

# Thirsting For Life

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1 Thank you. I certainly thank you for this wonderful welcome and appreciation. I want to say with all my heart, to Brother Rasmussen, to these cooperating ministers, Brother Sothmann, and everyone here, and everyone that's been at the meetings: It's been one of the best meetings I've been in in many a day, because of your full-hearted cooperation, your support in prayer. And I appreciate all the finances that you have given to support the meeting. And I understood they've taken a love offering for me. That's all appreciated. With the best of my ability, I'll spend it to the glory of God. I hope that God will repay you a thousand fold. God bless you. You may be seated.

2 [Blank spot on tape.] Thank you, Brother Rasmussen. And a great heartedly thanks to everyone in the meeting, everyone that's had a part. I am very grateful for this meeting. And there's only one sad part about it, that is it could only be five days. I mean that from my heart. I wish we were here for a month, so we could just come in.

3 And now if there happens to be by some of the people here, the custodian, or some of the groups that lets us have this auditorium, I want to express my thanks to you, also. A wonderful place, fine acoustics, and, as Brother Rasmussen was telling us, we received it at a real reasonable price. And we do thank you, sirs, and pray that God will bless every move you make.

4 I come this time, after many times of trial, to come to Tacoma. But I felt like this time I could come in the name of the Lord. And that's the way I like to come. Many of my Christian brethren here tonight ask me many times, "Brother Branham, will you come to our place?" I ask them to just write me their name and address. I put it in a file, and then when the Lord is leading me anywhere, no matter where it is or how small, I go. And then I feel like I can come in the name of the Lord. And I think that's better.

5 My heart has been stirred too, by hearing testimonies that's held out ten years, of healing, since I was here the other time. I just met a

gentleman at the door, that shook my hand, and told me, said, "Brother Branham, I was laying, dying with a cancer, eat up, when you had come to Bellingham the last time." And said, "I'm perfectly normal and well, and been ever since." The man is in this meeting somewhere now.

6 Then I met a man this afternoon who said ... up in Lima, Ohio, he drove all the way from here to Lima, Ohio, to a meeting. In the last stages of cancer. The Presbyterian, Baptist, and the ... I believe it was the Christian church, and the Salvation Army, sponsored that meeting. And he come there just in the last stages of cancer, and God healed him, and he's here living tonight as a testimony to the Lord, and to His grace.

7 And now, we're leaving early in the morning for Alberta. That's up in Edmonton, Alberta, where your pastor here, Brother Rasmussen, used to pastor. I was there in the big arena, which I suppose seats right on ten thousand, and was there about ten years ago. Then we was down to Calgary at the stampede grounds, but this time we're going to Alberta again ... up into Edmonton, rather.

8 I was going to bring my little boy, Joseph, up here. But I see he's probably got to shouting too loud in his way, so his mother had to take him out. The little boy the Lord gave to me by promise. Six years before he was born, we'd had one child, and the doctor said wife could have no more children. They have to be cesarean. And said she could not stand to have another child.

9 And one day I was taking the life of Joseph in the Bible, and I got to weeping. All of you, when you read the Word, you just get to living in it, why, you rejoice. And I went into a little closet where I had my clothes hanging, at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and I was weeping and praying. And a Voice came into the closet, and said, "You shall have a son. And you shall call his name Joseph."

10 I went to announcing it. About four years passed. No Joseph. Finally, we knew we were going to have a baby. Some of them said, "Is that Joseph?"

I said, "I don't know, but Joseph is coming."

11 And when it was born, it was a girl. Well, then, did everybody razz me. "I thought ever what the Lord said was right."

I said, "It is."

I said, "Joseph is coming."

Said, "You meant, Josephine."

12 I said, "No, this is Sarah." Sarah and Rebekah is sitting here now. So then, about four more years passed. Well, we knew we was going to have another baby. The doctor said it would be impossible. But I said, "She'll have another one."

He said, "Billy, I've never doubted your word." But said, "I'm sure doubting that."

13 Four more years passed, and the wife was going to have another baby. We were real tore up. She was very sick and nervous. And the nurse that was healed, one of Mayo's nurses, dying with cancer, on the dead list, Louisville, Kentucky, been on the dead list for about ten years, now. She's nursing at the Clark County Memorial Hospital, healthy, well woman. Only weighed about forty pounds when she was healed. But, the cancer society has got her dead. You call them and find out. But she's alive, and very much alive. She's been with each of my children when they were born.

14 And Sister Margie was away on a case, and couldn't be there at that time. And she and Meda, my wife, were just bosom friends. And there had been a lady (You know how it is.) prophesying, and said that the Lord sent her to lead me. And she got real provoked because I said, "No, the Lord leads me." So, she made a statement, and said, "Well...," the Lord was going to let me fall when I was going down south in an airplane. But it never happened; I went right on just the same.

15 She said again that... I was out on a hunting trip. She sent all through the country, and said that I'd fell off of a mountain, broke my right arm, and hunters was out looking for me, everywhere. Wasn't a word of it so. And, so then, she told the wife... or, sent word up there, and told the people that the Lord was going to get even with me for not obeying her: Wife was going to die this time, in child birth. It got to her, the poor little fellow. If there's any credit to be given to the Branham family, give it to my darling wife. She stands between me and the public, thirty-eight years old, white-gray headed. She's really fought a real battle. God bless her soul.

16 And, so, I took off up to Green's Mill, my little secret place where I go to pray to settle the differences. I just going around the

bend. I don't believe the FBI could ever find me back there, back in the cave. And I seen that light hanging there in a bush, moving around, and said, "Turn and go back to your car. Your Bible will be laying open." And when I come back to my Bible, and picked it up, it was Nathan talking to David, said, "Do all that's in your heart, for God is with you."

17 And then the Lord appeared to Nathan that night and said, "Go tell David, my servant, didn't I take him from the sheepcote, from following those few sheep? Give him a name like great men of the earth? Have not I cut off his enemy before him wherever he went? Have not I been with him?"

18 I just started weeping. I got in the car, drove home, and she was going out to empty the garbage; poor little fellow could just barely walk. She was weeping, all nervous. I put my arm around her. I said, "Honey, don't worry; it's all right now." That settled it.

19 The next morning, the baby was born. When I was sitting in the room with some more anxious, waiting fathers, the nurse came down, she said, "Reverend Branham?"

And I said, "Yes, ma'am?"

She said, "You've got a fine, seven pound and three ounce boy."

I looked at him and I said, "Joseph, you've been a long time getting here. Daddy is glad to see you here."

She said, "You've called his name Joseph?"

I said, "That is his name."

20 Somehow, when I was in our church. Many of you sprinkle them in baptism, infant baptism, that's all right. We try to follow the Bible. Jesus picked up little children and blessed them. We dedicate them. And in dedication of the little boy, at the altar, somehow, I was inspired to say, "Joseph, thou art God's prophet." And maybe when I leave, I pray that a double portion of the Spirit will come upon Joseph for the age to come, if there is one.

21 Till I see you, my dear friends, I have told you the Gospel truth. I've done all that I knowed how to do to present Jesus Christ in all the way that I know how. And you've listened, you've believed, you obeyed.

22 Now, to many of you people that's sitting here, was not in the prayer line, and perhaps will not be in the prayer line tonight: You will find out, that it will be weeks after I'm gone, that diseases that was in your body was already healed. Now, You just write that down and find out if that isn't true.

23 I never said this before, to kind of keep a little of the pressure down, but I'm fixing to leave tonight. It's been constantly all over the audience, that light appearing to people. Like that. And I don't ... sometimes I can't call them, but I know they will find out by and by that it's so, that God has did it. And the things when we was here the last time and told you that the Holy Spirit said that these things would be, you've found it to be the truth: that it would be so, it would know the very thoughts of the heart. That's nothing but Jesus Christ.

Now, to some of you newcomers, I wish to say this before I bring my message, just take a few moments, then the prayer line.

