proves He was Father, but He dwells alone. He alone is immortal. And, now, but His attributes has to be displayed.

50 Now, to be a Saviour, there has to be something lost. And God cannot purposely lose anything and then redeem it. It wouldn't be becoming to His holiness and His great judgment. But He put man on free moral agency, knowing that man would fall. And in that, then, He became man, Himself, in order to redeem back man that fell. That's the reason that Jesus was Emmanuel. If God sent another person besides Himself, then that wouldn't be just. God had

to come Himself and take place. And God could not be come down in Spirit and take place, He had to be made flesh, in the flesh of His Own creative Son.

51 And He showed here, in the beginning, that His perfect will was to create man out of the dust of the earth. But, you see, He permitted sex to be brought in. He never did intend children to be born by sex, but it was permitted, which soon will fade away.

52 Now we find out that Moab was an illegitimate, to—to begin with, because it was Lot's son, by his own daughter. Now notice, as the natural church, Moab repre- . . . represents the—the natural church, Moab does. And Israel, the spiritual church, now, Israel, the bride, was the . . . represents the called-out.

53 The Church Itself, the word *church* means “called-out one, come out,” those who have come out. “Come out of her, My people! Be ye separated, saith the Lord, and I will receive you unto Myself. Touch not their unclean things.” The Church of God is called out of the world, out of the chaos of the world. You're no more of the world.

54 As I was trying to say, the other night, to you, it's when you know that you have the earnest of your—of your Eternal redemption right now in you, by the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it's already quickened you. You are now risen with Him, and we're sitting together in Heavenly places, in Christ Jesus. See, you're no more of the world. If you love the world, and your affections are still on the things of the world, then the love of God is not even in you. See? We are from, free from the world. There is no more desire.

55 In the Hebrews, I believe the 10th chapter, said, “There was a continually remembrance of sin, each year, those beasts' body was offered. But in this case, the worshiper once purged has no more conscience of sin, no more desire to sin.” The whole thing is gone from you, because you have been quickened into a new Life.

56 And then the church natural is just a bunch of people in denominations, that joined. It's no more. . . I don't even no more call it “church.” I don't like to refer to it. I like to refer to it as a “lodge,” Methodist lodge, Baptist lodge, Pentecostal lodge.

57 But the Church is the borned-again that's in Christ Jesus, that's new creatures. And so we still see that, that God keeps His Word.

58 Now Moab seen, Moab looked down upon the field and seen God moving amongst this people who was not even an organized nation. They were just floating around, from place to place. But the strange thing, that, they come upon these nations and they took them. Everything was in their road, they took them. Now, they found out,

Moab looking upon it. Balak, he looked down upon the nation of Israel, and he said, "The people cover the whole face of the earth." He said, "And they lick up the nations, just like an ox licking up grass."

⁵⁹ And they found out, one of the great key-notes was that how they got this great revelation, there was a prophet among them. They had a prophet, now, someone that led them. It wasn't a man-made system like he was used to, his—his delegations with him, and so forth, but it and his dignitaries. But they had a—a leader, a Divine-called leader.

⁶⁰ And, oh, what a sad day it was, when the church world left off the Divine leadership of the Holy Ghost, and adopted a bishop or anything else to take Its place. It was a sad day. The Holy Spirit is to be the leader of the church. He is sent to confirm the Words of Jesus Christ, to make the church live as it did live at the beginning.

⁶¹ Not long ago, a very famous school here in—in this city, a seminary. And they have one in Phoenix. And one of the men, or a couple of the students, was, came down to me and said, "We like you, Brother Branham. We don't have nothing again' you, at all, but we'd just like to straighten you out."

⁶² And I said, "Well, I sure want to be straightened out." So, and so I said, "If I'm wrong, I certainly don't want to be wrong; I talk to too many people."

⁶³ And he said, "Well, here is your trouble." Said, "You are trying to introduce, or to make live again, an apostolic religion. When, the apostolic religion ceased with the apostles."

And I said, "Yes, sir." I said, "Well, now if . . ."

He said, "Now, I wouldn't debate it with you."

⁶⁴ I said, "I wouldn't either. We don't. We're not supposed to do that. We're brethren."

And he said, "Well," he said, "I would just like to help you."

I said, "I'm certainly willing to get help."

And he said, "Now, you see," he said, "now the . . . that's true."

⁶⁵ And I said, "Now, on talking, we mustn't use textbooks." I said, "I won't use mine," and I had none but *This* one. But so—so I said, "I won't use textbook, just the Bible. And, you, we just use the Bible."

He said, "All right."

⁶⁶ I said, "Now, we believe that the apostolic church begin at the Day of Pentecost. Do you agree with that?"

He said, "Yes, I do."

67 I said, "Now we realize that God gave the church power there, for these apostolic movements."

68 He said, "Yes, that was the framework of the Church. Now the Church is already set in order, and we got all of our pastors, and our great organizations and things. We don't need those things anymore, to draw people."

69 I said, "Now where does the Bible say that?" I said, "You tell me where the Bible says that at." See?

And he said, "Well, it doesn't exactly say that in that way."

70 I said, "Well, then, I can't receive it 'less it says it just in that way, see. See?" I said, "We're. . . ." I said, "That's the way it has to be." I said, "Do you believe that God is still calling people?"

He said, "Yes, sir."

71 I said, "Now you will believe that the Bible is correct, every answer?"

"Yeah."

72 I said, "Now, the spokesman at the Day of Pentecost, was Peter, who had the keys to the Kingdom."

"That's right."

73 And I said, "Now, whatever his decision was, Jesus said, 'What you bind on earth, I'll bind in Heaven; what you loose on earth, I'll loose in Heaven.'"

He said, "I'll believe that."

74 I said, "Now, in Acts the 2nd chapter and the 38th verse, Peter said to those people who were marveling. These people speaking in unknown tongues. And they asked him what they could do to be saved, and he said, 'Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost; for the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.' Now if God is still calling, that same promise is for them."

75 Well, he come over here and was with one of Billy Graham's groups up here praying for a meeting. And a group of them was sitting up here in California somewhere, a few weeks ago, in real deep sincere prayer, consecrated to God, fasting, and the Holy Ghost fell on the whole bunch and begin to speak in other tongues. And. . . Uh-huh.

76 Now he is a member of the—of the Friendly church, the Assemblies of God in Tucson, Arizona. He said, "Oh, Brother

Branham, I go up there and feel so good!" Said, "Just raise back my hands, and," said, "the glory of God! I just sing!" And said, "I never could do that in a New Testament Baptist church."

I said, "I see you can't. That's why you're out." Yeah.

77 So there you are, see, God keeps His Word. What He says, He'll do it. God has to keep His Word.

78 Now we find out here, that, this carnal impersonation that Moab had. He saw this prophet among Israel, that was able to bless, curse, lead, and so forth, so he tries to match it, by politics.

79 Now that's just what's taken place in the churches today. They have tried to match it with some kind of a system. You can't do it.

