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today, and forever. Now give Him praise. Raise up your hands and praise Him, and God be with you till we meet.

O God, can people be so numb of spirit until they can't recognize your presence? Then we know, Lord, they are lost eternally. But Father, this people here that believe that You are here and they are ready to receive You, they have their hands laid on each other. I have gotten weak, and I pray, heavenly Father, that You'll send confirmation of faith into their heart to receive Christ, the great healer, into their heart while He is present. Grant it.

187 And Satan, you who bound them with these infirmities and diseases, I resent you. You are a defeated being. You are exposed here. People who has listened to you knows tonight that you are exposed. And you're no more to hold them. You're just lying, and we take the preeminence by saying that we stand in the name of Jesus Christ, who rose up from the grave. And by his blood and life He conquered and stripped you of every authority you had.

JAS5:15

You have no authority. You're a bluff, and we call you to leave this people. In the name of Jesus Christ, come out of them that they be made whole. The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up.

188 If you are a genuine believer, and believe that you are in the presence of Christ, and want to accept your healing, I don't care how crippled you are, what your trouble is, stand on your feet in faith believing that Jesus Christ will make you whole. Stand up! No matter what's wrong, stand up anyhow, if you believe it. Amen! There's the whole audience on their feet.

Here He is, the great Holy Spirit moving among you. I love Him, I love Him because He first loved me. Let's raise our hands, and give Him praise now. I love Him, I love Him because He first loved me.

Do you love Him? Raise up your hands, and praise Him, and tell Him that you love Him.

HEB13:8

Heavenly Father, we thank You for your goodness, for your kindness, for your mercy, for the faith of this people. God, comb this great big city. Get out among here, we pray the people will, Lord, and will bring in the sick, blind, halt, lame, and afflicted. And may the power that raised Jesus out of the grave come forward, and prove to this island before it's too late that Jesus Christ is alive, and He is the same yesterday,

We Would See Jesus

GAL3:29 HEB11:10

1 Thank you, Brother Roy. You may be seated. I certainly deem this a grand privilege to be here in this lovely city tonight, with you Christians who are pilgrims and strangers to this earth. And we are professing that we are looking for a city whose builder and maker is God, claiming to be the royal seed of Abraham. Those that are in Christ are Abraham's seed, and are heirs with Him according to the promise. Bringing greetings to you from other Christians around the world. I'm sure that they'd like to be here, all of us together, tonight, for the worship service. But we are looking for the time when we will be together, for the worship service when we crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords.

2 We are. . . . I was just understanding that we got here just at this time when several of the organizations are having, I believe, a convention. I'm sorry that we arrived at that time 'cause I know how you feel. I know how the brethren feel to be . . . something like this to happen just at the time that they're having their convention. And Brother Eddie Byskal, my brother and friend, it's the only time we could be here, just passing through. And that's the reason they made it real quick—just three services—then we're traveling on.

And we hope that God will grant a great blessing for our gathering together; and trust that they'll have one of the greatest camp meetings, or conventions, or whatever they're having, that they've had in years, trusting that God will be with them and help them.

3 Now, it's good to visit around, and see all the children of the Lord. I've never been on the island before. We just left up here at Port Alberni and there, where we met with our Indian friends, and many of the white people. And we had a glorious three nights' meeting with them. I was supposed to have been here last spring, and I could not come at that time because of a blowup of a rifle that I was shooting targets.

4 And I picked up a rifle that'd not been bored out right, and it exploded right in my face, and almost made me blind for a few days, and

deaf, and was very bad. It should have . . . according to the way it should have been . . . looked like it should have blowed my whole body off from my waist. It was about 6800 pounds of pressure come right back, with the whole rifle and all, in my face, and scope. And it never even scarred me. So I'm thankful for that. But I just couldn't hardly see, and kind of hard hearing for a few days—like ringing of bells.

And I was supposed to leave about a day before, and we just set the meeting up to this time. It's the only time I could be, because we was to be right over here in Washington, and that's the reason we come.

And if there's anyone here from the leaders of this convention that's going on, you tell them that I didn't do this purposely because they had the convention. I just did it because I dropped by. And some people that couldn't attend the convention, or the camp meeting, whatever it is, why, might be able to come by, and we'd have a little time of fellowship with them. They had their program, of course, already set up, or maybe I could've went down to the camp, or whatever it was and spoke with them. But they. . . . I'd had to let them know beforehand, because they have their program set up, and I certainly wouldn't want to come in when somebody else . . . and take someone else's place. And they. . . .

5 We are here to pray for the sick people, and to pray with the lost (If there is any comes in to be prayed for, we'd be glad to do that.), and to just fellowship around the Word. I like that—have fellowship around God's Word.

Now if you know any sick that's not attending the camp, or convention, well, you get on the phone in the morning and call them up. Let's get them all out here, and pray for them, and maybe the Lord might heal them. I believe He will.

6 Now I do think that Christianity is convincing, and it's . . . if it is preached in its simplicity and God will reveal Christianity in a living presence. Now, if it comes to just ritual, creed, it isn't very convincing, because it's too misunderstood; it's . . . there's something wrong with it. That's when man has contaminated it with adding dogma, and so forth, to it. Then it isn't convincing at all. But just to see the plain Bible just read, and see it moved and lived among the people, I think it is very astounding, myself. I really love it. And maybe. . . .

I'm a Southerner. And everybody since I been here tells me I talk funny. I hope I don't talk funny to you, because I tried to get out of it as

never return again. In Jesus' name, amen. You can go now, honey. You'll get well, and believe God with all your heart.

Come up, sister. How do you do? We're strangers, but God knows us both. Is that right? Now, women about your age usually have a nervous condition anyhow. You've had it for quite a little bit, and it's left you with a bad stomach, can't eat. See you backing away from the table, leaving things. But you don't have to do that no more now. He makes you well. Go eat. Believe with all your heart in the name of the Lord Jesus.

184 Do you believe with all your heart, out there? If you can believe, all things are possible. The man sitting here by the side of a lady looking right at me, a prostate trouble, nervous, getting up at nights: you thought He had missed, but He didn't. You was praying for that. Raise up your hand, if that's so. God bless you. It's all over now. Go home. Rest good tonight. Jesus Christ makes you well.

MARK16:17,18 JOHN12:21

185 "Sirs, we would see Jesus." Do you believe Him? How many believers are in the building? Raise up your hands. Jesus said this also: "These signs shall follow believers." Is that right? "If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." Is that what He said? Well, if He's here now, and you see that He's here, won't He keep his word to you? Then lay your hands over on one another. Just put your hands over on one another. That's right. Lay your hands on one another, you that want to believe.

Now, if you are a believer, you pray for the person you got your hands on. Yes, sir, with that T. B., don't worry about it no more. It's gone. Have faith. Go back to your reservation praising God. It's all over. I challenge you to believe it.

Jesus Christ is living tonight. He's here in our midst right now. You pray for the person you got your hands on, 'cause they're praying for you. Let us bow our heads now.

HEB13:8

186 Our heavenly Father, we are so blessed tonight to see the great Holy Spirit come to us here on this island tonight, and manifest Himself as the resurrected Lord, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Believers are sitting here. They have their hands laid on each other. They're praying one for the other while your presence is here.

It's just a weak heart. There's something strange about you, though. I see rolling waters, see you are a missionary, and you are trying to gain strength to go back to a place. It's to . . . it's Brazil. Believe with all your heart, and you can go back and preach the gospel, and be missionary.

181 You believe with all your heart? Just don't doubt, but believe with all your heart that our Lord God and heavenly Father is here. What if I didn't even say nothing to you, just laid hands on you. Would you believe you'd get well? Would you do it? You did right there. Well, you got healed when you sat in your seat . . . when you got up. That real strange feeling come over you. I seen you took your place in the prayer line. It's over. Go. God bless you.

Come. When she raised up, that light struck her. That's the reason I said immediately here was the angel of the Lord.

182 How do you do? You believe God heals heart trouble, makes people well? He healed your heart, too. So just go on by, saying, "Thank You, Lord," and believe with all your heart, and God will make you well.

How do you do? You believe me to be his prophet, his servant? You do? God heals arthritis, too, don't He? He makes you well, too. Do you believe it? All right. Go and your arthritis will leave you. Have faith in God.

Took off your glasses before you got here. All right. But that's not the main thing. You want to go eat your supper, and that old stomach trouble will leave you, and you get well? Go eat. Jesus Christ make you well. Believe now with all your heart.

This woman is a nervous woman, very nervous. And it's got to a place to her stomach is bothering her from it. It's a nervous stomach—peptic condition in the stomach. Do you believe that you can go eat now? You accept it, and believe it? All right. Go believe then, in the name. . . . Now, look. It's really not your stomach; it's your nerves. So you just got to take a hold of faith, and go on out there and be well. Jesus Christ will make you well if you believe it. All right.

183 Bring the little girl. How do you do? You are a sweet little girl. Do you believe that when Jesus was here He took little girls like you and laid his hands upon them? And they had that old sinus as bad as you got it. You believe they'd get well? You believe He sent me to lay my hands on you? All right. You got it. Heavenly Father, I condemn that devil that's bothering this child. May it leave her, this asthmatic condition, and

much as I could to try to speak like you Canadians. But I just haven't got it in me. I just can't do it. But I hope that the Holy Spirit will reveal to you what I'm trying to get to you, my words.

1COR12:13 EPH4:5

7 And now, we believe that Christianity is convincing, and then we come not representing any certain denomination, but representing all of them. And the way of. . . . We believe that Christ is the head of the church, which He has purchased with his own blood; and by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body. We believe that we join our different organizations, but we are baptized in one body, Christ, by the Holy Spirit. One Lord, one faith, and one baptism.

8 I've always made a little remark (oh, not always, but several times), saying, "You know, I belonged to the Branham family for fifty-three years, and they never did ask me to join the family. I was borned a Branham. And that's the way I think that we are Christians. We are born Christian.

9 Now, we have our organizations. And many times the, oh, the Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Anglican, and so forth, try to say that we are a Pentecostal organization. That's an error. We cannot organize Pentecost. Pentecost is an experience for all believers, see. It's an experience.

10 I have many Anglican friends who have the Holy Ghost; I have many Methodist; I just helped lead four hundred Lutherans to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, see. And so, there's a whole Bethany College received the Holy Ghost at one time. So, see, it's not an organization; it's an experience for anybody that wishes it.

