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On The Wings Of A Snow White Dove

1 Let's bow our heads: Dear Lord, we thank Thee tonight for the promise of the coming of the Lord Jesus, where we'll meet in a great meeting where it'll never end, of joys and songs, as we praise You through the ceaseless ages that is to come. We ask Your blessings upon the meeting tonight. We ask Your blessings upon this tabernacle, upon its staff, its pastors, its co-workers, co-pastors, and all.

2 We ask You to bless these, Lord, who have come many miles to be in the meeting. Lay Your hand of mercy upon them as they travel back to their homes. Grant it, Lord. May we meet many more times together in this place, called The House of God, to worship. Bless those who are tuned in tonight, Lord, by the way of the telephone. May every unsaved person find Jesus Christ their Saviour tonight; heal all the sick and the afflicted. Father, your servant is reporting for service, in Jesus' name. Amen.

3 The Lord bless each of you. So happy to be here tonight. I just got in when Brother Ernie was singing the last part of his song, On the Wings of a Dove. Certainly beautiful poem. Certainly beautiful, and I know it's timely. So now we . . . very thankful.

4 And to all you people that's tuned in tonight out across the nation, I wish you were only here to see this waiting, expectations on the people's faces, as they're jammed in the building tonight, having a wonderful time.

5 We want to thank Brother Jack Moore, and Sister Moore, and Brother Noel, Brother Boutliere, Brother Brown, all these associates here, the whole tabernacle, the whole staff, for inviting us back.

6 It was really kind of a . . . couldn't say a coincident, it was simply just the hand of God that worked it out. There's a brother here that had a dream sometime ago about this thing happening. Said I was standing in a pair of white trousers, in Indian moccasins. And that's just exactly the way I was standing when I called Brother Jack for the meeting here, just exactly, at Carson, Colorado—Indian moccasins and a pair of white Levi trousers on. Brother Leo, if you're listening in, I was just meeting you in a few minutes. So that's when the meeting took its birthplace, right there.

7 Now it's Sunday night, I know many of you will drive all night tonight going home. Some of you will be driving in the morning. I've got two days drive ahead of me. And so we won't hold you very long. And I've tried to make this an old-time night, the night that Brother Brown, Brother Jack, and all of us that used to pray for the sick years ago, would pray for the sick in the same manner that we did then.

8 Now, can you hear me back in the back? I just keep lowering these mikes because I am hoarse.

9 And so I want to. . . . Just a little something, this little incident's happened. Why, they was telling me a while ago that there was a brother, perhaps here in the meeting tonight, that just come out of denominationalism; come into Shreveport, wanted to hear about the message. And he got mixed up, he didn't know where he was at, so he went downtown. He seen people gathered, he said, "Is this where Billy Branham is going to preach?"

10 He said, "No, it's where Billy Graham's a-preaching by the way of a film."

11 He said, "Well, I'm sorry, I got the wrong place."

12 He said he come up, he said, "Now where can I go, Lord?" Said he started walking up this main street. I don't know what it is, there's a big church up here at the end. Texas Street. And there was a big white cross up on a church. Said the Lord told him, said, "Just keep walking." Said when he got there there was . . . said, "Well, here must be where it is, there's a lot of cars setting around." And said a bride and groom come walking out of the church. That was last night, there was a wedding, I seen it come out. The Lord said, "Now, that's what it is. You're coming out of denominationalism to enter into the bride, to go with the Groom."

13 I was remarking to my wife, coming down the street, how the moon and the star hanging right above that cross, as we moved up into it. I guess I just look at little things like that, maybe kind of complimentary to my belief in God, my ministry.

14 I was thinking tonight, in Tucson, it happened to be that Victor La Deux, he was this Frenchman—he's a genuine Frenchman. I believe I was telling you the other day, that when I got through speaking, trying to separate denominationalism from real Christianity. . . . And a man was giving me kind of a short talk about it, from a famous denominational Pentecostal church.

- 15 And so Danny Henry, I think he's some movie star's cousin or something, and he was a Baptist; and he run down to the platform, and just threw his arms around me and said, "Brother Branham, I hope this don't sound sacrilegious, but that could be the twenty-third chapter of Revelation." And when he started to say something else, he started speaking in tongues.
- 16 And three French people. . . . A Frenchwoman (big, heavysset woman, dark complected, from Louisiana, she may be sitting here tonight) wrote it down on a piece of paper, what he said. Then Victor La Deux, a minister, wrote down the same thing; and they were comparing notes, or going to. A light-headed man (kind of a blond hair) standing way back, packed back as far as he could, come walking up, wanted to see those notes. He was the interpreter of French at the U.N. And all three notes was the same.
- 17 And it said this: "Because thou has chosen this harder way. . . . You've chose it, you have chose it by your own choosing [course we know that, Moses had to make his choice]." Said, "This is the precise and correct way, because it's My way. And what a glorious decision you've made!" Said, "Because of this, a large portion of heaven awaits you. And this in itself is that which will make, and bring to pass, the tremendous victory in the love divine."
- 18 All three was the same. I thought I had that in my Bible tonight, (I looked in there, but I didn't), the original copy of it.
- 19 Danny Henry don't know . . . like myself, he hardly knows good English, let alone French. If you notice in there, it's like the French language, they put the verb before the adverb. And the interpretation of all three was exactly alike.
- 20 Danny Henry, sometime ago, he make. . . . Danny may be listening in tonight. Victor La Deux perhaps is, because I understand he's in Tucson. And you people in Tucson at the church, the tabernacle, the Tucson Tabernacle where Brother Green's the pastor, Brother Victor La Deux, I understand, is in a tent meeting right at the foot of Park Avenue where it runs out into Highway 80, coming this way. And if you're out there tomorrow night and next night, whenever how long he will be there, go to hear him; and Danny may be with him. And it could be that they're listening in from the Tabernacle tonight, I don't know.
- 21 Danny went to Jerusalem right after that, and said he was laying there in the tomb on the board, rock board, that Jesus laid on, a corpse, just before His resurrection. And said, all of sudden I come on his mind; and said he run out, begin crying, and he walked outside. And he was directed. . . . He's a man that makes things out of rocks—tumbles rocks. Said he went to where they said the cross was drove down, and he just dropped off . . . knocked off a little piece of rock about like, oh, a inch square or something, put it in his pocket, and was impressed to bring it home.
- 22 When he did, something said to him, "Make Brother Branham a pair of cuff links out of that." So he put it in the acid, and it changed the color from the regular limestone-looking rock to a bloodstone rock. And he made the cuff links.
- 23 And when he give them to me, he hadn't noticed it, but right through the middle of both cuff links runs that straight, narrow strip. I have them on tonight, to pray for the sick. See, a bloodstone color, like the dripping blood, with the straight, narrow line right through. Just exactly what his prophecy said, "the straight and narrow way"; see, in the prophecy. I showed it to him.
- 24 Danny, if you're listening in, you or Brother La Deux, either one, tonight's going to be the old-fashioned night when we're to pray for the sick. I'm glad to walk this straight, narrow way, the way of the gospel, the way of the Word, with our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 25 God bless you all. Now, you're so nice to talk to, I'll just talk a long time and I'll have you here too long. Billy said there's between three and four hundred people to be prayed for; so I'll just have to hurry up with our message as quick as possible, and then pray for the sick.
- 26 Now, to the people in Arizona, the next Saturday night, we're over at (never can think of the name of that town) Yuma, Arizona, at the banquet. So then in California, we follow right on in Sunday morning, to Los Angeles and the places that's been predicted to be there.
- 27 Tonight, I want to take a text out of the Scripture.
- 28 By the way, I was sitting in a cafeteria today, the Morrison's Cafeteria; Brother Jack, his wife, I and my wife. We went over to Morrison's Cafeteria to have a little time together. We hadn't been out, the women had never been together. There was a young fellow walked up to me, his name's Green, he's the father of Brother Pearry Green. And he said, "You know, Brother Branham, you was talking about a johnny pin the other night." That's really a. . . . What is it? Bobby pin. He said, "You were talking about a johnny pin," said, "I got you a johnny pin." He gave it to me.

29 Now, that's a johnny pin, ladies. That won't work in the hair. A johnny pin. He said he'd been using it for years to hold the pages of his Bible down. So he said, "I'll give you a genuine johnny pin." So, Brother Green, if you're here somewhere or listening in, that johnny pin's a dandy, just holds it right.

30 Now we want to get into the Scriptures right away. And I want you to turn with me now to Psalms 55, and then also Matthew 3. And my subject tonight was Brother Ernie's topic: On The Wings Of A Snow-White Dove. Now, I won't be able to strike all the notes and scriptures that I got here, because I'll just kind of skip over a few of them, because I promised the message.

31 The Lord willing, for Yuma next Saturday night, I want to preach on: "The Conditions For The Rapture," if the Lord willing.

PSA55:1-7

32 In Psalms 53 ... I beg your pardon, Psalms 55:

Give ear ... [Pardon? 55. Yes, sir.]

Give ear to my prayer, O God; ... hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

My heart is sore pained within me: and the terror of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, the horror has overwhelmed me.

And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah. [Selah means "Amen"]

PSA55:6

33 David, a lover of the wilderness, when he got distressed and the people wouldn't believe him, and the enemies had come upon him, he said, "If I had the wings of a dove, I would fly out into the wilderness and there remain." How many times have I thought that same thing! If I could take my rifle off of the wall, my camp bag, go out in the wilderness and never return again. I've asked the Lord if I can live to see the day... I don't never want a funeral service. I said, "If I can just go out in the woods somewhere, set ol' Blondie against the tree..." That's my rifle, excuse me. I say that on account of my wife sitting there.

