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"... in the days of the voice... " Rev. 10:7

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And the Red Sea got in their way. God looked down through the pillar of fire and frowned upon that Red Sea, because it was holding His people from the blessing. And the sea got scared and rolled back, and Israel went over to the promised land.

ISA53:5 1PET2:24

146 O Lord, as You see these tokens of Your Word, which we most solemnly believe to be the truth. And as I press these to my heart, Lord, let the God of heaven not look through again, as much a pillar of fire, but through the blood of His own Son Jesus that gave the promise of healing. By His stripes we're healed. And when these handkerchiefs are placed upon the sick, may the devil turn them loose, and may they go to that promise that God give them: "By His stripes, we are healed." I send them to the sick and the afflicted in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

147 I solemnly believe with all my heart that Christ will heal every person that wears those handkerchiefs. There's no doubt in my heart. I do not doubt. God said it. So why could I stand here and challenge. In Africa, a half a million people ... or, India rather.... In Africa, thousands times thousands of witch doctors and all kinds of superstitions, "Come forth and prove you're God." Don't you be afraid. Jesus is still Jesus. God's still God. There's not enough devils in torment can challenge His Word. And not nothing can withstand when unadulterated faith rests upon any promise God gives. It's the truth, and it'll stand through every fiery trial. Amen.

148 Do you love Him? Let's sing once while they're still back there shouting and receiving the Holy Ghost. Let's raise our hands as we sing "I Love Him." Will you give us a chord, sister, some...?

I love Him, (Let's stand now.) I love Him

God bless you, doctor. Do you want to dismiss the audience? See you tomorrow.

The Lord bless you, real good. Brother....

Balm In Gilead

1 It's certainly good to be back again tonight out here at this Chatauqua, and to be back with the victory in my heart of the Lord Jesus.

2 Just a little tired; I haven't slept since night before last. I went home, picked up my family. My old Ford backslid. Or, it never backslid; it's just wore out. And so I had to take it in the garage down there, and then get up here, and it's in the garage now. So it's just about gone. So, we are very glad to be here.

3 And now, we got two more great nights, Friday and Saturday. And we're expecting our Lord to do great things in these nights. And we just don't know what lays ahead yet tonight. I like that, because you can be expecting just anything to happen. We don't know just what time that God might just come into us here and just give us another Pentecost. That's what we need. And I would be so happy to be right in it with you, to enjoy the fellowship, freshness of the Holy Spirit. And I tell you, our lands really need it.

4 We just had a case down home. I looked in the paper this morning of a woman that shot a man to death right in the back, and was freed in the courts. Said she went blind when she was shooting. The opposite attorney said, "You sure are a good shot when you're blind."

5 But it just goes to show what money can do to pull a case over. Murder seems to be a very light thing. And crime is on the increase.

6 'Course, you all are seeing in the papers of these rock-and-rollers and what happened, and down here in this park and what happened. And wasn't enough evidence there, because some judges' and mayors' daughters was in that. So, they didn't have enough evidence of a hundred people to press charges.

ACTS17:31 ROM2:16 PHIP3:14

7 Brother, all things are wrong except God. There's only one thing that's left is right, and that's God. Only one justice, and that's God. But there is coming a day that when the righteous Judge will give righteous judgment, and the world will be judged by Him, Jesus Christ. We're so glad to know that, that no matter what takes place here, there's coming a day. So, we're

looking forward to that day, and pressing on towards the mark of the high calling in Christ, expecting anytime for Him to come.

8 You know, I don't see many things left but what would hinder Him from coming to fulfill all the prophecies concerning His return. Brother Sullivan, could you say "Amen" to that? [Brother Sullivan says, "Yes, sir."] I believe that. I am too, brother. That just anytime, He could return.

9 You know, I think that our meetings are most surely too short. When the people are gathered together, would it not be nice now if we had about three or four weeks of this where we could have afternoon instruction services, and preach on the second coming, and lay the Scriptures out, and talk of them. And have a ministerial meeting every morning at ten o'clock where ministers would get together in fellowship? Oh, if God willing, I can just feel it in the wind. I'm going to have me a big tent one of these days, so we can pitch it somewhere and stay for four to six weeks at a staying. And then... We believe then if something... After the people's prayed for...

10 Many times, people doesn't understand how to take a hold of healing. In little short meetings like this, you can't instruct them. You've got sinners there, so you have to preach the Word. You've got to make altar calls. You have to think about the anointing of the Holy Spirit under discernment. And all these things, and just a night or two to do it in.

And then, like a person being healed: if they're not... See, faith don't know any defeat.

11 A young woman come to me some years ago. It's when ladies begin to wear those, what they call scandal skirts in our country. It's kind of split up on the side. And she was a Christian girl of a certain denominational church. And she said, "Brother Branham," said, "do you think it's wrong for we Christians to wear these kind of skirts?"

And I said, "What kind is that?"

And she said, "It's a scandal skirt."

12 I said, "The first place, I don't see what a Christian want to wear anything that's scandal." But I said, "If it... Why are you asking me? There's a question in your mind. And as long as there is a question in your mind, don't do it." That's the best way to stay away from wrong. If there's one question in your mind, stay away from it. But then when it is perfectly clear to you, then go ahead. Then you can do it with faith.

140 She was happy. She run down the street to tell her sister that had the big knot on her neck, that hadn't moved. They'd called them fanatics because they'd believed. And she said when she got there, that woman was screaming, jumping up-and-down. She run in, she said, "You know, I'm healed of my stomach trouble."