11 In Africa, amongst the heathens and Hottentots, I've seen thirty thousand blanket natives receive it at one time. So, in India, where we had, at Bombay, the largest gathering I ever spoke to in my life at one gathering, oh, around half a million, I guess. . . . But I seen thousands times thousands of them—innumerable, that I couldn't even see how many there was—accept Christ as saviour at one time. And they were Mohammedans, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Jains, and what more, see. But they all received Pentecost, see, because that it's for "whosoever will" may be a partaker of it.

JOHN6:44

12 And Jesus said, "No man can come to me except my Father draws him first. And all that the Father has given me will come to me." And he

that comes, of course, has eternal life with the assurance of being raised up again at the last day. So, what an assurance and a rest it is to be a Christian; to know that in this day, that when the world is so nervous. . . .

13 Now, I don't know how the Canadian people are feeling now, but the Americans are putting on one of the biggest bluffs that I ever seen, just like most of the rest of the world. They're acting like they're not afraid, but they're scared to death. They're hiding the government in all kinds of places, and digging down in the ground. It reminds me of a little boy passing a graveyard at nighttime, whistling, says he's awful brave. He's just whistling in the dark.

14 Their actions speak louder than words, because the time has come where we will not need military forces any more. Just one fanatic to pull the trigger, the whole world will be blown up. I do not believe it will happen. God cannot defeat his own purpose. The earth was put here, and there will be a millennial reign upon the earth for a thousand years after the church is done taken home. So, the earth isn't going to be blown up. So just rest assured that it isn't going to happen—just a bluff.

15 And when these sights begin to come to pass, then lift up our heads. Redemption's drawing nigh. Don't look down, and be weary. We are just coming to the place for the coming of our Lord Jesus. Instead of being weary, we should be the most happiest people in the whole world. And we are. We are, because we're not afraid of bombs. Bombs doesn't bother us.

16 And as I said the other night, you cannot dig far enough to get away from it. Why, we wasn't made moles; we were made to live on top of the earth, see, live in peace and love, trusting God. And they are trying to build bomb shelters, and construct them with steel. Why, if you'd dig a million feet under the earth, why, you'd still be lost as soon as the bomb hit. If it hit anywhere within hundred, or two hundred miles from you, why, that concussion would break every bone in your body down there. It would blow a hole 150 yards deep, and for 150 miles square. And that's the one they let us know about. We don't know what they got they haven't let us know about.

17 But you know, there's one good thing. You know, science can work out all kinds of things, but God's way ahead of that. We have a bomb shelter. It's not made out of steel; it's made out of feathers. Under his wings we're resting. As soon as it explodes . . . before it explodes, we'll be gone on into a land where there is no sickness, sorrow; where old

177 Now, if God will reveal to me what's in your heart, or something about you, you will know whether it's the truth, or not. Will you accept Him and believe it with all your heart, and believe that He is the resurrected Messiah, and it's his Spirit doing this? You will believe it? May God grant your request. I see a little one. It's a baby. You're praying for a baby—your baby. It's in the hospital. And you believe God can tell me what's the matter with the baby? It's got heart trouble, and you're praying that God will spare it. Don't doubt it. God gives you your request. Go now, let your baby get well. Now don't doubt. Believe with all your heart.

Are you believing? Have faith. Don't doubt. We are strangers to each other. The Lord God knows both of us, though. He did something in the audience, and I didn't catch it just then—somebody praying. Just have faith. Don't doubt. Believe with all your heart, because He is God. He cannot fail.

178 Look here just a minute. Being . . . if I could help you and wouldn't do it, then I wouldn't be fit to stand behind the pulpit here with the Bible. That prostate trouble leaves you. Believe with all your heart. God makes you well. What did you touch? The border of his garment. You believe. Isn't He wonderful?

Arthritis. Man, sitting, looking at me with glasses on, if you'll believe with all your heart God will make you well. You believe it? Accept it? God bless you. You have a prayer card? You don't need one. Your faith makes you whole.

JOHN12:21

What did he touch? See, he was sitting there praying, and he touched the high priest; the high priest turns back to his church and speaks. "Sir, we would see Jesus."

179 Don't you see that He is alive? We're not serving a dead God; He's a live God. That's Him. That's his presence, what He promised right here—the church getting its last sign, just before the fire falls now. Just have faith. Don't doubt.

180 Now, here is a little lady. I do not know her. I've never seen her. We are perfect strangers. But if the Lord God will reveal to me something about the woman, will it make all of you believe, and you'll know He's here? You'll believe it with all your heart? Not knowing you, but yet, God knowing you; and in his presence, as we stand, you're a Christian. And you're suffering with a weakness, a heart trouble like.

175 Every meeting I get somebody that won't mind. Why do you doubt? Somebody said, "He guessed that." I didn't guess it. When Simon Peter came to our Lord, He told him who he was. Do you believe God can tell me who you are? Would it make you realize that I've told you the truth then, that your nervousness is finished? You do? Mr. Ripping, go believe with all your heart, and be made well. You believe Him? Believe Christ? Now ask him. If you know the man, ask him.

Be real reverent. Please, don't walk around. See, you're spirit, and when you move it's under contact, and it just keeps pulling me. Just sit there and believe. Have faith. Just spend another few minutes.

JOHN4:29

How do you do, lady? We are strangers to one another. We're . . . I guess you're just a little older than I—probably borned years apart, and miles apart. Here we meet for the first time, like our Lord met a woman one time at the well. St. John 4, Sychar. And He talked to her long enough to find out what her trouble was, and told her what her trouble was, and she believed it. And she went and said, "Come see a man who's told me what my trouble is. Isn't that the Messiah?" Would you believe the same thing, you and I meeting together? Would every woman in here believe the same thing?

176 Here is my hand on the Bible. I've never seen the woman; knowed nothing about her. But here she stands. Seems like a nice person. Yes, the lady is suffering one thing. I see her trying to get out of the bed. It's arthritis. She has arthritis. And then another thing, you're hard of hearing. You don't hear too good. That's right. Another thing, you got trouble with your face. I see you've had an operation. Your husband out there is sick, too. That's right. Do you believe now He's going to make you well? All right. Go believe it, and you can have what you ask for, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Do you believe? Have faith. Don't doubt. Believe with all that's in you now.

MARK9:23

"If thou canst believe. . . ." How do you do. I'm a stranger to you; you're a stranger to me. Christ knows us both. Presuming, looking at you, you're an Indian. You're an Indian. All right. Now, here we meet like. . . . Here is exactly St. John 4. Here is a white man, and an Indian woman, meeting here together—like Jesus, being a Jew, and her a Samaritan. He let her know right quick that God was God of all races, and that's right.

age will be renewed back to youth; and there be that way forever. Isn't that a consolation for especially us old people? The youth . . . but just remember, it's just a turn of the sun.

18 I was speaking at a Kiwanis here not long ago, and there was one fine doctor. . . . Several doctors were present, and they was asking me about mission life, and so forth. And one fine doctor, nice man seemingly, but he just couldn't believe that . . . of the virgin birth, and he just said he couldn't believe there was God.

19 And I said, "I never want you to put a operating knife on me. I'd be afraid to trust you, doctor, if you didn't believe in God." And so. . . . Another specialist was standing by my side which was a staunch believer.

And he said, "Well, I think anything that isn't scientifically proven is not real, Mr. Branham." He said, "I believe in science."

20 I said, "So do I. I believe you can climb up the tree of science until you get to the end of it. Then you step over on the tree of faith, and just keep on climbing," I said, "because it's . . . I believe in climbing up the tree."

He said, "Well, anything that cannot be scientifically proven isn't a reality."

"Oh," I said, "Doctor, that's an awful statement for you to make."

And he said, "Why is that?"

I said, "I'll take the vice versa. Anything that can be scientifically proven is not a reality."

"Oh," he said, "you talk, Brother Branham, like you were disturbed."

PSA14:1 PSA53:1

21 "Well," I said, "when you say there isn't any God, you talk like you're delinquent. So, "the fool has said in his heart there is no God." So we got to talking real plain to each other, and I said, "Now, look, Doctor. Are you a married man?"

He said, "I am."

I said, "Do you love your wife?"

He said, "If I didn't I wouldn't have married her."

“Do you have children?”

“Yes.”

I said, “Then what is the difference of the love that you have for your wife than you would for any other woman?”

“Oh,” he said, “because she’s my wife, and my children . . . mother of my children.”

I said, “That’s right.” See, I caught him right in his own trick then. I said, “What was that you said? You loved her?”

He said, “Yes.”

I said, “How do you know you love her?”

He said, “Well, of course, I know I love her.”

22 I said, “All right then, what is love? Scientifically show me. Let’s go down to the drug store, and you inject me a pound of it inside of my veins. I need it.”

GAL5:22,23

23 Then, according to him, there is no such a thing as love because you can’t scientifically prove what’s in you that’s love. The whole Christian armor is faith, unseen, see. What is the Christian armor? Love, joy, peace, faith, longsuffering, meekness, gentleness, patience, Holy Spirit, God, angels. It’s all supernatural. And everything natural come from the earth, and will return back to the earth. It’s just the supernatural things that live, that’s eternal.

24 I had a little thing to him. I said, “Doctor, I’m going to ask you a question. Do you believe man was made out of the dust of the earth?”

He said, “Oh, I could . . . I believe that man is dust of the earth. Yes, sir.” Said, “See, you eat the food, and the food turns into blood, and the blood builds tissue. Therefore, it come. . . . You eat, like you eat meats, and so forth, and it builds calcium, potash, and whatever, iron you need for your body, and it builds it up.”

I said, “Therefore, maybe under another way you believe that man came from the dust of the earth; but God in the beginning never created the original man that we are products of.”

And he said, “Maybe that’s the way you’d state it.”

Now, if you were here for financial trouble, now it’d be very little help I could be for you. If you’re here for domestic trouble, I wouldn’t know how to make a time to talk it with you and your wife, if you have one. If it’s here for sickness there’s nothing I could do about it, only lay my hands upon you.

But what. . . . If you say you was here for sickness, and I come up. . . . And then you had a cancer. And I come up, I said, “Mister, what’s the matter with you?”

You’d say, “I got a cancer, sir.”

