

TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE

WITHOUT BEING THE WILL OF GOD

 Let us remain standing now for a moment while we have prayer. Let's bow our heads.

Lord, we are happy this morning to be back in the house of God, in another service. And we pray, God, that You will correct us this morning of all of our errors. Show us the path that You have ordained that we should walk. And give us of Thy grace and love, that we might follow those paths and instructions with all of our hearts, that we might be found, that day, in Christ, blameless, for we believe, Lord, that His appearing is soon.

² We see all the signs that He said would take place just ere His Coming, now being fulfilled. And with joy we look for that moment. As Abraham of old looked for the promised son, and seeing those last signs of God come down on the earth, then he knew that it wouldn't be long until the son would arrive. And now we see it repeat again. Jesus told us that, "When these things begin to come to pass," to lift up our heads, that our—our redemption was drawing nigh, "perplexity of the time, distress between nations, earthquakes in divers places, the sea roaring, man's heart failing for fear."

³ We realize that we're in that hour, when the nations don't know what to do. Another war coming up, looks like. What a horrible thing that would be! The earth pulling apart, scientists saying that something terrible is near. We see the Bible speaking of this. Then, Lord, help us today to stand in this house of correction, and take orders from our God, to go forward in this hour of darkness, to shine Light, for it may be our last opportunity to do so. For we ask this in Jesus' Name and for His sake. Amen.

Be seated.

⁴ I certainly deem this a grand privilege, to be here in the tabernacle this morning. And sorry that we don't have seating room, around, for you. And the place is packed out, and standing everywhere outside.

You people outside now, you can hear this on your radio. I forget. . . [Someone says, "Fifty-five to fifty-seven."—Ed.] Fifty-five to fifty-seven. You people outside, and out in the parking lots, and on the streets, can hear this on your radio, between fifty-five and fifty-seven on your radio dial. So we tried. . .

⁵ I was coming back, rather, to here, to try to have about a ten-day meeting, to speak on the subject of *The Seven Last Vials*. For, in between those Vials is the Trumpets. And I was telling you in the . . . when I was going to preach on the Seven Trumpets, that I would bring them in with the Vials and the Plagues. And I thought it'd be a good time. I just returned from Africa, and—and the children hadn't had their vacation.

My little boy, Joseph, had—had kind of went a little . . . need a little few weeks of study on his reading. He passed, all right, but he wasn't up to par. So we kept him in Tucson, so, while I was in Africa, and went on his reading and catch up on it, with some day school.

And then we come back. And I thought, while the kiddies was having their vacation, I'd have a little meeting here with the people, and preach these subjects. But when we got here, we found that we could not get the school auditorium.

⁶ And I knew the tabernacle wasn't sufficient to seat the people, and make them comfortable the way they should be when they . . . when I have this Message, therefore we had to—to make a different arrangement. And instead of having the—the ten nights that we were planning on having, well, I made it just two services a Sunday; this Sunday, next Sunday, and the following Sunday, two services. So, and we never advertised it.

And, then, if anyone who heard some way that the meetings was going to begin on the twenty-eighth, at the school auditorium, if God permitted, well, if you have any friends and got any reservations in the motels, I—I'd—would cancel it, see, because that—that they, we can't get the convenience to have it. They can't get the—the school auditoriums.

⁷ And now I want to speak, on just evangelistic services on Sunday morning. And Sunday night I want to have prayer for the sick. And we are trusting that God will meet with you people who are sick. I don't know how Billy is going to take care of you; I suppose, give out prayer cards, or however, ways to control the congregation. But we will do all we can to pray for every person in these next three weeks that we intend to have services, if it be the will of the Lord.

⁸ And then many times there is personal interviews, somebody just wants to see you a minute on something or something like that. And we're going to . . . How many here wants a personal interview, let's see your hand. Wow! Who doesn't? So then we are . . .

9 It's kind of going to be hard to get them, so write out your request and send them, put them in with Billy, then I can get them from there. And, now, he'll announce about, I guess, prayer cards, whenever they're to be given out.

10 How many of our ministering brethren is there here this morning? We haven't had a chance to, I don't guess... Have you recognized any of them? How many ministers are here this morning, would you just raise your hands? Or, stand up. Let's see how many ministers are in the congregation this morning. Well, fine! Thank the Lord for these men. Wish we had time to recognize every one of them, but I'm sure you see them. And we... God knows them in their service, and we pray that God will bless them richly. And, no doubts, many of them has closed their services, to be here. Brother Junior Jackson and, I guess, Brother Don Ruddell, and there this broadcast is coming into their churches. And then, also, up in New York and other places across the nation, this is by a private telephone into each church this morning.

11 I'm glad to see Brother Richard Blair setting here. I just read a letter of a great thing that God did among the people there. The other day, as I understand... I may be wrong, Brother Blair; if I am, correct me. He was working, helping a man wire a trailer or something, I believe it was. I read the letter. And they reversed something, and, however, it run the current into a water where a little boy was, one... the—the man that the trailer belonged to, his little boy, just a little lad, and it killed the little boy. And his stomach swollen. We know electrical shock, that's, when they die, that's what happens. The little eyes set; his teeth went together.

12 It alarmed the brethren so bad. Brother Blair said he thought he could get a hold of me somewhere, to pray for it, but remembered that it was that, "Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst." And the father skinned his fingers trying to get his fingers in the little boy's mouth, to break it open. And they knelt down and started praying over the little boy, and he come back to life again.

13 Was that true, Brother Blair? One of our loyal brothers here. Oh, the little boy is here. Well, thank the Lord. That's fine. We'd like for you to stand up, sonny boy. Now, we thank the dear Lord for this. That the father of the little boy? Are you the father? That's right. And here is Brother Richard Blair. Our God is able to do anything. Yes, sir. He promised it. We are living in the Divine Presence of the great, glorious, Heavenly Father. And all things that we... are possible if we can just believe it.

¹⁴ You see what that does, what it paid off for that man's life to believe that? Saved his little boy. Now, God had his loyal servants there, to . . . Brother Blair and them, to pray for the little boy when he was in that condition. Yes, when anything happens, remember, you are children of the living God.

"Wherever two or more are gathered in My Name, there I am." And again it's written, "He's a very present help in time of trouble." And if there ever was trouble, was that little boy laying there, dead, on the ground, from a shock of electricity that went through him. So we're thanking God this morning, with all of our hearts, for these, for these things that He has done for us.

¹⁵ God bless these faithful men, too. In a time of emergency that's the time to look to God. And look to Him, and be on friendship with Him before the emergency arrives. We know this. If we have favor with God, we can ask Him anything, like you would any other friend, and He is a very present help in time of trouble.

¹⁶ I just met on the street, yesterday, Brother John Martin's sister. I was . . . Someone had stopped me down on the street, and someone went by and waved their hand. Coming back home, you know, you see the people everywhere, stopping and shaking hands, and so forth. And this lady, I remember they called me recently, where someone hit her in the back, in a car, bursted her spine and all up-and-down. She was to be paralyzed the rest of her life. She is setting in the meeting this morning, enjoying the Presence of God. I was just talking with her in the room. I want to pray with her, again. And she was . . . She is here somewhere. I guess she couldn't get back in.

But, here, sure, she is setting right here by us. That's right. Would you stand up just a minute, sister, that people might . . . Here's a lady the doctor said, a few days ago, would never walk, a busted spine and everything, from a wreck—wreck. And there she stands, whole.

You know, the Bible said, "And they could say nothing against it, 'cause the man was standing in the midst of them." That's right. Here's a little boy brought back from the dead, and here's the woman with the bursted spine, standing in the midst of us. It's just been done, so He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Blessed be the Name of the Lord! How happy we should be to be living now in His Presence, and know that He's this very present help in time of trouble.

Glad to see Brother Vayle, Brother Martin, so many in this morning. The Lord bless you brethren, richly. Now it's . . .

¹⁷ I know it's not too cool in here, with all this crowd, but yet, when I left Tucson the other day, it was about a hundred and four

or five. And almost midnight, it was ninety-three, and so this feels pretty good to me. And at Parker they said it was a hundred and forty, Friday before we left. And you can imagine how hot that is. Course, that's in the desert.

¹⁸ And, now, these next three Sundays. Today, the fifteenth, I believe, is that right, or sixteenth; fifteenth, isn't it? Eighteenth, and the twenty-eighth, and the August the first, (is that right?) August. The twenty-fifth... The eighteenth, twenty-fifth, and first, there'll be services at tabernacle. Don't, you know, get too much of it out, 'cause, you see, we can't get what's in, what's here now, inside, you know, and it just gets worse. Just come back if you can.

¹⁹ And then I'm here to get the trustees together. I'm kind of getting put out of all this turning me down on place to hold a meeting, when I'm feeling led to do it. So I think I'm going to ask if we just can't get our tent and—and put it up, and just stay there, you know. Get out here in the ball park, or out on a farm, and move it from place to place, just as the Lord will lead. And I feel that that's what He's going to do. You know, there's a vision concerning that. And I think that maybe the reason this happens... Now, you know, a lot of times we think it's horrible because certain things happen, but, you know, that might be God, see, driving you into these things. When, He said it, He'll do it.

²⁰ A few nights ago, many of you, just in about a month before going over to Africa, many of you perhaps has the tape, of you people that get the tapes, on, *Choosing A Bride*, was preached in California. The last few minutes of that tape, I don't remember of ever being there. But the Spirit of the Lord came in such a way. I had been condemning them the way they were living and doing, and after the Gospel had been preached and declared before them so much. Then, all of a sudden, the Holy Spirit spoke out and said, "Capernaum," see, "the city that calls yourself by the name of the angels," that's Los Angeles, "thou are exalted into Heaven, but be brought down to hell." See? And then after it was over, why, I was outside, and Brother Mosley and Billy was with me. And they said... Went back and looked, and the whole floor was just laying full of people, ministers sobbing.

²¹ And I went and got the Scripture. I said, "There is something about that in the Bible."

And it was Jesus rebuking Capernaum, all those coastal cities that He had visit. Why, He said, "Capernaum, thou art exalted into Heaven, will be brought down into hell." He said, "For if the works

had been done in Sodom and Gomorrah that's been done in you, it'd been standing today." And at that time, Sodom and Gomorrah was in the bottom of the sea.