Said, "I just got up awhile ago, I've shook every sheet. That knot's gone; I don't know what happened to it."

DAN10:13

141 See, what happened? God don't always come just in an instant. You remember when Daniel... The Angel told him He tried to get to him for twenty-one days.

142 If the Angel of the Lord, who is here, is the Angel of God, it proves Himself to be. And if I've asked the blessing with the sincerity of my heart upon you, and with the same sincerity you've met it, and there's no doubt in your mind at all, you just hold to that and watch what happens. It has to happen. It's got to; it's God's Word. It's God's promise. He has to do it.

Now, how many of you believe you're going to be well, regardless of what, see. You're going to be well. You have to be.

Now, here's a container of handkerchiefs. And now, let us pray for them.

ACTS19:12 ACTS27:22-24

143 Lord, we are told in the sacred Word that they taken from the body of Paul handkerchiefs and aprons, and evil spirits went out. That was the same Paul who could look steadfast upon the man and tell him he perceived he had faith to be healed; the same Paul, who was upon the ship that night and the Angel of the Lord stood by him and told him, "Fear not, Paul. None's going to be lost." And he could run forth in the midst of the waves and sing. The storm just as hard as it ever was storming, maybe harder. "But be of a good cheer," he said, "for the Angel of God, whose servant I am, stood by me last night and promised me deliverance." They seen that Angel working through Paul.

144 Lord, we're not Saint Paul, but You're still Jesus. The same Angels of God, the same Holy Spirit... And I lay my hands upon these handkerchiefs, and ask that in the name of Jesus Christ, may every person that touches these handkerchiefs be made well. Grant it, Lord.

145 And Father God, it was said one time that Your children was coming from bondage, going into the promised land of good health, prosperity.

All right. Now, believe with all your heart.

Come here now. [Brother Branham continues to pray for the people in the prayer line. Blank spot on tape.]

JOHN13:12

134 Saint John, "Know ye what I have done unto you?" Now look. While we are praying, we don't ... like that we don't take time for the discernment, because.... Oh, there was a few in there that was real bad cases, and one sinner. So, it was.... That had to be called out. But otherwise, it was while the anointing of the Holy Spirit was with me, I was laying hands on the sick.

135 Now, with all my heart, I pray for you. That's all I can do; I'm just a man, see. Now.... But the Holy Spirit is here, and will reward you if you will believe that the sickness, and disease, or affliction of your body is condemned, see. It's condemned. It can't stay with you no longer. Now, you watch.

136 I prayed for a woman that her hands was knotted up. And she might've been looking for her hands to straighten. It could've been that we could have took that woman there for maybe a half hour, stayed with her until you seen differences beginning to come. Then it would cut others out, see.

137 Now, maybe at one of the nights, we will do that. Will you see.... Till I can see in the audience something that's really fixing to happen, I will bring that patient, maybe, to the platform here. Crippled, afflicted, healed just the same.... They just watch for something to happen. That doesn't mean it hasn't happened. Something's ... You may not see a difference for....

138 Here some time ago, I was at a meeting. And as a woman come through, she had ulcerated stomach. And it said, "Thus saith the Lord, you're healed." Another woman came through, had a big knot on her neck. "Thus saith the Lord, you're healed." They went home believing that.

Weeks passed. That woman tried to eat with that stomach trouble. She was so bad, she couldn't stand nothing in her stomach. But still, she held on.

139 One morning, while the children had gone to school, she took some oats out of one of their plates and begin to eat it; she was so hungry. A real strange feeling came to her; never bothered her. She got some toast and buttered it, ate it. Then she fried two eggs and drank a cup of coffee; never hurt her. It was gone.

13 That's the way I try to do my meetings. With four hundred and something major cities here in America calling, besides the world, I lay them out and pray until I'm sure in my heart that God is calling me to a certain place. Then I go. No matter how bad it turns out, whatever it is, I always find out it's God working, maybe with one person.

14 It's best to always obey God, and don't have no questions. Now, if there's a question in your mind about receiving the Holy Ghost, whether it is for today or not, you'll never receive it like that. You can't do it. You've got to know that the promise is to you. And you are.... And then if there's anything in your life that condemns you, you just might as well make that right first, because He will not come in over the top of that, see. You've got to make it right. Then when we have everything clear, and understand perfectly, then we can go to walking.

MATT17:20 MATT21:21,22 MARK11:23,24

15 Jesus said in Saint Mark 11:24, "If you say to this mountain, Be moved; and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said will come to pass, you can have what you said." Not "what I said"; "what you said." See, if you don't doubt in your heart but believe that what you have said will come to pass, you can have what you have said.

16 But now, before you can have that.... And the way I always try to think of that, there has to be the right kind of a motive and the right objective. And if your motive is right, your objective is right, and your faith is right, because that you feel that it's the will of God, nothing can keep it from happening. Just think of that.

MATT17:20 MATT21:21 MARK11:23

17 I don't care what it is. If you say to the mountain, "Be moved." And maybe, if you've got to go over the mountain for a purpose, not to say.... Somebody would say, "Oh, I'm a great man of faith. I move that mountain." It'll never move.

18 But if there's something over the mountain that you've got to get over there for to do the will of God, you can't get over it, under it, around it, and yet something in your heart is telling you to go, you speak the word. Don't you doubt. And maybe when you speak the word, only one little grain of sand will fall. But it's on its road. The next day, a spoonful may drop; the next day, a teacup full. You'll never notice it. But if you'll just hold steady, knowing that it's being done, after awhile the whole thing'll fall in.

