

God's Provided Way For This Day

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1 ... the Scripture. I'm certainly glad to have ... back behind here tonight. Turning to the Scripture for just a little text, the Lord willing... And remember tomorrow night, praying for the sick again. And now, when I'm speaking, listen. Everybody try to do this. Don't wait for any certain thing to happen. The thing for you to do is believe God right now. Believe Him right now, see.

2 Now, there's been all kinds of ministries. God in this last days, I believe, has given us everything He's got in his book. Everything that He's promised, we've seen. And still, it seems like the people can't grasp it. Those who are ordained to grasp it, will grasp it. Only those. It blinds one; opens the eyes of another.

3 Remember, we believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is not dead; but alive forevermore. And He's here tonight. We are in his presence tonight. And He's here to confirm, and make good any promise that He made for this day. And He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. So anything that He was, He is tonight. So let us believe Him, now, as we read his Word, and speak of Him for the next fifteen, twenty minutes.

Genesis, the 22nd chapter, and the 7th and 8th verses for the way of getting a text:

And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?

And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for the burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

Lord Jesus, bless thy Word. May it not return void, but may the seeds fall upon ground that will bring forth salvation to those who are in need, both physically and spiritually. We commit ourselves to You,

the congregation, the audience, the Word, the text, the context. May the Holy Spirit take over our beings, that we see Jesus Christ. Amen.

I want to speak just for the next few minutes now on “God’s Provided Way for This Day.”

4 God always has had a way. There’s two ways--that’s our ways, or his way. God has a way for today, for He’s always made a way for everything. God at the beginning knowed the end. So He laid out his scripture for each age. And that age, when it comes along (now don’t fail to see this), that age when it comes along... Usually the ministry is so mixed up in isms and so forth, and traditions, till it’s a million miles away from the Word. And then God always sends someone on the scene: a prophet.

5 And this prophet... God never changes his system. He never changes his ways. He always does it the same way. He always has. He must do it this time. And through this, God works and vindicates that word (as I spoke to you last night), God doing his own interpretation. God needs no one to interpret the Word to Him; He interprets it Himself by vindicating it, making it real. And when God says He’ll do a certain thing, then He does it. There’s no more question to it. That’s the way He does it.

6 So, God has made a way for us. God loves his children; He loves his people. He wants to help them. He wants to help you more than you want help. If you can just get that in your heart--that God’s more willing to help you, than you are to help yourself--but He has a way. And that’s the only way that He’ll work, is through his way. You must come to his terms--not your terms; his terms. You want it a certain way. But He gives it to you his way, like Naaman dipping in the waters of Jordan.

Why, he said the waters up in his country was much cleaner and better. But that wasn’t what the prophet said. “Dip here.”

He dipped once--leprosy still there. Six times--it was still there. He had to obey, and come God’s way. And when he fully obeyed God’s way, the leprosy left.

7 And I say tonight, that if we obey God's provided way, leprosy will leave. Sickness will leave. Everything will leave. But we've got to come his way for this day.

8 Now, dipping in the Jordan wouldn't do any good now. That was for Naaman. The law was for the Jew; grace is by Christ. But each age has its part of the gospel already predicted. This Bible is the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. There could be no more added to it, or anything taken away from it. The person who does it is cursed.

9 We cannot add nothing to it, take nothing from it. We must look in here and see what's promised for this age, and then see it happen. That's God interpreting his own Word. When He said, "A virgin shall conceive," she did. That's God's interpretation of it. What He promises, that He does.

10 Now, we see that God doesn't change his systems of doing things. He always does it the same. We're constantly changing, because that we're finite. We make all kinds of mistakes, and can improve and get better. But God's infinite. His first decision is perfect all the time. He cannot get smarter. He was the . . . He's the source of all wisdom. He is all wisdom. He's all power--omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, and infinite. So, therefore, when He says anything, hang your soul on it--because it's true.

11 Now, some churches says, "We don't believe this, and we believe that." God will never judge the world by a church. He judges it by Jesus Christ, and Jesus is the Word. He'll judge the church by the Word. And so, this is the revelation of Jesus Christ for all ages. And for this age, He has revealed in this Bible what He would do in this age. And when we see it do it, when we see Him do what He promised to do--not a virgin birth, that was two thousand years ago--but what He promised to do today: what He said He would do today, that's what He is today.

Many times people say, "Well, I don't believe that."

12 Well, you got Eve's interpreter again. Just takes part of it, but not all of it. So we want to remember that God ever remains the same. His Word and what He says, He will do it.

13 Show that He doesn't change, in Genesis 1 He said, "Let every seed bring forth of its kind. Let every seed bring forth of its kind." Right there, we hit something right there that knocks all the evolutionists out. You cannot re breed things. You take, like the horse and the donkey, breed them together--you get a mule. But a mule cannot breed back and get another mule. It stops right there--every seed of its kind. They can make a breeding, but it changes itself right back again. Shows it does not evolve like that. No, sir. It stops right there.

You can breed spinach, and something else together, and bring out a kale. But you can't breed that back again. No, sir. You can breed hybrid corn. But you plant that hybrid corn back over again, you get nothing. You got to re breed it each time, because God said, "Let every seed bring forth of its kind."