MARK16:17,18

“Glory to God! Jesus said, ‘These signs shall follow them that believe. Lay hands on the sick.’ Hallelujah! ‘They shall recover.’ Bless the Lord, go on.” Well, that could be true, see. That could be the truth, see. We have nothing to say against that.

172 But now, what . . . you would have wondered about that, brother. But now, what if Christ comes, and tells you what you have been, or something that you have done, or tells you what’s your trouble, or something like He did in the Bible I talked about tonight? Then you’d know that had to come from supernatural power. Is that right? Would the audience believe that? Have to come supernatural, because here is the Bible over my heart, as far as I have ever seen the man, God in heaven knows I’ve never seen him as far as I know, ‘less I passed him on the street, or he sat in a meeting somewhere, or something like that. But to know him, I do not. That’s right.

173 Here we stand. Now the Holy Spirit reveal to me your trouble, or something about it, then we’ll know that we have seen the same Christ. . . . Now, you know it will have to be supernatural power. All of you know that. Some of you can say, “Well, it’s not of God.” All right. That’s what the Pharisees said. You have that kind of reward. If it is God, you have blasphemed the Holy Ghost, and there’s no forgiveness for it, see. Now, if you believe it is God, then you receive God’s reward. Remember, not me; it’s Him, see. Him, Christ.

174 Yes, sir. You can see there’s that light right around him, right now. He’s aware of that—real sweet, kind, feeling around you. If that’s right, raise up your hand, see. That’s right. Can’t you see that light? Emerald? Here He is. He’s been under this affliction for a long time. It’s a nervous condition. You’ve been in such a fix, that you haven’t been able to work for a long time, just breaking down constantly.

and just quickly answer, do whatever He tells you to do now. The angel of the Lord is near. “Sir, we would see Jesus.”

HEB13:8

169 Now any of you ever see the picture of that angel they got in Washington? that light, that angel of the Lord? They’ve got it here, I suppose. The men has got it here. Now, if that is the same Spirit here as it was then, it will manifest the Word like it did then (Is that right?), ‘cause that was Jesus in the wilderness. It was Jesus when it was made flesh; when He resurrected He was Jesus; when it returned back in the form of the Holy Ghost it was still Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

170 Now there is no one in the building that I know. I don’t know these boys sitting here. They’re Indian boys from up here at the reservation, but. . . . They was in the meeting. I know they are from up there, but I don’t know their names. And outside of that, there is. . . . I know there’s some people in here. . . . I got a couple. . . . I believe that’s Brother Borders’ father, sitting right there. I think that’s right—right on the corner. And that’s another brother. . . . I forget his name, and his wife and baby, sitting right back there. But they are from over here somewhere. I met him couple days ago. And outside of that, I don’t see anyone in here that I. . . . Brother Eddie, and this man and woman, yes, sitting right here. They played music. Everybody in this prayer line that knows I don’t know nothing about you, raise up your hand (that’s in the prayer line here). Put your hands up, if you. . . . if I don’t know nothing about you, raise up your hands. All out there in the audience that knows I know nothing about you, raise up your hands. There you are.

Now, here stands a man, for our first-time meeting. I don’t know. He might’ve been in a meeting somewhere, or something like that. But I mean, to know him, I don’t know him. God knows him; I don’t know him. But here we meet for the first time. Now, I don’t know what you are here. . . . Can you hear me, all out over the audience? See. All right. Now listen real close.

HEB13:8

171 Now, I don’t know that Christ will do it. But if He does it, then that shows that we would see Jesus. He’s the same yesterday, today, and forever. Christianity, I said a while ago, was convincing when it’s taught in the simplicity of the Word, and then lived out the way it is supposed to be lived, as Christ—not the Christian, but Christ in the Christian believer.

25 So I said, “I’d like to ask you a question.” And I said, “Now, we’re going to say something here. Is it so that I am made of sixteen elements? You admitted that, yes, of the earth. Now. Then, when I was fifteen years old I was a strong, sturdy little boy. And now, every time I eat you say I. . . . the food makes blood cells.”

He said, “That is correct.”

I said, “Then every time I eat I renew my life.” That’s correct. Blood is the life, the life’s in the blood, sure, see. “Every time I eat I renew my life.”

He said, “That’s correctly.”

26 I said, “Then as long as I eat, why should I ever die? As long as you stuff food in there, why would I ever die? See, because it’s blood cells that I live by, and food makes blood cells. And then, if I renew my life. . . .”

27 I said, “Here’s another thing I’d like to ask you. When I was sixteen, I eat the same food I eat right now. But now, I eat more and better. And when I was sixteen—fifteen, sixteen—every time I eat I got bigger and stronger. Then all at once when I hit according to about twenty-one years old, from that to about twenty-three, I was on a standstill.

28 “Now I’m fifty. I eat the same food I eat then. And why is it I’m getting weaker, and burning down all the time instead of growing up, when I’m eating the same food, putting the same kind of life in me?” There’s one for you.

29 Here. If I’ve got a jug in my hand, or a pitcher, pouring water into a glass, pouring water out of this big, full jug—a glass. . . . or pitcher into a glass—and it gets half full, and then I pour faster, the more I pour the farther down it goes. Scientifically prove to me what happened in the glass of water. No answer to that, see.

30 Well, that’s the same thing. I put food in my body at sixteen. At one year old on, till sixteen on. . . . When I was borned, I started eating food of the earth, and I started getting stronger and stronger—larger, being a bigger man all the time. And all at once it stops. I pour the same food in. It keeps going down like this, when I was pouring the food in going up like that, see. There’s no answer for it. God has made an appointment, and there’s where it stays.

31 Therefore, of scientists, of education, of everything there is in the world, I base my faith upon the Word of God, and that alone.

32 I come from a Catholic background, being an Irishman. My people before me (not father and mother, but the next generation) come from Dublin, Ireland, and we're Catholic. When I was . . . knowed of God when I was a little boy. I wanted to find out about who God was, and my people didn't go to church. So I asked the priest about God, and he said, "God is in his church. There's where God dwells. You have to belong to his church."

I said, "How must I belong?" Of course, you Catholic people understand what I was told.

33 Then I come to find out that . . . I played in a German neighborhood where I was raised—people named Halman, Roderick, Fisher, Roder, so forth. I was the only . . . one more boy and I were the only Irish boys in the whole school. Well, these boys were all Lutheran. Well, they said their church was the church.

Then I come to find out there was another church called Baptist, Presbyterian, Anglican. Oh, my! Well, which one of them churches is He in? That's what I wondered. Where is He at? If this one's right, this one's got to be wrong, 'cause they are contrary one to another. Now, which one of them churches is God in?

REV22:18,19

34 I sat down and started reading the Bible, watching nature. Come to find out that the Bible said that "Whosoever shall take anything out of this Bible, or add anything to it, the same will be taken from his part of the book of life." So I seen that God will judge the world one day by Jesus Christ and his Word.

Now, therefore, I believe the Bible. I believe God can do things that's not wrote in his Word. But as long as He does just what He's got in the Word, then I'm satisfied with that.

LEV8:8

35 Some of you brethren, remember in the Old Testament they had a way of finding out whether a prophet was telling the truth, or a dreamer was dreaming right, his dream was from God. They taken him to the temple where the breastplate of Aaron was hanging, and it was called Urim Thummim. Many of you people know about it, reading in the Bible. And when this prophet begin to prophesy, and those supernatural lights

another subject tonight then. You knowed . . . see. My, I didn't know I was among them kind. All right. Then, you people out there believe with all your heart.

How many out there does not have a prayer card, and yet you believe God will heal you? Raise up your hand, say, "I believe." All right.

MATT9:21 MARK5:28

165 Let me tell you something, what the Bible says now. The Bible said that one time a little woman, say, she didn't have a prayer card, but she believed that He was the Son of God. And she said, "If I can just touch the border of his garment, I'll be made whole." How many remembers the story?

MATT9:22 MARK5:29,30,34 LUKE8:44,45,48

166 And when He touched . . . when she touched Him, He turned around, and He said, "Who touched me?" And all. . . See, He didn't know. Jesus wouldn't lie. He said, "Who touched me?" and no one knew. So after awhile, He looked around over the audience. Her faith . . . 'cause she felt within her that her blood issue had stopped. . . Her faith had healed her. She couldn't hold it. Her faith had done it. So her faith in Christ. . . He caught her, and told her that her faith had saved her. Is that right?

HEB4:15

167 Now listen close. If He is the same as He was yesterday. . . How many believes that the Bible says that He is now a high priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities? Well, how would He act if you touched Him? The same as He did then. Is that right?

So you pray now, you without the prayer cards, or whatever more, you pray, and believe, and say, "Lord God, let me touch You, and speak through Brother Branham. You are the Holy Spirit. You're here. I got faith in You. Brother Branham's got faith in You. He was sent here to tell us, and said it was . . . about what Christianity was. Now let . . . You speak through him like You did, and I'll believe it. Amen."

JOHN12:21

168 Now, all right. Now, be real reverent. Don't move around, please. Now in the name of Jesus Christ, I take every spirit in here under my control, for God's sake and the sake of Jesus Christ. Now, if you follow the meetings anywhere, you know what happens. Something could happen terribly. You know; you've seen it happen, see. So sit real still,

161 Let's call from number 1 then. Who has prayer card number 1? Would you just raise up your hand? This man here, come over here, sir. Number 2, prayer card number 2. Would you raise up your hand, wherever you are? Prayer card number 2V, like in Victoria, V, number 2, 2 in V. V number 2. All right. V number 3. If you can't get up, we'll call you. The lady here, all right. Come over here, lady. V number 4. Who has that? Number 4. Would you raise up your hand? It would help us a whole lot. . . . Oh, I'm sorry. Over here. Number 5. Just as we. . . . That's right, that's right. Number 6? Prayer card number 6? 6. Does everybody speak English? Where's brother Eddie? Everybody speak English? See, 6?

I was out today at a lunch counter, and one company over here speaking one language; and one over here, another; and the waiter speaking another language. So I know there's a mix up in the language here. What? 6? 7. That's right.

162 Sometimes they're deaf and can't hear. Then I get a letter at the office, saying "Nobody told me. I was deaf." 7, 8, 8? All right. 9, 9. Prayer card number 9. Look at your neighbor, see if he's got a card. Look like this. It may be that he's deaf now, or maybe he's crippled, and just can't get up, you see, or something like that. Then we'll have to pack him. Number 9.

