

Expectations and Leadings

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1 ... major with a minor, as Dr. F. F. Bosworth, one of my associates, just recently went home to glory--close to a hundred years old. How many ever knowed Brother Bosworth? I'm sure many of you people knew him. He used to tell me, said, "Well, Brother Branham, what we use divine healing ... is just like the bait you put on the hook. You never show the fish the hook; you show him the bait. And when he takes the bait, he gets the hook." So that's the way you try to use divine healing. It's a gift of God.

And then we attract the people, and they see something happen that ... they know that could not happen unless God had done it. Therefore, it turns their attention around from the things of the world to God. And that's what brings me to say, it's a bait that leads sinners....

What our main purpose is here for is to capture the unbeliever to a faith in God. That's what we want to do, is to see the sinner converted to a living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And that's our main thing.

Next thing is to try to help the sick and needy to find help. And many of them, of course, as it is all over the world, are perfectly helpless, unless God does something for them, because our medical science, some of them are beyond that.

2 And I just left home yesterday, where ... or day before--yes, yesterday--where I seen the Lord take a total insane person--two years don't even know where they was at, what their name was or anything about it--and restore them in their right mind, till the entire staff at the hospital said they'd never seen anything like it. A total insane person ... an insane young lady two years. And just when you see something like that, we know it takes God to do that. That's just all there is to it. We know that man cannot do things like that, and it wasn't given to man.

3 After all, divine healing... There's only one kind of healing, and that's divine healing. No other healing but divine healing. All healing has to come through God. Psalms 103:3 said, "I'm the Lord who heals all thy diseases."

4 Now, medical cures... Medical does not claim to cure. They only claim to assist nature. God is the one who does the healing. I was interviewed at Mayo Brothers, and that's what they told me there. Said, "We do not claim to heal people. We only claim to assist nature, while God heals."

In other words, if you got a cut in your hand, well, they'll sew it up. They don't heal it. If you got a bad appendix, they can take the appendix out, but that's all they can do. If you got a broken arm, they can set the arm. Who's going to furnish the calcium, and what it takes, to knit that bone? It takes... To rebuild cells it takes life, and life is what makes healing. We can cut, operate, and so forth. But we cannot heal. God has to do that Himself. That's a multiplying of cells that only comes through God. That's the only one who can do it. We could make a mechanical man where he could reach his hands and almost think, but we cannot build cells. That's God alone who does that.

5 So He's the Lord who heals all of our diseases. We could pull a tooth out, but who's going to stop the blood? And who's going to heal the place it came out of? If God doesn't do it, you'll never be healed. That's right.

6 What about if I was out here cranking my car...? 'Course that's a long time ago, I guess, in the old... I'm back in Model T days now, when we used to crank the old car. What if I break my arm? I'd run, and say to a physician, "Heal my arm right quick. I got to finish cranking my car."

Well, he'd say, "He needs mental healing." Well, that'd be right. See, He'd say, "Well, I can set your arm, but something higher than me has to heal it." He can set it, and that's his duty. That's what we ought to do--go ahead and set it. But God does the healing.

7 So I do not believe that there's such a thing as a divine healer outside of God. I believe that God is the only healer that there is. Therefore, many times people has said, "Brother Branham is a divine healer." No, I'm no more a divine healer than the pastor is the divine saviour. So we just preach the gospel, the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, with the good news that Christ was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. And with his stripes we were healed. It's something that's past, see. Christ did all for us that was required to be done; and all that can be done is already done. I believe that the only thing we have to do is to accept what He has done, what's already done.

8 And now, minister, any minister has just as much right to pray for the sick--or the laity--just as much as anyone else, because He said, "Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that you may be healed, for the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

9 I do believe that there's power in prayer. I've seen some very direct answers to prayer, but never healed anybody in my life. But I've seen God do a lot of it, so I believe that it's the individual's faith in a work that's already been completed.

10 Now, you say, I'd say here tonight, "How many Christians?" So many hands would go up. "How many was saved last year?" So many hands would go up. "How many was saved maybe a week ago?" Maybe there'd be two or three hands would go up. Now I differ. You was not saved a year ago, nor you wasn't saved two or three days ago. You were saved nineteen hundred years ago at Calvary, but you accepted it last year, or you accepted it last week, see, or two days ago. And the same thing, by his stripes you were healed. See, you were, past tense, healed. Now, you could accept it tonight, or you could accept it tomorrow night. Or whenever you accept it, why, it's yours. So it's up to you when you want to accept it, upon those basis.

11 And He now is a high priest, Hebrews 3, sitting at the right hand of God Almighty in heaven, making intercession upon our

confession. Now, the word used there in the book of Hebrews--is used in the King James version--is used profess. But profess and confess is the same thing. You profess something, or confess it. You profess that you believe that He was wounded for your transgressions, with his stripes you were healed. So He's a high priest to make intercession upon our confession, and He cannot do nothing for us until first we accept it and confess it.

Now, we could get down to the altar and pray till we were ... till we laid on our face, and died. Until we believe, then accept his pardoning grace, we're still lost. No matter how loud we could scream, or how long we could stay, or how much we could do without food, until in our hearts the revelation God's given us that Jesus Christ died to save us, and we accept it as our own personal property.... It's something Christ did for me, did for you, and to whosoever will believe it. Then you're saved, because you have believed it, and you're healed the same way.

Many times people say, "I like to feel if I'm healed."

12 Jesus never did say, "Did you feel it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" That's it. "Do you believe it?" Feeling has nothing to do with it. It's your faith. If I did the way I felt I'd be in bad shape a lot of times. Is that right, brethren? I guess we all would. But it's not how I feel; it's what I believe that He has done. Not my feelings; it's my faith. In what? A finished work at Calvary.

13 Now, in this there's many perhaps.... This is my first time of being in your city, I believe, and it's my first time in Virginia, of ever having a service in Virginia. Around the world seven times, and yet I've never been in Virginia. Isn't that awful? Well, they always say you save the best for the last. Is that what it is, brethren? The best comes last. We hope that that's just exactly right.

If all the people's like those who we've met since we've been here ... we've certainly ... I've met some very fine people. And maybe I've been meeting the people of ... just the citizens. Maybe not even Christians. Then what will the Christians be, if the citizens is like that that's not Christians? Be wonderful.

14 So, now, a meeting can only be whatever the people will make it. Now, God is willing, if we are willing. But we have our part to play. Each individual has our part to play. I could no more make a

revival out of it, or meeting, than nothing, and no one individual, or no just two or three of you. It'll take all of us together, working together, through the Lord Jesus Christ, to see something accomplished here in this city, while we're gathered together for the kingdom of God's sake.

And brother, sister, we're living near the end. We all know that. If you have traveled with me in the last year or so, you'd know that's true, see. We're in a shaking condition, and the end time is near. And these things, as we go on along through the week we'll be presenting them--what's happening, what's just about to happen, and as you see on your newspapers, telecasts and whatmore. Then you'll listen from the Scripture, and what the Holy Spirit has to say.

15 Now, I suppose.... I believe we usually close around one o'clock, is it? Or something like that? One or two o'clock in the morning? Usually it's about time we close [unclear words] service. Now, don't leave. I'll just keep peace. I was just teasing about that. Usually we let out about nine or nine-thirty, and then quit for prayer line. So I think they ought to ... the custodians, I guess, will tell us how long they keep the auditorium open, or whatmore.

Now, you must get on the phone. You must get to calling the people. And let us ... tell you now, I'm going to tell you how that I believe that we run the meeting ... or, with the brethren. And remember, any time that you feel that you want to have someone to be prayed for, any of these brethren here, they believe the same gospel that I'm here preaching to you. And your pastor's just got as much right to pray for you as anyone else.

16 Here we just come together. I believe it's written in the Scripture, "The Lord said, 'If the people that are called by my name shall assemble themselves together, pray, then I'll hear from heaven, heal their lands.'" So we believe that prayer is the most powerful weapon that was ever put in the care of a human being.

17 You know, prayer will at times change the mind of God? Did you know that? It sure did. Hezekiah was told by Isaiah, the prophet, that he was going to die on that bed. And Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly, and asked the Lord for fifteen more years of life. And God sent the prophet right back, said, "I've

heard,” and he was spared for the time, see, when God had already announced his death. But he spared him because that he prayed. So, if prayer was that powerful, what can it do? My! We don’t realize how great it is.

Now, all along through the meeting as each night we try to lay down the foundation. . . . Then, when someone comes in, maybe a little later on, maybe tomorrow night, then maybe the next night some newcomers come in. They might see something taking place that they’d say, “Well, I just don’t understand it.” Then if they don’t, then you take the Scriptures and show them right.

Now, if you ever see any action here at the platform, or anything that I speak on the platform here, that’s not absolutely the Scripture, then you’re duty bound to me as a Christian to call my attention to it, because I do believe that God does things that’s not written in the Word. I believe He could do anything He wishes to. He’s God. But just as long as He does what He’s promised to do, that’d be enough for me--just keep his promise. I like that.

18 And I do believe that the Word of God is the foundation. I believe it is the Word of God, and it’s my stand. My life and all my faith is based on the Word. And here’s the way I want you to believe it now: that God is infinite, He’s omnipresent, omniscient and He’s Almighty God. He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever. He cannot change and be God. Whatever God does one time, makes his decision, that decision has to remain forever. It can never be changed. If God makes a decision this year, and next year He changes that, that shows that He wasn’t God, ‘cause He’s infinite, and we are finite.

