

Building A Great Bridge

(The Infallible Word Of God)

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Shall we bow our heads just a moment for prayer.

1 Day is over, the sun has set once more. Father dear, we come to You at the close to give thanks for what You have done for us through the day. Giving us of Thy fresh air to breathe, and food to eat, raiment to wear. We pray now, Father, as we gather tonight to worship You here in the church, that You'll send Jesus to us. May we be comforted by His presence, and His great works may be manifested in our midst. Bless this church. Bless the pastor, every church that's represented here, and every person. Grant it, Lord. At the close of the service, we'll bow our head humbly, give Thee the praise.

2 We ask that You'll save sinners. Call backsliders back to the fold. Heal the sick and the needy and the wounded and blind. Grant it, Father. We ask all this for God's glory, in the name of His own dear child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be seated. Lord bless you.

3 It's another privilege that we have tonight of being in the house of God. And we're rejoicing from last evening's service. They was telling me today that the Lord did great things here last night in the midst of us. And I am very grateful to God.

4 I understand, that in the morning, I'm to speak at the Christian Businessmen's breakfast, and we usually have a good time there, where those businessmen meet together. [Brother Branham coughs.] Pardon me. And we talk of the Lord Jesus and His glory. This group of men, the Full Gospel Businessmen Christians Internationally, has certainly has been a blessing to me and the work of the Lord. They have helped sponsor me in many great places, and places all over the world. And I'm very happy for the privilege of getting to speak to them . . . or, speak for them in the morning, to the glory of God. And I think it's . . . I don't know whether the public is invited, or whether

it's just for Christian businessmen and wives, I don't know. Perhaps they've already announced that, whatever it is.

5 And then tomorrow night, I believe we begin at the Lane Tech. Lane Tech. I got a call from my wife awhile ago and she.... A minister friend of mine, Mr. O'Bannon, come up and he's been around the Lane Tech ever since, I think, trying to wait for the services to open. And so he.... We couldn't find him at the hotel, we've left a note there, (he's probably stepped out), for him to call us. The Lane Tech.

6 But tomorrow night the services really start. Is that official, Brother Boze? And so tomorrow night at Lane Tech. And then Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening. And then from there we go to Columbia, North Carolina, to begin the services there. I think that's North Carolina, Columbia, North? South Carolina. I get those.... Of all my travels, and pretty near everywhere in the world, and I have never yet been in North or South Carolina. Never set a foot on the ground of North and South Carolina. The only states in the Union that I have not been in is North and South Carolina.

7 And so now tonight.... Last evening I held you a little late. And the Holy Spirit was here doing the exceedingly abundantly. A very noted Baptist minister friend of mine was sitting in the audience last night, who met with me today and said, "Brother Branham, that's what I call a real apostolic service." And he said, "If the Baptists could only see that, they'd come in right now." So they.... He's been a friend of mine for a long time. And he's a very outstanding man among the Baptist people.

8 And now, in Mexico, it was the Baptist church that sponsored our meetings, Baptist and Presbyterian, and all, 'course all the rest of the evangelicals together. And now in America here we find that many of our churches, in those large denominations, they just simply got so many overseers till they just can't accept the Holy Spirit and His works. But when you take out on the battle front (now I'm speaking this to the full Gospel people), you'd never know whether you was a Baptist, Presbyterian, or a Pentecostal. You'd never know the difference, because they're all the same. They have to pull hard and pray.

9 But we here, we go over and pay our pastor a good salary, and if he speaks over twenty minutes, we have him up on the board and find out why. That's all. And if he says anything about it, he's

excommunicated, he's taken right from the church. And if he kicks up about that, the denomination pushes him right out, that's it, root hog or die. But now that's the way it is. So see, "We know it all," see.

10 But those people there, whether they're Presbyterian, Methodist, or whatever they are, they have to pray, and stay before God; and that makes them spiritual. So don't worry, God's got some children out in there. There's going to be a great pressure come one of these days, so you're going to have to pray. We don't know what it is to run into a bomb shelter, or go home and no home there; and mother run down the street with a baby in her arms, and it fry with a bomb dropping in the street. We don't know what those things are, you see. But it won't be long, we'll know what they are. And then, you'll pray then. And you'll really seek God. It won't be a twenty minutes, a little pacified, made-up sermon about some dignitary somewhere. It'll be the Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the resurrection, and you'll be crying for supernatural and everything else when them times come.

11 You know that homemade, self made documented religion's all right to live by, but it's terrible to die by. I done seen it come to the end too many times. It just won't work. It just doesn't work. And I've seen a many time that the doctor shooting hypos in the arm to try to stop a death bed confession. That's right. Of people who's dying and stand there watching them die. And them trying to say, "I'm sinful. I'm lost and..." The pastor say, "You better give her another hypo right quick, because she is delirious." She isn't delirious; she just knows she's been wrong, and she's trying to find peace, that's all. It'll tell at the end of the road. And if you're ever sincere in your life, you'll sure be when death strikes you, that's one thing sure.

12 So, isn't it wonderful to know that it's all settled? Oh, my. I just love it, don't you? Just that perfect satisfaction, and know that His Spirit lives in you, bearing record of the resurrected Jesus Christ. And right living, friendship with Him every day, not trying to live this or that, but Him in you just lives His own life out. Going where He wants you to go, saying what He wants you to say, doing what He wants you to do. That's the way to live, isn't it?

13 And you people who are living that way, God bless you, my dear brother and sister. And just strive and pray for others to come into the wonderful faith in Christ Jesus.

14 If the man is here tonight, I hope he doesn't take this as an offense. I hope he takes it in the way of love. A fellow called me up, he said, "Brother Branham, I'd like to make a contact with you."

15 I said, "Well, I tell you, brother, I don't have anything to do with the appointments, and especially while we're having healing services. I kind of stay alone most of the day and pray, study, submitting myself, and yielding myself to the Holy Spirit."

He said, "But I want to make a contact with you the way you make a contact on the platform."

I said, "What's the matter?"

He said, "Well, I've got a loved one that's sick." And said, "I want them healed."

And I said, "Well now, you know I'm not the healer."

16 And he said, "Well, I want to make the contact the way them people does out in the audience." And make the contact, because he'd noticed many people that had come from his community that had been healed by that, just making the contact.

I said, "Brother, it's not contacting me, I'm sure. It's contacting Christ."

He said, "How do I do that?"

17 I said, "By believing Him." That's right. By believing and resting your faith upon His finished works, that's it. And every true, genuine, gift of God will point to Calvary on the finished works of the Lord Jesus Christ. There's no one can heal, there's no one can save, there's no one can add one thing to salvation. Not a thing. And that's the reason that I'm speaking tonight for a few moments on the subject that I aim to speak on here tonight: *The Infallible Word Of God*.

18 There is a time where we have to take out the blueprint to find out how far up the road we are, how close the building is being completed. And I, for myself, and I know along with many, and all the believers in here, rest our eternal destination solemnly upon the Word of God. That's all. And anything outside of that, I would not say I do not believe it; I would say this: I do not understand it. It must come by the Word.

19 Now, in Matthew the 24th chapter and beginning with the 34th and 35th verse, I read this:

Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Heavens and earth . . . pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

May the Lord add His blessings to the reading of His Word.

20 Now, in the Old Testament, God had about three ways that He could make the people understand His message . . . or, bring a message to the people. Now, the first thing you want to recognize, is first you have to have solemn faith in the Bible. I was talking to a psychologist not long ago, and he said, “Well, Mr. Branham,” he said, “if a man believed that he could walk out here and touch a pole, or a tree, and be healed, it would happen.”

I said, “Who in the world would have faith to know that he touched a pole or a tree, he’d be healed?”

21 Faith is not built upon such shifting sands as that. Faith has its firm resting place on the eternal rock of God’s Word and not upon the shifting sands of man’s theology; but upon God’s eternal Word. Faith has to have a resting place.

22 Am I looking at the little alcoholic that was healed in the Hammond meeting? God bless you, sister. I just happened to recognize you. I can’t think of your name right now, and yet I’ve seen you and talked with you. One of the . . . from . . .

23 If there’d happen to be an alcoholic here tonight, and the Alcoholic Anonymous has failed and all, here sits a beautiful little lady sitting here, that was a past Alcoholic Anonymous and all, and Jesus Christ called her and made her well, solemnly, soberly, and sitting here now perfectly normal and well. And that’s been two or three years ago, hasn’t it? [Sister says, “Four years.”] Four years ago. I wonder, sister, if you’d just stand up just for a minute. How many would like to see her? Just raise your hand. There she is. An answer to the power of God.