And just after that, maybe a hundred years or something, after Jesus' prophecy, Capernaum, the only coastal city that He had visit, a earthquake sunk it in the sea. And you know that was a direct answer to California, to Los Angeles.

²² And then in Tucson the other day, just as I got back, a great earthquake had happened out there. And the scientists was on the television drawing it out. It was in the papers. That, the earth, the other day, split from the Aleutian Islands, or from Alaska, around the Aleutian Islands, about two hundred miles out into the sea, come back in at San Diego, went around Los Angeles, and come out at San Diego. And it's pulled loose several inches. Houses has toppled down. Motels has went in.

And the scientists on this panel was—was asked. Said, "Well, that could fall in someday?"

²³ Said, "Could? It will!" And he used the scientific names of how the lava has . . . That's what's caused these earthquakes all along, around San Diego and down in there. It's been that hollow place. And now all of it's begin to break in, like sand falling in, and now it's just a crust. And it's pulled loose, several inches. They could take radar and stuff, and follow that crack, and mark it. I see where it was at.

And it pulled loose, several inches more, maybe two or three inches the other day, again, right after that prophecy was given.

And the ones that was interviewing the scientists, said, "Well, it probably won't be in our age."

²⁴ He said, "It could be in five minutes or in five years; but it's going to fall in."

²⁵ Mrs. Simpson, I don't think she is with us today. Or, I see Brother Fred setting here, but I don't know where Mrs. Simpson is. She went and got a prophecy that I made, about 1935 or something like that, and said, "The time would come," it's written in a book somewhere, "that the sea would weep its way into the desert."

Look what'll take place. If that thousands of square miles falls down into the lava of the earth, and slides in, there will be millions die at one time. And that'll cause such a tidal wave! Remember, plumb up into the Salton Sea, is a hundred or two hundred feet lower than the sea level. That water will probably come almost to Tucson, with that tidal wave coming across there. "And the sea shall weep its way into the desert."

Nations are breaking, Israel is awakening,
 The signs that our prophets foretold;
 The Gentile days are numbered, with harrows
 encumbered;
 Return, O dispersed, to your own.

26 We're in the end time. Now, the Lord bless you richly. I get started on that and forget about time. We're going to fade quick, pretty quickly, into Eternity, anyhow.

27 And now in Saint Mark, the 7th chapter and the 7th verse, to bring a text to this subject that was just read in First Chronicles 13. To make a text for this, I want Mark 7:7.

. . . in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.

28 Now, I know nothing but the Message the Lord has given me, and that's all I can speak on. And now, I'm going to speak on a subject this morning which I thought would be good. And tonight I want to speak on, "meat in due season," if the Lord willing: *Spiritual Food In Due Season*, and how to receive It. Now, this morning: *Trying To Do God A Service Without Being The Will Of God*.

29 God is sovereign. And we see here what David done, in the Scripture reading of First Chronicles 13. And he was . . . His intentions were good. But God does not give us merits on good intentions. There is only one way to serve God, that's by doing His will at His command. And God, being sovereign, there is no one to tell Him what to do or how to do it. He does it the way, He knows the right way to do it. And that makes me feel good. And it ought to make all of us feel good, and I'm sure it does. For, one would have It coming *this* way, and one have It going *that* way, and one the other way.

30 But one great thing, again, about God, He has not left us, now, without knowing what's the Truth and how to do it. He wouldn't be just, to punish us for doing something that we didn't know how it was going to be done, and then let us stumble into something. He is not that kind of a God. He's a God that speaks the Word and expects His children to believe It. And, therefore, He knows what's best, and when to do it, and how to do it. We have our ideas of it, but He knows.

31 And then if He set up a system, that what He's going to do, and didn't tell us what was going to happen and how it was going to happen, then we, stumbling at it, would be—would be justified in—in our stumblings; or, trying to do something, each one would be justified. But there's only one way, and that is His Word.

³² And another thing, David here, we see that in his heart he wanted to do something that was good. He had no bad motive, or no bad objective. But, the house, or the ark of the Lord, was away from the—the people, and he wanted to bring the ark of God back to its place, so the people would consult God about the things that they wanted.

³³ Instead of—of just letting it go, we . . . What if Brother Blair and the father of this little boy said, “Well, it’s too bad, child just got hurt, killed. I guess, just something that happened”? But they went quickly to God.

³⁴ What if the little lady, and her husband, a minister of the Gospel, a few nights ago, or days, when that little lady had that bursted spine, that just stood up . . . The doctor said, “She’ll be paralyzed all of her life.” What if the husband and she had said, “Well, honey, we’ll just console ourselves to that”? But quickly they done something about it; they went to God. How many things in the Bible could we refer to, of how when people get in trouble, get to God!

³⁵ Well, then, in them days, they had only one meeting place where they could meet God, and that was at the ark, under the blood. That’s the only meeting place yet, under the Blood. Mercy seat was sprinkled, to give mercy to the worshiper, or the asker, when he come to ask the petition of God. And God had a special routine, the way you had to go, too, about that, and He wouldn’t accept anything else. He wouldn’t accept any other provision; just the way He fixed it.

³⁶ Recently I just preached on a Message, many of you know about It, that, only one provided place that God meets the worshiper, the place that He said, “I’ll put My Name.” If we can find the church that He put His Name in, then we got the place. He said, “I will not bless you in all the gates; just the gates that I put My Name in. I’ll put it in one place, and you’ve got to meet Me there; and that’s the only place I’ll meet you.” And we found out, through there, where He put His Name, and that’s the only place that He meets the worshiper. And His Name was Jesus Christ. God’s Name is Jesus Christ.

³⁷ Jesus said, “I come in My Father’s Name.” Every son comes in his father’s name. And He came in the Name of the Father.

“And there is not another Name under Heaven given among men,” whether it’s called Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, church of Christ, whatever it might be done. There’s only one meeting place that God meets man, and that’s when he’s in Jesus Christ, only place. And all these old things back here under the Old Testament, typed that. I want you to clearly understand it. Now, it’s a Sunday

school lesson. I've got some Scriptures and notes written down here. I thought that this would help you to understand, as all the old things happen for examples to us.

³⁸ Now, we find that God had a way of doing things. But David, just being blessed of God, like he had, and become king, he just thought that he would just do something for God, anyhow. And he never went about it in the right way.

³⁹ We notice, God reveals His Word in His Own predestinated season. Now, how could Martin Luther knowed about the Message today? How could the Presbyterians? How could Martin...or the Catholic church know Martin Luther's message? How could John Wesley knowed Luther's message? How could Wesley knowed the Pentecostal message? Or how could the Pentecostals know this Message? See? He reveals It in His seasons, because It is a Seed. And as It grows and matures, He reveals Himself.

⁴⁰ Like the heat of the sun, to open up. When it's tender and young, bring it out of the ground, the seed; then give it its leaves, in another stage of the sun. Hot sun will kill it if it's the ripening seed...or ripening time. So, He regulates the sun and regulates nature, to meet His Word.

He regulates the Church, the predestinated, the Bride, to meet the season that they are living in.

⁴¹ Even nature itself tells us today, as we see the nations breaking, the earth sinking in, the handwriting is on the wall. We see the church and the states it's in.

We see the Bride and the state She is in. And we know, by nature, that the Church is getting ready to leave. What a glorious time! It's a time that all the prophets longed to see, this hour.

⁴² Now, He reveals His Word only in Its season. Martin Luther read the same Bible we did. Wesley read the same Bible Martin Luther did. Pentecostals read the same Bible we read. Jesus read the same Bible that the Pharisees read, but they had...Trying to keep the corn in a early stage, when it was ripening, they fail to see their hour.

Now David has done the same thing here.

⁴³ God reveals this Word in the season, and to whom He chooses to reveal It to. God chooses who He reveals It to. He chose that before the foundation of the world. All of His doings were foreknown by Him, hidden from man. He just reveals them as He will. It is His chosen season, His chosen person. And He never did choose a party or sect; it's a chosen person, how He does it.

44 Who is it that will dare to correct Him, and say, “Now, Lord, You made a mistake by putting *this* man in the ministry. *This* man doesn’t believe like we believe”? Who is going to tell God He is wrong in it? It would take somebody that’s a little more of a delinquent than I am, to tell Him that. He knows what He is doing. He knows who to choose and who not to choose, what to do and when to do it. No matter how much we think that a certain person is qualified to do a certain job, God knows who is qualified for the time and the season, or the time and the right time to do it.

45 And the real, true Christian; the real, true believer in God, waits upon the Lord for these things. Wait on your ministry. If you feel a call, be sure that it’s God. Be sure that it’s right. Be sure that it’s timely of what you’re saying. The Bible said, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with the wings like an eagle. They shall run and not be weary. If they walk, they’ll not faint.”

46 Notice David, king of Israel, just anointed. Samuel poured the oil upon him, and he was chosen of God, to be king of Israel. And David got this revelation, to bring the ark of the Lord up to the city of David. Now, there is nothing wrong, but, you see, David went at it wrong.

47 Now, it looks like if a man like that would get a revelation, a great man like God’s chosen king, the greatest king that ever lived on earth, outside of Christ, I guess, was David, ’cause Christ is a Son of David. Now, the greatest man, freshly anointed, coming from the very Presence of God, got a revelation to do something for God, and wanted to do it for God; but the revelation was wrong. Now, that’s a great thing. It’ll deal with our subject: *Trying To Do God A Service Without Being Called To Do It*.

48 Notice, David got the revelation. And notice, it was not the prophet, Nathan-ael, that got the revelation. It was David, the king, that got the revelation. Neither was Nathan-ael consulted about it. He never asked Nathan-ael. But did you see here, in First Chronicles, he consulted captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds? He never consulted Nathan-ael. He consulted the people, and he consulted also the priests and the theologians of that day, the scribes and the theologians. David consulted first, said, “If it, this, be of God, let us go down and bring the ark of the covenant of our God, up into the city, and let us consult God before we do things.”

49 But said, in the days of Saul, “They left off consulting God, by the—the—the ark, the Urim, Urim Thummim. They left off doing that.”

David said, "Now let's get back to God, all of us! Let's get back to the right thing. Let's go down and get the ark and bring it here, bring the Presence of God," in other words, "into the city. Let's hold a revival. Let's bring the people back." But he got the revelation, which seemed to be good, but it wasn't the will of God.