24 Maybe this might be your first time to be in one of these meetings. I just want to quote a scripture, because my message tonight is on salvation. And I do not make divine healing the main issue. Divine healing is something on the line. I do not say that divine healing and salvation is on the same basis. When you're saved, you're saved for eternity. But when you're healed, you'll get sick again. Lazarus was raised from the grave, but he died again. Healing is just one of the blessings that goes with salvation. It's the earnest. It's just a down payment and an assurance that you will be raised up in the last days.

25 Now, I do not claim to be able to heal anyone, because I know better than that, and you also. There's not a man in the world can heal the sick. There's not a doctor in the world can heal the sick. There's not a hospital in the world can heal the sick. There's not a drug in the world can heal the sick. If there is, Mayo brothers knows nothing about it. They say we only claim to assist nature. There's one healer. That's God.

26 What if I was breaking my arm out here, cranking on my car, and run in to the doctor and say, "Doc, heal my arm right quick; I want to crank my car." He would tell me I needed mental healing. That's true. He can set my arm, but God does the healing. The Lord does all healing. He can move a growth, pull out a tooth, what more, but God does the healing. Because healing is developing cells, multiplication of cells. And nothing can create, but God himself.

27 So, in the meetings, what these gifts are for, is only to bring the people to a recognition of the presence of the Lord. That's all it is. I have never had to touch you. Only thing you'd have to do is take God's Word and believe it. You could be healed if it was in a cornfield, in the woods, just the same as you could be in this church. Just the same. Healing is the finished work that Jesus Christ purchased for you at Calvary. Just the same as He purchased your salvation.

Someone said, "Well, I was saved ten years ago."

I beg your pardon, you wasn't.

"I was saved last night."

28 I beg your pardon, you wasn't. You were saved nineteen hundred years ago, when Jesus died at Calvary. You just accepted it ten years ago, or last night. It's already a finished work. It was all finished at Calvary. And every attribute of the atonement is just as real to each individual tonight, as it was the very afternoon it was made at Calvary. Will be until Jesus comes. Then we will have no need of it no more.

29 Now, in the meeting, the discernment is what kind of catches the people. Now, since I was a little bitty baby boy, them visions have come. And it might be questioned to people. Get around with someone who's been in the meetings, someone that's been called. Superstitions rising, doubts. Say, "Oh, well, Ernie Fandler..." A man, a scientist, he's invented a medicine now; they got a medicine that's a cure for arthritis ... or, to help in arthritis: take the acid, the deposit of the bone. It's in the medical association now, and going to be manufactured by the Full Gospel Businessmen. A million dollar plant in California just went up.

30 And coming down the road from Alaska, he seen a sign in Canada there at (What's the name of that--just below Dawson Creek?) Grand Prairie. And he went down and he noticed that discernment in the line. He said, "You know what? That's somebody in the meeting. He knows all them people, so I'll just fool them."

31 Goes over and gets an old Indian, and brings him over. Gets him a prayer card and sticks him in the line. When the old Indian got up in the line, it told him what his name was, where he come from, and what his trouble was. And said, "You've got a boy sitting out there, studying to be a minister."

He said, "That's right."

32 I said, "This little fellow sitting right over here, a white man, a Swiss: He's all full of superstition so he just went and got you to bring you here for this purpose. Ernie just fainted and passed out on the floor. Just after that, he received the blessed Holy Spirit. Friends, as my Bible before me, it's real and from God.

33 Now, when Jesus was here on earth, He did the same thing. And now one more word: The prophet said there would be a day that could not be called day or night. All Bible readers know that. But in the evening, it shall be light.

34 Now, when the sun rises, it's in the east, and travels westward. Civilization has traveled with the sun: from east going west. We're at the West coast. It's the last message. The sun's shone out on the eastern people. On the Day of Pentecost, God restored back to the church, and gave it gifts. He ascended on high and give gifts unto men. And after the apostles passed away, there's been a day that's not been night nor day. They've had enough light to walk in, have churches, organizations, people accepted Christ. They've had enough light to walk in to understand Christ.

35 But, brother, sister, on this Gentile world and the Western people, the sun is setting. And the same light that showed on the day of Pentecost is flashing its last flashes to the earth. The same Christ that was in that day, is today. It will be light in the evening time. I'm so happy to know this in my heart, that we're walking in the evening light. God bless you all.

36 Now, just before we open back the Bible... Any man that's able to move his hands is able to open the Bible. But no one is able to make it to an understanding but Christ, Himself, the Author. So, let us bow our heads just a moment and ask Him to open the Word for us.

37 Blessed Lord, may Your eternal blessings rest upon this people. Save the lost tonight. Bring back those who have once knowed you and have wandered away. Heal the sick and the afflicted. Long may this meeting be remembered in the hearts of these people. And may it be to them as those who came from Emmaus, after the resurrection, that first beautiful resurrection morning, when Jesus walked with

men, talked with them. But when He got them alone and shut the door behind them, He made Himself known by a certain way that he did things before His crucifixion, and they knew that it was the resurrected Christ. By Your presence, may we go like those disciples—not only to Jerusalem, but to the utmost parts of the earth. Say, “Indeed, Jesus has risen from the dead nineteen hundred years ago, and is still alive. For did not our hearts burn within us as He ministered to us?”

38 May every minister be encouraged. Bless those who close their churches to cooperate in this meeting. God, may their churches grow. Bless every church in the city, throughout the country, and nation, and world. And may there finally come the day when a great coming together will be, and a great shaking just before the taking away of the body of Christ. Forgive us of our sins. Give us of Thy blessings tonight. Manifest Thyself to us. For we ask it in the name of Thy beloved Son, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

39 Just for a reading of the Word, we’re going to turn to Psalms 63 and read just a verse or two.

*O my God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsts for thee, my flesh longs for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;*

*To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in thy sanctuary.*

*Because thy lovingkindness is better to me than life, my lips shall praise thee.*

40 We have here one of the most unusual scriptures. I shall never forget when I first read that scripture. I could not comprehend what the Psalmist must be speaking about when he said, “Thy love-kindness is better to me than life.” And I can think of nothing else any greater than life. So, I wondered what the Psalmist must be thinking of . . . or, speaking of, when he said, “Thy love-kindness is better than life.”

41 So, there must be something that he had in mind. So, after studying a little while, I began to remember that “life” has many different meanings. Sometimes that life (what people would call life) is not really life. It’s perverted life. Because there’s really only one



life, and that is eternal life. And there's one eternal life, and that life comes from God. Now, eternal has no end, neither does it have a beginning. And now, anything off of that is something perverted.

42 Now, sin is nothing else but righteousness perverted. If I might make that clear. . . . It is lawful, and legal, and honorable for a man to take unto himself a wife, and them bear children. But, a woman who is not married to this man, could live with him as a wife as much as his own legal wife could do, but it would be a perversion. So, all unrighteousness is righteousness perverted. So, in life, the unrighteous life is nothing but the real life, eternal life, perverted.

43 Now, many think that drinking, gambling, is life. Many times people get in their head. . . . Like a lovely young woman: she may be pretty, and she'll dress up real nice, go down the street. And the boys will whistle at her, and she'll twist her shoulders, and giggle, and smoke her cigarettes, and she thinks that's living. But the truth of it is: it's death! The Bible said, "The woman that liveth in pleasure is dead while she is alive." It's life to the flesh, but it's death to the spirit and the soul.

44 Many times, young men become very popular, and they go out with the crowd, and get too much to drink. And they get out on the floor and just become a clown or a mimic, and they throw up their hands and say, "This is life." Oh, my decrepit brother, that's death! "The wages of sin is death." But you call it life.