19 That's the way it is by Divine healing. When you see the working of the Holy Spirit, the Word laid on, and the Holy Spirit anointing that Word,

and proving it that He is here in our midst to vindicate Himself and to give to you the promise, then you accept your healing.

20 If there's sin in your life, get it out. If there's condemnation, get it out. If there's doubt, get it out. Until you can see perfectly that it's God's will, it's God's plan, and you're included in that, then say, "Sickness, in the name of Jesus Christ, get away from me." And remember, you might not feel any better for a week. But as soon as you said that word, something happened. God has to keep His Word. That sickness shakes, and he begins to turn loose. He will go if you'll just believe it. Don't doubt.

MATT14:29,31

21 Like Peter walking on the water, He said, "Why did you doubt? Oh, ye of little faith." Just because he was sinking, that had nothing to do with it. Christ had commanded him, and His Word was enough. That's the way we should think it too. Well, that's off of my text for tonight. But, that is true.

22 Now, we are going to try to get into the prayer cards, if there's any of them left tonight, just whatever the Holy Spirit will. And then tomorrow night, we will try to give out some more prayer cards. I think we've got a bunch left over from the first or second night, because the Holy Spirit has been doing such a marvelous thing among us. Oh, how we ought to appreciate that. And I'm sure that you do. There would not be one ... room for any doubt.

23 I wish to say this just in a way of testimony. There's so many things that I could say. As I drove up just a few minutes ago, there was a young woman come to meet me. And she said, "Brother Branham, I don't want to interrupt you, but," she said, "I just couldn't keep from telling you this."

I said, "All right, sister."

24 And she was holding the prettiest little chumpy baby in her arms. And she said, "When you were here the last time, I was in the prayer line. And when I got close to you, you said, 'What you are here for, sister, is not for any ill thing, but you are losing your children with miscarriages. And you're wanting me to ask God to let you have a baby.'" And I said, "That's an honorable thing."

And she said, "That is right, sir."

25 And said then something, as it always does, "Thus saith the Lord, go home for you shall have your baby." And tonight, she showed me a little plumpy sweet baby that God gave her in His amazing grace.

God will heal that heart trouble for you, lady? If you do, stand up on your feet. All right. I want to ask you something. While you were praying, "Lord, let him call me." ... I don't know you. If that's right, wave your hand. All right, I don't know you. You were praying for me to call you. You touched the High Priest. As soon as I spoke your name, something happened. A real warm feeling went over you. If that's right, wave your hand. Your heart trouble's gone. You can go home and be made well in the name of Jesus Christ.

Do you believe it now? Now, how many has prayer card A. Come line up right along the side of this place here: Prayer card A.

129 [Blank spot on tape.] ... believer of the Lord Jesus? Do you believe if I will pray for you, lay hands upon you, you'll get well? We can't take this whole line in discernment; you know that. But we can pray for you. After all, the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Is that right? Now, I want you to look at all those people out there.

While these people are coming through the line, how many will pledge that they'll be praying for them? Raise up your hands out there.

130 Now, new prayer cards will be given out at six o'clock tomorrow afternoon again. We're going to pray for everybody that's got a prayer card. Everybody that has a prayer card, we're going to pray for them. Now, you don't necessarily have to have a prayer card.

Now, this is for prayer card A—A. I think they got some more out. Billy said He give out some C's or B's, or something. B's. Well, now, hold them. You're next. See, this is for A. This is for A. We promised them a long time.

131 Now, if you all will just be reverent and pray, this is a healing service. Now, I think I'll get right down here at the end of this row, or somewhere in here, so the people right at the end of the row ... and pray. Now, everyone, keep your heads bowed and pray. Everybody, if you're sincere, and believe the Holy Spirit is here. ...

132 The anointing. ... I have the anointing upon me now. Now, I'm coming down to lay hands on you while the anointing is upon me. That's the reason I had this discernment first.

133 That man with that kidney trouble sitting out there. Go home, sir; you're healed. God makes you well. Forget about it now, sitting there in the dark.

are out there can touch Him. Somebody in this direction, yield yourself. Believe Him. Touch Him by faith, see if He's the same Jesus.

Way.... That's so far back, I.... Keeps holding there. Just a moment.

124 Here it is again. This little woman sitting right here suffering with trouble in her head. The little lady looking at me kind of ... long hair, looks like hanging down her back, shaking her head. You have head trouble, don't you lady, or your did have it. You don't have it now; it's gone. Are we strangers to one another? Have you got a prayer card? You don't? You don't have a prayer card? We don't know one another? If we don't know one another, shake your hand like this, that we don't know one another, first time of meeting. Was that right, what was told you? All right. You have what you asked for. Go home and be well.

What did she touch?

125 I see a young man sitting right down below her there. Real thin. He's shadowed to death. It's a young kid. He's got a dark shadow over him. It's leukemia. Do you believe, sonny boy, that God will heal you? Raise up in your seat. Stand up to your feet. I don't know you. You was just sitting there praying. Is that right? Raise up your hand if that's true. Do you believe Jesus Christ makes you well? Go home. I condemn that cancer in the name of Jesus Christ. The shadows of death passed from him.

126 Someone else.... I see a little woman waving her white handkerchief down there, got a yellow dress on. She's crying. That light's hanging over her. Have you got a prayer card, lady? You don't? Do you believe me to be God's prophet? Do you believe if I will yield myself to the Holy Ghost, He could tell me what your trouble is? You got heart trouble and a nervous condition. If that's right, wave your handkerchief back and forth. You're healed. Go home. Jesus Christ makes you well.