34 You know, that rifle a brother here gave me years ago, I killed fifty-five head of game with it, without missing a shot, some of them seven to eight hundred yards. I call it "Blondie" because my wife's a brunette, so she said I think more of the rifle than I do her.

35 So, I'd like to set it against a tree, and say, "Lord, let Joseph find it someday." I'd like to take the wings of a dove and fly away.

MATT17:4 MARK9:5 LUKE9:33

36 But just like one time up in the mountains, watching an eagle, and seeing him fly away (you know my story of it), I said, "It's good to be here, Lord." Like Peter said, 'We could build three tabernacles,' but down at the foot of the mountain, the sick and the afflicted are waiting, the lost and dying are waiting. So let us do what we can while it's day, and someday there'll be a ... the wings of a white Eagle will come down, He will bear us away.

MATT3:16,17

37 Now in Matthew 3:16, I'd like to read 16 and 17:

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went straightway up out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. [In other words, "in whom I'm pleased to dwell in."]

38 Now we want to speak a few minutes on this bird. A dove has always been one of my favorite birds. And thinking of a dove, a dove is really ... and a pigeon is the same bird. A pigeon is a domestic dove. They're both the same family.

I've looked it up and it is the same family. A pigeon and a dove, they're both of the same family. The habits of these birds are outstanding.

39 I preached here, some few years ago, in a tent meeting out here with Brother Moore, on The Lamb And The Dove. I guess you all remember that; and how that the dove is the most cleanest bird that we have, and the lamb is the most meekest animal that we have. They're both sacrificial bird and beast.

40 How beautiful it's typed here as Jesus being the Lamb, and God being the Dove. And the dove would not have settled on a wolf, his nature's not right. It couldn't've settled on a dog, his nature's not right. It had to be on a lamb; the two natures had to be the same. And that's the way we have to be. Our natures has to change from the roaring sinner to the meekness of a lamb.

41 And did you notice the Dove led the Lamb? And notice, the Lamb forfeit everything He had to the Dove. And look where the Dove led Him: to crucifixion for the sins of us all.

42 Now, the dove. . . . If God wanted to represent His Son, He was represented by the most cleanest and meekest animal on the earth, a earth-bound creature; but when God represented Himself in the heavens, was by the meekest and most cleanest bird there is in the heavens—a dove.

43 Now, doves vary. There's many different variations of them. Usually our turtledove is kind of a gray-looking bird. And then there's a mourning dove, and then there's the evening dove. There's also called the Sonora dove that we have at home. He's a little, gray fellow, little bitty fellow with red stripes on his wings. There's many different kinds of doves, and they vary in colors. So is there same thing in the pigeons.

44 Now, the dove is a very odd constructed dove, because his habits that he cannot eat anything that's unclean. He just couldn't do it, because he's not built for it.

45 Now, I've always talked about the dove being a symbol of God, and the crow being a symbol of the hypocrite. A crow can sit on an old dead carcass and eat all day long, and fly right out in the field and eat wheat with the dove. But the dove can eat wheat all right, but it can't eat the dead carcass. See? He just can't do it, he can't stomach it. And I wondered why he couldn't do it; they're both fowls, both birds. But why? It's the structure of them.

46 That's the way it is with a genuine Christian. Just a denominational Christian can just take anything, but a genuine, born again Christian cannot take the things of the world. He's constructed different.

47 I found out that the dove don't have any gall. There's no gall in a dove, because he has no need of it.

48 So that's the way it is with a Christian. He doesn't need any bitterness, see, because he only can eat the food of God. And it doesn't take bitterness to dissolve that; takes love, to dissolve the food. Bitterness always say, "Well. . ." they differ with it. But love always receives it, the Word of God.

49 Now, he has no gall, so therefore he could not . . . it's just against him to eat anything bad. And if he would, it would kill him. But there's no danger. He isn't going to eat it because he has no appetite for it.

PSA32:2 ROM4:8

50 And that's the way with a real Christian. Did you know a real Christian doesn't have even any sin at all imputed to him? David said, "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin to." When you're washed in the blood of the Lamb (not by make-belief, but really the blood of the Lamb), God does not impute to you anything that's done, because you're under the blood and He doesn't see it. There's a blood sacrifice; the only thing He can see you in is the way He saw you before the foundation of the world when He put your name in the Lamb's book of life. That's all He can look at, because you are redeemed from everything that was ever done, you're washed in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore there's no gall in you, there's no unclean habit in you, because that the blood of the Lamb has did this; and God cannot impute sin to you after you've got a sin-offering laying there waiting for you.

51 "Well," you say, "that gives me plenty of room then, Brother Branham, I can do what I want to." I always do. Always. But when a man can really see what Jesus done for him, and turn around and do something contrary to Him, it shows he never received Christ.

52 I got a little wife sitting back there. She's ten years younger than me, and as gray as I am. The reason is because she's stood between me and the outside world. If I was going overseas, and I'd. . . . Wouldn't this be some sort of a family to live in, if I'd gather my family around me and I'd say: "Looky here, Mrs. Branham, you want to realize that you're Mrs. William Branham. Thou shalt not have any other husbands while I'm gone. Don't you make eyes at any other man," and all these things? "Don't you flirt at all. If you do, when I come back I'm going to divorce you."

- 53 And she'd turn around and say, "Now, my good man, I want to tell you something also. Thou shalt not take out any other woman while you're gone. Thou shalt not do this and that. If you do, just consider yourself divorced when you come home."
- 54 Now, wouldn't that be a loving family? See? No! If I really love her. . . . Though I believe if I did make a mistake and slip and do something wrong, I believe she'd forgive me for it because she loves me. And if she did, I believe I'd forgive her for it; certainly, because I love her. But if I love her like that, as long as I love her like that, she has no worry. Though she would forgive me, I wouldn't hurt her for nothing. I'd feel the guiltiest guy in the world. I couldn't wait for the minute I'd tell her about what I done, because I love her. Well, if I love her with phileo love like that, how much greater would my agapao love be to Jesus Christ?
- 55 Though I might smoke a cigarette, I never in my life, but though I would, He might forgive me for it. I believe He would. If I took a drink, I never in my life, but I believe He'd forgive me for it. And I love Him too much (God, help me), I don't want to do anything like that; see, because I love Him. That stuff is gone from me, because when He changed me from a crow to a dove it made a difference, my appetite and things left me. Then sin is not imputed to me because I don't aim to do it, it's not in me to do it.
- 56 Now another great thing about this dove. He's a strange bird. Did you ever see all the birds. . . .
- 57 One of my favorite birds is a robin. Now, you boys quit shooting at my robins, see, because I don't want you doing that. My robin, you know how he got his red breast? You know, one day there was a man dying on the cross, nobody would help Him. God had forsaken the man, and He was dying. His hands had nails in them, his feet and his side a-bleeding, crown on His head and thorns, blood running over His face. And there was a little bird passed by, a little brown bird. And he looked at that, thought it was the most pitiful sight he ever saw. And he knowed he was just a little bird, but he looked at them great big ol' cruel Roman nails drove in His hand, and he flew in with his little beak and tried to pull them loose. He got his breast all bathed with blood, since then it's been red. I want my breast shielded with His blood, too, defending Him when I come to meet Him. I love a little robin.
- 58 But, you know, a little robin has to take a bath; but, you know, a dove don't have to. No. He's got some kind of oil on the inside of him that oils him and keeps him clean from the inside out. You know that? The dove has. The dove oils himself. Did you ever pick up one, smell that odor on him, a pigeon or something? That's oil that's produced from the inside of him. His body makes up a oil gland that keeps his feathers always clean on the outside because he's clean from the inside out. That's right. He's a marvelous little bird.
- 59 Now, I know you can hunt them here, I think, in Louisiana. Don't do that! Oh, I couldn't do it. I guess if I was hungry it'd be all right, but I just couldn't pull the trigger on one if I had to.
- 60 A dove has a great strange thing in our family. One day when my grandmother. . . . She come from up here in Kentucky, off the Cherokee reservation. She was dying, a little woman, and she was. . . . They had. . . . I think they call it scrofula or something, she was dying. And grandfather knelt down by the side of the bed, while Mama, Aunt Bertie, Aunt Halley, all of them knelt around the bed. Uncle Charlie (little bitty four-year-old boy), the baby, Mama, the oldest, being about twelve years old. And she had combed her black hair out on the bed, and she started singing, "Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee," when she was dying. Grandpa, at that time, wasn't a Christian. I baptized him at eighty-seven years old, in the name of Jesus Christ, at the foot of the river there where the Angel of the Lord appeared.
- 61 But while she was singing this song, with her feeble little hands up in the air, a dove flew in the door, come around, sat down on the top of the bed, started cooing. God took her soul.
- 62 I went over to London, England, with Brother Jack and with Brother Gordon Lindsay, and there had been a woman by the name of Florence Nightingale (claims to be, I think, a great-granddaughter or something of the late Florence Nightingale) that wrote me many letters. She was down in South Africa, dying with a cancer. And she had a picture; you seen it in the book. I never seen a mortal like that in my life. Brother Jack, I believe, was with me that day. We went into a minister's house, at the rectory just behind the church, where they had brought her.
- 63 While we were yet out on the. . . where the plane come down, they paged us. And she was in a ambulance there then, had been flown up from down in South Africa, knowing that I was coming to England at that time. The minister took her to the rectory, so we went back there to pray for her.
- 64 I've seen lots of sick people, but her little arms didn't look over a inch across. Her skull, where it laces together, you could see it. And her limbs, way up here around her hips, wasn't over that, about two inches across, just the bone. And she couldn't raise her hands, she was too weak to raise her hands. And she was trying to say something, and I couldn't

understand her. And when I finally got to hear, I believe through a nurse, she said, “Brother Branham, pray that God will let me die.” She couldn’t . . . didn’t want to live. And I noticed, and tears was running off of the side of them bone on her face. Where she got enough moisture about her to cry, I don’t know, for her veins was collapsed, and she was in a terrible condition. Coming to pray for the sick, I couldn’t pray for her to die. But she just looked like couldn’t die, she was just lingering on.