14 Now, by hybridizing things, look what the world's got into today. I was reading an article here out of the "Reader's Digest," where twenty years from now women won't have babies, if it keeps on. They're eating hybrid food. The thing of it is, they've hybrid it. And that's not the way a human being was made, to eat that kind of food. It was made to eat it in the way it was created.

15 That's the reason today, that they can't keep meats. And everything is the way it is, is because it's hybrid, hot planted, and every kind of a way. It's just all mixed up. It's got to where the entire human race is being destroyed by their own achievements; by trying to take something that God made good and turn it around, and make it some other way, in their own way. Leave it the way God made it!

16 It's even got into a place to where they're trying to hybridize the churches today--from the real baptism of the Holy Ghost to a handshake, some kind of a sprinkling to a water baptism. Oh, my! The whole thing's hybrid. We want to get back....

17 A hybrid plant, you have to baby it and spray it, and keep the bugs and beetles off of it. But not a genuine healthy plant! He's sturdy, strong. Don't no bugs come on him. He's got enough in him to throw the bug off.

18 So is a genuine Christian. You don't have to baby him, and pat him, and tell him this, that, or the other. He's got something in him--the baptism of the Holy Ghost--that throws all the rest of it off. You

don't have to beg him around, because he's a genuine plant of God. He's got something in him that wars. A Christian fights for every inch of ground he stands on. He must do that if he ever expects to exist. And by doing it, there's something in him that takes care of him.

19 Eve tried to hybridize the Word. In the beginning God told her, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." She tried to breed it in with knowledge that Satan gave her. And when she did, she lost the whole human race right there to the devil, when she tried to mix God's unadulterated Word with knowledge.

20 It doesn't come from the knowledge of the world; it comes by the power of the Holy Spirit. "Not by power, by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." That's how God does it. God's Word is a seed of eternal life. If you try to hybridize it, what will you do? You'll kill yourself with it. It will not work. It will not mix, no more than oil or water ever mixed. It will not do it. They have never, in all the way, tried . . . to find anything that's better than God's way of doing it.

21 You know, they've never found a way better for a chicken to get born in this world than peck himself out of his shell. Did you know that? They never have found a better way. The little fellow's born with a little snoot on the end of his bill. And that little bill . . . he got to go to work, and go to scratching--scratching back and forth till he gets his head started, gets his head out, picks his way free. It's God's provided way. You pull him out of the shell, it'll kill him. He won't live if you pull him out of the shell. He has to come God's way

22 That's what's the matter with Christians today. We've so soft-soaped them, and shook their hands, and brought them in by secret, and joined them into the church. What they need is an old-fashioned prayer altar, where they pray through until losing themselves, coming God's provided way till they free themselves from the world.

23 Trouble of it is today, they put their name on the book, and join church and that's all there is to it. But God's way, provided way, is to stay there and work your way through, until God gives you the new birth. That's exactly right. Pick him out, it'll kill him.

24 That's what's the matter today with the people, the new birth. They all dodge it. They don't like it. Oh, they have substituted

something for a new birth--come up and believe, and that's all you have to do. The devil believes, himself, and you know he's not borned again.

25 There's a new birth. There's something goes with it. It's kind of unfitting, untasting to the world. Any birth is a mess. I don't care where it's at. If it's in the pig pen, or a hospital, a birth is a mess. So is the new birth. It'll make you do things you didn't think you would do. It'll make you get down at the altar, and cry, scream, wash the paint off your face, raise your hands, praise God, speak in tongues, and all kinds of things. The new birth will do that, because it's God's provided way to be borned again.

26 You have to die. You have to die before you can be reborn. Any seed has to die before it's regenerated again. Unless it dies, it abides alone. A man's got to die to his own thinking. He's got to die to the thinking of anything but God's Word, and come his way. That's God's ground. We don't meet Him on our thoughts. We meet Him on what He said do. That's God's provided way for us. People dodge it; they don't want it. But it's true just the same. It'll ... it produces death, and you have to die--die to your thinking.

"Well, I know the Bible says it, but I can't understand it." Then stay there till God reveals it. That's right. It's got.... That's the new birth.

27 Ducks and geese: they've never found a better way for them to go south than to swarm first. That's right. You see them all get together, and they'll come themselves. Some kind of an instinct draws them together. And they get together and swarm before they fly, before they go south. What is it? It's revival time. When they all get together.... Did you ever hear such a chattering in your life as to hear them geese get together, and them ducks? I never heard such. And they have.... There's no other better way for them to do it.

28 Many times up in the north woods, I watched the first beginning of the cold weather in Canada. A bunch of ducks borned right there on that lake--they've never been off that lake--this little fellow hasn't. And the first thing you know, a cold breeze comes down from the north. This little old drake, he's just borned a leader. Gets right out there in the middle of that pond, sticks his little honker up in the air, honks four or five times, and every duck on the pond comes right to him. And he rises from there and goes just as straight to Louisiana as he can go, to the rice paddies.

29 Why? They've never found a better way for them to get there. You can't herd them together. You put them in a coop and truck them down there: that duck's got better sense than that. If you put him in that coop to take him down there, he knows he's headed for the slaughter pen. That's exactly right. He goes God's provided way.

30 That's the way men ought to do today. Not be herded in by some denominational coop; but come in the way God said come in--by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the new birth. Swarming revival; not church joining, soliciting from door-to-door and passing magazines. But a birth, being borned again, filled with the Holy Ghost, God's way, freeing himself from the world. Right. Believing God's Word. The hour is here. That's what we must believe.

