

# Fellowship

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1 May be seated. Good evening, friends. I am very happy to be here in Chicago this afternoon to speak to this lovely bunch of God's children. And it seems so good to stand behind the pulpit again. This has been several days. I was sitting in the room there, waiting a few moments ago, when you started singing Only Believe. Billy looked over at me. A little tear dropped on the inside of my heart. I don't know whether you know what I mean or not: on the inside. To hear that song again, Only Believe. And I thought, *That's once more I go to the platform.*

2 We drove up this morning; got in just a little bit ago, and got over here. And so, my reason of being here today, one of the reasons, is of course seeing you dear people. I always love to come to Chicago. I just feel really at home. Now that's.... I don't have to say that this afternoon, but that's the truth. And then, to get to say, to be with my Brother Boze. And I heard.... He called me the other day and said, "Can you come up Sunday?"

3 And I said, "I can't do it, Brother Joseph." I said, "I'm just.... My wife is expecting the little one at any time." I said, "I just couldn't go."

He said "Well, I was going away; I'm going overseas." And said, "I...."

4 I said, "I'll come [Laughter from the people] to say 'Goodbye' or 'So long'" we call it. And in the way of preachers, we don't tell one another "Goodbye," 'cause we're going to live forever together. We just say "So long" until he goes over, and wish him God's blessings, and get to say so before the church here.

5 And then, I thought maybe that I'd get to say before him and the church--I usually, in these healing services I have, I don't get to express myself--my feelings to people the way I want to. But I wanted to express to this church this afternoon, in the best way that I

have, which is very poorly, but my appreciations of Brother Boze, your pastor.

6 As I say it like I do to my wife. I said, “There’s a little Swede I really love.” [Laughter from the people] He calls me “Brudder Branham,” and I call him “Yoseph.” So, you know what kind of friends we are. And this is the boy we’re going to have. His name’s going to be Joseph too. [Bro. Branham laughs.] That’s right. So we really appreciate Brother Joseph. Not just because he’s sitting here. That’s... If he would be gone it would be better. But I have many lovely loyal friends that I certainly esteem highly.

7 Just coming up a few moments ago, coming up the Southshore Drive, I guess you call it over there, what ... Billy and I were talking. And he said, “You going back tonight, Dad?”

I said, “I’ll be too tired, Billy. I’ll preached twice, I guess, today.” And I said, “I’ll be too tired.”

8 And he said “You know what?” Said, “I think that Brother Boze is one of the ... one of the finest fellows that I’ve ever met.” I’ll say it with the words of my boy, and ditto it. That’s right.

9 I’ve learned to love Brother Joseph. Here’s what I like about him, many things. First, being a Christian brother. Second, you can depend on what he says. I like it. I like a man that when he tells you anything, he’ll stand by it. Another thing is this: He’s my friend whether I’m right or wrong. Now anybody can be your friend while you’re right. But when you’re in the wrong, then he’s still your friend.

10 Now there’s not all the times that I’m right, you know. Biggest part of the time I’m perhaps wrong. But whether I’m wrong or right, Joseph Boze is my friend. I’ve seen him in the hard trials, I’ve seen him in the times where the public knows nothing about, when we come up against testing times. He’s always stood by my side, like a brother. And I appreciate that very much. People try to discourage me and says Brother Joseph is a Latter Day Saints, or Latter Day [Laughter], what is it? Latter Day Rain? I say I don’t care if he’s first, second, latter, or all between. [Laughter.] He’s my brother.

11 Our coming together: A meeting once got cancelled in Chicago, Illinois, in a tent meeting, because they... Not never see him in my life, I cancelled a tent meeting on account of they

wouldn't invite Bro. Joseph to the meeting. You all don't know that, but that's true. I'd just returned from Stockholm, Sweden, and the group that was with me, said.... I said, "Is this the full cooperation of all the churches?"

"Yes."

12 And I said, "That little fellow that they talk up there (What's the Swedish church over there?), Brother Pethrus." I said, "Is he cooperating?"

13 Well, the fellow that was talking to me said, "No. You see, Brother Branham, it would ... it would hurt your meeting," said, "because he's a Latter Day Rain."

14 I say, "If he can't be there, I can't either. That's all." I said, "If we're interdenominational, that means everybody. I don't care who it is. If it's Methodist, Baptist, Jehovah Witness, whatever it is, they're going to be there just the same. And we can't draw straws and say, "This fellow has no right, because we're perfectly brethren together, and that's the way we want to remain that way." So no matter what church they go to: We're all brothers in Christ, when we're born again of the Spirit. And I appreciate Brother Joseph with all my heart.

15 And then I just imagine.... Now, this was not said to me, I have nothing pre-thinking. But I just imagine when he was talking to me there, that before he left, knowing that he's a poor man, just lives by the alms of the people like I do, that before going, they'd probably take a love offering for the man before going over. I wish I was able to do that. I asked him a few moments ago, I said, "Brother Joseph, would you be taking up a love offering for yourself?"

He said "Perhaps so, Brother Branham. Tonight they'll probably...."

16 I said "I wished I could take it for you, brother, but," I said, "you'd go broke if I did." But I said, "I'd just like.... You've never heard me mention them things from the platform, because I never took an offering in my life.

17 But, brother, anything that I could do to help that man along, I'd do it. Because I'll tell you why. When I was in a tight place (You all know nothing about it.), you done it. I was here one time

going overseas and making arrangements and ready to go, lacking two thousand dollars in having enough to pay for the tickets. That's right. Enough to pay for the tickets. But by faith God had called me and I was going.

18 And Joseph, by inspiration--I never told him--but by inspiration, he walked down and took that up with the people. Not no--saying the things: "Are you going overseas? You need money to go on?" or something on that order, and took that offering up out of Chicago. By faith he did it. I bought the tickets the next day and left.

19 I want to say that him going over . . . everything doing tonight, may the good Lord bless him real good and send him. Maybe you've never been in this part of the country before, have you Bro. Joseph, where you're going? [Bro. Boze answers, "No".] He just doesn't realize what he's facing either. [Laughter.] So, I know it's a hard thing when you get into Africa.

20 I pray that God will be with my brother and bless him in everything, and may he win souls to Christ over there. And I hope that the good Lord makes it possible that he can just . . . will have a most successful meeting he ever had in all of his life. And return back to Chicago, freshly and so forth, and ready to bring the news back to you people of a great revival. This will make him a missionary, when he goes this time. I know that kind of sounds a little strange to you people in other churches.