80 The Holy Spirit must be alive in the Church, always, leading the Church for the age that It's living in, to confirm the Word that's promised for that age. God spoke the Word, from the beginning, and so much for *this* age, and so much for *that* age, and certain for *them* age. It always happens just that way. And, see, and the Holy Spirit must be alive in the Church, to make this Church live Its day. It must be here today, to confirm this latter-day ministry, latter-day signs, latter-day pour out of the Holy Ghost. It's just got to be here to do that, and you cannot get it through the working of systems. God has a system. He is the One Who has give us the Holy Spirit.

81 Now, we notice here that Moses had a King, and that King was God, that anointed him. And Balaam also was under a king, Balak. And it was more like a political setup, see, Balak. Balaam, a prophet of God, he went to Balak for his information. Moses went to God for information. There was the difference.

82 Yet, both of them were prophets, because they were both called of God; both met God, both talked to God, and both Spirit-filled. Now I'm coming home, see. Now, they were both Spirit-filled man. Now, that is true. The Bible said that, "God met with Balaam and talked with him." See?

83 So we notice, each one of these prophets, both of them being prophets, men of God, they catered to their headship. Moses catered to God. And Balaam here catered to Balak.

84 Notice here, in typing the spiritual and the natural, how perfect it was. Moses, sent by God, in a line of duty, is met and challenged by another man of God. Could you imagine such?

85 But look what a setup they had up there. It was an organized nation.

86 And Moses was leading the children of Israel, just as God would tell them where to go, led by a Pillar of Fire, and a supernatural

Being that was leading the way. And Moses was getting his information through the—the Logos, of course, that went out of God, that Pillar of Fire; which was the Angel of the Covenant, which was Christ, the Anointed One. And he was getting his message through There, and giving it to the children of Israel, on the road to a promised land.

⁸⁷ But this man was all settled down, and he had his kingdom. He had his churches. He had everything right there in order. So he sends over to get this man, to come over and to curse this people. And notice, could you imagine, that one prophet, one man of God seeing the works of God with another man, and try to—to challenge that works of God, when he knew, ought to have knowed better. Now Balaam, first when . . . Balak sent to him and told him, “Come over and curse this people.” Now Balak done the very thing, or . . .

⁸⁸ Balaam, rather, done the thing that was right, he sought God. He sought God, first. Now, that’s what he ought to have done.

⁸⁹ And then God give him His perfect, clean-cut answer, “Don’t go with him! Leave them alone. Don’t you curse those people. They are blessed.” Now, that ought to be enough. When God says anything, He cannot change that. Notice, His perfect will was, “Don’t you go! Don’t attack that people. They are My people.” That was His perfect will.

⁹⁰ But Balaam didn’t like those people, to begin with. See, there you are. How many Balaam’s do we have today? The same thing, same thing! They know better.

⁹¹ They had them in the days of our Lord Jesus. Nicodemus come and said, “Rabbi, we know You’re a man sent from God, or a—or a teacher sent from God. No man could do the things that You do unless God was with him.” See, they knew it. There was a Balaam again, see.

⁹² Now, Balaam didn’t like the people. Notice his headquarters. After they had sent some fine men over there, to tell him, “Now there is some people coming up down here. And I understand that you’re a prophet, you’re a great man, so you come up here and curse this people.”

⁹³ Balaam said, “Now, you wait a minute, till I go in and pray, and stay all night, maybe the Lord will meet me and He’ll tell me.” All right, the next morning, the Lord met with him and said, “Don’t go! Don’t curse those people. They’re blessed.”

⁹⁴ All right, Balaam went out and said, “Well, I can’t go, because the Lord told me not to go.”

⁹⁵ Now notice when they went back, and took the headquarters, for him to go down there and stop this meeting they had, you see, well,

then, come to find out, the headquarters sent a better set of people higher dignitaries, maybe a bishop, somebody else, or it might have been a state presbyter, somebody sent down there, "Tell him to go down and stop that anyhow!" See?

⁹⁶ Notice, his better influential group, better gifts, more money, said, "I can exalt you to a better position. I might make you, instead of just being an ordinary man, I can make you a little higher now. I have the right to do that, because I'm king here in this great movement. And I—I can do something better for you, if you'll just do it."

⁹⁷ Notice, the new offer blinded him. He ought to have knowed; what God said, God will do. But it blinded him. And as a prophet of God, he should have not been influenced by such a group. He should have got out of that group, to begin with.

⁹⁸ And if I'm talking to some men of God here! When they try to tell you at the headquarters, that, "The days of miracles is passed," and this what we're doing here, and the Lord Jesus is blessing us, "and that's a bunch of fanaticism, work-up and emotion, there is no such a thing as Divine healing," get out of that group, right there. [Brother Branham snaps his finger—Ed.] Get out of it, because It's the Word of God being made manifest. They say, "There is no such a thing as apostolic days. There is no baptism of the Holy Ghost. That speaking in tongues, there is nothing to it there."

⁹⁹ Oh, but, brother, don't you listen to that! There is a many one like Balaam, today, sitting back in their office, reading these Books of the Bible and know that It's the Truth. But yet just because of position's sake, they won't take their stand. Just exactly right. Notice, God . . . He knew he shouldn't have been in this group, or Balaam should have knew it. They, they get out of the will of God. Them fellows will talk you right out of the will of God. When you find the will of God, don't let nobody talk you out of it.

¹⁰⁰ I've knowed of good people, come to the meetings, get healed, and go back. And they'd say, "Oh, well, there is nothing to that. You're just worked up. There is nothing to it." And the people go to doubting. I've seen people come and receive Christ in their heart, go back; maybe speak in tongues, and go back. And the church will say, "Why, you're a—you're a disgrace to Christianity," and so forth. And, oh, my, don't, don't do that, see. Get out of that group! Stay away from it.

¹⁰¹ Notice, Balaam used a phony text here, for his conscience's sake, see. He said, "Peradventure. You stay another night, and maybe I'll ask God, you see. Maybe He might have changed His mind."

¹⁰² But God don't change His mind. When God give us the declaration of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, on the Day of

Pentecost, that's the way He has to keep it. He did all through the Bible age, and He will any other time that man will come upon them basis that He offered there. If you will come, believing, repenting, being baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and believing on God, God is obligated to fulfill that prescription, right, 'cause He's the doctor. And He'll fulfill it if you will—if you will obey it.

¹⁰³ But you can't afford now to try to get this prescription, take it over to some quack druggist that—that might put something else in it. It might kill the patient. That's the reason we got so many dead church members today, they are trying to give the wrong prescription. God has got the prescription right here in the Bible. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. You've got to take the medicine the way the Doctor said give it.

¹⁰⁴ The Bible said, "Is there no—is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?" Course, there is. Said, "Then why is the daughter of My people in this condition?"

¹⁰⁵ See, we got the Bible. We got the Physician. It's, just, the druggist is misfilling the Scripture prescription. That's what it is. You're trying to say, "The days of miracles is past. There is no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost and all these things. It's nonsense." The Bible is exactly right. God doesn't take back anything He said. And they try to use a phony way out, something another like, "Well, we believe *that*." Well, no matter what you believe!