24 When God in the room called a little woman and told her what she was and who she was and all about her and told her what she was, and God taken the drink away from her right then. And she’s not glorifying her drinking, but she’s glorifying Christ who took it from

her. And if you think you can't get rid of the cigarettes, tobacco, and dope, and alcohol, and things like that, talk to her a minute. She can tell you where salvation lays. Now.... Oh, yes, and the opium needle or anything else. Marijuana, whatever it is, Christ delivers, perfectly.

25 Now, you can't rest your faith, as I say, upon just anything. You've got to have some basic fact. And the reason that I rest my faith upon this Word, because I believe it to be the Word of God. And then if it is the Word of God, it's God Himself in Word form. That's right.

26 Now, then if that's God Himself, and no man is any better than his word. If I write you a declaration here tonight, or something that I'll do, now I'm no better than that word is. And that word is a part of me, it's my word. And if this is God's written Word, it can be no less than God Himself, because He's obligated to His Word. Now, you believe that?

27 A minister, some time ago, when there's a group of men had just been in, Stuart Hamblen; many of them have pictures taken at a studio. They wanted me to come down and have a picture taken. And a young scholar, was very scholarly, that's true. And he was wanting to get the manager away from me, 'cause he knowed I had no education and he'd just pick me to pieces. So finally he managed a way to do it. And he said to the manager, Mr. Baxter, he said, "If you go on to the meeting, I want to speak with Mr. Branham just a moment."

And he said, "No, I can't do that."

28 He said, "Mr. Baxter, I'll have him there just in a little while if you'll just grant me this privilege, because I want to talk to him and the meeting's due at this time." So finally, Brother Baxter looked at me and I nodded my head to him, he went on.

And he said, "Now, Mr. Branham, as a man I admire you. But in your theology, you're as wrong as day is from night."

And I said, "Thank you for the compliment." I said, "But I like you too."

He said, "I believe that you'd be honest enough, to be proven wrong, that you would accept it."

I said, "Absolutely, brother."

29 He said, "Now as your preaching," said, "and your salvation message, there's nothing wrong with that. It's all right." He said, "But as your doctrine of divine healing, it's absolutely wrong." And he said, "It's wrong by the Scripture."

And I said, "Well, I'm . . . I don't aim for it to be, my brother."

He said, "Well, it is. It's absolutely wrong."

And I said, "Well, maybe, then you could correct me."

He said, "Do you preach divine healing through the atonement?"

30 I said, "Every redemptive blessing has to come through the atonement, because that's how it was made. The attributes of the death of Jesus Christ brings us divine healing."

31 And he said to me then, he said, "Now, Mr. Branham, do you apply that then to what Isaiah said that He was wounded for our. . . ."

"Yes sir, that's right."

He said, "If I'll prove to you that that has been done away with, will you accept it?"

I said, "Yes sir, that's right."

32 And he said, "All right, in Matthew 8 the Bible said that they brought to Him the lame, halt and afflicted, and so forth. And He healed them that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the prophet Isaiah," see, "He Himself bore our infirmities."

I said, "Do you apply that to the atonement?"

He said, "Certainly. Isaiah said so."

33 I said, "That was a year and six months before the Lamb was ever killed. Now, how could it be in the atonement? That was a year and six months before Jesus ever was crucified. And how do you apply that to the atonement?"

And then he went to rattling off big words, you know. And I said, "Now, just a moment, the King James is all I know, see."

And so, he said, "Well. . . ."

34 Well, I said, “We won’t. . . .” I said, “I’ll ask you one question now. Do you say that divine healing is in the Word? ‘But whatsoever things you desire, when you pray believe you receive them.’ Is that divinely ordered in the Bible?” Well, you have to say yes cause Jesus said so.

“Yes.”

“‘Ask the Father anything in my name, I’ll do it. Anything, I’ll do it.’”

And he said, “Yes.”

35 I thought, “*You said the wrong thing there, brother. And you put it in the Word and not the atonement.*” And I said, “Then it has to be in the atonement then if it’s in the Word.”

And he said, “No.”

36 I said, “Wait, there was a king one time that had a great kingdom and he made all the rules and laws. He was a just man, a man of honor. And he made rules and penalties of punishment, and so forth. And one day a slave committed a crime, he was brought up before the king. And the king said, ‘My law reads here that you must die for this penalty; I’ll have to take your head.’ And the poor fellow begin shaking, and he said, ‘What can I do for you before I have your head taken?’ And he said, ‘A glass of water.’ So they give the slave the water and he was shaking so hard he couldn’t hold the water. He said, ‘Now, before I take your life, you drink the water . . . or, I won’t take your life until you drink the water.’ And the slave threw the water on the ground.”

37 I said, “Now, what is the man going to do? His law says that the man must die. But his word said that he’s not going to take the man’s life before he drinks the water, and he can’t drink the water. Now what?”

He said, “Oh, that was a slip-up on the king.”

38 I said, “And then you mean to say that God slipped up too? When He put it in His Word and not the atonement? Get away from here with that. No, sir. God doesn’t have any slip-ups.” Every word is the truth. God’s Word.

39 And a man's character is shown in his works. Or a man shows his character by his works. We know that. Just like a contractor. A contractor shows what he is by his works. For instance, we was going to have a great building built here in the city of Chicago. The first thing the officials of the city board would do, they would try to select a contractor. Just not any one that run in and said, "Well, I can do the job, all right." They're going to get a contractor that's got a reputation. And now, because if they didn't, maybe another contractor would underbid that contractor. But he would put in the building bad material, and perhaps he would build it thousands of dollars less.

40 And then we come to find out that the building collapsed. The first storm hit it, it went down. What do you think the city would think about that contractor? It would ruin his reputation forever. That's right.

41 Perhaps, what if it would have been a school building? Or something where many little children was seated in the school? And the bad material that was put in the building gave away and collapsed and killed hundreds of little children. What would those parents think of that contractor? For the love of money, caring not about his reputation, and done a job like that. Oh my! They'd think he was a horrible person. And he would be. No doubt he'd have to be, what we would call a scalawag, that would do a trick like that, put such goods in a building that had such a great price, that it was to hold up.

42 And then, with so much in common of little children, that had to be seated in here, and would go and put bad materials in it and the first thing you know the foundations would give away and away it would go. He would be an awful person to do a thing like that.

43 What do you think the Los Angeles people thought of that contractor who built the Saint Francis Dam? About twenty-five million dollars was put in it. A little lower than any of the other bidders. But all at once, when the flood waters begin to press against the dam, the sandy conditions beneath it wasn't fit right, and the material that went into it was not the right kind of material. And while the valleys laid silent with sleeping people trusting in that dam, the whole thing gave away and hundreds of people's lives was destroyed when the waters swept down through that valley taking the lives of the people.

44 Now, in this, we would liken the Word of God. God is a great architect. He's a great builder and God puts in His building nothing but the very best.

45 And I would liken this to a story I read of the great Sydney Bridge in Sydney, Australia. Many years ago when they had decided to build a bridge across the great strait of water there, that connected North and South Sydney, many come to bid. But up into England, came down a renowned contractor who had a reputation behind him that he would. . . . He wanted to build this bridge. Though his prices was high, the people of Sydney didn't mind that. They wanted the bridge built right.

46 And I think every Christian ought to take the same attitude. Right. We want to know where we're standing. We don't want our eternal destination built upon the shifting sands of some church theology, but on the eternal Word of the living God. Right. Because remember, every one of you sitting here tonight, stormy times is going to hit that building you're sitting in tonight. That's right. Death's going to strike it, and you better know what kind of a sand it's built upon, or what kind of a foundation it has.

47 God, building the foundation, would put nothing else but the best that there is, because God is thoughtful of His reputation. He's a God of eternity. He's a God of heavens and earth. He'll never put nothing in His architect plans here, but what will stand the time test for eternity. Amen. Say, I better leave that text; we'd get to shouting, we get to thinking that. For that's just as true as God is true.

48 And now, He puts the best, and that's His Word. And that's where I rest my hopes on tonight. My hopes is built on nothing less, than Jesus blood with righteousness. When all around my soul gives way, this Rock will stand forever. Right. God's eternal Word.