21 Listen. A missionary is not a person who changes his nation to live. A missionary is a person who goes and comes back. Paul was the greatest missionary the world ever knew. Is that right? If you just train a man, and send him over there, and make his home there and stays all his life, he just changes nations. That isn't a missionary. A missionary is from one place to another place and to another place. Paul went all the way around, then come back, and go out again, all the way around and come back. So Paul was a missionary. Brother Joseph, may God bring you back safely as a missionary. Then bring you back again. The Lord bless you.

22 And to you dear people here in Chicago, I was going to ask maybe: Is there any sick among us today? If there is, raise up your hand. Somebody. . . . Well maybe you'll have prayer meeting tonight. Say, pray for the sick. If you'd like a prayer for the sick

tonight, raise up your hands, everybody would like a meeting for... Well, fine. That's good. Then we'll be praying for the sick tonight. I'll leave some cards here for them to give out along about six thirty, something like that, and you come down and get your prayer card and we'll pray for the ... [Someone says "Six."] Six, six o'clock? [Someone says, "The meeting is seven."] Yeah, all right, it's six o'clock then tonight. That will be fine. All right.

23 Now, the first thing: If Billy Paul's in hearing of me, search in the car and see if you got any prayer cards. If you haven't... Have you got some? Have you got something you could make some out of? [Brother responds] OK, that'll be fine. All right, and tonight we'll be praying for the sick.

24 Now this afternoon, it's getting late, and we just ... never get started. You know how we are, kind of slow to get started, and then slow to stop. That's right. But I just love to come up here and talk to you dear people. And will you be praying for my beloved wife? Will you do that for the little fellow that's coming on? Poor little woman, she's just certainly having a time, and we're looking to Him who's the invisible one for deliverance.

25 Now in the book of Saint John, I'd like to read just a few words and speak to you for a few moments and.... [A brother speaks to Brother Branham.] Oh, yes. Thank you, brother. And now we'll try to get away in about thirty minutes, if the Lord willing. I want to speak to you today... Let's read from the Scriptures, in Saint John ... or, not Saint John; I John, the first chapter.

26 Now, I see they're down here, my friends Leo and Gene, a couple of boys from your neighborhood here, takes recordings. And, say, by the way, these boys go to all the meetings and tape recordings, and they have them on tape.

27 I sent for a tape to.... Somebody'd preached a sermon the other day, and I sent for a tape. My, I thought I was going to have to buy the whole country to get the tape. About nine dollars for a tape. I thought, *Ooh, my!* I questioned these boys. I said, "What about *this?*" Well, my, what a difference it was in what they had. And they have every message and so forth. They're old sassafras, cornbread-fed, but it would do you good. It'll help you a whole lot.

28 Brought me safe this far; I'm ready to take it. I've trusted in the

very shadows of death, this old time religion; it saved me. It might not be just polished up like it should be, but I want the blessings of God with me, regardless of how polished it is. And the Lord bless these two boys, who just give their life for that purpose, in their . . . in their work.

29 Now, we'll begin to read at the fifth verse, just down including the seventh verse.

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.*

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.*

Isn't that beautiful?

30 Now, shall we bow our heads just a moment. Our heavenly Father, speaking today to this lovely audience of eternity-bound people, perhaps the most of them's already washed in the blood of the Lamb; made their robes white, clean, forgiven of all their sins and their trespasses, and are waiting for their summons for on high. And we've come to speak and to have this little fellowship together with our brother before leaving for the overseas, to fulfill the great commission: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

31 Bless our dear beloved brother, Lord, in his mission. Bless the little church that waits now for him to return, waiting in prayer for their beloved pastor. Bless his assistant that'll take the place, and all the elders and the people. Bless the reading of the Scripture, and now give us fellowship with Thee, just now, around the Word, for we ask it in His name. Amen.

32 Now speaking on the Word, and the word of *fellowship*. Thinking, coming up there, it might be a marvelous time to speak just on *fellowship* for a few moments. That's one of the greatest things.

33 Everyone desires fellowship. People today, they'll say, "Will you just come over . . . with me over to the house a little while? Let's

have just a little time of fellowship.” Then many times, businessmen will say, “Will you have a lunch with me today at dinner?” Go out and just have a little lunch together, eat a piece of pie or something. A time of fellowship, eating. Eating goes with fellowship.

34 And while we’re talking this afternoon, may the Holy Spirit of God take the Word of God and feed every hungry soul in here. Eating accompanies fellowship. And man shall not live by bread alone, saith the Lord, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. The Holy Spirit, then, likes to eat and fellowship with the believer.

35 What a time. We’re all gathered around a great table now. For the good things of God is just piled up high. God’s got in his bounties of blessings, everything that we have need of, all the vitamins, everything that we have need of, to make us full, sturdy, healthy Christians filled with His Spirit, washed in His blood. And what a time that we can fellowship.

36 And did you ever think, the old proverb that man has once said (My mother used to use this much.): “Birds of a feather flock together.” That’s right. You watch them. You won’t see doves and scavengers together, because they can’t eat the same diet. A scavenger, buzzard, he can just eat anything. A crow can sit out there on a dead carcass and eat. The dove couldn’t do it. If she’d eat it, it would kill her. She just can’t eat it. She gets over in a wheat field and begins to eat in the wheat. She associates with her own kind.

37 But here’s the solemn part. Did you know the crow can eat on the dead carcass and also eat wheat? He can eat both, see. So you have to watch them fellows, that type, that can sit in the meeting and pretend to enjoy the meeting and go back out and take the things of the world. That’s the way social believers are today. But we like to congregate ourselves together with those who’ve separated themselves from the things of the world; called out and been made new creatures in Christ Jesus, and fellowshiping around the blessings of the Holy Spirit. What a marvelous thing.

38 Now, man was born to have fellowship. Man, in the beginning, back in the Garden of Eden, he had wonderful fellowship. God come down and fellowshiped with his company of men and women every evening. In the cool of the evening, God would come

down under the great palm trees. Perhaps His sacred light, as it was, shining down on Adam and Eve, in that great cathedral in the open: Fellowship with God! Had nothing to worry about as long as they were fellowshiping.

39 I love fellowship with men. I like to go out and talk with people who love the Lord. And have fellowship with them because we see the same thing. Our motives are the same. Our ideals are the same. I like to talk to people on the ... I've got a friend sitting right down here that likes to hunt and fish. Many times we have a lot of fellowship together, just sitting around talking on those things, because we like those things. Now, but the greatest fellowship that any man ever had was when he had fellowship with God, when God gave Himself open to man to fellowship back and forth with His creature--the Creator and His creature.