19 Now, we could make a decision. . . . I could make one tonight and in ten minutes have to change it, because I’m wrong so many times. You are, also. But not God. So if He ever makes a decision, then that’s got to be forever his decision.

20 It’s like this: if a man ever come to God, and knowed he was lost and wanted to be saved, and God asked him to place the basis upon if he’d believe it, and He saved that man; the next man comes and wants salvation, He’s got to do the same for this man that He did then. He’s got to act the same here as He did there, or He acted wrong in the first place, see. He’s got to remain God. And if this is

his Word, then He is God, see. Because this is what He said, and if He doesn't keep his Word, then He cannot have his Word.... No man is worth any more than his word.

21 If my handshaking, my promise to my brethren, isn't enough--that I have to sign a lot of papers, a lot of this, that--that's mistrusting. I just ... you have to take me for what I tell you, and I have to take you for what you tell me. And if we cannot trust one another.... Then if my word's no good, then I'm no good. And if God's Word's no good, then He's no good. He's no better than his Word.

22 And I'll say this: that God keeps every word that He said, and every promise that He made. And if you'll take the right mental attitude towards any divine promise God ever made, He'll bring it to pass if you can just take the right attitude, and believe it with all your heart, see.

23 The individual ... it isn't ... what you have to have somebody that's laid hands on you with a certain sensation.... Oh, my! There's so many sensations today, it couldn't be right. But God's Word's still right, see. It's right. The sensations I have, don't know nothing about them. But I do know that the Word of God is right.

24 So therefore, when God says anything, it must ever remain that way. And that's the way I believe it. I've studied it, and history, and what He said would take place through the ages, the church ages and so forth; and see it just dovetail together till I'm satisfied that He's God, and every word is true. And He keeps his Word with his people.

Now, the way we do, of a evening, along about an hour before the services start so it won't interfere with the preliminaries, we send the boys down and give the individual prayer cards. And each evening we do that, because.... First, here's the way we did it. When we first started out.... Well now, 'course it was just like this here. Well, we wouldn't even have to give a prayer card with a little group like this, see. But when we have great groups which we expect to fill, and pack the place out nights....

25 Now, we just left Vandalia ... Visalia, it was, Illi... , or California. And the first night, the big armory there, they turned away hundreds and hundreds; and the second night doubled it more

and more. We went to a fair grounds, and there was enough people there at three o'clock they had to close the gates, before you could even get into the place, you see. Just when the meeting gets started, and people begin to.... The hungry-hearted begin to see that....

26 Well, it's the Holy Spirit moving amongst the people, see. It isn't some preacher with some high "super-duper" faith. I don't believe in those things. I believe that faith comes by hearing the Word of God, and the individual ought to straighten his life up, and get right with God if he expects to get healed.

27 I believe the healing's lasting. The individual's got to get straight with God. All this laying hands on the sinners and telling them, "That's all right. Just forget about it. God'll heal you anyhow." No, I don't believe in that. I believe a man ought to clean up, and get right with God, and straighten up and come on and live for God. Do what's right. And that's lasting healing.

28 These thirty-one years I have noticed that's true: that the man or woman that's ready to come straight with God, God'll come straight with them. You have to straighten up with God. So then....

29 The reason we do this, when we first started we used to send the pastors, each pastor that was cooperating, a hundred cards, well, for his congregation, and for those who he'd be inviting of the sick people, and so forth. Well, then about the first pastor.... Many of you has been in the meetings before, of course, I guess. About the first pastor got his group up, that settled it. So we couldn't do it that way.

So then, we thought, well, we'd just give out prayer cards the first day we was there, and give everybody out prayer cards. And then, 'course that settled it. Anybody comes otherwise than the first day, why, then they didn't get a chance to get in the prayer line, because we had enough there to last.

30 So then, we went to giving out prayer cards each day. And then, when we'd get up maybe fifteen or twenty, whatever we got in that night, well, then-- just on the platform or what we could get on there --then we found out the people.... If they wouldn't get some number, or card, up to fifteen or twenty, they'd just throw it on the floor. They didn't want it. They wouldn't be called.

31 So then, I thought, “Well, I’ll get some little child along the front here, to let him come up here and count.” Some little boy, like this little lad I’m looking at here, with a red tie on and a sports coat, and about the size of my little Joseph over there. And I’d get one of those little fellows to come up, and I’d say, “Can you count, sonny? or sister?”

“Yes.”

“Count.” And he’d start counting, or she. Wherever they stopped, I’d start right there.

Believe it or not, Mama knows just exactly where to tell Junior to stop at for her card. So we still got human beings, you know. We’re dealing with them. And so. . . . Then I got the one minister I got to give out cards. Then in his organization, if he didn’t show just a little bit of favors . . . started some feelings with the brethren.

32 Then I got my brother to give out prayer cards. But before that, I got another man--just picked up an outsider. And I caught him selling prayer cards. So then I had to get rid of that. So I got my brother with me, and so now I got my son with me. And then two boys--one of them’s one of my associates, Brother Gene Goad (I guess he’s been introduced), and Brother Leo Mercier (he’s here somewhere), and my son, Billy Paul. They’re here somewhere. Either of those will be giving out prayer cards.

33 Usually Billy does it himself because Leo and Gene--Gene stands at the recorders, and Brother Leo, I think, is on the books. Now, then we give out those, and now here’s the way we do it. So that each one will know, we come down here, and get the cards, and come down before the people and mix them all up, right up here on the platform so you can see the cards are mixed up. Therefore, ever which gives them out, he doesn’t know who’s getting what number.

What if you get around, say, “I got number one, that means it, yes, sir.” Next say, “I’m number two over here.”

Of course this might get one, and next to him might get forty-five, sixty-two, and so forth. You don’t know where it’ll be. Well then, see, you say, “Well, if I didn’t get number one to fifteen, I might as well go home.”

Nope. That's not it. See, no one knows, then, when I come down, wherever the Holy Spirit leads me to start--maybe from one to twenty, or from twenty to sixty, or from ninety back to thirty, or somewhere like that. So, therefore, we just deal with that way. It's the way the Holy Spirit has a way of working it, you see, to bring them in.

34 I think that's just exactly ... don't you, brethren? I've been doing that now for the last, oh, four or five years, or six--something like that. And so, by and by when you can get your prayer card, hold onto it, because if you're not called on the first night, we will finally get to it at the end.

Now, and then them prayer cards.... We call up so many each night if the Lord leads me to do the way.... We just had the greatest success I ever had in America by doing it this way just recently.

35 And now, what time does your main service start? About 7:30? 7:30? Better be here between 6:30 and 7:00 o'clock then, I guess, or something like or 6:30 to 7:30. Don't make it any later than.... Better come as early as you can, because as soon as so many cards is give out, well, that's it. Then you get your loved ones, your sick friends, and bring them down. Get them on the phone tomorrow. Come on down and get the prayer card tomorrow evening, between 6:30 and 7:30 at the main auditorium.

You don't have afternoon services nowhere, I suppose, brother? All right. Sometimes they give them like that in the afternoon service; then don't have to fool with it at night in some church or somewhere. But if they do it this way, it'll be all right. Just come on down tomorrow afternoon between 6:30 and 7:30.

36 And then, we expect to have services each night. I'll speak each night, the Lord willing. The manager ... nobody's ... just the boys and I are up here, and so we are.... And we'll try each night to pray for the sick, call sinners to the altar, work with our brethren, do everything that we possibly can to make this a starting of a revival--an old-fashioned revival--that'll shake through Virginia like it's never done before, for the kingdom of God's sake: every church to be filled and packed, and God's servants preaching the gospel like never before; and sinners coming to Calvary, and sick people being healed in every church, and the glory of God going everywhere. That's our heart's desire.

Now, I'm glad I got this little clock over here. I hope it's just about ... it is right, so ... according to my watch.

So now I want to just read a scripture and make a little talk for you tonight. And now remember, we're up here for nothing else. We're not here to represent any denomination, because I do not belong to any denominational church.

37 I was ordained a Missionary Baptist minister, and I pastored the Tabernacle at Jeffersonville for seventeen years. And then I went on the mission field about fifteen years ago, and I've been on the field ever since. And when I come out praying for the sick ... I just left the church, left the organization, because out here I get everything, all together.

38 And then I feel that that's the way the Lord's got his children-- everywhere. Every man that's born again of the Spirit of God is my brother, and every woman is my sister, that's born of the Spirit of God. So I don't represent any certain organization. If I was here in the city (the converts), I'd join one of these fine churches here that believes the same thing that I believe. So, that's the way I'd do it myself. You have your own choice to do whatever you wish to.

39 Then, we're not here for money. I want you to know that. We're not here for money. No, sir. I am fifty-one years old. I've been a minister for thirty-one years, and I have preached seventeen years at the Baptist Tabernacle at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Never took an offering in all my life. I preached seventeen years without one penny of anything. Any of the trustees could tell you that. Never took a penny.

40 I worked for my living. I wouldn't even do it now, if I could afford to pay these meetings off. The only thing I do is come out here, and hold the meeting. And the only thing you have to do is pay the expense of the building, or whatever expenses goes with the meeting is all I'm concerned about. Just pay the thing off, and that settles it. Don't owe me nothing.