49 And today when we find out that in our great economy, and in our great civilization that we're living in, many things are being built for popularity. Many houses are put up just in a row, of slamming them together. Many bridges are built and other things that won't stand the test; cheap materials put in. And so is many churches built upon man-made theory and doctrines and dogmas that won't stand the test of God's Word.

50 God's Word declares Jesus Christ to be the same yesterday, today and forever. Same in power, same in principle, same in healing, same as He ever was He is now and always was and always will be. And His attitude has to be the same towards every case that He has dealt with, or He did wrong at the first time when He dealt with the case the way He did. Got to be.

51 Notice. God using and creating His own material. God knew the very trees that would be cut down that went into the ark. When He spoke life into the germ that came from the seed . . . or, in the seed that made the tree, He knew right then, that was the material that He would use to save Noah and the family.

52 God, before the foundation of the world, looked down through the stream of time and saw everything that would be. And therefore He could call and elect those who He knew that He would put into His building. That's right. And if you've been called tonight by the Holy Ghost and given a chance to come into the kingdom of God, happy about you to be. Amen.

53 If you're in the kingdom of God, and you're a part of the body of Christ, thanks be to God. You live the life. You do the things that's right. And remember--this might sink just a little bit rough when it goes down, but let it digest awhile--if you're in the body of Christ, He does not have any amputations. No, His body's perfect, it don't need no amputations. Amen. Whew! That's the truth. You know the other night, preaching on the ladder. He doesn't take off an arm or a leg. When it's placed there, it's placed there. It's the right material. Be sure that you're placed right.

54 Then in the Old Testament there were three ways they could learn whether it was God speaking or not. First was by a dreamer. . . . First was the law and then by a dreamer or a prophet. And then if they wanted to test that to see it was right, on the breastplate of Aaron was the lights called Urim Thummim. And if a dreamer told his dream, or a prophet prophesied, and it didn't flash the lights on the Urim Thummim, that prophet was wrong.

55 And now under the Aaronic priesthood, that Urim Thummim was done away with. But under this priesthood, God in sundry times and divers manners spoke to the prophets . . . to the children by the prophets, but in this last day has spoke to us through His Son Christ Jesus. And this Bible is God's Urim Thummim. And if a prophet

prophesies, a preacher preaches, or a dreamer dreams a dream, or something is done that don't flash on that Bible, I just don't go for it, that's all.

56 And today when men with nail scars in their hands, pictures being taken to prove some person's popularity... Listen, if Jesus has left the heaven, the Bible said, "When they say, 'Lo, he's in the desert: lo, he's here; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh from the east, and shineth even into the west; so shall the Son of man be when He comes. And every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess.'" See?

57 All this idea of oil running out of hands, and blood coming through hands, divine. What happened to the blood of Jesus Christ? If anything else is divine... I tell you any real gift of God will point to the finished works of God's eternal Word on the Bible. Amen. Hear me, I speak "Thus saith the Lord." That's right.

58 Go to the Word. Stay in the Word. And watch, the Bible speaks that in the last days things would rise up and false prophets would deceive the very elect if possible. Keep it in the Word. Let it be from God's Word. If it's not from God's Word, don't believe it. Just walk away. Don't criticize it, just walk away from it. That's right. Don't listen to it.

59 Now, when this great architect come down to build this bridge, the first thing that he did, he told them that he could do it and he's a man of reputation. So what he did, the first thing after he was given the contract, he knew if he could ever build that bridge and make it successful, that his reputation would be greater than any reputation for building this famous bridge.

60 So, the first thing he done, he selected first the very best that he could find of architect of skilled labor. And everything that he went at, he test proved everything. Even all the steel that went into the bridge, it all had to be considered: how long it would stand the weather, how long it would stand the salt, how long it would stand the storms, and if a fire struck, how much, how much it would expand in hot weather. And everything had to be tested.

61 That's the way God did when He made this salvation bridge for us to cross from earth to glory: He tested. Every servant that comes

to Him must be time-tested and proven. Every son that cometh to God must first be tried of God, and tested, child-trained, and brought into Christ; must first be tried. The prophets must first be tried. He said, "If a prophet speaks something and that what he says comes not to pass, don't hear him." It's a time-tested thing.

62 And if that man building that bridge, so time-tested everything, even to the bolts that he put into the bridge. He put a magnet on them to see if they were genuine steel or not. When he went to fix the great tower, they said that . . . in the middle of the waters they said that it taken him--I don't know how long--to sink this column down into there. And to be sure that nobody lost their life in doing it, as far as humanly possible. And he dug down, he struck one layer, he tested the stone, it wasn't the right kind. He blowed deeper and deeper and deeper, because he knowed this great arch out here in the middle would be the thing that would give--that on the bridge. It has to be set on the right kind of rock.

63 How God did that when between the Old and New Testament, He spanned His plan of salvation, He hoisted up an ensign on Golgotha's hill, none other than the Son of God, to join man to God. It was time tested. He tested it through the seed of Abraham, on down through Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, down through David, and on down to the end until that perfect seed come that could stand in the middle and hold sinner on one end and God on the other and bridge the way. Every word that He spoke, every word that was placed into the Bible was time-tested by the Holy Ghost. Therefore I believe every timber. Amen.

64 Every precept of God is right. Everything that's written in this Bible, I'd be willing to lay my life down for it. I may not have faith enough to make every promise come true, but I'll never stand in somebody else's way who does have faith to do it. If I can't walk where Enoch walked one day, and went home without dying, I wouldn't stand in somebody else's way who could walk that way with God. That's right. Time-tested. And I believe that every word of God is pure and unadulterated, for God is putting His timber in because He's positive that His reputation as a Saviour will not be spoiled. Right. Time-tested it, knowed that it was right.

65 How that many while this bridge was going up, many prophesied and said, "It'll fall down. It'll fall down." How that those surveyors went forth and they checked everything to be sure, of

coming from both shores to meet out here in the middle. How everything must be perfect. Must meet their adjustments in the eighth of an inch . . . or, an inch, so that it would come together just right.

66 And on the day of the coming together, when both ends would join together, she. . . . Because the man had done all that he could do with the reputation he had, he had planned it so perfectly till both ends come together within an inch apart, each one. Perfect as it could be. How the people screamed and shouted when they knowed the job was completed.

67 And how the people today who's lost and undone without Christ, how we can rejoice and praise God that the expansion was met right when God sent Jesus Christ to the earth and He died at Calvary to bridge the way for sinful men and women to meet their redeemer and their maker. And none other is this bridge but Almighty God, Himself. His Word is Him, Himself. And He laid His own life down that we could walk over Him into glory. One end of the bridge was nothing else but Emmanuel, God with us. At the other end of the bridge is the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ who stands in the power and glory of the Father. Amen. The connection is right. His Word.

68 Every Old Testament prophecy pointed straight to Calvary. Every New Testament prophecy points back to the finished work at Calvary. And why would we here in the last days, try to point off to something else? It wouldn't be right. It'd be wrong.

69 If a man'd raise up, say, "Yeah, I got power to heal." He's wrong. If a man raised up and said, "This oil is divine." Wrong. The blood coming out of a person it's been said in many places, of these things taking place--that's wrong. There's not a thing that any man, or any woman, or anybody else, can do towards your salvation, or your healing, but point you to the cross where the power of God crucified Jesus Christ there.

70 And He was raised up the third day for our justification. And there was the great supreme price paid, that He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we were healed. Where? At the expansion. The great tower in the middle of the river. This great gulf that reaches from this earth to glory. Christ is that tower.

71 Did you notice, He couldn't die on earth and He couldn't die in heaven, so He was the bridge between. He died between heavens and earth. The very best material that God could put, He spoke through the prophets and said, "It will be in there." He reserved the seed. "Thy seed shall bruise the serpent's head." And He did it. Amen. He did it.

72 And the same God that said that, promised He'd send Jesus Christ the second time for those who wait for His coming, and love His coming. The same God that said that, said that He would heal our sicknesses if we would believe Him, through the atonement that was made there in the middle of the river. Amen. Do you believe that? Sure. He was the one who paid the price. He was the one who's done all these things for us.