⁵⁰ Instead of asking the source that he should have asked, he consulted his captains, because he had just become king. And he followed that line of thinking, that, his chief captains and his great men.

⁵¹ Then he went into the church nominal and asked if they could have the revival. The priests, the scribes, the captains of thousands, the captains of hundreds, and he consulted them. "Was this the will of the Lord?" And they said it was. But, you see, he failed to ask the main resource that God always deals through. See, he failed to get it.

⁵² Now his intention was good. His motive was good. His objective was good, and to bring a revival in the city, bring the people back to God. But he never consulted the way God told him to do it. See?

⁵³ Even all the people agreed, and the priests, and that the king was right, "They needed the ark back in the city. Now, they needed the Presence of God. They needed a revival." But God had not promised to reveal His Word, in Its season, to the peoples. He never promised to reveal It to the king, in the season. God doesn't change, a bit. He didn't promise to do that.

⁵⁴ No matter how sincere, and what good motives, and what good objectives, and how people want those things and see the need of it, there is a will of God to be carried out in these things. That's what I want to drive down tight, for I want to make this so that you have to see it if—if the Spirit of God dwells in you. And that's the reason I'm lingering so long here. Not taking you people's time on the telephone, and on the hookup, but I—I want you to see it. If you run out of time, then get the tape. That there...

⁵⁵ No matter how much it's needed, how much everybody agrees that it's needed, how much that that is the Truth, there is yet one thing to find out. Is that the will of God?

Now, God never promised that He would reveal His secrets to His kings, He would reveal His secrets to His people.

⁵⁶ Something like the time of Micaiah, the son of Imlah. As we leave, not the text, but another time, to bring this in and make it true to you, real to you, so you won't miss it.

⁵⁷ There was, in the days of Micaiah... He was a poor man, and he also come from a poor family. But, Ahab, king of Israel, as a nation being under God, he had set aside a school and had brought

up selected, hand-picked prophets, and had four hundred of them in a school. And they were great men. They wasn't just false prophets. They were Hebrew prophets, genuine men. And they consulted the Lord by these men. And they did prophesy. But, you see, when the real showdown came, they were every one out of God's Word and will. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

58 For Jehoshaphat came down from Jerusalem to meet the—the king Ahab, and they put on their garments, and set out in the—in the gateways, and brought the prophets up before them. First, Ahab said, “We got a place up here at Ramoth-gilead that actually belongs to us.” Now, that's **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Joshua divided it for the people and give that to them, but the Philistines had taken it over.

And said, “Here our children need bread, and we ain't got enough land to raise the bread on. And our enemy, the Philistines, feed their children, the heathens, off of the very ground that Jehovah God gave us.” That's very straight. And said, “Here, we, the people of God, set here with our children, needy, and our enemy feeds their children on the ground that God called us out of Egypt and give it to us.” That would raise a theologian, wouldn't it? He said, “Shall we go up and take our grounds that God gave to us?”

59 Jehoshaphat said, “Yes, I'll help you. We are brothers. You're in Judah, and I'm in—I'm in Jerusalem.” Or—or, was it visa versa? I believe . . . No, that's right. I think it . . . Jehoshaphat.

However, Jehoshaphat was a good man, a king, a righteous man who loved the Lord. Ahab was a lukewarm believer. So they brought them down, and Jehoshaphat said, “Listen, let us consult the Lord, first. We ought to find out about this.” See, if David would have done what Jehoshaphat did! He said, “Shouldn't we do this?”

And quickly, being an Israelite, Ahab said, “Certainly. I've got four hundred Hebrews, like we are, Hebrew prophets of our own organization. And I'll consult them. They are prophets.” Now, you see, just . . .

60 You say, “That stumbles me, Brother Branham. A prophet?” Oh, yeah. There was one in the time of Jeremiah, who said they would only be down there two years. The Lord told Jeremiah, “seventy.” Put a yoke around his neck, and the prophet broke it, Hananiah. But you know what happened to him. Oh, yeah. You got to stay with the Word.

So these prophets came up and prophesied, and said, “Go on up! The Lord is with you.”

⁶¹ And one of them, I believe (forget his name now) the chief, Zedekiah, I believe, said, he put two iron horns and said, "THUS SAITH THE LORD. By this," now that man was sincere, "you will push your enemy plumb back into their lands, and take what belongs to God. It's give to you." I don't believe he was a hypocrite. I believe he was a good man. I believe all them prophets were.

⁶² You say, "Prophets?" Yep! Remember, the very man that consented to kill Jesus Christ, prophesied, because it was his office. He was high priest that year. And being that he had that office, and held that office, the Spirit of God came to him. That didn't mean he was saved or anything about it. And he prophesied, Caiaphas, because it was his office that did it.

⁶³ And these prophets, being prophets, of office prophet, prophesied. And the Spirit of God came on them, men with gifts of the Spirit.

⁶⁴ I realize I'm talking to ninety-nine percent Pentecostals. But men many times, a man, God can deal with them, give them a gift, and the people will squeeze in on those people. If they're not perfectly called and sent of God, he'll cause that man or woman to say something that isn't His will, because the people constrains them to do it.

⁶⁵ How I had to catch our own little pastor here on it. Out here in the woods one morning, about three o'clock in the morning, said, "Go tell Brother Neville!" I come to you, didn't I, Brother Neville?

⁶⁶ Everybody, "Brother Neville, prophesy over me. Tell me *this* or *that*." See? You have him saying things then that wouldn't come to pass.

"They that wait," to find out what the Lord wants to do. See?

⁶⁷ So these men looked upon it in a natural sense, "It belongs to us." But, you see, they didn't find the Word and will of God.

⁶⁸ Then Micaiah come down, and he had a vision. He examined, first, you notice. Said, "Wait. Give me tonight. Let me find out, and tomorrow maybe I can answer you." He wasn't right quick, "THUS SAITH THE LORD," like, in agreeing with the other prophets. He said, "I'll only speak what God says."

And the next day, we find out, God told him what would happen. And it was absolutely contrary to the others. The whole school, it was contrary. And even one of them walked up and smacked him in the face, for it. But, see, he waited. Then when he did that, he compared his prophecy, his vision, with the written Word, and it was right with the Word.

⁶⁹ When somebody says they “got a revelation to baptize people in the Name of the ‘Father, Son, Holy Ghost,’” that’s contrary to the Word. None of the rest of them ever did. When they say, that, “Oh, we’re going to stand, and *this, that*, and the *other*,” and so forth, that’s contrary to the Word. When they say they “don’t believe the serpent’s seed,” that’s contrary to the Word. All these other things, that’s contrary to the Word. It must be with the Word and at the season.

⁷⁰ Now, if David would only done that. The ark was coming, but not at that time; was no place for it.

⁷¹ Notice now when they went down to get the ark, all the dignitaries said, “That’s the thing to do, David. Glory to God! We need a revival.” That was real Pentecost, today; Baptist, Presbyterian. “David, you’re our king! You all . . . Captain *So-and-so*, and Major *So-and-so*, and General *So-and-so*, will be at your meeting. Why, they say that’s just the thing to do, David. You got the whole country with you.”

That’s what’s the matter today. I don’t want the country. I want God, if there is nobody else stand.

⁷² David had all the captains. He had co-operation with the military forces. He had co-operation with all the denominations, with all the theologians, with all, everybody agreeing with him. So did Ahab, and others in the Scripture; but he didn’t have God, because he was out of the will of God. I hope we get this.

⁷³ Notice, they done every religious thing they could. They probably put out advertisements and everything, “Great revival! The ark is going to be brought back. We’re going to have a revival. We’re going to do *this*.”

⁷⁴ Notice, he sent singers. He sent people with harps, with trumpets, and they done every religious thing that they knowed how to do; and still God was not in it.

Somewhat see it repeating again, don’t we?

⁷⁵ They took all the singers. They took the harp players, the trumpet blowers; the women, the men, and whoever it was that sing. They took them all down there, and they went through every religious motion.

I don’t want to say this, but I got to say it. So is these denominations today, Pentecostal and all, is going through every religious motion, of singing and shouting.

⁷⁶ Notice, David shouted with all of his might, and he screamed, and he jumped, and he went through every religious motion that there could be; and still God was not in it. And his motive, and his

objective, and everything was right; but he went the wrong way with it. See? He done all the religious movements; shouted, sang, had special singers, special shouters, everything else. They danced in the spirit. They done everything that was religious.

77 It's something like our great crusades of our time. They want to win the world to Christ. There is no such a thing. Great landslide revivals, great things happening; if they could only realize, that day has passed. She is doomed. But they are building, crusades, organizations, and everything. But, the results is just about like it was in David's time, it didn't work.

78 We go and have a revival. Our great, some of our great evangelists today, they say they have thirty thousand converts, in six week's time; and a year from there, go back, they can't find thirty. There is something wrong. What it is, it's just the same thing David done. Great dignitaries, great men, great preachers, greater schools, great authority, but still they are consulting an old denomination instead of looking in the face of God's Word and see when the season's on. You can't raise certain foods but just certain times of the year.

79 Now let us see what happened. Although their . . . Their religious emotion and stuff was great, their intentions was great, their crusade was great, their singing was great, their dancing was great, their shouting was great, their music was great, and they had the ark. What good is the ark without God? It's just a wooden box, couple tables of stone.

That's like taking communion, being baptized. What good does it do to be baptized if you're not first repented? What good does it, take communion, become a hypocrite, if you don't live the life and believe the rest of God's Word? Take part of It, and not the rest of It, it shows there is something wrong.

80 Now, when all this happens, let us now see what happens when God, and His age and His time, is not considered; just the people's idea.

81 Many people has said to me, "Why don't you come over here and hold a meeting? Well, we call for you. Sign *this*, *that*, or the *other*."

Wait! You might want it, but what does God say about it? Many people has said to me . . . I've had invitation, I've had interviews, personal interviews and things, waited for a year. Wait! How will I know what to say until God tells me what to say? See, got to wait! That's the reason I said, "Write that out. Let me see what He said." See? Wait! "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." That right?

82 Notice, they consulted only the priests of that day, the theologians, the denominations. And notice, by doing that, consulting the priests and consulting the congregation, consulting the people, they did it wrong.

83 Notice, the ark was the Word. We know that's right. Cause, the ark is Christ, and Christ is the Word. See? The ark, or the Word, was not put in its first, ordained, original ordained position. Oh, don't fail to get this, church!