I've spoke lengthy, and there's been several has went out. Maybe it was. Now they will miss their number. Number 10, the lady there. Number 11? 11? Oh, my! They. . . . Oh, the little girl. Well, bless her. Number 12. Over here. Number 13. 13? Could I . . . you look around again, now, see if nobody's deaf, or can't raise up. Number 13. Let's stop at that.

163 Now, please, when you get your cards. . . . Don't take a card unless you are going to stay, and . . . 'cause it. . . . Now, tomorrow night, we'll call from somewhere else, you see, maybe come from fifty, come back, twenty, go the other way, or something like that, you see. You'll miss it all together, and they're not exchangeable. You must keep them.

164 Now the boy comes down here of an afternoon, takes the cards up here before you all, and mixes them all up together. Just give you a card, anybody that wants one, till he gives out so many of them. But how many knows that people get healed more out in the audience than there is up on the platform? How many was ever in one of our meetings before? Raise your hand. Oh, there's a number of you. Well, my! Why didn't I take

didn't register back off of that, like a rainbow across that. . . , making the Urim Thummim from that breastplate, no matter how real it sound, they didn't believe it. No, sir. It had to be answered back by God.

MATT24:35 MARK13:31 LUKE21:33

36 Now the Old Testament was done away with and fulfilled. . . . Not done away, but fulfilled. And when it did, we took a New Testament. Now the old Urim Thummim was back in the Levitical priesthood under Aaron's breast. But this time we have two more tables of law—the New and Old Testament. And that's God's Urim Thummim to me. If God doesn't speak back through his Word when we see something, then I just leave it alone. But as long as it's the Word, then I know that heavens and earth will pass away but his Word will never fail.

37 Therefore, I believe the Bible to be the absolute truth of God, and it isn't to be added to or taken away from, but just lived—preached in its simplicity, lived the way it's wrote—and God. . . . If He ever was God, He's still God. And if this is his Word, and He made a promise that He cannot back up, then He isn't God.

38 And I found this far, friends. . . . I'm thirty-one years behind the platform, pulpit. I have never seen anything that He promised but what He would do it. That's right. I've asked Him for things I didn't get; but I've never asked Him sincerely for anything but what He gave it to me, or told me why He couldn't give it to me. There's many things I don't know. I'm finite; He's infinite. So, the great infinite God. . . . And I, a finite man, there's many things that I desire that wouldn't be good for me to have; so I just trust Him as my Father to give me what's right.

And we are here tonight to pray with you, and talk to you about the Word, these next three meetings—tomorrow night and Sunday afternoon—and I trust that you'll give me your undivided attention, and I'll stay nowhere but right in the pages of the Book. And I don't preach doctrine out in the meetings. I'm out here to keep the message simple, to pray for all of God's children.

39 And the religious questions that you might have in your mind, I'd advise you to ask your pastor, and not me, because every man is leading his flock. And if he, the pastor has led you safely this far, trust him the rest of the way. If he's brought you up to be filled with God's Spirit, and living the life I trust that you're living, why, trust him the rest of the way. He'll be able to answer your questions.

Now, believing the Word, we have just a little formal message that we introduce each campaign with, and that is the subject of, Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.” If . . . now we know that that is the Bible, Hebrew 13:8.

40 And now, I have another piece of Scripture that I want to read, and then (that’s found in St. John 12:20), and just talk a few minutes on the Scripture, and pray for the sick; try to let you out early ‘cause I know city people has city jobs, and they must punch the clock. And we’re not here in one of the big campaigns, but I hope some day that we can return so we can have a week or two that we’ll. . . . But it’s just a little introductory meeting.

41 You will, of course, not be able to grasp, I’m sure, the full meaning of the meeting that we are talking about, and how the Holy Spirit. . . . But I ask you, as my friend and as a Christian believer here tonight, that you’ll search what we say by the Scripture. And if it’s not Scriptural, then you owe it to me to tell me about it, show me where it’s wrong. And if it is Scriptural, then you’re duty bound to obey the Scripture.

42 Now, before we read, let us speak to the author as we bow our heads. With our heads bowed, I wonder here in my own heart, tonight, if there is requests that you have on your heart, that you want God to fulfill during this meeting. Would you just raise up your hands, with your heads bowed? And in your heart say, “Lord Jesus, I want you to answer my request during this meeting. I have someone sick, I am sick myself, I have a lost friend, brother, sister, child, husband. Remember them, Father God, during this meeting. May something happen that they will be saved, and healed.” God bless you.

43 Our heavenly Father, we approach thy throne of grace at this time, and this hour, believing that You will answer each request. We thank Thee for this loyal—and as we put it, royal—Canadian gathering, and, Lord, we want to be loyal to our God. So we have assembled out in this hot afternoon to worship Him in the spirit of his truth. And we pray, heavenly Father, that You will bless our being.

Bless those brethren that’s got the campaign going on. We pray that you’ll be in those meetings, Lord, and give to them the exceeding abundantly above all that they could do or think. Now we ask tonight for these requests.

LUKE24:32,34

157 And they run, and told the other disciples, “Truly the Lord is risen.” And they said, “Did not our hearts burn within us, as he spoke to us along the road?” Grant it again tonight, Father. In Jesus’ name we ask it. Amen.

I had begin to notice the people leaving, and not noticing. . . . Your nighttime comes too quick up here, see. Down home at this time of night, oh, it’s been dark for hours at home. But here it looks like you just get laid down (the sun’s just going down), you have to get up again. So, I am sorry to have kept you so long.

We’ll just call a short prayer line, tonight, and pray for the sick. I know this will be new. I’m going to ask you for something to do. And let me say, if everyone will just remain seated, just for the next fifteen minutes, we’ll be grateful to you, see.

HEB13:8

158 Now these Indians sitting here on the front has been in the meetings before—yesterday. But I suppose many of you white people here, and so forth, you’ve never been in one of the meetings. But remember, He remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. And now, if He will only come into our midst here, and show that He is the same. . . .

159 Now a dress wouldn’t make any difference. It’s the life, the action, that makes Him the same. He’s acting in his church. No matter how it acts through me, He’s got to act through you, too, because the two of us make up the unity of Him. You’ve got to believe. When He was on earth, there was many mighty miracles He couldn’t do because of the people’s unbelief. You’ve got to believe Him. And then between the two, between you and I, and the others believing, then we see Christ manifested among us.

160 Now, quickly. Usually, we do it a little different, but tonight I believe that Billy Paul told me (Where is he at?) that he give out prayer. . . . Or did he give out prayer cards? He isn’t here. Did he give out prayer cards? Did he? All right. Look on the back, and see what kind of a letter it is. Is it A, B, C, or what is it? What is it? V. V. All right. And I suppose that . . . somebody calling . . . has it got 5, or 6, or 8, or 10, or 15, or 20, or 30, or something like that on it—anybody got one of those numbers? Just say “Yes.” All right. Then, it’s from 1 up to there then.

151 Then when Abraham's seed through Isaac, the natural seed, Jew, came to the end of their life, here was that same God manifested in flesh, showing his Messiahic sign—the same thing. Now here comes the Gentiles, the royal seed of Abraham through Christ, at the end of their age with two thousand years of teachings.

JOHN12:21 HEB13:8

152 Now the Pentecostals come on, with speaking in tongues, interpretations, and so forth. They've had all kinds of miracles. But remember, here we are. We're at the end of the age, receiving the same sign that they did back there at the end of the age, just before the fire falls. "Sirs, we would see Jesus." He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

153 What would you look for? That life that was in Christ would be in his church, see. God . . . that man was God, represented Himself in human flesh, in human form. Today God represents Himself in the human flesh of his church—God, the Holy Ghost, in his church, moving through his church, speaking with tongues, interpreting tongues, healing the sick; and then the last sign—the Word so manifested till it's a discernor of the thoughts and the intents of the heart. How many see that, and believe that to be the truth? Let us pray.

HEB13:8

154 Heavenly Father, our hearts are full of joy tonight to know that Jesus still lives. Two thousand years of criticism can never change Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Educational programs has tried to change Him. Great denominations has come up, and tried to change it. But He is the unchangeable God. He changes not.

155 One day, after his death, burial, and resurrection, there were two friends walking down the road with troubled hearts, on a Easter morning. They said—talking about his death and his burial—"How could He ever stand to die?" and being who they thought He was.

MATT7:7 LUKE11:9

156 And a man stepped out of the bushes, and begin to talk to them. They didn't know who it was. But when the evening time come, about this time of the evening, they asked Him to come into an inn, and stay all night with them. "Ask and you shall receive." They closed the doors, and there at the table He did something just the way He did it before his crucifixion, and they recognized that no man could do that like Him. So they knew it was Jesus, and He vanished out of their sight.

44 These people got something on their heart. Most all the congregation tonight had their hands up. There's something beneath that hand, Lord, in the heart. Won't You grant it to them? Now, I offer my prayer. As they pray silently, I pray to You that . . . My prayer is that You will answer their requests. I lay my prayer with theirs upon your golden altar with that sacrifice, the Lord Jesus. Hear us, God.

JOHN14:13

He told us, "You ask the Father anything in my name, I'll do it." Now we pray that You will grant this request, and give us a great, lovely time together, as we fellowship around the Word. For we ask it in Jesus' name, thy Son. Amen.

JOHN12:20,21

Now in the book of St. John 12 and the . . . We are going to begin at the 20th verse, and read the 20th and 21st verse.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

HEB13:8

Now, for a subject I would like to take that "We Would See Jesus." A text, Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and for ever." Now let's look right straight into the face of the Word of God.

HEB13:8

45 Now, the Bible said here that there were Greeks that came up to worship that had heard about Jesus, and came to one of his disciples to see if they could see Him. And they were granted that privilege. Now, the . . . how many here would like to see Jesus, just truly from your heart? All of us. See my hand? Well, then, the question is this: now, if Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and our desire is the same desire of those Greeks, why can't we see Him?

You can't make the Bible say something wrong, because it doesn't. Now, if God is God, He's got to stand by this Word. He must keep that Word in order to be God.

ACTS10:34

Now these Greeks desired to see Him. He's no respect of persons, the Bible says, and they desired to see Him, and they was granted the privilege of seeing Him. Now the Scripture doesn't say they talked to

Him; they just saw Him. And that's what we want to do. We want to see Him.