Somebody else in this direction, hasn't got a prayer card, raise up your hand so I can see who you are, praying. Pray.

127 Here's a lady sitting right here, praying, at this row here. There's a light hanging over her. She's not.... No, it's not nothing wrong with her; she's got her child. And the child, a little girl, has something wrong. It's one side of her face didn't grow right. If you'll believe with all your heart, the child's face will be normal, if you can believe it. Go home and receive it. Be made well for the kingdom of God's sake.

128 Back in here.... Here's a lady sitting right down here. She's got a white dress on. She's praying. She's raising her hand. Do you believe that

26 The lady's here somewhere. I believe her name is Mrs. York she told me. Are you here close, Mrs. York? Here she stands right here now with the baby in her arms.

27 Oh, the same God of the Old Testament is the same God today. He never fails. So, I have a woman that I know of now that....

28 Seeing some of my Canadian friends sitting here from Canada. About fourteen years ago, this woman being around forty-eight years old, came into the meeting: a German Canadian. And she said the Lord told her in the prayer line, through the discernment, that she was barren. And the doctors had said that she would never be able to have a child. And said, "You're also suffering with the dreadful disease of tuberculosis."

And she said, "That is true, sir."

29 I said, "Go to your home, for you are healed of your TB, and you're going to embrace a lovely little eight pound boy baby, Thus saith the Lord."

She went home and was solid and well. The doctors said her case was retarded. So it was no more fooling with it.

30 After about eight years passed.... You can see the woman's age now. She said she got into a church that told her, said, "Sister, if that would've been of God, it would have happened." And she believed it. And as soon as she made her stand against it, she broke again with TB. And then, the preacher, not aiming to, I don't believe, he said I was a psychiatrist, that I was a mind reader, and I was just reading what was on her mind. And her loyal husband stood up and said, "But he told her, 'Thus saith the Lord.'" And the preacher laughed at him. And his wife took to bed with TB.

31 I was in northern British Colombia on a hunting trip. Coming down to Edmonton, I stopped for about two hours. And there was about seven or eight thousand people had gathered. And after the service.... I didn't have my ... nothing but a little dress coat. And a man come up, and he said, "Brother Branham, I'll give you my overcoat." I was hot and sweaty.

And I said, "No." I said, "Aren't you Brother Doble?"

He said, "I am."

"Oh," I said, "the welfare of your wife."

And he said, "Brother Branham...." Told me the story. Said, "She's real bad with TB."

I said, "Why did she doubt it?"

He said, "Well, Brother Branham, it lingered so long; she begin to doubt."

32 I said, "I don't care how much she doubts. I saw that vision. She was holding a great big plumpy baby boy. And it shall come to pass regardless of what she says or what she thinks, because God's already said so. A vision cannot be hindered."

33 Fred Sothmann, a good friend of mine, is sitting present now. About two years ago, I guess it has been, Brother Fred, or three, we was up in Saskatchewan, Prince Albert, I believe it was, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and in the arena. And a telegram came in. Mrs. Doble was on her road up there within the space of three days of having her baby. And they brought her in a special car, because her that age, they was afraid she could not go through it. I prayed for her.

34 And she said, "One thing, Brother Branham, I confess my sin of unbelief." But said, "One thing I want to ask you for a confirmation. You said it would be a boy."

I said, "It will be a boy."

35 And just as soon as they could return her home, she had a eight pound baby boy that's running around in Canada tonight of a mother over fifty years old, because God keeps His Word. He never fails.

36 Let us pray. Lord, while we're in this, that we call time, it runs out so quick. But one day, we will step out of time into eternity. And we will sit down by the river beneath the evergreen tree. And there, we will meet our friends and testify, and praise His name forever. I'm expecting to see millions of them there that we have preached to and ministered to.

37 But while we are here, Lord, in the heat of the day, we pray tonight that You'll give us Thy grace and Thy mercy, and may every sick person that's here—sick of sin or sick of their body—may this be a 'Thus saith the Lord' for them tonight. May we meet them later, as we did this lovely woman tonight, Mrs. York, in another time, maybe in a great tent somewhere, and hear them testify that it was at the Chatauqua that Your mercy came down and healed them, saving them, and filling them with the Holy Spirit. Grant it, Lord

38 Bless the few words that shall be read from Your Word. We wish to read them, because our words will fail, but Your Word is eternal and it cannot fail. Bless the efforts that we put forth, healing the sick and saving

112 He said to Nathanael, "I saw you before you come here when you were under the fig tree."

JOHN4:16

113 He told the woman at the well, "Go get your husband and come here."

JOHN4:17

114 She said, "I have no husband."

JOHN4:18

115 He said, "That's right; you've got five."

JOHN4:19,25

116 She said, "I perceive that You are a prophet. We know the Messiah will do that."

JOHN4:26

117 He said, "I am the Messiah. I'm He that speaks to you."

JOHN4:29

118 She run into the city saying, "Come, see a man who told me the things I've done."

HEB13:8

119 He perceived their thoughts, knowing what they were doing. That was the sign of the Messiah then. And if Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, it's the sign of Messiah tonight. Is that right?

120 This that you might know before I call the prayer cards, because I'm going to line them up here and pray for them here at the altar without discernment. I want you with prayer cards, not discernment; you that hasn't got prayer cards, let's see what the Holy Spirit will say. Just pray.

MATT9:20 MARK5:27,30 LUKE8:44,45

121 There was a woman one time, touched His garment. He didn't see her do it, neither did He feel her do it with His physical body. But He turned and said, "Who touched Me?"