73 The day that the bridge was completed, the people screamed and shouted all over the city, all over the country, because the bridge was then fixed. And if you don't believe they screamed and shouted, read Acts 2. When the bridge was completed that spanned man back into relationship with God, find out if there wasn't. Not only that, but come rolling down that bridge come divine gifts from God out of heaven, and anointed the church to preach the Gospel into all parts of the world. Amen.

74 In Sydney, when the great final day come after the expansion was made, everybody went out and they decorated the bridge with flags and so forth, giving honor. And then the great crucial moment came. The ribbon was stretched across, the governor ... the mayor, rather, was the first one to break the ribbon as he went across. What's the bridge going to do? Without one speck of doubt in his mind, he broke the ribbon, because he had confidence in the builder and the material that went in it.

75 Some of these days you've got to break the ribbon too, brother. That's right, that spans this life from the other. You're walking on brittle threads and you don't know what time they'll break. That is true. But when the ribbon does break, I've got confidence in the tower and in the bridge that was spanned for a highway for us to travel from earth to glory.

76 And the mayor broke the... And after he broke the way, hundreds of others followed him. Loads of people, three or four great big electric trains chugged along on each side, not a doubt in their

minds. And all behind there come tens of thousands of automobiles and walking pedestrians, and all, going across the bridge.

77 And some day when life is all over, as we break them brittle threads, and we see the Lord Jesus Christ coming in His power and glory, at the other side when North and South Sydney was joined together by one expansion. And when Jesus died at Calvary it spanned an expansion that joined God and man together. That men are still the sons and daughters of God is in men because Jesus Christ spanned the way. That's my confidence in His Word, how He did it.

78 Then when he. . . . At that day when they went across the bridge, the screams, the shouts, and the bridge set solid. There was not a weave in it at all. Because why? The right material had been put in. The right things had been done. The right precautions had been taken. And if man. . . . How his fame was through all out the world; the papers packed it everywhere. And he was the most famous bridge builder in the world at the time, because he took precautions. He put the best material. He wasn't thinking about the price, he was thinking about the bridge.

79 And then if men will be so concerned for transportation of his fellowman to take such precautions as that, how much more is God concerned about His own children to take precautions that the right thing is said.

80 So therefore, brother, our faith is anchored in the Word of the living God. And when Jesus Christ said, "The things that I do, shall you also; even more than this for I go unto my Father." I believe that to be the infallible Word of God. I believe when He said, "A little while and the world will see me no more; yet ye shall see me, for I will be with you till the end of the world." I believe that's the infallible Word of God.

81 And I believe that He promised that wherever two or three gather together He'd be in their midst. That's the infallible material of God that my hopes is built in tonight, that takes us from this earth to glory. I believe it to be the truth.

82 I believe Jesus Christ died and rose again. I believe Jesus Christ lives tonight. I believe it's Jesus Christ that give that blind woman her sight last night. I believe it was Jesus Christ raised that dead baby up down yonder in Mexico a few days ago. I believe it's

Jesus Christ that's in our midst tonight that's making our hearts feel light and joyful, that's giving us this great joy that we have and peace of knowing that we've anchored our soul in a haven of rest to sail the wild seas no more. The tempest may sweep o'er the wild stormy deep, but in Jesus that tower, we're anchored evermore.

83 "Upon this rock I'll build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Yes, sir. The spiritual divine revelation that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. The Bible said, "No man can say Jesus is the Christ only by the witness of the Holy Ghost." And if you deny the Holy Ghost exists, if you deny there's no such a thing as the baptism of the Holy Ghost, how can you believe in Jesus Christ? Only by a historical standpoint you can believe it.

84 But when you have received Christ the Holy Spirit into your heart, and been regenerated and borned anew, then the Holy Ghost itself bears record. And that's the reason people today that can believe in divine healing in the supernatural because the very God that made the Word created it, has sent His own Spirit in the heart to vindicate that to be truth. And that's why today we have signs and wonders and powers working among us all over the world.

85 This marvelous great bridge. Oh my! As my colored friends used to sing: "It's a highway to heaven, and we're walking up the King's highway." Truly, it's all over, Jesus has finished. Everything is completed. Jesus would've not sat down if He had not've completed the work. No man sits down until his job is over. That's right. And when Jesus took His blood and went through the heavens of heaven and condemned every devil, took the keys of death and hell and sat down.

86 When He died at Calvary, He bowed His head. As far as the atonement was made and everything that you've got need of in this journey from earth to glory, He screamed, "It is finished." There can be nothing else added to it. Nothing else taken from it. That settles it. The Bible is finished. The plan of God is finished. The atonement is made. The devil is defeated. And the only thing we have to do is look and live. Brother, sister, tonight, may God of heaven help you to look and live as we pray now and bow our heads.

87 Our dear Heavenly Father, as we come to the close now of this little mixed-up message, as a parable, but let the people, Lord, take it home with them and ponder over it in their heart. And knowing that we can rest assure if we're built on material out of the Bible. That every plan of our salvation comes from "Thus saith the Lord," and we know we're correct.

88 And then, Father, I pray that in vindication of this that I have said, that there is none other, no other way under heaven, not another name given under heaven, that men must be saved, only through the name of the Lord Jesus who was the expansion between heavens and earth as He was expanded up there. He is the mighty tower. "The name of the Lord is a mighty tower: the righteous run into it, and are safe." We thank Thee, Father, that we have found this. And I pray now that You'll bless tonight.

89 And while we have our heads bowed, I just wonder if there'd be someone in here that'd say, "Brother, preacher, I believe that, every word of it, but I have built my theories, maybe, somewhere else, on my automobile. I thought about paying for the home, educating my children." That's legitimate, my brother. That's a good thing. That has got not one thing to do with your eternal salvation. "Oh, I joined church, Brother Branham." But that hasn't got one thing to do with your salvation.

90 Jesus never did ask anybody to join a church. No, sir. But you say, "As far as being borned again..." Well Jesus said, "Except you're born again, you'll nowise enter into the kingdom." No matter how many churches you belong to, how good you are, how you've contributed to church, how you've took others to church, and how hard you've worked in the circles of the church; that won't have one thing to do with it. He'll say, "I never even knew you. Except a man be borned again of the Spirit and the water, he will in nowise enter into the kingdom."

91 If you raise your hand to God at this time and say, "God, I haven't accepted this, but I really want it in my heart. I want you, Brother Branham, to pray for me. And, God, I want you to have mercy on me as I raise my hands to You." Would you raise your hand? God bless you. God bless you, you, you. Yes, just simply many, many, raising their hands. Now, remember, you don't do that in vain. I see you, sister. You don't do that in vain.

92 You can't, you cannot make one move towards God without Him telling you to do it. "No man can come to me except my Father draws him." There's something told you to do it. Jesus said, "All the Father has given me (When? Before the foundation of the world) will come to me." Everyone that's been given. The roadhouse might've had you a long time. The old cold formal church might've had you a long time. You might've listened to a social Gospel, denied the power thereof for a long time, but don't worry, you're coming to Christ if you believe. He's here to do it. And as you raise your hand and accept Him, say, "God, be merciful to me, I now come by raising my hand, only thing I know to do." God bless you. My, there's just many more hands went up then.

93 Remember, I might not even see your hand, but He does. He knows all about it. What kind of material are you built out of? Methodist? Baptist? Catholic? Presbyterian? Lutheran? Pentecostal? Nazarene? Pilgrim Holiness? If you're not built out of Bible material, the boards drove on by the Holy Ghost, you better tear off the boards. Get built right. You believe that He hears my prayer, you believe that He can open the eyes of the blind through prayer, can without a shadow of doubt, know every thought that's in your heart, and do the very same things He did when He was here on earth, standing here in our midst, then you raise up your hand to Him, I'll offer prayer for you. All right. God bless you. Any more?

94 Our Heavenly Father, the speaking of the Word. It's hard on the tree sometime to saw it out and shape it and prune it, but it must be did this way to bear fruit. So we pray, dear Heavenly Father, that every person, these dozens that raised their hands to accept You, that You'll put their name right now in the Lamb's book of life. Engrave it out there in the middle of the air, in that hand that was nailed to Calvary. Grant it, Lord, and may not one of them be lost. May every one of them safely arrive. May they come fully, wholeheartedly, and receive the Holy Spirit in their hearts and be made anew by the renewing of their mind. Grant it, Father. May the Holy Ghost do this. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

That's so beautiful I want to sing it once with you. You all together, "Softly and Tenderly." Let's just sing it now together.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me,

See on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Come home, come home, (There's a highway,
all they . . . come up the highway.)
..... weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus us calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!
(Do you love Him?)