¹⁰⁶ It's what God said! He said, "I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh." He promised this in the last days.

¹⁰⁷ They try to say the meetings, that you are seeing, they call me, "a soothsayer, a—a—a polished-up soothsayer, or a—or a Beelzebub, or some devil." Well, they got to say that, because they're of their father. That's what he said about Jesus at the beginning. And it's not us doing this, anyhow, it's same Jesus, 'cause He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. It's His Spirit.

¹⁰⁸ Oh, something that could pass, by-pass and ful- . . . by-pass His commission. So many people try to by-pass that. "Oh, come join the church, and it'll be all right. We're an old church. We've been here for many years. We started. . . ." Yes, that's right. If that's so, then the Roman Catholic church has got it on all of you; they're the first of the organizations. They was first. But, remember, not the first Church. They was the first organization, and the mother of every one of them. Which, every one of them is contrary to God. Revelation 17 says the same thing, see. Yes, we are in the last days. Now, remember, God will let you, though, see, now.

And then Balaam, he thought, "Well?"

109 Then God told him, "Go on." Why? God knew what was in his heart. God knew that was in his heart to begin with, so He told him to, "Go on." He will permit it. He will permit you to do it. He will bless you, many times, in doing it.

110 He blessed even Israel after they . . . Grace had already give them a prophet, Pillar of Fire, a deliverance, signs and wonders, brought them out of Egypt, and everything, and yet they wanted a law. God let them have it, but He cursed them all the time.

111 He let Balaam go on just the way he was supposed to, but what did he do? He went down there and, instead of cursing the people, he had to bless the people. He could not curse what God had blessed.

112 And I—I told you, was going to quit at nine. And I looked up, and it's time now, and I got a book full of notes here.

113 But I want to say this, in closing, that God never changed His mind. His direct will was for Balaam not to go. And when God makes a statement, it has to ever remain true.

114 Now, the Bible said, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Now, that don't mean "in a certain way." That means He's the same yesterday, today, and forever! Jesus said, in Saint John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] He promised, in Mark 16, "These signs shall follow them that believe."

They say, "Well, that was just for the apostles."

115 He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. These signs shall follow them, in all the world, and to every creature. In My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. If they take up serpents, or drink deadly things, it wouldn't harm them. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Now, that is His qualification.

116 See, we try to qualify something. We are trying to make, qualify the church to what we think God's Word is. We can't qualify to the church. We've got to qualify to God.

117 I've always said, it's a great matching time. You paint your steps red, and watch your neighbor paint his red. Some of you women wear a certain kind of hat, at church, and watch the rest of the women get that.

118 Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy had this here water-head haircut, and look all the women. She wore them little old sack-colored aprons, or things like that, it's a scandalous for the woman to be on the

street, with them stretched on like that. Look at all the women doing the same thing. It's an impersonation, but that's in the world. The church people picked it up, and it's a shame that they do it. It's wrong for them to do it, and it's a disgrace. And when we see it creeping into Pentecost, it's more disgraceful. That is right. But, you see, the church puts up with it and lets it go.

119 Now, we don't care. I never cared whether my coat matched my trousers, or my tie matched my coat. I want my experience to match God's Bible and His requirement. And that's what we as pentecostal people ought to do, is have our experience just like theirs was, because He's the same Jesus, the same Holy Ghost, the same power. He's living today, and He lives among us.

120 It kind of reminds me of one day His mother had gone off from Jerusalem, from the worship, and his foster daddy, Joseph. And they went three-day's journey, and just presuming that He was along with them, and they found out that He wasn't there.

121 And, you know, I want to liken that today. You know, the church has had a three-stage journey. Luther, Wesley, pentecost; three-stage journey. God will give them a message, justification, Luther, he hung onto it; then come sanctification through Wesley; then the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with pentecost. And I wonder if we didn't get off all on a big tantrum somewhere, to build big things and do great things, like Balaam had in his mind; great organizations, the—the one to outrun the other, and *this* one more, giving gold medals and stars for Sunday school and who could bring in the most members, and take in just anything into the church.

122 I tell you, there is one Church there is not a hypocrite in, that's the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, that's baptized by the Holy Ghost. You're not persuaded in There. You are borned in There. You're sent in there by the Holy Spirit.

123 They found out. The parent found out that He wasn't among them.

124 Now in this hour, this great crisis is on, when we know that this nation is shaking. Not only the nation, but the world is shaking. It's at the end time. There is not another thing that I know to happen but the Rapture, the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It's all ready.

125 And we see these gatherings. Oh, get every benefit, this convention coming up, get everything out of it you can get, that's of God. If you haven't got the Holy Ghost, just put it in your mind you're not going to leave here until you get It. That's the way to do it. Stay there, 'cause you . . . this is, might be your last opportunity.

There may never be another convention on this West Coast. It may be beneath the sea, by that time, 'fore another one. So we don't know what could happen, so we . . . We're looking for the judgments of God to come upon the nations.

¹²⁶ Now may I say this. They thought He was along. But they found out, in the crisis, that He wasn't. See, He wasn't with them.

¹²⁷ Now we find out, that in the time that when this great thing has been brought up, and we find out that we're missing something in our churches, and that is the power of Christ.

¹²⁸ Now, look, I don't want to criticize. I love you, and genuine, true love always is corrective. Now we're missing Christ in our church. We're missing Christ amongst our Pentecostal people, our brother and sisters. There is something wrong. The old-fashion prayer meetings they used to have, all day and night, they don't have them no more. Our women used to wear long hair; they don't do it anymore. It would be a disgrace for women to paint and use paint, back in the early days, and act the way these women do. Something went wrong. Nothing wrong with Christ, see, but something went wrong. Something is somewhere. The pulpit, used to, wouldn't have permitted such a thing as that, but it does now. See, the crisis is on, and we're missing something.

¹²⁹ We're missing power that we ought to have, where the big machine ought to be running up, and great signs and wonders. Well, this building ought to be sitting so full of power of God, now, till a sinner couldn't stay in here; the Holy Spirit condemning it, right quickly like that, like Ananias and Sapphira. And we're missing something.

¹³⁰ Now what happened? They went to look for Him, amongst their kinfolks, and they didn't find Him amongst their kinfolks. So where did they find Him? Right back where they left Him.

¹³¹ And I think, when our church got on this great organizational spree that we had, one had to outdo the other, and had to have bigger churches, and better class of people, and better dressed people, and better singers, and stand up there and . . .

¹³² I like good singing. I like real good old-fashion pentecostal singing. But I cannot stand that put-on stuff, it just simply don't go with me; hold your breath till you're blue in the face, just to be heard. I—I believe in singing from your heart, in the Spirit of God, like I heard in here a while ago. See?

¹³³ I like good old-fashion shouting, but I think shouting can go on just if the music is going on or not. The Spirit of God upon the

people, It brings down the blessings and power of God. I believe man can testify, and sing and praise God, at their work, wherever they are. Truly.

¹³⁴ And now we're missing something. Where will we find Him? Right where we left Him, in the Word.

Let us pray.