65 I knelt down with your pastor in the room to pray. And when I knelt down to pray, a little dove flew up by the window, began cooing. When I finished praying, I thought it was a pet dove there somewhere. Foggy outside, how England is, the British Isles there. And this little dove quit cooing, and flew away. I walked over and laid hands upon her and called the name of the Lord. And the woman is a great big, strong healthy woman today—on the wings of a dove.

66 He keeps hisself clean from the inside. A Christian does that too, he cleans from the inside. That keeps the malice. . . . He don’t need any gall to digest anything, because he doesn’t eat it. See? He’s clean from the inside out.

GEN15:1-8

67 Now, we notice that this bird. . . . Many things I’ve got written down here, but the clock keeps moving around. This bird was also used in the Old Testament for sacrifice, for an atonement and for cleansing. Let’s just refer here to one in Genesis 15:9. Let’s think of this verse just for a moment. Now, Abraham asked God here, how would He do this. And God is making His Word back to Abraham, and He does it in a strange way. Begin with about the. . . . Let’s begin at the first verse, I don’t like to hurry this.

After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abraham in a vision, . . . [see, Abraham was a prophet, so he saw visions] . . . Fear not, Abraham: I am thy shield, and . . . exceeding . . . reward [Jehovah-nissi, see].

And Abraham said, Lord God, [notice, capital L, “Lord God,” Elohim. See?] Lord God, [in the vision] what will thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

And Abram said, Behold, to me thou has given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is my heir.

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, This shall not be thy heir; [Done made him a promise, you know. See, right then Abraham would have failed, but the promise is unconditional; the covenant, unconditional.] but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. [And he’s a hundred years old now.]

And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now towards the heavens, and tell the stars, if thou are able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be [a man without a child, and now a hundred years old].

And he believed in the LORD; and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur, out of the Chaldeans, to give thee the land to inherit it.

And he said unto Him, Lo, Lord . . . or, Lord . . . whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

GEN15:9

68 Now listen to this:

And he said unto him, Take me a heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old [watch the threes now], three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon [both the same thing, both the same thing].

69 See, it was used in a sacrifice that he was foreshowing Jesus. The covenant was made. . . . You know how he cleave them apart, and how that this. . . .

70 Or the old times, when they made a covenant, they would take and write the agreement up. And kill an animal, stand in between it, tear the covenant in two. One person took one part. . . .

71 Like the Chinese laundry used to do. The Chinaman here, he couldn’t write English, so he wrote on there and tore a piece of paper and handed you a part. And you remember the Chinese laundries when they used to do that. And your two

ends had to compare, to get your clothes. See, you couldn't fool him, because he had the other end of it. You might re-copy your name, but you can't re-tear that paper. See? So, it had to be the same piece of paper.

72 So that's the way they done it in the Oriental days, long ... or long ago in the Eastern days. They'd kill an animal, stand in between it, tear the piece of goatskin apart, one took one. ... And when the covenant was confirmed, they brought the pieces together and they had to dovetail just exactly.

73 Now, what God is showing him here is this: On these sacrifices, is speaking of Christ, that how God took Jesus to the Calvary and tore Him apart, and received the body up into heaven and sent the Spirit down upon us, that the same Spirit was on Him has to be on you to dovetail with the body, to be the bride at the end time. See? That's right. See? It won't be a denomination, now. It'll be the Word, what He was. See?

74 But like that Word has to come to Word, like cell in a human being. You know, when your body's being built, it isn't one cell of a human, next of a dog, and next of a pig. Oh, no, no. It's all human cell. That's the way the body of Christ is, all the Word of God. Not just part of it, some tradition added to it; no, it's all the body of Christ.

75 Now, we find here that he used both a turtledove and a young pigeon, because they are the selfsame family. Now, you always. ...

LEV12:4,5 LUKE2:22,24

76 So notice (I just refer to a couple of these Scriptures) Leviticus 12, and the sixth verse. We find here the order of a woman being purified. If the woman had a baby, she had to wait. If it was a boy, she had to wait for thirty-three days before she could enter the congregation with the doves, for purification. If she had a girl, she had to wait ninety-six days before she could enter the congregation.

LEV12:6

77 Now we find here, the sixth verse:

And when the days of her purification are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest:

78 See, she can't come in yet because her days isn't finished yet, but she can give this to the priest at the door, for her offering. See, either a turtledove or a young pigeon. They're both the same family.

79 Now it was used for atonements, and in the atonement for sin, one dove. Or of leprosy, which is a type of sin, you brought two doves. One's head was taken off, turned up-side-down and bled on the other one; and then the other dove was set free. And when the dove flew, he bathed the ground with the blood of his mate, and the blood cried out to God, "Holy! Holy! Holy is the Lord God!"

80 Can't you see the dying mate Jesus Christ? Was killed and sprinkled upon us, that we should go free, crying out "Holy! Holy! Holy!" unto the Lord. What beautiful types. Wished I had some voice.

81 Now type the great Holy Spirit as we just read in Revelation 3:16; used of God for signs, this dove was.

GEN2:17 GEN6:8

82 Noah was given a sign, as the brother just sang about it. God was displeased, and there was nothing going to stay His wrath, for He said, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." And Noah had found grace with God and had built an ark according to the constructions ... the instructions, rather, that He had given him. And he had been floated up.

83 I can imagine what happened in them days when they said, "This old man up on the hill, an old fanatic, building an ark, saying it's going to rain, it never has rained."

84 But Noah said, "It's going to rain, anyhow."

GEN7:11

85 And then I know the day that he went in, I think ... can't think of what day it was. I believe the seventeenth day of May, Noah entered into the ark, and God shut the door.

GEN7:11

86 And the clouds begin to come, the rains begin to fall, the sewers begin to fill up, the fountains of the deep broke up, the springs all belched up their water. Finally people got into the houses, climbed up. The old ark sat right there just the same.

GEN7:16

87 After while when enough begin to get around her, she begin to rise up higher and higher. The people knocked at the doors and screamed, but it did no good, Noah could not open the door. God closed it, God's the only one can open it.

88 So is it at our Ark, Jesus Christ. God opened the door for us on Calvary, He will close it just as sure as He opened it.

GEN7:17

89 And it floated, and on and on, maybe a mile deep over the top of the earth when this earth was tumbling out from the way . . . from its regular orbit. And around and around it went, and chunks, and trees, and above the mountains and so forth, pitching for forty days and nights.

90 And when the winds begin to cease. . . .

91 God's wrath is horrible. His love is pure and divine; and His wrath is just as . . . it's as divine as His love is, because He must pass judgment because He is a judge. He's a law-giver, and law without penalty is not law. So there must be a penalty to law. And you transgress God's laws, that's when you pay the penalty.

92 Now we notice that after Noah floating up there, no doubt seasick from all that roaring and popping and the wrath of God mashing and crushing and screams and so forth, then it begin to quieten down. Nothing happened. Days passed, nothing happened. Perhaps the food supply for the animals and so forth running low, nothing happened. So he thought, "Wonder . . . I can't see out."

GEN8:6 LUKE9:62

93 The ark was so constructed, when you were once in it, there was only one window in it, and it was right in the top. You couldn't look sideways, you couldn't look no way but straight up. And that's the way the Ark, Jesus Christ, is. You can't look at the next fellow, you can't look at nothing but Christ when you're in the Ark because there's only one door; and He is that door we talked about this morning. You have to keep looking up, "For he that will put his hand to the plow and even turn to look back, is not worthy of the plowing."

GEN7:7

94 Now, as in this ark. . . . And he could see light, and perhaps sunlight, but he wondered where he was. The ark was still a-floating, he could hear the waves against the sides; but he knew that there'd been many days, surely the water was receding by that time. So he went and got an untrusted bird, treacherous, and he tried him, and he sent him out. He was a crow, and that crow never did return, because he found pleasure out there, outside the ark of God. He flew from one old dead body to another, eating the carcasses and the a-carrion that was floating on the water; and he was perfectly satisfied.

GEN7:8,9

95 So after several days he tried again, for he knowed. . . . He didn't want to step out in the wrath of God. So he turned a dove loose. And this dove was of a different nature than the. . . . It was not a vulture, neither is it a scavenger; it can only eat the clean, pure things. And it was so satisfied because it couldn't find nothing else to put the soles of his feet on, it returned back to the ark. Noah said, "Well, the flood's still on."

GEN7:10,11

96 Then he waited several other days, and he sent out again; like his prayer, "O God, has Your wrath been appeased? Is Your wrath over, Lord? Is it all done?" And he said, "Now, if I send her out this time, she may stay out there if the floods are down, she may stay." But he sent her out by prayer, and then when she went out, there directed by God, she picked off a holly leaf off of a tree, and flew back and pecked on the window again.

GEN8:8,11

97 God used the dove for a sign. She come back saying that the flood is over, and then God opened the door, and they went out. That's Genesis 8:8.

