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

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I accept it for each one, and for your glory.

ACTS20:28

Now believe with all your heart. And with our heads bowed, let's sing this old hymn of the church "I Love Him," I love Him because He first loved me; and He purchased my salvation on Calvary. Do you accept that—your healing, your salvation, your renewed spirit, coming into the house of refuge? Do you accept it? Raise up your hand, say, "I accept it. I believe it. Right now. I do." All right, all together now.

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

Thank You, Lord, for taking the scales from my eyes.

Because He first loved. . . .

All my coldness is faded away now. My sickness is gone.

. . . purchased my salvation  
On Calvary's tree.

Now, while we sing that again, I want you just to take hold of somebody's hand, front of you, back of you, at your side. Say, "God bless you, pilgrim, brother, sister. Glad to have this fellowship with you." Continue to pray for me when you do that now, while we sing again now.

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

Before I turn the service to the pastor, let's just raise up our hands now, and with all of our hearts sing it to the depths of our soul. Do you love Him? Say, "Amen!" Let's say it again. "Amen!" That means "So be it. I love Him." All together now, let's sing it to the top of our voices.

## Letting Off The Pressure

1 Good morning, friends. I was just speaking to the pastor just now. It's such a privilege to come in these little havens of rest like this. You just feel like, well, just sitting down and listening to the services. And there's something about this little spot. I said to my son, coming around the building a few moments ago, that you just look like. . . . I just like to come here and sit down, and just listen awhile—listen to what others has got to say. We ministers know that that's a great time for us. Usually we're always having to do the talking, somebody listening to us. But we like to sit down and listen, too.

You've got a fine pastor, and this lovely little choir here, and the songs of Zion. The place is just pretty, and not too elaborate. It's just what we'd call "homey." And so, I like that real well. God ever richly bless you all.

I was . . . thought in my heart, to hear this little sister here a while ago—sixty-five years of service for the Lord. I thought I was about old enough to quit, but I guess I'm not, after. . . . Here's someone's been serving Him sixty-five years. That would be about, well, I guess about twelve, fourteen years before I was born she was serving Him. So that's wonderful.

2 I was speaking at a funeral service the other day for a little old lady about eighty-five years old, that went to meet the Lord. And she was a sweet little old woman. You that've read my life story where I asked the boy if he'd save me that suit—you know, that. . . . He had one of these little Boy Scout suits, and I always wanted to be a soldier. So I'd asked him if he'd save it for me after he'd wore it out, and he promised he would. And when I went to get it, it only had one legging left. And that was . . . I wore that legging to school, and it was. . . . That was his mother that just passed away—Mrs. Ford. And they're among the poorest of poor people. Lloyd, the boy who gave me the legging, we've been chums since little boys. He's just a little older than I.

And I said to him, "Lloyd, what would you want me to take the funeral text from?"

And he said, “Brother Billy,” he said, “just. . . I would like for you to speak this, if it was the will of the Lord, just some assurance that my mother will be back again.”

JOB14:14

3 I said, “Very well.” So I took the text from over in Job: “If a man die, shall he live again?” And I’d taken it from the—I believe Job 14, I think it is—and how Job seen how the botany life, when it died it lived again. So I took the subject of anything that lives to the will and purpose of God has a resurrection.

4 And being a missionary and traveling the world, I’ve had the privilege of seeing many gods and their . . . the philosophies of life, and what people worship. And in all of it, that’s about all it is—a philosophy—outside of Christianity. Christianity has the truth.

5 Now we know that this world is a creation. And before there can be a creation there has to be a creator of that creation. And this creator expresses Himself in the creation. If we did not even have a Bible, we would still know that there . . . that the truth, just as we do. This Bible only sets it in order.

6 Now, God, creating the creation, is expressing Himself back in the creation. And He’s not a God just of one, solid, Sears and Roebuck Harmony House. He’s a God of variety. He makes big hills, and little hills; and He makes the deserts and He makes lakes; and He makes little trees, and big trees and white flowers and red flowers; and makes little men, and big men and red-headed women and black-headed women. And He makes us different because He wants us that way. He’s a God of variety. He makes some rich and some poor, some in between. But we’ve got a place to serve God, and that’s the place that He’s placed us in, if we’ll just abide in that place.

Now, I said, “Now, if you’ll watch the little flower. . . .” This was along about October. I said, “The seeds . . . we’ve had frost now, and they knocked the little seeds out, and the flower died, the little seeds turned back to the earth. And God’s having a funeral service in these fall rains. It’s just great big drops of tears dropping from the skies, burying them.

JOHN5:29 REV20:5,6

7 “Coming up through Kentucky,” I said, “the other day, upon the big chest of the mountains, He set out his bouquets across the earth—the leaves red, brown, yellow, see. And He’s in bereavement because the

Just remember, just a word of prayer, that’s all. . . . Drive down a little post there where you’re sitting, and saying, “This day, this day the prayer of faith was prayed for me. And every time that I enter this church I’ll remember where I was sitting this morning. There the prayer of faith was prayed by the whole congregation for me. I’m going to be well now. This is it. I’m settling it.” Now, raise up your hand and say, “I’m driving down my post right now.”

JAS5:15

God bless you. Now remember, by faith drive down the post right now, right where you’re sitting. “This day, Sunday [the 10th, I believe it is? or the 13th?] this 13th day of January in this little Church of God, at this certain seat, I’m praying the prayer of faith with the minister, and with the evangelist, and with the congregation—one praying for the other. This is the day of my healing, right here. I’m settling it right here, Lord. I’m your eagle. I’m in the refuge zone. I have a right to any redemptive blessings that He purchased for me. Here I am, right here now.”

ISA53:5 JOHN14:14 JOHN15:16 JOHN16:23 1PET2:24

78 Heavenly Father, I bring them to Thee. I place my prayer with theirs. And now by faith we lift from this church on up above the spheres, and the atmospheres, and spheres and spheres, on a-past the stars, moon, up the Milky White Way up to the throne of God, our Father. There’s a great rainbow across that beautiful ivory altar. There lays on that altar a bleeding sacrifice. And we look upon his back as the prophet bid us to, and said, “By his stripes we were healed.” Father, I’m bringing every one of them to you. And He said Himself, “If you’ll ask the Father anything in my name, I’ll do it.”

JAS5:15

Now, Father God, I’m praying for these sick people. They’ve drove down a post this morning. I’m believing it with all my heart. This is the hour for the prayer of faith. And I believe as I ask You to heal every one of them, they accept it. And here we drive the post as a commemoration that we was at the throne of God this morning. It’s settled. God made the promise.