¹³⁵ Dear Heavenly Father, one of these nights we're going to close this Bible the last time, the last song is going to be sung, last sermon preached, the last prayer line will be called, the last sinner will come in. And then what? O dear God, we don't want Your permissive will, Father. Let us walk in Your perfect will. Let us just—just not take a Word here and there, and make It to fit a dogma or a creed, or something. Let us take the Word as It is, believing the full Gospel, all that Jesus taught for us to do. We do not believe that the acts of the apostles is just the framework. We believe It's the Word of God, It's the acts of Your Holy Spirit in the apostles. And we believe that the same Holy Spirit, Lord, that come upon them, and the way they acted, It'll do the same thing in us, when It comes upon us, if it's the same Spirit.

¹³⁶ So I pray, dear God, that this convention that we're just on the eve of it, to start tomorrow night. I pray, Heavenly Father, that it'll be the greatest convention that this city has ever had, because of Your Presence. Bless each speaker, O God, may it be so—so shaking, may the wrath of God be thundered out across the pulpit. May sinners shake, tremble. May the Presence of Jesus Christ come so real to the people, that they can just close their eyes and see Him walking among them. Grant it, Lord.

¹³⁷ Now, tonight, just before this happens that we're praying for... Dear God, some of Your children are sick. They've been wounded, and—and they're hurt. I've come to pray for them. Will You honor what I ask You, tonight, Lord, for their sickness? I trust, to You, there won't be a feeble person in this building when the services is over.

¹³⁸ Your servants all through here, sitting out there, shouting, throwing up their hands, and back here on the platform, and saying "amen" to the Word. Father, we are one unit of people. We've come out of the world, out of those cold formal conditions, and we've been borned of the Spirit. We're alive, tonight. And You said, because You live, we were alive also. And we are trusting, Lord, and believing with all of our heart, according to the Word, that we are represented in Thee.

¹³⁹ Now make Thy Words real, tonight, to heal the sick, as I pray for them, and these others pray. Grant it, Lord, it'll be so. And we'll praise Thee for it. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

¹⁴⁰ Now . . . [Someone begins to speak in another tongue. Blank spot on tape—Ed.] Thank You, Father God.

¹⁴¹ We feel that, just like one time in the Bible, they was up against a crisis, and the Spirit of the Lord fell upon a man and He told him where to defeat the enemy, where to go. Listen to That. Just correct yourself. See, the Spirit of Life in you, corrects you to the Word. See, if the Word is living in you, It lives Itself right through the Word.

¹⁴² Now, last night I was late. Now, you're such a fine people, I just . . . Looks like, and as I start getting older, I—I—I just wish I could . . . I will be with you forever, in another Land.

¹⁴³ So now we're going to pray for the sick, and now I'm not going to try to bring too many at a time, like I did last night. And now, Billy Paul give out a bunch of prayer cards, I suppose a hundred of them. Did you give a hundred, or two? Two hundred. What was they? C.

¹⁴⁴ Who has C, number one? Raise up your hand, let's see if that's right, now. Prayer card, look on your prayer card, it's got a number and a—and a letter on it. C, number one, raise up your hand. Way up. All right, come down here. Number two, three, four, five. Now, and, you, somebody get over here and catch them. Now we want every one of the prayer cards, but we want them lined over on *this* side. One, two, three, four, five. I see three of them. And your prayer card, sir? Four. Now there be another one? Five, is that the person coming there? One, two, three, four, five. C, number one, two, three, four, five. All right, now just come as you're called, your number.

¹⁴⁵ So, last night, I seen them down there, people crowding. We don't want that. This is a church, you know, not an arena. So, we—we, you have to keep order.

¹⁴⁶ One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Now just line them up as they go back. Now, prayer card six, seven, eight, nine, ten. And somebody will hold up their hand when they got . . . when they're lined up up there. And we're going to pray for them.

¹⁴⁷ How many is going to believe with me now that the Lord Jesus is going to do a great work? I'll do all that I can. Now six, seven; six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen.

¹⁴⁸ Now just come around, so they won't all be crowded at once, you know, and around it. That's what the numbers are given to you for, to keep you in order, you know. Keep so it will not be . . . Then as your number is called, well, you just come then. All right, and now we want to . . .

149 Now I want all, everybody, to be real reverent now. And we'll pray on now for about, till we can get these people prayed for. And we don't know what the Lord might do. We don't know what He'll do. But we're expecting Him to do great things.

150 Now, I believe, fifteen, have I got that many over there yet? Billy Paul, where you at? All right. Fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty.

151 Now, see, they're already jamming up. So now I'm going to have, maybe, perhaps some brother to, as when them comes down to the end of the row, let him call the next numbers, you see, so we won't all have to stand, stand there so long when we're praying for—for the—the sick people. All right. Now we'll—we'll... I want—want you to . . .

152 I want to speak to you while they're getting those people so they won't be jammed up together.

153 Now, no one come until your—your number is called. We called up to fifteen, I believe it was, or twenty, something along there, I'll say up to twenty, and then let's wait. And that'll be enough in there right now, whatever is over there.

154 And now how many cards is there? Raise up your hands. And how many doesn't have cards? Raise up your hands.

155 Now, remember, you don't have to have a prayer card. We've been here two nights, and each night the Holy Spirit has went out over the audience and healed the people, regardless of prayer cards. Is that right? The prayer card only does one thing to you, help you to get in line. That's right. But you have faith, and you watch the Holy Spirit leave the platform, right here, and go right out among them audience there. How many knows that to be true? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

156 Now, I—I believe, firmly believe, if there was any other church besides the Pentecostal church, that I would—could go with and believe to, I would be with it, if I thought there was anything better. And when you hear me say something about the organizations, and things like that, I'm not against the people. It's because . . .

157 What if you seen a man that you loved, out in a boat floating right down towards the falls, and know that boat was going to sink with him, and you say, "Well, I love him, but he—he's got his own ways"? No, I couldn't do that. That's not in me. I'd scream, run out and grab him, shake him, jerk him in, or anything else, to get him out of there, see.

158 And I know that that won't float the falls. That's right. It's got to come back to Christ, as certain as anything. It's got to come back to—to God. Now I—I. . .

159 Everybody in here has been in my meetings before, is that right? Hold up your hands if you've been in the meetings. All right. There's not any. . .

160 Is there any newcomers that never was in one of my meetings before? Hold your hands. Well, what do you. . . I never. . . Is this the first time you've been in one of my meetings? Raise your hands again. Well, I—I—I tell you, I. . .

161 Maybe I better change this thing. [A brother says, "Explain a little bit about your ministry."—Ed.] Well, I—I'd better.

162 You, to you people that just come in, I—I'm going. . . It's going to take me just a little, few minutes longer. Let me explain it, because you'll go away with the wrong impression, see.

163 I believe in every act of God. But I do believe that the Bible promises us, in the last days, that there is to be, come again, the Church has got to get in the same order it was, that Jesus left it when it went away. See, it's the Bride, it's got to come back to that place. Now, we've come through the great works of God, through justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, restoration of gifts. But in following the line of Abraham. . .