MATT3:16,17

98 Also used in Matthew 3:16, again when God's wrath was on the earth. And there was no way, the darkest of night, midnight, the churches had got things in such a twist till there was no way to get out of it. And there was false teachers, all kinds of things coming up, all kinds of professions coming up, but God used a dove again. It pleased Him, His Son Jesus had pleased Him so well, that He identified Him.

99 Now, they couldn't believe that this baby that was born down there in that stable in a manger of hay, before his father and mother, supposingly to be, was married, they couldn't imagine God using anything like that. So He had to be identified to the world. And that day down on the river, when He walked down to prove Hisself God's Masterpiece that I talked about this morning, when He was obedient to walk into the water. . . .

MATT11:11 LUKE7:28

100 Now, if you notice there, there's a great lesson. John was the greatest man on earth, at the time. Jesus said there never was a man born of a woman as great as he, to that time. And he was a prophet. You believe that? Now, remember, if the Word of God will come to anything in the land, it'll be a prophet. That's always God's way. Do you believe that Jesus was the Word manifested in flesh? So there's only one way He can come to be introduced—not by the priests.

101 He didn't go up and say, "Caiaphas, will you introduce Me?" If He did, He made the same mistake that David did in our lesson the other day; see, if He went up to the church and said, "Will you introduce Me?"

102 Just notice when He was born, even. When He was born, He was born in the shadow of the church. And they was probably rang the bells and everything, but it was shepherds that recognized Him, and Magi. See?

AMOS3:7

103 And here He is now, ready for His ministry. And if He is the Word. . . . According to God's great plan, the Word can only. . . . "The Lord God does nothing until He first reveals it to His servants the prophets."

MATT3:17 MARK1:7 LUKE3:22 JOHN1:27

104 That's always His pattern, has to be. When the seals were opened, when anything else, any major event taking place in the earth, God reveals it to His prophets.

HEB7:26,27

105 And John was the prophet, for he was prophesying He'd come.

106 Then down off the side of a hill one day . . . when a discussion was going on, a bunch of priests standing around. And they said, "Do you mean to tell me that you call yourself a prophet, and stand over there in that mud [not in a church, because they wouldn't have him], stand over in that mud, and tell me that the hour's coming when the great Jehovah who ordained these sacrifices, when great Jehovah who built this temple, who came into it as a pillar of fire, 'the day will come when that daily sacrifice will be taken away'?"

MATT3:11 MARK1:7 LUKE3:16 JOHN1:26,27,29

107 He said, "There will come a man, and He's among you now, somewhere out there, and He will take away the sin." The priest was disgusted with him.

JOHN1:29

108 John looked up. Now, what is he? The prophet! And here is the Word, here comes the Word coming right straight to the prophet, right to the water. John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. There He is, that's Him." Jesus never spoke a word, walked right out into the water. And I can see there, standing in that water (think of a drama), two of the greatest that ever struck the earth: God the Word, and His prophet.

109 Notice, the Word come to the prophet, in this dispensation of grace, in the water. I thought you'd catch it. In the water! The first revelation of the Word was in the water. Now you see where the bride started the evening-light message? In the water. The Word, true Word not mixed up with creeds, but come to the prophet in the water, by the water.

MATT3:14

110 Notice! Could you imagine the eyes of the Word and the eyes of the prophet meeting in the water? Oh, that's too much for me! There stood the prophet, there stood the Word, looking in each others' eyes. And the prophet said, "I have need to be baptized of thee, why comest thou unto me?"

111 And the Word said. . . . It has to be true. Now let me give a drama here:

112 "John, you're a prophet, you know the Word [See?]. You recognize Me, you know who I am."

MATT3:14

113 "I have need to be baptized of Thee," John said.

MATT3:15

114 Jesus said, "Suffer that to be so. That's exactly right, you do have need to be baptized of Me. But remember, John, being a prophet, it is behooving to us, or becoming to us, as the Word and the prophet, that we fulfill every word. For, John, [here's the revelation now], John, you know who I am. I am the sacrifice. And according to the Word of God, the sacrifice had to be washed before it was presented for sacrifice." Is that right? The Word. . . . "The lamb was washed and then presented for sacrifice, and I am that Lamb. And I must be washed before I can be presented to the world for a sacrifice. Suffer it to be so, John, for thus it is becoming to us as the Word and the prophet together."

115 Well, there can't be a mistake. Now, everyone of these things. . . .

116 Now, see, if it wasn't that very setup, John would've been like any of the rest of us, say, "Yeah, I know who You are, Lord."

DEUT8:3 MATT4:4 LUKE4:4

117 "Well," He said, "wait a minute, I'm the Word. 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word.' Eve left off one, but you got to take every Word. And I am that sacrifice, and I must be washed before I'm presented. But what you said, John, is true."

MATT3:17 MARK1:11 LUKE2:14 LUKE3:22

118 John being a prophet, knowing the Word had to be fulfilled, he suffered that and baptized Him. And when He was raised up out of the water, there come the message from heaven on the wings of a dove, "This is my beloved Son." He sent the redemption message of grace on the wings of a dove, come flying down out of the heavens. "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." The sacrifice was ready right then. Been raised, fed, His ministry was ready, a Word that would redeem the whole world, "It's over!"

119 The dove is used in the Bible as a symbol of peace, and also it's used by nations as a symbol of peace. We have nations. . . . Our nation is represented by an eagle, and there's other birds of other nations. Rome has an eagle, Germany has an eagle; many of them, great birds of the sky. But in all of them, the dove symbolizes peace in all nations. It's a universal thing.

120 Just like Brother Green said one night, Brother Pearry Green said, "The symbol of surrender is 'raise your hands.' Any nation, raise up your hands, it's surrender." He said, "When you sing, raise up your hands, you surrender all."

121 And the dove is the symbol of peace in every nation. Why is it done? Because of its gentleness, and because of its innocence. That's the reason it symbols peace.

122 Another thing about the dove, it is a home-loving bird. It loves to stay home.

123 And another thing it is, it's always loyal to its mate. The dove, male and female, never leave one another. The female finds her mate in mating season. See, that's complimentary to God's great creation. That's the reason He made Eve a by-product, see. If she'd've-been made like other females, when the time come for her mating time, she'd've found her mate; but she could any time. See? That's the way, that's what it is. I just. . . . We don't want to go into that, because I've got it on "Marriage and Divorce" and so forth. And how it. . . . But yet she's honorable, and brought that virtue, and you know how I preached on it the other night. All right, notice, she's got a great responsibility.

124 But the dove is always loyal to his mate. Always! Never leaves her.

125 And may I stop here just for a minute to say this: a true bride, female dove, is loyal to her mate, too. It won't inject any dogmas, any denominational doctrines, anything of the world. It'll stay loyal to its mate, the Word. Always loyal.

126 And by this home-loving conduct, by the conduct of its home-loving, it has been successfully used for a carrier pigeon. Because it loves home, you turn it loose anywhere, it'll always go back home. It'll go back home.

LUKE2:14

127 We'd like to stress on that a little while, you Christians would understand what I mean. It always finds its way back home, so therefore it's been used for carrier pigeon. It's used in time of war, used to be. They still use them, carrier pigeons, to carry a message. So you see then, that makes the dove, both by God and man, a messenger; a dove is a messenger. It was a messenger to Noah, to tell Noah that "there's peace again." It was used by God to vindicate that this was His Son, the sacrifice to bring peace upon the earth and goodwill to men. It was used as a messenger.

128 Right here I have a little story in my mind, I read one time out of a book. Now, I don't want to say this is sure, it may be in The Decline of the First World War. I'm not positive of that now; if you miss seeing it, then I'm wrong. I either read it in a book . . . it's been many years ago. But it was certainly a . . . really a dramatic thing that happened.

129 The American soldiers was pinned down by German machine-gun fire, and they were in kind of a pit. You soldiers, I guess, understand how they were on a reconnaissance somewhere. And they was pinned down, and they had just a little bit of ammunition left. And the Germans was moving in, great units moving in everywhere. And they knowed that unless they'd get some reinforcement, some help, that they would soon all die—they had to. The Germans coming right down off the mountain, looking right down their neck, going right into them like that.

130 And one of them happened to remember that he had a little mascot, a little pigeon. So he knew that this pigeon, if it could get out of there, would carry the message to the main headquarters to where they'd been stationed. And so they sat down and wrote on a note, "We are pinned down in a certain position at a certain area. We're out of ammunition. In a

few hours we'll have to surrender or either we'll be massacred." And they pinned this . . . or, tied it on the foot of this little dove and turned him loose.

131 Now, he's a home-loving bird, so what does he do? He takes back home for his . . . find his mate. She was worried about him, he'd have to come back home.

132 And as he went up, the Germans seen what had happened. So the thing they done, they started shooting at the dove. And one of them hit him with a .30 caliber machine gun, or bullet, it broke his leg. Another one tore a big hunk out of his back. His chest was bruised all the way across. One of his wings was crippled, the end shot off of it, and he flew sideways. But he kept climbing, and finally he made it. Crippled, wounded, broken, bruised, but he fell in the camp with the message. That was a great dove.

ISA53:5

133 But, oh, brother, Isaiah 53 tells us of One, came down from home and all that was good:

And he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquity: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we were healed.

134 Sickness, superstition, and devils had us pinned down. There was no way out, the church had gone wrong, it went off on denominational things (and the Pharisees, Sadducees, and washing of pots and pans), and the Word of God become of no effect. But this little Dove came down, and there's only one thing could take place: there had to be a redeemer.

135 But being wounded, broken, beaten, torn, but He knowed His way back home. So from Calvary's cross where they bruised Him, mashed Him, tore Him, like a bunch of wolves upon Him, He made His flight from Calvary and He landed in heaven's doors, saying, "It's finished! It's finished! They are free! Sickness can be healed now! Sinners can be saved! The captive can be set free!"