40 Now, when God was fellowshiping with Adam in the Garden of Eden, Adam had nothing to worry about. Everything was on the smooth and running right. He didn't have to worry about his clothes; he didn't have to worry about something to eat. Didn't have to worry about sickness. He didn't have to worry about death, sorrow. He knew nothing about them. Just the freedom like a child. He had a Heavenly Father who watched over him and fellowshiped with him daily.

41 Wouldn't it be marvelous if we could be back like that again? And do you know, every redeemed soul today, that's living under their privileges of that kind of fellowship with God. Do you believe that? God will take care and provide everything that we have need of in this journey. And at the end of the close of this old mortal tabernacle, God's promised to give us another one. Amen.

42 Do you know, I have a little funny idea about when we die. I might as well express it; I'm at home. Brother Joseph said one time (I was going to answer a woman's question; it might be a little contrary.), he said "Brother Branham..."

I said, "Now, Brother Joseph, here's what I want to say."

43 And he said, "Look, don't say it." Said, "When we wrote our rules and what we believe in this church, we end with a comma, not a period. We believe *this*, plus as much more as we can hear." So, that's very good. I like that.



44 Now, when John 14, when He said, “In my Father’s house is many mansions,” speaking to His disciples before going away, I can’t imagine that being stones and bricks and mortar. I believe the tabernacle He was speaking of was another body to live in, see. “In My Father’s house is many tabernacles,” or mansions. “Destroy this tabernacle and I’ll raise it up in three days.” And again, “If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already prepared and waiting,” see.

45 That I believe, that when we . . . I was standing a few days ago on Mount Wilson . . . Palomar, rather, out there, in California, that great observatory, where you can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space. And they were timing, and how science gets turned around in their theology; I tell you, when I went to school, and listened to that science; I tell you, there’s nothing like I was taught in school.

You know, my daddy used to slip down, and he said of the Bible . . . he said, “Billy, how in the world can . . . ?”

I said, “Dad, the sun stands perfectly still, scientific proof, and the world turns around it.”

He said, “Joshua said he stopped the sun”.

46 And I said, “How are you going to do that? I said “Daddy, we’re taught it in school. And,” I said, “they’ve scientifically proven it.”

47 He said, “Well, maybe they have, but that ain’t my kind of science,” he said. He believed, said, “Joshua . . . And I asked the Bible teacher in school. He said, ‘Well, of course, you know, Joshua, them people in them days were ignorant and God just looked at his ignorance and he stopped the world instead.’”

But now, they have to take that back. The sun does the running. The sun turns too. They’ve scientifically proven it. The sun turns.

48 When I was a boy going to school, it said, when the sun goes down, it shows a light over on the stars, and then the stars, that reflects the light of the sun. Now the scientific proves that can’t be so. It’d take billions and billions of years for the sun’s light, traveling so many million miles per hour, whatever it is, traveling

from the sun, to get to one of the stars. So it isn't... A star makes its own light now.

49 Brother Moore's boy graduated, and one of the great scientists come here a few weeks ago, and embraced him and give him his scholarship. He said, "In Washington, DC, they've a hundred and twenty-four latest scientist books on all the modern science that's scientifically proven." Said, "Young man, it'd take you two years to read through them books. And then after you read through them, you'd have to discard everything you learned, 'cause there'd be something different."

50 And when he said that, I squeaked out a little "Amen" right there. But I thought, *I could stand and say this, but I've got a book here that ages will turn on and on and on, and they'll never have to compromise.* It'll always be the same because its inspired. They have to come back to it every time. All adults try to learn ... make your hair gray trying to study science. Just study God's Bible, 'cause it's the purest book of all.

51 Then I think that whenever this soul leaves the body, we go into another house not made of hands. We go in the presence of God and there tabernacle with Him in the presence of the Lord Jesus, and that is omnipotent ... I mean, omniscient ... omnipresent. And then, if He is, we are when we go into our new tabernacle over there.

52 And then, if He said, "Wherever two or three are gathered together, I'll be in their midst," then He's bound to be here this afternoon. Just as sure as there's a heaven and a earth, Jesus Christ is present now! But what it is, He's in an unseen condition. We can't see Him, but there's something about the Christian soul, that when man realizes when his presence is there, he's standing in the presence of something that he can't see.

53 We know that there's radio going through here now. There's television going through here now. I can't pick it up. But it's in another world. And so is there angels of God placed around in this room watching this afternoon. The angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him. Jesus is all-present, all the time, watching over us. And we know that that's to be the truth. I think of when Elijah down there at Dothan, when Gehazi went out and looked over and said, "Oh, the whole Syrian army, look at them. They've done got this city compassed about and we're surrounded."

Elijah said, “There’s more with us than there is with them.”

He said, “Well, I couldn’t see nobody.”

54 Said, “God, open this boy’s eyes.” And when his eyes come open, the mountains was on fire, and angels of fire, chariots of fire. Sure.

55 He’s here. And when Christian believers can believe that present now, right now, sitting together, seated here in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. In Christ Jesus, fellowshiping (Amen) around the Word of God, the Holy Spirit here, taking the Word of God by vision, moving it out into every heart like that, as the Word is going forth and every believer receiving it.

56 Oh, if we would stand and claim our God-given privileges. That’s the time that God can ever take that wish bone out of a person’s back and put a real old-fashioned gospel backbone into him. Somebody who will stand for truth, no matter how dark it looks. God met the Hebrew children, walked right into the fiery furnace before He ever turned a hand. He’s always there; don’t be scared. He’s always present. Amen.

57 Then if the footsteps of a righteous man is ordered of the Lord, what’ve we got to fear? God be for you, who can be against you? Oh, my! Think of it. All the dynamic forces of heaven gathers together in a meeting (Amen.) just trying to find that out. That is the Holy Spirit taking the Word and pounding away like a air hammer against a rock. Oh, my! Break up our stony hearts and move away the belief ... the unbelief, and fellowship around the Word. Fellowship is wonderful.

58 When Adam and Eve separated themselves from God by sin--separated them--they become a wanderer then, no fellowship. Wandering about, weakening down. That’s what’s the matter with men today. Sin has separated men from that type of fellowship. Today we wonder how we’re going to do *this*, and wonder how we’re going to do *that*. Jesus said the heathens seek after such things: what we shall eat, or how we should be clothed, or what will we do with *this*, *that*, or the *other*. After all those things, He says, the Gentiles, the unbelievers, seek. But your Heavenly Father knows what you have need of even before you ask Him. What a carefree condition then.

59 Why, I got a little old brown-eyed girl down there; why, she'd jump off a fence, about anything.... She don't care, as long as I'm standing there. She says, "Daddy'll pick me up". She's just carefree.