41 We got books. For them books ... I buy those books at 40% less, not because it's a money-making thing, because I'll lose in it; but get the message out to the people. The tapes are from the Audio Mission, another group that's not with us. It's ... well, they're

making the tapes for the Tabernacle, which they ... in some kind of collaboration there, that they make the tapes by. But for myself, no.

42 Sometimes at the end of the meeting, if all the debts is paid off, they give me a love offering. If they don't have the debts paid off, they don't give me nothing. And if they do give me a love offering, I turn it back in to pay the debts. We want to leave the city without one penny being owed. If we have to send home, get the money somewhere, we'll do it, see. But we don't leave any debts. Never have yet.

43 We want to keep our name clean and clear, and in above board, because we're meeting the sick people. We're meeting Satan on his grounds, and we want to have our hands clean, that when we come to pray for the sick that we'd be honest, and just, and nothing shady. We're standing right before God as his servant, and we want to keep just fair, and clean and clear with everybody. And, I want you to know then, that there's no pulls for money, and there's nothing about that. We're not here for that. And we just love you, and come to fellowship with you.

44 And as Brother Bosworth said to me one day, he said, "Brother Branham, do you know what fellowship is?"

I said, "I think so, Doctor." I said, "I think..."

45 "Well," said, "here's what it is. It's two fellows in one ship."

I said, "That's just about [unclear word] for it, two fellows in one ship."

46 So, we're desiring if we can come into your little boat, and you can come into our boat. We can have fellowship one with another while we're seining across this city here to pull every lost soul that we can to the kingdom of God. Let's bow our heads now before we speak to the author, before we read his Word.

47 Our heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee tonight for this privilege of standing our first time in this great state of Virginia. How many years ago our forefathers landed here. This great state has meant much to our union.

Lord, I pray that somehow that in this great state now, that You'll break forth a revival that'll ... it'll be known around the world. May there come forth an issue from God, a fiery Spirit of the

Holy Ghost that'll save the lost, heal the sick, let the blind to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, the dumb to talk; sinners be saved in the kingdom of God; every church just illuminated with thy presence until around the world they'll hear from this great meeting.

Now we can ask for it, Lord, and believe it. Now help us to work for that end. For it would be so unnecessary to ask You anything and not work for it, believe that You'll do it. We'll wait with expectations that You will grant it to us.

And when the services is closed on next Sunday afternoon, may there be a pile of wheel chairs laying in the corner here, cots, stretchers. May there be sinners washed in the blood of the Lamb, with their hands up in the air praising God.

May the clergy, your precious shepherds who feed your sheep, may their hearts be so on fire like a new ministry be given to them. Grant it, Lord. Bless every church and every minister throughout the country, every saint, and save the sinner.

As we approach thy Word, now, for just a little foundation to start the meeting on tonight, we pray that You'll bless it. We know that our words will fail, but your words cannot fail. So as we read your Word, we pray that You'll interpret it to us by the Holy Spirit, for we ask it in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.

Now don't forget now, get on the phone somewhere. Get the sick people out, those who are really needy, and the prayer cards will be given. Now you must obtain a prayer card. It'll have a number on it, a letter and a number.

48 Each evening those prayer cards will be given out and ... from six-thirty until seven-thirty, and then they'll be called by those numbers. That's to keep the people from rushing up. It isn't an arena, you know; it's a church. And it must be done in order--as Paul said, "decently and in order."

49 And so, we want them just to come as their numbers are called, and ministered to at the platform. Now these prayer cards are not inter ... inexchangeables. You have to maintain your own card. You can't take it, give it to the neighbor, and bring the neighbor in. The neighbor must come and hear the instructions in order to get the card, because many times.... That way, if you bring people in the

prayer line that knows nothing about God... And there you are again, you see. And so, let them come and hear the instructions, and have their own faith built up to a place to receive their healing as we pray for the sick. That'll be tomorrow afternoon, now, between six-thirty and seven-thirty.

I wish to read from St. Luke the 2nd chapter, 25th and 26th verses:

And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; ... the same ... was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

I'd like to use for a context, or for a text to build a context on, "Expectations." Now, such meetings draw expectations. And when you see something unusual going on.... We usually have three classes of people that attend those services. Like it was in the days of our Lord, and are all times, there is the unbeliever, the make-believer and the believer. It just attracts those attentions. It's always been.

50 But expectancy--that's a great thing, to expect something. You usually get what you expect. Some people come to the meeting, and say, "Well, I didn't expect to get anything out of it." Well, they won't. But those who expect to get something, God will give them their expectations, if they're doing it reverently and in the fear of God.

51 Now always to find out something, first is to find whether it's the will of God or not. And then if it's the will of God, then your objective to it, and then your motive in doing it. If it's the will of God, and your objective is right and your motive is right, it's got to happen. There's just no way to keep it from happening. So, first find the will, if it's God's will.

52 And then what's your objective in doing it? What's ... if it's selfish, you'll never get it done. That's all. It's got to be real clean and clear before God, or it just won't happen. That's all. You got to always keep that on your mind, that it's got to be clean and clear.

Your cups must be clean and clear before God, or God cannot work with you.

53 Now men of all times have always ... that's heard of God... And wherever God is, supernatural is--because He is a supernatural God, working supernatural things.

54 Do you believe that? Now in the Old Testament they had a way of finding out whether a message was right or not. Now under the Levitical priesthood, they had what they call the Urim and Thummim, and that was the breastplate that Aaron had here. He had the twelve tribal stones in the breastplate, and they hung that on the corner or the post in the temple. And then when the prophet prophesied, or the dreamer told his dream... And when he was telling it, if that light become a conglomeration of lights--like a rainbow reflecting off of that Urim and Thummim, was showing that the supernatural was there--then that prophet was telling the truth, or that dreamer's dream was right.

However, no matter how real it sounded--now keep this in mind--no matter how real it sounded, if that Urim and Thummim didn't make the supernatural light, they could not receive it, because it wasn't God. So when you see anyone preaching the gospel that God doesn't come down and confirm that to be right, you leave it alone, because it's not right. God still remains God. He lives today. He's just as much alive as He ever was. He's God.

55 Now when that priesthood was done away with, then we got the new priesthood. And now there has a new Urim and Thummim that ... also with this priesthood, and that is God's Word. God's Word is God's Urim and Thummim. Then if God promises anything in the Bible, and you can accept it with all your heart and believe it to be so, you'll see the supernatural of God's Word take place and manifest the thing that you have believed for. No matter what it is, if you believe it, the Word of God is a seed. It's sowed into the human heart. And if there's nothing there to hinder it...

56 Just like when God makes a decision, it's his ultimatum. And if you have an ultimatum, and God's just the same, when them two come together something's got to happen. It just can't keep from happening, see. When your ultimatum is the same as God's, then

something must take place. God makes a statement, it's got to be that. Then when you take your stand that that is true, something has to take place. It's got to.

57 And men in all ages, when they have heard the voice of God speaking to them, they have seen the supernatural and they have expected, and lived their life, expecting this to happen. And never did it ever fail.

Abraham expected that baby to come. Even down till twenty-five years after it was promised to him, he was still expecting it--just the same when he was a hundred years old as he did when the promise was made at seventy-five. And the Bible said that he never got weak, but he got stronger all the time, believing that God would do it.

Could you imagine an old man, now seventy-five years old, and a woman of sixty-five. . . . She was barren, and he was sterile. And here they went out; now was going to go down to the doctor at the hospital, to make arrangements for a bed. They're going to have a baby. Yep--a sixty-five-year-old woman, and a seventy-five-year-old man.

58 What would the doctor say? "Poor old couple, little off at their heads." Well, now anybody that really takes God's word at that face value is considered a little off at the head, because it's so supernatural the natural world doesn't know nothing about it. It's foolish to the carnal mind, so you'll never understand it. But Abraham believed it.

He said, "It's true," and he believed it was. I can hear him as he would say to Sarah, "Now, we're going to have this baby, honey. It's settled, because God said so."

She bought up the Birdseye, and the pins and got everything ready, and made the booties, and was all ready. And after the first so many days, twenty-eight days, "How you feeling, dear?"

"No different, honey."

"Praise God. We're going to have it anyhow."

First month passed, no different; second month, first year, second year.

“How you feeling, darling?”

“No different.”

“Glory to God. It’s going to be a bigger miracle than it was two years ago.” Two years older now.

And when twenty-five years had passed, he still had the same attitude, just the same, because God said so.

“How do you know?”

“God said so. That settles it. If God said so, there’s no more to be said about it,” see. He said so. And at a hundred years old, he still believed God--that God would do it.

59 The Bible said in Hebrews 4 that Abraham staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strong, giving praise to God. And we are supposed to be Abraham’s seed. For we who are dead in Christ are Abraham’s seed. Is that right? The Holy Spirit makes us Abraham’s seed.

60 Abraham was not a Jew. Abraham was a Gentile. But it wasn’t Jew nor Gentile. It was his faith in God’s Word is what made him to be an heir of the promise. And we being dead in Christ are Abraham’s seed, and are heirs with him according to the promise. I tell you, that’s true we are. But sometimes we don’t act like it.