31 Men, you could never. . . . I don't care how many men would try to go to that duck pond up there, and say, "Now, wait a minute, you little ducks. Got something to talk to you. We got an educated duck here. He's got a Ph.D. and LL.D. I'm telling you, he can lead you." Them ducks got better sense than that. Yes, sir. They don't care about his better education, whatever it is. They can tell the certain honk he gives. It's an instinct.

32 Oh, my! The church ought to know that much about the Word of God. It's a (certain) uncertain sound. The Bible said, Paul said, "If a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who can prepare himself for battle?" That's right. If the church . . . if the church give an uncertain sound of joining. . . .

33 God said, "birth." What the birth did there, the birth does the same today, because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. What He was then, He is today. What they did then is the same thing we do today. The way they got it there is the same thing they do today. Same thing they got today, is what they had back there. If it comes at all, it comes that way. That's the way, God's provided way. It never changes.

34 Ducks never change. They completely swarm each year. Go north, south, and whichever way they go, they swarm first. That's the way God does. He sends his Word at season, that season that it's manifested. And I don't care how many other things that go on. When they see the Word of God promised for that day being

vindicated, as promised, there's nothing going to stop them. "A virgin shall conceive."

35 And when they said. . . . "The Lord our God shall raise up a prophet likened unto me," Moses said. And when they seen this man come and do the things He did, they knowed that was the Messiah. When Philip saw that done he said, "Thou art the Christ. Thou art the king of Israel." He knew it because the Word had promised it, and it was living in that day. No matter how many Pharisees, Sadducees was standing around, doctors of divinity, it didn't stop him a bit, because he was looking for that sign. When he saw it done, that was the sign of the hour. That's what they were looking for. God's way provided. Yes, sir!

36 Now, you couldn't give a duck education. He couldn't do it. He wouldn't want it. The rest of the ducks wouldn't follow him. No matter how much degrees he could say he had--"Now, looky here, I went to duck school. I know all about it. I have graduated. I know all of these things."--it wouldn't do a bit of good. None of them other ducks would follow him, if they're genuine ducks, because they're looking for a certain sign. When they see that sign, they believe it.

37 And if a duck has a way of knowing it, how about a borned-again Christian? We ought to know Jesus Christ in the power of his resurrection. All right. God does it God's provided way. Remember, the education wouldn't be the instrument to lead them to God's provided place. The instrument they have is instinct. And them ducks know that instinct will take them to God's provided place.

38 So does the Holy Spirit take the church to God's provided place --not to join a church, but to be filled with his presence, to see his Word made manifest, vindicated. That's God's provided way for the church, always, for the people, to bring them to the place that God has provided for them. That's exactly what the church should be today. Now, we know that's true.

39 There's no better way for a. . . . They never found a better way for a baby to get what it wants than to cry for it. Could you give him a bell and say, "Junior, you're only three days old. But now, when you want to . . . when you want your bottle, raise up this bell and ring it?" See if it works.

40 It don't work. The baby cries for what it wants. That's God's provided way. Louder you cry.... Don't whip the little fellow. He's only following God's provided way. He wants something. That's right. It's the only way he knows to call his mother--scream for it, cry for it. That's right.

41 God recommends this for his children. God recommends this for his believing children. He did. Not intellectual speeches, not some great theology to teach--He wants you to cry for your needs. That's right. Cry for it! If you're too stiff and starchy, you'll never get it. If you're ready to limber yourself up a little and cry, God'll give it to you.

42 He likes to hear his children cry. Cry on your knees to God. God wants it. That's his provided way: cry out for it. That's the way the baby cries. That's the way He wants you to cry. Cry how long? How long does a baby cry? Until he gets satisfied. And that's the way the believing Christian should do, God's child.

43 If you see that God made the promise, don't give it up. Cry out till it's answered. Cry out till you see God vindicates his Word. When God vindicates his Word, it proves it's here. Then you don't have to cry no more. You got it. Walk away and thank Him for it. Until you do that, scream out till you get it. I like that.

44 Persistent, holding on--not a hybrid plant, not one that has to be babied, and petted, and packed around. Christians are real, genuine, borned articles of God. They fight for their position, and fight till they're finished on this earth. Every move of it is a fight. God told Moses He'd give him the land. He told Joshua, "Every place (the foot) the sole of your foot treads, that I have given you." They had to fight for every inch of it. So do we fight for every inch of it.

45 It isn't something to be babied, and petted, and around like that, and say, "Well, I'll take you over there. See what you think about it. You pass your opinion." That's no way to come. Come with a determination. Come, that you're going to stay there, till it's over. Stay there until God answers and vindicates. A man that believes in God can see the presence of God, feel the presence of God, sense the presence of God and know He's here. He's here to answer everything that He made promise for in this day. Then cry, till you get it. Hold on to Him. Don't leave, if you have to stay day and night.

God don't want his children listening to intellectual speeches. He wants them to cry to Him, till the promise is vindicated.

46 Abraham, here, had a need of a sacrifice. What happened? God provided Him a lamb. That was God's provided way. He needed a sacrifice, so God provided it. Later on He called the place Jehovah-jireh: the Lord will provide for Himself a sacrifice.