I thought, *Oh God, if I could just be like that: just carefree.*

60 A few days ago, Brother Joseph encouraged me a lot. I've seen a lot of stuff rising up in the churches that should not be, and oh, as Irishman, oh, I have to go out and stop it all myself. And I was going to go out and say, "*This* can't be like *this*, and *this* can't be like *that*. Can't do it, because you're going to foul God's program. You're getting stuff in there that shouldn't be, and all *this*." And I knew it was wrong, Scripturally wrong. And the first thing you know, I begin to find myself getting a little kind of off the line, getting bitter.

61 I stopped out there on the ranch, begin to pray, and Joseph come down. He said, "Look, I just read the history of Martin Luther, and the question was that they didn't wonder about Martin Luther able to protest the Catholic Church and get by with it. But what the wonder was with Martin Luther, with all the fanaticism that followed it, and he raised up out of all of it." That's the main thing. Then I heard this was, as Christ said, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me. I'll take care of the rest of it. You just go ahead and follow me." That's the way it is. Then get back to the carefree again. All right.

62 When man separated himself from God, he become a wanderer, wandering about, everywhere. And what a picture that is of today. When man really gets out of fellowship with God, this week he's a Methodist, the next week he's a Baptist, and then he's *this* and *that* and the *other*: wandering about, tossed about by every wind of doctrine. The heart ought to be established. I don't say you should be Methodist, Baptist, or whatever. You ought to be right with God. There!

63 No matter what church you go to, what group.... You fellowship with any group, of whether it's the Assemblies, or the Oneness, or the twoness, or the Latter Day Rains, or whatever it is, just as long as your fellowship is clean with God. Amen. The Bible said, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and then we have fellowship one with another." Amen. I love that. Oh my! The

way ... then God seeing that man out of fellowship, then he must do something to restore his creature back to where he could get his heart again, where he could get his way back. Now there's where the sad part starts right now.

64 Now, man has tried to substitute something for that fellowship ever since the beginning of time. Now today, we say, "Sure, everybody come join our church. We have it." The Methodist wants to believe that on theirs, the Baptist on theirs, the Catholic on theirs, the Presbyterian on theirs, Pentecostal on theirs, the Apostolic on theirs. And in that they formed a declaration of creeds. And they have this church set up and a bunch of creeds, and around that they claim that that is the way to have fellowship.

65 Listen, you can't have fellowship that way. You could join every church there is in the country and still be out of fellowship with Christ. God laid down the only plan back there in the beginning, when he slew a lamb, or sheep, and brought out the welcome mat for the human race to come back to fellowship, and that was through the blood. Amen.

66 Now, you hear so little about the blood today. We're always speaking about other things. We're speaking about the times and about the atomic bombs. Those things are all right, but, brother, to me, without the shedding of blood there's no remission of sins. And when the blood's been properly applied, sin is done away with, and man is back in fellowship with God. Amen. What we need today is a good old-fashioned blood-bought revival! Amen. Life lays in the blood stream.

67 And when the blood of Christ cleanses us from all unrighteousness, then we have fellowship with God. You can repent, or come up and make a confession, go on six months' probation, be cycled out of a saltshaker and belong to the Methodist church. Yes, sir. And have fellowship with every one of them. That's right. Or you can come up to the Baptist church and get the right hand of fellowship and make a confession and be baptized in water, have fellowship with the Baptist church. Let me tell you. In the Pentecostal church you can pray a little while till you speak with tongues, and have fellowship with every one of them. But, my brother, sister, until your soul's been washed in the blood of Jesus Christ, you'll never have fellowship with Him. That's right.

68 And when your soul has been washed in the blood of the Lamb, all malice, hatred, envy, strife, all these things are died. The blood makes an atonement. Amen. That's the reason today in our Pentecostal fellowships, in our different Full Gospel fellowships, we have so much carrying on, so much schism and stuff in our body ... because our different *isms* and things, rather, has set in. Is because if one would pull out and do *this*, and another will pull out and do *this*, and one pull out and start a denomination or an organization.

69 The very reason that that is, because the person's heart wasn't right with God to start with. God wants us all as one body: one body of believers baptized in the Holy Spirit. Amen! Oh, my. God laid out one mat to meet people on. That was the welcome mat. From the once fallen fellowship, the restoration back is the blood. Through the blood to have fellowship. Restoration to fellowship with God.

70 Adam could not meet upon his own theology. He sewed fig leaves around himself, but it wouldn't work. He made his own organization, he made his own denomination, but it wouldn't work. And today....

71 Oh, when I drove up around the side of your nudist colony down here.... It's on the road up here. They can't even wait until they ... until the sun gets hot. Laying stripped out on the beach down there, men and women together, looked like a bunch of ... I don't know what! And every one of them perhaps belonging to some church somewhere, saying a few prayers over beads, or singing a Doxology somewhere, maybe in choirs, and lay out like that. It shows that something has let down. Moral beings, sensible people, won't act like that. Brother, that's true. If you ever get a touch of Christ in your heart, you'll stay away from such places. Amen. Now, that might disagree ... you might disagree with that, but you get down that heart one time right, and see what God will do about it.

72 I tell you, even my poor little girl (She ain't but two years old.) walked out in the room there ... the other day, out in the yard, and there was a woman out there was mowing grass, with little old clothes on that looked horrible, and that two-year-old child come in and said, "Oh daddy, that lady forgot her skirt."

73 Now, there you are. You see, a baby knows better. But when

men and women let their hearts become seared, it's demons, powers of the devil. There never was but one thing in all the age that would strip men, and that was devils ... strip women, rather. That's exactly; or men either one. It looks like a bunch of prehistoric animals, laying, stripped out there with no conscience. The Bible said they'd have their conscience seared with a hot iron.

74 And them same people, this one I'm speaking of in particular that I know now, sings in a choir. Oh, my! They got fellowship with their groups. Certainly. But fellowship with Christ? Yes, sir. I know that's strong, brother, sister. But God help us: If the Pentecostal church don't get back to the blood of Christ again, they're gone! That's right. Get back. It used to be a sin, a long time ago, for our Pentecostal people to act like that. They didn't do it a long time ago. But they do it too, now. It's because the pulpit's getting loose.

75 You begin to think about, you belong to this church, or denomination, or something another like that. You better have fellowship again with Christ! Amen. Going to be a horrible thing one of these days, one of the disappointments at judgment. The bootlegger ain't going to be ... he knows what his doom is. The liar and the thief, they know what their doom is when they stand before God. But when the disappointment comes, is those who belong to Pentecostal churches, will be turned away, and tried, for they knowed better and willfully walked into it. Amen! Hallelujah!