Everything was perfect, and everything looked good, like a great revival was coming; but because they failed to consult the right person about it! They consulted the priests, consulted the dignitaries, consulted the theologians, consulted the singers, and got everything together with one accord, and a great organization of the military, and also the—the—the forces of the nation. Everything was in harmony for a great meeting, but they failed to consult God. So had Ahab, so had others. What a moment!

84 Now don't miss this. They failed to get it, because they hadn't consulted. And by doing that . . . Watch. By going to the priests, by going to the theologians, and by going to the military forces, and not even considering their God-sent messenger of the hour, Nathan, they did it wrong. They went and picked up the ark and put it upon a new cart, put it upon a new cart, or, "a new denomination is going to start up," and not upon the God-given, ordained way to pack it. It was supposed to be packed on the shoulders of the Levites. But, you see, when you start wrong, you'll keep on going wrong.

85 If a bullet is supposed to be directed to a target, and you jerk the barrel one thousandths off here, to begin with, at a hundred yards you're four or five inches off. You start wrong.

86 O God, help us to know this thing has started wrong, this great crusades of the hour, and they're so called. God is not consulted about it. Priests and religious men is consulted. Organizations is consulted. "Well, will you have *such-and-such*? I believe, if we could get everybody together!" Don't get everybody together. Just get God's Word about it.

87 Then we find that, when they do that, what do they do? They continually to go right on with their same old religious program, which is out of the Word of God and the will of God. That thing died, years ago, them old dried up things of years ago.

88 It had dried up in the days of Lord Jesus. They didn't know it. Said, "If you'd knowed Moses, you'd knowed Me, for Moses said I was coming."

Said, "Our fathers eat manna in the wilderness."

⁸⁹ Said, "They're all dead!" "Blind," He called them, Pharisees, religious leaders. "Except you believe that I am He, you'll die in your sins." But they didn't do it. They was so set in their ways. They had to have it their way.

⁹⁰ That's the way David did it. He had it in his way, so he just said, "You know what I'll do? We're moving." He had a revelation. "We're moving now, so we'll do a new way. The days of miracles is passed, so we'll just make us another organization. We'll build a new cart, showing a new thing has started." What a false prophecy!

⁹¹ You've got to go back the way God said do it. They put it upon the shoulders of the Levites, and that was over the heart. The ark, the Word, is not to be packed upon a new denomination, upon the theories of some man, but in the heart. The Word of God is not to be handled by denominations; It's to be handled by the heart of a man, where God can come in there and reveal Himself. And if he reveals it according to the Word, it's God; if it isn't, it's not.

And, then, the Word of that season! Sure, a Pharisee could say, "Who told us that we can't do *this* and do *that*? Moses give us these orders."

"But Moses also said . . ."

Satan said, "Why, it is written, 'He'll give His Ang- . . .'"

⁹² "And it's also written," said Jesus.

The season, the time! "If you'd have knowed Moses! You have one accuse you, Moses. If you'd knowed Moses, you'd knowed Me," He said, "for Moses wrote of Me. 'The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet among you, of your brethren; Him shall they hear.'" If they'd have knowed Moses, they'd have knowed Him.

⁹³ Now close, listen, don't miss this now. See, first thing, when they consulted the priests, consulted the dignitaries, consulted the military, consulted all the congregation, the neighborhood, to get together for this great meeting to come, they failed to do it right. They didn't consult God. And, by doing so, not going back and see what time it was!

⁹⁴ Oh, brother, listen. What time are we living in? What's the age? What's the hour that we're in? It's not time for these things that they're talking about. That's passed. Judgment is on hand now. You can see it breaking. You remember the rock up on the mountain? Judgment hour! You remember the revelation, or the vision of the Bride? Just keep Her in step. Don't let Her get out of step.

Notice, "Upon the shoulders of the priests!"

⁹⁵ And David and all the priests, that really ought to have knowed better, but what was it? The priests should knowed better. The scribes, theologians, should knowed better, because the Word said not to do that.

⁹⁶ And today when they want to say, "Oh, Jesus Christ isn't the same yesterday, today, and forever. That's mental telepathy. That's *this*, *that*, or the *other*." They fail to see the promised Word. "Oh, that was a day gone by."

David said, "Oh, well, now wait a minute. 'Upon the shoulders of—of the priests,' that was back when Moses come out. Sure, we, we'll put it on a new cart today. I got a revelation of it."

⁹⁷ The priests said, "Amen, David!" See, influenced by their new ecumenical council, that they should all be together and do this *this* way and *that* way, that's what caused the priests to stumble. They never consulted the right person. They didn't do it right, therefore they got in trouble. Yeah.

⁹⁸ I'm afraid, in a lot of things today . . . When a great teacher, one of Pentecostal's greatest, stood before the religious group the other night in Chicago. I was supposed to have that meeting with the Business Men; but I thought I'd be in Africa that time, but just got back the day before it started. And they chose a great Pentecostal intellectual, and he got up and told them that this ecumenical move was a thing of God. And said that all of them is coming back, even the Catholic church is going to come back to its original condition, all speaking in tongues for the evidence, and so forth. And not knowing that's a trap of the devil!

⁹⁹ And a man that I didn't know . . . Sometimes you plant seed; you don't know what's going to happen. But the president of the Full Gospel Business Men, as soon as the great speaker set down, he said, "I am prone not to say things against our speakers, but that ain't the way Brother Branham said would happen. But he said that would lead to the mark of the beast."

He said, "But Brother Branham don't know what he's talking about."

Said, "We are . . . believe he does." See?

¹⁰⁰ And in Chicago, said, "How many here would like for me to come up and give my version of it?" Begin screaming and shouting.

See, you're planting seeds; you don't know what's going to happen. Just keep laying out the Seed. When that hour comes, some of them is . . .

¹⁰¹ Like Thomas, he was about the last one to see the Lord. But, he had to see Him, to believe Him. See, when they see it happen. Oh, Thomas come in, but he was a little late.

¹⁰² Now when they see the things that's predicted, and saying THUS SAITH THE LORD, happens, then they say, "Give us some of your Oil." See?

¹⁰³ But now notice, influence. Sometimes great guys get together. You hear them say, "Great *So-and-so*, and great *So-and-so*, our great . . ." Don't never do that.

There is no great ones among us. There's only one great One, and that's God. We are brothers, sisters. I don't care if you're pastoring a church that's got five people in it, that don't make you little; that makes you a brother, see, if you're true to God's Word. Don't care what, how; you don't get little. God don't have little children and big children. He just has children. They're all the same.

¹⁰⁴ Notice, God Himself come from the ivory palaces of Glory, to become one of us. Now who is the big one? Took . . . Not come down here to take the form of a priest, but a servant. Washed the very clay that He created, the feet of His apostles and others. Now who is great?

¹⁰⁵ But influenced, these men were. They didn't understand. They thought something new was going to happen, no, something that God didn't say was going to happen. They went at it the wrong way.

That's what all this enthusiasm, when the . . . started back yonder, a long time ago, each denomination had to have a Divine healer; each denomination had to have *this*, *that*, or the *other*. Each denomination had to have a little David. Each one had to have *this*, *that*, or the *other*. See what happened? It done the same thing it did here. Same thing. Influence!

¹⁰⁶ The Word for the season, the time that they were living in, was ignored.

¹⁰⁷ Notice, "the Levites' shoulders," was the original, provided way of God to do these things. "Pack that ark on the Levites' shoulders." Anything outside of that was contrary. What He said, that's what He meant. God cannot change. That's the reason, stay with His Word! I've got Script, yeah, First Chronicles 15:15, if you want to put that down. Notice.

¹⁰⁸ Now notice, there, in following God. Now I want you to kind of jot this in your mind. To keep God's commandments, to do anything right for God, to do—do God a service correctly, there is five musts, to do God's service correctly.

109 Now David was doing God a service. He was doing everything he knowed to do, except leaving off God. See? He was doing something was right, something good for the people, something good for the church.

110 But there is five musts. I want you to remember these. No matter how sincere a man may be in doing it, doing God a service, this, these five must be there.

First, it must be His time to do it.

111 What if—if Moses would come, say, “We’ll build an ark and float up the Nile, like Noah did”? Noah’s time was all right for an ark, but not his time.

112 What if Jesus would come, said, “Now I’ll tell you what we’ll do. We’ll just go up on the mount, like Moses did, and get a new declaration of laws”? See? Huh-uh! He was that law. See?

113 You must be in His time. It must be in His season. You got that now? Must be in His time. It must be in His season, time and season.

114 And it must be according to His Word that has been spoken. It must. I don’t care how well you say *this* ought to be, or *that* ought to be, or *this* ought to be. It’s got to be according to His Word; according to His time and His season.

And it must be given according, to the person He has chosen to do it by.

115 I don’t care how much dignitaries. There is king David, just as great as any of them. He was king over the nation. But He had a way of doing it, and He had told them how He would do it. But they failed to do it.

116 It must be according to His Word; according to His time, according to His program.

117 And it must be by the person He has chose to give it and to do it. Moses tried to run from it, “Take somebody else.” But God chose Moses to do it. Many of them; Paul tried to get out of it; many others. But it’s got to be by the one He chooses to do it.

And it must come, first, to His prophets. The Word of God must come to His prophets. Amos 3:7, “The Lord God will do nothing until first He reveals It to His servant the prophet.” Four.

118 And the prophet must be vindicated by the Word of God.

119 There is your five musts. It’s got to be that way. His time, His season, when He said it would be; and the man that He

chose; and it must come to the prophet; and the prophet must be a vindicated prophet. We find out, many of them in the Bible, it come to the prophets and it wasn't vindicated. Our Prophet is Jesus Christ.

¹²⁰ So now notice, see, God had not revealed the thing to them by His provided way of doing it. They had accepted David's way. They had accepted the priests' way. They had accepted the scribes' way, the theologians', but not God's way. Nathan-ael, was, he was a prophet of that day. Later on, Nathan-ael told them how to do it. But, see, they done it without consulting Nathan-ael. Not a word says that Nathan-ael was consulted. All the influence, the great thing going on! And, my, I think of that song, "Let, keep . . ."

Help me, Lord, when hearts are aflame,
Let me humble my pride (to go with the rest of
them), just call on Your Name;
Teach me not to rely on what others do,
Just wait in prayer for an answer from You.