164 Now, I'm uneducated, and so I have to use something like John the Baptist. He was uneducated, too. He went in the wilderness, about nine years old, and he never got an education. So his sermons were more based upon like nature, "O you generation of snakes." See, that's the worse thing he seen, and the so slimey, and he called them priests "snakes." He said, "You generation of snakes, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Don't begin to say, 'We got *this*, and we belong to *this*.' God is able of these stones," that's what he seen on the river bank, "to raise up children to Abraham. And, also, the ax," that's what he used in the wilderness, "is laid to the root of the tree. And every tree that don't bring forth good fruit, is hewn down." That's the kind he burnt, and made firewood out of, you see. But the good trees. . . He—he just makes his sermons like that.

165 So, in this, I want to—to say it in this manner. We're at the end time, the harvest time.

166 Now, in Abraham's journey, he met God all along in different forms, and so forth, which we could take it and show it. Just, we are Abraham's Seed, if we're in Christ. And Isaac was really his—his lesser son; he was his son, sexually. But, spiritually, Christ was Abraham's Seed, his royal Seed, his faith.

167 Now we find that his royal Seed is, travels the same journey, that's, Bride of Christ travels the same journey that Abraham did. And the last sign that Abraham seen, before the promised son came, was when God was manifested in a human body, and two Angels came down.

168 Jesus said, in Saint Luke, the 17th chapter and the 30th verse, that, "As it was in the days of Noah." He told about Noah's time. And said, "As it was in the days of Sodom," see, His Coming, "so will it be in the days when the Son of man is being revealed." Now, He never said "the Son of God" being revealed. "The Son of man!"

169 Now, Jesus came in three names. Son of man, which is a prophet; Son of God, which went through the Church age; then Son of David. But in between the Son of God and Son of David, according to His Own Word, and according to Malachi 4 and many Scriptures, He's to return back into His Church, in physical form, in the people, in a . . . in human beings, in the way of being a prophet. See?

170 And watch what this Man done when He came down to see Abraham. First thing, He told Abraham about his name being changed, because He didn't call him Abram, He called him Abraham. And when He did, why, we find out that—that He said, "Where is thy wife, Sarah?" S-a-r-a-h; not S-a-r-r-a.

171 "Why," he said, "she is in the tent behind You."

172 He said now, she was ninety and Abraham was a hundred, and He said, "Now I'm going to visit you according to the promise, the time of life."

173 And Sarah on the inside, heard Him, listening through the wall of the tent, and she laughed to herself. And the Angel, Man sitting there, said, discerned her spirit in the back, behind Him, and said, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying about these things?"

174 Well, they called Sarah forth, and she denied it. He said, "But you did do it." She was scared.

175 Now Jesus said, just before the Coming of the Son of God, or the Son of . . . the second Coming, that this age that we live through . . .

176 He come as Son of man, a prophet, because that fulfills the Scripture. Moses said, "The Lord your God shall raise up a prophet like unto me." We all know that was Jesus. Don't we? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] So He had to come according to the Scripture, a prophet. He never called Himself the Son of God; He called Himself the Son of man.

177 But now He is, through the Church age now, He has been Son of God. In the Millennium He'll be Son of David, sitting on David's throne. But between this time, we find out by the Scriptures, He is to reveal Himself again as Son of man, a prophet.

178 Cause, the Word of the Lord comes to prophets only, never to theologians. It is to prophets. And the Lord said He did nothing, in His unchanging Word we just talked about, until first He shows His prophets. And the end time, them seven seals that this Bible has sealed up, the sevenfold mysteries of all of Christ, has to be revealed first, and it can only be brought to a prophet. We've been looking for that, for years, and we believe that His Spirit is among us now, so we find.

179 Now watch when Jesus come, watch what He did to prove Himself to be that Messiah, that Anointed One. One day, after He had received . . . The Father had came down and dwelt in Him, in the form of a dove coming down from Heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am pleased to dwell in."

180 That's the reason He said, "I and My Father are One. My Father dwelleth in Me. It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me."

181 John bear record, seeing that Spirit of God, like a dove, descending. A Voice coming from It, saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell." See, and He dwelt in Him.

182 Now watch when His ministry started, He had to act Son of man now. Now watch what He did. There come up a man by the name of Simon Peter. His name was Simon then, later called Peter. Andrew had been attending the meeting of John; and then when Jesus come, and John had introduced Him, he saw Him. And Andrew asked his brother, Simon, to come to the meeting with him.

183 And he had been told by their father, as it said that, "There would come a time, before the real Messiah would come, that there would be many false Messiahs raise up." There is always that way. He said, "But, sons, remember, the real Messiah, you will know Him because He'll be according to the Scripture. He will be a prophet. Now, we haven't had a prophet for hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of years, since Malachi. But there'll be many people make claims, which we know there was—there was a Jesus raised up and carried out a bunch, and so forth. But this real Messiah will be a prophet." And all Hebrews are taught to believe what the prophets says are the truth.

184 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] Right then that uneducated fisherman, who we're told didn't have enough education to write his name, the Bible said he was both "ignorant and unlearned," he recognized that

to be the Son of God. He recognized that to be the Messiah, because there was a prophet. There was the One Who told him who his name was, and told him what his father's name was. Then he knowed that had to be a prophet, 'cause the Man didn't know him. And he was given the keys to the Kingdom.

¹⁸⁵ And we find there was some standing there listening at that, and one by the name of Philip, who had a . . . was having Bible studies with a friend, by the name of Nathanael, looking for the Messiah. So he runs around the mountain, about a day's journey, and comes back. And he finds this Nathanael over there under a—a fig tree, pray—praying. And he said, "Come, see Who we found, Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph." So Nathanael being . . . or Philip or . . .

¹⁸⁶ Nathanael, rather, being a good man, he said, "Now, could any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

He said, "Well," he said, "just come and see."

¹⁸⁷ Now, that's good advice. Come, see for yourself. Don't stay home and criticize. Come, find out. "Search the Scriptures, in them you think you have Eternal Life." Jesus said, "They are They that testify of Me."

¹⁸⁸ So on the road back, no doubt, they had a little talk. He told him, said, "You know that old fisherman that couldn't sign that ticket for them fish you got that day? He told him. You know his father was up there in the church, his name was Jonas. You remember? So, He—He—He told him who he was."

"Oh, I'll have to see that."

¹⁸⁹ So when he walked up, and maybe he was in the prayer line, where Jesus was. I don't know. He had walked up in Jesus' Presence. Jesus looked at him, and said, "Behold an Israelite, in whom there is no guile!"

¹⁹⁰ Now, the first place, you say, "How did He know he was an Israelite? Well, because he was dressed?" No, no.

¹⁹¹ All Easterners wear those turbans. They dress alike. And said, "An Israelite."

¹⁹² And He said, "There is no guile!" He could have been a crook or anything, then he would have been exposed. He said, "In which there is no guile! "

¹⁹³ And so that kind of took the starch out of Nathanael, so he said, "Rabbi, when did You ever know me? Why, I—I—I don't get this. When did You ever know me? I never met You. I just was brought up here by Philip. When did You ever know it?"