MARK11:23

Now, Lord, it’s written in St. Mark, the 11th chapter and the 22nd verse, the 23rd, “If you say to this mountain, ‘Be moved’; don’t doubt in your heart but believe that what you have said will come to pass; you can have that what you’ve said.” Lord, it has been said. Now let it be done.

rock. And he thought, “If I could only get to that rock, then I’m safe.” Just as the dog made the last jump at him, he felt his hot breath on his heels—but he run under the rock. Then he could sit down, and let off the pressure. The hound could not scratch through that rock.

PROV18:10

76 Lord Jesus, I pray to Thee this morning, Lord, that if some of these little creatures of yours that’s wandered away from that safety zone. . . . They can feel the breath of the hounds of hell—young women, young men—galloping right behind them, seeing their life breaking away to the other side. May they hurry this morning to this cleft in the rock. There is one. The righteous run into it, and are safe. Grant it, Father, through Jesus, thy Son.

While we have our heads bowed, and your hearts bowed too, would you, if you’re not in that rock this morning, would you raise your hand to God, and say, “God, let me come into that safety zone now, where I can just let off the pressure. I’ve been a little weary. I begin to see myself drift. I felt myself get away. I haven’t got the experience that I used to have. Get me back to the rock right quick, Lord.”? Would you just raise your hand, say, “Pray for me, Brother Branham.”? God bless you. That’s good, all around everywhere. Ah, that’s good. God bless you.

“Take me back to the rock, Lord. Take me back. I’m drifting. Oh, don’t let me drift away from it. Let me . . . if I’m going to eat, let me eat around the cleft. Let me stay close where the manna is falling. I don’t have to wander out. The manna’s laid right at the door.”

Heavenly Father, Thou didst see this group of hands. I pray that You’ll give to them their desire. May all the crust that’s begin to blind them now, Lord, as their hearts are beating, and their spiritual heart is beating. . . . Break away all doubt, all unbelief, all confusion, all nervousness, and wondering what’s this or that, all worries. May just now they sweetly find that the crust is being broken as they hammer their prayer against the rock. May Christ bring them up high now, and set them upon a pinnacle. And they can flop their little spiritual wings and say, “I’m free, I’m free.” Grant it, Father, in Jesus’ name.

77 And now, is there those here this morning who are in that refuge, and you’re sick, and you don’t know just what is going to be the outcome, and you want to get anchored in something that will give you security that will heal your body, and want to be remembered in prayer?

little seeds is dead, and He’s burying them beneath the ground. And He knows just as sure as that earth comes back around with the line of the sun again, every one of them will rise up again. But it’s just a routine He goes through, to speak to us that there is a resurrection.

8 “Now we notice the sun. It’s born of a morning, and it’s a little baby when it’s born. It’s supposed to warm the earth, resurrect the seeds that’s in the ground. And that, at about eight o’clock it starts off to grammar school, and about ten or eleven o’clock it’s out. It’s got its education. At noontime it’s in its middle age; two o’clock in the afternoon it’s striking my age; five o’clock it’s my father’s age, and sister back there. And after awhile that glorious thing that lit up the earth served God’s purpose, dies out yonder in the west. Is that the end of it? It’s born anew. It rises up the next morning again, see—God in every phase.” I took about twenty minutes just explaining what all that was.

9 Now, you see then, I said, “Why?” There’s one requirement. Now, I love to say this in a church like this. There’s one requirement that’s required there. No matter how beautiful the seed is, it must be germitized. It’s got to be germitized. And if it does serve God’s purpose, it is germitized, because the bee packs the pollen, and so forth.

10 Now we find out, what if the little lily that the. . . ? Pretty, toiled day and night, opened up its little self, and the bee come by and just took its honey just as free as anything. Didn’t say a word about it. And it toiled just to give out its honey.

And then the passer-by sees its beauty. And it just keeps itself pretty so the passer-by can see it, loves beauty. The one who desires its fragrance breathes it in freely, and the little lily toils just to make itself a benefit on the earth, see, to produce honey, beauty, and funeral flower—whatever it’s used for—wedding flower, anything. It just gives its little self freely. And when it dies, it rises up again next year. Everything.

What if the little stalk of corn would say, “I’m so sorry there’s nothing pretty about me. And I didn’t have no honey to give out, and I didn’t have this, that, or the other.”?

But then the Master of all would say, “Yes, but the little lily couldn’t make corn flakes either,” see. We all have a thing that we do. We serve God in the category that we’re put in, and it comes back just the same.

11 Now, in the face of all that, I said, “Here’s little Mother Ford (as I knew her). She washed my little dirty face when I was a little kid a many

time. They was as poor as poor could be. But she was born a female, a lovely girl. And if she was born a female, that was for a purpose—to have a mate, a male. And she did. A loyal mate she was. She lived with her husband for some sixty years, or better, and a loyaler woman wasn't born, as I know of—a real lady.”

Being that she was that in the union, they were to have children. Here's her nice, fine, children sitting here, just as lovely. You children would have never wanted a better mother. Or would you? See? No. Her husband could not have wanted a better wife.

Now, I said, “She was as poor as poor could be, but nobody could ever come to her door, or need, but what she'd give to them. The neighbors, no matter what trouble they was in, Mrs. Ford, any hour of the night, was there to help them, do anything she could, with what she had to do with.”

JOHN3:3-7

And I said, “Above all that, I had the privilege one time of seeing that seed germitized by the Holy Spirit. She was born again of the Spirit of God.” I said, “Now we're going to plant her, in a little bit, in the ground. And who intelligently could stand up and say she will not rise again?”

12 If you say she won't rise again, the leaf didn't go down to the bottom of the tree before the frost fell to hide itself, to come back next year with a new leaf. If that sap stayed up in that tree until the frost, and freeze hit that, it would kill that germ of life in that sap and the tree would die. But some intelligence. . . . It has none of its own. That's botany life—it has no intelligence. But something controls it. Before we have a frost or anything in that country, way in August, them leaves go off the tree because the sap leaves the tree and goes back down into the roots way beneath the ground, to hide that germ of life to bring it back again next year with some more fruit.

What does that? What intelligence? That same intelligence controls our life. That's right. And before we could say there's no resurrection for a little saint like that sitting there, that's served God sixty-five years. . . . I was thinking of her laying there in that oxygen tent, and her breath just coming. . . . My, she'll rise again some day. She's just got to. That's all.

JOHN5:29 REV20:5,6

13 Before you could say she would not, you'd have to say there is no springtime, there is no resurrection of the seeds, there is no summer and

shelter in a time of storm, a refuge, a haven of rest for the weary. Let's come to that place. Let's bow our heads just a moment.

Sorry to have kept you long. There was about six sheets more of these notes laying here, little thoughts and scriptures I was going to use. But it's time. Oh, little eaglet—maybe some little girl, some little boy, or maybe some old person, or middle-age—why are you here this morning? Because that you. . . .