See, that's the way it is. Let me see it happen in the right way, then it's believed.

¹²¹ Now, God revealed the thing to them by David, and by the ministers, and by the people, and by the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, but not by Nathan-ael who had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. And the Lord said He would do nothing until He showed that prophet of the age, first, what to do. See what they did? They went straight out of the Word of God, went and put the ark upon a new cart. See? So they went about to do it apart from God's commandment and God's provided way.

And that's what's happened today, friends. That's why we've had so many great crusades, and so forth, and no results. More infidelity, more sin, more . . . I tell you, this nation is gone; not only this nation, but other nations. This nation, like England of another age, has been the prostitute of all the rest the nations.

¹²² Way down in Mozambique, four hundred and eighty miles from civilization, in the jungle, beatnik kids listen to Elvis Presley, jerking their head and bouncing up-and-down like that, all night long, with stay . . . Or, little sets like that will pull for a thousand miles, plumb over in Rhodesia, to get Elvis Presley. And yet they say, "He is very religious, him and Pat Boone, and them." Why, it's the Judas of the hour, and don't know it. That's the bad part, they believe they're—they're right.

Didn't Jesus say to this Laodicean Church Age, "Thou art naked, miserable, wretched, blind, and don't know it"? Don't know it!

¹²³ Well, the Pentecostal kids down in Africa and around, say, "Well, Elvis Presley, he sings the prettiest you ever heard." No doubt but what David did, too; no doubt but what the singers did, but it caused death to strike the camp. See where they're, where we're at today, friends?

¹²⁴ "The Levites' shoulders," was God's original way to do it. And they had put it on a new cart. Now, it'll never work. They didn't consult the right way. See? So they got out, about it, and went about it in the wrong way.

¹²⁵ And that's what's happened today. When men, no matter how sincere, try to do Him a service outside of His provided way of revealing it, they always mess it up. God sets it in His way. Men, no matter how sincere, you try to do it outside of that, you—you'll mess it up.

¹²⁶ Something like Balaam was, in Balaam's day. God told Balaam, that prophet. He was a prophet, the prophet Balaam. He was a prophet, and the Word come to him exactly, said, "Don't go down there. That's My selected. That's My choice."

And Balaam got with the dignitaries, the military men, preachers, influenced men, and said, "Well, I'll—I'll tell you, the king will. . . ."

See, just pattern with David, pattern with today. Just take everything in a type, and you'll see it. You see it? Say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] See, see, just like it is now.

¹²⁷ But the clergymen said, the—the—the priests said, the scribes said, the theologians said, "*This* is the way it's supposed to be done." But, it wasn't, and it proved it wasn't.

¹²⁸ And God told Balaam, and he was a prophet, first, He told him, "Don't go down."

¹²⁹ But the influence of these other men caused him to do it contrary to what God said do it, and it become a curse instead of revival. Oh, sure, he got down there and taught the people, said, "Now wait! You know what?" Said, "We are—we are Moabites. You remember, Lot's daughter is our queen. She is our origination. We're all of one blood. We're all. . . All of us denominations are the same." Don't you mix with that thing. Stay away from there. See? So he said, "We're all the same. Why, your peoples is like my

people. We can intermarry, one among another, so we can have a real ecumenical council. See? All of us can get together and come back to the original thing again.”

God cursed the thing. That sin never was forgiven Israel. It stayed with them the rest of their days. It never was forgiven. They perished in the wilderness with it. That’s right. Because they didn’t take God’s provided way by His vindicated way of doing it.

¹³⁰ Notice, this thing that they did caused Israel to die the death, in the wilderness. And Jesus said, “They’re every one perished and gone.” Watch who it was stood with Moses back there, Joshua and Caleb, in the—in the program.

¹³¹ Notice again, here is David, what he done. And when he did, what did it do? It caused death to strike a sincere person.

Now, I guess we’re still hooked up, and I want you to hear across the lands.

This thing that David done, without consulting Nathan-ael and getting the Word of the Lord for it, it caused death to strike sincere people. Yes, sir. He put his hand forth, which had been living in the presence of the ark; it come out of his—his house. And the ox stumbled, and the ark was falling.

¹³² They had already done one thing wrong, two things wrong. First, they never consulted Nathan-ael. The next thing they did, they went down there by not consulting the Word of God. Which, the... Samuel was the Word in that day... And he never consulted the Word of the Lord. Then, when they did, they went contrary to the Word of God.

And here this good man, that had been caretaker, he was a bishop, thought, “Well, here, I don’t want God to be let down,” so he put his hand on the ark. Where, he wasn’t a Levite, and he died. Three things!

¹³³ Now think real hard, and watch what the denominations has done today. See, they’ve turned It down, called It “false doctrine.” See? Look where they’re at. They’ll get their ecumenical council, all right. Called It “mental telepathy,” when God Himself vindicating It to be the Truth, and proving It’s the Truth. “Oh, they’re just a little bunch of nitwits up there,” they say, “don’t know what they’re talking about.”

That’s right, we don’t. But we just say His Words, and He knows what He’s talking about, see. I can’t explain It, nobody else can, but He—He—He proves It.

¹³⁴ Now notice. A many a sincere believer today, that comes to Christ, wants to come with all of his heart, is killed spiritually the same way. Many sincere man go to the Catholic church and wants to become a Christian, go to the Methodist, the Baptist, church of Christ, and even the Pentecostals, see, and wants to become a Christian, put his hand on it, join up with them.

¹³⁵ And when David saw this thing happen, it woke him up. Don't wake up too late out there, brother. He seen that death had hit.

Show me the results. Why has this so-called revival, getting people back in the churches, done to the nation, to the—to the body of believers? It's nothing but made new organizations and denominations, all the way along, more members and so forth. Is the nation better? They said they was going to . . .

¹³⁶ "America. God bless America. It's—it's a nation, it's a Christian country."

It's a million miles from being a Christian country. I don't even pray for it. How can I pray for it, and it won't repent under the mighty powers of God demonstrated before it; and denying, and closing the doors to It, and walking away? I commit it to God. And she is going further away. And now she is going to sink. Just watch what happens.

¹³⁷ Many sincere person go join an organization, or a group, or a cult of some sort, and there they die, spiritually. You can't tell them nothing. They get that stuff drilled into them, "Why, these bishops said this. And *this* said this, *this* said this." You show them right here in the Word of God where it's **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. "But our pastor . . ."

I don't care what your pastor says, don't care what I say, or anybody else says. If it's contrary to God's vindicated Word, the hour, the time, the Message, and so forth, forget it. Stay away from it. And I've got to stand before every one of you in the Day of Judgment, and you know that. And little would I say that, knowing I'm an old man now. I'll . . . It ain't that I know something, but He knows. I just follow what He said.

¹³⁸ Look today at the big crusades that we've had across the land. It's proven that it's been in vain. And didn't Jesus say here now, Luke 7:7, "In vain do they worship Me"? In vain did David bring the ark up. In vain did Ahab train them prophets. In vain did Balaam take that money. "Teaching for Doctrine the commandments of men." It's the commandments of God that counts, no matter how sin . . .

¹³⁹ “Them people are really sincere.” You hear that so much, “They are so sincere.” That don’t mean nothing. Jehovah Witness, Seventh-day Adventist, and all those cults, get out here on the street and do things that one of us wouldn’t do. Catholics stand on the corner and beg, and so forth, those orders of it like that, and worth billions times billions times billions of dollars, still beg for it. Sincere, no doubt. Churches go and—and preach, and so forth, and ministers stand in the pulpit and do everything they can to get new members into their church; but it’s a new ark.

There is only one Ark to follow, that’s, the Word of God. Anything contrary to that Ark, stay away from it! It’s on a new cart, and not on the shoulders of God. Right. Stay away from the thing. Don’t have nothing to do with it.

¹⁴⁰ Our big crusades, billions and millions has made confessions. And I doubt whether there would be a hundred of them, of all of it. See, hasn’t been a thing.

Then look at the Word promise.

¹⁴¹ You’ll think that that’s failed, and we know it’s failed. Some of our greatest of—of revivalists in the land today say that it’s utterly failed. The church knows it’s failed. Everybody knows it’s failed. Well, why is it? Why did it fail?

It was for a good purpose. It was to bring people in the Presence of God, great crusades. And millions of people spent their money, and put in great crusades. And churches all went together, great auditoriums, and great things, and great things taken place. Why did it fail? Is because they never knowed the hour they were living.

No wonder Jesus stood, and in His heart He wept. Tears run down His cheeks, and He said, “Jerusalem, O Jerusalem, how oft would I have hovered you as a hen would her brood. You’ve stoned every prophet I sent to you. But you would not. But now your hour has come.”

¹⁴² Can’t you feel the Holy Spirit screaming out from you? “Oh, United States and the world, how oft I would have gathered you, but you would not. Now your hour has come. Your god of pleasure, your god of filth, your Sodom and Gomorrah god, has come among you.” Even our little kids, beatle haircuts and bangs across their faces, and little perverts starting out. Our women is gone. It’s beyond redemption. Our men has become big sissies, walking around with little, short pants on, and acting like a girl, and hair hanging down their necks. And we are Sodomites, and the fire and the wrath of God waits for us.

¹⁴³ You know how He'll kill, how He'll destroy it? The way He always did. When a prostitute did anything wrong, she was stoned to death; they picked up stones to kill the woman that was a prostitute. That's how He'll kill the church. The Bible said He'll rain hailstones out of the heavens, that'll weigh a hundred pounds apiece, and He'll stone them. Who is going to stop Him? What science is going to say it can't be done? He'll do it.

The same as He made a ark and floated Noah to safety, He'll do it again for His Church.

And by His Own laws and His Own way, He'll stone that prostitute who has committed adultery with the kings and captains of hundreds and thousands. He'll stone her to death, by His Own laws that He set in order. Who is going to tell Him He can't make a hailstone?

¹⁴⁴ Ask someone who knows how a raindrop starts. And it makes a circle, and goes back through a turbo; picks up more and more and more, till it gets a certain weight, and then it falls down.

He, God, Who . . . gravitation could not even hold Him on the earth, and He lifted up into Heaven. God, Who made gravitation, can also make a turbo big enough to swing a stone till it'll weigh a hundred pound. He said He would do it, and He'll do it. Who is going to tell Him not to do it? He'll do it, because He said He would.