76 What we need today is a good old-fashioned shaking revival! Let's get back to a place again under the blood of the Lord Jesus, under fellowship. It's been the means of approach always down through the age, down through people. Watch it down along God's only way it was.

77 The oldest book in the Bible is Job. And Job approached God and had fellowship with God through the shed blood. Job offered a lamb each time when he went to fellowship. The worshippers of the Old Testament always through from Genesis plumb on over to the New Testament: Every time they'd go to have fellowship with God, they'd make a burnt offering. Slay a lamb first, because they're approaching under the blood. Job, when he approached God, he'd kill a lamb.

78 That's the oldest book in the Bible; was wrote before Genesis

was written. Moses wrote Genesis, now, hundreds of years later. But notice, Job was the oldest book, and all the way from Eden, Job would make a sacrifice, pour out the blood of a lamb, and through that blood he would confess his wrongs: “May God be merciful to me now. And I approach thee through the blood.”

79 You know why people ain’t getting their prayer answered the way they should? They’re coming in a psychological workup instead of by the way of the blood. That’s right. Come by the blood.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed church of God  
Be saved to sin no more.

80 That’s what we got to come through: the shed blood. And there Job offered the shed blood as he approached Jehovah, knowing that God would receive him, that upon nothing else.

81 If you approach Him today in the name of a good man--“I pay my debts, I don’t cheat the government, I pay my income tax; I do all these things; I’m a good neighbor.”--your God’ll never hear you. If you say, “I’m a loyal church member, I tithe my money, I gave great offerings into the church, I’m a pillar of it,” God will never receive you. Never. Not at all. You say, “Well, my mother was a good woman, my father was a good man, my grandfather was a preacher; all that I do; and I’ve never did *this*, I never steal, I never drink, I never smoke, I never lie, I never do these things,” God’ll never hear you.

82 And no matter who you are, how bad you’ve been, if you’ll come God’s provided way, through the sacrificial blood, taking and laying your hand upon the head of a dead lamb, of the dying Lamb, and confess your wrong, and accept Him, then God will fill your soul with the Holy Spirit, burning out all of the iniquity, carnality, and making you a new creature.

83 Job: I think about Job in that day as a dad. He had a bunch of children. They were kind of wayward. And he was always thinking of his children. Wouldn’t it be a lot better if all the church members of Chicago had that same kind of an idea about their kiddies? You wouldn’t have no juvenile delinquency. You wouldn’t see these race riots ... I mean, these riots and things they have around here today:



shooting, killing, stealing, rape, and all these things. It's because the people are unconcerned about their children.

84 The first thing they say, "Well I put him on the cradle roll when they were little, turned the rest of it over to the Sunday school teacher." And her out here, a dance maybe all night, come in, fixed up like some kind of . . . she's going to a circus instead of a church. And put your children in the hands of something like that! Mother, shame on you! You ought to put that child at your knees down there, and read the Bible. Lay your hands over on their head. Call out to God, "God, be merciful. Spare my daughter, my son." Yes.

85 I love to do it: take them little girls of mine, sit them down there and just set their little eyes glistening. Their little ear's listening and eyes looking on. I tell them all about Jesus, and how He loves them and things. They'll kneel right around the chairs and pray just like the rest of us. That's the way we want to do it, isn't it? That's the way many of you do it. That's what you should do. I've went into a many a home, and the children are all gathered around for family prayer always. God, bless that family. That's the tie that binds. If you did that at your home, there wouldn't be so many divorce cases and things going on the way there is. You'd have fellowship with each other.

86 Then I see Job, as children got married, and went on to different ways, as they do like birds from a nest. Job knowing that there was no other way, not a possible way, that man could ever approach God and have fellowship with Him, only through the sacrificial lamb, through the blood. Job said, "Peradventure my children might have sinned, so I'll offer a lamb for them." Something told Job he'd better make it ready. He'd better be ready. And then when he made the offering of the sacrificial lamb for his children, one day it happened. The storms come and killed a lot, set them on fire and so forth, and just took them. But before this happened, Job made sure that each one was under the blood. Amen.

87 Rejecting, turned Him down today. . . . This nation is Christ-killing as fast as it can, grieving away the Holy Spirit with creeds and forms of religion, grieving the Holy Spirit.

88 I was reading not long ago. . . . I heard somewhere on this great evangelist, Billy Graham, when he was in Scotland. . . . You know what's the matter? If the Pentecostal people would get their heads

together instead of breaking out and making everything like they did, your services would be going on like the Baptists, but the Baptists took it away from you. That's right. They're having a revival, going somewhere. Because they've threw everything around they had, their prophet, and away they went. And they stick behind him. But today, let one raise up out of the Assemblies, or . . .

89 [Blank spot on tape] . . . seat about seven thousand, and I had about seven thousand standing on the outside, and he had about three thousand. Let's swap. So, when I went over to see him, I thought some little old boy standing up like a little nursery rhymes, Jesus being a baby born in a manger. But, when I seen that little boy, it was different. That little fellow's just about that high. I didn't even know it was little David. He'd threw off his coat, took a text, and preached like a preacher. I knew God was with him. I said, "There is a little boy that God sent."

90 Now, if you church pappies will get around him, not let him get puffed up in his head and let him go to run off with a bunch of money, and get around him and put the right influence over him, he'll save thousands of little children.

91 But I was standing up yonder in Oregon, Grant's Pass, Oregon, one morning, before Brother Hall and them; I said "Watch, it won't work." I said to some of the group, I said, "What about getting little David now to come into a city like that?"

"Why," they said, "he's a Oneness".

I said, "I don't care what he is. God's with him."

92 Well, of course, now the Assemblies had to get them a little David. And the Church of God got them a little David. And the first thing you know, there's thousands of little Davids. The very principle that God was trying to get to the children, they tore the thing down. Don't know their day.

93 "The ox knows his master's crib and the mule knows his stall, but my people knows not," said God. That's right, they don't know the day of their visitation. It's the funniest thing: They try to . . . strangest thing, to get God's people to see the day of the visitation. They just certainly begin to pull around something another, personalities or something, and don't know how to handle it. Move their fellowship into a denomination instead of into Christ. Then

when Job seen what he had done then, how that he had offered that sacrifice, the Bible says that his children was gathered with him. Now, making preparation.

94 Another thought: Israel, when they had fellowship, notice what they did: Before the great destruction come, the angel that destroyed their lambs--the destroying angel. . . . The first thing taken place, Israel was commanded to take a lamb and kill it and put the blood over the door, and every family go in and eat that lamb--fellowship around the roasted lamb. Eat the body of the dead sacrifice that died in their stead. God said, "When I see the blood, I'll pass over you." The death angel could not touch them, because the blood of the lamb was over the door and they were in here having communion, fellowshiping around the lamb.