HEB4:15 HEB7:25

46 Now, we know that He was . . . He suffered under Pontius Pilate. He was crucified, died, buried, rose the third day, and ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of the majesty of God on high, ever-living to make intercessions upon our confession. We know that. And He is right now a high priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. We know the Bible teaches that, the New Testament.

HEB13:8

Now if our desire tonight, as a congregation of people that's assembled together. . . . There was only two then, and they got to see Him. And now there's perhaps 150, and we want to see Him. So, if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, let's see Him, and see what He was.

What type of person do you think those Greeks were looking for? Were they looking for a rabbi with his robes on, and a turban hat? Well, any man could've wore robes, with a turban hat. Any man today could do the same thing. So, if we seen a man, and wanted to see Jesus which was Messiah, the anointed Christ, then we could see any man that wore a turban and a cloak like they would've thought he'd have wore, like a priest. That would've been Jesus. It'd be very confusing, then, to see as many men that dresses like that. So they did not want to see his dress.

So maybe they wanted to see his stature, maybe how high He was, how large a shoulders that He would have, or the certain fashion He wore his hair, or something. Then any man could impersonate that. But they wanted to see the anointed One. So, if they wanted to see the anointed one they would be looking for a anointed Christ.

47 Now the Bible said. . . . I'm reading in St. John. We're going back to the 1st chapter of St. John, and see just what He was. We're almost to the middle, 12th chapter, now of St. John. Let's go back to the first of St. John, to see what He was. And if we can find out what He was, then we know what He is. Is that right? Then we'll know what we're looking for.

Now, if He should come to this lovely city on this beautiful island here, of Victoria here, and we would be looking for Him (and we are tonight), and here is his promise that He is the same, then we've got to find out what we're looking for. If we would. . . .

perish!" he cries. And listen, we've had great men down through the ages. We've had Moody, Wesley, Sankey, Finney, Knox, Calvin—all the way down. But never did we have a messenger to that church nominal that ended his name the same way Abraham was, to show that he was the seed of Abraham: G-r-a-h-a-m to the church nominal. We've had all kinds of names, but never that name. This is it.

146 And now, there's a messenger sent to the church elected, Abraham. Watch what he did. He sat up there, and He said, "Abraham. . . ." Now, remember a day before, his name was Abram, and his wife's name was S-a-r-a-i, Sarai. Changed it to Sarah, S-a-r-a-h; and his name was Abram to Abraham.

147 Watch this messenger now. Looked like a man, clothes on, dust on his clothes, sitting eating veal chops and drinking milk, and eating butter and bread. Right. It was God sitting there. He said, "Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?" S-a-r-a-h. How did He know his name had been changed from Abram to Abraham? How did He know he had a wife? And how did He know her name was Sarah?

GEN18:9

And Abraham said, "She's in the tent behind you." Notice the Bible specifically said behind Him.

GEN18:10

148 Watch here. Here proves. . . . "I [personal pronoun], I am going to visit you according to the time of life, like I promised you." See who it was? It was the God that had been talking to him all along down the journey, the twenty-five years he had been believing Him. "I'm going to visit you according. . . ." And Sarah, now, she was ninety years old, and Abraham was a hundred. They didn't have any married life as husband and wife. You know what I'm saying, you adults. See, that had ceased with them years ago, because they was well-stricken in age.

GEN18:12

149 And she laughed in herself—what we call in the States, laughed up her sleeve, you know. "Me an old woman, and my husband sitting out there old too, and we will have pleasure again, as a young married couple?"

GEN18:13

150 And the angel with his back turned to the tent said, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying that these things cannot be?" See what a sign that church got? They'd had all other kind of signs, but that was the last one.

139 Remember how strict his words was? Even the angel said, “Don’t even look back.” And Lot’s wife turned to look back, because her children and grandchildren were burning up in the judgments of God. She turned, and she stands there yet today. You got to obey.

Said, “Oh, it don’t make no difference.” It does make a difference. ‘Cause a woman just disbelieved a little bit of the Word, caused every sickness, heartache, death, and everything else—Eve.

LUKE17:32

140 And Jesus said, “Remember Lot’s wife.” She had a lot more to look back for than what we have. Her children and grandchildren were burning up in the fires of God’s judgment, and she. . . . That mother just turned to look back. Only she was commanded not to do it by that angel, and she turned back anyhow. And she stands today a pillar of salt, a disgrace, all through the years. Notice.

141 Now these angels came, and two of them went down and preached to Lot and to his family. They didn’t do much of a miracle. They did a few miracles, just like blinding eyes when they come to get them, and preaching the gospel blinds the eyes of the unbeliever. But they were preaching, “Come out of here! Get out of Sodom!”

LUKE17:28,30

142 But listen, The one that was talking to Abraham didn’t say “Come out of Sodom,” ‘cause he and his group wasn’t in Sodom. That’s the church elected. Now, remember Jesus said, “As it was in that day so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.” Now listen close.

LUKE17:28,30

143 How many in here is borned again? Let’s see your hand. Spirit? All right. You should be able to take meat now. Listen close. “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of man.” Now these two messengers, outstanding messengers, went in there. Lot give his message, but it sounded nothing to them. They didn’t pay any attention to him, ‘cause the life he lived proved it—lukewarm church. Even his own children didn’t even believe in him.

144 But when these messengers went in, they seen that they were godly men. And if Sodom hasn’t received their godly men today in a Oral Roberts and a Billy Graham, I never knowed one—godly men, shaking them out.

145 Look at Billy Graham, that great evangelist, out in Sodom there, blasting away—doing no miracles. But, “Get out of here! Repent or

48 If it’s dress, we’d probably go down and see, perhaps, maybe an Orthodox priest might’ve dressed the way He did, or some Jew. He didn’t dress any different from the common street man, but He just wore a regular garment. He didn’t dress in any religious clothes, because he walked in around men. And they never noticed who He was, because He was dressed just like the common man.

49 I believe if He was here today He would be a clean looking man, wear a suit, a tie, just like any other man. He wouldn’t be all garbed up in religious clothes. I don’t believe He would do that. I don’t think the feather makes the bird. It’s the nature of the bird, because the most beautiful birds we have are scavengers. So the feather doesn’t make the bird.

So, it was something in Him that these Greeks wanted to see, and that’s what we want to see tonight. We want to see not. . . .

50 Now, if we’d say, “Let’s go down in town and look around. They tell me Jesus is in the city. Let’s go look for Him.” If we would look . . . go down on the street and find a man that had scars in his hands, and nail prints; and around his forehead here he had thorn marks, and the blood had went down his face, and we found him with nail scars in his feet, any hypocrite could have that. Sure. Anybody. We’ve got to look for what He was, the person of Jesus. So now, let’s see what the person of Him was.

JOHN1:1,14

51 Now John said in the 1st chapter, “In the beginning was the Word.” Now, a word is a thought expressed. It’s a thought first. You think it; then you speak it. And He was the Word. “In the beginning was the Word . . . and the Word was God . . . and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.” Is that right? In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word . . . ‘cause it was his thought before He had expressed it, and it was God. And when He expressed it, it became God because the Word is a part of God, just like you are a part of your word. And when He expressed it, it became God. And that Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld Him, the only begotten of the Father, full of grace.

52 Now, if He was the Word then, expressed and manifested Word, then He’d have to be the same thing tonight, because when God speaks He can never take it back. See, that’s the way you must have confidence in your Bible. It is. . . . Your Bible is this: God wrote on paper in word

form because it is God. Even the Old Testament, the Bible said that the Word of God came to the prophets. Prophets, the Word of God came to them.

53 Now when Jesus was here on earth, He said to them that did not believe Him. . . . He was an ordinary man, and He called Himself God. They said, “When you make yourself equal with God we know you are mad [and the word “mad” there, of course, we understand means “crazy.”] and you’re crazy. You are a Samaritan. You’ve got a devil,” and so forth.

JOHN1:14 JOHN5:39

54 But Jesus said, “Search the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they that testify of me. They are they that bear witness of me.” Testify is to bear witness. When you go to a trial to be a witness, you’re testifying for somebody, see. And Jesus said, “The scriptures are they that bear record of me.” Then He was God’s Word expressed in human flesh. You see it? God’s promise made flesh to express itself, that’s what Christ was—the Word of God expressed in human form. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

JOHN10:37,38

55 Again, He said to them, “If I do not the works of my Father, then believe me not. But though you don’t believe me, believe the works.” See, that’s God expressing Himself through the flesh. He was God made flesh, the Word, living Word.

2COR3:2

56 That’s the reason Christians. . . . I think it’s so real tonight, and so . . . that we should live the right kind of a life, because, you see, there’s many people won’t take time to read the Bible; but they’ll read you. See, you are a written epistle of God, a real, true, borned-again Christian is the Word expressed again, because you’re written epistles of God, read of all men.

JOHN1:1,14 HEB4:12

57 What type of person should we to be if we know that our lives is an open, living Bible to the unbeliever, to express God in our own life? Notice. Now we see He was the Word, and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Now we find out that in Hebrews (you’re writing it down), Hebrews 4:12, the Bible said that the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, piercing even to the asunder and marrow of the bone, and a discernor of the thoughts that’s in the heart. The Word of God discerns the thought that’s in your heart. Therefore, God tonight, being

133 Now, remember, He can’t change. And at the end of the Jewish dispensation and those. . . . If he proved that to be Himself and let the Gentiles go through just on theology without seeing the same thing, then He isn’t God. He did something there at the end of their race and their time that He didn’t do here. Now, did He promise it? Yes. Quickly now, and I’ll close.

LUKE17:28,30

134 Jesus said in St. Luke, “As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man.” You know that. Let’s watch Sodom—Abraham, type of the church. Remember there’s always three classes of people. That’s believers, make-believers, and unbelievers. It’s in every crowd. Here they come.

135 Abraham had come a long time, and seen great wonders before God, great signs. Now, he represents the church elected. God gave Abraham the covenant without any strings tied to it, saved him in his grace, or by his grace, unconditionally—Abraham and his seed, see.