¹⁴⁵ We're in the last days. We're standing near the judgment. Why? They're trying to eat old manna that fell back yonder fifty years ago, the Pentecostal church. The Holiness church is trying to, over two hundred years ago. The Lutherans, about three hundred, or more, years ago, many hundreds of years ago. They're trying to eat old manna. Oh, brother, that stuff is stagnated. It's contaminated. It'll . . . It's got—it's got . . . Why, I always said, wiggle-tails in it, maggots. It'll kill you, to eat it.

¹⁴⁶ Find out if David or if any of the rest of them would only consulted the Bread of that hour.

If the priests, and prophets, and preachers, and theologians, and schools, and denominations, would've only consulted the hour! But now it won't do them no good. It done moved out. It won't help a bit. She is gone now. She crossed that line about five years ago, between repentance, judgment and mercy.

¹⁴⁷ Notice, what is then? What can be done? What is to be done? Let's consult the prophet, the Bible, where we cannot add to or take from It. If we do, God takes us from the Book of Life.

The Bible said, in Malachi 4, what would happen today. Revelation 10, how the Seven Seals would be opened and reveal all these mysteries that's been hid through these reformers! He said how it would be done. It's in the Bible, THUS SAITH THE LORD. God has completely, perfectly identified that; and vindicate It to be Truth, by signs, wonders in the heavens, in the skies, and everything else, for thirty-three years.

You think they'll listen to It? No. They are dead. They've put their hand into something that's killed the whole thing. No, it won't; it won't, never no more.

¹⁴⁸ It was when this thing happened, that David saw. O God, send us a David that can see where he's standing, that can look out and see God made a promise what, how He's going to do it today. God said it right here in His Word, how He would do it.

¹⁴⁹ God told Micaiah. Micaiah examined his vision before four hundred dignified prophets. He examined his vision to see if it was right. He looked back to what the prophet said before him, to see what happened. He looked back, and he saw that Elijah standing there, said, "Ahab, the dogs will lick your blood, too." Now, he seen then that that vision was just exactly according to the Word of God, so he pronounced it. And he was right. Right. No matter what the rest of them said, he stayed right with that Word.

¹⁵⁰ Now let's look at the vision we have today. Is it building churches; is it new things; is it great things that's going to happen? Or, is it judgment? Look back and see the promise of today, see what season we are living in.

¹⁵¹ You say, "Well, bless God, brother, I'm sincere. I joined church. I got my bachelors of art. I done *this*." That's alright, that's fine, nothing against it; so had David, so had the priests of that day, so had the theologians. But it was contrary to the Word.

¹⁵² God said how He would do it today, how He would restore all things, what He would do again. He promised to restore. That's exactly right. In Joel 2:28, He promised He would restore. "I will restore," saith the Lord, "all the years that the cankerworm's eat." They got a di-. . . See, that's the same worm; it's in a different stage of life. And when Catholicism started eating, then Lutheran, and Methodist, and Pentecostals, and all, down; He said, "I will restore everything back to a Church exactly like that one was at the first place."

¹⁵³ Watch the vision the other night. Exactly the same Bride come *this* side, come *this* side. After that prostitutes passed with their gowns on, their old things up *this* a way, and dancing by rock-and-roll, and calling themselves the Church.

You say, “Well, we don’t do that.”

That’s the way God sees you. It ain’t what you see your own self. It’s the way God sees you. No man sees hisself wrong. When you look in the mirror of God’s Word, It tells you whether you’re wrong or not. If David would have done that, he’d seen his wrong. If Ahab would have done that, or them prophets would have done that, they would seen themselves wrong.

¹⁵⁴ A vindicated prophet said, “Ahab will die, and the dogs will lick his blood.” And his prophecy was exactly with It. Then he knowed he was right. Even Jehosaphat should have seen that and knowed it. When Micaiah saw the vision, he wasn’t much with the people in them days, but he had **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. He was right.

¹⁵⁵ Notice, we are bringing this thing now in this day, when we see the great hour that we’re coming.

Notice what David was trying to do, too. I had a little note here on that. He was trying to bring the ark to the city of David, his own denomination.

¹⁵⁶ Look back yonder when the Lord first spoke down here on the river, “As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming. . .”

Brother, the Assemblies couldn’t stand for that, neither could the United, all of them. They had to have one somewhere. Ah, they all had to do it, see, just exactly. All of them had to bring it to their own house.

¹⁵⁷ Wanted to bring it to the city of David. Why? There was no place ready for it.

And that’s the reason you can’t bring the Message to a denomination. The Word, the Ark, Christ, “the same yesterday, today, and forever,” and all His identification, you can’t bring It to your organization. They’ll never believe It, because there is no room for It. Don’t the Bible say He was outside the church of the Laodicean Age, trying to get in?

There was no place in the city of David, no matter how loyal it was, and how great it was, and—and so forth. It still wasn’t the place. It was going to be at Jerusalem. That’s where it went later, when the prophet told them what to do with it. See? So David had to bring it to his own city. No place ready for it.

¹⁵⁸ Christ is our Ark, and they won’t receive It. Christ is the Word; they won’t receive It. They want their creed, their denomination, a new ark, or—or a new carrier. They want the denomination to carry It; a new ark. Huh!

Remember, Christ our Ark! You believe Christ is the Word? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That's the Ark, then. Is that right? All right. Christ cannot be carried, to His correct position, by any denominational cart. He deals with one person, and not with a group. He never did deal with a group; one person. When, He said He'll not. If He did, He contrary-ed His Word, Amos 3:7. You can't make It lie. No, sir. It's Truth.

¹⁵⁹ But, see, they try. The Ark cannot be carried by an organization. There is too many heads in it. See? It cannot be done. He promised He would not do it, and He won't do it. He said...when He promised—when He promised to do it some other way? That's the reason He promised He wouldn't do it.

Don't think them thoughts. I can feel it. See?

¹⁶⁰ So He—He promised He would do it a certain way, and anything contrary to that He won't do it. See? But by His original way, according what He said in Amos 3:7, that's the way He'll do it. And that must be vindicated and proved to be right.

Now, you know what He promised today, then He's doing it today. That's just what He said He would do. He would open those Seven Seals, and what all He'd do; reveal the mysteries back there, how these baptisms and all things had been all messed up. And here it is, in His very Presence. Science proves it. The heavens has declared it. Man standing, looking right at it, and see it happen. Not one thing has He said but what He made true. There you are. Just so that you would see where we're at today.

¹⁶¹ How any man that has His Spirit's, knows it; has God's Spirit upon him, knows This is the Truth, because God's Spirit won't speak contrary to the Word. No, no. It'll be right with the Word.

You say, "I got the Holy Ghost. I shouted; I spoke in tongues. I danced in the Spirit." That don't mean one thing to God. See?

David did the same, practically the same thing, back there. They sang with all of his might, and he shouted with all of his might. All the rest of them did, and they was walking right into death. That's right. That don't have anything to do with it.

¹⁶² It's the Word that counts, the Word of the Lord. "They that wait upon the Lord." Yes, sir. See, they that have God's Spirit in them, look at the promise for today, and watch and wait until they see It. Then they say, "That's It." God reveals It to them.

¹⁶³ Like Nathanael. Philip went and found Nathanael. Nathanael said, "Now wait a minute. I know that's promised, but let me see It." And when he saw It, he said, "That's It."

The woman said, "Now, I know, I've heard all kinds of theologians. I've done *this* and *that*. And I've read the Bible, myself, and I know that we're . . . There is a Messiah coming, that will do these things, so You must be His prophet."

He said, "I am He."

¹⁶⁴ She said, "Come on, see a Man, this is It." She waited until she seen that Messiah identified by the Word of God, then she said, "That's what we've waited on, four hundred years. We haven't had a prophet or nothing. Here He is, and He Himself says that He is He." [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] " . . . on out and see a Man Who told me the things I've done."

But the priests wanted to kill Him, and they finally done it. See?

But they can't kill His Spirit today. That's right. No, they can't kill It. It was here to bring us in, so we're thankful. Notice how great God is, how great His works are, how it can never fail!

¹⁶⁵ Now, God has a provided and original way to do things, and He'll never do it contrary to that.

¹⁶⁶ Now He promised in the last days that what He would do. And It sent them, us the Message; and this Message would have the same identification as Elijah had, as Elisha had, as John the Baptist had. And It would turn the hearts of the people, not to the denomination, but back to the original, apostolic fathers, back to the Word. How these things have been vindicated. How that in the sounding of the last angel, Revelation 10, "In the days of the seventh angel, these mysteries that's all been . . ."

"Why did the Methodist do *this*, and the Baptist, and the church of Christ, and the Jehovah Witness, all do *that*?"

"Them mysteries will be revealed in the last day, when the seven angel's . . . seventh angel's Message, when he . . ." Not when he starts out doing this, but, "When he begins to sound his Message." See? Not the years in preparation, but, "When he begins to sound the Message, these mysteries then will be revealed." And here they are; not knowing them, and you people are a witness of that.

¹⁶⁷ And then in that great observatory, so that the world will be without, they're still wondering what happened. In Tucson, them big observatories took the picture of it up there; still wondering what happened. What is it? They still put in the paper, "Does anybody know anything about what, how it could have happen?" There is no fog up there, there's no air, there's no moisture; thirty miles high in the air. Oh, my!

“There shall be signs in the heaven above. And when these things take place, earthquakes in divers places, then shall appear the sign in the heaven, of the Son of man.” “That day,” in Luke, “the Son of man will reveal Himself again; being revealed, Himself.” And the world will look like Sodom and Gomorrah. Oh, my!

Brethren, don’t be ignorant of spiritual things, see. “Search the Scriptures, for in Them you think Eternal, you have Eternal Life; and They are They that testify of the Word.” They are They that testify of the Truth, the things that God is doing in this hour.

¹⁶⁸ And now what? They that have the Spirit of God, wait for these things. And when they see those things, they believe those things. Jesus said, “No man can come to Me except My Father draws him. And all that the Father has given Me,” He is the Word, “they will come to Me. They will come to Me.”

¹⁶⁹ I’ve been pretty rough this morning, see. They wait on the Lord, waiting; and when they do, and they see that promise of today, being vindicated, it renews their faith in His Word. Cause, He promised to do it, and here He is doing it. Then there’s no doubt. God speaks. His Word, first, speaks. And then the Spirit that’s bringing It does the thing that the Word said It would do.