136 Though He was bruised and wounded, that great battle there when even everything against Him. . . . Even the poet cried out:

Mid rendering rocks and darkening skies,
My Saviour bowed His head and died;
But the opening veil revealed the way
To heaven's joy and endless day.

137 I've been a neurotic all my life. As a little boy there was something struck me, that scare me, about every seven years it would happen to me. Brother Jack remembers when I first started, come off the field for a year; something just happened.

138 I remember the day that Juanita Hemphill. . . . I think her name's Juanita Kelly now, she married Brother Kelly after the death of her husband. Anna Jeanne, I've got their pictures and things, they were such . . . her . . . them two girls and Sister Moore had a little trio. They sang that song, I never forget: Looking Beyond the Sunset. Brother Jack, you remember, I guess, coming up from Florida. What fine little girls.

139 And I remember that morning a little Pentecostal group from up here in northern part of the country, Michigan somewhere, those girls stood out there when Brother Hooper. . . . I seen him here the other night, he may not be here now, Brother Ed Hooper. Are you here, Brother Ed? I don't think he. . . . He sat here the other night. Many of you know him. He and I, and Brother Hooley, we was leaving. And those girls standing there on the corner singing that, gave us, each one, a yellow rose that they took out of their hair. (That's where that maniac had been healed down there, great things had took place.)

140 Coming up the road just as happy as I could be, all of a sudden it struck me; a year later before I entered the field again. Just killed me.

141 Since a little boy, I always said I didn't know what a vision was. A little boy, I always said, "If I'd only fall in one of those trance, and see that I'd get well." That time. . . . I always wanted to go to Mayo's to find out what was wrong. The doctors there. . . .

142 My stomach gets sour, and oh, my! Brother Jack's helped me around the house. I walk right around the house, and just a hot greasy water like, flying out of my mouth, and walk to the pulpit, and pray for people that was twice that bad,

and be healed. I've had them lay my hands on a man with a cancer on his face, and the cancer left his face, standing there; and I was so sick I couldn't stand up.

143 And you don't know what I've suffered—just mental oppression. Every seven years it's come, all my life. That's where I'm at now, seven eights.

144 So I was so distressed. I cried, I begged, I pleaded.

145 And I remember when I finally thought I had enough money to go to Mayo's for an examination, they said, "They'll find what your trouble is." Wife and I, and Becky back there, Sarah was a little bitty fellow, I had just entered my healing ministry, and we took off to Mayo's.

146 I went through the clinic. And the night before, I'd had my finals the next morning, I just woke up and was sitting there on the bed looking around. And I looked out in front of me, and there was a little boy, looked just like me, about seven years old; and looked at it, and it was me. And he was standing by an old snag tree. And on that tree. . . .

147 Any of you squirrel hunters know you can rub a stick up and down on a tree like that, and it'll scare a squirrel and run him out if he's in the hollow.

148 And I was seeing there where that squirrel had been, and I thought, "What kind of squirrel is that?" and I rubbed it. And when I did, I looked over and it was me then, about thirty-eight years old. The little boy was gone. So I rubbed that limb, and out of that hollow log, pole, come a little squirrel about that long, dark, almost black, and looked like little currents flying from him; little bitty beady eyes, the wickedest looking thing that I ever seen, looked like a weasel more than a squirrel.

149 And he looked right at me. And I opened my mouth to say, "Well. . . ." And when I did, he. . . . Before you could've batted your eye, he flew right into my mouth, went down into my stomach, and just tearing me to pieces. And as I come out of the vision, with my hands up, looking, I went a-screaming, "O God, have mercy! It's killing me!"

150 I heard a voice way down in the room, say, "Remember, it's only six inches long."

151 How many's heard that story? I've told you that many times, the people around the Tabernacle.

152 Well, on and on it went, suffering just the same.

153 Mayo Brothers, the next day, examined me. Said, "Your father was an Irishman, he drank. Your mother being a half Indian, that makes you almost a half-breed. So you'll be . . . you're just such a nervous wreck until you'll never be out of it." Said, "Otherwise, you're healthy. But that, that's something in the soul that man cannot control." Said, "You will. . . ." Said, "When a man dies, can't hold a autopsy, because his soul's gone." He said, "Well, you'll never get over it."

154 And that guy said, my old doctor, said, "My father had it. He died at about eighty-five, ninety years old, somewhere along there," he said. And said, "A month or two before he died, I examined him. Had it all of his life, he'd get them," said, "spells."

155 "Some people," said, "they get it, they're high tempered." Said, "that's the kind that'll kill you." He said, "The other kind, like women in menopause, they cry. You got the kind that's kind of a weary feeling." Said, "The old-timers used to call it 'had the blues,' it wouldn't leave them." Said, "When that hits you, your stomach sours, you're just upset."

156 I said, "But, sir, I don't do. . . ." I said, "I'm happy."

157 Said, "That's right. That's just out of the human grab bag." Said, "You'll always have it." Oh, what a discouraging thing!

158 But the words, to think it, "Remember, it's only six inches long," that's hung with me, as my dear wife back there can tell you. Year after year, I've thought of that.

159 And then, going overseas this last time, I was . . . before. . . . Well, I was back home, and I was on a squirrel-hunting trip. I jumped out of the car with Brother Banks Wood, who's listening in tonight, and I started to run up the hill, and looked like my heart would jump out of me.

160 And I asked Dr. Sam Adair, I said, "What does that?"

161 He said, "Next time you have it, get a cardiogram."

162 Said, "All right."

- 163 So it happened again the next year, and went and took the cardiogram. He said, "Nothing wrong with your heart," said, "you're just nervous." Started coming on then.
- 164 Well, another doctor said to me, a good friend of mine, said, "That's your heart, boy." Said, "you better be careful." That's the year I called Brother Moore and he got somebody to preach in my stead, when I went on that ram hunt with Brother Fred. I'd go up over mountains just like I did when I was sixteen years old, mile after mile, running; never bothered me a bit. See?
- 165 I come back and told Sam. He said, "Well, there's something wrong, you better be careful."
- 166 Then I saw a vision of an old doctor standing with those . . . old-fashioned doctor with stethoscopes over his arm. He said, was standing in front of me one day, he said, "Don't let them tell you that's your heart; that's your stomach."
- 167 So I thought, "Well, I'll just take that word, because it was a vision."
- 168 Come on, I started to Africa . . . to get some shots, and I had to take a bunch of shots before going to Africa. That's the law. So when I was getting these shots he said, "Why, I can't find one thing wrong with you." Said, "Your hemoglobin, your blood, is ninety-six." Said, "If you was sixteen years old, it wouldn't be any better." And said, "Hard enough to beat you a hundred years. Lungs, everything," said, "you're all right. No sugar, nothing."
- 169 I said, "Thank you." So I got a physical test, to take my health certificate to the board.
- 170 So he said, "You know anything about it?"
- 171 I said, "Nothing but persistent souring in the stomach all the time."
- 172 He said, "Well, I'll tell you." He said. . . .
- 173 I said, "Well, I've been examined. I've been to Mayo Brothers, and everywhere."
- 174 He said, "But wait a minute." He said, "Sometimes a ulcer is so little till that barium meal won't show it; and sometimes it's too big to show it, because an X-ray is only a shadow. A little bitty ulcer, you can't see it, it won't enough stick. Whole lot of little bitty ulcers could do that." He said, "I know an old doctor up here that's found an instrument, they got it now; they can put you to sleep with a little sodium pentothal, put a tube in your throat, and they just actually look down in your stomach and see what's wrong." Said, "He's your type of people, he's a Christian." Said, "Why don't you go see him."
- 175 I took his name: Dr. Van Ravensworth. So, when I come back, I went up to see the old doctor. Oh, he's a fine old man from Dutch East Indies, out of a big line of missionaries. And he had heard of me and read my book, and oh, he just shook my hand, he said, "Brother Branham, I'd be glad to do that for you." He said, "Tell you what to do. Next week you run over at the hospital over here," and said, "and call me up before you go." And said, "I have to give you a little shot of pentothal." And said, "Then when I do," said, "it puts you to sleep for five minutes."
- 176 My little girl had just took it to have a tooth pulled, and Brother Norman's little girl. "A five minute sleep," I thought, "that won't bother me." So, I thought I'd be satisfied then, to look at it.
- 177 And then the next morning, I raised up in the bed and looked around, I looked over in the twin bed; my wife over there, she hadn't woke up yet. And I was looking out the window towards the great Catalina Mountains there where I live, and I looked up there where the Angel of the Lord put that Sword in my hand, where the seven Angels that you see in the picture appeared, great things taken place.
- 178 And I looked, and as I looked, there I was standing by that tree again, right where that squirrel was. I looked up there, I thought, "That's that squirrel's den." I thought, "Wonder if he's still up there?" (in the vision). I raked the side of the tree, out he come. And before I could even bat my eye (he was the oddest looking squirrel I ever seen; now, you'll have to know my ministry to know these symbols and things), he jumped at me but he missed me. He missed my mouth, hit on my chest and fell off.
- 179 And as soon as he did, I heard something said, "Go to the Catalina Mountains."
- 180 So I turned around, I said, "Meda, are you awake, Honey?" And I woke her up.
- 181 She said, "What's the matter?" About five o'clock in the morning.
- 182 I said, "I was looking out here, and I saw that squirrel again, Honey."
- 183 "What squirrel?"