47 Now, Job: one time the old prophet Job--he was a prophet--he'd got in trouble. Satan had desired to tempt him, and he broke him out in boils. And he'd taken his children, he'd taken his stock, he'd taken all he had. And he broke him out in boils. And his comforters come. What did they do? They provided nothing but a scorn, teased him, telling him, "Why, you've sinned secretly."

48 Job just held right on. He cried out. He was sure he was following God's commandments. He had done just exactly what God promised to do, what God promised him--that He would stand by him under the burnt sacrifice. And he stayed there.

49 So God provided him a vision. He was a prophet. What did he see? He saw the Word, Jesus Christ. He said, "I know my redeemer liveth. And at the last days he'll stand upon the earth. Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God," see. He provided the resurrection vision for him. Him being a prophet, he saw the Word. He saw the Word and he knowed that his bones and his body would rise again in the last day.

50 He was questioned if he knowed where God was, if he could only see. He said, "A flower dies, it rises up again. A tree goes down, it rises up again. But a man layeth down, he giveth up the ghost, he wasteth away. Where is he? Oh, that thou would hide me in the grave and keep me in the secret place till thy wrath be past." Then the thunders begin to roar, the lightning begin to flash, the Spirit of the Lord come upon the prophet and he stood up. And he saw the coming of the Lord, and he screamed, "I know my redeemer liveth. And at the last days he'll stand on the earth. Though the skin worms destroy this body, in my flesh I shall see God." God provided the Word, Jesus Christ, and he saw Him, and called Him his redeemer.

51 Israel needed a way out of Egypt, and God provided them a prophet--a prophet that vindicated the Word that was promised to Abraham. Exactly God's provided way. They couldn't train up a soldier, they couldn't do this, they couldn't do that. The only thing they did was wait for God's provided way. And He said He would bring those people out. After four hundred years his people'd be in bondage, but He'd bring them out with a strong hand. He'd show his signs and wonders, and get glory in that nation.

52 Here come the man down, when they cried and cried. And now, remember, all the crying wouldn't deliver them until that time was fulfilled. These things that we're seeing today couldn't happen twenty years ago, or forty years ago. It's today it happens. This is the hour, this is the time. Now is the time it's fulfilled. Why? God promised it, and here it is.

53 They said a hundred years ago that the baptism of the Holy Ghost could not be again. They said fifty years ago the Holy Ghost... But you Pentecostal people proved them, that it was God's hour to pour out the Holy Ghost. No matter what the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran said, you stayed right with God's Word. Men of courage went out there and held on, till the baptism of the Holy Ghost come. And they spoke in tongues, and magnified God. Nobody can tell you any different. God's his own interpreter. You've got it. You might not be able to explain it, but you know you got it. Who can explain God? Nobody can.

54 I can't tell you how God can show a vision, but I know it happens. I can't see how God can do these things. It's not my business to explain it. He abides alone. He's Elohim, the self-sufficient one. I'm just his servant. I know He promised it, and I know it's here. That's one thing I know. I know that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. I know He promised this. God's here to make his promise true. Yeah. God's provided way.

55 Israel was provided a prophet that vindicated the Word, and they were brought out. This prophet, Moses, he lived for several years in the wilderness--forty years struggling with these people, trying to keep 'em till he could get them to the promised land. It come to a place and the man had to die. He was 120 years old. There wasn't a place for him to die.

56 When he got ready to die, God provided him a rock--the rock that he had smote in the wilderness--the rock that had followed them that they had drank from. God provided him a rock, a place to die, where Moses could die a decent death, upon this rock. God, let me die on that same rock! That's where I want to.... That rock was Christ Jesus. Yes, sir!

57 After He died upon that rock, he needed pallbearers. God sent him a bunch of angels. Why not a bunch of his elders? Because no one could take him where he was going but angels. They packed him into the presence of God. He needed pallbearers, and God provided. And he went God's provided way. Hallelujah!

58 Enoch had walked five hundred years with God, and he pleased Him. He needed a highway to go home on. God provided it.

59 Elijah had cursed Jezebel about her painted face, and her way she got all the people doing. And he's tired and weary, and he was about ready to go home. He was so old he couldn't hardly walk across Jordan. God provided a way for him to cross Jordan. He wanted to go up into heaven to meet God. God sent a chariot of fire down and horses, and took him up. God's provided way. God's provided way--he always does it just exactly right. Yes, sir! God provides a way, always. Yes.

60 The wise men, when they were on their road from up in Babylon: they were seeing a way they wanted to go down, 'cause they knew this king was to be born. They needed a compass. God provided a star. They left everything else behind. They didn't need compasses, they followed the star. It was God's provided way. God provided a way--they followed the star until they found the perfect light.

61 Oh, the world needed a saviour one day. They was lost; they didn't know it. They thought they were saved; but they needed a saviour. God provided a Son for the Saviour. Why? No one else could do it. There was no man on earth, no man in heaven, nowhere, was able to do it. God overshadowed a virgin. She conceived, and brought forth a man-child, and that man-child was not Jewish or Gentile. He was God, manifested in the flesh--the only one that could redeem. His blood saves us, his blood heals us.