61 Sometimes we go and say, “Well, I’ll go to be prayed for. I’ll see what happens.” . . . “Well, I don’t feel a bit different.” Abraham’s seed! Oh, my! That’s a poor excuse even for a church member, let alone being Abraham’s seed. Abraham’s seed don’t look at no circumstances. It looks at the Word of God. That’s all.

62 Here some time ago I was called to a bedside--about ten years ago to . . . well, it’s been about twelve years ago, now--to a dying boy, dying with black diphtheria. And the doctor wouldn’t let me go in.

He said, “I can’t let you go in. You’re a married man.” And the doctor was Catholic himself.

And I said, “Now, if the priest came and this boy was dying in here, and you said he was going to die tonight, would you let that priest go in?”

Said, “Certainly.”

“Give him the last rites?”

“Yes, sir.”

And I knew he would. My background is Catholic, too. So I said . . . I knew he would do that, and I said, “Well, now. . . .”

He said, “Yes, but he’s not a married man. You’ve got children. You’d pack this to children. You got two little children.”

I said, “Yes, sir. That’s true. But,” I said, “my faith’s in God.”

He said, “Get out.”

And I said, “Well, now, look. I’m just as much to that boy in there, according to his father and mother standing here, as a priest would be to you if you were dying.” See, I said, “Just as much. Our faith looks to God just the same way.”

Finally, he dressed me up like a Ku Klux, and let me go in. So I went in to pray for the boy, and the boy was there. And a little nurse went over with us. The old father and mother knelt across the other side of the bed.

They had him, pulling his . . . the air back and forth in him, and artificial respiration. And they said. . . . I knelt down, and prayed just a common little prayer, and laid hands on the boy.

63 Said, “Now, Lord, You promised that You would do this. This father and mother believe this, so I’m laying my hands upon the boy. And You said these signs shall follow them that believe--if they lay their hands on the sick they shall recover. Therefore, Lord, in my heart I believe that You keep your Word, and so does this father and mother. It is finished, Father. Thank You.” Raised up.

And the old dad grabbed the mother, and the mother grabbed the dad, and begin to hug one another, and just cried. Said, “Isn’t it wonderful, honey? Isn’t it wonderful?” And the boy never made a

move. He'd been unconscious two or three days. And said, "Oh, isn't it wonderful!"

And I said, "The Lord bless you all," and started to walk out. And the little. . . . And I went on out. And they taken it all off of me out there, so I could go on.

So then, the little nurse come up.

64 She said, "Mister." She said, "I just can't understand [she was just a girl]." Said, "I can't understand." See, some kind of cardiogram something that. . . . Said, "If that ever drops down [at a certain place]," said, "all the history. . . . It's never been known to ever rise again."

And said, "The only thing's keeping that boy here. . . . He's weakening all the time." Said, "He's just dying. He's just dying right now."

65 And said, "When that man made that prayer for that baby [or that boy--he was about twelve years old, fourteen]," said, "it didn't change him a bit." Said, "He's not changed one bit." And said, "That needle's still hanging right down here." And said, "He's just like he was." And said, "It never can come up no more, because it's down, and that's all."

And the old gentleman, you know, fatherly-like, put his arms around the little nurse. And he said, "Oh, my precious child." He said, "The Lord bless you, honey." He said, "I don't want to make fun of you because . . . and I wouldn't disagree with what you're saying." He said, "But, you see," said, "you've been trained to believe that when that needle, or hand there--what it is--goes down there, that it can never come back again."

She said, "Sir, that is the truth." She said, "It cannot come back again." Said, "The boy's gone." Said, "He's just barely here." And said, "You take this off of him, he'd die right now."

He said, "Honey," he said, "you're looking to that needle." That's right.

See, she had just asked him, said, "How can you laugh, and go on like that, and your boy dying?"

Said, "He's not dying." Said, "He's healed."

Said, “Well, how can you expect that and that needle. . . .”

Said, “Honey, that’s all you know to look at is that needle. But I’m looking at a promise that God made.”

And that boy’s got two children, and he’s in Africa today—a missionary. Oh, it depends on what you’re looking at. He was expecting it to happen, because he had met God’s requirements, see. Laid the boy on the altar. He’d met the . . . science had done all they could do. Everything was past any physical aid that could be give the boy, so he come to God, and believed that God would do him. . . . And the Bible said, “He’s a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him.” That’s right.

66 You seek Him with all your heart, and get down to business, God’ll be there to meet you. That’s right. But you have not to kind of slough your way through. You’ve got to come right straight to God, and confess everything, and lay it out. And come on those grounds and God’ll meet you there. He’ll do something for you. He’ll answer your prayers.

67 Every man that ever believed in God, or heard God’s voice, expected Him to do something. When God spoke to Noah in the Old Testament. . . . Now, there’d never been any rain on the earth. Why, God watered the earth, before the antediluvian destruction, why, He watered it through irrigation up through the earth. It’d never rained.

68 And God spoke to Noah, and told him to prepare an ark for the saving of his house, that it was going to rain. Rain was going to come out of the skies, and the whole earth was going to be covered with water.

69 And Noah was expecting that to happen. If he would not have expected, the first critic come by, he would have said, “Well, I guess maybe I was wrong. It wasn’t God,” see. So he’d have went away. Now, that’s about the way that the 1961 version of the church we have. But that’s not really. . . . The real born again Christian, when God says so, we expect it to be that way. God said it, and that’s the way it’s going to be. It’s just got to be that way. He said. . . .

70 You know why we are the way we are today? How the church is lukewarm, this Laodicean church age? Why, God said it would be that way. You can't expect nothing else. It's got to be that way. That's right. But He's got ... all that He loves, He chastens and rebukes. And, "I stand at the door and knock. And if any man will hear my voice..." That's the address to this church age, by God in the Bible, Revelation, the 3rd chapter, to the Laodicean church age.

71 Now we notice that Noah prepared himself an ark, moved by fear and made an ark, stood in that door preaching to the unbelievers. But he was expecting God to keep his promise, because he had heard the voice of God telling that it was going to rain.

72 Now, if you can sit right where you are now, and so consecrate yourself to God, and expect God to do something, hear the voice of God whisper down in your heart, you don't have to wait for a prayer card tomorrow night. "This is the time I'm going to heal you." That's all. It's settled. There'd be nothing be able to shake you from that.

73 If you've never received the Holy Spirit, and you say, "Lord, I've sought the Holy Spirit for years, but I just heard a voice tell me I'm going to get it right tonight," that settles it. That's it. You'll be so expectant, it'll have to happen.

74 Now, Noah stood there pounding away on that ark, because he was expecting it to rain. Now, let's take a moment to find the critics coming by, and say, "Well, now, just a moment, sir. Mr. Noah, you tell me it's going to rain."

"Yes, sir."

"Now, I'm a scientist..." Which, they had scientists. Scientists come through Cain's group. So, he said, "Now, we're scientists, and we'd like for you to show us where that rain is up there."

75 Now faith is not what you can see, but it's the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. God said so. We don't have to prove nothing. Proving is nothing. You can't prove God.

76 You can't even prove you got a mind. That's true. You can't do it. If you do, let me see it, taste it, feel it, smell it, or hear it. Did you ever feel your mind? See your mind? Taste your mind? See, the senses won't declare it; but yet you've got one. You know you have. And that's just the way it is by God.

77 You say, "How do I know I've got a mind?" I see the way I act. I know the way that something changed me from a sinner to a Christian. I've got a God that I know is real--just as real as your mind is, or any other sense that would operate.

78 Now, notice. There's five senses that we enter the human body. Five senses. The soul has five outlets, too, which is of conscience, and so forth, and imagination. But there's only one entrance to the spirit (that's soul, body and spirit) ... to the spirit, and that's down the avenue of self-will; which puts every man and every woman on the same basis it was in the garden of Eden. You want to do.... You're a free moral agent to act any way you wish to, and none of these other senses has anything to do with it, neither soul nor body, but it's through the spirit on self-will. God told Adam, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." He could eat and live ... or, he could eat and die; or stay away from it and live.

79 That's the same way we are tonight. We can take his Word, and be healed; or we can leave it and walk away from it, and not be healed. We can have eternal life by believing on Him; or we can walk away, and not have eternal life. It's up to you. Self-will.

80 And when Noah heard the voice of God telling him that it was going to rain, and the clouds was coming, and it was going to rain; and never had did it in all the ages, but it was going to rain. Noah knew this: that God was creator-God, and He could do anything He wanted to do.

81 And therefore, He was God, and there was nothing else to it. He just knowed that He was able to make rain up there, if there wasn't any up there. He's Jehovah-jireh, the Lord provided Himself a sacrifice. So God can make rain. If there's no clouds up there, no rain up there, if He said, "It's going to rain," Noah said, "I'll just build right away on this ark anyhow," for he was expecting it to rain.

82 And when he got the ark built, and everything was in order, it rained, because he was believing. Now, it makes you act funny when you really take God at his Word. And when you're acting like we expected....

I've seen people come to the platform, say, "Well, look, I'm sick, man. Don't you know it?"

Well, sure I know you're sick, all right."

"Well, can you do something?"

Well, now, you'll never get it that way. No, sir. And you'll pray for them, lay hands on them, they walk off the platform. "Don't feel a bit different." You won't. That's one thing sure. You won't. Now, you wasn't expecting anything.

You come to the platform, and follow out God's instructions just the way God said, then go away, "Got expectations. Yes, sir, I'm going to receive it. It's already done. I did what God told me to do, so that settles it." That's the way. That's Abraham's seed.