184 I said, "The one I seen up there at Mayo's." I said, "You know what? He missed my mouth this time. He never hit me, he went out on my chest." I said, "Praise be to God! I've looked ... since a little boy I have longed to see that happen. If I could ever see that happen (even before I knowed what a vision was), if I could ever see that happen, then I said I'd be all right. Whatever that told me, that's what I'd be. And for forty years I've looked for that, and there it happened."

185 Before, when I was at Mayo's, the same time I was up there when they give me that message, and I saw the vision. . . .

186 My old mother's gone on to Glory now, very odd woman. She had about three or four dreams in her life, and they were always true. She'd tell me, and she'd start to tell me, and I'd say, "Stop right ... Mama, I'll tell you what the rest of it is." See?

187 Because always when you give me a dream to interpret, you don't always tell me just exactly what it is. Then when I see it over again, I see exactly what you dreamed about, then He tells me what it is. See? You don't have to tell me what the dream is, He shows me the dream Himself. See? And then I see. I say, "You didn't tell me this and tell me that." See? And so the God that can interpret a dream, can show a dream. He can show one, He can interpret it. And so then. . . .

DAN2:2

188 Well, wasn't there something like that in the Bible, said, "If you can. . . ." Just happened to come to me. Daniel, wasn't it? No, Joseph. Joseph. Well, it's somewhere in the Bible. I just remembered that. Said, "If you can show me. . . . If you can tell me what a. . . ." Oh, it's King Nebuchadnezzar, that's right. Said, "If you can. . . . If you can't. . . ."

DAN2:2

189 The magicians said, "Tell me the dream."

DAN2:5

190 He said, "It's gone from me." That's right, I remember that; just thought of it then.

191 Now notice. And Mama, she said, "Billy," when I come back, she said, "come here, son, and sit down." She said, "I had a strange dream. I dreamed that I seen you laying sick, just about to die, with your stomach as usual." How many diets has she cooked me! And she said, "You were building a house upon a hill." And said, "I seen six white doves come down from heaven, cooing, in a letter 'S' and they sat upon your chest. And you was looking, and the one in front was trying to tell you something." Said, "They was real glossy, white doves. And they took their little heads and put against your cheek, and going, 'coo, coo, coo,'" And said, "I couldn't understand it." Said, "They just kept going, 'coo, coo, coo.'"

192 I said, "Oh, I see it, praise the Lord!" And said, "They formed their letter 'S' again and went back up into the skies, going 'coo, coo, coo, coo,' going back home."

193 Well, the little animal that I saw was six inches long. The string of doves that Mom saw was six, six is incomplete. I knew that someday I'd see that seventh one. That was man, suffering. So on and on it went.

194 That morning I got up after seeing this vision, I obeyed the Lord. I took my little boy Joseph to school (he's listening to me now, in Tucson). I took him to school, and told Meda I didn't know when I'd be back.

195 And I took off up into Catalina, up into the foothills, and went up into the place where the Angel of the Lord put the sword in my hand. Real early I started climbing up the mountain.

196 Well, instead of going up in the peaks this a-way (which there's a lot of snakes, scorpions, you know how Arizona is), I turned to my right. Something said, "Turn to your right." I went way into the peaks. I went around, and I was going around those great huge rocks, many times bigger than this tabernacle, laying up in them tops there where seldom ever a person could get.

197 Along about eleven o'clock, I was going into a little cove, back where some . . . a little place turned in like this over a little deer trail. And I had my shirt off, my hat in my hand, because I was just lathering with sweat. And so I turned in there, and as I turned into that little cove, I felt the presence of the Lord. I jerked off my hat and looked around. I thought, "He's here somewhere. I know He's here." I thought, "What is it?" I made a few more steps. I said, "Lord, You're here somewhere."

198 And I looked laying on the path, and there laid that little squirrel; had jumped at something and missed it, and it hit a bunch of cholla (that's jumping cactus). It rammed through his head, chest, stomach, and he was dead. That odd-looking little squirrel, he had missed my mouth and hit that cholla. And the voice of the Lord said, "Your enemy is dead." I stood there, and I trembled. I took my foot and ma. . . .

- 199 Usually crows would've eat it up. I killed a snake, couple days later there, and it laid on the road about a half hour. There's always eagles and crows flying through there, and they'll pick it up right now. I killed a coral snake (that's the most dangerous snake we got) laying right beside of me, a few days after that. I started to come back to pick it up to show it, the crows had done got it, the ravens passing over.
- 200 And that had been laying there ever since I had seen the vision, two days before. I believe it was on Saturday, and I went up there on Monday. So there he was, laying on there dead. I mashed through it with my foot.
- 201 I went back around, sat down again; sat there and cried a while, and prayed, looking down over Tucson, miles below me.
- 202 Turned back around and come back, it still laid there. When I entered that cove the Spirit of God come on me again.
- 203 I went on around, went down the mountain. Went in and told my wife, I said, "Honey, I don't know how, but I'm going to get over this."
- 204 Dr. Ravensworth, when he give me the examination, he said, "It's totally impossible for you to be well." He give me a shot of pentothal that was to last me for five minutes, and I slept ten hours. So that stuff . . . even an aspirin just knocks me out. So he give me a shot, put that tube down my throat. When I come to, and he told me the next morning, he said, "Reverend, I hate to tell you this, but," said, "your stomach walls are even so hard they're dried up." I never seen it . . . he used the name of *gastritis*. And I went and looked in the dictionary and it said, "something that's withered away." And said, "You can't get over it." He said, "You'll always have it." And I would've been a discouraged boy if it hadn't been for the vision of the Lord.
- 205 And the next day Something said, "Go back to the mountain."
- 206 And that day instead of going one way, I was led to go another way. And I was standing there; and looking, sitting in the front of me, and there sat that seventh little, white dove, looking right at me. I rubbed my eyes. I said, "Surely it's a vision, surely it is." I looked, and I said, "Little dove, where do you come from?" Just as pretty and white, could've been a pigeon, whatever it was, a-way in that wilderness.
- 207 God Almighty, who raised up Jesus Christ from the dead, whose servant I am, and His Word laying here open before me, know that I tell the truth and lie not.
- 208 There sat the dove, sitting there looking at me. I walked around, I thought, "Surely it's a vision." I turned my head, I looked back, and there he sat there, them little white wings, just as snowy as he could be, his little yellow feet and little yellow beak, setting there looking at me. He was watching right straight westward. I walked around him like that, I wouldn't touch him for nothing. I walked on up the trail, looked back, and there he still sat watching me.
- 209 Brother, as a son of Abraham, I consider not what the doctor told me. I'm going to be well, anyhow!
- 210 The third day I went back, I was climbing up high. Many of you know the vision about the Indian chief riding that little wall to the west. Something attracted me off to a big rock, about noon time, said, "Lay your hands against that and pray." God in heaven knows this is true.
- 211 I laid my hands against the rock and looked up towards heaven and started praying, and I heard a voice coming out of the top of the rocks there, said, "What are you leaning against, over your heart?" And I raised back like this, my bare shoulders . . . naked from my waist up, hot. I looked back. And there was wrote in the quartz, in the stone, "White Eagle." Just exactly what the vision said that the next message would come forth by.
- 212 I was so excited, I run home, got a camera, and come back the next day and took the picture of it. It was still there, wrote in the rock, "White Eagle." Dove leading eagle.
- 213 Somehow, I know. I'll tell you before it happens. The doctor's a good doctor, no doubt, I think he's a fine man, but I know I'm going to be over it. It's done, it's finished, and I'm going to be well.
- 214 And I was thinking as Ernie sang that song a few moments ago, On the Wings of a Dove. How is the melody to that? Start it for me, Ernie.

..... snow-white dove,
 (sing it with me)
 God sent down His pure, sweet love,
 Was a sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

215 I understand Ernie made two verses of that. I'm going to make you three verses:

Noah had drifted
On the floods many days,
He searched for land,
In various ways;
Troubles he had some,
But not from above,
For God gave him His sign
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent down His pure, sweet love,
Was a sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

Jesus, our Saviour
Came to earth one day;
He was born in a stable,
In a manger of hay;
Though here rejected,
But not from above,
For God gave us His sign
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent down His pure, sweet love,
Oh, a sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

Though I have suffered
In many a way,
I cried for healing
Both night and day;
But faith wasn't forgotten
By the Father above,
He gave me His sign
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent down His pure, sweet love,
Oh, a sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent down His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

216 Dear God, I thank You for these things, Father. You give Noah the sign, You gave the world the sign, and You gave me a sign. And the next day, seeing that eagle flying, O God, there's a message coming forth now. And I pray, God, that You'll let the Dove lead. Grant it, Lord. It's led me to a faith I never had before. I know, God, I know it's going to be all right; so I thank You for it, Father.

217 And, tonight, send down Your message again, Lord, on the wings of the Dove of the Word. Grant it, dear heavenly Father. And every one that passes through this platform tonight, and out yonder in the meetings across the country, may Your great Dove of faith fall into their hearts and give them faith, Lord, for their healing. Remember that God is not a respect of person. He could send the message to Noah, could send it to John the Baptist, could send it to me, can send it to others.