PSA61:3 ISA32:2

73 You're really an eagle, but maybe the cares of life has kind of battled you around roughly, and you've lost sight. You're not too sure no more where you're placing your foot. Let's just come up against the rock, now. “Oh, lead me to that rock that is higher than I.” Let me lay on this rock. He's a shelter in a time of storm.

Start beating against the door right now, beating against the door of this rock. He'll open up. The crust will fly off. Then the pressure will leave you, and you can be at rest again, pressure all gone. You can come to church . . . no matter what the pastor preaches about. As long as he stays in that Word of God it will never condemn you. You've done anchored in there, you're all right now. Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, I want to express again, Lord, in thanksgiving that there is a little place here in Phoenix, and all around different places. And this is one of them that I, myself, I can come and I can feel at rest. There's nothing binding me. I just say the words. What a place that is—free, all pressure gone. I'm so thankful for it, Lord.

REV21:23

74 O Lord, may that great rock ever lay at this altar, where the little wayward eaglets around over the city can come in, and be introduced to a place to beat the crust of the world from them; that they can enjoy this fellowship by letting off the pressure in this day of atomic age when the world is scared. Each nation is shaking. The skies are trembling. All nature's crying out. The world itself is trembling because it could be blowed to bits. But we have a kingdom that cannot be moved. We have a city of refuge. We have a Goshen, where the sun will never go down. Grant it, Lord. Let us come to this rock now.

75 As a little rabbit, the story of he. . . . The hounds was right behind him. He could feel their hot breath upon his feet. Just a little while, another jump or two, and the hound was going to get the little fellow. He'd be gobbled up just in a moment. But after a bit he saw a hole in a

million years before the foundation of the world, and brought Him down the horizontal rainbow in the second coming. He wasn't about two minutes doing that. And when he did, the Spirit hit him. He jumped in the air, clicked his heels together, and said, "Glory to God!" He said, "You ain't got enough room here for me to preach," and went trotting off the platform!

70 I thought, "That's what I want. If that'll make an old man act like that, what would it do to me!" Renewing his youth? Why, he had more room than we've got up here, choir and all. And yet, they didn't have enough room to hold him when the Spirit struck him. I said, "That's what I want. That's what I want!"

71 This old eagle, he gets a crust over his face and head when he gets old. He can hardly eat. He gets poor—his mouth won't open right. He gets almost blinded. And when that crust gets to a certain spot over his head, they say he flies way up in the air, and he sits there, and he beats his head against that rock knocking that crust off if he can. And he rolls his eyes, and looks back. He beats the crust. Oh, it must come off. It's got to come off! If it don't, he's going to die. He's got to get that crust off of his face and his mouth. And he'll beat his head one way, and then the other way. He beats until he beats that crust off. And when he beats it against that rock until the crust comes off, then he screams, and he throws his wings back and forth, and rejoices because he knows he's going to get new feathers, he's going to eat his vitamins again, he's going to renew his youth. And I thought, "What a wonderful thing that is for the eagle. That's good."

72 But I know a rock that a man can come to, and can beat, and be beat, until all the doubt is gone, until the worry and cares of the world is gone. And when he's beat the crust of sin from around him until the blood has sanctified his soul, then eternal life is sure to come. He can just sit back and let off the pressure, because eternal life is sure.

PSA61:3 PSA71:3 ISA32:2

Oh, eagles today, that's why you're here. You're eaglets. But if the crust has begun to blind your eyes (the cares of the world), or you can't just swallow all the food of God, let's come to that rock in a weary land. Let's come there and beat upon the altar until the crust is broken, and our eyes can see clearly Jesus again, and the cares of this world has passed away. Then the pressure will go off. He's a rock in a weary land, a

winter, there is no rising and setting of the sun, there is no such a thing as the Word of God. Why, it would be crazy to say such a thing! There is a resurrection. And just as sure as that world floats around and faces this sun again, that sun will . . . is give commission by God to raise up with its warm rays that botany life.

14 And just as soon as time floats around till eternity breaks again, and that S-o-n rises out there, something is going to happen. All them lives that's germitized in Him will rise again. It's just got to; there's no way of . . . any other way. See, the creator expressing Himself in his creation? See, that's what God's doing. And we can look out . . . anybody that's half intelligent can look out and see that God . . . that Christianity is based upon resurrection.

Now if I'd drop this piece on the floor, now it went down . . . and I come over here and pick up something similar. . . . Now that isn't resurrection—that's replacement. But resurrection is to bring this same one up. And we're coming back again.

1COR15:53,54 EPH1:3 EPH2:6

You plant a yellow grain of corn, it'll produce another yellow grain of corn, see. And we go down a mortal, raise up an immortal, and we're so glad of that today. And that's . . . our whole Christian hope is built right there, right there alone. So, to come together and sit in heavenly places like this in Christ Jesus, what a privilege it is to all of us—young and old—looking for that time when Jesus shall come.

Now, with a congregation like this, and the Spirit of God in here the way it is, I could speak on till nine o'clock tonight (or eight o'clock), time to do down to the Foursquare Church, and still be feeling good. But we've got to give away. They don't want the beans to scorch, and so forth, you know. So we just come in for a little time of fellowship, and be here . . . this lovely brother and his little flock that you're sojourning here. And we come in to share under your tree, to sit down and have a little fellowship.

So let's read some word out of God's Bible, and take just a little text and speak for a few moments. Before we do that, let's just bow our heads and speak to the author of this before we approach his Word. I wonder now with our heads bowed, if there would be a request somewhere in the building, that you'd want to make mention of before God? You keep it in your heart, and just raise up your hands just a moment. God bless you.

DEUT33:27 MAL3:6

Our heavenly Father, we are indeed a privileged people this morning in the face of this changing world. And we have a hold of the hand of the unchangeable God. Times may change; but He's eternal. And his Word is in our heart. It's an ultimate of our thoughts. They always drift back to that Word. No matter where we stray, it comes back to the Word. It's the tie-post in our heart. We're so grateful for that.

I thank Thee, Lord, for this little spot out here on 44th Street, where the gospel being preached and a place that's dedicated, and the people are consecrated to Thee. And I pray that your blessings will ever be with them. Increase them in knowledge of thy Word and of thy grace, and give to them the good things of life, and eternal life, that we might all come to one place—that great heaven—some day when Jesus comes.

PSA44:21

Bless us together, and look at those hands, Father, that was raised a few moments ago. Down beneath that hand was a reason for its being up. I pray, God, that You who knows the secrets of the heart will grant that request. I offer my prayer with theirs upon thy altar today. Answer, Father, I pray in Jesus' name.