194 He said, "Before you were under the fig tree, while you were there praying, I saw you." Yeah. See?

195 He said, "Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God. Thou art the King of Israel."

196 Jesus said, "Because I told you this, you believed? Then you'll see greater than this."

197 Now, there was those standing there. Now let me give you a little warning. There was those standing there, rabbis and priests, and they said, "This Man does this by Beelzebub."

198 And Jesus turned and said, "I'll forgive you for that," for the atonement wasn't yet made, "but someday the Holy Ghost will come and do the same thing," He said, "and to speak one word against That, it'll never be forgiven you in this world nor the world to come."

On to the woman at the well, the Samaritans.

199 Now, there was three races of people on earth. We might be black, brown, yellow, whatever we are, but we come from one blood. And there is three races, which come from Ham, Shem, and Japheth's people; and that's Jew, Gentile, and Samaritan, half Jew and Gentile.

200 Now, we Gentiles, Anglo-Saxon, we were heathen, worshipping idols. We wasn't looking for no Messiah.

201 So when Jesus manifested Himself as Son of man... Now listen close, and I'll close. When Jesus came, He was duty bound to represent what the prophet said He would be, so there before Israel He represented Himself, before Peter and Nathanael and those there, as Son of man.

202 Now He has need go by Samaria. And He goes up to Samaria, and there He found a woman sitting at the well. We know the story, and as she, they talked together. She come to get water. He said, "Bring Me a drink."

203 And she said, "Now, there is segregation here, we can't have this. And I'm a woman of Samaria, and You're a Jew. We don't have. . ."

204 He said, "But if you knew Who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink."

205 She said, "Well, the well is deep, what You going to draw with?"

206 And the conversation went on till He contacted her spirit. And when He contacted her spirit, He found what her trouble was. How

many knows that? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Now how many of you newcomers knows that the truth? [“Amen.”] That’s right, that was true.

And what did He say? “Go get your husband and come here.”

She said, “I have no husband.”

207 And He said, “Thou hast said well. For you’ve had five husbands, and the one you’re living with now is not your husband.” She turned.

208 Now, she wasn’t like them priests, said, “He’s got a devil. He’s a fortuneteller or something.”

209 She turned, and she said, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Now, we haven’t had one for four hundred years. The church hasn’t been used to such as this. But we perceive, I perceive that You are a prophet. Now, I know that we’re looking for the Messiah. And when the Messiah comes, that’s the thing that He’ll do.”

210 Now the Bible said, “He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever.” If that was the anointed sign of Messiah back there, to the Samaritan and to the Jew, now, it never was done before Gentiles. Nowhere in the Bible did Jesus ever do it before Gentiles. They had four thousand years of looking for a Messiah; we’ve had two thousand years, with their training, also, to look for a Messiah.

211 Now, if that was His identification just before their day was finished, it’s got to be our identification, because He promised the Son of man would reveal Himself again in the day that the world become like Sodom again. And anybody knows we’re there. See?

212 Now, I believe that Jesus Christ keeps every Word. All Scripture is inspired. I don’t believe we have one right, and will be condemned for it, if we add one word to It or take one Word from It. Revelation 22 says so. I believe He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever.

213 I certainly honor the Lutheran for their stand in their day, the Methodist for sanctification in their day, and the Pentecostal for their stand in their day, but we’re living in another day. We’re living when there has been stalk, tassel, shuck, almost like the Wheat, but the Wheat is inside the shuck. The shuck has just supported the Wheat, kept the hot sun from burning It. And now the denomination is pulling away from It, so It can lay in the Presence of the Son, to get ripe. So we’re—we’re in. . . There won’t be no more organizations rise up. This is the end of it. We’ve had, always about three years, when a message starts, they organize it.

214 This has been going on for nearly twenty years, and no organization. It can't. We're in the Wheat time, the harvest time. I can hear the great combine coming. We're going Home one day. "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever."

215 Now, I am not He, but I am His servant. I do not believe that you lay hands on people and give them gifts. "Gifts and callings are without repentance." They are predestinated, of God, to meet the age and the time of that age. Any Bible student knows that's the truth. Moses was born just in time. Jeremiah, in time, all the rest of them. John the Baptist, in time. Jesus was in time. And we're in time. This is what is supposed to happen.

216 Now, I claim that He is alive today, and His Spirit. After the church ages, we're in the Laodicean church age, the last call, and the worst of all of them, 'cause He was put out of the church. Remember, Son of man, and He was put out of the church; not an organization out of an organization, but a Person out of an organization. See? None of the other church ages had that, just the Laodicea. If you are spiritual, you'll understand.

217 Our Heavenly Father, now I have testified truly of You. Now if this be true, which I know it is, Lord, I believe it true, You testify that I've told the Truth. In Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

218 I'm going to ask something, just a moment. I wasn't going to have any discernments in the line, because I thought all of you just been in my ministry. But for these people that's here, let some of you people out there go to praying, and let just someone in the line, or something. And now if Jesus Christ will take this human being. It won't work without you. You're the one who does it.

219 Now, listen, a woman touched His garment, one day, and He turned around, said, "Who touched Me?"

220 They all said, "Why, You seem . . ." Or, Peter said, "Why, the whole crowd is touching You."

221 He said, "But I perceive that I've gotten weak, or virtue has gone from Me." *Virtue* is "strength." And said, "I perceive that I have—I have gotten weak."

222 And so He looked around, upon the woman, until He found her, and told her about her blood issue. And that she . . . He said, "Thy faith has saved thee." All right.

223 Now, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. And the New Testament, the Book of Hebrews, said that, "Right now He is the High Priest making intercessions for you, that can be touched by the feeling of your infirmity."

Now, here, is that—is that one of the patients here? Come.

224 Now, for the audience. I do this not for a show, friends. Now stop thinking that. Remember, I get your thoughts. How many knows that's true, and sees it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

225 Here is a woman that I—I've never seen. I don't know one thing about the woman. We're probably born miles apart, and years apart, and here we stand here tonight. We're strangers to each other. I don't know you. Now, I have no idea. Here, here is—here is Saint John 4 again, a—a man meets a woman. Now, I'm not Jesus and she is not that woman. But here is just similar. And He said, "The works that I do shall you do also." Now, I don't know. It takes this woman's faith to do it. I don't know nothing about her. But now if I have told that which is truth, then God is obligated to make the . . . say this is right. Now, not knowing you, if God of Heaven . . .

226 And I have told the Truth. Do you believe that what I said about that is the Truth? You accept that to be true? [The sister says, "I believe it."—Ed.] You believe that? I wouldn't stand here before this Holy Bible and try to mislead someone, a man of my age, and know I've got to meet God yonder at the Judgment Bar. We've got to stand there, someday. We know that.

227 Now if God can reveal, to me, something in your life, that you know that I don't know nothing about, 'cause I don't know you. If anything, it would have to be something in your life. I would know nothing about it. It would have to be come from a supernatural Power. And then it would be up to you, what you thought the Power was.