Come home, Come home, (Oh, how you'll
want to hear that at the hour of your death.)
Ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

95 You know, that's the kind of Spirit I love: That soft, tender Spirit of the Lord Jesus. Don't you just love that? It just seems like it just scours out your heart when it comes in. Softly, tenderly, Jesus is calling. I love those old time songs, the old hymns of the church. I like it better than a lot of this here dancing around and things we have today. I'm just an old-fashioned preacher, I just love the old-fashioned way somehow. "Nearer, My God, To Thee," "Rock Of Ages Cleft For Me," all those famous old songs. I believe they were inspired as the penman wrote them under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Don't you believe that?

I've watched those old Christians when they were going, watch their face light up and say, "I can see Him, Brother Branham."

Raise them up on my arm like this, "Can you still see, brother?"

"Yes, He's wonderful." Go out to meet Him. I love that.

96 How many remembers Paul Rader? Sure, you do. Remember what he said when he was dying, don't you? I remember the last words of D. L. Moody, Abraham Lincoln, many of those men. The end tells the story.

97 Now, Christian friend, our time is fleeting, really late now. I realize, I'm going to be responsible at the day of the judgment for my ministry. God gave me this ministry to win souls. Divine healing is just not for the healing of the body; it's to catch souls, see. The body may be healed, it'll get sick again. That's right. And it's got to die. But that soul, once born and connected in the kingdom of God, has

eternal, everlasting life. When eons will roll on, eons of time, it'll still be the same.

98 Now, what if this was all we had? That would be enough, wouldn't it? That's right. Now, I want everyone that raised their hand to Christ tonight, as soon as the healing service is over, I want you to gather around the altar. I believe that right now, you'd go to heaven if you died. I believe it. But to strengthen yourself. Listen to what Jesus said, "He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is done passed from death to life." That's what He said. That's not just emotion or a mental work-up. That's when you really believe it.

99 Way down in the mountains of Kentucky, preaching, seeing an old shirt--it patch on patch and smelly with perspiration--set of steel gray eyes and hair hanging down his neck, needs a shave, walk up, and tears in his eyes, look up, and take a hold of my hand and say, "Preacher, I really mean it." Brother, you can depend on it. It's there. Something's happened. That old fellow that would have shot you at the drop of your hat. Yes, sir. Would give the last drop of blood he's got for you now. That's right. Sincerity.

100 We in the city, we get starchy. We're just so, "Well, I'll go over to Dr. Jones. I got my name on the book over there." That don't do you one bit of good, that's right, unless your name is written up there. That's right. You must take God's material, God's Word. "Except a man be born again, he will in nowise come." Nowise can see.

101 Now, we're so thankful to God for His Word, that's true. Now, His Word said. . . . Here's what His Word said. . . . Let's see what it said, see if we got the church built on the right material. He said in the last days He'd pour His Spirit out. And young men would see visions, old men would dream dreams. On His handmaids and maidservants would He pour out of His Spirit in that day. He'd show signs in the heaven and in the earth below.

102 And Jesus, before leaving (in Saint John 14:12), He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; even greater than this." The word there *greater*

means “more.” You know. . . . Look it up in the translations, you find out in the original Hebrew word means “more.” You couldn’t do greater. He raised the dead, He stopped nature, He done everything that could be done, see. So, you couldn’t do greater in quantity, but you could do more in quality. Because the Holy Spirit’s going to spread the whole earth.

103 And you know tonight, revival fires are on every hill in every nation. It’s a universal thing. Jesus is coming. He promised this in the last day. And He said another thing, “A little while,” (think of this) “the world won’t see me no more.” That’s too much of it, seventy or eighty percent. If we had the whole world gathered tonight and Christ was to come here and perform, there’d be at least eighty percent of them go away and say, “I don’t believe it.” That’s right. “It’s a telepathy or something.” They wouldn’t believe it. He said, “The world won’t see me no more, but ye shall see me, for I will be with you to the end of the world.” Not just through the apostles’ age, not through the Wesley age, not though the Lutheran age, but every age, to the end of the world.

104 Then when the world begin to come to the end, the greatest climax, supernatural. . . . At the end of every junction there’s always been miracles and things happen, but now is the greatest of all the world’s history. What’s fixing to take place now? Oh, it’s wonderful. And to think that life will soon be over. And we have the absolute truth of the Bible that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He’s raised from the dead, and He’s here with us. Not dead, but here—here with us tonight.

105 And now to you newcomers, I pray that God will make Himself known to you, if you’re the first time in the meeting. How many’s here for their first time, never was in a meeting before? Many of you. God bless you. Happy to have you.

106 Now, you see where I placed the Gospel? That there’s no power in any man to heal, no power in any man to forgive sins. It was already done; it’s a finished work. But if Jesus was standing here tonight Himself, you’d ask Him to heal you, He’d say, “Child of Mine, can’t you believe that I did that? I *was* wounded for your transgressions. With My stripes you *were* healed.” See? You *were* healed. Can’t you believe that? Then what else could He do?

107 By being the Master of all the seers, the Lord of heaven, He might tell you something, or do some supernatural something else that you'd recognize, it would be scriptural, and you'd know it was Him. Like He did to them at Emmaus. But Himself, He said, "I do nothing except the Father shows me first. What I see the Father doing, that I do also." He knew the people would come to Him, they come to Him and they talk to Him a little while, He knew just exactly where their trouble was. Is that right?

108 He told a woman one day just what her trouble was, sitting there, and she said, "Well, this is the sign of the Messiah. We don't know who you are, but we know that when Messiah cometh, he'll do these things, but who are you? The woman at the well. He told her about her . . . where her trouble was.

He said, "I am he that speaks to you."

She run into the city and said, "Come, see a man that told me what I've done." See?

109 And when Nathanael come to Jesus after Philip had went and called him, and he was a staunch believer. But he couldn't believe Jesus. He said, "Now, look, could anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Said, "Come and see."

110 Your little pastor here, who's been so shook up, Brother Joseph. Today walking with our arms around each other down by the seaside . . . or, the lakeside, he said, "Brother Branham, my burdened heart, oh, my people, Chicago, I want to see it shook."

111 I've never told him. I said, "Brother Mattsson, I want to tell you something. You might not believe this." See? "You might not believe it. But the thing that you've prayed and wrestled on your pillow at night, the tears that you've shed, the prayers and the long fastings that you've went forth with your hands up, and something burning in you heart, 'O God, do something for Chicago, do something.' It's already done."

He said, "But, Brother Branham, I want to see Chicago shook."

112 I said, "It's been shook." That's right, it's been shook. I said, "The Bible said, all the prophets speaking of the coming of the Lord, of John the Baptist, that every mountain will be brought down. Every low place will be brought up. All the rough places will be made clear."

113 And what did them people think? "*Oh, angels will come down, and they'll beat the drums and the bands, and what a time we'll have out there.*" But what was it? A little old fuzzy-faced prophet come out of the wilderness with his beard sticking out like one of these here fuzzy worms. He had a big piece of sheepskin wrapped around him and a leather girdle, about half dressed, preaching, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Not even with shoes on. Standing bare-footed, mud squishing up between his toes on the muddy banks of Jordan. And that's what the Bible called great. That's right.

114 Why, I said, "Even the trees all clapped their hands, the leaves did." And said, "The mountains skipped like little lambs," when they knowed this was taking place. But, see, what man calls great, God calls foolish. What man calls foolish, God calls great. Chicago has been shook time after time. Right. And "All the Father has given me will come." Oh, just obey God. How can a man come unless God calls him?

115 Advertise it in the paper, if there'd be five dead people raised from the grave tonight, and tomorrow morning we'd get that much space in the paper of it. Way over in the backside somewhere. That's right, sure. The world knows their own. What do you think Jesus would get tonight if He come in here and raised so many dead people? That's what He would get, just like He got in the. . . . What would the people, the so-called Christians, that go to these big Orthodox places, and don't believe in divine healing and just so they belong to church, what would they say? "It's some kind of a trick. It's mental telepathy."

116 They said the same thing back there about Him. They said, "He's Beelzebub. He's a fortune teller. Don't hear nothing about

that, keep away from such. If anybody goes over to that little click with His, why, we'll excommunicate him." But the Bible said the common people heard Him gladly. The poor went to.... Same thing tonight.