PSA19:14 LUKE24:32

Bless the words this morning, the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to Thee. Bless thy Word as we read it, and the little notes of contexts that we would explain it. You be with us, and help us, that when we leave here we might go and say, "Our hearts burned within us because we've heard the songs of Zion, the testimony of the heart, and the Word testified to our hearts." In Jesus' name. Amen.

PROV18:10

15 Now, many times I just love to talk, and I can't do too much of it—it being almost twelve now. And so we are going to ask you, maybe, to turn in the Scriptures, if you would like to read the Scriptures with us, or mark it down. First, I want to read out of the book of Proverbs. I believe that I turned to that this morning when I was searching around. Proverbs, 18th chapter and the 10th verse:

*The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous run into it, and is safe.*

ISA32:1,2

16 And then in Isaiah 32:2 I want to read this, 32:1 and 2:

fishing trip, and I went in. And I seen these names all over this, and I went in. And I heard the awfulest noise, and these people in there jumping and running, and dancing around over the place. And I thought, "What is this?"

So they said, "All ministers to the platform tonight." And there was about three hundred of us and we went up. I went up and sat down. Said, "Now, we haven't got time for you all to preach." Said, "We just want you to just call your name, where you're from."

When it come to me I said, "William Branham, evangelist, Jeffersonville, Indiana," sat down.

So, I'd heard some fine speakers that day. And first thing you know. . . . They had to have it in the north so the colored could come to it. It was a national convention, and they had to have it in the north in them days. That's been about twenty-five years ago, I guess, or more—had to have it up there so the colored people could attend.

So that night I thought, "My, this great convention . . . this night's meeting they'll have one of the most foremost speakers to come forth." 'Course, us Baptists, you know, that's the way we did it. So they got. . . .

68 After awhile, raising up in a corner, was an old colored man—an old darkie—had a little rim of white fuzz around his neck. And I was about, I guess about twenty-two years old, twenty-three. And he had on one of these old preacher's coats, one of these old-fashioned cut-tail, you know, back in the back, you know, like the swallow. The old fellow come limping out like this, about eighty years old. He got out to. . . . I thought, "What would they bring a man like that out at a convention here, where about fifteen hundred people being . . . sitting here, and their . . . one of their speakers to come out like that?"

JOB38:4-7

The old fellow come out, he said, "Well," he says, "I'll tell you." He says, "I want to take my text from over in Job tonight. 'Where was you when I laid the foundation of the world, when the morning stars sang together and the sons of God shouted for joy?'"

I listened to all those ministers that day, how they'd placed the life of Christ in the Scripture. How beautifully I thought some real speakers had spoke that day. And I thought, "This poor old crippled-up fellow!"

69 Well, he never talked about what went on on earth. He talked about what went on in heaven. And he took Him up down there about ten

name. That's right. He's not Don El, the mask over his face. He's a coyote. Sure. I've seen human beings worse than him.

63 And the bear—they're always talking about the bear. "He's a killer. He kills the calves." I've hunted since I was a little boy, and I've never seen a bear kill a calf. 'Course he would do it, when he's starving to death. You'd do the same thing. Remember, you have to kill to eat. And every day. . . . Today if -you live, something has to die so you can live. You kill a cow, it died. You kill the sheep, it died. You say, "I don't eat meat." Well, something died anyhow. If you eat a potato, it died. It's a life. If you eat greens, it died. It's a life.

JOHN3:16 JOHN5:24 JOHN6:40 1JHN5:13

64 And a human can only live by dead substance. Now get it! And if something had to die in order for you to live physically, isn't it only sensible that something had to die so you could live spiritually? Christ died. Not a creed, but a life that come from Christ. We live eternally through Christ.

65 This eagle, it's a great bird. I haven't got time to unfold it—what he does, and how he makes his nest, where he's not like his denominational brother, the chicken, a barn-yard scratcher. He's going to be sure nothing ain't going to bother his children. He goes way high. No weasel's going to get him or his young ones. Ah, no wonder God likened his heritage to the eagle. You know He calls Himself an eagle. And we're eaglets. And the eagle is not a scavenger. He gets fresh meat every day. Amen! Eagle food, that's what the church has to have—not on an experience of forty years ago; an experience they got right now—something fresh from heaven!

66 The old eagle builds his nest way up in the cliffs, so the weasels and things won't get it. His denominational brother, the chicken, puts his in any old crack in the fence down there, scratch in the barnyard and everything else. But not an eagle. He couldn't eat that, see. He's gone. That's nothing for him.

PSA103:5 ISA40:31

This eagle when he gets to a certain place. . . . The Bible said renew our youth, like the eagle. I often wondered: renew the youth, how could that be?

67 I remember. . . . This sounds. . . . (I've taken a lot of your time, but. . . .) The first Pentecostal group I ever got with was two different organizations of them together. And I was coming down from up on a

*Behold, a king shall reign in righteous, and a prince shall rule in judgment.*

*And a man shall be as a hiding place, from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*

17 This might seem like a very odd text to draw this conclusion from, but I want to take the subject this morning of "Letting Off Pressure." It seems very fitting in this day. And I was up late last night, and about . . . around between twelve and one o'clock I was trying to think, "Now, where do I go in the morning?"

And they told me, "Up to that little Church of God that you thought was so pretty, up there on 44th Street [or Avenue—whichever it is]."

And I said, "Oh, I remember that." And I thought, "What will I say?" I said, "Well, now, I remember the last time there I just felt so at home, just relaxed." And I thought that would be a good text, just "Let Off the Pressure." That's a good thing to speak on from that little church in the morning. And now . . . and I jotted down a few little notes here that I might comment on for a few moments.

18 And we're living in a day of much pressure. Everywhere everybody's so tense. And down the street with the hot-rod, and they can't wait for the stop light, and you know, and run over you. And they're not going anywhere—not at all, not going. . . . They're, just as hard as they can race, but just racing towards eternity is all I know. And they . . . and you have to watch this way, and that way, and then it's. . . . I said, "There's just two classes of people live down there, and that's the quick and the dead. Them that ain't quick die quick." And I . . . my! It's dangerous to be safe these days. Hurrying, racing!

19 Temper? Oh, my! A poor little lady yesterday. . . . Brother Williams, I guess, wasn't noticing it, but we was going to make a turn. We had went to see his son, and he wasn't home, and we were making a turn. And some little lady (we have to allow for that), she made a kind of a little bauble. And why, anybody ought to have been gentleman enough to have said, "It's all right, madam. Go ahead. It's all right."

But she happened to turn on the left, turn in front of some fellow, and, oh, my! His face was as red, and he had the window down, and just a-saying everything. Of course, the little lady was just pushing up her hair,

and going on. And he stopped right in the street, was almost holding us up, you see, just to get to bawl her out.