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- 218 I pray that that Dove will fly into every heart right now, Lord, with its little, golden beak, and whisper that, “By His stripes. . . . By My wounds and stripes you are healed.” God, grant that our transgressions will be blotted out, our iniquities will be forgiven us, and that our sickness will be healed. It’s in Your hands, Father. In Jesus Christ’s name. Amen.
- 219 With your heads bowed just one minute longer, how many here would like to say, if you can and want to say this, “Brother Branham, I’ve been wrong all my life. I’ve wanted to serve God, but tonight I’m ready to surrender. Pray God that that Dove will fly into my heart tonight. I can feel it flutter its wings as He comes in.” Raise your hands, will you? Here in the visible audience, my, all over the building.
- 220 Way out into the audiences across the country, way up to Brother Hunt and Brother Coleman, out to Brother Leo and them, down into Tucson, over into Branham Tabernacle, across the West Coast, raise your hands everywhere: “I want the Dove to fly into my heart tonight. Bring me God’s sweet love on the wings of a snow-white Dove, the Holy Spirit. Bring it to me tonight, Lord, and drop into my heart the faith that I have need of.”
- 221 In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, God. Forgive our sins. The wounded Dove has brought the message back, O God, “It’s finished!” We believe that. Just give us faith to believe it, we pray. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
 God sent down His pure, sweet love,
 Was a sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

- 222 Where’d that dove come from? I don’t know. He wouldn’t have been out there in that wilderness like that. No, no! No, he wouldn’t have been there. And why was he white? The heavenly Father knows he was as white as my shirt. There he sat there.

But it was on the wings of a snow-white dove,
 God sent down His pure, sweet love,
 Oh, a sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of snow-white dove,
 God sent down His pure, sweet love,
 Oh, a sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

- 223 Oh, don’t you feel real humble? Let’s just shake one anothers’ hands, and sing it:

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
 God sent down His pure, sweet love,
 A sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

- 224 Let’s raise our hands to Him, and sing it:

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
 God sent His pure, sweet love,
 A sign from above,
 On the wings of a dove.

Noah had drifted
 On the floods many day,
 He searched for land,
 In various ways;
 Trouble he had some,
 But not from above,

God sent down His sign
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent down His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

Jesus, our Saviour
Came to earth one day;
Born in a stable,
In a manger of hay;
Though here rejected,
But not from above,
God gave us His sign
On the wings of a dove.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends down His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

225 Why, me an old man, suffered all my life, why did He heal me now? I believe I'll ride this trail again, I got to bring a message. And I say to my Father tonight, as Junior seen in a dream the other night of the wings of this Dove moving in these windows here, Lord, Your servant's reporting for service. Amen. I'm ready!

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends me His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

226 Let's believe now that He's moving in upon the audience.

On the wings of a snow-white...
(we're waiting, Lord)
God sends down His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

227 You that got prayer cards, in this aisle here, step forward over here; stand up, step forward in this aisle here, over this a-way.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

228 Those with prayer cards in this line, step out to your left.

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

229 Don't...

Oh, on the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sent me His pure, sweet love,

A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

GEN22:8

- 230 Where did the dove come from up there in the wilderness? I'd say this: God seen Abraham needed a ram for a sign. He's Jehovah-jireh. "The Lord can provide for Himself the sacrifice." To think of it! The same God, by the same inspiration, by the same kind of people, sent a dove. He's still God. Jehovah-jireh can provide anything He has need of.
- 231 Won't you, just while you're coming through this prayer line now, ask God to provide for you on the wings of the Dove? The Dove, Spirit of the Holy Ghost, to give you faith in your heart to believe that you're going to be healed.
- 232 I'm trying to get them all on their feet, you see. I'm asking now. Brother Brown's at his place. Brother Jack. . . . What say? [Someone speaks to Brother Branham.] All right, good. This section here comes through this a-way first, that's lined up. The sections back over in here fall right in behind them. These fall right in behind the wing. And you fall right in behind these here, coming right around to be prayed for.
- 233 Now, I'm sure this is not going to be no fast line, we're just going to take a little time so we can really pray for each one, far as we can.
- 234 Now, I cut my message just a little short (and you all caught that, see) so that I could have this prayer line. This is a memorial line in honor of the days when Brother Jack Moore, Brother Young Brown, your wives let you go, and you come over and we went out into California, and all through Arizona together, through the desert, and prayed for the sick.
- 235 You know what? There's people living today that was dying then, and still alive because of that effort. What did it do? It sprung up divine healings in every church there is in the country, now even Presbyterians and so forth. It hushed their mouth; for it taken God to anoint somebody to slay the Goliath, to show that it could be done. Then the rest of them took courage (that's right) and went on. It can be done again, for He still sends His love on the wings of a Dove.
- 236 Christians, I want you to listen. If I would stand here and try to quote to you of the supernatural things that I've seen happen, even in the past three years, I'd be here this time next Saturday night telling you. I don't even speak of it so much, because it sounds like it's almost impossible. But I tell you the truth. It's exactly the truth. We're living under the leadership of the Great Mighty Jehovah, the same one that was with the prophets in the Old Testament, with the church in the New Testament, He's here today taking a bride out of the Gentiles for His name's sake. Believe it! Won't you, people? If you ever did believe it, believe it right now. That's who. . . . I want you to do it. We don't know what'll happen yet tonight. We don't know what will happen. We're just waiting under expectation.
- 237 Please, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I ask you as His servant. I know, when you're dealing with congregations, you got everything mixed in there. But if you believe me as His servant, if there's one speck of doubt or . . . sin is "doubt, unbelief", if there's one speck of it in your heart, ask Father to take it away right now. "Lord. . . ." And then when you come with genuine faith. . . . Now, my hands won't mean nothing unless that strikes you first. Then when it comes, it'll light it off, you'll be healed. That's right, you'll know you'll be healed. You'll believe it.
- 238 Now, I'm going to pray now for each one of you. And when you do this, you put your hands over on one another too, and you be praying for the person you got your hands on, then I'm going to bring you through the line. Put your hands on somebody that's with you in the line.
- 239 Dear God, I don't know no other way of saying these things, Lord. I just know to tell what I know is the truth, and You're my witness tonight that I am telling the truth. My faith, Lord, and my own healing in the future; I don't know when, I don't know how, I don't understand it, but I believe it, Lord, that I received the sign from above. That seventh dove finally got here, the seventh inch is soon finished on the animal. It's over.
- MARK16:17
- 240 God, I want to serve Your people. So I pray, God, that You'll so anoint us tonight that whoever we lay our hands on, may they be healed; not because it's us, but because it's following Your commandment. You said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." Lord, help me to believe, and help their hearts to be the bedding ground of faith. And may, together, for the glory of God, every sick and afflicted person in this building (or the buildings throughout the land) that's obeying these commands now, will be made well. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask it. Amen.
- 241 Have faith, all of you, pray with us. Now, this is not a line of discernment.
- 242 [Blank spot on tape.] Depression, fear, I know what this. . . . Poor little thing, she said she's never seen peace in life. The same thing that [unclear words] can't sleep, nervous, tension.

- 243 Dear God, bear me record, Lord, that I've told the truth. How I feel for this little woman! I pray, God, that You'll send to her, tonight, that streak of faith from above, that knows that You are obligated to Your Word, and You'll keep every word. May the God of heaven take this fear away from my sister. And I obey You by laying hands upon her and condemning it. In the name of Jesus Christ, may it come out of her. Amen.
- 244 Now look, sister. You believe me now. If you can start from right here by the cross, from this night deny you've got it, see. Go on saying, "I haven't got it no more," and it will leave you.
- 245 Sister Palmer. Our sister, Sister Palmer, her husband is a very dear friend of mine, a minister from Georgia or Alabama, Georgia. Georgia. And she was coming up to the Tabernacle. . . . They drive, when I'm preaching at the Tabernacle, fifteen hundred miles to hear one service. Brother Palmer lost control of his car, or the boy, one, when they was turning a corner, and they had a wreck. She's got an effect of it. Let's pray:
- 246 Dear God, deliver this servant of Yours, his little wife, loyal, true, little servant in Christ. I pray, God, as I lay my hands upon her with my Brother Jack Moore here, that You'll heal her and make her well. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- 247 In the right foot, and you're standing for him? His little boy is crippled, he's got a hurting in his stomach and back. Let's pray:
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- 248 Dear God, let that snow-white Dove dip down into his heart just now, "Wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity, with His stripes we are healed." I ask this to be so for our brother and for his little son, in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.
- 249 Severe headache pains, and a leg ailment that bothers him while he's a-working.
- 250 Dear God, grant Your healing blessing upon this young man, as we as servants of God lay our hands upon him. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- 251 She has a lady's trouble, female, and also she wants the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- 252 Dear God, as I offer you this prayer of faith for this little lady, may the female trouble be gone, may the Baptism of the Holy Ghost come on the wings of a Dove, in Jesus Christ's name. Amen. God bless you, sister.
- 253 Growth on his eye, and for his loving companion.
- 254 Dear God, You know the hearts of men. I pray Thee Father, in Jesus' name, that You'll grant this request that this brother's asked, in our obedience to Your Word of laying hands on him. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen. God bless you, brother.
- 255 She has a growth in her left side, and also her voice is bad.
- 256 Dear Jesus, I pray that You'll heal this sister; laying hands upon her in the name of Jesus Christ, that her healing will be. Amen. God bless you, my sister.
- 257 Poor sister, I see your trouble, swollen limb. Kidney, bladder, and a ankle throwed out of place.
- 258 O Father God, heal this precious woman, Lord, I pray, as I lay hands upon her in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.
- 259 God bless you, sister; that's the way. . . .
- 260 You hear that, don't you, on the microphone? Everwho's at . . . the engineer, if you'll step it up just a little bit, the audience can hear their testi. . . what they say when they come by. Be in prayer for them when you hear it. When I start to pray, you pray with me.
- 261 Dear God, I pray for this our sister, that You'll heal her, dear God. We're doing this because it's Your command. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.
- 262 Dear God, You hear that testimony, You hear what the enemy's done to her. We are trying to take the name of Jesus and defeat this enemy; he is already because the bruised, striped Dove fell in the floor of the house of God with a message, "It's over!" Grant it. May she believe that, Father, in Jesus' name.
- 263 Dear God, I pray that You'll heal this our sister. May the Dove of God witness to her tonight that He did it for her, that she could be well. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- 264 Dear God, I lay my hands upon my brother who stands here. He had enough faith to come this far, Lord, now may he receive his healing and go to his seat well. In Jesus' name.