83 Now, we'll take another one, Moses. Moses--oh, he was a trained theologian. He really knew, 'cause he could teach the Egyptians wisdom, he was so smart. And he knew that he was born, raised up, to be a deliverer of Israel. So he thought he could take his theological training, and really go out there and do it. But he found out he was a failure.

84 And when we try to educate the church to fellowship, when we try to educate the people to Christ, we are just batting the air. We'll never get nowhere. There's only one way that a man or woman can come to Christ. That's through the blood of Jesus Christ, by being born again. That's the only avenue that we can walk. When you come into that, then you receive genuine Holy Spirit faith that makes you call anything contrary to God's promise as though it wasn't there.

No matter what the circumstances is, how sick you are, what the doctor said. He give you up--"You're going to die with cancer." "You got heart trouble; might go at any minute." You don't even look at that; you look at what God said. You stay right there on what God said. He said that. That settles it for all time.

85 Now, you can't bluff it. You've got to really believe it. If you say, "Oh, yes. I believe it," oh, I've seen people say that, and if faith was ink, they couldn't dot one "i." They was just simply just worked up. It's hope instead of faith.

86 Genuine faith don't take "no" for an answer. It's got hairs on the chest. It's big and burly. It speaks and everything else sits down. That's all.

If the old, you know, feelings raise up, say, "You don't feel any different, you just...," you say, "Shut up. [Faith will.] Sit down. Don't rock the boat." That's it.

"Now, well, your stomach's still hurting."

"Shut up! Don't even feel it." That's it. Don't.... Sure, it's looking to what God said. God said so, so faith believes it.

87 If you can just hold faith on it, just let faith take over, it makes the rest of them look like little dwarfs. It just makes them sit down, because he's the boss--got great, big, brawny muscles. Now, I tell you, everything else--all healings, and superstitions, and little isms and things--just sits down when faith takes over. He's the boss. That's right.

Now, and, of course, Moses thought that he had that. But when he went in his own way, and he found out he made an error.... And he went back and married a beautiful little Ethiopian woman, had a son back there, Gershom. And he was settled down to a good life, to raising sheep, and knew that he'd be heir. As soon as Jethro had died, he'd have all the herds himself. So he was pretty well satisfied.

88 But one day he was walking back on the backside of the desert, and there was something happened that never did happen in the seminary. There was something that happened that he'd never heard of before. He seen a bush burning. He went aside to see what it was.

89 And a voice spoke out of there. Said, "Take off your shoes, Moses. The ground you're standing on is holy." Oh, my! "I've heard the cries of my people. I've seen their afflictions. I remember

my word. I remember what I told Abraham, that his seed would sojourn for four hundred years in a strange land. That time's up. I remember my word. All right, Moses, I'm sending you down."

90 Could you imagine a man so cowardly that he run from the nation, got in trouble for killing one man, and run from the nation; and went back down in the power of God and killed the whole nation and never got in trouble, see. Goes to show whether you're doing it in God's will, or not, or in your own will, see. What you can do, get in trouble with, your own self, why don't you just let loose, and let God do it? That's the way to do it.

91 So here he was the next day. You talk about something radical, you could see Moses the next day now, after being an old sheep herder... He was eighty years old, perhaps a long white beard, and his head bald, and a little old crooked stick in his hand, with a mule--with his wife sitting straddling it with a young'un on her hip, here she's going down like this. Just a-whooping and a-hollering, going down there, "Glory to God. Going down to Egypt."

"Where you going, Moses?"

"Going down to Egypt to take over. Yes, sir!"

"What? A one man invasion?"

"Yes, sir. That's right."

"Why? How do you know you're going to do it?"

"God said so. That settles it. I heard his voice. I'm expecting Him to do it." That's right. Looks silly.

Somebody said, "Poor old fellow--a one man invasion." Going like one man going to whip Russia, see. But he did it, because God said so, and he was expecting God to keep his word. Amen. I'm expecting God to keep his Word with us.

92 God will keep his Word with any man that will take his Word and say, "It's mine. God's made the promise. I'm expecting Him to do it. I'm not taking 'no' for an answer. I'm standing right here."

93 Like Buddy Robinson, when he was plowing with his old mule out there one day, and the mule run away, and he bit him on the ear. And he was trying to preach sanctification. And he said, "Am I not a

pretty looking thing here with mule hair all in my teeth, and preaching sanctification?”

And so he got down in the field. He said, “Lord, if you don’t give me the Holy Ghost, when you come back you’ll find a pile of bones laying right here when you come back.” Now, he got the Holy Ghost, so that is the second blessing. He called it sanctification. So now, that’s the way.

94 When you get that . . . say, “God, this is it. This settles it. God, you said so, and that’s all. Doctors have done everything for me they can, and I’m a hopeless case in the hands of medicine. I’m a hopeless case in the hands of the hospital. There’s only One. I’m giving You myself. I’m in your hands now. God, I’m on your hands.” Amen. Stay right there. Something’s going to happen then.

Something’s fixing to happen When you hear that voice of God tell you, “You’re mine. I own you. I bought you with my blood. By my stripes you were healed.” Oh, brother, I’m telling you, something’s fixing to happen when you hear that. Yeah.

95 Oh, the people say, “Why, Lucy [Nettie, or Martha, Mary], why, you know, they’ve lost their mind. I tell you, they went up to a meeting up there, and was anointed. And now, you know we know she was dying with cancer. The doctor says she can’t get well. And here she is doing all of her wash, just a-singing, ‘Hallelujah, Hallelujah,’ walking around there, carrying on like that. Why, the poor woman’s gone crazy.”

Nope. She’s just took God at his Word. She acts crazy to the people, but she’s obeying what God said. Right. Exactly.

96 Moses did that. Here he goes. Could you imagine this old fellow limping on one foot? Here he goes, you know, mule behind him. “Glory, hallelujah!”

“Where you going, Moses?”

“Going down to Egypt; going to take over. Going right down to take over.”

Eighty years old, going down to the best mechanized army there was in the world—had the whole world conquered. Going down, eighty ears old, with a wife and a kid, his boy, Gershom,

probably sitting on her hip and here she goes down there leading this old mule, going down to take over. And he did it. Yep. Why? He was expecting to. Why? God said so. That settled it. God said so.

97 John, when he walked out there, and he was standing on the banks of the Jordan, standing preaching... And the priest across the bank said, "You mean to tell me there'll come a day when the daily sacrifice will be taken away from the temple? And there won't be any more sacrifices, and obligations over?"

He said, "There'll come a day that there'll be One come that will be the sacrifice."

"Oh, keep that to yourself, preacher. What's the matter with you? There'll be no such a time as that."

98 And he started to look. He said, "Behold [Amen], behold, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Why? He was expecting Him, because he said, "He that told me in the wilderness to go baptize with water, said, 'Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on, He's the one that'll baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire. That's the one.'"

99 He was expecting to see Him. He said, "I knew Him because there was the sign of the Messiah above Him, a light above Him. And I knew that was the Messiah." And he was expecting to see Him.

Oh, church, we ought to be expecting to see God do something. Oh, expect to see a city-wide revival, a shaking amongst the people. Certainly. It's promised to us. We believe it. You believe with me. If we'll put our hearts together and believe, something's going to happen. It's got to happen. Expecting it, certainly.

Oh, how we could go on. How we could just go on with different ones. But let's get to Simeon, now, in closing next few minutes.

100 Simeon, he was a great man. Now, I read on him not long ago. He was around ... somewhere in his eighty years old, an old saint, well-liked amongst the people, but always had been a spiritual man.

And so, one day he come out saying, “I’m not going to die till I see the Lord’s Christ.”

Now could you imagine? Just say, “How do you say that, Simeon? What makes you say that? You’re going off on the deep end. What kind of a ism have you got into?”

“None.”

“What makes you say that?”

“The Holy Ghost told me. The Holy Ghost revealed it to me that I wasn’t going to see death until I’ve seen the Lord’s Christ, and I believe it, that’s all.” Going around telling everybody. No matter how great his name was, he didn’t have to be a blue blood, but he just... I don’t care what he was, he still believed that the Holy Ghost was right. Now there’s no two Holy Ghosts. There’s only one Holy Ghost. That’s right. And he was led by the Holy Ghost, revealed to him by the Holy Ghost. And the same Holy Spirit that revealed it to Simeon can reveal it to you, the promise that He made. There He is.

Now we find him ... here he is going around telling everybody, “Yep, I’m not going to die. I’m not going to die till I see the Lord’s Christ.”

101 I can hear the congregation saying, “Poor old Simeon. It’s such a pity, poor old fellow. You know, he’s kind of a little bit ... he’s got one foot in the grave right now—eighty-something years old, ready to die. And look, even plumb back from the day of Adam they looked for the Christ. Look, David looked for Him, sang of Him, prophets prophesied of Him, and all this. And here, this old man... Now we’re farther away from it than we ever was in all of our life, and here this old man with one foot in the grave, just about to go, and here he goes right amongst the people, saying, ‘Nope, I’m not going to die till I see the Lord’s Christ. It’s right at hand.’”

“How do you know?”

“The Holy Ghost told me so.”

He was expecting it (that's right), expecting it to be done. Well, if you expect it to be done, then it's going to be done.