Oh, it's a terrible time, isn't it? Where we going? What's the hurry? We used to drive a old horse around the corner, take our time, lived a lot longer. And we're the same kind of people. And there we are, oh, everybody smoking a cigarette, just a-puffing it.

Down in Tucson, last week, I noticed the children standing—a little girl, pretty little thing. She was about ten years old, and she . . . her little cheeks was all sunken in, and her little dark hair (lovely looking little fellow), and she was standing around smoking a cigarette before she went in. Now, that child probably had TB, maybe just a nervous wreck. Now, perhaps the reason she smoked, her mother smoked before her.

20 I was at the World's Fair this year, and I guess many of you were. And I enjoyed one thing—that was the Medical Room. And when they were there proving what smoking does, they had this Yul Brynner—and you were there, noticed it. And they took a cigarette and put it on a thing, and pulled the smoke out and strowed it across a white piece of marble, and wiped that nicotine up with a piece of cotton, and put it on a rat's back. And in seven days there was so much cancer the rat couldn't even walk, from the nicotine of one cigarette.

Then the doctor said, "You've heard people say. . . ." And he turned it around and put it under a tube, and let this smoke be pushed up through some kind of chemicals and there was a white streak. He said, "There is the cancer."

21 Then he said, "You've heard people say, 'I don't inhale it.'" So he pulled it in his mouth like that, puffed it in, and put his mouth on this tube and blowed it up, and there was hardly any in it at all. He said, "Where is the cancer? In my mouth. I swallow it down through my throat; picks up my throat and goes into the stomach." And then . . . that was the world's best, remember.

22 And then he goes ahead and says, "The people say 'Use a filter tip.' You've heard that—'a thinking man's smoke,' or some kind of a slogan. . . ." If the man thinks at all, he won't smoke at all. It's not a thinking man; it's an unthinking man that would smoke one. But he pulled this tobacco. . . .

23 He said, "Now, you see the only thing it is, is the public is not smart enough to catch this, and yet we're supposed to be intelligent people."

down that valley. And how many times have I sat there with my leg wrapped around the horn of the saddle, watching that ranger stand there. He's checking those cattle as they go through.

59 Now I noticed there was about . . . many different kinds of brands went in there, but the ranger never noticed the brand. He watched for the blood tag, 'cause nothing can come on that forest but a thoroughbred Hereford. Therefore they keep the breeding right, see.

EX12:13

60 I think that's the way it's going to be at the day of judgment. God ain't going to say, "Was you . . . belonged to the Assemblies, Church of God?" He's going to watch for that blood tag! "When I see the blood, I'll pass over you." Regardless of the brand we got, that don't mean nothing.

"Are you a Hereford? Are you registered?"

"Are you a borned-again Christian, filled with the Holy Ghost, washed in his blood?" That's what God's going to look forward to—see that blood tag. "When I see [not when I see the brand], when I see the blood tag you can pass in." Amen!

EX12:13

I'm beginning to feel religious. Here it's almost twelve-thirty and I ought've been done twenty minutes ago, and just getting to feel religious right good. Oh, praise God! "When I see the blood, I'll pass over you."

61 Now for another minute or two, if you will. I'm told that there's a certain type of eagle. Many of you tape men got my message on "The Eagle Stirs Its Nest," and I was studying eagles. I like eagles. I know they think he's an old rascal, but he was here for a purpose. Like if . . . I said to my wife the other day. . . . You all seen in Life magazine where they killed that four hundred and something thousand coyotes last year—just taking them and shot them down. They got a bunch of domestic hogs went wild down here. They're just going to take and go in there with airplanes, and machine-gun them down. That's murder. That's not right. It's not right! That coyote can't help being a coyote. He has to kill to eat.

62 Many times they say he kills off the lambs, and things like that. If that lazy bunch of herders they've got up there. . . . When them ewes are lambing, if they'd get out there and take care of those ewes instead of sleeping up till ten or eleven o'clock, the coyote would have a better

JOHN14:6

Jesus said, "I'm the truth. I'm the way, the truth, the life," see. We've quit worrying about that. That way builds up pressure.

You say, "Is the Methodist right? Is the Presbyterian? My mother was this. . . ." But Christ was your Lord, see. No matter what it is, you build up pressure, and that makes you fuss, see. If you're just depending on your organization, that builds up a fuss. You're trying to build your organization. But if you're in Christ, you just let off the pressure. Amen! There's just food for all of us, my!

GEN26:18-22

55 Jacob dug a well, and the Philistines run it away from him. I believe he called it "Strife." I forget the name that was there. And he dug another one, and they run it away from Him, and he called that "Malice," or something. Then he dug another well, and he said, "There's room for all of us. Let's all become one." So I think we need to get around that third well.

56 So in . . . the only way we can do that is under the blood. Then the Methodist can come right in here and feel just at home as a Pentecostal could. Yes, sir. A Methodist pastor filled with the Holy Spirit could take every Pentecostal in the country right in there, and be right at home. And we can be at home with one another, not because say, "Now, all you Methodists, all you Pentecostals"; we say "all you Christians." Amen! Oh, that takes in the big thing. Then we have fellowship, and just let off the pressure. I like that. There's no pressure built up then. We don't care what you belong to, what brand you wear.

57 I used to herd cattle [gap in tape] . . . the Troublesome River Valley. And then, if you can raise two tons of hay on this ranch, why, you could put a cow in the pasture. And some of them men has thousand, two, head of cattle. Grimes' was up there—the Diamond Bar. Ours was the old Turkey Track. Why, they had many brands—maybe twenty or thirty brands, up and down—that that association had in it. And there was a drift fence that keeps the cattle back up on the national forest as you go up the canyon, and keep them up there.

58 And then the riders ride through the summer and put so many bulls, so many cows, and so forth. Then we . . . they have a drift fence, and the ranger stands there to check those cattle as they go through. Sometimes a whole bunch of us would get together when we're bringing them cattle up in the spring. And there's literally thousands of head of cattle up and

Said, "If you get no smoke, you get no results. And when you've got smoke, you've got to have tar to get smoke. And tar is where cancer lays. It takes tar to make smoke." And said, "The only thing is smoking them with the tips on them, you smoke about three to get the satisfaction of one the other time. You've got the same amount in you exactly," see. And the American public wants a rabbit out of a hat. They got it! That's right. There you are, see.

And then, when they had brought that rat out—they had brought one out every seven days—it was the most hideous looking sight I ever seen. There was a great big fellow sitting by me. Said, "Whew!"—sweat running off of him. Said, "Very striking."

I said, "Do you smoke?"

He said, "Yes."