45 Here sometime ago, I was in a great city, and we were having a revival. And that night when I went up to my room, there had been a little club, or noted lodges in America, was having their jubilee there, or some kind of a convention. And I noticed the people drinking, carrying on. This great hotel with hundreds of rooms in it. . . . As I was taken up to my floor, and was let out, I started walking down to my right, and I heard someone carrying on. I looked, coming down along the doors, and there were two young women, probably between twenty-five and thirty; perhaps mothers, had taken off their wedding rings. They were in their underneath garments and the men was pulling them from one room to another. I stepped back in the shade to watch and to pray for them as they passed by.

46 And as one of them come out. . . . Both beautiful women, perhaps with a husband at home taking care of the children. And they

called that innocent fun! It's sin to the utmost! God will make you answer for that. And He will not hold you guiltless.

47 And as they came out, passed by, they had a bottle of alcoholic beverage in their hand of some sort, they passed it one to another. Too drunk to talk to. And one of them turned the bottle up and taking a drink and handing it to the other one and said, "What if our old men knew we were having a lot of fun like this?" And the other one kicked her foot way up in the air and pulls her garment up to her head and hollered, "Whoopee! This is life!" I stepped out in the middle of the floor. I said, "Lady, it's death!" They grabbed that bottle of whiskey and down the room they went as hard as they could go. "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she is alive."

48 That's not life; it's death. That kind of a life gets so miserable until men take a gun and blow their brains out. You couldn't call that the kind of life that David was speaking of. No, it's a perverted life. It's a life that the devil is trying to have you to live.

49 Now notice, the perverted life, the devil inspiring it. That life becomes miserable. I've never seen it in all stages from the rich to the poor. I've had the privilege of being in king's palaces, from that to the lowest haunt on skid-row. And I've never seen a contented sinner in my life. That's right. There is no happiness or contentment outside of Jesus Christ. I've seen them so rich till they had bodyguards with them. And I've seen them so poor till they begged for a drink of whiskey. And from the one to the other there's no satisfaction in sin. Then what they may call that life? How could you call it life when you want to take it? It's not life.

50 Now, if the devil can't get you to do something like that, he's done something else. He will let you be a gentleman, and you'll pay your honest debts, you'll treat your neighbor right, you'll even join church, and think that you've got life, but that still is death. "For, except a man be borned again, he will in no wise enter the kingdom." If the devil can't get you to see a truth, he'll push you out the deep end.

51 So, joining church is not life. Singing hymns is not life. Preaching the Gospel is not life. Only one way you can have life: that's to know Him. You don't have life by knowing the catechism of your church. You don't have life by knowing the Bible. You will

have life by knowing Christ in the pre-pardon of sin, is the only way that you can have life.

52 And notice, again. What makes you try to have a big time like that? It's because God has made you to crave life. God made you up, your makeup. There isn't a man or a woman on earth tonight, neither was there ever a man or woman on earth tonight . . . or, on earth at any time but what had a craving for something, a thirsting for pleasure. And God made that thirst in you. And He made that thirst so you would thirst after Him. And how dare you to try to quench that blessed Holy thirst that God has put in your heart to thirst after Him, and try to satisfy it with sin. How dare you to try to quench that Holy thirst for something by some vulgarity program on television, instead of going to the church of the living God. How dare you to pour whiskey, cigarettes, and dope into your body, and use your eyes for lust to try to satisfy that blessed Holy thirst that God put in you to thirst after Him.

53 God will hold you responsible, my friend, at the day of judgment, if you don't satisfy that thirst with drinking at the fountain of the inexhaustible fountain of life. "Let him that's a-thirst, come. Whosoever will, let him come and drink from the waters of life, freely." That's what you're thirsting for.

54 You're running from church to church. Every time a little something happens, you run to it. A little *ism* can rise up and you take after it. Oh, it's so good: just come to the fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins, when sinners plunged beneath the flood lose all their guilty stains.

55 It was said one time that a great sea rover was passing by an island, and the women would sing so beautiful until the sailors would come in. Their men would lay in ambush, and as soon as they came in, the men would run out of ambush and murder them, and take their ships and use them for their own. This great sea rover wanted to hear that music, so he put plugs in his sailors ears, and had them to tie him to the mast pole, and sail along the side of this island. And when the natives saw the ship coming, the women got out with their enchantments and their lovely songs, and they sang. And he screamed for some of his sailors to untie him. He would have gave orders and sailed into the port immediately. But the sailors had plugs in their

ears, and could not be removed (by his orders) until they reached a certain place.

56 And after screaming around the mast pole, to which he was tied, he finally went to his destination. The sailors untied him, removed the plugs from their ears. And while they were in the city, they were in a great building. And some famous singers was there. And they sang the Gospel songs with such a great power of the living Christ. And when they started to sail back by the sea, they said to him, “Oh, Rover, will you let us tie you to the post so that you will not be tempted to turn in?”

He said, “No, just let me alone. I’ve heard something so much better till that sounds dead to me now.”

57 Brother, when a man ever comes to the fountain of Christ, and receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the things of the world are so dead, you don’t have to worry about him participating in them anymore. He’s found something so much better. How true that is.

58 Thirsting. “Oh, I thirst for thee,” said David. “My soul thirsts like in a dry land where no water is.” David was a woodsman. He knew what it was to deal with wild life. So, in (I believe) the 47th Psalm, he wrote this, “As the hart thirsts for the water brook, so my soul thirsts after thee, O God.”

59 Now, in Africa and different places where I’ve ministered, a deer (a hart is a deer)... And sometimes the wild dogs get after these little fellows. And they have a shrewd way of downing their deer. They grab the deer. (They have fangs.) And they grab the deer just behind the burr of his ear, sinks his fangs into him and swing their weight. A wolf will do the same thing. It will cut the throat of the deer. The jugular vein lays on the side down there; and when those great fangs rake across there, the deer dies immediately.

60 Another way they have of doing it. If they can’t grab behind the ear, the neck, they grab him in the flank. And when the dog, or wolf, grabs the deer in the flank, he throws his weight down, and in the middle of the deer it throws him off his feet. Then he’s covered with dogs in a few moments. And they tear him from place to place, piece to piece.

61 Now, sometimes, with a fast maneuver, they can get away from that wild dog. The dog may grab him and if he doesn’t get too much

of a hold, if the deer will jump sideways it will . . . the dog holding on to the flank will pull that chunk out. And the deer swiftly, if it isn't hurt too bad, can sometimes escape from the dog. But he can't go very far. He's bleeding, unless he finds water.

62 I've shot deer and watched them. If he can get to water, he can survive. But if he can't find water, he's gone. And David, giving that most beautiful expression, "As the hart thirsts for the water brook." The little deer is wounded, he's bleeding to death. It's either water or death--immediately. Could you imagine him: hot, bleeding, the hounds right behind him? And as he lifts his head, he smells, he looks, he's watching for water. He must find it or perish.

63 Woe, my decrepit friend, the hounds of hell's behind every one of you tonight. We must find Christ or perish. "As my soul thirsts after thee, like the hart for the water brook." He's got to get to Christ, or perish.

64 That's to the church. That's to the nation. That's to the world. Look at the condition we are in tonight. Why, in Moscow, they can land a bomb on top of this building. Guided by radar, timed by the radar and stars, they can drop it anywhere they want to, and go a hundred and seventy-five feet deep in the ground for fifteen miles any way. They've got their finger on the trigger. And sitting in this nation with the same kind of a weapon to drop one on them. It's just who pulls first. Then something is going to happen. No wonder the world is a quivering all over tonight. There's a great drama set.

65 One time, down in South Africa, I was hunting for lions. And I went down behind a native crowd. And I heard something, and it was a little sheep. And he was grazing along all right. And after a while, the little fellow by some means become very nervous. And I thought, "What's the matter with the little animal?" I used my binoculars, I couldn't see a thing. But he was so restless, being quiet just a few minutes before that. And I happened to have my binoculars trained on the yellow grass, and I noticed two ears sticking up. The little sheep could not see that lion. But there was instinct in the little fellow letting him know that trouble was at hand. He was so nervous he couldn't eat. And I watched that drama as that lion crouched coming easy, like the big cat, through high weeds like that. He could smell the lamb, but the lamb could not smell him. But the lamb had an instinct that told him that death and trouble was at hand.