117 I'll say this, my brother: Chicago has been shook. Don't you worry, Brother Mattsson. God bless your little heart. You've cried a many a night and prayed and I've seen you fast till you look ... circles under your eyes. Don't worry; your reward's waiting up there at the head of the ladder. That's right. But Chicago, you just don't see it. I don't.... Looking at it natural, I wouldn't either, but when you look over yonder in that dimension, you see what's talking about, see. There's more done.... God.... No man can come until the Father's called him, see. Why did Nathanael run way over there ... Philip, and get Nathanael? See what I mean? You see? One of them.

118 Now, Jesus is raised from the dead. He's here. If you've got eyes, may you see. If you've got ears to hear, may you hear. But if you haven't, you can't. So, let us pray.

119 Heavenly Father, I pray that there'll be many in here tonight that will see, hear. And may it fall deep in their heart, and may they believe. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

120 All right. He give out.... What'd you.... Is 100 now, in D. There's 100 prayer cards out, in D. D. 100 prayer card in D's. Last night we called the first part; let's go over and call the last part tonight. We had.... What was it in the line last night? Fifteen, wasn't it? About fifteen. Just about as many as I can get to in a night. I don't want you to stand in vain. I might not get to that many, I will try my best. But let's take.... That would be D-85. 85, 95? 85, D-85, who has it? Raise up your hand. Anybody got D-85, would you raise up. 85, 86. Raise up your hand, 86. Line up over there. 87? Come this way, lady. 87? All right. 87. 88? All right, brother, over here to the right. 89? D-89? Did I miss your hand? D-89? All right. 90? Who has D-90? 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 100. Let those people line up over here.

121 And now, while they're lining up, and the ushers.... Brother Woods, if you'll help them there just the little bit, you and brother ... some of you so we could hurry and reserve the time. I want to talk to the audience.

122 Now, I want you to look this way just a minute. Now, especially to the newcomers, I want to say this. If Jesus Christ, if my Gospel that I preach of His Word, is the truth, then how many believes that the Bible said in Hebrews 13:8, that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Do you believe it? All right. Then how many knows this, that Jesus Christ (Now, we’re talking about Him yesterday, when He was here on earth, what He is today, and what He will ever be.) when Jesus Christ was here on earth, the Son of God manifested . . . God manifested in flesh, being Emmanuel--when He was here on earth--He did not claim to be a healer? Let’s see your hands. How many knows the Bible said He wasn’t a healer? How many knows the Bible said this? “It’s not me that doeth the works; it’s my Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” How many . . . all right. Then He did not claim to be a healer.

123 How many knows this again? That when He was here on earth He made this statement and said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing: that doeth the Son likewise.” Let’s see. Then when Jesus. . . . That’s Saint John 5:19, 5:19.

124 When He passed through that pool where all them crippled and blind and lame was laying there, He went to a man. The Father had showed Him where this man was laying. And He went to this man. He’d knowed he’d been sick for all this time--thirty-eight years. And so He told him that he was healed. And he picked up his bed and walked. And the Jews found him and questioned him about it being the Sabbath, and so forth. But He only did as the Father showed Him. Then, do you believe that He was full of mercy? Full of compassion? Had mercy on the people? Then how could He have mercy on the people and pass by all them lame, blind, halt, lame, and afflicted and not heal them? Because they don’t know. . . . You wouldn’t know what mercy means, what compassion means.

125 Just like I’ve always said about love. There’s two different kinds of love. Do you believe that? Some people gets them mixed up. Like some people in being borned of the Holy Spirit, they get mixed up in the new spirit that Jeremiah said that God said in the last days, “I will write my Spirit upon their hearts . . . I will write my law in their heart, and I will give them a new spirit,” and then He said, “I

will give them my Spirit.” And many people get the new spirit. . . . Well, you have to have a new spirit; you can’t get along with your neighbor, let alone with God, see. So, you have to have a new spirit before you can get along with the Holy Spirit.

126 Sometimes when you get the new spirit, you think then that you’ve got the Holy Spirit, but it isn’t; it’s the new spirit. The Holy Spirit will witness Jesus Christ. But if you just join church, went up and knew that you should do right, that’s just a new spirit. That’s a spirit God gave you, but not His Spirit yet, see. You come into Christ by the Holy Spirit baptism. I Corinthians 13 says, “By one Spirit we’re all baptized into one body.” Spiritual baptism into the body of Christ. Then you’re secured with Christ. He doesn’t amputate any arms, legs, or eyes, or anything of His body. He’s perfect.

127 And you can’t be perfect, but as long as you’re in Christ you are perfected by His vicarious suffering and death at the cross. God doesn’t see your sins. He sees nothing but one perfect person, the body of Jesus Christ. He can’t. That’s the reason Balaam, the hireling prophet, thought surely God would curse Israel, because, look at the things they had done wrong. But he failed to see the smitten rock and the brass serpent going before them, making atonement. God couldn’t see through the atonement. His blood that answered it’s place, see.

128 All right. Now, look this way and believe. Jesus one day was going through a crowd. Now, you say, “Brother Branham, what do you take so much time for?” It’s best that you would understand thoroughly one thing, than to haphazardly chew up a lot of things and you wouldn’t understand it, see. Look, Jesus was going through a crowd of people. And everybody was all around Him. And a little woman touched His garment and walked away, and hid herself out in the audience. And Jesus stopped and said, “Who touched me?”

129 Now, He did not feel that on the border of His garment. Touch the hem of your skirt, down at the end of it and find out if you do, or your overcoat, down at the end and see. Let somebody touch the overcoat and see if you feel it. Certainly not. But He felt it, the touch that she supernaturally made. It was her faith that touched Him. Closely now, listen, don’t miss it. Her faith touched Him. He said, “Who touched me?” Everybody denied it. She denied it too. All

denied it. “Who touched me?” Nobody knew. He said, “But somebody’s touched me.” Said, “I’ve got weak.” Virtue, gone from Him. *Virtue* is “strength.” “I got weak.” Everybody denied.

And Peter said, “Lord, who touched you? Why, the whole multitude’s touching you.” But it was a different touch.

130 Finally, being the King and Lord of the seers, He looked through the audience until He found the woman. And He said, “Thy faith has saved thee”, the blood issue. Then she ran and fell down at His feet and confessed everything, how she had done it. He said, “Daughter, be of a good cheer, thy faith has saved thee.”

131 That was Jesus yesterday. Now, if that was Jesus yesterday, and He’s got to be Jesus the same today if the Bible’s true, and we know it is, then how could we touch Him today? Say, “Brother Branham, you said you was a fundamentalist, what about the Scripture for that?” The Bible said that He is our high priest that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Is that right?

132 Then if that woman’s faith could touch Him then, what was she touching? Not Jesus; she touched His clothes. But what did she really touch? She touched God. And Jesus didn’t know who it was. The Father hadn’t showed Him that, but she drew from God her desire, and Jesus was God’s mouthpiece. So He spoke to her, what she done it, and how she done, and told her she was healed. Now, Jesus was gone away and sitting in the presence of God with His own blood as a High Priest. Now, He has to use His church tonight for a mouthpiece. Is that right? “Take no thought what ye shall say, for it’s not you that speaketh, but your Father that dwelleth in you, He speaketh.” Then your faith touches God....

133 And people are born in the world, some to be apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors. God sets those in the church. Is that right? Then He’s got people that could preach the Gospel, teach the Word, be a missionary. An *apostle* is a “missionary.” Both the same word, “someone sent,” see. Why you ever desired to be called a missionary, I don’t know. A *missionary* is an “apostle.” And how they was sent. And all these, God has put in the church, then how does He touch?

134 How do you touch? You say, “O Heavenly Father, in my heart I’m sick, I need. . . . Oh, I believe that Jesus died for me and His blood was shed at Calvary. He was wounded for my transgressions. That I have confessed. And I believe You. And with His stripes I am healed. And they say that that blood is before You, that He is the High Priest making intercessions on my confession, and I confess that I believe You. Now, great High Priest, can I touch You with the feeling of my infirmities? I want to be healed for Your glory. Speak.”