102 Just like I've often said, when the deep calls to the deep... David said, "...at the noise of thy waterspouts, the deep calling to the deep..." There's something about ... something that you long ... something's in your heart.

I love scenes, and I love hunting. I'd go up in the mountains since I was a little boy--climb up there and watch that sun go down in the evening, watch it rise in the morning; see that great eye of God look like move across through there; and watch springtime coming now, and the little seeds that was buried under that snow here a few weeks ago bursted, run out, the pulp run out of them. There's nothing left. No seed, no pulp, no stalk, no petal, no nothing left of that flower. Even the seed--it fell off of it.

103 You know God has a funeral procession for his flowers? Did you know that? Sure. The frost hits the little flower, young or old. It bows its little head, and dies. That's death. And out of that little flower drops a little black seed on the ground. Then here comes September. October comes along then. The teardrops begin to fall out of them October rains, you know, and buries it in the ground. Funeral procession, see. And it lays there all through the winter, and rots.

104 And then, the freeze comes, and bursts the little seed open. The pulp runs out of it. And you might get a handful of that dirt. And take it down to the laboratories. You couldn't take any chemicals in the world, and ever find that germ of life in there, but it's there somewhere. That's right. It's hid. You can't find it.

105 But just let the sun... The sun brings forth all botany life. Now, when that sun begins to shine, that life will come forth again. I tell you what. You go out here and lay your concrete walk this year. Just lay it down through the yard. And where's your grass the thickest at the next year? Where is it? Where's it any time? Right around the edge of the walk. Why is it? It's that life that's laying under that concrete. And when that sun goes to shade it from it... When that sun begins to shine, that life will work its way right around till it gets out to the end of that sidewalk, and stick its head up, and praise God.

106 Why? The sun's a-shining. It's the master. It's the life giver to all botany life. No matter where it's at, it'll shine forth again. That life will just keep working its way, working its way, working its way till it finally gets out of there. to raise its head, and glorify God.

107 Then how can anybody not believe in the resurrection? Oh, when that, not s-u-n of God, but S-o-n of God, eternal life... You might bury me in the sea. You could bury me on anything you want to. But when that S-o-n begins to shine forth at his coming, every one that's dead in Him that has eternal life will rise, and go with Him, just as certain as I'm standing in this pulpit tonight. [Blank spot] take this many times.

108 Here not long ago there was a little boy in our city that the teachers told his mother, said, "You have to look at this kid. He just eats erasers off of pencils just as fast as you can get them for him." Eating erasers off. And then his mammy found him out there eating a pedal off of a bicycle, on the back porch. Just had him a gastronomical jubilee, just eating a pedal off of a bicycle.

109 Well, they picked the little fellow up, and took him down to the clinic to have him examined. The doctors looked him over, and took analysis of his body, and come to find out the little fellow's body was calling for sulfur--sulfur in there. His body was calling for sulfur, and sulfur is in rubber. So that's why he was getting on that rubber.

110 Now before there could have been something in here to call for sulfur, there had to first be a sulfur to respond to that call, or there never would have been a call for sulfur. In other words, before there was a tree to grow in the earth, there had to be an earth first for the tree to grow in, or there'd been no tree. Before there was a fin on a fish's back, there had to be water first for him to swim in, or he'd never had no fin. See, that's right.

111 In other words, there has to be a creator to create the creation. And when in your heart... How many believes in divine healing? Raise your hand. Well, now, [thank you] as sure as you believe in divine healing, there's something in your ... inside you here, telling you there's a God that heals. And before that, even that creation, could be in you, there has to be a creator to create the creation. Amen. That's it. The very reason that you're here tonight--the very

reason that this meeting's going on--proves that there's a fountain open somewhere of divine healing, hungry hearts.

112 I stood in Africa recently where they had thirty thousand converts one afternoon. See twenty-five thousand healed at one time, seven van loads, long as across this building almost, go away....

113 Next morning, there stood twenty-five thousand people walking down the streets with their crutches and everything laying in there--and old cots and things they'd brought them in. Walking down, the different tribes associating together, singing, "Only believe, all things are possible."

114 The mayor of the city and I stood in the hotel there, and just cried like babies to see them. Blanket natives, the day before didn't know which was right and left hand, here they was--lovely Christians healed by the power of God in one moment of time. Why? They seen something happen. And as soon as they seen it happen, something sprung to them. They said, "It's me, too!" And when they had the opportunity, they accepted it, and away they went. That's all there is to it, see.

115 There first has to be a creation ... or, creator to create a creation, to make you long, and believe in God. And when it does, as sure as you believe in that, that shows there's a fountain of divine healing somewhere. That's right. It's got to be.

116 And the Bible speaks and says that it's his, it's his Holy Spirit that leads you. The same Holy Spirit that led Simeon to believe that, is the same Holy Spirit that leads you to believe in divine healing--no two Holy Spirits, just one.

That same Holy Spirit that revealed to him that he wasn't going to die until he seen the Lord's Christ, that same Holy Spirit speaks to you. There is a power of God that heals the sick, see? Oh, isn't it plain? Why, you couldn't make it any plainer, see. There is a power of God that heals the sick, see.

117 "Well, the doctor said...." I know the gentleman. That's very fine. I pray for them all the time, and I do not condemn the doctor. No, sir. He's God's servant, works on the people. But there's some things that he don't know, and some things that he can't do. Then, if

he can't do, let's go get the specialist, you see--the great One, the great specialist, the great physician--and go to Him.

118 We're invited to come. He asks us to come. He's looking for us to be there. That's right. He's expecting us. And that's the reason He's revealed Himself to you. "I'm the Lord heals all thy diseases. I'm Jehovah-rapha, Jehovah the healer; the Lord that heals all thy diseases."

Something tells you in your heart that's right. "I believe that."

Well, that's the same Holy Ghost that said, "Simeon, you're not going to see death until you see the Lord's Christ."

How many sick people here believe you're going to get healed during this meeting? Raise up you hands. Say, "I believe I'm going to get healed--my loved ones, and so forth, going to be healed." All right. That's fine, see. Something's revealed it to you. What? Same Holy Ghost. Are you expecting it? Expect it to happen? How many believes we're going to have a great meeting? Raise up your hands, say, "I believe we're going..." Right. So do I, see. What is it? Holy Spirit revealed it to us. Amen. I believe we're going to see the power of God. Don't you believe that? Sure. Holy Spirit reveals it to us. We believe that, and we just stay right with that.

119 Now, you know they didn't have television in them days. Thank God for that. They come... I believe in pure holiness. I certainly do. I believe in ... really, I... You heard me say I was a Baptist a while ago. I'm a Pentecostal Baptist. I'm a Baptist that received the Holy Ghost. That's right. I believe in old-fashioned, Pentecostal, sky-blue, sin-killing religion. Yes, sir! I believe in being gun-barrel straight, and preach it the same way. Live just the way you preach; just jump as high as you live. That's just right. If you can't live very high, then don't jump very high. Just make your jumps equal with your life.

120 And I believe that that should be that way. That's when God will honor his Word. It's either right or wrong. And I believe that God said prove all things, and it's proved to me that it's right, so I believe it. Amen.

Now. Notice this. I want to ask something. Now I'm not to begin... The ministers are the ones to do the preaching. I come here for healing services. But I want to ask something in the face of civilization in all fairness and facts.

121 Do you notice our women in Pentecost, and everywhere else, each year take off a little bit more clothes, a little bit more clothes, a little bit more clothes, until they become ... till almost it's a disgrace? Now we can expect that out of people out of the world. They don't know no different. But to our Pentecostal people?

122 And I want to say something. I stood there where I seen thirty-thousand blanket natives receive Jesus Christ at one time. Them women stand there just as naked as they come in the world, young and old, Nothing but a little clout--a piece hanging from them about that big--never knowed they were naked; knowed nothing about it.

And right on the grounds where they seen this ... healings taking place, and this sign (as I'll go into it more tomorrow night), and seen that taking place ... they wanted something, wanted to receive Christ.

And I said ... I asked, "All that believes that He will save you, let them stand up," and thirty... Well, they tagged thirty thousand. I don't know how many stood, but thirty thousand stood up.

And Brother Bosworth and them said, "I believe, Brother Branham, that they meant physical healing."

I said, "I did not mean..." Had fifteen interpreters, you know. So I said, "I did not mean physical healing. I meant salvation that you accept Christ, God's Son, as your personal Saviour, and you want to serve Him," many of them with idols in their hands.

I said, "You that's sincere about it, break your idols on the ground." Like a dust storm, see it go up like that.

123 And soon as they received Christ, them naked women, brother, sister, they folded their arms, like this, to walk out of the presence of men. And if a raw heathen that knows not right and left hand, as soon as Christ touches them realizes that they're naked... And then we claim to be of the church of the living God? Just stripping ourselves every year? It don't make sense to me. There's something wrong somewhere. Right. O God!

124 Yeah, we're in Laodicea. That's where we're at. We're way down the line, near the coming of the Lord Jesus. Oh, let's be ready to meet Him. Yes, yes.

Simeon, as I said. . . . They didn't have the televisions. While I was on that, I made a remark something on that one time, and there was a lady said to me, talking about the way women dress themselves in little old form-fitting clothes, and things. . . . And so, she said. . . .