MATT9:22 MARK5:34 LUKE8:48

122 Everybody said nothing; they denied it. But He looked around till He found the little woman. And He said, "Thy faith has saved thee." Is that right? Told her she had a blood issue, and her faith had saved her.

HEB4:15

123 And now the Bible said He is the High Priest tonight that can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Do you believe that? with all your heart? All right. See if you can touch Him. I will yield myself to the Holy Spirit, and see if some of you little women, little men, or whoever you

Would there be another who would say, "I want to accept Him."

106 He's going right on around, so he can finish the thing. He had some habits. I told him about it. The Spirit of God is here. He's going right around now to make that right.

[Brother Branham prays with the people at the altar.]

I love Him, I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

107 Are you sure you don't want to come? Those little children, young men, making confessions standing here, tears running down their cheek, out of rock-and-roll parties and things. That's what God wants to see. That's the purpose. The healing can wait just a minute. We want healing of the soul. If you get healed of your body, it's possible if you live long enough, you'll get sick again. But if you're ever healed of your soul, you'll never be sick again.

[Blank space on tape.] . . . the truth that you have to die before you live.

108 All right. How many believes that that great Holy Spirit is here? (What was them prayer cards you give out first night? What? A.) We give out prayer cards A's first. We want to get rid of them. How many has prayer card A?

109 All right. Before anybody comes, how many doesn't have a prayer card at all, and you want God to heal you? Raise up your hand. Raise up your hand now so I can see who you are. All around, everywhere, not a prayer card, but you want God to heal you.

110 All right. Let's just be in prayer just a moment. You take your burden to the Lord. Now, if I call someone with a prayer card, you let me know it's a prayer card. I will ask you if the Holy Spirit. . . . Because a lot of them people with prayer cards will come.

Now, just be reverent. If God, without the prayer cards, will prove. . . . How many's been in the meetings before, let's see your hands. Pretty near all of you, I'm sure, see.

JOHN1:42

111 Jesus looked upon the audience. He said to Peter, "Your name is Simon, and your father's name is Jonas."

JOHN1:48

the lost, bringing the backsliders back home. For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

39 This faithful pastor. . . . Got a little note wrote here, "The altar's on your right." That shows a real faithful pastor, wants to see the lost saved. That's what we're here for, to see the lost saved and to bless the people. And you're always a blessing to me.

JER8:22

40 In the book of Jeremiah, the eighth chapter the twenty-second verse, I read.

Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is . . . the sickness of the daughter of my people not recovered?

I want to take a text, if we would call it, on this subject: *Why?*

41 God, when He makes a way of escape, or sends a shower of mercy, and the people ignore it, God asks, "Why?" He's got a right to ask, "Why?" When He makes everything ready and presents it, and then the people turn it down, God wants to know, "Why did they do it?" And He has a right to ask, "Why?" for He did it for our good.

1KNG22:51,52 2KNG1:2

42 Like in the first chapter of II Kings, after the death of Ahab, that wicked king of Israel, Ahaziah reigned in his stead, which was his son. And he was just as wicked as his father and mother, Ahab and Jezebel. And while he was walking up in the top of his palace in Israel while he was king over them, he fell through. And when he did, a great sickness set in upon him, and he was almost dead. And he called two of his soldiers and sent them over to Ekron to inquire of the god, Beelzebub, if he was going to get over that sickness or not. He did it secretly.

2KNG1:3

43 And when they were on their road going, doing this wicked thing. . . . There is no wickedness but what God knows about it. There was a little old bald-headed prophet sitting down in a little mud hut somewhere in the desert. And the Angel of the Lord come to him and told him what was going on. And He said, "Go up there and stand in the road."

2KNG1:3,4

44 And he cut across the desert and up over the hill, and he stopped the two soldiers. And he said, "Go back and tell that king, 'Is there no God in Israel? Is there no prophet in Israel that you might consult these things, that

you'd have to send up to Ekron to the god, Beelzebub? Is that the reason? There's no prophet here or no God to consult, you have to go to such resources as that?." Said, "Go tell him, 'Thus saith the Lord,' that he will not come off of that bed, but he's going to die for his wickedness."

2KNG1:5

45 The soldiers turned and went back. And when they got back to this king, he said, "Why did you return?"

2KNG1:6

46 Said, "We met a man, and he told us *thus*."

2KNG1:7

47 The king said, "What kind of a looking fellow was he?"

2KNG1:8

48 Said, "He was hairy all over, and he wore leather on his loins."

2KNG1:8

49 And the king said, "That's Elijah, the Tishbite." He knew he had done wrong.

50 There was a God in Israel. There was a prophet in Israel. But it was because of the king's stubbornness. It was because of his wickedness and his willful sin, that he didn't come and consult God about it. And he lost his life.

51 So is it today. We don't need so many UNs. If we are a Christian nation, let's call God on the scene. The reason there is no balm in Gilead. . . . Sure, there is balm. There is a God in America. There's a God here. It's because of the stubbornness of the people that they don't want to consult Him. They'd rather take the advice of some intellectual student, than to come to the blessed Holy Spirit that God sent to the earth. It's the reason that we are in such a condition today. It's not because there isn't a God, it's not because the Holy Spirit isn't still real; it's because the stubbornness of the people. It's because they want to sin. It's because they desire to do those things. That's what's in their heart.