GEN3:9 JOHN6:44

136 You don’t seek God; God seeks you. You said, “I sought, and sought.” No, no. It was God seeking you. Just you wouldn’t turn loose, that’s all, see. That’s all. God seeks man; not man seeking God. The very nature of man showed in the garden of Eden. When he sinned, instead of coming out and confessing it, he run. It wasn’t Adam running through the garden hollering, “God, God, where are you?”, it was God saying, “Adam, Adam, where art thou?” see. Same thing today. It’s God seeking man. “No man can come unless my Father draws him first,” see.

137 Now here they were. Now, Abraham had seen great things before God. Now, Abraham had a relative, a nephew, which was Lot. And Lot had took his choice, down living like the world in Sodom. You know the story? There was the Sodomites—unbelievers. There was lukewarm believers, Lot and his family. Here was Abraham and his family, positionally sitting here. The time had come for the fire to fall. What happened? Listen close now, in closing.

138 One day there were three angels came up before the camp of Abraham. One of them was God, Himself. Abraham called Him, “Elohim,” which is God, my Lord, capital L-O-R-D, self-existing One. Came up. Two of them went down into Sodom, and preached the gospel, and tried to draw them out. All that believes that say “Amen.” We believe that. Lot came out.

woman witnessed it's the truth. "He told me I had five husbands, and you men know that I have." That's it. And He was Messiah.

HEB13:8

128 Now, if that was the way they knowed Him yesterday, and He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. . . . You say, "What about yesterday?" Paul was writing the Hebrews, in the Bible time. Yesterday it was God that was in the prophets. Do you believe that? Look at David going up over the mountain, a rejected king, weeping. About five hundred years after that, the Son of David sat on the same mountain, weeping, a rejected king.

129 Look at Joseph, sold for thirty pieces of silver, almost thirty pieces of silver. Look at him. When he was borned, he was a prophet. He could prophesy, foretell things to come, interpret dreams, spiritual—loved of his father. Hated . . . of his father and hated by his brothers—exactly what Jesus was, see. And was throwed into a pit and supposed to be dead; taken up and sat at the right hand of Pharaoh. No man. . . .

1TIM2:5

130 In his prison. . . . Like Jesus, nailed to a cross, in his prison, there was one lost, one saved. And Joseph, there was one lost, one saved. And he ascended up by the side of Pharaoh, and no man could come to Pharaoh only by Joseph. Jesus ascended up into heaven. No man comes to the Father, only by Jesus.

GEN41:43 PHIP2:10,11

131 And when Joseph left the throne to go out, the trumpet sounded, and every knee bowed. "Bow the knee. Joseph is coming." And when Jesus leaves the throne every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess. That was the spirit of Messiah in those men. That's the reason the Word of God came to the prophets. And here the full Word of God was manifested in order to redeem man.

Now, if that's what He was yesterday, that's what He was today. Then Paul said He will be the same forever. So, we see.

132 Now, there come forth the Jew and the Samaritan. But we Gentiles, we wasn't looking for no Messiah. We were Romans, and Anglo-Saxons, worshipping idols, and so forth. We wasn't looking for no Messiah, so He never showed Himself. Not one time did He do that before a Messiah . . . before a Gentile. Find it in the Bible. Not one time. Why?

the Word, knows exactly what you are even thinking about this very minute. So should not our thoughts be pure, clean, holy, always thinking the best?

MATT12:34 LUKE6:44

58 Jesus said to the Pharisees, said, "How can you speak good things, for out of the. . . ." Said, "You hypocrites!" Said, "Out of the abundance of the heart speaketh the mouth." See, they were thinking something in their heart, and speaking something different with their mouth. So that made them hypocrites. Said, "How can you speak good things when out of the abundance of the heart. . . ." He knowed what was in their heart, see. "How can you say good things when out of your heart you should speak?"

59 Therefore, we should never speak anything but what we believe and understand; and let it be pure, undefiled, and holy. And let our conversation be clean and pure—our thoughts thinking the best things, thinking God's thoughts, staying upon God's program, and away from the things of the world.

60 It's too bad that the things of the world has so captured the church in these days. And Satan had a rude way of doing it—to bring in the televisions right into the homes, and things; and corrupting the minds of the people, until today that a great percent of the church that call themselves Christians will stay home from prayer meeting on a Wednesday night, to get to see some favorite program of somebody from Hollywood, or somewhere, that oughtn't to even be put out on the screen—maybe living with three or four husbands, or wives, and carrying on; and living all kinds of lives, go out on drunk parties, and smoking and lying, and everything that can be done that's wrong.

61 And our churches are fashioning theirself. . . . Even our dress in this day becomes after Hollywood. What a pity it's got to be, that our minds think . . . can't stay pure and holy with Christ. It's done something to the church. It's crippled it, and it's done a horrible thing. All of our papers, and everything, just seems to be corrupted. But listen, friends, it's in that hour of corruption, and that time of corruption, that God draws Himself a bride that comes out of that corruption. That's what He's looking for, to get a church that's called by his name—somebody that looks for a life that has no end.

62 What if they give you, tonight, time that you could live ten thousand years, and be all . . . the king over the whole earth. Say,

“Would you swap that for your experience, Mr. Branham?” No, sir! If I live ten million years, and never get a day older than twenty years old and owned the whole earth and all the things in it; and guaranteed to never be sick in ten million years, I’d still lay it back in their lap. I’ve got something greater than that. I got eternal life.

63 When ten million years is gone . . . to my eternal life, why, it’ll never even be like. . . . It never had no beginning, so it can’t end. I become a son; and you become a son and daughter of God. And God never did begin, so He never ends. So the Word of God must be expressed in our own being.

DEUT18:15

64 Now. Now we find out that when Jesus came to the earth. . . . Now, in order to express the Word of God, He had to be a prophet, because always the Word of the Lord came to the prophets. Now we know that. Now, Deuteronomy, the 18th chapter, and . . . it said that. . . . Moses said (the great leader that God had chose, and sent down with a light above him—a pillar of fire—and had led the children into the promised land according to what He told Abraham many years before, and led them over there), he said at his time of going, “Now, the Lord your God shall raise up from among your brethren a prophet like unto me.”

And he went ahead and told that the people who would not believe this prophet would be cut off from the congregation. And they denied Him, and disbelieved Him, and they were cut off from the congregation. That’s exactly right. Notice. So, He must be a prophet.

JOHN5:19

65 If you read in St. John 5:19, Jesus said Himself, after passing by the pool of Bethesda. . . . And there He found this man laying there, and they questioned Him about healing the rest of them, or whatever they did. He said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in himself but what he sees the Father doing: that doeth the Son likewise.”

Now, do you believe that that is an inspired scripture of God? Then Jesus never performed one miracle, or did anything, until first by a vision He saw the Father do it. Can’t make Him lie, and let Him remain God, see.

66 You must believe the Word, just the way it’s written. There’s no contradiction in it. I’ve asked through the years for one person to show me a contradiction. It’s not there. Though the whole book of sixty-six, wrote hundreds and hundreds of years apart by different prophets, and so

JOHN4:17,18

He said, “You’ve told the truth. For you have had five husbands, and the one you are now living with is not your husband.”

Look at that little woman. She knowed more about God than half the preachers of this day, in her condition. She stopped. She was amazed.

Look at them . . . look at those priests back there, said, “This man is Beelzebub, a fortune-teller.”

JOHN4:19,25

But that little prostitute woman stopped, and said, “Sir, I perceive that thou art that prophet. We know when Messiah cometh, he will tell us these things. But who are you?”

JOHN4:26

He said, “I am he that speaks to you.” Jesus yesterday.

JOHN4:29

124 Look what she done. She left the water pot. She run into the city, and she said to those men, “Come see a man that told me the things I’ve done. Isn’t this the very Messiah?” In other words, isn’t this the sign that the Messiah is to show?

125 Look at the difference, when that light, that Spirit, swept across that little predestinated seed laying there, ordained to eternal life. Them religious teachers, it never bothered them a bit. They thought so much of their way of doing things, that this couldn’t. . . . Had to be their way, or no way at all.

JOHN4:25

126 But when it struck that little prostitute, she had been ordained to life. She said, “We know, we’re taught, we believe [amen!], we know that when the Messiah cometh, He will tell us these things. Who art thou?”

JOHN4:26

He said, “I am he.”

JOHN4:29

127 That was enough! That was it. Here she saw the sign done. She knowed it was Messiah. She run into the city, and told the men, “Come see this man. Isn’t this the very sign that the Messiah is supposed to do?” See? And the Bible said the people of that city believed on him because of the testimony of the woman. He never had to do one more thing. The

gone into the city of Sychar, what happened? Jesus was sitting over against the hill, and out come a little woman from the city. That's found in St. John, the 4th chapter. Out come a woman from the city, called the woman of Samaria. Now, listen real close. This woman come out.

JOHN4:18

121 Now, she was a woman of bad reputation. Now, if we was going to say today, we would say, "the lady of the red light," or something. Here's what was the matter with her. She had too many husbands. She'd had five husbands, and she was living with one then. So it wasn't hers.

JOHN4:7

So, she come out to get the water about eleven o'clock, and she looked over there and saw a Jew that said, "Woman, bring me a drink."

JOHN4:9

122 "Why," she said, "we have in so much . . . we got segregation here. Why, you shouldn't ask me that. I'm a Samaritan, and you are a Jew. We have no dealings with one another."

123 What's He doing now? Now you have to take my word. He's contacting her spirit. The Father told Him to go up there, but now here's the only person that He seen. So she come, so that must be the one. So He's contacting her spirit. He said. . . .

She said, "Why, our fathers drank. . . ."

JOHN4:10

He said . . . first He said, "If you would ask me, I would give you waters you don't come here to draw."

JOHN4:11

She said, "Oh, the well is deep, and you have nothing to draw with."

He begin to talk to her. See, he was catching her spirit.

JOHN4:20

And she said, "Why, you worship at Jerusalem; we worship in this mountain," and so forth.

JOHN4:16,23

He said, "The hour is coming when the true worshippers will worship the Father in truth and spirit." He caught what her trouble was. He said, "Go get your husband, and come here."

JOHN4:17

She said, "I have no husband."

forth; but every word comes right together, and dovetails just like that. That's right. It don't contradict itself. It does not.

67 So we see that the Word is true. That's the way you can have faith—not in a church, in an organization, but in the Word. That's the thing that isn't going to pass. And if God's ever called on the scene to make a decision, and the decision He makes first He has to ever remain with that same decision.