"Why," I said, "if you do that, you'll answer at the day of judgment for committing adultery," and somebody called my hand on it. I said, "Jesus said, 'Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart!' And you might be as pure as a lily to your husband, or your sweetheart. You might be just as virtuous a woman as there is in the United States, just as virtuous as you was when you come from your mother's womb. But, lady, if you dress yourself like that to let sinners look at you like that, he's going to lust after you. And when he does, at the day of the judgment when he answers for his adultery, you're the one who presented yourself to him." There you are. So you're going to answer for committing adultery.

Some woman said to me, said, "Well, Brother Branham, that's the only kind of clothes they make."

125 I said, "They still got sewing machines and sell goods. There's no excuse about it. It's just the same. . . . That's right. What we need today is a good old-fashioned, sky-blue, sin-killing religion, an old St. Paul's revival by the Holy Ghost, and back to real Pentecostal messages again, back to the truth.

126 What it is today, so many of the evangelists in the field, evangelism becomes a meal ticket to them. They have such big programs to sponsor, they can't say that before the church. Some minister told me, said, "You're going to ruin your ministry by that."

I said, "Any minister that the Word of God will ruin ought to be ruined, kicked out, anyhow." Yes, sir! I said. . . . That's right. What we need is back to the Bible, back to real holiness, back to God, back to where people can have faith. How can God build his church upon a foundation like that?

We took our churches, and made organizations, and we belong to them, and settled right down like the rest. And now...

127 We used to say, "The old cold formal Baptist." And now the Baptist's saying, "You cold formal Pentecostals." That's right. That's exactly right. Pentecostal's more formal than the Baptist. Yes, sir. So there we are.

128 What we want is a good old-fashioned, shaking revival cross the country, bring men and women back to God. Why, the church was in better condition for Jesus to come forty years ago than it is today--back when they had real Pentecost amongst the people.

But today we've weakened away, and our pulpits is got weak. Four or five rounds of little seminary ministers has come in with kinky hair, you know, whatmore--not saying nothing about that, because I haven't got any. But that don't make...

129 But what I mean to say, they get back to a place... Just like God had grandchildren. God don't have no grandchildren. You know, Methodists. If you're a Methodist and born again, you're a son of God. But what do you find? Wesley come along, and the first round of Methodists was fine. Second round began to bring in their children.

130 That's the same thing the Pentecostals did. A few years ago they had real Pentecost, men and women who got down at the altar, and paid the price, and come through, brother, and lived the life. Yes, sir!

Well, what did they do? They brought their children in, set them in the rows, and dedicated them in the church. And they were Pentecostal. That's grandchildren.

131 There's no place in the Bible where God's got grandchildren. He ain't grandpa. He's God. He's Father. Hallelujah! And every man and woman, I don't care [unclear words], or how good your father and mother was, you've got to have that same experience of being born again, filled with the Holy Ghost if you ever expect to be a son and daughter of God. Right.

132 Just the word "Pentecost" won't save you. Pentecost is not an organization. Pentecost is an experience to whosoever will, let him

come and drink from the fountain of the water of life. Amen. Now, that's true, friends. That's sassafras.

Do you have sassafras up here? All right. You know what I mean. I said that one time. Somebody wrote me some letters, said, "What's sassafras?" All right. But you know what it is, up here. Yes, sir. Oh, but, brother, I tell you, it'll straighten you out. It'll make you live right. That's true. Just get down there, and stay till it's over, and get straightened out with God. Yeah!

133 Simeon, them days, had that promise and he was believing it with all of his heart. Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea. The wise men came. They didn't have the newspapers. Eight days later the mother come to the temple for ... offer the turtle dove, the pigeons, to the purification, the circumcision of the child.

134 And now here comes Jesus (now in closing), here come Jesus his first time in the temple--in the arms of his little mother. They tell me his swaddling cloth was made out of the wrapping that went on the back of a yoke of an ox that was hanging in the stable. And then we can put on a five-hundred-dollar mink coat, and stick our nose up in the air--could drown if it'd rain, and think we're somebody. And our Saviour, the God of heaven, came and wrapped in swaddling cloth. "The foxes has dens, and the birds has nests. But the Son of man hath not a place to lay his head."

Then we think we're somebody--can drive a car better than the Joneses, and just starve our kids to death, nearly, to get that car, too; get a better television, or something. Stay home on Wednesday night from prayer meeting--and let the church sit vacant--to watch "We Love Suzy," or something like that nonsense on the television. That shows how much you love God.

I tell you, brother, what we need's a revival. That's just exactly.... That's what we need to get back to God. Yes, sir.

135 When you show up.... Your actions shows what it is. People's actions shows just exactly. If you love the world, or the things of the world, the Bible says the love of God's not even in you. Oh, you join the church. That's right. But this is the one we're

talking about. You don't join this; you're born into it. I've been in the Branham family fifty-one years. They never did ask me to join the family. Why? I was born in it. I was a Branham by birth.

That's the way you are a Christian. You're born into the church of the living God. You're born into it by birth. You're a Christian by birth.

136 Now, Jesus came into the temple. I can imagine those mothers in them days, you know, all of them up there with the little babies--with their little booties and their little needlework, you know, and all done ... their little fancy blankets; and the society women, you know, talking about.... And first thing you know, in come little Mary, packing this little baby with this swaddling cloth wrapped around him from the yoke of an ox.

Oh, I can hear some of them say, "Look there. See that holy roller?" Or maybe that's wrong, but ... say, "Look at that woman. You know what? She married.... That baby was born out of holy wedlock? Mmm. Don't tell me. Where there's a little smoke there's got to be some fire somewhere. Yes, sir. I'll tell you, boy. That's all there is to it. Yeah. I'll tell you, she's one of them. You'd better watch her, see. Keep your distance from her."

That's the way the lukewarm believer tries to do to the real believer. "Oh, he's lost his mind. He went off on the deep end. There's something wrong. Aw, he trusts God for this, he said. The days of miracles is past. No such thing as divine healing. Hmm." All right.

137 But in her little heart, she knowed who that baby belonged to. She knowed. And so does every man that's born of the Spirit of God. He knows where he stands. He knows what revelation ... who give him that revelation. If Paul said, "I never come to you preaching to you enticing words of man, that your faith would be built in the wisdom of man, but I come preaching to you the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

That's it, brother. Simple and plain. Just plain to believe it, that's all. God said so, and that settles it. That's the whole thing.

138 She knowed who that baby belonged to. No matter what any of the rest of them.... I can see them say, "Keep your distance.

Don't go around her. Don't have nothing to do with her. She's just... Keep away from her." She didn't care whether they did or not; didn't make her no difference. She knew who this baby belonged to. She knowed who it was. That's right.

You know what? When you've got the Holy Ghost you know what happened, see. You don't care. You know where it come from. Didn't come from some seminary, or cemetery, or... It come from God. Both about the same dead places, so...

139 She showed where this baby come from. She watched, and said, "Yes, sir." She went walking on like that, not paying no attention, talking to her baby. She didn't have time to associate with all them society. That's what's the matter with our church today. They got the lady's society, the men's society, this society, ball games, soup suppers, and everything else. Prayer meetings is left off--no more.

140 And the Holy Ghost promised He'd only seal those who sighed and cried for the abominations done in the city. Clergymen, could you mark out on your hands ten people tonight, in this city, that's sighing and crying day and night, for the wickedness, and things, that's done in the city? Has anybody in this audience know where you can put your fingers on five people that sigh and cry day and night for the sins and things of the city? Well, the Bible said, "Set a mark upon those who sigh and cry for the abominations in the city." That's right. That's it, see.

141 No more burden for lost souls. It's all gone. We just join church, and settle down. That's all that's necessary. See, that's how we get... Sin is so sneaky. It sneaks right up on you before you know it. That's the way it does. It just grabs you, like the old toboggan slide used to be, and it's got you. The devil does that.

142 Now, brother, let's get plumb back off of his territory. Let's come back to God. Come back to the altar. Rebuild the altar again that's been torn down. And build up your home. Take them cards off the table, and all them old Love Story Magazines, and open up the Bible and read the Bible, and pray. Just don't get down and say, "Bless my family, and Mary, and Joe, and John, and all of them." and get in the bed. No, sir. Stay there with God. Oh, my! You know the song you used to sing: "There are times I'd like to be all

alone with Christ, my Lord. I can tell Him all my troubles, all of them.”

That’s what we need again, that’s what—them kind of meetings, that kind of a church. That’s the kind of church that prays down the blessings of God. I’m sure your pastor would appreciate every member becoming like that. And how it would be if the church could just be like that again?

143 Now, she’s coming along with this baby now. There’s Christ in the temple. All right, if Christ is in the temple, and God had revealed it to Simeon that He was going to show him the Christ before he died, well, I think if Christ was in the temple, it’s time for the Holy Spirit to go to work on Simeon. Don’t you think so? Let’s think it’s Monday morning. Now, how many little babies would be born? About two-and-a-half million people in Israel then, and I suppose there would be at least hundreds of babies born every night; and every eight days they had to be circumcised, and offering the purification. All right. Here they are now. It’s Monday morning.

144 Simeon’s back in the office a-reading the scrolls. Let’s see. He picks up Isaiah, and he begins to read down to Isaiah 9:6, “Unto us a child is born, a son is given: his name shall be called Counsellor, Prince of Peace, mighty God, everlasting Father; the government shall be upon his shoulders.” Oh, who could that be?