52 It's like a man dying on a doctor's steps. If a doctor has a remedy for the disease that the man has, and the man sits on his steps but refuses to take the remedy, he will die there. And it isn't the doctor's fault. He's got the remedy, and he's willing to give it, but the man's too stubborn to take it.

53 And so is it today. There's no need of any man dying in sin. There's no need of all of this stuff that's going on. God's got the remedy. And the people sit on the church steps and die because they won't receive it. They die in sin sitting in the church in the pew, because they won't receive it.

And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

Oh, I hope and trust that God just saved your soul then. [Brother Branham begins humming "I Love Him."]

Because He first loved me (was inoculated)
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

103 Oh, don't you just love Him? Don't you like to just worship and feel that goodness of His mercy? "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me."

1COR14:15

104 The message is over. Just worship in your heart. Paul said, "If I sing, I will sing in the Spirit. I worship in the Spirit." He's here. I know He's here. Oh, I just love Him. Just in your own way now, while the piano and organ and so forth, is playing, just worship Him. Close your eyes.

I love Him, (Lord, we love You.) I love Him
Because He first loved me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

ACTS24:14

105 Now, with our heads bowed. . . . The sinner friend, if you don't know Him yet and you know that He's present, would you like to walk up here? Let me shake your hand right here and pray with you just a moment. You're invited. While we're singing, if the Holy Spirit should speak to you. . . . "I want to go up. I won't be ashamed of Him. I'm going to go up and stand tonight. I really mean it. I don't care what my neighbor thinks." No, you're coming to be borned again. It'll be a mess. They'll laugh at you, and talk about you. But are you willing to bare the reproach of Christ? As Paul said to Agrippa, "In the way that's called heresy (that's crazy), that's the way I worship the God of our fathers." Would you join his rank tonight?

I love Him,
Because (I will be waiting.) me
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

[Brother Branham begins humming.] God bless you, my brother. Come right around here. [Brother Branham prays for a man at the altar.]

were lame can now walk. There are those that had cancer, dying, and now alive because there is a balm.

2COR12:9

100 No matter how much the unbeliever shakes his head and walks away, that doesn't take away the toxin. There's plenty of it tonight in the arms of Christ. We pray, Lord, that You'll inoculate every person here tonight that has a desire to sin in their heart. Take it away from them, Lord, "My grace is sufficient," said the Holy Spirit.

JOHN6:39

101 Now, we pray, Father, that You'll heal the sick, give mercy to them who are in need, for there is a balm in Gilead, and there is a Physician there. The great Physician is there, the One who never lost a case, never lost a patient, and cannot lose nothing. But said, "All the Father has given me, I will lose nothing, and I will raise it up at the last day." The great Physician. He shows His presence with us night after night. And we pray, God, that He will do the same tonight by saving the lost and healing the sick. For we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face.
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice;
When cares all past, home at last, ever to
rejoice.

Don't you want to see Him? Let's sing it.

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face.
(Now worship Him.)
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice;
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

102 Doesn't that make you feel good? Oh, I love Him. Don't you love Him? Let's sing that good old song, "I Love Him, I Love Him, Because He First Loved Me." How many knows it? How many's Christians here tonight, raise your hand? Now, put your hands down. How many would like to be Christians, raise your hands? God bless you. God bless you. That's good. God bless you, sir. God bless you. Back over here.... All right. Make that surrender to Him right now, right where you're sitting. Make that surrender while we sing, "I Love Him."

I love Him, I love Him (Raise your hand now.)
Because He first loved me

54 There's a balm in Gilead. There's a Physician there. But the people won't take His medicine. The local church member, lukewarm, thinks he's too good to take the medicine of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God's medicine. It's the cure. But the local church member won't do it. They'll go to church. They'll put their name on books. They're willing to pay their tithing. They're willing to do anything like that. But when it comes to taking the medicine, they won't do it.

55 Now, how do we get medicine? The first thing, science begins to search out until they find a certain toxin. And then they inject that into a guinea pig. And they see how the guinea pig reacts with it. And if the guinea pig recovers, and it works out perfectly, then they'll give it to the human being.

56 Now, not all human beings are made like guinea pigs. You can give some medicine to a man, it'll help one and kill the other. So, you might have an excuse for that, because medicine will help one and kill the other. So you might happen to wonder about that, but you don't have to wonder about God's balm, God's toxin, the Holy Ghost. It'll cure every time it's applied. It's been tested and tried, and it's perfect. The guinea pig cure is all right.

57 The sin of the world today, the greatest disease, is not the heart disease; it's the sin disease that's killing the world. That's what's breaking up the nation today, breaking up the whole world, is sin. And there's plenty of cure for it. But the people won't take it. They don't want nothing to do with it.

58 Just like the man sitting on the doctor's steps. Here comes a man out had the same disease and he's well. Another one comes out and said, "That's fanaticism. I ain't going in there." He will die there, because he rejects to take the medicine.

59 And so is it. A man will die and sink into dark eternity without knowing God if he refuses the baptism of the Holy Ghost. God's toxin is for him.

60 Some people say, "I just can't keep from sinning." "Brother Branham, I got a cigarette habit. I just can't quit it." "I got a drinking habit. I can't quit it." "I got a temper. I just can't get rid of it." You're only stalling. You're just refusing to use God's toxin. It'll cure it, if you'll just take it. And sometimes it's hard, but it always does you good. It takes bad tasting medicine sometimes to do you any good.