62 It's that blood that we can stand on to any promise that He made. God promised to do it. God only meets the worshipper through the blood, and under the blood. Israel had one place to meet God. Now then, God's got one place today that He meets the worshipper--not at the Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostal. He meets him under the blood. That's the only provided place God has--not in a organization, not in a union, but in the blood is where Jesus Christ meets his worshipper. "When I see the blood..." That's God's provided way.

63 After the church had been thoroughly convinced, when they seen Him, that He was the Messiah. . . . When the little woman at the well, when she needed a saviour. . . . She needed something to show she'd been to church, and everything else. And they'd seen this creed, and that creed, till she turned to be a prostitute--had turned her on the street. One day she was going to get a bucket of water, about eleven o'clock in the day. And there stood a man, a Jew, up here in this little panoramic. And she said. . . . When she went to drop her bucket down on the windle to get the water, she heard a man say, "Woman, bring me a drink."

64 And she said. . . . She turned quickly, and thinking just to be an ordinary Jew--for He was just human, as far as the body was concerned. . . . He was a man. He drank, slept, like we do. He was so much human till he could die; and yet He was God. Then we find out that when. . . . Said, "It's not customary for you Jews to ask Samaritans such things as that."

He said, "But if you knew who you were talking to, you'd ask Me for a drink." Said, "Go get your husband and come here."

She said, "I have no husband."

Said, "Thou hast said the truth. You've got five; and the one you're living with now is not yours." What happened? God had provided something for her.

She said, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. We know that when the Messiah cometh, He’ll tell us these things. That’s what He’ll do. The Word says so. We’re looking for it. I’m sick and tired of all this stuff--their creeds and things, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians, whatever it might be. But we know a Messiah’s coming. When He comes. . . . What do you say about it?”

He said, “I am He.” God had provided a way.

She left the water pot a changed woman, and run into the city and said, “Come see a man who told me the things I’ve done. Isn’t this the Messiah?”

65 Peter listened to Andrew’s story. Many times had listened, and heard Andrew talk about John introducing a Messiah, and a man, and all these things taking place. It was all mystery to Peter. But one day he come with Andrew to see Jesus. And when he got in the presence of Jesus, Jesus looked at him. And He said, “Your name is Simon, and you’re the son of Jonas.” God had provided the way for Peter to see who He was. He was that Messiah.

66 Now, we find out that after Jesus had died and ascended into heaven, the church needed power to witness. God give them a Pentecost. He provided a Pentecost.

67 Two thousand years has passed, friends. Two thousand years has passed. And these latter days we have got so. . . . Man has got into the system of Christianity, and has perverted it again--hybrid it to creed, churches, denominations, intellectual speeches--until the power, and the real thing of the gospel of Christ is practically lost. And here we are with Word promised for this last days. What will happen? What will take place? Men don’t believe it. They’ve got away from it.

You ask if they’re a Christian, say, “I belong to so-and-so.” That doesn’t mean one thing. You got to be a Christian by birth. Now, we got the whole thing into a Babylon again, after two thousand years.

68 The church today needs power and truth again. Oh, God raised up his Son that this would be taken care of, for He said “A little

while, and the world will see Me no more. Yet you'll see me; for I'll be with you, even in you."

69 We find out in Hebrews 13:8, He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. We find out in Malachi 4 that He promised us a message in the last days that would restore the faith of the people back to the fathers again. He promised it, in the last days.

70 He also promised in John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, even more than this [or greater than this] shall he do, for I go to my Father."

He was speaking one day. They said, "Master, show us a sign."

71 He said, "A weak and adulterous generation seeks after a sign." That's the generation we're living in today. He said, "And I'll give them a sign. For as Jonas was in the belly of the whale three days and nights, so must the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and nights."

72 What kind of a sign would a wicked and adulterous generation find out? The resurrection sign. That's what we're promised today--the resurrection sign, that He's still alive. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

He said, "As it was in the days of Lot [as we went through it last night, the days of Lot. What happened in the days of Lot?], so would it be at the coming of the Son of man." These things we're promised.

Many more scriptures, to keep from taking up time.... "A little while, and the world won't see Me no more. [Cosmos, the order, the church age--they won't see Me no more.] Yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age." Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. What is it? It's God's provided sign, God's provided way.

73 Abraham waiting for the son: the last sign that he saw before the destruction of the Gentiles was God manifested in human flesh, that knowed the secrets of the heart of Sarah when she was in the tent. Jesus said, "That'll return again at the coming of the Son of man."

74 Brother, sister, I believe we're living in that day. I believe this is the day of the promise. You've got to have faith in what you're doing. If you haven't got faith, if you just taking it presumingly.... The word "presume," according to Webster, means to venture without authority. But when the Word promises it, and God stands behind that Word, you're not presuming anymore. You're doing exactly what God said do. And He's duty bound to back it up.

75 A great famous revivalist many years ago--I seen him when I was a little boy--was Paul Rader. He told a story one day that's always stuck with me. Said one day he was cutting wood. He was a logger up in Oregon. And said his boss told him go up the top of the hill. He was dreaming that. Where he was really at, at the time, he was down in the islands, and took a fever, real hot--and he was dying. They went for a doctor, but it was miles and miles away by canoe. Before the doctor could get there, Paul begin to fade away, get sicker and sicker.