66 And if God so . . . has made a sheep to know when trouble is at hand, how much more has he give it to a man to know that trouble is at hand? It's time to come to Christ. Don't try to quench that thirsting with the things of the world. It's perverted life which will send you to hell. But forsake your ways of sin, and seek Christ and His righteousness. For I say unto you, in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, God's Son, stands in this building tonight.

67 As John of old said, "There's one standing among you who you know not." And the resurrected Christ, for five straight nights now, has made Himself manifested here at the platform and out in the audience. That's what you're really wanting. That's what you need. So, my friend, tonight, as you're watching this meeting, as you're listening in now, I pray that God is opening to you a fountain, that you will drink from that fountain where you will never thirst again. Think of it, while we bow are heads just a moment for prayer.

68 Just think a minute. Death is right behind you, galloping on. Whether you're young or old, it will take you just the same. You want to come to the waters now of life freely? Sinner friend of mine, this may be our last time to lay eyes on each other in this world. Would you slip up your hand just a moment and say, "God be merciful to me a sinner; brother Branham, remember me in prayer, I put up my hand"? Anybody on the bottom floor here? Be honest with yourself now. God bless you, lady.

69 Someone else would say, "Remember me, Brother Branham in prayer. God, I want to accept You just now, accept Your Son as my personal Saviour." Would you put up your hand? Someone else on the bottom floor? God bless you back there, my brother. Somebody. . . . God bless you over here, my brother. God bless you down here brother. God bless you back there, brother. That's good. Back over to my right. The Lord bless you. That's good. Somebody else now would raise your hand and say, "Brother Branham, remember me in prayer just now"? As we're just about to close the service. Say, "Remember me, I want to here accept Christ as my personal Saviour." Would you raise your hand? Saying, "Remember me, Brother Branham." That's right. God bless you, sister. God bless you, sister. I know there's plenty of them in here.

70 Would you just put up your hand? You can do that much. On the bottom floor now, will you do it before we go to the balconies?

Been about fifteen. God bless you back there. I see your hand. God bless you. God bless you, my brother back there. That's good.

71 "Oh, Brother Branham, I know I go to church, but I ... I..." God bless you, sister here. God bless you here, lady. "I go to church, but I ... I know ... I know I'm not right. And I want to be right. God knows I want to be right." Will you put up your hand? The balconies to my right. Will someone up there say, "Brother Branham, remember me"? God bless you, young man. God bless you, lady. Someone else say...? God bless you, lady. That's good. "Remember me, Brother Branham, just now in prayer, as you go to prayer. I believe in you." God bless you, brother.

72 I now want to raise my hand and say, "I believe in Jesus Christ. And, Brother Branham, remember me in prayer." Just before you leave this building tonight, won't you do it? Put up your hand, and I will certainly do it, and God will see you. Won't you do it? Up here's the balcony to the right. Just one more time across. God bless you, sir, right here. I see your hand. God bless you, sonny boy sitting right down here. That's very fine. Another? God bless you over here, young fellow. I see your hand and surely God does.

73 "As the hart panteth for the water brook, my soul thirsts after thee, O God." Would you raise your hand, saying, "Remember me"? Over here in the balcony now, to the right. Now we cross over and go to the left, to my left. Would someone over there put up your hand and say, "Brother Branham, remember me in prayer. I'm in need. I realize that I love to drink from that fountain. I want to be right, above everything in the world. For I realize that there's nothing left no more." Would you put your hand up? Someone in the left balcony? Say, "Remember me"? God bless you, sir. God bless you down there, sonny boy. God bless you down there at the end of the balcony. That's right. God bless you up there at the top. That's good. God bless you up here, my brother. Certainly God sees your hand.

74 Now, be honest with yourself. I say to you in Christ's name: We're in His presence. Right now, this group of people is sitting with the eyes of the Lord Jesus looking upon you. If that isn't true, I'm a false prophet. God bless you, sister, right down here in the bottom rows. I see you. And God bless you here, lady. Somewhere else in the building? Anywhere? Standing around, whatever? God bless

you, lady sitting here in the balcony to the right. That's good. God sees your hand. There's a recording angel putting that right down.

75 One of these days, when maybe the doctor visits your house--maybe before morning--takes the pulse, shakes the head and say, "There's nothing can be done, you're dying." When you're pressing a dying pillow, and the icy veins cooling off in your arms, you will be happy that you raised that hand to Christ. But if you should have done it and God told you to and you didn't, what an icy hand to hold. It's too late to hold then. Now's the time to make your decision. "If you be ashamed of me. . . ."

76 God bless you back there, sir. God bless you, sir. God bless you back there, lady. God bless you, sir, back there. God bless you, my brother, back there. God bless you, little boy. "If you will confess me before men, I will confess you before the Father and the holy angels. If you're ashamed of me before men, I will be ashamed of you before my Father and the holy angels."

77 I love you. You say, "Brother Branham, why do you make that so straight?" God bless you, sir. "Why do you make that so straight?" Oh, brother, if God has given you the privilege to break in to see a past the curtain of time! This that you see happen here in the meetings. That Spirit that comes and packs out into dimensions that the world knows nothing about. I do know what I speak of. I don't say that boastfully. I say that reverently, and humbly. And I do know, without Christ you're lost, brother. There's nothing in the world can save you. And don't be deceived by being able to do good works, and join church. It's just another perverted life.

78 Anything that you do within yourself is not of God. God helps those who cannot help themselves. If you just quit drinking, say, "I know I ought to quit drinking. I want everybody to pray for me, that I'll quit drinking." And then you go out and say, "If I ever take another drink, one of you boys smack me in the face." And they do that four or five times and you quit drinking. That still hasn't done one thing. That has got nothing to do with God. It's a birth that comes into you and those things automatically are gone. Won't you accept Him now? Would there be another just before prayer? All right, shall we bow our heads now.



79 Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth. No doubt but what some of these people sitting here tonight that's raised their hand to this great host, thirty or forty people, that's been people who's been thinking of these things for a long time. They've been tossed about, but tonight, somehow, in this little broken message, God has spoke to their heart. For it is written in the Word, "No man can come to me except my Father draws him first." And it's written also, that "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that's sent me has everlasting life, and shall never come to the judgment, but has passed from death to life."

80 They don't have to worry no more. If they mean that from their heart, all the old things are gone. They shall never come to the judgment or condemnation. They have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and have been made a member of His body, and that body has already been judged. God could not judge it again. "But I will pass over you, when I see the blood," saith the Scripture. Give unto them eternal life. Give health to them, happiness, and joy. May they find a church home somewhere close to where they are living. And there, be a faithful member of the body of Christ until You call them home.

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81 Then may they hear it said in that last day, "It was well done, my good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord that's been prepared for you since the foundation of the world." Grant it, Lord. For we ask it in Jesus' name, as I present them to You as the fruits of this message. Keep them, O God, through Thy Word and Thy strength. Amen.

82 I realize I had to chop my message just a little short tonight. And being just a little aware of that, you can't think just as you should. But I hope that somehow God settles it into the hearts of Christians, too. The Bible said, "Blessed are ye when you hunger and thirst for righteousness." [Blank spot on tape.] Oh, my soul thirsts for Him.

83 And now, friends, each one of you that raised your hands, some ... at least thirty or forty here tonight, as sinners that accepted Christ.... If I read my Bible right, the very minute you put up your

hand, if you meant that from your heart, you become a member of Christ. Jesus said. . . . I know we have different ways, and different people think you should be baptized first and you should do *this* and do *that*, but Jesus said, “He that heareth my words and believeth on him that’s sent me has eternal life.” That settles it as far as I’m concerned.