61 My old mother, an old Kentucky mama. . . . We lived down there in the hills where we eat black-eyed peas and corn bread, rendered meat skins to get the grease to put in the corn bread. And every Saturday night, mama'd give us a bath in the big old cedar tub. How many of you Kentuckians ever seen an old cedar tub? Sure. And I want to tell you: There was no change in the water, just add a little bit more warmer water to it, from the first to the last of nine boys. And then, the next thing was to take place on Saturday night to keep from taking pellagra, the food we had to eat, she'd make us take castor oil. I can't stand the smell of the stuff yet. And I'd come holding my nose. And I'd say, "Oh, mama, it makes me so sick."

She said, "If it doesn't make you sick, it don't do you any good."

62 So that's the way it is with the Gospel. It's got to make you sick first at your sin so it can do you some good. Hold your nose and take it. You may have to act like a, I don't know what, but it's good anyhow. It'll cure sin every time.

63 Yes, the reason people don't want to take it, is because of their style and their pride. I see it's getting to creep into us Pentecostal people: a little pride. We don't want to do it. "I don't want to get down there at that altar and boo-hoo."

64 Let me tell you something. I've got a mixed audience here, but I want you to understand this in the light that it's given. Any birth is a mess. I don't care where it's at. If it's in the pig pen in the barn, if it's in a house, or a pink decorated hospital room, a birth is a mess. And so is the new birth a mess. You can't come up starchy and say, "I received Christ as my personal Saviour." Nonsense. Get down there at the altar and stay there until you are born again. It's a mess, but it brings life. I don't care what scale or what level I have to come onto.

MATT5:6

65 My Baptist brethren told me, said, "Billy, you're going to be a holy-roller." I didn't care if it was holy-roller or holy-jumper, whatever level it was, I wanted new life. Didn't care what it was, what level it was. When you're ready to receive it, you'll come and get it. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, they shall be filled.

66 The old darky down in the South was so happy with the Holy Ghost. And his boss said, "I'd like to have some of that there heart felt religion."

Said, "Well, boss, you can have it."

Said, "Well now wait," said, "When I get ready for it and I'll tell you."

93 Dr. Simon Peter's prescription is just as good tonight. If you don't believe it, come to the office and fulfill it. Hallelujah! Oh, sure. The inoculation is good. It'll hold. It's good; it's good.

Now, when we see Him inoculating, seeing the signs that He did returning back, it shows they're inoculated with the same thing.

1COR15:55

94 Brother, if the Holy Spirit will work the same in the members of the church that Christ has saved, then they'll raise up from the dead just the same as He did. No wonder we can say, "Death, where is your sting; and grave, where is your victory."

95 If it healed the sick in that day, the same inoculation will do for you today. If it was an antidote to sin, an antidote to sickness, it's the same thing today.

96 Then brother, sister, upon those basis, let me ask you this final question—is this: Why is there so much confusion among us? Why is there so much sin in our midst? What's the matter? Is it because there is no balm in Gilead? Is it because there is no Holy Ghost? Why, then, is the church in this shape? Why, then, is it because there's no Physician?

PSA103:3

97 Oh, yes there is. There is. But you'll die on his steps under his ministry, not knowing God or either being healed, unless you'll take the prescription that's been wrote out for you. "I'm the Lord that heals all thy diseases." Can you believe it? May the Lord bless you as we think about it while you bow your heads.

98 O Lord, we are so glad that there is a balm in Gilead. We are so happy that there is a Physician there. Then at the day of the judgment, this self-righteous America, England, and other great nations who's heard the Gospel is going to be asked, "Why didn't you receive it?" When anointed physicians goes forth to handle the Word, and the results follows every one that comes, then there is a balm in Gilead.

99 Here sits before us tonight, alcoholics, wretched women, immoral men that once walked the street with lust, today are sainted. There are women who drank and stuck needles in their arms until the earthly physicians could do nothing for them. And today, they're witnessing up-and-down the streets of the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. There's barren women packing babies in their arms, because they were inoculated for the keeping of their children. There are those that were blind can now see. There are those that

87 So much joy filled their souls, till they spoke in other languages and run out through the streets shouting and acting like a bunch of drunk men. They didn't care what it looked like. They didn't care what anyone said. They come to God's level to get it. If you ever get it, you'll come to the same place. That's the only place He gives it, is on that level.

ACTS3:2,6

88 It worked so well till a few days after that, there was a man that was about to condemn a people called the Gentiles. And inoculation went to work and he saw a vision. There was the same man started walking to the gate called Beautiful. And inoculation started working when he seen a man lame from his mother's womb. He didn't want to pronounce, "If you'd only seen Jesus when He was here." He was inoculated too. "Such as I have, I will give it to you," he said.

Oh, I'm so glad there's plenty of Serum. Yes. Plenty of it.

2TIM4:7,8

89 It worked so well till when one was a dying, and they was building an executor's block to chop off his head. How's the inoculation going to work, Paul? He said, "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I've kept the faith. Henceforth there's laid up for me a crown, that the Lord the righteous Judge will give me at that day. Not only me, but everyone that'll be inoculated."

Then they said, "The grave will mold you," said the devil.

1COR15:55,57

90 He said, "Grave... Oh death, where is thy sting; grave, where is thy victory." But thanks be to God who's inoculated us through the Lord Jesus Christ, because He lives, I live also. Sure.

You're going to be asked why you didn't get it; plenty of serum.

ACTS2:37

91 On the day of Pentecost, when they seen all this carrying on, there's some honest hearts there, and they wanted to be candidates. So they said, "What can we do? Is there a physician here?" God asked the question, "Is there no physician?" Thank God we still got physicians. "Is there no physician here?"