76 He called his faithful wife. He said, "Dear, it's getting dark in the room, darker, closing in." And he went back into a coma. And when he did.... He said he dreamed (when he was in this coma) that his boss sent him up to cut a certain tree. He found the tree. He felled the tree, stuck his ax into it, and reached down to pick it up. He just couldn't pick it up. Said his strength was depleted. He just couldn't pick it up.

77 He said, "All the size that tree is, surely I can pick that up. Let me try again." And he got down, and he lifted. He just toiled till he was wore out.

He sat down beside the tree, and said, "I just don't know what I'll do. The boss requires this tree down there at the camp, and I'm too weak to bring it down."

78 Said he heard the sweetest voice he ever heard. It was his boss that spoke. But said, when he turned to see who his boss was, it was the Lord Jesus. He said, "Paul, what are you fighting so about? What are you all flusterated about? You see that water running

there?” Said, “Why don’t you just throw the log in the river, and ride it down--ride it to the camp.”

He jumped on the log, and started down over the riffles, screaming to the top of his voice, “I’m a-riding on it; I’m a-riding on it.”

79 Brother, sister, Jesus Christ promised these things to happen in the last days. I believe that we’re living here. I believe that He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever. I don’t know how it’s happened, but I’m riding on it. I believe that it’s the truth, because it’s the gospel, God’s provided way. I believe it is the message of the hour, the times we’re living in. It’s God’s provided way. I’m riding on it. Won’t you jump on with me, while we bow our heads?

80 Heavenly Father, we are riding into glory upon thy Word. We believe that thy Word is truth. O God, may every man and woman tonight climb aboard the Word. And remember, as they go along down through the journey, they can confess, “I’m riding on God’s promise. It’ll take me right into glory. It’s God’s provided way for me today. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

You said, “In a little while and the world won’t see Me no more. Yet, ye shall see Me; for I will be with you, even in you.” You promised us, Lord, we would see You.

81 The Greeks come one time, and said, “Sirs, we would see Jesus,” and they was granted that privilege. And tonight, Lord, we want to see You, too. It’s our heart’s desire. No one can ever hear of You unless they want to see You. Then, if these Greeks was permitted to see You, and You provided a way for us to see You.... You always make a way because, You’re the same yesterday, today, and forever.

A servant brought these Greeks into your presence, and they got to see You. Grant us the same privilege tonight, Father. May we, as servants, bring this audience into your presence. And may we see Jesus tonight, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Grant it, Lord.

Save the lost, Lord, if there be a man, woman, boy or girl. When we see our nation so polluted with murderers and cutthroats, and perverts; and to see the corruption in the nation today; and to see the corruption in the churches; and see them leading to that ecumenical slaughter up there because they are not going God's provided way.... They're going by the way of some creed, instead of coming by the Word.

82 God, we pray that real, genuine, born Christians (as I illustrated by being real ducks), they.... "My sheep hear my voice. A stranger they won't follow." Lord, your voice is the Word. That's always been your provided way for the church, and for the people, is your Word. Thy Word is the truth, and You are the Word. And the Bible tells us the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

83 Why couldn't Israel see their Messiah, when they saw that He was that Word, when He could discern the thoughts that was in their heart? Why didn't they? They understood it through the prophets, that the prophets could. But when the fullness of God was made into his Son, and He lived among us, then they failed to see it because they were blinded. Lord, those who have their eyes open tonight, may we see Jesus in our midst.

May every sick person be healed. May this settle it, Lord, that they'll never no more from this hour on, but what will believe that You are the Messiah. They're coming God's way. Many of them are here tonight, dying. There's many here tonight that probably won't be here a week from today if You ... your help doesn't come.

84 Now, Father, you're only responsible for what You promised. But You did promise that we would see You. You promised that what You did, we'd do also. This is the hour. I've confessed it, I believe it. I heard You say so. Your Word says so. You confirmed it. I know it's true. Now, let it be known, Lord. It has been written; now let it be done for the kingdom of God's sake. Amen.

I don't believe we're going to call a prayer line. I believe I'll just use it from right here. How many of you is sick? Now, will you be.... You're holding your hand witnessing you're sick.

How many of you will witness the same thing, "Brother Branham, I'm really not saved." Will you raise your hand? "Pray for

me.” God bless you, you. That’s good. That’s.... God bless you. “I’m not saved.”

Now, you that raised your hands, and you that didn’t, “But, Brother Branham, truly I want to be saved. It’s my heart. I believe that there’s nothing left for anyone in the world.” What more ... what could you achieve would be greater than your salvation? “Pray for me. I want to be saved.” Would you raise hand, all over the building where, I want....

How many of you haven’t received the Holy Spirit, say, “I know I must receive it”? Raise your hands. “I want to.” All right. There’s quite a few that hasn’t.

85 Now, Christ keeps his Word, and you’ve got to keep your faith in Him. He is the Word. Now, Hebrews the 4th chapter said that the Word of God which is Christ.... Christ is the Word. You all know that? Say, “Amen.” He is the Word, the same yesterday, today, and forever. What He was in Moses, He also was in Elijah. What He was in Elijah, He was in John. What He was in John, he completed Himself in. And Jesus ... and today He’s the same as He was then. And it’s still God’s Word prophesied for the day, which makes Him the light that lights up, and vindicates the promised Word. We’re at the end time, friends. Jesus is present. I know you’ve heard that.