228 Now to you newcomers. Now I hold my hand. Now, please don't walk around right now, 'cause, see, you're each a spirit. When I turn, you just feel like a—a pull from everywhere. See, you're—you're human beings and got spirits. And you are a spirit. If you're not, you're dead. So you just respect, just for a moment.

229 And you man here, pray. I wasn't expecting this, never come for this tonight, at all. I come just to pray for the sick. But that's the newcomers.

230 Now, do you believe that? If the Lord can tell me what your trouble is, or what you're here for, something you have done or ought to have done, or—or something else, then you will believe? All right, I'm trying to contact your spirit, you see. That's what I'm trying to do. Like He did the woman at the well, He talked to her a little bit, see, He was asking for a drink. And that's what I'm trying to do, is get your mind, not reading your mind; but trying to as He did, perceive your thoughts.

231 You're here for a stomach condition. You got a stomach trouble. That's right. Raise your hand if that's true. Do you believe now? Not only that, but you're hungering for something else. You want the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Wave your hand if that's true. See? I seen that Light move down on her, and then move back, see. Go and receive the Holy Ghost, in the Name of Jesus Christ, the answer.

232 Do you believe now, newcomer? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now you say . . .

233 Now here, see, when that anointing once gets started, then here It goes. See, just as soon as the woman standing, there she is, she is right now . . . She recognizes there is Something around her.

234 How many ever seen the picture of that Pillar of Fire, that Light there? At Washington D.C. See? Now I wish . . . It's another dimension, like. I'm looking right at It. There It hangs right here by the woman. I'm looking right at It.

235 Now, I'm a total stranger to this woman. I don't know her. And I doubt very much whether she knows me, only just by being out in the meeting. That's all. But if God can tell me something about you, or something like just a while ago, would you believe me to be His prophet, His servant? You'd believe that with all your heart? Well, may He grant it. You are, you're facing an operation, and that operation is about your hand. There is no places on them, but it's a nerve condition in your hand. That was caused by an accident, and you're supposed to be operated on. You believe, and you won't have to be operated on, if you'll just believe with all your heart! Come, now. Do you believe His promise? [The sister says, "Yes, sir."—Ed.] Yeah.

236 Just have faith now. Just don't doubt. Just believe. Now, here, let this one more woman, 'cause this woman is in a critical condition. You see that black shadow? How many ever seen the picture taken of the black shadow of death? It's hanging over the woman right now. If God don't help her, she can't live. She has a tumor. [The sister says, "Yes!"—Ed.] And the tumor is in the brain. ["Yes!"] Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

237 Dear God, if You're present so close now, that knows all these things, I pray, Dear God, that You'll heal our sister. Let her live, Father, for Your glory. I ask in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

238 How do you do? You're a mighty nice person. If mother had lived, she would been about your age, I suppose. She is in Glory, tonight. She would always pray for me when I went to meeting. I said to the Lord . . . [The sister says, "I'm eighty-five."—Ed.] Ma'am? ["I'm eighty-five."] Eighty-five years old. Bless your heart, sister.

239 Now, I am a total stranger to you, I suppose. We're years difference in our age. And I don't know you. I've never seen you. We're just two people met here on earth, but you are a Christian. You're a believer. Cause, the reason I know that, is the feeling of your spirit. You're, you've welcomed me, see. And I do believe it to be the Holy Spirit, 'cause it gives the works and actions of the Holy Spirit. See? And I know It's Him. I know this thing that we speak of is true. Now, I know it's the truth.

240 Now, I don't know what would be wrong. But if the Lord Jesus would reveal to me what would be wrong with you, would. . . you would know whether it was right or not, or tell me something that you've done, or ought not have done. You'd believe it was that same Lord Jesus, same God that could tell Philip where he was, tell Simon what his name was? Do you believe Him to be the same One?

241 Your trouble is a bowel trouble. [The sister says, "Exact."] That's exact. Isn't that right? ["Yes, sir."—Ed.] You believe me now to be His prophet? Your name is Mrs. Bayer, Mrs. Bayer; Bayer, like Bayer aspirin. That's right. You're healed. Go on, Jesus Christ make you well. God bless you.

242 You believe with all your . . . Now if you just have faith, don't doubt!

243 Now, you're really not here for yourself. You're here for somebody else. It's a man, and he's not here, a brother. That brother is in a mental institution. Take that handkerchief you got in your hand, while the Spirit is on you, send it to him. Put it on him, don't doubt, he'll come out of the institution and be well. Do you believe it? God bless you.

244 You say that, "You said, 'That Angel, in the last day there, He had His back turned.' Well, you look."

245 I won't look at this woman. I turn my back. Now, lady, the one is the patient, can you hear me, say "yes." [The sister says, "Yes."—Ed.] If the Lord Jesus will reveal to me what's your trouble, when I'm looking this way, you'll know whether it's the truth or not. Is that right? Do you believe then it's to fulfill what Jesus said, "It would be done in the last days, as it was in the days of Sodom"? Will you believe it? You have a lady's disorder, a female trouble. Believe with all your heart now, it'll leave and you can go home and be well. God bless you.

"If thou canst believe!"

246 Do you believe God will heal that heart trouble? Well, just keep on walking, saying, "Thank You, Lord!" Believe!

247 Get up of a morning, you can hardly move. Arthritis is a bad thing, but Jesus Christ is the Healer of arthritis. Do you believe that? You step off of a curb, sideways, going down. I see you doing that. You won't have to do that no more, if you'll believe. Do you believe that I was sent for this purpose? [The sister says, "I do."—Ed.] Then, in the Name of Jesus Christ, may it leave her. Amen.

248 You got stomach trouble. Do you believe God will let you go home, eat your supper, feel good about it? Go on your road, eat your supper, believe and you'll feel fine.

249 You have a weakness comes over you, that's right, because your heart is bad. That's right. You don't have it no more now. Go, believe it.

250 What if I didn't say one word to you, and just laid hands on you, would you believe me, too, that you'd get well? Come here.

251 Dear Heavenly Father, I pray that You'll heal the woman and make her well, through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

252 How many people here believe, how many of you newcomers, all you people?

253 Just think, and I can't hardly see the people coming now. Just remember, one vision caused the Lord Jesus to get weak. How many knows that? One woman touched Him. Daniel saw a vision and was troubled at his mind, his head, for several days. How many knows that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] See? All right.

254 Now how many of you people believe that, that this is the Holy Spirit? Do you believe it with all your . . . Not me, now. The Holy Spirit! Now here is man sitting here that believe that, too.

255 Now some, now some more of you people that's got them prayer cards, I want everybody that is going to be in this prayer line, stand up to your feet, just a moment.

256 Look, I want to ask you a solemn question. Have you confessed all your sins that is there? You believe? Have you confessed, and you—you believe that you're going to be healed? You've confessed all your sins and made all the wrongs right? Raise up your hands, if you have, before God, you believe that.

257 And now with your hands up, also, do you believe it takes the Holy Spirit, and this is the Holy Spirit that's just vindicating Himself among you? You believe that with all your heart? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] You do? Then every one of you can be healed.