- 265 Dear God, I pray for our brother, laying hands upon him. Help, dear God, that the faith of God will dip down just at this time; and be like Abraham, call those things which are, as though they are not, for God made the promise. In Jesus' name. Amen.
- 266 Dear God, You are the one who can make the true decision. I pray, dear God, as this young lady asked for this, may she receive it in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.
- 267 Dear God, I lay my hands upon our sister in obeying what You said do. This takes us back for many years, Lord, since we run a prayer line like this; but we know what happened then, we know You're the same God today, if people can have the same faith today. I pray in Jesus' name for our sister's healing. Amen.
- 268 Dear God, I lay my hands upon my brother here and ask for his healing, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
- 269 Father, I bring before you tonight this our sister, and lay my hands upon her to witness that I'm standing as a witness of Your strength, stand as a witness of Your visions, Your Word, and I'm a witness that You are God. And I lay hands upon her in obedience to the Word of my God, and ask for her healing. Amen.
- 270 Dear God, I lay hands upon my brother in like manner, as a witness of Your strength. I ask for his healing in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.
- 271 [Blank spot on tape.] "What?"
- 272 She said, "The Healer." Said that "A man from up somewhere, up in Arkansas, had been healed that morning, a blind shoe cobbler." You know the story. It'd been on the radio.
- 273 And I said... I thought... I played the part of a hypocrite. I said, "You don't believe that's the truth?"
- 274 She said, "Yes, sir, I do."
- 275 And I said, "Do you believe in this day when God would do something like that, when..."
- 276 She said, "Sir, I listened to the religious program." She said, "I'm a Christian." She said, "I listened to the programs, I heard that man up there that was healed this morning, that blind shoe cobbler. They threw him out of the church, he was making so much noise, one church to the other. With his hat on a cane, wiggling it around, running up and down the churches everywhere in the city, hollering, 'I'm healed! I'm healed!' A blind shoe cobbler."
- 277 I said, "Do you believe that?"
- 278 And she stood there a little bit, was kind of drizzling rain, she said, "Sir, if you'll get me in where he's at, then I'll find my Father." Then I felt about like that.
- 279 I said, "Maybe I'm the one you're looking for."
- 280 She grabbed me by the lapels of the coat, she said, "Is you the healer?"
- 281 I said, "No, sister, but I'm Brother Branham."
- 282 She said, "Have mercy!" I thought of poor ol' blind Fanny Crosby, "While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by." See, He had healed one, He could heal her.
- 283 I put my hands over her eyes, I said, "Dear Jesus, one day an old rugged cross come bumping down the street, the shoulders with blood running out of them, the little frail body that was packing it fell under the load. A colored man by the name of Simon, of Cyrene, came up and picked up the cross, helped Him bear it. I'm sure You remember it, Father. One of His children is staggering here in darkness, I'm sure You understand."
- 284 She said, "Glory to God! I can see!"
- 285 I said, "Can you see?"
- 286 She said, "Yes, sir."
- 287 I said, "Count them lights." And she counted them. I said, "What color suit I got on?"
- 288 Said, "You got on a gray suit, with a yellow tie." That was it, she could see.
- 289 Oh, God respects humility. "This in itself is that which will make, and bring to pass, the tremendous victory in the love divine."
- 290 Dear God, have mercy and heal my sister, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LUKE2:29,30

291 Dear God, as I take this feeble, wrinkling hand, only You know what's passed through here. I pray, dear God, that the same hand I got tonight will embrace like those feeble hands of Simeon that day, "Lord, let Thy servant depart in peace, for I now see Thy salvation." May it come upon her, Lord, Your salvation, and make her well in Jesus' name. Amen.

292 [Blank spot on tape.] On The Trial, Mr. Unbelief indicted Jesus Christ. You remember The Trial? How that they had the attorneys and everything, and who stood for who. And we had the prosecuting attorney, Satan, that was going to prosecute; how the trial was brought.

MARK16:18

293 And he said, one Mr. Doubter, he come up, he said, "I heard a preacher say, 'Anoint the sick in oil, the Bible says that.' I was anointed in oil, wasn't healed. The other one said, 'Lay hands on the sick, they shall recover.'" He was trying to prosecute.

MARK16:18

294 But when the witness came forth, here it was. God told them, said. . . . It had been. . . . He said, "It's been six months since I had hands laid on me, and Your Word says that 'Lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.' And hands was laid on me by one of Your anointed servants, and I haven't recovered yet. Therefore You're a false pretender, because Your Word don't mean what it says."

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295 So when the witness come up, the true, was this, that His Word is true. He never said *when* He would do it, He said, "These signs shall follow them that believe; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." See? That's what He said, "They shall recover." So whether it's a prone miracle just happen right like this, or whether it's just obeying God, that's up to Him in the individual. See? But if the individual believes it, I don't care how long it takes. He said to Abraham, "You're going to have a baby by Sarah." The baby never come for twenty-five years. He told Noah it was going to rain. Noah had the flood . . . the ark built for the flood many, many years before the flood came, but he knew it was going to rain. The Bible said, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up." When? He didn't say. God is just, He's true. Just read what His Word says.

296 That's what I've done tonight, laid hands on the sick. Now, I believe every one of them's going to be healed. I believe, every one of them. Do you believe the same? Now believe for these afflicted people.

297 There's a little lady here, seems like I ought to know, I prayed for her last night, out there in the prayer line. What's her name? Chambers . . . Chambless. If that little lady would have lived—would have lived normally, wouldn't've been afflicted, she certainly been a beautiful woman. And she's sitting there now, shaking. Lovely, fine spirit in the girl. And she sits there jerking like this. Oh, how that breaks my heart. How that I wished . . . just how I would!

298 Here's a little baby, lady sitting here holding it, its little tongue hanging out, its little body afflicted. What if that was my little Joseph? What if it was my little grandson Paul? What if that was Rebekah sitting back there, or Sarah? What if Mrs. Simpson here was my wife Meda? This young man sitting here was Billy Paul? This aged woman sitting here was my mother? Remember, it's somebody's baby, somebody's sister, somebody's daughter, and somebody's son. See? I am their brother, He is our Saviour. All that I can do is . . . what faith I've got is offered in their behalf. That's all I know.

299 Now, the Lord can show me a vision, He could tell me what's the matter with each one of them. I can prove that to you, see, you know that. But that don't heal them. That doesn't heal them. No, it's got to be something drop in them, see. Oh.

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300 Like I could go up here take each one of you and baptize you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That won't remit your sins. No, no! No, I don't believe in water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ unto regeneration. I believe the blood is regeneration, see, not at the waters. But, see, I could baptize and baptize, but you only go down a dry sinner, come up a wet one, see, until you have thoroughly repented. Repent, and then be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. See? And that's where I differ with the Oneness movement. Not baptizing to regeneration, no. I believe it's the blood that cleanses, not the water. See? Repentance, and then be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

301 Now I'm going down to pray. And these people are just as much to you as they are to me, maybe even more in that line of relation.

302 Now let's all join together, and your hands in faith, and my hand in faith, bringing down the hands of the Lord Jesus to lay on these poor crippled people. Will you pray with me?

303 [Blank spot on tape.] Those with handkerchiefs that's for the sick and the afflicted, you may get them right after service. Now help me pray for these, will you?

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304 God, we thank You, Lord, for what You have done tonight. We thank You in advance for the healing of every person come through the line. Dear God, I pray over these handkerchiefs, perhaps for some who could not even come to the meeting, and their loved ones brought the handkerchiefs. In the Bible we're taught that they took from the body of Paul, handkerchiefs or aprons. Those people back there had lived in Your presence, they had seen You on the street, they had seen You in their meetings, and they had seen Your same Spirit upon Paul. And they knew it wasn't that man, it was Your Spirit that was dominating his life, for we see Paul doing the same things that You did.

305 And now, Lord, the people of this day sees the same God living in His church with His people. And they've brought these handkerchiefs, that they might be taken from here to their loved ones. Grant, God, that every one of them will be healed in Your own way. We don't request any certain thing to be done of any certain way or any certain nature; we just ask, "In Your own way, Father, heal them." For the glory of God, I offer this prayer of faith over it. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

306 I've had a wonderful time of fellowship around your faith, your presence in Jesus Christ. This will be a meeting that I'll long remember of what taken place: love, cooperation, fellowship.

307 And now, till we meet again, may God of heaven guide you. He who makes the stars to shine bright at night to lighten up the path when it's growing dim, may He lighten your path with the Star of Bethlehem to guide you to a full surrendered life in His Word, is my prayer.

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

308 Now let us stand. My Faith Looks Up to Thee [unclear words]. Well, I'll change that. I believe that's fine:

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my sin away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

309 Now let's shake one another's hands when they sing:

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrows, tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

310 Feel better now, don't you?

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

Now on the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,

A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

311 That's our closing message for this campaign:

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

312 Bow our heads. As the wheels hum a song going home, I trust you'd hear the humming of the wheels, the roaring of the engine:

On the wings of a snow-white dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

[Brother Branham begins humming the chorus.]

..... dove,
God sends His pure, sweet love,
A sign from above,
On the wings of a dove.

313 With your heads bowed, I give you to your ... Brother Noel.

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