84 Now, you say, “What do you mean by putting up your hand, Brother Branham? Was that good enough?” Absolutely. I said this the other night (It stands repeating.): According to the laws of science, you broke every law and defied science when you raised your hand. You’re a creature of this earth and the gravitation of the earth would hold your hands down, actually.

85 But there was a spirit in you, a supernatural something that science can’t find. The Holy Spirit spake to it. And you defied science by raising your hands to your Creator, “By this, I will now accept You as my Saviour.” It was a decision that your soul made that defied science and gravitation, say, “I accept Jesus as my Saviour.” It’s a witness that you’re a Christian.

86 God bless your gallant souls, is my prayer. And as soon as this healing service is over, I’m going to ask you to come up here and stand around this altar, and just offer a word of thanks to God. It will strengthen you.

87 Promise me that, some of these good churches around here, you will go tomorrow and talk it over with the pastor. Say, “Pastor, down at the meeting the other night, I felt strangely. Something touched my heart. I raised my hand as the minister asked if anyone wanted to accept Christ. And I did. And something just happened to me. I feel like a different person.” You’re now beginning to live. Say, “I want to become a member of your church. I’m going to help to do everything that I can to honor Jesus Christ.” He’ll be glad to have you. I know he will. And he’ll appreciate you. God will appreciate you. You fall right in with the rest of the Christians now and be a real worker.

88 How many Christians in here welcome them as brother and sister in the body of Christ, raise up your hands to God, that you welcome those who raised their hands awhile ago, in the body of Christ. God bless you.

89 Now, the next is our healing service. Just nine thirty according to the clock. It's nine thirty and we want to have a healing service. Not that we're going to heal anyone, but I do believe that God will respect His Word. And I believe that the presence of the Lord is here to heal the sick. Not only by my prayers, but by your prayer. Just pray.

90 Now, I want to say this in behalf of maybe some of them that hasn't been here before. When Jesus Christ... It said in the Bible, "To be the same yesterday, today, and forever." How many knows Hebrews 13:8 says that? Certainly it is. Then, I want to ask you: Is that the truth or is it an error? It's the truth. Well then, if He is the same, He has to be the same in principal, same in power, same in action, same in attitude, or He isn't the same. He'd be the Jesus, only different. But the Bible said He's the same. Now if He is the same...

91 Let's just ask something. If Jesus was here as He was on Galilee nineteen hundred years ago, would He stick out His chest and say, "Bring Me the sick, now, I'll heal them." Jesus said He never did heal anybody. Anybody know that? He said, "It's not me that doeth the works, it's my Father that dwelleth in me. He doeth the works." And when He passed by a great host of lame, blind, and crippled people, He found one laying on a pallet, for the Lord had told him ... God had told him where he was. He said, "Will thou be made whole?"

92 He said, "I have no one to put me in the water. While I'm coming, somebody else better off than I steps in it ahead of me," or outrun him, or something.

He said, "Take up your bed. Go into your house."

93 He never questioned, he obeyed. And he walked; took his bed and went away. He never questioned, "Do you think I could do it? I have not much strength. I've been this way thirty-eight years." He never thought of that. He just obeyed.

94 Then Jesus made this statement. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself, unless He sees the Father doing

it.” How many knows that’s right in the Bible? Saint John 5:19. Jesus Christ said He never done one miracle or anything else in a way of supernatural works until God showed Him. Now, that’s either the truth or it isn’t the truth. Let’s follow Him just a moment or two.

95 Watch Him when He started His ministry, how that when the people come to Him. He knowed who they were. He knowed what was wrong with them. And He told them that. The church that day said He was a fortuneteller, a Beelzebub, chief of the devils. And we all know that fortune-telling is of the devil. But they didn’t take time to think it out.

96 I was speaking this morning with some Christians and ministers at a breakfast, this morning, early. How many of you ever read the article in the *Readers Digest* of the healing of Donnie Martin? The miracle of Donnie Martin. About three years ago, the *Readers Digest* packed it all over the world. My meeting out in California. Strange that Mrs. Pepper’s article followed just before that. But, did you notice the pro and con? How that God makes Himself known.

97 Now, don’t be suspicious. Drop away all your thoughts and remember, it’s the Bible. If I preach something that’s not in the Bible, then I’m wrong. If the spirit misbehaves itself some way that’s not in the Bible, I’d be careful about it. But, if it’s in the Bible, it’s the same Spirit was on them there. For He’s the same.

98 Now, I believe, outside of . . . not criticizing Roman Catholic, or Presbyterian, or Pentecostal, or any. I believe that this is God’s foundation: the Bible. In the Old Testament, there was three ways of knowing a message to be true. First was the law, of course. But then, by dreamer or a prophet. And they had what they called the Urim Thummim. Bible scholars knows what it was. It was Aaron’s breastplate, had the twelve tribes and their stones in this breastplate. It was hanging in the temple. They brought the prophet before it and he prophesied, and told what was said. And if a supernatural light didn’t flash over that Urim Thummim, no matter how real it seemed, they refused it. No matter how real the dream seemed, if the supernatural light didn’t flash on the Urim Thummim, they refused it.

99 Now, when the Aaronic priesthood was done away with, that Urim Thummim was done away with. But God still has a Urim

Thummim and that's this Bible. And if a dreamer tells his dream, or a prophet prophesies, preacher preaches, and it's not in God's Bible, it won't flash on here, it's wrong to my opinion. But if it flashes, it's God saying it's the truth. The Bible said that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." If He is, He's got to act in every way He did then or He's not Jesus Christ.

100 I want to ask you something. If He will do it tonight, as He did in Galilee, how many in this building will say, by lifting up their hands, say this, "Dear God, it will increase my faith. I'll try to live a better life. And have more faith knowing that You're walking with us"? Would you raise your hands as a witness to God?

101 Now, Heavenly Father, as Your tired servant. . . . Someday I'm going to preach my last sermon. I'm going to make that statement for the last time. I'm going to pray my last prayer. It will all be over then. Then I'll have to meet You at the judgment.

102 And I pray Thee, most Holy God and Father, that You will visit us tonight in a most unusual way. We are not those people who have to have miracles. We do not seek after miracles, or signs. But it's because that the Word must be fulfilled. It is written in the Bible that Jesus did those things that the Word might be fulfilled. The Gentile generation is receiving its last call. The world is receiving its last call. And we feel, God, that You're near, to move and to manifest Your love in this evening light. And we pray that You will do it.

103 Now I submit my soul, body, and spirit unto Thee. And I pray that every person in here will be charged with faith in such a way that the Holy Spirit will work miracles among us tonight, that might increase the faith. Some of these dear pastors, missionaries, and evangelists, driving many miles and sitting here, just to get a little boost.

104 O God! It's better than all the vitamins that the drug store could produce. It gives us eternal life. It gives us new hopes. And we long to see His blessed presence as David cried tonight in our Scripture lesson, "To see thy power as I have seen it in thy sanctuary, O Lord." My soul thirsts to see it. That's our prayer tonight that we offer to Thee. In Jesus Christ name, Thy Son. Amen.

105 [Brother prophesies in tongues. Another brother interprets]. Amen. We thank the Lord for that. [Another brother prophesies.]

There's hardly but one thing left to do now. That's to call the prayer line, and see the glory of God. Did you give out your prayer cards? 1 to 100? What's the letter? Prayer card C, 1 to 100 he gave out. Let's start from number 1. Who has prayer card number one? C number 1. Would you hold your hand just a minute?

106 [Blank spot on tape.]... He turned right back around and said, "Your faith has healed you." See? For she believed that her blood issue had stopped. And it was.

107 Now, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Now, that's not the Old Testament; that's the New Testament, in the book of Hebrews. Now, if you touch Him tonight with your faith, how will you know whether you touched Him or not? He'd have to speak to you in a human way. Some way that you would know that He touched you. Wouldn't you have to know that? Now, you just look to Jesus and believe. How many loves Him with all your heart and all your soul? How wonderful.