135 Then He speaks through His servant, turns to you, “You, who had *so-and-so*; you back there. You up there, who had *so-and-so*, you’ve been suffering with a certain thing, for a certain time,” or something like that. Or if you’ve done *this* or *that*, or whatever it is. “Your faith has made you whole.” What did that? Your faith never touched the preacher; it touched Christ. Christ worked back by the Holy Ghost, to you. The preacher didn’t know what He was saying; it was the Holy Ghost speaking. You believe that? Now, that’s for you. The rest of it, we’ll call here. All right.

136 Let the lady come. Now, be. . . . I’m going to ask you one thing, friends. I’m going to ask the brethren, just to let me stand a short time. Remember, it’s another world. Just outside. . . . Do you believe that in this room that you can’t see with your natural eyes, that there’s angels? You believe God’s here? Well, you can prove. . . . Electronics can prove that television’s in this room. Do you believe that? You don’t see it. Voices through radio is in this room, from a transmitter. Is that right? But we say that there is a resurrected Christ that’s alive. And we’re only His transmitter. So, if Christ is in the room and He’s the God of the human race, surely He has some way He can contact His beings, don’t you think? Certainly He does.

137 Now, He’s here. Now, be reverent, be in prayer. Sit quiet, don’t move around, just sit real still, if you will, for the next about fifteen minutes. They’ll dismiss the audience probably the next fifteen, twenty minutes, but don’t move, but sit there and be. . . . Don’t think about nothing but Christ. Just say, “O Lord Jesus, I believe you.” And maybe the Father will have mercy on you. I trust that He will. Now, be reverent and be in prayer.

138 Now, here’s a woman standing here. I want you to look at me just a moment, sister. We’re strangers to one another, I suppose, but God knows both of us. I don’t know you, and you don’t know me, but

God knows us both. Is that right? And you're just a woman that they give out a card . . . a prayer card either last night, or tonight, and when a number was called, that was your number, and you just come up here. That's all there is to it. Is that right? I never seen you, never knowed you, and you never knowed me. We're born probably miles apart and years apart and here's our first time meeting.

139 But there's someone here who knows you. There's someone here who knows me. You are a woman, I'm a man. You are a Christian, I'm a Christian. And the Spirit between us is the Holy Spirit. And that Spirit is trying. . . . You're trying to contact that Spirit for something, I don't know what. It might be finances, I don't know what in the world you're here for. God does know. He knows what in this great universe that you need. I don't. But, if Jesus has raised from the dead, and He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. . . .

140 There was a woman came to Him one time drawing some water, in Saint John 4. And Jesus said, "Bring me a drink." Wonder why He wanted a conversation with her? Contact her spirit. And He said, "Bring me a drink."

She said, "It's not customary for Jews to ask Samaritans such, or have any dealings."

141 He said, "But if you knew who you were talking to, you'd ask me for a drink. And I'd bring . . . give you water you don't come here to draw."

142 The conversation went on about where to worship at and so forth. What was Jesus doing? Contacting her spirit. He was on His road to Jericho, but He went up by Samaria, way up in the hills, way away from Jericho, because the Father told Him to go up there. He sat down and sent His disciples away because the Father had said so. He said He did nothing till the Father showed Him.

Now, then the woman, after talking to her, He found where her trouble was. And He said, "Go get your husband."

She said, "I have none."

Said, "That's right, you got five." Now, what did she say?

143 She said, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet, that we know that when the Messiah cometh, he will tell us these things, but who are you?"

He said, "I am he that speaks to you."

She ran into the city and said, "Come see the man that told me the things that I have done. Isn't this the very Christ?"

144 Now, if He's... That was the sign of the Messiah. Is that right? If that was the sign of Messiah then, it's the sign of the Messiah now. What did the world say about it? What did the church say about it? They said, "He's a spiritualist. He's a devil, Beelzebub." But what did she say? "He's the Messiah." What did Nathanael say when He told him? What did Peter say when He even told him his name? He said, "You're the Son of God, the King of Israel."

145 Now, that's the same thing now, sister. You can only say it. And if it's done (I don't say it will be) but if it is, it'll be a sign to you and a sign to this church, that Jesus Christ is alive tonight and not dead. He's alive. It will not heal you, it'll take your faith in Him to heal you. Healing only comes through your individual faith in Him, or your desire in Him, to get what you want. But He can speak through me. And me knowing nothing about you, it'd have to take the supernatural to do it. That's right.

146 Now, I trust the audience understands this, and may you be real reverent, for I know the Holy Spirit is coming cross from my right hand side at this time. And now, in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I minister in His name, for His glory, that the people might know that Jesus Christ is still alive after nineteen hundred years and will be forever the same.

147 If the audience can still hear my voice, I see the woman moving away, and she is very nervous, just extremely upset. And her nervous is a nervous of fear. She's scared. And she's always beset of those

things. They can't find out, even the doctors, what causes it. They don't know what it is. And this very day she's been somewhere for this. And that was to a hospital. And she goes into the hospital and she's having x-rays taken. And them x-rays is of the spine, and in the legs, so that the doctor is trying to find out what is wrong with the woman. That is the truth, "Thus saith the Lord."

148 Now, whatever was told you was the truth, was it? [Sister says, "Yes."] If it is, raise up your hand. ["That's the truth."] Then Jesus has risen from the dead. The last words He said when He ascended up, "These signs shall follow them that believe; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." There's Something here that knows you. That is right. There's Something here. And I can tell you now where your trouble is. It's a spasm in the nerves. That's exactly right. True. You feel relieved, don't you? For you're healed. Your faith has made you well. Amen. Now, go on your road. Now, you see, I never even touched you. Your faith made you well. You know now that He's raised from the dead. God bless you. Have faith in God. Have faith in God. Don't doubt.

149 How do you do? We are strangers to each other, I suppose, lady. We do not know each other. And then another picture at the time that I was just quoting. A colored lady, white man. And it was a Jew and a Samaritan; between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. And there was a racial affair in them days, and there's always been because of color of a person's skin. But Jesus let her know that there was no difference in God. We're all God's children. That's right. All the offspring of Adam. That's right. The countries we was raised in, it turned us different colors. It has nothing to do with our Creator. He is Almighty God who made us. And He made us after His own way, and His own desire, and His own fashion. God is a God of variety. Do you believe that, lady?

150 If God only had white flowers, we would think He was, just believe ... just wanted one color. But He has white flowers, red flowers, blue flowers, all kinds of flowers. That's the way He made His people: white, black, brown, yellow, all different colors. God is a God of variety. He loved it. He makes big mountains and little mountains. He makes prairies, He makes deserts, He makes the lakes, and seas, big trees, little trees. He's a God of variety, He makes us the way we are.

151 Say, “What are you doing, Brother Branham?” Contacting your spirit, because you’re in a dangerous condition. That is true. You’ve had much trouble, and your trouble is in your throat. That’s right. You’ve had it for some time. I see you moving. You’re going somewhere. You’re asleep or something. They got you laying back, and a white thing over you. Oh, it’s an operation. The doctors has cut your tonsils out. But still, you don’t know whether that’s it or not. That’s right. That isn’t it. You’re allergic to a plant. That’s true. Now, you believe now?

Now, He who knows you, do you believe that He can make you well? Let me have your hand, just as a point of contact.

152 O God, here is one of Simon’s children, the one that helped You bear the cross up Golgotha. Your servants, the doctors, has tried all they can for her, but they failed to find this enemy, but you know him and he’s exposed right here now. So, in the name of Jesus Christ, thou enemy of this woman’s life, come out of her. You can’t hide from God. Leave her, for the glory of God. In the name of the Son of God. Amen.

Now, sister. He who knows what was, surely will know what will be. Go and be happy, and rejoice and be well.

How do you do? Do you believe? All your heart? Very well.

153 Now, the Holy Spirit left the altar. Sitting there praying, with that lung trouble, wasn’t you, lady? You touched Him. Having trouble in your lungs. Stand up on your feet just a minute. The lady right here. All right. Jesus Christ makes you well, sister. Your faith touched Him. He’s the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of your infirmities. Amen.

154 Just pray. Challenge your faith. Believe it with all your heart. Jesus said, “If thou canst believe, all things are possible.” Do you believe He’s raised from the dead now? Now, have faith. Just say, “Lord, have mercy on me. Maybe my faith has been mental faith, maybe it’s been emotional, but now let me calm down. Let me believe You, Lord. Let me believe You.”