86 What if you never did see in your life, and you never had a sense of sight, no human being did. But every once in a while you’d feel a real warm feeling. And I had sight. I could see, and I could tell you it was the sun. You say, “I don’t know how it happens, but I get a feeling like warm.” You can feel.

I’d say, “That’s the sun.”

“What is the sun?”

“It’s a light.”

“What is a light?”

It’d all be a new world to you.

87 But what if I told you Jesus Christ was standing here now. What if I told you He’s in the midst of us. He promised it.

“Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in their midst. There I am.

Now, that’s either the truth. . . . To me, this is all the truth, or it isn’t any the truth. This is either the right, or it isn’t right.

88 Now, as far as saving you, He did that when He died at Calvary. Healing you, He did that when He died at Calvary. You believe that? The Word said He did. Now, the only thing that He could do if He was standing here with this suit on, that He gave me, would only be . . . prove to you He was the Messiah. Not by nail scars in his hands. Any hypocrite can do that, put nail scars, and blood over his face, and marks, and things. That can be done. That’s been. . . . Many persons even crucified like Him. That isn’t it.

89 But his life, what was in Him--the Son can do nothing in Himself but what He sees the Father doing. It’s the life that’s in Him that proves. Not because He was a Jew did the little woman at the well believe Him to be the Messiah. Because He could discern the thoughts in her heart--that made Him Messiah. If that was the way the Messiah introduced Himself in the days gone by--that was his provided way to make Hissself known--that’s his provided way according to the Scripture for this age. Do you believe that?

Now, each one of you here: I’m a stranger. I’ve looked around. I don’t see a person that I know. Everybody in here, that doesn’t know me and knows I know nothing about you, raise up your hands. Solid, everywhere. This person laying here on this cot raised up his hand. He didn’t know me. Nobody knows me. But remember, God does know you. God knows you. Now, if He proves that He’s here. . . .

“What is it, Brother Branham?” It’s a gift.

90 What is a gift? What is a gift, anyhow? Not to take something and use something, say, “I got a gift of healing. I go out and heal this one, heal that one.” If I could, I’d certainly do it. Now it’s. . . . But a gift . . . you misinterpret a gift. A gift is just get yourself out of the way, and let the Holy Spirit use you, see. That’s a gift.

91 That’s what a minister is. He don’t preach what he wants to preach. He just gets hisself out of the way. It’s a gift. An inspiration comes, and he speaks through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Any other gift is the same way. Ministerial gifts, and so forth, has been. There's first... Of God-given gifts is first, apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, and evangelists. That's the offices. That's their gifts.

Now Jesus Christ promised that He would do this in the last days. If He does it, if He promises that and will do it, how many will believe and accept Him tonight? Raise up your hand, say, "I will accept Him." How many in here then (thank you.), how many in here's never been in one of the meetings before? Raise up your hands. My. Nearly half the crowd. How many believes before He does it, you believe anyhow? God bless you.

92 Now, look. If I've told you the truth, God's obligated to answer me. He will. He puts his Words in your mouth, and they materialize. That's right. It's his Words, it has to do it. "I've sent my Word--it won't return void." Now, if I could heal, I would do it.

93 Just like the honorable late brother Upshaw that we talking about --that old man sitting back there in that wheel chair, a gallant old man. I would have healed him if I could. I started to leave the platform, frankly; and I turned around and saw him in a vision, going walking. Called him, told him what it was. And that was it. He got up, and walked from the platform, touched his toes after being a cripple for sixty-six years, see.

94 The same night, a colored lady with her baby, down there on the side--I said, "I see a doctor with glasses on, and he's operated on a little colored girl. And it's paralyzed her from her throat."

An old colored woman--couldn't hardly hold her off the platform. She said, "Lordy mercy, that's my baby." And here she come. A bunch of ushers couldn't even hold her.

95 I said, "Auntie, it won't do no good to come up here. That isn't... That's God." I said, "It won't do no good to come here. Just believe." And she got down on her knees and started praying. I looked across the audience, and I seen a alley-like, going ... and I seen a little colored girl with a doll in her arms, going down through the alley. And I looked at the little colored girl, looked back, and it was the same one. I said, "It's answered." Up she got, away from the cot, see.

It's God, see. It's God, see. He can't... No one can heal. It's your faith in God.

96 Now, the Bible said that He's a high priest right now, that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Do you believe that? A high priest. Now, if He's a high priest, how would He act? If He's the same yesterday, today, and forever, He'd act the same yesterday, today, and forever.

97 Now, you pray, and let the Holy spirit then. . . . You just say to God, "God, this man standing there doesn't know me. But what he says makes sense. You are the same. You are Christ. I'm sick. I need. And if You let me either. . . . If I haven't got the faith to do it, let somebody that I know have faith. And let it. . . . You call, and let me, or that person, touch the hem of your garment in glory. Then, if that man is out of the way, then You use his mouth to speak back. And just do it the same way You did when You were on earth. I'll know that You're the same yesterday, today, and forever." Let us bow our heads, now.

98 Lord Jesus, turning from evangelism to prophetic work, but yet I believe You, Lord, You promised it. And I pray that You'll grant it tonight. Grant it. Hear me. When this audience leaves here tonight and we go home, may we say like those who come from Emmaus, "Did not our hearts burn within us, as He talked to us along the way?" Jesus was raised from the dead. They didn't know it. They were talking to Him; they didn't know it.