108 Now, you're all strangers to me as far as I know. I look over the audience and see if I can see anyone that I know. Let's see if there's anyone in the prayer line that I know. If you in the prayer line standing there.... How many we got there? Ten? All you in the prayer line there, if you don't know me, raise up your hand. If you don't know me, you solemnly say that you don't know me. I know nothing about you. If that's right, raise up your hand, now, I don't know you. All right. How many in the audience, balcony, or anywhere, knows that I don't know you or one thing about you, raise your hand. All right, there you are. Now, if anybody thinks it's false, do you want to come take my place? You are welcome.

109 All right, brother. May the Lord grant it to her, brother; healing of her body is my prayer. Tell her to believe, have faith. You believe do you, brother? Keep your hand laying on her. We'll see what God says. Now, I have no way to control this. I don't control it, it controls me.

110 Prayer card 11, 14 and 15 is missing. Prayer card 11? No? 14? 14 is there? Good. All right. What was the other one? 15? It's prayer card, what? 11? You got it? Haven't got it. Prayer card 11. Have you got prayer card 11, lady? Here comes the lady now. All right. Now, how many more prayer cards is there out? Let's see your

hand, people that's got prayer cards. There's thirty or forty, fifty yet in the building, that's got prayer cards.

111 All right. I don't know how we're going to get through this line. I don't know. It may not even. . . . God could just walk away from us and that's all I . . . that's all of it. I don't know. But look. The Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established." How many knows the Bible says that? That three witnesses is a confirmation.

112 Now, if the Holy Spirit would move in this building and confirm that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, and has sent back this glorious thing to us. Now, remember, no matter how much God anoints me, if He doesn't anoint you, it won't work. You are the one who does it. It's your faith. Jesus never said, "Say, lady, come here and I'll heal you of that blood issue." She touched His garment and He said, "Thy faith healed thee." See, it's your faith. You're a doubter?

A man told me not long ago, he said, "Mr. Branham, I don't care what you would do or say, I don't believe it."

113 I said, "It wasn't given to unbelievers. It was only given to them that believe." It's not for unbelievers. They will perish. I don't know. . . . Of course, all of you know this, that I'm strictly a Calvinist. I believe that men are ordained to eternal life, and some are ordained to condemnation, according to God's Word. The Bible said men of old was predestinated to this condemnation, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. That's right. And if you. . . . God's not willing that any should perish, now. But to be God, He knowed from the very beginning who would be saved and who wouldn't be saved. If He didn't, He wasn't God. He's an infinite, eternal God.

114 So, therefore, if you will read Romans 8 and 9, you will find out that He told. . . . He said, "I hate Esau and love Jacob," before either boy was ever born from his mother's womb. Correctly, for He's God. He knows all things. So, how can you make a believer . . . an unbeliever a believer when God knew in the beginning he was an unbeliever? It wasn't meant for him. He said, "Pharaoh, I've raised him up for this very same purpose. The work he worked. It's not him

that willeth, him that runneth, it's God that showeth mercy." Is that right? Certainly.

115 Now, I'm going to ask you to do something for me. Please, do this for me just in these next few minutes. If you will just give us the next fifteen, twenty minutes of your time, and if mothers will keep their children, as the Holy Spirit begins to settle just now, as the songs are playing.

116 I know there's epilepsy in the crowd tonight. And that's.... Was it here at Tacoma? It was at Tacoma where they had a child or somebody on the platform, I believe it was, was having an epileptic fit, and I tried to make the people be real quiet and behave, and keep their heads bowed while I was praying. And they would not do it. And I asked them to do it, and a critic was sitting up in the balcony down here at the ice arena and I told him not to do that. And he let me know he'd take care of his own business, this was a public meeting. I said, "Then, see to it." And when the spirit left this child, it went on him and he fell out with epilepsy. Anybody remember that from the meeting? There you are.

117 I was sitting at Jonesboro, Arkansas, where a minister and twenty-eight of his members wouldn't bow their heads when we was praying. And an epileptic spell left that man that was on the platform, and twenty-eight people fell in the floor, kicking over chairs and everything from aristocratical church with epilepsy. And as far as I know they remained with it the rest of their lives.

118 Phoenix, Arizona, when one of the officials of the city wanted to be arrogant, raised up and tried to say something. I said, "Sir, sit down. I'm trying to deal with a sick man."

He said, "Oh, I'm getting tired of this psychology."

I said, "Then, God judge you for it."

119 And up here in San Bernardino, California, his wife held to my trouser legs in the mud while they drug me over the top of her. Her husband insane sitting there going, "Wheee, heee," like that and beard all over his face. Crazy as he could be, an official from Phoenix, about four weeks later. We're not playing church, friends. You're dealing with spiritual beings.



120 How many remembers Acts 19 when a fellow thought he could cast out demons and went down and called over a man with epilepsy? Said, "I adjure ye by Jesus who Paul preaches. Come out." The devil said, "I know Paul and I know Jesus, but who are you?" You know what happened. They stripped their clothes off of him and had fits and run through the streets, and everything. So just be reverent. Be real reverent. Watch this way. Do just as you're told to do. Believe with all your hearts, sit still, and worship God. And say, "God, be merciful to me." And see what our Lord will do for you. My sincere prayer. All right. Is this the person that's to come? All right. Come.

121 Now I want. . . . Now please don't move around, see. If you do, here's what it is. In Jesus' name I take every soul in here under my control for the glory of God. Now, sit still. You're spirit. When you move, it interrupts. You say, "Brother Branham, is that true?" Why did Jesus ask them to do it? Why'd He take everybody out of the house of Jairus' daughter to be healed? Now, be real reverent.

122 Now, lady, as far as I know I've never seen you in my life. You've never seen me in your life. Is that right? Raise up your hand. Never seen you in my life and you've never seen . . . I've never seen you and you've never seen me. Therefore, we're perfect strangers. Both of us with our hands up to God that we've never met one another before in life. Know nothing of each other.

123 Now, there may be something wrong with the woman. She may be a critic. She may be sick. She may be for somebody else. It may be financial trouble. May be domestic troubles. I don't know. God knows I don't know. But if this isn't the same kind of a picture of Saint John the 4th chapter, I've never seen it. Here's a man and a woman, like met then. Now, our Lord was sitting on the well, waiting. He sent His disciples away, and a woman come up to draw water. And He said, "Bring me a drink." Now, she was a Samaritan, not a Jew, a Samaritan. That's half Jew and Gentile.

So she said, "It's not customary for you Jews to ask Samaritans such."

124 Now watch Him. He's talking to her. He said, "But, if you knew who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink. I can give you water you don't come here to draw." They carried a lengthy

conversation. What was Jesus doing? He was contacting her spirit. You remember the Father had told Him He had need to go by Samaria; He was on His road down to Jericho. That's straight from Jerusalem, right down the mountain. But He went up around the mountain to Samaria, because God had sent Him up there.

125 Now, God sent me here to Tacoma. And here's a woman that's come before me in the prayer line. All I know God sent me here. I don't know her. She doesn't know me. So now, if Jesus is the same yesterday and forever and I be found truthful telling the truth. Now, maybe God will work that. I don't know He will. He may do it. If He does do it and you go away from here an unbeliever, God pity your sinful soul.

126 Now, I just want to talk to you. You just answer. For it's the same thing that Jesus done to the woman. After He talked to her awhile, He said, "Go get your husband."

That was her trouble wasn't it? She said, "I don't have any husband."

Said, "You've got five."

127 Now, she didn't say, "He's reading my mind. It's telepathy." She said, "Sir, I perceive that you're a prophet." See how she entered that gift? That's the reason she got something.

128 That's the reason Mary got something ... or, Martha, when she said, "If You would have been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, if you ask God, God will give it to you."

129 He said, "I'm the resurrection and life. He that heareth My words has ... He that heareth My words has everlasting life." He said, "I'm the resurrection and life."--the way He said it. "He that was dead yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." Said, "Believeth thou this?"