145 About that time the Holy Spirit said, “Rise up, Simeon! Rise up.”

“What do you want me to do?”

“Just rise up.”

“Well, where shall I go?”

“No, you just stand up. That’s all I want you to do.”

146 That’s the way God wants you to do. Just as He speaks, act. That’s what you want to do this week. When God speaks, act. Do it. Say, “Go see So-and-so about coming to church.” Act. Do it. Stand up. “Yes, Lord, here I am. What next?”

“Start walking.”

“Whereabouts?”

“Walk. I’m going to do the leading; you do the walking.”

Here he comes. I see him coming out, wondering, “Well, I know this is the Holy Ghost ‘cause He’s talked to me before.” You know what I mean, don’t you? Do you believe sons of God are led by the Spirit of God? They are.

Here he comes walking, walking through the temple, not knowing where he’s going, just led by the Holy Ghost. Now, comes over, goes down through thousands of people everywhere. Here he hits this line of circumcision of the children, coming walking right down along this line. He sees this little woman everybody’s keeping their distance from. He walks up. The Holy Spirit begins to make his heart beat real fast, you know.

147 Oh, He leads you to the promise. Yes, if He give you the promise, and you believe in divine healing, He leads you right into it. You believe in the baptism of the Holy Ghost? He leads you right into it, see, where it’s at. He’ll lead you right to it.

148 Now He’s got him out here to the side. Simeon reaches over, takes that baby out of its mother’s arms, raises up his hands and says, “God, let your servant depart in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen thy salvation.”

149 Way back over in a corner, an old blind woman, named Anna. She was a prophetess. Anna was a prophetess. She’d been blind for years. She sat there. And she also waited and believed on the consolation of Israel. She believed that that prophet was coming. And she was believing.

150 She was sitting there, and the Holy Ghost said, “Anna, stand up.” Those that are spiritual are always led in the right time. “Stand up, Anna.”

Here comes this old blind woman. “Pardon me, sir. Pardon me, madam. I’m sorry.” Led by the Holy. . . .

“Where you going, Anna?”

“I don’t know. I’m just led.”

151 First thing you know, she comes right straight to where Simeon's standing, saying, "Lord, let thy servant depart in peace." She, likewise, the Holy Ghost come upon her, and she began to prophesy about the child. Oh, brother, sister, if the Holy Ghost could lead a blind woman, how much ought we to . . . lead us. Although we are becoming blind, let Him lead us back to the fountain, for

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
Where sinners plunged beneath the flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.

Do you believe that? God bless you. Are you expecting something to happen? My time is gone. You're such a lovely audience, I could speak an hour yet to you, but my time is up. And let's be expecting God to give us a great revival. Will you join with me in prayer for that purpose? Will you do it? Let's bow our heads.

Now, minister brethren, I know you all are expecting it. We're here to work together as a unit of God. Let nothing stand in our way now.

Church, we're here to work with you, all of you--ones that belongs to the Assemblies of God, and the Church of God, and the United Pentecostals, and whatever you might be. We don't care what brand you wear. We're just believing that God'll do it. Let's join together, now, with one accord.

152 Our heavenly Father, these broken up words and little talk here just to kind of get all the fear and the starchiness away from your church, just to kind of break up the fallow ground, to lay a foundation here . . . or not lay a foundation, but to build upon the foundation that's already laid, Christ Jesus. What these people have been taught to believe down through the years--Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

153 Heavenly Father, I pray as we join our hearts and our prayers together. The Bible said, in the 4th chapter of, I believe, of the Acts of the apostles, when the people would come together and made a report, then they prayed with one accord, and the building was shook where they were assembled together. And they spoke the word of

God with boldness. O God, we go along here today with this wonderful name pinned upon us as Pentecostal believers, witnessing that we've been born again of the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Spirit leads us.

154 Then, Lord, we see the church getting weakened, and falling away, and crumbling down. O God! what a condition. Revive us, Lord. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and bring forth the refreshing, the dewdrops of mercy from above. O God, revive our community here, revive the whole city. Revive the churches around. Revive the Methodists, revive the Baptists, revive all of them, Lord. And, O God, may it begin right here in this congregation. May there be such a reviving, an awakening among us, Lord, the Holy Ghost taking our hearts, and tearing us apart, and squeezing from us the precious ointment that He would desire for our church to be anointed with. Grant it, Lord.

155 Bless us now. Forgive us of our sins, our shortcomings. God, may there not be a sick person attend this meeting but what would be healed. Grant it, Lord. May there not be one person that's sinful or unbeliever, ever come to this meeting but what would be saved. Grant it, Lord.

156 May the angels of God go to every church throughout this community, every place down to the barrooms, and bring conviction upon sinners. And may the Christians go forth testifying, saying "Come and see. Come and see. We've never seen anything like it." Grant it, Lord.

157 May it be a great roar through this country, and God getting glory out of it. Grant it, Father. Bless your precious shepherds, I ask again, back here, standing up here on the platform, some I've never seen in my life. But, Lord God, they're standing here to make a witness that they, too, are believers. They're here to put in their part, to put their shoulder to the wheel. Our hearts are burning and yearning, Lord, to see the Spirit of God move among us. Grant it.

Do this for us, Father. We commit ourselves to You. In Christ's name, for his glory, we ask it.

158 Now all that's in here that's sick, and needy, raise up your hands, right now. Just raise up your hands. All right. I want you to

lay your hands over on one another. Just lay your hands over on each other. Now, don't pray for yourself; you pray for the person that you got your hand on. They're praying for you. I like that. All things are possible.

159 Now, in our hearts let's just think now. I can see a bunch of disciples around a boy with epilepsy. I can hear Andrew say, "Step back, boys. I'll show you how I done it down at Capernaum, when I cast out epilepsy down there. Here's the way I done it." But it didn't work.

Simon Peter steps up, says, "Well, now here's the way I done it down at Joppa. I'll show you how I done it down there." It didn't work.

But they happened to look. Coming down the hill there come One walking quietly, maybe not to be ... giant-looking man. It said, "There was no beauty that we should desire Him." But there was something about Him. He knowed what He was speaking of. And he ran to Him, this father of the child, and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son. He's verily vexed with a devil. I brought him to your disciples, and they could not cure him."

Jesus said, "I can if you believe, for all things are possible to them that believe."

He said, "Lord, I believe. Help thou my unbelief."

That same man, when he left the world, our Saviour, the last words He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. These signs shall follow them that believe..." The last sign He said, "They shall lay hands on the sick. They shall recover."

Now, there's a believer got their hands laying on you, a believer that believes in healing. Jesus made the statement, "These signs shall follow them believers. If they lay their hands on the sick they shall recover."

Now, if you believe with all your heart, don't doubt, if you pray the prayer of faith.... Then the one that you have your hands on is praying for you. Now believe.

160 Our heavenly Father, we lay our hands by faith upon the sick and the afflicted, and ask that your grace and mercy will supply everything that they have need of. They're praying, Lord, just the way they do in their church. They love You, and they believe You.

I pray, heavenly Father, with all my heart that You'll break every fetter of unbelief, cast away every evil spirit. May they not be able to stand it in the building, Lord. Drive it away. May nothing but the pure unadulterated faith in God be in every heart just now.

161 May the devil be defeated in our lives. And we know he is defeated, because he is a defeated being. And Satan, I turn to you now to say this, that you are defeated. You're not afraid of us, but you're afraid of the One who we're speaking about. You have lost every bit of power you ever had. You were defeated at Calvary. Jesus Christ, God's Son, triumphed over every enemy. He conquered all sickness, all death, hell and the grave, and conquered every victory that you ever had. And you're nothing but a bluff, and we're calling your bluff tonight.

In the name of Jesus Christ, turn these people loose. They're fully following Him, and expecting to be healed--the power of God present--believers, with their hands laid on one another.

Satan, leave them people. Come out of them in the name of Jesus Christ. You lose the battle, and they shall be well because God said so. God promised it. We're expecting it. And we know it shall be so, for Satan is defeated, and God has preeminence. We know that it's so, for we ask it in Jesus Christ's name for it to be so, for God's glory.

162 Now just stay shut in with God. Just keep believing now with all your heart. "Lord, I believe that You heal me right now. I believe, because I laid my hands on this man here, he laid his hand on me.... On this woman ... she laid her hand on me. I was led to do that. I was led to lay my hand over on this person. They were led to lay their hands on me. The same Holy Ghost that told Simeon, give him the promise, led me to do this, while we're right here in this place of divine healing. Now I'm believing, Lord.

“Satan, you might as well get away from me right now, because I’m taking. . . . I’m a seed of Abraham by Jesus Christ, and I take the preeminence.”

163 Just keep believing it with all your heart, while I ask one of our pastors here, one of the brethren here, if you will . . . if you’ll come offer prayer. Some one of the pastors here take the service over, one of you. All right, sir. Just keep yourself shut in just a few moments with God. I want to ask you now, as you move your hands back from one another, and say, “I believe. And I take Him right now as my healer. And no matter what Satan ever tries to tell me, I’m going to believe that God makes me well.”

Raise up your hand. Say, “I now accept it.” Raise up your hand. God bless you. That’s the way to do it. Keep that kind of faith going, and you’ll see the exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can even do or think. Until I see you tomorrow night, here’s the pastor. God bless you.