Now look. You and I can make a decision, and maybe after awhile we find out we were wrong, so we make another decision. It's a better one. Later we find out we was wrong there. We make another decision, because we are finite, human beings of the earth, creatures of time.

68 But God is infinite, so He cannot make better decisions because every decision is perfect. If it . . . and if He . . . if it isn't. . . . If He was called on the scene to save a man, and upon the basis He saved that man, He has to forever stay with that same basis that He saved the first man by. If He doesn't, then He done wrong when He acted the first time. And then you'd have to say God made a mistake.

Now you'd say, "I'm mistaken. I oughtn't to have done that. I'll do your way, do it this other way." Now, wouldn't that be a God? God is infinite. What was the basis God saved man on the first time? Under shed blood, and He has never changed it, and He never will change it. Yes, sir! It's the blood that saves.

69 In the garden of Eden, there was an innocent beast killed, shed blood, to save Adam and Eve from the torments beyond, hell—an innocent blood. And today, though we've tried to educate people to it, we've tried to denominate people to it, we've tried to do everything, and we find out that we separate men. But under one thing—the shed blood—we all can be brothers and sisters in Christ. It's still the shed blood of an innocent one that saves.

70 Divine healing was based upon—the first time God was ever called on the scene to heal a man, the first thing, we understand, was . . . consumption. And when He did he based it upon the basis of, "If you will believe. . . ." and he's never changed it since. It's a faith in God's promise. Therefore, it must ever remain the same.

71 You notice, in Abraham's sacrifice, He separated. . . . When He made the confirmation, in the 16th chapter of Genesis, when He took

those . . . the she-goat and the heifer and cut them apart, because the dispensations came from a lamb natural, to the Lamb of God. . . . But did you notice, the pigeon and turtle dove He never separated? And always represented divine healing, because when a leper or something was cleaned, they killed one bird, and poured the blood upon the other one, his wings. Went out crying, “Holy, holy to the Lord,” sprinkling the earth for an atonement. And the birds was not separated because it was included in the atonement.

And if the old atonement had divine healing in it, how much greater is this atonement, the new one? See. So there’s not a question about it to God.

72 Now here He was. He come to fulfill the Word of God. In order to fulfill the Word of God, He had to be the expression of God’s Word. Now watch what we get. We go back. We could take plenty of time, but we won’t. We’ll save time, if we possibly can.

73 Notice. We find his ministry starting here in St. John, and we find out. . . . We know his birth, and how that He came from the wilderness, and was baptized of John, and then went into the wilderness; and was tempted of the devil forty days, then came out of the wilderness. And immediately great signs and wonders begin to set in. Now, John bare record, saw the sign of the Messiah.

74 Now John did not go to school to learn this, though his father was a priest. His father died when he was about nine years old. Instead of going down to the regular line of his father to be a priest, and so forth, and all the schools. . . . His job was too important. He must be the forerunner of the Messiah. He was to be the one to introduce Him.

ISA40:3 MAL3:1

75 He was prophesied by Isaiah, the prophet, 712 years before he was born. “There will be a voice of one in the wilderness, crying. . . .” And also four hundred years before his birth, Malachi, the last prophet, said, “Behold, I send my messenger before my face to declare the way.”

JOHN1:33

76 So he must not take any school’s idea about it. He must go into the wilderness. And when he came back out. . . . He stayed there until he was positive he knowed the sign. And here’s what he said. “He that told me in the wilderness to go baptize with water said, ‘Upon whom thou shall see the Spirit descending and remaining on, he is the one that will baptize with the Holy Ghost and fire.’ “ He had to be positive.

those there who would not believe Him, and you couldn’t say they wasn’t good men. No, sir. They were good men. They had to live good. You couldn’t say they wasn’t honest, and upright, and wouldn’t cheat, or steal. No, sir. But them things don’t save you. It’s not by good works are we saved. If good works would’ve done it, Christ wouldn’t have had to die.

JOHN3:5,18

116 You see, it’s a birth. You’ve got to be borned again. You just got to be. There’s no way at all out of it. “Except a man be borned again, He will in no wise see the kingdom.” Now look. Sin is not lying, stealing, drinking, committing adultery. That’s not sin. That’s the attributes of unbelief. The only sin there is is unbelief. The only righteousness there is is faith. Faith and unbelief, that is the only two sources it comes from. The Bible says, “He that believeth not is condemned already.”

2PET1:21

117 So then, how religious. . . . Buddha religious, them Mohammedans is as honest as the day is long, see. Sure. They’re religious, kind, nice people; but unbelievers. So that makes them sinner. And any man that don’t believe every word of this Bible, the spirit in you is wrong. The Holy Ghost wrote the Bible. It said so. Hebrews, the 1st chapter, said, “Men of old moved by the Holy Ghost wrote the Bible.” Right. So, the Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. Can He turn around and deny it, or inject something in it that wasn’t right? The real Holy Spirit in every man’s life will punctuate every verse in that Bible with an Amen. The real Holy Spirit, it believes it.

118 Now these Samaritans was looking for a Messiah. The Jews come, He showed Himself as Messiah. And when He did that, they recognized that was the Messiah. Others didn’t want to, because their church held them out of it. Well, you know what happened.

JOHN4:4

119 Then there was some Samaritans. One day, He was up here at Jerusalem and was going down to Jericho, which was right down the mountain, right down along the trail to Jericho. But He had need to go by Samaria. That would be like me going to my home in Indiana by going by the way of California—go way out of your way. I live in this direction. California, I suppose, is this way, see, down the coast. I have to go east.

JOHN4:5,7,8

120 But He went up around Samaria, and He stopped at a city called Sychar, and He sent his disciples away to get food. And while they were

ACTS9:5

He said, "Who are you, Lord?"

ACTS9:5

He said, "I'm Jesus."

JOHN8:42 JOHN13:3 JOHN16:28 HEB13:8

111 It was Him that come in that night, that light, and took the shackles off of Peter, and opened up the gate and took Him out, the angel of the Lord. "I come from God, and I go to God," making him Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is with us tonight, the same God.

Notice, in Abraham, He showed them signs all along to Abraham, but come to the master closing sign at last.

112 Now. Now remember, we're sitting here tonight. I see some of my Indian friends from up here down. They're Indians; here's Germans, Swedes, Irish, all different kinds of people, or what we call nationalities. But there's only . . . we're all come from one man, Adam. And there's only three races in the whole world, and that is Ham, Shem, and Japheth's people; for from them three. . . . After the antediluvian destruction there was no one on earth.

113 And notice Peter with the keys. He opened it to the Jews at Pentecost, to the Samaritans, and then up to Cornelius. And then from that on, it was to everybody. See. That's Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles. Now notice, the Jews and Samaritans . . . the Samaritan was half-Jew and Gentile. So they believed in a God, but they was looking for a Messiah. And if they are looking for a Messiah, then He's duty bound to come to them. Amen. I feel pretty religious right now. Know that He keeps his promise.

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15 HEB4:12

114 Now, He came to the Jew, the elected Jew, and He made his sign known before them all. Some of them said, "Huh! Beelzebub. He's a fortune-teller," calling the works of God an unclean spirit that could discern the thoughts—not knowing that the Word is a discernor of the thoughts, a prophet, who. . . . the Word of the Lord came to the prophet, makes him the Word in a portion. Like we are tonight, portions of the Word. He had the full Word. Fullness of God was in Him. He had it without measure; we have it by measure. But it's the same Spirit.

115 Notice. And here He stood doing exactly the Messiahic sign, and just one now and then of the Jews would believe Him. Now there were

And friends, if Christ was coming, and John had to be positive of what he was doing, let this sink down deep in your heart. We've got to be positive of this. There's all kinds of things going on, but we must be positive. You don't get to come back and try it again. You do it now, or never. This is your time.

77 Now, Jesus immediately. . . . There was a man by the name of Andrew, a great man, fine man, a fisherman. He and his brother, Simon, they fished together. So, they heard of John's ministry. And so, being religious, they had studied the Scriptures very much together, and knowed that there was coming a Messiah.

Their father, Jonas, was a Pharisee, a teacher. And I. . . . As we are told, one day he sat on the side of his little ship, and said to Andrew and to Peter, "My boys, I always thought that I would live to see the Messiah." But as his gray hair blowed in the wind, and his wrinkled skin, he said, "I'll be gathered with my people, so I suppose I won't see Him. But maybe you'll see Him in your day.

78 "Now, sons, when the Messiah comes, just before his coming there will be everything taking place—all kinds of messiahs. But don't be deceived, my sons. Remember, the Bible teaches us . . . Moses, our prophet, teaches us that when Messiah will come, He will be a prophet—not an educator, not a scholar—a prophet, the King-prophet, where all those great gifts was in those prophets will all gather in one Godhead, see. He will be a King-prophet.

"You must remember that Moses told us not to be deceived, but the Lord God would raise up this Messiah, and He would be a prophet."

JOHN1:21

79 So, when John came, they asked him. They said, "Art thou that prophet?"

MATT3:11 MARK1:7 JOHN1:26

80 He said, "I am not. But he comes after me. I'm not worthy to bear the latch on his shoes. He's coming after me. I am not that prophet, but he will come after me. And I say unto you that he is among you now, and you don't know it." And He was. Said, "There's one standing among you right now who you know not. He is the one."

81 He was so sure He was living in that day just be . . . he knowed his job was to announce the Messiah. And when he was announcing the coming of the Messiah, he knowed it had to be in that age, right there. So

he said, “He is among you. He’s on earth today. He’s standing among you.”

My, wouldn’t that give a bait for all the denominations of that day? “Well, here we got Dr. So-and-so, Rabbi So-and-so. Look what a fine looking young fellow he is. Look how he combs his hair, how well he speaks. Why, he graduated . . . he got his Bachelor of Art when he was only fifteen years old. Why, you know that’s the Messiah,” see.

JOHN1:33

82 But John would shake his head. He said, “He that told me in the wilderness to go baptize with water said who I see the Spirit on, descending, this light coming down from heaven, and coming upon him, that’s the one. I am waiting to find him.” One day he walked out there, and there He was. He saw Him. A man of no education, never went to school a day in his life —we don’t have a record of Him ever went to school, never wrote a book. Nothing. We just hardly know. . . . He just come up, went away the same way. But He was Emmanuel.