130 She said, “Yes, Lord. I believe that You’re the Son of God that’s come into the world.” See her reverence to approach that gift of God?

He said, “Thy brother shall rise again.” There you are. It’s your approach.

131 Now, that man would put a rag around His face, hit Him on the head with a stick, that Roman soldier, and said, “Now if you’re a prophesier, tell us who hit You and we’ll believe You.” He never said a word. God don’t clown for people. He certainly doesn’t. He uses His power to magnify Himself and to glorify Himself. He’s God in silence.

132 I’m talking to you. If God will reveal to me, knowing that we’re a man and woman here in this great audience of people of several thousand tonight, watching this drama. And both of us under oath before God that we know not each other.

133 Now, if God will reveal to me what you’re here for (I don’t know what it is), but what you’re here for, will you receive it? Now, if I’d say, “Oh, you’re sick and going to get well.” You’d have a right to doubt that. But if He will reveal it... Now, if you was crippled and I said, “Well, you’re crippled.” If I said, “It’s your eyes,” it may be your eyes. But that wouldn’t be no miracle. Anybody can see you’re wearing glasses, your eyes are bad. But, may be something that I know nothing about. Then it’s sure to be God. I trust that He will do it.

134 Now, if the audience can still hear my voice... The woman seems to be getting smaller. There’s like a shadow between her and I stands; a light. The woman’s suffering. Yes sir, she’s very sick. She has many things wrong with her. The woman has something wrong in her bowels. It’s colitis. I believe the doctor diagnosis that as colitis. Kind of a thin fellow, the doctor. He said it’s colitis. And then I see something about looking at the bottom of the feet. You’ve got fallen arches, too, that bothers you. That’s true. Then, you’ve got some sort of a bleeding: hemorrhaging of blood. That’s the truth. And I see you drop a dish going from the room. You’re real nervous, upset. And you have real gloomy spells kind of late in the evening when the sun’s a going down, getting kind of a melancholy feeling, kind of a strange feeling. I see you sitting in a chair looking out, watching the

sun through the window. You had a real funny feeling. That's true. I'm not reading your mind.

135 And here is another thing. I hear you in a room praying. It's beside of a bed. And you're asking God to give you the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. You're seeking for God. That's "Thus saith the Lord." Is that true or false? Is every bit of it true? [Sister says, "Yes."] You believe God now? Would you say that to the audience? ["Even to the description of the doctor: tall, bald-headed.] You see that? And God in heaven knows I know nothing about the woman. What is it? It's Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

136 And I want to say this to you, my sister: The dark shadow that hung over you when you come here has gone from you. You're healed. Go on your road rejoicing and thank God. Amen. Go this way.

137 I believe you are the second person to be here tonight. Are we strangers to each other? We do not know each other? Never saw me or met me or I met you in life, is that right? I don't say that He will tell me then. I don't know. But if He does, will you accept it as being... You know it has to come from a supernatural resource. Will you accept it to be God? If you believe it to be God, you will benefit by it. If you do not, well, then, to my opinion, it's sin. The Bible said, "Go ye and sin no more. (And sin is unbelief.) Go ye and disbelieve no more or a worse thing come upon you."

138 A strong thing struck the platform, now. Stop that. Now, we're not in this dimension of... If you scientists here, this is not the three dimensions we live in. It's another dimension which is closer to God, see. Just go around. You believe that God will give you the desire of your heart? [Sister says, "I seen Him heal my boy."] You seen Him heal your boy. [I seen Him heal other people.] You seen Him heal other... You believe that He will heal? All right. Now you look this way then, just to contact your spirit, and believing that God will do it. Humbly I ask Him to do it.

139 If the audience can still hear me... I see the lady is in a serious condition. The first thing, she's extremely nervous. That's caused by the time of her life, her age. She has nervous spells. And again, she's suffering with a ladies' trouble, a female trouble. And that female trouble is diagnosed as a tumor. "It's a tumor," says the doctor. And

you're up for an operation. Should be operated on. That's "Thus saith the Lord." Is that true? [Sister says, "That's true."] Do you believe it? Everyone? Now let us pray, sister. All of you together while we bow are heads.

140 Blessed Lord, I pray that You will help our sister, and will heal her body, and let her know this: That the Christ of God who spoke to the woman at the well has a poor, humble, unworthy people here, anointed tonight, that it can manifest His power and His glory. May every doubt fade from her, and may she be healed by the grace of God. In the name of Jesus, I ask it. Amen. God bless you, my sister.

141 How do you do? Lady, you sitting up there in the balcony with the blue dress on, got high blood pressure, haven't you? Sitting right up there. You believe God... Well, lady, now, you're heavysset, with gray hair, suffering with high blood pressure ... was just praying for her healing. The lady right here in front of me, the second row, that's right. God has healed you and rewarded you of your faith. Go home and get well now. Amen. What did the woman touch? Who did she touch? She's thirty or here forty yards from me.

142 Lady, up there in the balcony that was just healed, I do not know you. Is that right? You don't know me. That's right? But you were just praying for God to touch you. And He did it. He rewarded you of your faith.

143 You without prayer cards, now, just like her. You go to praying and believing that God will heal you. That's the same Jesus. He's forever the same Lord Jesus. He said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible."

144 Now, young lady, standing here before me, now you're aware that you're in the presence of something, because I'm looking at the girl and that light that's on the picture is settled around this girl right now. If you're aware that something real sweet, loving, kind feeling on you, raise up your hand to the audience. You know that your brother standing here could not produce that. The reason I said brother, because that you are a believer, a Christian.

145 You look like a healthy woman. I do not know you. I've never seen you in my life. If that's right, raise your hand towards the audience. But if God of heaven will reveal to me... Just keep your eyes closed so the people can see it's not mental telepathy. If God

will reveal to me what your trouble is, will you accept Christ and believe that it's Him here speaking? Will you do that? Wave your hand like that.

146 Now, the lady is not standing here for herself. She's standing here for someone else. And that woman is a relative to her. It's her aunt. And she doesn't live in this country. She's more of a plains country. It's North Dakota where she's from. And she suffers with a real extreme nervous condition, and she's having spiritual problems, and she's got ulcers. That's the truth. And not only that, but there's a pressure pulling from this meeting, which is another woman. And the woman is with you and it's your sister. And you're praying for her right now, for her back trouble to be healed. That's "thus saith the Lord." That's the truth, isn't it? If it is, raise both your hands up. Go and receive it and send that handkerchief with the tear on it to your loved one. And be healed in Christ's name.

147 "If thou canst believe..." Now, don't move around. I'm just expecting something to happen. I just believe it will. I prayed all day for a great break forth tonight.

You suffer with a nervous trouble, don't you, lady sitting right there? God just healed you of it.

148 The man, second seat behind you back there, has high blood pressure. Sitting right back up here, straight in front of me. You believe Jesus Christ make you well, sir? If you will believe it, yes, sir, you are healed. Jesus Christ makes you well. Amen.

149 You're suffering with a growth in your body, lady. That's right. And if God will reveal to me where that growth is, though it's hid from my eyes, will you believe me to be God's prophet? Now, more you talk to the lady.... We are both anointed right now. You're aware of that, lady. The growth is on your breast. It's on your right breast. And I see you coming from some other city. You're not from this city. You're from a city north of here. And it's a city that's got lots of hills--Seattle. That's right. Return to Seattle, believe God, and the growth will leave you. "Thus saith the Lord." Amen. Have faith in God. Don't doubt. Believe.

150 I do not know you, lady. We are strangers to each other. But if God will reveal to me what your trouble is, will you believe me as His servant? Thank you, ma'am. I'm so happy for that. Now, that gall

bladder trouble, and you have an infection. And you're up for an operation. You believe that it will leave you now? [Sister says, "Yes, I do."] Let us pray.