SOL2:1 ACTS2:13

24 There you are, but yet, we go right on doing it. Why? We're trying to find something to quieten, some anesthetic. It seems like the world is in a breakneck speed, and I don't know what they mean. But there is a Christian anesthetic. There is . . . the opium comes from a lily. And the Christian church has some opium, and it's from the Lily of the Valley. It soothes all the pains, and it's all over then. When you get this Christian opium, this new wine that they had on the day of Pentecost, see, it soothes out the pains.

1COR4:11

25 People are so arrogant, and they're doing things that they ought not to do. Instead of trying to get rid of the cause, they're just putting another cause with it. You can never find the cure until you get rid of the cause. Man is trying to find something to satisfy, and he thirsts. And God made him to thirst. He was built up that way. But God built him that way so he'd thirst after Him. But he tries to satisfy it, and hush that holy call in him, with things of the world. And we have no right to do that.

Now, but people do wrong constantly. Instead of going to the place to get rid of the cause, we try to hush it with anesthetics, and liquor, and smoking, and putting more to it—heaping it up all the time, making it worse. And all this only builds up pressure. It just makes it worse all the time.

26 Not long ago, you know. . . . All of you perhaps know that I do a lot of target shooting and hunting. That's what I have as a hobby. Some

brother had sent over to Weatherby Company and had taken a model 70 Winchester (as some of my hunting partners in here would know), and it was re-bored to a Weatherby Magnum 257. Art Wilson give Billy Paul the gun, and he's left-handed. And it had a bolt, and he just give it to me.

And another fellow come in and said, "You haven't got no Weatherby, so I'll re-bore it for you."

And in re-boring it—they didn't want to admit it—but they didn't re-bore it right. And what they did, back . . . you hand-loaders know, that back behind the ring it was getting pressure. And when I fired a few rounds of shells in it, I noticed the primer was pulling back, and there was a pressure.

27 Well, I knowed the shell was absolutely loaded under the maximum load, so it couldn't have been getting pressure from that. But it wasn't bored right. And the next shell that laid up, if it hadn't been for God I'd have lost my life. It just . . . the whole gun exploded and blowed the trees out around me, like that. And about as high as this building red fire blew, and the rifle barrel went out on the fifty-yard range, and the bolt went over my head back this a-way, the scope exploded that close to my eyes, and I didn't have nothing in my hand—just blowed up—blood spurting every way around me. And we was way away from a doctor.

And they seen me, and I couldn't speak or anything. And I was holding the blood in like this, and I took it away and it just spurted all over a brother standing there. And I put it back. And I said, "Lord Jesus [in my heart], You are my healer." I took my hand down and it was quit.

28 So, what was the matter? The gun was trying to shoot a shell that wasn't actually made for the gun. If the gun had been built up from the beginning a Weatherby Magnum, it would not have blowed up. But it was trying to put a Weatherby shell in a Winchester rifle, and it won't work. And you see scars around here, and over my eyes. And fifteen pieces went just below the sight.

When the doctor looked in my eye, he wrote back to my friend, the doctor. He said, "The only thing I know, that God was sitting on that bench with his servant. That man that was with him, out . . . calling the shots, just ought to have found from his waist down. Said, "God was with him." And said the shot, the pieces of the primer, put fifteen pieces plumb behind the eyeball, just under the sight. Never bothered me one

. . . Whatsoever ye do, do it in my name"; not "Do it in the name of the church."

You say, "Well, I'm giving a testimony because I'm thankful tonight I'm Presbyterian."

"I'm thankful I'm Pentecostal."

"I'm thankful I'm. . . ."

PROV18:10

51 I'm thankful I'm of Christ. "The name of the Lord is a mighty tower: the righteous run into it, and are safe." Then in his name we have fellowship. Now, if we go out here and one says, "I belong to the Church of God [I believe this is Church of God]," and the other one says, "I belong to the Assemblies," well, that might make a friction. One says "I belong to the United . . ."; the other one says, "I belong to something else, the Oneness," or whatever it is. If you're going to fuss that way, you're going to fuss.

1JHN1:7 REV1:5

52 But if you have actually reached that tower, no matter what group you're with, you're under the blood, and that's the only place that you can have fellowship, while the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. We have fellowship then, one with another.

53 What a fellowship it is! We can reach across and take the Church of God, the Assemblies of God, the Oneness of God, and whatever it might be—no matter what it is—there we have things in common. We have Christ, and Christ is our refuge, each one of us. If he's a Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, whatever he is: if he's under that blood you can fellowship with him because you are one. You're in this divine fellowship of Christ. Oh, what a great thing!

ISA32:2

54 Isaiah described it, "He's a rock in a weary land." That's this kind of a land. We're so worried, people don't know what to do.

People say, "Well, is this right? Is that right?"

Christ is right.

"Is this the way? Is that the way?"

He said, "I am the way."

"Which is truth, this or that?"

they must have been calm, let off the pressure, 'cause they could examine and see they had the blood. And when they seen the blood they knowed He promised He'd pass over. Oh, after they'd followed all the instructions of God, God promised to pass over them.

47 Now, what a picture that is for the church today. Now I'll hurry, but I got to lay this down here, just a minute. Today we are constantly leaving one congregation to another, taking our papers from one church (or letters) to the other. If the Methodist don't do something that you think ought not to be done, you'll take it to the Baptist; from the Baptist to the Presbyterian, from one to the other, see. What's the matter? It just shows that you've never come to that spot yet. You've never come there where you can let off the pressure. You're watching something that you ought not to be watching.

Christians go from one denomination to another. It shows that they have never come to that refuge, see. They go away sometime to seminaries (that's all right), and they learn the Word just as close as they can. They come home, and they try to talk that Word just as close as their denomination will let them do it, and that's good. But that ain't it. Not to know his Word, but to know Him! Him. Sure.

48 It's not how much of the Word you know, how good a church we have, what our denomination means to the world, how much exemptions we got by this, and how much fellowship we have with the world, what kind of a crowd we have coming; it's you. Are you under the blood? If you as an individual. . . . I don't care if every one of the congregation is wrong, you're still secure. You're under the blood.

PROV18:10

49 Sometimes God places you in a congregation that's wrong to shed some light. Don't jump up, just keep jumping from place to place, from one thing to another. Just stay under the blood. Go to running out, then your security is gone. Stay under the blood. ". . . name is a mighty tower: the righteous run into it, and they are safe." Let off the pressure. See Him in the hours that we know that there's people that's under that blood. We see it vindicated. We see God, what He does to vindicate his church.

JOHN14:14 JOHN15:7 COL3:17

50 Promised anything when we're in this tower. "Anything that you ask in my name I'll do it. If ye abide in me and my words in you, ask what you will; it'll be done to you." What a place! It's written "Do all things

bit. Two or three days after the face looked like hamburger, it was all dried up and gone.