258 Now do you have faith and confidence in these ministers sitting here? Do you believe them men, too? How about let's pray for you, each one, and then let you come by and lay hands on you.

259 This makes me so weak. That just go on like that, it just—it just gets me.

260 And I—I'm going to South Africa after this. For, oh, my, you know how it is down there where you can't even talk to the people. And there'd be . . . We're at least expecting three hundred thousand, one single meeting.

261 So you just believe! You're here in America, you've seen It in and out.

262 Dear God, these people are needy. And I don't know nothing else that You could do, Father, to prove to them by Your Word, that You're the unchanging God. I believe that we have seen so many great things, Lord, and ate from Your table, with such dainty, wonderful Eternal Food of Life, till we've become . . . and become too accustomed to It. It—it becomes a common thing. We're not, we don't approach It right, Lord, when we see. Even I think of myself standing here, I should be on my knees, knowing that right here that Spirit that raised Him up from the dead is standing right here. The Spirit was on Him when He was living here on earth, is right here now. And we, poor unworthy sinners, through His grace and mercy, He bought our lives. And here we are, today, carrying on His work, as He said that we would carry on His work. "The works that I do shall you do also." Promising these things and proving them, here in this world! Lord, I am so grateful to You, that I could be counted a part of the people of Yours, in this last day.

263 Dear God, these people are standing. They're sick, Father. I have no way of healing them. And neither do You now, You've already healed them. You were wounded for our transgressions, with Your stripes we were healed. So, Father, I pray that each one of them passing through here, when we're going to pray for them, that they'll come like they were now walking under the cross. For they know, beyond a shadow of doubt, the vindicated Holy Spirit is here on the platform. The Christ of God is right in the meeting. Forgive every sin. Take away every unbelief. And may each of them be healed as they pass through this line. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I ask it. Amen.

264 [A brother says, "Brother Branham, if we can have everyone sit, and take one section at a time, that way then they won't crowd."—Ed.] Yeah. All right.

265 Now I want to ask something. Will you, my brethren, stand here with me?

266 You see, here is one thing about it. Many evangelists goes into a city, and they do all the praying for the sick, and all the rest of it. And when the congregation, when it's gone, the—the—the people is only built around the evangelist, see. That isn't so, people. These men, I doubt anyone in this age. . . I know it, there is a lot of impersonation, but I won't say what I was going to. But these men might not do that, that's true, and I very much doubt it.

267 But they're just as ordained of God, to lay hands on the sick, as I or anybody else. God is just as much to answer their prayer, as He would be to any prayer there is. Jesus has commissioned, "These signs," didn't say will follow William Branham, Oral Roberts, so forth, "it'll follow them that believe." And these men are filled with God's Spirit. They are baptized people, with the same Holy Spirit. That Spirit was here doing that work just a few moments ago, He is still here. He is on each one of these men, see, and they're all filled with It. So I'm going to ask them to make a double line along here, on the sides of this row here, if they will, so that they can lay their hands upon the sick, too, as they pass through.

268 And they want those who have prayer cards to stand, prayer cards only, to stand out in the aisle. And the rest of you pray, just a few minutes now. Stand, on each section, just stand right out to your left of your section. Stand out, to your section, and then they'll just call you. When you see this line up here ending, let *this* line walk right into it. When *this* line ends, let *this* one walk into it.

269 And when you come by now, remember, you'll just be taking a walk unless you're believing. How many of you know, you just feel in your heart, that you've prayed through about this, and you're going to be healed as soon as you pass through this line? Raise up your hand, say, "I accept it, Christ, right now, just because You commissioned these things."

270 Now I pray for every one of you. We're going to pray. I'm going to ask Sister Rose or ever who is at the organ over there, Sister Rose, will you please play, *The Great Physician Now Is Near*, for us. And let the people, all the other people, be in prayer. And as they pass through this prayer line, I believe every one is going to be healed. God bless you. The rest of you now keep your head down, and be praying for others.

271 Be real sincere. See, that's how that little Baptist preacher got the Holy Ghost, the other night. He was thinking about it, just sitting there, real sincere, and It fell upon the whole group of them. You got to be sincere with God.

272 Now He's proved He's here with you. He is here. Now when anybody tells you that this is just a bunch of excitement, you know better now, don't you, you newcomers? He vindicated Himself, it's Him. And no one else could do that. This hasn't been done for since the days of the apostles. It's just now come back to the church, as was promised. The Lord bless you now.

273 Now, you people, as you pass through this line, come, praying. Everybody now, "The—the great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus." Now when you come, come with your heads down, in reverence. Pass by. These men lay hands on you, you'll be healed. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

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. . . ? . . . That's all right. Tomorrow night . . . ? . . .

274 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . ? . . . thing. But, just a simple thing of obeying what God said do. I've seen it happen so many times. See, the Scripture didn't even command us to pray for the people, It just said, "Lay hands on the sick, they shall recover."

275 Just recently, oh, it's . . . I don't say recently. The case was in my mind now. It's been about three or four years ago, or more. We was right here in California. Two women came by there, one of them had a—a—a growth on her face, and the other one had a stomach trouble. And they believed it just so. I laid hands upon them, and said, "Now, I do this in the Name of the Lord Jesus."

276 It was almost a month later. That lady was trying to eat, with that stomach trouble, she just couldn't do it. One morning, "a real cool feeling went over" her, she said, and she went to eat. And she run down to tell her neighbor, and her neighbor was shaking the sheets, like *that*, trying to find the growth that had left her face that night.

277 See, just believe, friends. If He does that for one, He'll do it for all. And it's just a simple thing of laying on of hands. And that's what He said do. We don't know how it works. I don't know how it works. It's just His promise. He said it would do it. And I've found tens of thousands, around the world, they just get well. God promised to do it, and it's His promise. See, we just believe that.

278 Now, we're all coming over here. And you that couldn't get up, move right up close, and we're coming over to pray for you. Now I

want each one of you men to go right along here, laying your hands in here, if you will, right along there. And I want to stand here and pray, and then come lay my hands on them, too. All right, get right in here. You all move right up close, so everybody can reach now.

²⁷⁹ Dear God, in Jesus Christ's Name, we're praying for these people, some of them are afflicted, crippled. There them hands of those ministers, Lord, are going back and forth from one to the other. I pray that You'll heal each one of them, Lord. Let the Holy Ghost come upon them people, each of them, Father. And may the great Power of God overshadow them just now, and may they go home and be well. Knowing this, that Jesus said, "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." You promised it, Dear God. We are believing it. We are believing it, because You said so and we know that it's so, so shall these people be well. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bless them all. Amen.

²⁸⁰ God bless you. [Brother Branham and ministers lay hands on the sick and pray for the people. Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

²⁸¹ My heart accepts healing for every one of you. I believe that. Will you believe it with me, each one of you now? That's all. I told you the truth, just as far as I know it. I love you, and God bless you. And I—I believe, with all my heart, you're going to be well. And may my blessings be with each one of you now. May God watch over you and protect you. You're in my prayers. Will you pray for me while I'm in Africa like that? I—I love you. And I'll see you tomorrow night.



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