99 But when He got them in the house and closed the door, then He did something the way He did it before his crucifixion, that opened their eyes. They seen it was Him. Again, Lord, may our hearts burn as we go home tonight, as theirs did, for we know that You've spoke to us along the way.

Do the things tonight that You did when You were on earth, for You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now, be in prayer. Just believe.

Let's consecrate this side first. No matter where you're at in the building, believe God. I wish that everyone would be real reverent and sit quiet, pray.

100 This is totally impossible. I was talking this morning at the ministerial breakfast--paradox. A paradox is incredible, something incredible but yet true. You know that if the Holy Spirit would stand here, and speak something in that audience to people that I don't know, it would have to be a paradox. It's something cannot be explained. I don't know that He will. I'm just hoping that he will, trusting that He will.

Now, just pray and say, "Lord Jesus, I want to touch your garment, and I have a need. I promise You, Lord, I'll serve You all my life." God wants you to repent. If you're not repented, repent. Say, "I want to repent, Lord. I want You to heal me. I want You to bless me. Heal me, now, Lord. I'm your servant."

Did you give out prayer cards today? I was just going to ask Billy whether--he doesn't do it, I'd call a prayer line. But they never give out prayer cards today. Just sit reverent. Believe.

101 Now in the name of Jesus Christ, I take every spirit here under my control for the glory of God that his Word might be made known, that at the day of the judgment we'll have no excuse. Now, look this way and believe now. Pray with all your heart. Just pray humbly. Don't fight it; just relax yourself and say, "Lord, You made the promise. I believe You." That's what I have to do.

102 I know there's no need of me asking you: how many ever seen that light? Let's see your.... You seen the picture of it (Let's see your hands.) ... has ever seen the picture of it? Don't you see it, right there? See, it's another dimension. It's right over that lady. She's suffering with trouble with her legs and back. She.... Do you believe that God can heal you, sister? What did you touch? You don't know me, but you touched something.

103 If the Lord Jesus will tell me who you are, will that make you believe better? You're Mrs. Phillips. If that's right, stand on your feet. All right. Am I a total stranger to you? Raise up your hand, if that's right. I never seen her in my life. What did she touch? Go talk to the woman afterwards. Pains are all gone now; you're all right. You can go home, and be well.

104 Here's a lady right back behind her there. She's suffering from a nervous breakdown. O God, if she don't.... Her name is Mrs. Starr. Believe. Jesus Christ will make you well. Stand up on your feet, and accept your healing. If I'm a stranger to you, wave your

hand. Your breakdown is over. Jesus Christ makes you well. What did He promise? He promised it. You believe?

105 There's a lady right behind her, sitting there. She's praying, she's nervous. Got complications. She wants to quit smoking. Her name is Mrs. Borden. Rise up, Mrs. Borden. Your cigarettes are over. Jesus Christ makes you well. I never seen the woman in my life. Do you believe? Now you know I can't do that. That's Jesus Christ. What is it? The Word is quicker, more powerful than a two-edged sword--a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. It's the Word, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Can't you believe that?

106 Here. Here sits a man sitting over here with a hernia, heart trouble. That's right. I don't know the man. I've never seen him. But he's a minister, Reverend Mr. Kinsey. That's right. You believe, sir? Stand up on your feet, receive your healing. Jesus Christ makes you well. By the way, would you do me a favor, being a minister? Lay your hands upon your wife. She's suffering with a kidney trouble, with liver trouble, with overweight, with complications. Lay your hands on her. It's going to leave her, if you believe--faith.

107 There's a man sitting right behind you. He's shadowed to death. He's got cancer. The man suffers with tumor, cancer, nervousness. His name is Mr. Young. Believe now. Jesus Christ makes you well. Do you believe it, you accept it? All right, sir.

Here lays a man laying here on this cot. Sir, I don't know you. If I could heal you, I would do it. I'm a stranger to you. You've come all of this way. You've made an effort to come here. You can't hide what's wrong from you. But I can't heal you. You've come here with your wife. That's her sitting there with that peach-colored coat on. That's right. All right. The man is shadowed to death. He can't live but a little while now. He's got cancer.

You're suffering also, sister. You believe God can tell me what your suffering with? It's your back trouble. That's right. If that's right, raise up. All right. You receive your healing, believe it. Put your hand on your husband.

108 Do you believe me to be his prophet, sir? If you lay there, you're sure to die. You can't live. That's all. The doctors has give you up. Cancer's eat you up. I've seen greater cases than you healed.

I cannot heal you. But if you'll just accept it, and believe it. . . . Do you believe it? It's your only chance. Your last times are passing. Do you believe it? If you do, stand up out of that cot. Raise up out of there. In the name of Jesus Christ, stand on your feet, be made whole. And walk out of here glorifying God. Somebody give him a hand there, help him. There he is, on his feet!

How many in here believes? Raise up your hand, stand up on your feet, the rest of you wants to be healed. Stand up, in the name of Jesus Christ. Raise up your hands, praise God, give Him praise and glory. Now, thank the Lord for your healing. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Brother, the doctors has failed. This is God's provided way. Believe it! How many wants to accept God's provided way? Raise up your hands and give God praise, every one of you, and believe that you're healed in the name of Jesus Christ.