MATT3:17 MARK1:11 LUKE3:22 JOHN1:29

83 Here Andrew had been following these meetings listening to John, and he stood there that day and heard John say, “Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,” John standing there, amazed, looking at something. Here it was coming down, a voice saying, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am pleased to dwell in.” Nobody else heard it; nobody else saw it. But John bare record that he saw it.

Why? It was promised him. The rest of the world wouldn’t sit here tonight. You’re promised something, and you’re looking for it. That’s the reason He reveals Himself the same way.

JOHN1:41

So they was watching. John bare record. Andrew goes home, and he said to Simon that night, “We have found the Messiah.”

Well, I can imagine Simon saying, “Now wait just a minute, Andrew. We are taught better than that. Now, some wilderness, so-called, prophet out there. . . . Oh, just whatever you say.”

ACTS4:13

84 One day Simon went with him into the presence of the Lord Jesus. Now, Simon was uneducated. We know the Bible said he was both ignorant and unlearned. He could not even sign his own name. That is the kind of person that God picked. And if education is such a great part, why did he pick a person like that to give him the keys to the kingdom?

105 Now, the same thing applies back today. All that God was He poured into Christ. All that Christ was He poured into the church. It’s the same God all the time, God above us. He couldn’t come near us because we were sinful. The blood of lambs could not take away sin. But then, God was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We believe that. God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself. Any Christian believes that.

JOHN14:10

106 Today when they try to make Him just a philosopher, or teacher, it just boils me. He was divine. He was more than a teacher, or a philosopher. He was Emmanuel. God created Himself a body, his Son, and came down and dwelt in that body—God in Christ. “Not me that doeth the works; it’s my Father. He shows me what to do, and I just act in his presence, in his place.” St. John. . . . Oh, my! It’s just easy, see, to see what He was talking about.

JOHN8:42 JOHN13:3 JOHN16:28

107 Look. When He was here on earth, He said, “I come from God, I go to God.” Is that right? Now any teacher knows that that pillar of fire that followed the children in the wilderness . . . or the children of Israel followed that pillar of fire, that that was Christ. All of you believe that, don’t you? Was the angel of the covenant.

JOHN8:58 HEB11:26,27 HEB13:8

108 Moses forsook Egypt, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than that of the treasures of Egypt. It was Christ. Then, here was that angel was in. . . . Well, He said the same thing. He told them. He said He was, “Before Abraham was, I AM.” I AM was the one that was with Moses in the wilderness in that bush of fire before. . . . St. John 6, “Before Abraham was, I AM,” and that was a moral for all generations. Not “I will be, I was; “I AM” (present tense), the same yesterday, today, and forever.

JOHN8:42 JOHN13:3 JOHN16:28

109 His death, burial, resurrection. . . . And one named Saul was on his road down to Damascus to arrest the people for being in this way. And about noontime he was stricken down by a light—the same light. It can’t change. It has to remain the same. “I come from God [made flesh], I go to God.” Amen.

ACTS9:4

110 How do you know it was the same God? He said, “Lord. . . .” He said, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”

days, standing there with their hands behind them. They knowed they had to answer their congregation. It was already done. You know what they said? They said, “This fellow is Beelzebub,” the devil, fortune-teller.

MATT12:31,32 MARK3:23,29 LUKE12:10

101 And Jesus said, “I forgive you for calling me that. But some day the Holy Ghost is coming to do the same thing, and to speak one word against it will never be forgiven in this world, neither in the world that is to come.” That’s how sin-sick . . . how it is in this last day. We’ve had two thousand years of teaching. There He was. How we could continue on with these characters, but because of time. . . . Maybe we’ll pick it up tomorrow night again.

MATT15:6 MATT23:15

102 Notice. That’s the way. . . . Now, remember, there were those there that were holy men, they were good men, they were teachers. But Jesus said, “You compass seas to proselyte one person. And when you bring him into your fold he’s a two-fold more child of hell than he was to start with,” He said, “because you make the commandments of God of non-effect by of your traditions.”

103 And that’s what the trouble of it today. We have taken the tradition and added it to the church, instead of taking what God said. See? Now you know that Jesus Christ didn’t come the wrong way. He come exactly the way the Bible said He would come. But their traditions had it fixed in some other glamour of Christ, and He came poor and humble—just exactly what the Bible said He would do. And He did exactly the same thing, and showed his Messiahic sign, just exactly the way the Bible said it. But they wasn’t taught to believe it that way.

God, don’t let us happen to skip it this time. Let’s have open hearts, and open minds to listen. Make the Word. . . .

MATT10:19,20 MATT28:20 LUKE12:11,12 JOHN1:1,14 JOHN5:19
JOHN14:12

104 He was the Word, and the Word was God . . . and the Word was made flesh. And the same Word promised, “A little while and the world seeth me no more; yet ye shall see me for I (and I is a personal pronoun), I’ll be with you, even in you, to the end of the consummation.” Right. “And the works that I do, you’ll do the same thing. Take no thought what you’re going to say, because it’s not you that speaks. It’s the Father, the Holy Spirit that dwells in you. He doeth the speaking. I do nothing till the Father shows me.” He saw a vision.

2COR5:19

85 See, we get off the track. Now, I’m not supporting illiteracy; I’m only stating facts. God wants a humble heart. I would rather my children know Jesus Christ as their saviour, and not even know how to sign their name, than to have . . . than to be the best educator there is in all the world. That’s right. Notice. For that’s eternal life, to know Him.

86 Here He was. Simon walked up in his presence. Said, “You just come listen at Him one time. He’s going to start preaching now in a few days, because He come out of the wilderness. And the people has begin to come, and He’s begin to praying for the sick, and they are getting well. And won’t that be the Messiah?”

“Now, look here, Andrew. The Messiah, according to the Word, will be a prophet.”

“Well, I believe John was a prophet.”

“What sign did he show he was a prophet?” He just talked, see. All right.

JOHN1:42

87 But come to this person. Now, here comes Simon walking up into his presence. And as soon as Jesus saw him, He said, “Your name is Simon, and you are the son of Jonas.” That did it! He knowed right then that was the Messiah. Why? Not only did He know him, but He knowed that godly old father—him who had kept him in the Word. See how it all dovetails together? Simon Peter quickly recognized that that was the Messiah, and was given the keys to the kingdom.

88 There was one standing there by the name of Philip. He had also been a Bible reader, and he and a man named Andrew had much fellowship—like you people, going to the house. . . . If you believe . . . how many study with one another, study the Word? And you go to the house, and you search the Scriptures?

89 And they were concerned about the time they were living in, so they searched the Scriptures real close. And when they did, they found out what He was to be. And when Philip saw that, that was enough for him. Around the mountain he went, which is about fifteen miles around the mountain. If you are ever in Palestine you can mark the places. And, he went around one day and come back the next.

JOHN1:45

90 Now, when he found Nathanael he was in the orchard out there, in his grove of fig trees; and was out there praying. And so here come

Philip to find him. He found him on his knees praying, praying to God. After he got finished praying he raised up. And he said, "Nathanael, come see who we have found. We have found the Messiah that was spoke of by Moses, the prophet that Moses said the Lord our God would raise up. We've found Him."

I can imagine Nathanael saying, "Philip, what do you mean? Who is it?"

"It's Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

JOHN1:46

91 Now, that was too much for that fellow. He said, "Could there be any good thing come out of Nazareth, that bunch of holy rollers, or (excuse me) people down there? Could there be anything good come from them? Why, we know if it come from anywhere it would be from our denomination. Could anything good come out of there?"

JOHN1:46

92 Now Philip give him the best answer that anybody could give him. He said, "Come see. Don't stay home, and criticize. Come take the Scriptures, and find out whether it's right or not."

On the road around I can hear their conversation. I can hear Philip say to Nathanael, say, "Nathanael, do you remember that time you bought the fish down there on the river from that old fisherman by the name of Simon, that couldn't sign that receipt for you?"

"Yes, I remember him. All right. Now, oh, I knowed his daddy. I bought fish from Jonas, his daddy. He's got a son named Andrew."

"Yes, they're both believers. And as soon as Simon came up into the presence of this Messiah, he looked him in the face, and called him Simon, and told him his daddy's name.

"Now, we know the Scripture says that the Lord's going to raise up a prophet. And we're Jews, and we're knowed to believe our prophets. And our Bible tells us over here also that if there be one that's spiritual, or a prophet among you, I, the Lord, will speak to this prophet. And . . . what he says comes to pass, then hear him. And if it doesn't come to pass, then don't hear him. And here is a man that what he says is right there on the dot to prove that it is. It wouldn't surprise me if he didn't call you, when you got before him."

JOHN1:47

93 All right. When they come up in his presence Jesus was maybe running a prayer line, or whatever it was. He might've been standing out in the audience. But wherever it was, when Jesus caught his eyes, He said, "Behold an Israelite in whom there is no guile." That deflated him.

JOHN1:48

94 He said, "Rabbi, how did you know me?" Now all of them dressed just alike. They wore beards, turbans, robes. "Rabbi, when did you know me?"

JOHN1:48

95 He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree I saw you." What eyes! "I saw you under the fig tree."

JOHN1:49

96 You know what . . . ? That caught men of the Scripture, that predestinated seed to eternal life. When that light flashed across him, he said, "Rabbi, you're the Son of God. You are the King of Israel." Not his dress did it. Not his size did it, the style of his hair, the way He parted his beard; but the Spirit that was in Him showed that it was God, the Word made flesh, because it could discern the thoughts that's in the heart.

HEB13:8

97 That was Jesus yesterday. And if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, He will be the same. That's the way He would be today. Is that right? If that was Jesus, it would be the same Christ.

MATT12:33 JOHN14:12

98 See, as I said a couple nights ago, if you could take all the life out of a peach tree, and transfer the life of a pear tree into the peach tree, it would bear peaches. Sure. The kind of life that's in it, that's what it bears. "By their fruit you know them." Jesus said in St. John 14:12, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." [Blank spot on tape.] . . . Son of man, angels ascending and descending, so forth.

99 You are in position. You've put yourself into position, by recognizing Him, that. . . . You're subject now to see greater things. Oh, if we could only get ourselves in that position to recognize Him, then we'll see healing take place in our body; then we'll see joy come in, and we'll see great things happen.

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15

100 Now, perhaps maybe his priest was standing over there. Oh, there were those standing there who didn't believe it, the teachers of those