29 But what was it? It was because that it was a shell in a gun that it wasn't made for. It had built up pressure. Now, if the gun had been made. . . . And in this holder where the shell slipped in from the magazine into the barrel (the chamber), if that chamber had been made correctly it would've held the pressure. And the pressure goes out this a-way. But instead, it was loose. And that pressure (the shell being weaker than the barrel), of course it blew this way, and blew the gun back this way.

The barrel wasn't hurt—just blew it off. Of course, completely tore everything from around it. It could not have been used no more. But the hull was still sticking in the barrel. See, it wasn't . . . now, if it had been an overloaded shell, it would have burst the barrel. But you see, in here—the thickest part of the gun—it blew back this way and knocked the lock loose. Now, if it had been built up a Weatherby Magnum, it would have never blowed up. It was trying to put something in something that didn't belong there.

JOHN3:7 2COR5:17

30 That's the way of a Christian experience. When people are trying to put a cold, formal confession into a powerful Pentecostal church, or experience. . . . Unless that person is built from ground up, built up borned again, regenerated—impersonators of today going around trying to impersonate speaking in tongues, trying to impersonate this, and impersonate that, the gifts—if they are not borned again. . . . And if they are borned again they cannot impersonate because they were built for those things. They're born, regenerated, remolded—not just something that's patched up and shook hands, and got emotion, and danced around the altar a few times and says "I've got it."

2COR5:17 GAL6:15

It's something that's been remolded, and regenerated, and become a new creature. They can stand the pressure of the persecution, and the things that follows the spiritual life. You've got to be made and built to stand the pressure. And only one thing can do it. That's when you come into God's molding house, and be torn down and rebuilt a new creature in Christ Jesus.

31 I was out to the hospital here not long ago, and I was going to pray for a lady. And there was another lady laying next to her. And I seen her

all nervous, and I was beginning to talk about prayer. And I said, “Well, we’ll bow our heads for prayer.” I said. . . .

She said, “Wait a minute, wait a minute, wait a minute! Pull that curtain.”

I said, “Yes, ma’am.” I said, “I was only going to pray.”

And she said, “Pull that curtain!”

I said, “Yes, ma’am. Aren’t you a believer?”

And she said, “We are Methodists.”

I said, “Well, that certainly expresses what I asked,” see. Yeah. I never asked her what lodge she belonged to. I asked her if she was a believer, see.

32 All these lodges get us all mixed up. You cannot join church. There is no such a thing. You can join the lodge. You can join the Methodist lodge, the Baptist lodge, the Presbyterian lodge, or the Pentecostal lodge; but you can’t join the church. You’ve got to be born. That’s the reason you got so much blowup, see. The pressure builds, and there you go. You say, “Well, I belong to this. . . .” But that doesn’t mean . . . you’ve got to come up from the ground up, to stand the pressure of this day. When God puts his big charge of the Holy Spirit in there, you’d better know what you’re doing. You better be ready for it.

Now, if you’d kind of re-bore out something, and say, “I tarried all night for a gift,” you’d better be careful. It might explode, and it’d backfire.

33 Coming to a hospital thought, I was coming down one night and there was sent me . . . it was Brother Neville, the pastor’s call, and I took it ‘cause I was coming from Louisville. Said the lady was very serious. And I went out to the hospital there at Jeffersonville, and there was a lady there. And they told me to go to Room 322, the lady was there. I walked in. I said. . . . It was a four-bed ward. And I said, “Is there a lady So-and-so here?”

“No, sir. She isn’t here.”

I said, “I probably made a mistake. Excuse me.” and I walked back out. And the nurse was coming down the hall and she was kind of in a hurry. I said, “Lady, could you tell me if a certain lady is up here on this ward, or where she’s at?”

let’s go. That’s right. What do you do? Change this old vile carcass that we’ve got, for an immortal body made like unto his own glorious body.

1COR15:53,54 1JHN5:11-13

44 Who wouldn’t change this pesthouse for something like that? Tell me somebody that wouldn’t. An older person, a younger person, no matter if you’re only fifteen years old, or twelve or whatever it is, death lays at your door. You don’t know what time. That human heart that beats like this has got to stop some day. And it might stop when you’re ten years old, twelve years old. It does by the thousands every day. But in here, in this body that we’re going to exchange it for, the blood don’t pulsate it. The Holy Spirit does, and it can’t die. It’s immortal, eternal, and it can’t die. What a promise! Yes, even death pulls. . . .

EX12:7-13,29-30

45 Look at Israel. Now there’s coming a death shower across Egypt, and God made a provision. He made a refuge for them, and He said, “Take a lamb and slay it, and put the blood on the lintel post, and on the door. And when I see the blood I’ll pass over you.” Egypt laughed at it; but it was a God-provided way from death. And now, when those great dark wings of death swept down through the city—and city after city over all Egypt—and that death started moving into every house, and screams coming up, I can see Israel just as relaxed. Let off the pressure.

The little boy might walk up to his father, and say, “Daddy, you know, I just heard that runner going through the street. Little Johnny that I played with down there, he’s dead. Daddy, I’m your first-born.”

I can see the old father raise up, take off his spectacles, as it was, lay down his Bible, say, “Come here, son.”

“Daddy, it’s coming down the street.”

“Let off the pressure, son. Come here a minute. See that blood?”

“Yeah, I see it, Daddy.”

“Well, let off the pressure.”

Junior, you don’t have to speed through the street with your hot rod. You don’t have to do these things. Just examine, see if the blood’s there. Let off the pressure. If death’s knocking at the door, it can’t do nothing.

EX12:13,23

46 No pressure with Israel. They could let off the pressure because they were safely under the blood. Oh, my! That great night of the Passover

off the pressure! Why would you change angel food for garlies of Egypt like Israel wanted? Oh, there's a place to let off the pressure. Come into it, friend, and you'd be safe when you come in there. What a wonderful thing it is to know it. All right. No complaining.

This young man said to me, he said, "Look, Mr. Branham." Said, "You're a man fifty years old." Said, "You don't admire beauty in the women as you see them walk." I said. . . . He said, "If you was my age. . . ." He was about twenty-five. He said, "If you was my age you would see different."

LUKE9:62

41 I said, "Mister, I was preaching this same gospel years younger than you are now. I just found something that satisfies, something that's real, something that. . . . Everything else is blind. I'm inside of a tower. I don't have no desires to even look out. He that puts his hands to the plow, and even turns to look back, is not worthy of the plowing." What a place to come!

Yes. Outside you die; inside you're safe. Just come in and let off the pressure. That's the thing to do. And Christ is our tower (yes), God's provided place of safety.

JOSH20:2 PROV18:10

42 Joshua built those houses, and those cities of refuge; and God built us a city of refuge that's in his Son, Christ Jesus. The name of the Lord is a mighty tower. The righteous run into it and are safe.