95 That's the way it is in our heart when we apply the blood of the Lord Jesus, taking away all sin. Then we can have fellowship, eating the Word of God around the table of God, fellowshiping upon the godly things.

96 You preach divine healing? Every one of them in Christ say, "Amen." That's right. Preach that we should lay aside all sin, malice, strife and things. "Amen," says the true believer. "That's right." Fellowshiping around the Word. See what I mean?

97 Now, now, always, the only place that God has ever said that He'd ever meet man. . . . He never promised to meet us in denominations. He never promised to meet us in any other way but through the shed blood.

98 Israel, of the Old Testament, no matter where they was, before they worshipped God, they come to a common meeting place, which was the tabernacle, in the wilderness.

99 If a man was over the top of the hill, and he wanted to fellowship with God, he come into the tabernacle, in the wilderness, there to meet God.

100 Moses, when Miriam was smitten with leprosy, went in and fell before God, under the shed blood, see. Positionally place yourself now for tonight. Get under the blood. All these things that's in your heart, get them out. Go before God under the blood, confessing your wrongs and call and make it right: "Help me." Moses got a answer to prayer right away because he went God's way, under the blood.

Before he could have fellowship, he went in under the blood. Now notice, the lamb was slain.

101 Back in the Old Testament they had a red heifer. Told Moses when they started their journey, said, “Now, make a provision for the cleanliness of the people as they journey on, for if they do do wrong, they’re out of fellowship! And before they can fellowship, I want you to make a waters of separation for them. And then Moses was commanded, “Take a red heifer, a young heifer.” Now, I want you to notice the word *red* means something. To you and I, *red* means “danger.” But *red* in the Bible means “redemption--redemption through the blood.” All the way from Genesis to Revelation is a red streak of blood all the way through--red all the way. Notice, they had to come under the shed blood. “Now,” I said, “take a red heifer.”

102 Now, did you ever notice scientifically, you take something real red, and look through red to red, and it looks white? Did you ever know that? Red through red looks white? And so God, knowing that man was a sinner by nature, knowing that he was wrong to begin with, He made a preparation of the shed blood, and God, looking through the blood of the Lord Jesus, He drew a red sinner white as snow. You have no more sin. When God looks through the blood of Christ, no matter what you’ve done, how much sin you’ve committed, what you’ve done, if the blood of Christ has been applied to your heart, God sees you perfect.

103 Listen now, I’ll tell you a little secret in a few minutes about divine healing, and about things. First thing, friends, is the preparation of the human heart. Yes, sir. Here, a few days ago, I was up here in Chicago, where old science used to say, “Man thinketh with his heart!--Nonsense! The Bible is wrong. There’s no mental faculties in the heart to think with. Man thinks with his head, with his mind.”

104 But now they find out God was right. See, man doesn’t think with his head, his mind. He’s a dual personality. Look, person, in here first is intellectual. But they say that in the human heart--it isn’t in the animal heart, it isn’t in any other heart, but right in the human heart--is a little compartment in the middle of the human heart that doesn’t even have a blood cell in it. That it’s the occupation of the soul. So, man really thinks with his heart, not with

his head.

105 Now, if you think that's what's the matter, we got so many lukewarm church members today. People has intellectual faith. They'll sympathize, say, "Oh, the Bible's right, sure. That's good." See, they have intellectual . . . "Oh, I believe the Lord Jesus Christ is Son of God. I've took as personal Savior;"--smoke cigarettes, drink whiskey, go on out and go to dances, lay on these beaches and things around here. Sure. "Christ is my Saviour. Oh, sure. Certainly, I belong to the church." That's intellectual faith. Many people have come into the prayer line, and say, "Oh, brother, I've got faith, sure". It's intellectual faith.

106 But when that intellectual faith comes down into this little compartment here, it becomes positive. All devils of hell can't move it. Right. When it comes down there, the sin question's settled. Amen! When He says, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee," when that comes through the intellectual faith, ducks down into that little compartment, there ain't enough doctors in Chicago to tell you'll die. No, sir. No indeedy. That's really good; that's what God does. He moves right in and takes that intellectual faith, and speaks it down into the human heart. And when it comes into the heart, it becomes a positive. Actually that God Himself moves into the human heart and makes that a positive fact (Amen.), when that faith comes out of the mind into the human heart. Now you see what I mean?

107 Now, under the shed blood, He said, "Take that heifer, three years old, and she must be red." And they'll take her out here; the first thing, she must never have a yoke on her neck. Oh, I just love that. Now, listen; this might burn and scorch and sizzle, but it's better to do it just for a little while than to do it forever. Look, that heifer represented Christ, and Christ was not yoked up with anything, (Amen), but was God alone. Now, be not equally . . . unequally yoked up with unbelievers. Going out here in *this* and *that* and dilly-dallying around, yolking yourself up in these parties and dances, and things. Keep yourself away from it. Get yourself with Christ. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me."

108 This heifer could not have a yoke upon her. She must be without any yoke on her. And then she must be killed in the presence of the high priest. And then when the high priest, Aaron,

seen that the heifer was killed, Eliezer taken blood on his fingers, and went and striped it on the door seven times; upon the door of the tabernacle, a public testimony. Then the heifer was taken and put in the fire and burned. Burned up, and then was took out, outside the courts. Notice, beautifully, (Got to hurry.) outside the courts, this was laid up in a clean place, for it was the waters of separation.

109 In Ephesians, Paul said over there that God, by the preaching of the Word, the waters of separation. Faith cometh by hearing, hearing by the Word. And the Word of God is the waters of separation. For it's by renewing by the water by the Word. Hearing the Word separates it. Now, the unbeliever . . . or, the man's sin, was outside.

110 Here's a little point we don't want to pass: that the water of separation must be kept in a clean place. And the preacher that preaches the gospel should be a clean upright man. Not a cigarette fiend. Not a dope addict. Not a drunkard or a dog player on Sunday afternoon and so forth like that. No, it must be kept in a clean sanctified holy vessel, the one that holds the mystery of God in his heart. It must be in a clean church. Not where they play bingo in the basement, lotteries, have soup suppers out there and dances for the young folks.

111 Why, brother, if it ever gets to a place I have to do that to hold an audience, I'll quit and take me a bunch of checks and go up in Canada and go trapping for a living. Amen. I'd rather do it than to know that I'd compromise upon the pure unadulterated gospel of the Lord Jesus. Give me fellowship with Him. Amen. Preach the Word. You don't have to have all this nonsense. Keep with the Word.