ACTS2:39

92 There was one stepped up by the name of Doctor Simon Peter. He said, "I'm going to write you a prescription, and it'll last forever; for it is unto you, and to your children, and to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call can get it."

Said, "All right, I'll be waiting for you."

67 So, one day it was a rainy day. Oh, the rain was just a pouring. And the boss said, "Mose, I'm ready to get that Holy Ghost you're talking about."

Said, "All right, boss, I'd be glad to go with you."

68 So, he said, "Let's go over to the corn crib. The corn's all out of it now, and it's just been swept out. It's nice and dry and clean."

And they walked over there, and Mose said, "But boss, this is not where you get it."

69 He said, "All right, we will go up in the hay loft." Said, "It's nice and soft, and the smell of hay." Said, "We will go up in the hay loft"

And when they climbed up there, Mose looked around. He said, "But this is not where you get it, boss."

He said, "Then Mose, where do you get it?"

70 He said, "Follow me," said Mose. And he begin to roll up his britchy legs, and he walked out into the pig pen plumb up to his knees, and he said, "Here's where you get it."

"Oh," he said, "I don't want to come out there"

71 Said, "I didn't think you was ready for it at the beginning." That's it. When you really want God, I don't care how it comes, you are willing and ready. You will receive it.

Anything's got to die before you can get life. And life only comes by death. Life is by death.

JOHN12:24

72 You take a grain of corn and you plant it. Except that grain of corn will lay there, and not only die but rot, then it'll spring forth new life out of that rotten mess. And until man gets those... all the human made psychology beat out of them by the Holy Spirit, and lay there till they're rotten to their own ideas, then they will receive the Holy Ghost. When you can get all the creeds and stuff beat out of you, rotted it out of you till it's dead and rotten. That's awful bad, but that's the only way I know to say it. You understand it. Till it rots, then new life will come.

73 But as long as there's any hopes for it not to rot, new life won't come. That's why we get up from the altar so many times without the Holy Spirit,

because we don't rot enough to our own ideas. We've got to meet God on His level. I like to meet Him there, because that He never has failed me.

74 The new birth is no different from any other birth; it's a mess. You ought to seen what mess I was in when I got it. And every once in a while when it comes upon me again, I get messy again with it. I cry, and boo-hoo, and carry on till I guess I don't look very good to look at, but I got something on the inside of me that's taking me on and on and on and on and on. It's new life. I don't care what it looks like; I want to know what it is. That's the main thing.

75 Now, there was a time when there wasn't any toxin for smallpox. There was a time when the Salk vaccine for the children in polio, they didn't have that. But they got it now. They've got it.

76 There was a time when there wasn't a cure for sin. There was a time when, under a law of death, God caused cattle to die, and sheep to die. And under that, an atonement was made for sin, but it only covered sin. It didn't do away with it. So man had an excuse. He could go back and his heart wasn't changed. Each year, he would come and offer a lamb for cleansing and for his sin.

77 But now, there's no excuse. There is plenty of toxin in the house of God. And it's for a sin cure, be for sin a double cure. Save from wrath and make me pure. There is toxin in the house of God.

78 Now, when doctors investigate medicine for their patients, it's tried by a guinea pig. But when God wanted to give the test for the human race, He never inoculated a guinea pig, but He inoculated His Son. The Lord Jesus took the toxin of God's Holy Spirit.

79 And His action on earth proved what it was. When they spit on Him, He prayed for their forgiveness. When He was riled upon, He riled not back. It showed that the toxin held. When they killed Him, and He died on the cross bleeding and bleating, He was praying for their forgiveness. The toxin kept good. Then finally a Roman spear embalmed His body by smashing into His heart and blood and water poured out. They said, "Now it's gone. He's give up the Spirit."

80 The earth shook. He died until the sun would quit shining. He died until the stars refused to shine. He died until the earth was so black you could feel it. He died and went to the lowest regions of hell bearing our sins. You could not go deeper in hell than He went. You could not suffer harder than He suffered. You could not die deader than He died.

81 But brother, on that first Easter morning, the toxin went to work. It broke the seals of death. It smashed the devil in the face. It rolled back the stone, and the Son of God lived again. He's alive for ever more. The toxin worked.

JOHN1:14

82 God put it on His own Son to prove it, that it would work. God was made flesh and dwelt among us. That's how God was in Christ. God come and took this toxin Himself in a human body that He created Himself, the Son of God. And He lived in that, and He took the toxin. But on Easter morning, it proved that it held.

83 Then He had some people that was ready for it. When they put the finger. . . . Some of them so doubtful of the medicine, they were sitting on the steps until they touched His side. There was some more done turned back to backslide on the road to Emmaus, but they seen Him do something like He did before His crucifixion. They knowed the toxin was working.

84 Oh, brother. You're going to call me a holy-roller anyhow. It still works just as real as it was then. There is a balm in Gilead. There's a toxin for sickness. There's a toxin for healing of soul and body. It's in the house of God today where:

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

That dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
There may I, though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away.

85 Don't tell me better. I've been inoculated by Him. It takes the desire of sin out of your heart and puts a hallelujah there that nothing can compare with it, when you're inoculated. Say, "I don't think I could hold out." Get inoculated once.

86 Now, I will prove to you what God's balm and inoculation is. The first candidates was a hundred and twenty. They went up in the upper room for inoculation. He said, "I have been with you, but now I'm going to be in you." They went up for the inoculation. And all of a sudden, there came the Serum from heaven like a rushing might wind and flaps of fire burning. And it inoculated a hundred and twenty.