ISA53:4,5 1PET2:24

Now you say, "What if you get sick in there?" He bore our sickness in this tower that we're in. He bore our sickness in his body. We have. . . .

1PET5:7

"Well," you say, "what if you get weary when you're in there, all cares and things?" Cast your cares upon Him. It's wrote on every wall, all the way around, every door. Cast your cares upon Him, because He cares for you.

JER31:33 ACTS2:24 ACTS10:40,41 1COR15:52 HEB8:10 HEB10:16

43 Trust in his promised Word. His words are written on our heart. Our hearts are the tables of his Word, like Martha and Mary and all along, see. Even death itself doesn't worry you in here, when you're in the Lord. Why? He rose from the dead. We don't have no worry about that. Death comes, like the little sister was speaking about there. If it's time to go,

She said, "I have no time for to do things like that. Can't you see I'm in a hurry?"

I said, "Pardon me." I walked up to the desk and the lady was sitting there at the desk (a nurse), and I said. . . . She was writing out something, and I kept waiting. She looked up at me, and just kept on writing.

Well, I waited around a few minutes, and I said, "Good evening." She never said a thing. And I thought, "Well." I said. "Could you tell me where a certain lady is? I'm a minister. I've been sent here to a certain place, to Room 322, they told me."

And she said, "Well, then, go to Room 322."

And I said, "Lady, I have been to Room 322."

She said, "Why ask me then? Go to the desk downstairs."

I said, "Well, thank you." I started downstairs, and I got down there. And I asked the nurse on the floor if . . . she knowed nothing about it. Here come a little doctor down through the floor, with his stethoscopes in his hand, whirling them around and around like this, little. . . . I never seen such a fat man! He was . . . honestly, I believe he was broader than he was long. He was walking (or he was high, rather). So he was walking down whirling these stethoscopes in his hands, and I said, "Excuse me, doctor. Could you tell me where. . . ."

He said, "Yes, yes. Just go on back that way."

I said, "Thank you, sir," and I went on down the other way. And I thought, "Well, now, what am I going to do?" And he went down and sat down behind the desk. And I didn't see anybody else, so I thought I might as well walk up and ask him again.

I said, "Pardon me, sir." He just kept looking at something else, you know, and I said, "Did . . . I am wanting to know where the room . . . ?"

Said, "It's back that way."

I said, "Room 222. I can't find which way to go."

Said, "Just go this way, and that way. You'll find it."

What is it? Pressure, see, pressure built up. He might have come from surgery. He might have thought that he had. . . . I oughtn't to be asking him that. It was out of the visiting hours, truly. Then he thought, "Just some preacher. Let him go," see.

34 The world's just built up on pressure. It's going to blow up one of these days. The world built full of pressure, and the doctors don't know what to do about it. The psychiatrist has got psychiatrists doctoring them. That's right. They don't have the answer; but God does. God has the answer to all of this.

EX21:24 LEV24:20 DEUT19:21 JOSH20:3,4

35 In the Old Testament when a man had did something wrong, now, it was tooth for a tooth and eye for eye. And if this man did something wrong he had a place of escape. I believe Joshua had built houses of refuge. And if the people did something wrong, and they were subject to be killed, but they had a place of refuge where this man could run to—this city of refuge. And he was safe if his pursuers didn't overtake him before he got there. But if the pursuers overtook him, they killed him in the way.

NUM35:6 JOSH20:2-6

But if he got there, and if he had did this crime not willingly and could plead his case, and show that he was sorry that he did it, then he could be brought into this city of refuge, and the pursuers could not enter the city. No, he had . . . he was safe. What a feeling that must have been: to know that you did something that was wrong, and you know it was wrong, but there is a place where you won't have to worry no more—go into this place and are safe.

Now, if the man willfully did it, well, then he had to . . . he couldn't come in. If he had willfully committed a murder, his trial was tried at the gate. And that's . . . But the man who wanted, and had not willfully did it. . . .

36 Just like . . . I'd give a type of it: if a man's done wrong, and he really wants . . . he's sorry that he's sinned, there is a place of refuge. But if he just don't care, then there's no place for him because he won't accept it. He's done mean, and he wanted to. No chance for them, and that's the same as it is today. And then, the thing was, if he had did wrong he must want a place of refuge, he must want to be there.

DEUT33:27 PSA46:1,7 PSA59:16 PSA62:8

And that's a very good type of the church today and the people. . . . A man's got to want a place of refuge. You've got to feel your need of it. But if you think you want to fight your own battles, go ahead, see. But you're sure to be caught by your pursuers. But some day it's going to find you. But if you want a place. . . .

37 And then, when the man wants a place, and found a place, he must be willing to stay there. You don't go out no more. You stay there. Then you're safe while you're there. Oh, what a relief that must have been—to find a place. As soon as you enter the gates, and the gates close behind you, I'd be satisfied. Yes, sir! He must want to stay there—no complaining, walk around and say, "Ah, why did I ever come in here?"

MAL3:10

Now that's just the way people does today. They say they want to be free from the cares of the world, and then they get into the . . . amongst the believers, and then they say, "Now, if I'm going to have to give this up, if I'm going to have to do that, if I'm going to have to pay tithings, if I'm going to have to do these, and this other thing, how. . . . Oh, my, what a. . . ." See, then that man complaining was put back out again—shift for yourself. But if he was. . . . He must be satisfied, and no complaining.

MICA3:11 EPH1:3 EPH2:6

38 Oh, how I love to say this: I never wanted to go out no more. Oh, it's heaven to me to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, with men and women who've fled for their life from the things of the world, and anchored their soul in a haven of rest. Oh, what a fellowship! Oh, what joy divine, leaning on his everlasting arm, pressure all gone, not scared of nothing (Amen!), for I'm safe in Christ.

PSA61:3 PSA71:3 PROV18:10 ISA32:2

39 He is a mighty tower. The righteous run into Him and are safe. He's a rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm. What a place to be! I see nothing to complain about. The only complaint I have is, why didn't I do it a long time before I did? I waited till I was about nineteen, twenty years old. I ought to. . . .

Some fellow met me the other day, young fellow. And I was talking about these . . . this scandal of these ladies out on the street with these garments on that look like men. And I was laying it on pretty heavy. A young fellow met me out the door. He said, "Just a minute. . . ." (. . . and doing this here shindig, you know, twist, breaking their legs, and everything.)

NUM11:5

40 I said, "It's insanity." And I said, "The real Christian. . . . If that's in their heart and they claim to be a Christian, their fruits show what they are. It shows an emptiness for any man or woman to try to satisfy themselves upon stuff of the world, the carrion of the world—trying to satisfy themselves; when Zion is full of beauty and power. Satisfied to let