112 And the Word separates sinners from their sin. Then, every man out of fellowship come up first to the waters of separation at the congregation. And he was sprinkled with these waters. Now, what was it? The waters spoke of a dead sacrifice that went on before him. The dead heifer died in his place.

113 And when we preach the Word, it isn't on any denomination. It's on Christ, the sacrifice who died in your stead, the sinner's stead. You're out of fellowship; can't get prayer answered; everything's black around you: out of fellowship. Come back to the Word now. The Word goes to cutting, separates you. Well, you oughtn't to do

*this*, you oughtn't to do *that*. This is here, and you don't have fellowship no more. You've got yourself out of communion. That's the waters of separation. Tells you what you should do.

114 Then the first thing you know, the believer after doing that, the next thing he did, he walked forward then. He's coming in--the believer now--he's walking forward. When he comes next to the door, he looks and he sees seven stripes of blood, which means that blood went before him. Now, he comes under those seven stripes of blood, in under the blood, and then he has fellowship. You see it? Fellowship with God. No fellowship nowhere else. And that whole thing, in the tabernacle, into justification under the court, sanctification at the altar, the Holy Spirit behind the veil. It moved in and let down. All a picture of Christ!

115 No matter how much they organized.... Korah organized an organization, said, "There's more holy men than Moses, so we'll just go out."

116 God said, "Separate yourself from him right now, because he's broke the program of God," see. Fellowship was only one place; that's under the shed blood.

117 Now listen, Christians, closely. Look, there is no fellowship outside of the body of Jesus Christ. You can't have fellowship with God. No wonder people don't believe in divine healing. No wonder they can't believe in an old-fashioned God-sent revival. No wonder they can't believe in these things that cleans a man's heart. You've got to come in first to the fellowship before you ever receive anything. Come in, hear the Word, separate you, washes you. Then come under the blood into the body of Christ--which, the tabernacle was a perfect type of Christ.

118 "Tear this building down; I'll build it up in three days again," see? He was.... And then by one spirit, we're all led by the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, and then come under the blood. All the sin question's settled on the outside, through the preaching of the Word, through the sacrifice of the Lamb at the altar. And now we're into fellowship with Christ, and we can come in and commune with the rest of them.

119 Those who are inside the building in Christ, we come in. You once called him a holy roller. Once you said he's crazy, he's lost his

mind. But whenever you once come under the shed blood and have fellowship, you walk over to that man that you once thought screamed too loud; that woman you heard shouting that night; that neighbor that you talked about, that come told you about divine healing. You'll long to put your hand in his and hers, and have a word of fellowship. Why, you've come under the blood.

120 Without the shedding of blood, there's no remission of sin. No matter how good you are, what church you belong to, what creeds you say, what prayers you make, unless you come under the blood, you're still out of fellowship with God.

121 Wouldn't it be marvelous now, if the whole group of us right here--some six . . . or, five or six hundred people, whatever is in this audience; all these people together this afternoon--we with one accord, to come right under the blood, just like we're under this roof here: under the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. What do you think would take place right now? What do you think would take place? Why, there wouldn't be a feeble person among us in the next five minutes. Oh, my, the sinner sitting next to you would be so condemned he couldn't even stand still no longer. The Holy Spirit coming around. The waters of separation being poured out, the gospel, preaching the Lord Jesus Christ, in His supreme sacrifice. And the healing power pouring down through Calvary. Why, we'd just have a marvelous time, wouldn't we?

Wouldn't that be a wonderful thing? if we could all get in fellowship. How many like to be in that fellowship? raise your hand.

122 Now listen, friends. I've spoke some hard things this afternoon about organization. Now, it's not that I'm against organization. God knows that's the truth. I don't care about organization. But the thing of it is, when you think that organization's going to do something for you, it isn't! The blood of Jesus Christ is the only thing can do something for you. That's true. And then when that blood comes into your heart, your whole mental conception's different, because you think from here then, see. Here's where Christ comes to the heart and your thoughts are positive.

123 It isn't, "Well, Miss Jones said that she could go to dances; didn't bother her." See, you're thinking about Miss Jones. But when it's in the heart, you think about the Lord Jesus, what He did



for you. See, your whole thoughts are back here again. And that's what we need today, is this marvelous fellowship of the Lord Jesus Christ, and God back in our midst talking to us.

124 Now look, now, if those stars are.... I was timing the other day, in the observatory.... Just before close I want to give you a thought. If those stars ... they said it would take light, traveling, I forget how many thousands of years, for speed ... traveling at the speed of light, light traveling at that fast, to come to this earth. Thousands time thousands times thousands times thousands of years, for light traveling, to get to this earth from one of those stars.

125 And we can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space, and beyond there is just as starry as it is here. How long would it take an angel to get from there to here? Now, if you speak of heaven, or when we die, that we go off to a place somewhere where you can't even see up there, can't you see that it's God has hid the glory from the natural eye?

126 We are sitting here in heavenly places! Now, the Holy Spirit is here. Now, Christ is here. And the body that we receive when we go out of here, we go into another dimension, into a blessed place with the Lord Jesus. And at the return of Christ in His physical body, coming back to earth, He's spiritually turned back and pick up a brand new body again and we live forever. Amen.

127 Oh, my! If people could get the idea right now, of angels walking up and down those aisles; of Christ, the Son of God, moving around in the building! Oh my! What a difference! You're in His presence!

128 And when your spirit becomes so charged with that outside world, just like a magnet or a crystal in a radio. And when that gadget in there becomes so charged or magnetized to those words that's stretching out, until it strikes it and makes them positive. The radio coming through here ... the words; we can't hear them with our ears. We can't pick it up. But that crystal in the radio picks it up. The television, the same. It becomes positive. And when our intellectual faith comes down into the heart, and it becomes so charged with the unseen world that every word of God becomes a positive truth! You see what I mean?

129 When God says it, it echoes against you, just like it does on

that crystal, the radio, and makes it perfect. God said, “I’m the Lord that healeth thee.” That settles it. Amen. That makes it real. “I’ll be with thee, even in thee, to the end of the world.” That makes it real. He’s here now.

130 Now, that’s the way it is when I take it in divine healing. When that angel of the Lord appeared that night, said, “I’ll be with you; don’t be afraid.”, what he’d do? He said he’d show signs and wonders among the people.

I questioned him. I said, “I . . . They won’t believe that.”

131 He said, “It’ll come to pass, that you’ll even know the very secrets of their heart. Tell them of these things.” And I questioned that. He referred it back to Christ. He said, “I’ll be with you.”