151 Heavenly Father, in the name of Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, I pray that You heal this woman. Take away her affliction. This great church of God asked it in Jesus' name. Amen. Go believing now. Go from you.

Do you believe God will heal you of that sinus? Make you well? If you believe, you can have it.

152 What about sitting next to you, has a gallbladder trouble, heart trouble, too. You believe God will heal you of the gall bladder and heart trouble? "If thou canst believe, all things are possible."

153 What do you think about it, brother? You believe with all your heart? Are we strangers to each other? [The brother speaks to Bro. Branham.] You was healed in my meeting once before. Was that down in Tacoma? That's been about ten years ago. Nine or ten years ago. Therefore I wouldn't know, that night standing ... I wouldn't know you if I met you tomorrow, as you're standing here. [The brother speaks again.] He was healed outside the line without any prayer. Just healed in the meeting. 'Course, I'd know nothing about you then or nothing of you.

154 Now, if God will reveal what this little man is here for, how many in the audience will say, "I will take Christ as my healer right now"? I and this man will raise our hands that we know not each other. Never met, as far as I know, before in this life. Then you believe. Now, let the man be the judge. If God will grant it. I don't know. We'll ask Him and see. May God grant it, my brother. And reveal what your trouble is, so that the audience.... I believe they raised their hands sincerely.

155 You are suffering with some sort of a palsy. Kind of like a kidney poison, like. That's right. And that's because you only have one kidney. And you've got a prostate trouble, which causes you to get up at night. And I see you as a young man on ... being operated. It's at least forty of fifty years ago, that kidney was removed. [Brother says, "Forty-four."] Forty-four years ago. That's correct, is it? Christ heals you. Go on your road rejoicing and be happy in Jesus' name. God bless you.

156 I'm getting tremendous weak now. What is it? It's the audience. I'm trying to catch the audience. I just can't do it. Everybody's just believing. It's just pulling from place to place. Just keep on. That's all right. Just keep believing. More you talk to the people, more you know. More it reveals. But the reason I keep passing one to another is so that there be more than two or three witnesses to confirm it.

157 The little lady standing here. We are strangers to each other? We do not know each other at all? First time we've ever met in life? All right. There's something in your mind or heart that you're here for. I don't know. But if God will reveal to me what you're here for, will you accept it as being Christ trying to get to you to heal you? You will? Will the audience promise they'll do the same, every suffering woman in this audience, will you promise the same? May the God of heaven grant it, lady. While we're both with our hands before God, we know not each other.

158 You are suffering with kind of a gallbladder trouble. A ladies' trouble. That's true. And I seen something move. I heard something speak in the Spirit. Just a moment. Yes, you know I don't know you, but if God will tell me what your name is, will you believe me? You're Mrs. Charles White. If that's right, raise your hand. Go on your road rejoicing. You're healed, sister. God makes you well.

159 Now, that you might think telepathy.... I know it's coming from the audience from somewhere, but I can't find it. If I would, I'd call you out. That's right.

160 Lady, lay your hand on mine. Patient. If God will reveal to me, looking this way what's wrong with you, will you accept it? Raise your hand. Then you can leave the platform. Your heart trouble is finished. You go on rejoicing.

161 Now, lady, you just touched my hand back this way. If God will reveal to me this way, what's wrong with you, will you accept your healing? If you will, take your hand off of mine. All right. I see you trying to get out ... no, you're on a side of a street stepping sideways. Arthritis. That's right. Go on your road rejoicing, believing God.

You was healed of heart trouble while you were sitting in the chair. Just go on your road rejoicing and thanking God.

162 Now, just touch my hand, so I can keep from the contact of the people. Just a way of contact. If God will reveal to me looking this



way, or up this way, what's wrong with you, will you accept it? And you will know whether it's the truth or not. If you will, take your hand off of mine. Will the audience believe it? If you will, raise your hand to God. Now, Father, it's up to You.

163 I see the woman belching. It's a stomach trouble. Acids from the stomach. That's exactly right. Now, if you believe it with all your heart, you can go off the platform and be made well. Go rejoicing and happy. All right, come.

164 Brother, as you come, 'course you can see the shadow. Do you realize what's wrong with you? Do you believe that Christ can change that death to life and make you live? Do you? Cancer's no more to Him than a toothache. But if you will believe, the thing will leave you. Will you believe it? [Brother says, "Absolutely."] Come here. Let us pray. I want to ask you something. There's something here that knows you. Now, I don't. But whatever it is, do you believe it's Christ? Then if it is, it's got me anointed.

165 Jesus said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Do you believe I'm a believer? ["Absolutely."] "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Did Christ say that? The same Christ that said it has been living since two thousand years ago. He said it, and is here tonight, and vindicating it's the truth. Then you have to get well, don't you?

166 O, God, have mercy upon the man. And in the name of Thy beloved Son, Jesus, we challenge this devil to a duel. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is in our midst tonight doing these things. And people, many have crossed the world, are failing to see it because they only have an intellectual conception of Him. But those who are borned of the Spirit, knows that our spirit bears record with His Spirit, that they're sons and daughters of God. And in the light of Calvary, I challenge the enemy of this man's life. And in the face of his faith, I say for this demon to leave his body. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen. Go rejoicing, brother, and be happy.

167 Do you think that back trouble left you while you were sitting there? If you do, go on. Amen. Yes, just believe it with all your heart.

168 What if I told you the Lord Jesus saved you while you was sitting there? Would you take my word for it? Go on your road and be happy then. Amen.

169 Are you an Indian? I thought so. Now, between you and I, there's something dropping. It's blood, which means you're a diabetic. Insulin is a mighty good thing. Insulin is a remedy, but Christ is a cure. Will you believe Him tonight? Let's you and I go to Calvary for a blood transfusion, then.

170 Jehovah God, be merciful to this dear woman. And may the sugar in this blood be taken out by the mighty healing power of Jesus Christ, who created the blood cell. And we pray that You will grant it. And when the physician examines that urine test again, may he be surprised and say, "Lady, something's happened. You're healed." Then she will turn and give praise and glory to Thee. I lay my unworthy hands upon her in the name of Jesus Christ for her healing. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Yes, and I was going to say, "Don't fear about that boy; he'll come out."

171 Are you believing? Is Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever? Then if you believe me as His servant, I'm going to ask you to do something. Brother Sothmann or Billy, or some of them is patting me on the side. Something's happened, that is: I've gotten so weak that they're going to take me from the platform. That's the time that I know I'm supposed to go.

172 I want to say to you this, that if I never see you again in this world, I've told the truth about Jesus Christ. He's vindicated the same. And I say this in His name, that every sick person in here, if you're a sinner, if you will confess your sins, if you'll--that is, an unbeliever--confess your unbelief, and believe God right now, there will not be a feeble person in our midst. Surely, if everything else I've done has been perfectly vindicated by God, surely my word's vindicated by God. I've told you what He said. He turned right back around and testified that what I said is the truth.

173 Now, I want you to lay your hands on one another. There's sick people all over the building. That's right. I believe you're fixing to see something that you've never seen before. I believe that you're going to see one of the greatest bursts of healings that you've ever seen. I feel that in the light of God's Word, and the witness of the

Holy Ghost, we have the victory here tonight over the devil. I believe that His precious blood is dripping to every soul. His Holy Spirit is moving up and down these isles, anointing the people.

174 Satan, you've lost the battle. Come out of this audience, out of this people. I adjure thee by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Come out and leave this audience. And may the people, every one, be healed. In Jesus Christ's name.

175 All that believe that you're healed by the power of God... I trust that you won't believe me to be a hypocrite. This entire audience just looks like one great big milky ball to me, out there now. It's your faith. Act on it. If you believe it, stand to your feet and accept Jesus as your Healer right now, regardless of what's wrong with you. Blessed be the Lord. Let's raise our hands and give Him praise. Everyone of us.

O God! We thank Thee, Lord. Satan has lost the battle. Jesus Christ is the winner, and we have won the victory through Jesus...