Oh, we have lots of impersonations. We’ll still have a lot of them, men of sincere heart trying to do things *this* way and *that* way, but watch what happened. People will put their hands, and then—then die. See, notice.

¹⁷⁰ No man’s scheme of denomination will ever work, making members for their own self-made denominational arks. God never did have a denomination. He never will have a denomination. And it’s a man-made thing.

¹⁷¹ And I wonder, today, if all of our drawing in and great crusades and revivals, we haven’t been filling up the Methodist ark, the Baptist ark, the Presbyterian ark! But what about the Ark of Christ, the Word?

And if the Bride is to be the Word, then She’s got to be of Christ, part of the Bridegroom. She’s got to be the Word; the Word not for His day; the Word of this day, that He promised would be this day, that He sent His Word forth to mold His Bride and make Her. Hope we see it! Don’t get some idea of your own now, and don’t take somebody else’s idea. Take the vindicated Word here, the Bible. It says.

God has promised in His Word how He would choose His Bride in this last day. Did you know that? He promised it, how He would

do it, and that by His original plan of choosing Christ, of choosing the times, choosing the seasons, how he . . . He can't miss it, on His Bride, because She is part of that Word.

He can't choose It by a denomination, when He didn't choose Christ by a denomination. Did Christ come to a denomination? Did He come by a denomination? No. They rejected Him. Well, that's what the denomination done then. Then when He chooses a Bride, can He come any other way?

How did He bring Christ here? By the Word of the prophets. Is that right? How will He bring His Bride here? By the Word of the prophets.

How did He identify Him when He come? By a man with the spirit of Elijah upon him, come out of the wilderness. How will He identify His Bride? He promised in Malachi 4 the same thing, before He destroyed the earth, like it was in the days of Sodom.

¹⁷² Remember, Sodom burned. Is that right? Well, this world is to burn. Jesus said so. And it'll be the time, that, like Luke the 17th chapter and the 30th verse said, "In the days it'd be like Sodom and Gomorrah, then the Son of man would be revealed."

And then what would happen? According to Malachi, He will burn the earth again, and the righteous (in the Millennium) will walk out upon the ashes of the wicked. Is that right? See?

So we're right at the end time. We're setting here at the door now, waiting for Him to come.

¹⁷³ Notice, God promised in His Word that He would choose His Bride by His original way. He chose His. The Bridegroom! He foretold it by the prophets, and sent a prophet to identify it.

The prophet said, standing on the banks of Jordan, "Behold!"

They said, "You're the Messiah, aren't you?"

He said, "No, I'm not the Messiah."

"You must be the Messiah."

¹⁷⁴ "But I'm not Him. But He is standing among you. And His shoes, I'm not worthy to loosen. When He comes, makes Himself known . . ."

And today He is standing among us, in the person of the Holy Ghost, manifesting Himself more and more, coming into His Church, making Himself known; because, Him, and the Bride and the Groom will be the same, making Himself known. And one day you'll see that the One that you feel in your heart, and see His identification, will become personalized before you, then you and He are One.

You've united by the Word. And the Word, was in the beginning, will go back to the beginning, which is God. "And that day you'll know that I am in the Father, the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me." Hallelujah! We're here. Hallelujah! I'm so glad to see Him personifying Himself right among us, and see what He promised for the Word; not what's somebody's emotion, singing, and jumping, and dancing. But by His Word, amen, He is making Himself known.

¹⁷⁵ Look, when they brought, built the temple and brought the ark into it, God went in there with a Pillar of Fire. Amen. It was David jumping and screaming, it was all the singers and the priests carrying on, when they was out of the will of God. But when God identified the ark in His place and position, before they could get the ark in there, here come the Pillar of Fire leading the way; right down over the cherubims' wings, and right in behind the Holiest of holies, His resting place; the Pillar of Fire! And the glory of God was in there, till the pe-...they couldn't even see how to minister. Amen.

It'll close the eyes of every theologian, when He comes for His Bride. She'll be taken up in the—in the middle of the night, as it was, to them. They won't even see Her go. Oh, praise be to God!

¹⁷⁶ Notice, God promised that He would bring His Bride out, what He would do. There would be a Seed. There would be a Light in the evening time, how He would do all these things, just exactly, and by the way that He original planned it in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

And it isn't through denomination. It isn't through our system we're using today. We're just causing death. Let people put their hands with It, and die from it. See?

¹⁷⁷ The Word, the evening Message, must carry evening results. The evening Message must sow evening Seed, not morning seed. Evening Seed! Is that right? The midday scene, its seeds back there, was denomination; it died, perished. But evening-time Message will show evening-time Light, will show evening-time results; the evening-time Message!

Jesus' time, midday message, showed midday results. The beginning message showed the beginning results, made creation. He made His Son in His Own image, in the midday. In the evening time He makes a Bride for It. See? What by? His Word.

How did He form the earth? How did He speak it into existence? By His Word!

Who was His Son? The Word! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among."

How will He take His Bride? By the Word; not by a new cart, not by some theologian's idea. But according to His Word He'll identify Her. Don't put one thing to It or take one thing from It now. Leave It the way It is. See?

¹⁷⁸ The evening time, He promised He would reveal, though, open these Seven Seals and show what them churches had missed back there. Revelation 10, and Malachi 4, Luke 17:30, He said He would do it. Now let's not mix it up. Let's keep it right like that.

¹⁷⁹ Let me, in closing . . . It's about, pretty near fifteen minutes until twelve. Let me close, in saying this.

Friends, listen, in the Name of the Lord Jesus! These things are too plain for you not to believe It. It's too plain for you not to see It. Surely you can see That! Surely the world could see It! But just your . . .

Don't be influenced by these new fandangles and things they got today; I don't care how good a man they are, how sincere they are. "If they don't speak according to the law and the prophets," the Bible said, "there is no Life in them." See?

¹⁸⁰ David thought he was right. He was sincere. Them priests thought they were right. They were sincere. But they just failed to consult the Lord about it. And how could they done it? Maybe they said, "We prayed through." But that wasn't God's way of doing it. He promised that He would do nothing until first He revealed it to His servants the prophets. And there stood Nathan-ael right among them, and never consulted him at all.

¹⁸¹ Now read the next few chapters of Chronicles there, and you'll find out. When David set in the house, and said, "Is it right," and Nathan-ael was setting with him, "that I should have, live in the cedar, and—and the ark of God under the tents out here?" And Nathan-ael found, from the Lord, what to tell him to do.

¹⁸² And he had done done wrong, so then God said, "Tell My servant David I love him. I made him a name like great men in the earth, but I can't let him do it," see, "he done failed Me. See, I can't let him do it. I'll bring a man along, his son, shall raise the everlasting house of God." And that was David, of course. Which, Solomon typed it, but then he failed. Every man has got to fail. Every human being has got to fail.

God is the only One that can't fail. He can't fail. That's one thing God cannot do, is fail. And God is the Word. And the Word, no matter how it looks like it's going to come this other way, it'll come just exactly the way the Word said.

¹⁸³ Now remember, you've got to follow the season, the time. See? And what season you're in, what time, and make that vindicated, to see that it's exactly the Truth.

¹⁸⁴ Now take all these musts, all the Word, all the types, and the things, and look where you're setting. Think of the hour we're living in.

Looky yonder, that nearly one-tenth of the earth is ready to fall in. Science says that. They're looking on the clock. Few years ago, said, "It's only three minutes now till midnight." Might be a minute, might be a half a minute now.

They said, "It won't happen in our generation."

¹⁸⁵ "It could happen in five minutes." And notice the next thing he said, "Five years." I never said that now. He said that, the scientist. They're swarming away from California like flies. See? Well, the day that Lot went out of Sodom, the same day it rained fire down upon the earth.

One of these days God is going to take our Message, and we're going to leave here. Something is going to happen, sure enough, then, when the Church is gone, His Body, His Bride.

¹⁸⁶ Now I want to read you a Scripture, and I want you to read It with me. I want you to turn to Deuteronomy 4, in closing. I think enough probably has been said, that you'll understand. Deuteronomy 4. I'm going to read two places in here.

And to this church, and to the tapes, people on tapes, and people on the hookup across other parts of the nation, I want you to listen to this real close, and don't you fail. This is the thing that I . . .

Deuteronomy, the 4th chapter. I'm going to get the 1st verse. I want to read the 1st verse, then I'm going to read the 25th and the 26th verse. You can read it all when you get home; but just, save time, so we can get out on time, 'cause I've got to come back again tonight, the Lord willing. Listen to this prophet speak. He had been in the Presence of God. He knowed what he was talking about. Listen.

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and to the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. (That types our Millennium.)

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish ought of it, ("Don't add one thing to It, and don't take one thing away from It. Stay, just say what It says!") that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Your eyes have seen what the LORD did . . . to Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God has destroyed them from among you. ("Now you're a separated people, out of them denominations." See? See?)

But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God, ye are alive every one of you this day. ("Ye never died with your denomination. You're alive now, and in the Presence of God.")

Close, don't miss it. 25th verse, now, when they're going into the land, now watch what happened.

And when thou shall beget children, and children's children, and you . . . have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves (that's what happened), and make . . . graven images (something else), or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger: (Listen!)

I call heavens and earth to witness against you this day, see, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land, or the place, where you go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but ye shall utterly be destroyed.

¹⁸⁷ This was Moses speaking to Israel, after he had been vindicated by God, by a Pillar of Fire, and knowed he was proven to be God's servant to lead them out. And before they went into the land, before they entered, Moses said, "Now, the words that I have spoken to you, I call heaven and earth to witness against you. If you add one thing to It, or take one Word from It, you'll not stay in the land where the Lord God gives you."

So say I, in the Name of Jesus Christ! Don't you add one thing. Don't take, put your own ideas in It. You just say what is said on those tapes. You just do exactly what the Lord God has commanded to do. Don't add to It.

¹⁸⁸ He has ever, keeps His promise to us. Every promise that He has made, He's kept it. Has He told you what would happen, and did it happen? I bring heavens and earth before you today, in a challenge. Has God ever said anything that He has not fulfilled and done exactly what He said He would do for us? Hasn't He done it just

the way He said He would do it? That's exactly. So will He continue to do it. Just don't add to It. Don't take from It. Just believe It and walk humble before the Lord your God, for we're nearing the going into the Land.