132 So, when I walk to the platform, to sick people, or something another like that on those things, it becomes a positive thing. I believe it. I wish I could have faith right now to believe that every sick person in this building would be healed, just like I have faith to know that He’s standing right here. I wish I could have that type of faith, wish each one of you could have it. That if our thoughts and our fellowship comes out from around the realms of the things that we see into the things that we don’t see, then it becomes just as positive as the things we see, or more positive. May the Lord bless you, while we bow our heads just a minute.

133 Heavenly Father, oh, for the fellowship around the body of Christ, and around the Word. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God,” and “the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”

134 Oh, how we love Him! How we appreciate His presence here now! The great Son of God, the resurrected One, whose words can never fail! It’s written here in the Bible, that “Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, I’ll be in their midst.” And He’s here.

135 God, may every unbeliever that’s unregenerated, never come through the blood, has just been going to church, still got tempers, still got habits of the world they’re holding onto. Intellectual faith, but never been washed and cleansed so they can have perfect fellowship. God, grant this afternoon that right now, on this very spot, that every heart will be washed, made clean in the blood of the

Lamb. They'll come into a fellowship, that tonight's healing service will produce the greatest healing that's ever been held in this audience. Grant it, Lord. Will you do it for the glory of God? We ask it.

136 And with our heads bowed, I wonder, with every one praying, if you will. . . . I know it's getting late, but look, friends, it's getting late in two ways. The day is far spent. Sunday afternoon this day, the first day of May; and the age is far spent too. It's later than what we think it is. The coming of the Lord is near. Men's hearts. . . . You see this great civilization falling, sinking right now. Just look at this America. What a disgrace.

137 Look what Jesus said: In the last days like it was in Noah's, they'd be giving in marriage and things. Look at the divorce courts, and America is greater than all the nations put together. Look at the immorality. Look at the perversion, sex perversion, out in the west coast, and all around. Thousands times thousands growing every year. Filth, dirty, ungodly, taking the natural use of the body and being perverted into something. . . . People with perverted minds. Men go out and carry on the way they do. Women wearing these little old clothes out. They don't think they're wrong. Sure not, their mind's perverted; the devil's got a hold of them; they don't know it. My, what a day!

138 Are you under the blood, believer? If you're not, then while the Lord Jesus and I alone look at this. . . . If there's someone here honest in your heart, and know, and, by the preaching of the Word, you've become to believe this: that you are wrong, there's something in your heart tells you that you're wrong. If you still have these things, and you desire those things. . . . You won't necessarily have to do them--just have the desire of them, see. "He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery already in his heart."

139 Now, he that takes a gun and shoots his brother, or "is angry with him without a cause. . . ." If you know you're wrong, would you raise your hand, say, "Brother Branham, pray for me now. I pray that God will bring me under the blood and give me an old-fashioned experience and my heart be clean before God."

140 If that person's in here, would you raise your hand, just now, before we have prayer, and say . . . just to raise up your hand, not for

me, but to God, saying, “God, be merciful to me. Now I want a real clean heart before Him.” Is there a person anywhere in the balcony? God bless you; God bless you. You, God bless you lady; God bless you, lady. God bless you, sir. God bless you, my brother. God bless you, my sister. That’s good. Now God bless you, my brother. That’s right. Be honest with God.

141 Now, it’s not me; you’re not raising your hands to me; to God. God bless you, lady. I see you back there. Someone else has... God bless you, lady; you, sir; and you, sir. God bless you; you, sir. That’s the way to be honest, that’s the way to be men and women. We’re before God. God bless you, lady. You want them things taken out of your lives. Sure, God’s going to do it. Only thing he has to do is just let Him do it now. Is there another before prayer?

142 While we have our heads bowed: Dear God, oh, Father, those human souls, we realize, Lord, that in the building here is the One who’ll judge us at that day. Not even a sparrow can fall to the street without the Father knowing it. How much more do you know these people raising their hands in sincerity, sitting here in this long, wee hours of the afternoon, listening to the Word.

143 I pray, God, that you’ll cleanse every heart just now with the blood of the Lord Jesus. May every habit, every sin of oppression, or anything that’s wrong with these dear people, God, I pray that You’ll take it away from them just now. Grant it. May they become humble and sweet Christians, hating iniquity and loving righteousness. Grant it, Lord. Oh, blessed Saviour.

144 And now, Father, may every person here receive great faith just now. We’re looking forward to tonight’s service, Lord, for the healing of the sick. Oh, will You just once more, Lord? One more time let it happen. The eve of our brother’s going away overseas, that he may go with a fresh vision in his heart to see the kingdom of God brought before the children of men. May it be a wonderful service tonight. May every sick person that comes into the door tonight be made perfectly well. Will you grant it, Lord? Heal those who are needy, whole in body, for we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.

145 Been quite a few days. Been home and had lots of troubles and things. You know how it is around home. Left night before last until break of day, come in, out all yesterday. Last night, just so very little sleep. And up this morning, and up here. It’s kind of rough.

I've kept you a long time. I'm sorry I kept you all that time. I hope you.... If the Holy Spirit.... I've noticed.... I won't say this....

146 I'd rather give you a little bitty rosebud now than a whole wreath after you're gone, see. I've never.... I've had good audiences around the world. But I've never had a more attentive audience than I have here in this little church here in Chicago--you people around here. I notice this afternoon I had on my heart, when I come to the platform, to speak on something else. Really the Holy Spirit was [unclear words] on the ark of the covenants, what I was going to speak on. And when I walked to the platform up here, I thought *Fellowship* would be a good thing to speak.

147 I've done something that's ... crossed up myself where the Holy Spirit told me not to do it, but I've tried to battle on through. Let me tell you something, I've had said about Brother Joseph, a few minutes ago when I'm right, or wrong. So have you. There hasn't been a person get up and leave this building this afternoon. All the time that they've been sitting here, all the time knowing that the healing service is coming on, and many has yet to go home and eat supper; you've sat right here with me. Bless your heart. I love you. I take you before God. And you've stuck right by it when you've seen me even battling. See, that's what I mean when I'm in the wrong sometimes, see--when I'm in the wrong.

148 Now, I pray that God will give you everything that you have need of, every desire of your heart. And may you.... How many here wants to be healed tonight? raise your hand. Just everybody in the building. God bless you. Oh my, may His grace be with you. Now, if you have to go home, won't you go and rest up a little bit? Come back about ... after a while and pick you up a prayer card, come on up tonight and be prayed for. I just believe we're going to have a wonderful meeting, don't you? Amen, amen. God bless you. I turn the service now to Brother Joseph. I'll see you in about a couple hours.