155 Now, I don’t know you, lady. There’s no way of me knowing you, because we’re strangers to one another, but Christ knows us both. He knows me and He knows you. And someday, you and I will

have to stand in His presence. Woe unto us then if we're not deep and sincere in our hearts.

156 Trouble with your back, haven't you? Sitting out there on the end of this third row out there at the end. If you believe. . . . Yes, sir. I seen you trying to get up, holding your back and trying to work and stoop over. Those things are true, sir. If it is, shake your hands back and forth so the audience can see it. You were praying to God and said, "God, let me be included in this." If that's right, shake your hands again. Your faith has saved you, brother. Amen.

Have faith in God, Christian friend. Believe Him.

157 Pardon me, lady. I can only move as He moves me. You understand that, do you? Yes. Just as He moves me. You're not here for yourself. You're here for someone else and that is a relative of yours, a grandchild. That's right. And there's something wrong with the blood. I see them taking it back and forth to the hospital and giving it blood transfusions, and it won't work' and you're standing for this child.

158 There's something to do with you about a Catholic. You are a Catholic. That's right. Well, great is your faith, sister. May I have this?

159 Eternal Jehovah, who raised up Jesus from the dead, the doctors have failed, but Thou cannot fail, Lord. You are eternal God. I bless this handkerchief for the intended purpose that I send it for: the healing of the one that's sick. And when it's placed upon the one that it is going to, may the evil move out, and may they be healed in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

160 Now, lady. When you see this come to pass, you serve the Lord with all your heart and live for Him. Don't doubt, you can have what you ask for. God bless you. May you. . . . Be thankful to God, and serve Him always. God bless you.

161 How do you do, sir? We are strangers to each other. I don't know you, you don't know me, as far as I know. But we're strangers. If we are, raise your hand.

162 Now, just be real reverent. Don't get up, if you can, for a few moments. See, you're, each one, a soul. You . . . each one's got a spirit. There's people praying and it's just moving. You'd be surprised. Why did I get weak? Why am I trembling? Why I'm

sweating here on this cool night? You should stand here once. You'd know.

163 Here's a man standing here. Just ask him. Him standing this close to the anointing, and the Spirit between us. There is a feeling on you, sir, that's very calm, and welcome and loving. If that's right, wave your hands to the people like this, see. Right between he and I. How many's ever seen the picture of it, the Pillar of Fire, that they got in Washington D.C., see. That's what between he and I now.

164 The man's a stranger. I don't know him. Christ does. But, sir, I see you're shadowed with a darkness. I see them taking you into a building of . . . it's a hospital and you had an operation. Then you had another operation, and they were for cancer. And the cancer remained. The doctor has failed to get it, but he can't hide from Jesus.

165 You're not from this city. You're from a smaller city than this. That's from . . . Looks like I've seen the . . . It's Rockford, Illinois, is where you're from and your name is Leonard, I believe they call you, Rango . . . Rangler. And your address is 3034 Eighth Street.

166 Now, I say this because you have faith, you're shadowed with death. Do you believe that Jesus Christ stands here who knowed how to call Cephas, Peter? Do you believe it? Then there's some kind of a Spirit got me anointed. Do you believe it to be the Son of God? Come here.

167 O Jesus, Son of God, let Thy Holy Ghost move into this man and heal him and may his life be spared. And I condemn the devil that's killing him. May it leave him this night and may he get well, go home and be happy and eat and live. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

168 The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up. Amen. Go on your road and rejoice. Jesus Christ, God's Son, does His great, holy, redemptive work. Have faith. Don't doubt. Just believe.

169 Bless the Lord. I don't know you, my brother. I've never seen you. That's right. But one day Philip went and got a man by the name of Nathanael and brought him to the Lord Jesus. And Jesus, as soon as He seen him, He seen his sincerity and his honesty. He said, "Behold, an Israelite." And I say unto you, "Behold, a Christian, honest, sincere." You're noted, even with your people, for being a

sincere Christian. That's true, sir. That's right. You're shadowed by a cancer. The cancer is the neck. That is right. You're not from this country. No. You come from somewhere else, didn't you? Ohio. Cleveland. That's right. Your name's Emerson, isn't it? Now, go back. Jesus Christ, God's eternal love, heal you, my brother, and make you well. Have faith. Have faith in God.

You want to get over that diabetes and be made well? Jesus Christ, do you believe, will do it? Come here.

170 O God, Creator of heavens and earth, Author of everlasting life, giver of every good gift, send thy blessings upon the woman who I bless in Thy name. In Jesus' name, may she be healed. Amen. Don't doubt. Believe.

171 That's a wonderful name you're wearing. Nervousness is a horrible thing. Keeps you tore up all the time. 'Course, you was born nervous. All your life you've been nervous. I see you even as a school girl, nervous. Nothing can help it. Everybody says, "Get next to yourself," but that don't do no good. Can't help it, sister. There's something that frights you, but Jesus Christ is here to take it from you. Do you believe it?

172 God, as I lay my hand upon this young lady here, just in the prime of life, I curse this affliction on her body. She wants to serve You, Lord, and serve You in freedom. And I take it away from her in the name of Jesus Christ. May it go and never return again, for God's glory. Amen.

173 Now, don't fear, young lady. Look. Will you do as I tell you, now? You feel all right at this time, see, because it's gone. When you come up here, there's a dark shadow around you. It's gone now. It scares you. You can't help it, it comes to you. But look, now the unclean spirit's gone from you. He walks in dry places. He'll try to return again, but you just take my word, as God's prophet, don't you never have a frown on your face. Sing all day long and praise God, no matter how you feel, or what takes place. It'll leave you and won't come no more. Now, go do that. You believe with all your heart. That's right. How would I know that, except God told me that?

174 Do you believe me now? That's a killer. Kills more people than anything else, but Christ is a Saviour. They that walk upright before God, He said He'd withhold no good thing from them. You promise

Him to do this? Walk upright before Him, all the days of your life, if He'll spare you? Then come here and let me pray for you.

175 God, who knows her, who would know this woman's condition just the same as You did the woman at the well, send your blessings on her and bless her and spare her life as I ask in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

176 "The effectual, fervent, prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:15. That's right. Now, we're not righteous. No man is righteous. Only the Son of God. So we don't stand, and I don't stand in my righteousness. I stand in His righteousness. So as long as I'm anointed with Him, it's the effectual, fervent prayer of the righteous Christ interceding for you, through me, to have you to believe. Do you believe that? Then your heart trouble's gone. Go and be well for the glory of God.

177 Lady, do you believe me? Do you believe me to be the servant of the Son of God? A point of contact to the great High Priest, lips for Him to speak through, or eyes for Him to look through. Then if He can use my eyes for His power, He could tell me your life. Couldn't He? More I talk to you, more would be revealed. I'm getting weak, but if He will just tell me what you're here for, will you accept it?

178 You don't look it, to look at, but you're shadowed. Let me tell you. You weaken late in the evening, don't you? Sit down. Perspiration runs from you at night. It's a tubercular. That's right. And only God can make you well. That is right. Will you believe... That's the first disease that God healed: consumption. Will you believe now, that Jesus Christ has raised from the dead and is here at this platform in a supernatural way? May your eyes be opened as the servant at Dothan when Elijah was standing out.

179 O Jehovah, eternal God, send your blessings upon this daughter and heal her and make her well. In Jesus Christ's name we curse this disease. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Don't doubt, but believe.

Don't move, just a moment.

180 Sir, chest trouble, haven't you? Sitting right here at the end. Tumor, next to you. Yes. You have chest trouble, the colored man sitting there. That's right. Just let me see this line. All you colored

people sitting there, do you believe? Do you believe me to be His prophet? Though being a white man, you believe it anyhow? All right. Look at me and believe. The whole line of you. Sir, you have chest trouble. You have tumor. The lady with her hands up has a nervous trouble. The next lady has a stomach trouble. The next lady has a nervous trouble. Raise your hand if it's right. The next lady has arthritis. Is that right? A lady with cancer is sitting by me.

181 He's here, Jesus Christ, God's Son. Do you believe it? And He who knows, who is raised from the dead, who knows all things. Life is here. Death cannot stand in the presence of life. If you believe this with all your heart. . . . If you'll believe. . . .

182 You out there with that insomnia that can't sleep, do you believe that God makes you well? Then you can have the same thing. All that believes that Jesus Christ is here and has healed you, regardless of what's wrong with you, stand up on your feet, raise up your hands and praise Him.