Then, you won't return, you won't return to this type of a life again. You'll return as an immortal being. You'll turn, when sin is done away with, when Satan is bound, and for a thousand years you'll live upon this earth that the Lord thy God has given thee. "For the meek shall inherit the earth." "Blessed is he that doeth all of His commandments, that he might have the right to enter into the City." "For without are sorcerers, liars, whoremongers, and dogs. They shall not enter therein." But they're only for the Redeemed, and to those who walk in His commandments.

¹⁸⁹ Don't take some new thing. They're flying everywhere, and there'll be more than that come. But don't take these new things.

The Lord your God has declared to you what is Truth. The Lord your God has vindicated what is Truth, by His Word and by His Spirit. "Not by power, not by might, but by My Spirit." And, the Spirit, "God seeks those who worship Him in the Spirit and Truth." "Thy Word is Truth." And He has thoroughly vindicated that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has showed the evening Seeds to you. He has revealed It to you, in the Word. He has proven It to you, by His Spirit.

¹⁹⁰ Don't never start or try an organization. Don't try to build upon anything else.

But stay humble before the Lord your God, for it looks like the gates may open into the promised Land soon. Then let us go in with the true singing and rejoicing, when the Bride and Groom takes its place at the Throne.

¹⁹¹ Live humble. Live loving. Love one another. Don't never get nothing among you. If you see something coming up in your heart against somebody, get it out of there right then. Don't let. . .

And Satan will do his best to get among you. See? Don't you let that happen. Some slicked-tongue fellow might come along and try to take you away from It. You think they could talk Moses out of the Presence of God, where he had stood there and seen It? No, sir. No. We don't take from It or add to It. Just keep It the way the Lord said. We don't want no denomination. We don't want no organizations. We don't want no malice. We don't want no strife. We want God, and He is the Word.

Now let us bow our head.

¹⁹² O God, I look around with spiritual eye, I try to see what's taking place. I see Your Word, the way It's been vindicated, the way It's been proven; all the way from thirty-three years ago, down here on the river, what You said. And here it is, thirty-three years later, and You are doing just what You said. And You done just what You said. Lord, far be it from us trying to make It any littler or try to make It any bigger; just keep It the way You've made It, just walk humble and follow You.

¹⁹³ These are they, Lord, that You have given to the ministry, besides all those who sleep across the nation, around the world. The cemeteries here holds many of those waiting, blessed saints. But it's as it said, "We which are alive and remain shall not hinder those that are asleep. The trumpet will sound, the dead shall rise first; then we'll be caught up with them." When the glory of God will be upon the earth, it'll hide the Church away from the world. It won't even see It when It goes.

¹⁹⁴ Father God, keep these in Your hands. They are Yours. I pray, God, that we'll always walk humble before You. We don't know how long. We don't desire to know how long; it's not our business. That's Your business. It's not our wills to know when You will come. It's our will, Lord, to keep humble till You do come, and walk with You. It's our desire for You to just let Yourself be known, once in a while, Father, among us, that we can see that we're still walking with You.

¹⁹⁵ Forgive us of our past sins. Guide us and protect us from every snare of the devil, for the future. Lead us and guide us, O God our Father. Forgive our sins and help us to be Your children. We're a poor class of people. We're an outcast, by the societies of this world, by the denominations of the churches.

We see the end. And we thank Thee for spiritual eyesight into Thy Word, to see the end time, for all these things must come to that great stoning from Heaven. Help us, Lord, not to be here at that day, but to be gone into Your Presence, fly away into Your bosom.

¹⁹⁶ Heal the sick and the afflicted, Lord. We pray that tonight You'll give us such a great service, may there not be a feeble person in our midst, because of Your Presence, Lord. May our hearts continually be set on Thee. And we know, Lord, that money, property, things of the world have no meanings, just so temporal. All of them must go. Our jobs, our places, our friends, everything must go. No matter how rich, how poor, how popular or unpopular we are, it all must go. But there is only one thing that

our being here is centered around, and that's Jesus Christ. So, God, let us lay aside everything as secondarily, and hold to Him. And He is the Word. Grant it, Lord.

¹⁹⁷ The vindicated Word of the hour! The vindicated Word of the days of Moses was Jesus. The vindicated Word of the day of Isaiah, Elijah, John, all, was Jesus. And the vindicated Word today is Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Help us, Lord, to believe that, see that, and walk in it. We—we ask in Jesus' Name.

¹⁹⁸ With our heads bowed, I wonder if there is some in here that has never truly made that one great, all-sufficient . . . You believe It, but just to believe It is not enough.

I believe that my wife was a good girl. I knowed her father, her mother. I knowed her for years and years. She walked a straight life. I believed she was a good woman, but that didn't make her mine. She never become mine until, she, I accepted her, she accepted me.

Now Jesus wants to accept you. Won't you accept Him and become part of His Word? If you haven't done that, with your heads bowed and your hearts bowed, I trust . . .

¹⁹⁹ There is no room for an altar call here. I'm not too much on them, anyhow. I believe God visits you right where you are. Would you raise your hands, say, "Brother Branham, remember me in prayer. I want to do that." God bless you. "I . . ." God bless you. My, hands everywhere! "I want to be like that." God bless you, brother. Bless you, brother; all of you, around. "I want to be that." God bless . . . "I truly want to be that. I—I see it."

Well, now, look, friend, there may be a little something . . . If you're not that, then there is something you've centered around besides that. You're as close to it, you're looking at it. You see it. You've seen it for years, moving up. You see it coming matured now. If that means everything to us, and nothing else is going to last but That, why not just turn your head from that thing you've been looking at and center yourself on Him? Which, the center of all life, all hereafter, is Him. Won't you do it, while we pray together?

²⁰⁰ Dear God, as hands of men, women, boys, girls, even ministers, got their hands up. They—they wanted to—to say that they wanted to become centered right around the Lord Jesus, and yet looks like they can't do it. There is something pulls them *this way, that way*. It might be a denomination, it might be a person, it might be a sin, it might be something they're hiding in their heart. I don't know, Lord. Thou knowest. Whatever it is, may just now, Lord, while on others Thou art calling . . . You've done called them. They're Yours.

And while You call them, may they turn loose of that, that besetting sin, as the Bible said. "Turn away from that sin that so easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that's set before us, looking to . . ." What, to our job, to our denomination, to our affiliation, to the councils? "To Christ the Author and Finisher of the faith that we have in Him." Do that, Father, for us today, for we ask it in His Name and for His glory.

²⁰¹ Now they're Yours, Lord. Do with them as You see fit. Do with us as You see fit. We are Yours. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

²⁰² Have you forgotten about dinner? Have you forgotten whether the kids are all right, out in the car, or not? Have you forgotten all about the past, and realized what that is you're feeling right now? It's materializing before you, day by day. See? Let that be the center of whatever. Let the rest of the things go away; they're going to perish, anyhow.

Oh, just keep following after Him! See? As Elisha followed Elijah, let's follow Him. For we must be taken up, too, someday. We seen the chariot of Fire that lifted Him out of the grave. We feel It among us now. Someday He is going to unhook the horses from the bushes. We're going up. Don't you love Him?

And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Oh, can't you just almost just close your eyes and see Him hanging yonder?

I love Him, (who else could I love?) I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

²⁰³ Every time when I return home, somebody is gone. I'll be gone a few months, come back, somebody is gone. I get sad every time I come.

The other day, a boy I went to school with, coming down the street, he said, "Hello, Billy."

²⁰⁴ I looked at him, he used to be a handsome little fellow, real black shiny hair combed back; now it's as white as snow. He used to be so straight; tummy way out like *this*. I said, "Hello, Jim." I looked at him.

I felt in my heart, I thought, "God, that boy and I, that man and I, are the same age."

Then, I know my days are numbered. I know it can't be too much longer. I look around, and think, "What can I do, Lord? Help me. I don't want to go ahead of You. I want to stay right—right behind You. You lead the way." I look, and think, "Fifty-six years old, oh, my, can't be much longer!"

²⁰⁵ And I look down, see my good friend Bill Dauch setting there, seventy-two or seventy-three years old. I look around, I see these kids, they think, "Well, I'll wait till I get as old as Brother Branham, I'll think that." Honey, you may never see that. I doubt very much you seeing it. See? But, just think, if Brother Bill Dauch lives through this day, he'll out-live hundreds of fifteen-, sixteen-year-old people. They're dying every hour.

So what difference does it make what age you are! What are you doing about the hour you're living in? What are you doing for Jesus at this time? See? Oh, I want to see Him. I want to see the hour I look and see all these old bodies transformed, see them "changed in a moment, in a twinkling." If that isn't so, then we're most foolish people; eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you die; see, you're just like a animal, you die and go to the dirt and that's all. But there's a mortal . . . immortal soul living in you, brother. We done heard from Heaven. We done seen it proven. We know that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.

Now, members of the Body of Christ, while we sing that again, I want you just set in your seats and shake one another's hands while we sing that again.

I . . . (just greet your brother, sister) I love Him
Because . . . (Richard!) . . . me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

²⁰⁶ Do you love Him? Say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Do you love His Word? Say, "Amen." ["Amen!"] You love His cause? Say, "Amen." ["Amen!"] Do you love His Body? Say, "Amen!" ["Amen."] Then, you love one another. Amen! That's right. "This will all men know you're My disciples, when you have love one for the other."

Now I've laid my hands on these handkerchiefs, if you have to get them before night.

²⁰⁷ I'm going to have Brother Richard Blair . . . God answered his prayer, him and the brother here, praying the other day, for to

bring back this little boy that sets among us today, that's living, because of their faith in God. Now I'm going to have him to dismiss us in a word of prayer, just in a few moments, so we can come back again tonight.

Just about five minutes after twelve, by that clock. And I want you come back tonight, if you can, if you're around. If you have to go home, may God speed you on your road, and help you, and protect you. If you can stay, and want to stay, you're welcome to stay. God be with you now.

Till we meet! till we meet!

Till . . . (let's raise our hands to Him) . . . meet at
Jesus' feet;

Till we meet! till we meet!

God be with you till we meet again.

[Brother Branham begins to hum *God Be With You*—Ed.] That's the way to leave the house of God, prayerfully, humbly, trusting we'll meet again tonight. If we don't, "God be with you till we meet again!"

Let's bow our heads now. Brother Blair.



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