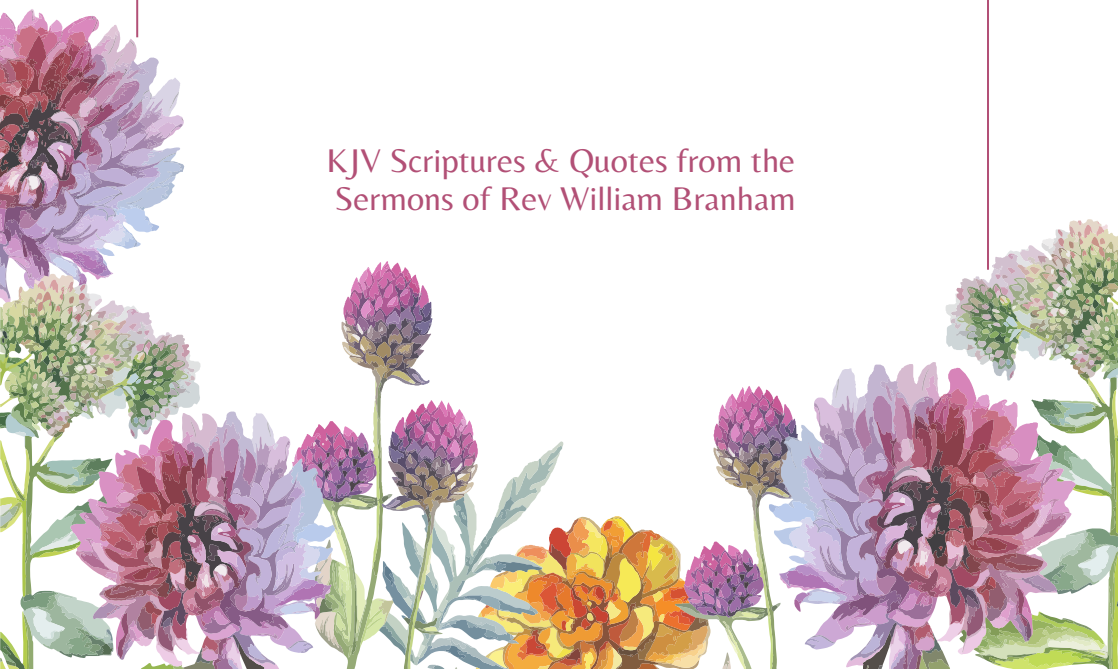




when trials come

COUNT IT ALL JOY

KJV Scriptures & Quotes from the
Sermons of Rev William Branham



We ask for comfort and peace,
God gives us the best He could give us,
trials and tribulations.
That's better than comfort and peace.

60-0417s ~ I Know



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The Certainty of Trials



Psalm 34:19

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

John 16:33

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

1 Peter 4:12-13

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Job 5:17-18

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole.

WE'RE EXPECTED TO BE TESTED

Now, we're expected to be tested. That's a good lesson for my—my brother back there, also. "He that cometh to God must first be tested." Tested

(what?) with the Word. That's God's test. Do you believe it? "He that cometh to God must be tested." That only shows a true child, then, see, be tested. And when the test comes on... You can't overcome 'less there's a test give to you. And when test is given, it's to see whether you can overcome or not. And Jesus said, "To him that overcometh," the test. The test is the greatest thing that ever happened to you. I believe it's written in the Scripture, Peter said, that, "Our trials are worth more to us than precious gold." It's a testing time. It's one good evidence to us that God is with us, when we're tested, for all children of God are tested and tried.

63-0825M - HOW CAN I OVERCOME?

EVERY SON...

God doesn't make any difference between His children. Every son that cometh to God must first be tried or chastised. You get it? First be tried, or chastened, corrected, child trained, schooled, everyone not one exception, every son... Have you went through trials? Have you went through tribulation? Have you suffered persecution? Then you're endure these things, you are real children of God.

56-0223 - GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED

MORE LOYAL, MORE TESTINGS

...more loyal, more testings.

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS

Why do we come to these troubles? What makes these things come? Why should a Christian ever be perplexed? Why would not everything, just run

perfect for a Christian? But it doesn't, and we know it. And sometimes we have more troubles when we become a Christian than we did when we were sinners. Course, It is written, "Many is the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth him from them all."

60-0417S - I KNOW

EVERY MAN THAT WILL WITNESS FOR GOD

But, brother, let your Light shine in the dark places, where it's really needed, out in the hedges and the highways, in the barrooms, out, down on the street. Everywhere you're at, let your Light shine as a witness. Amen.

Notice, then the fiery trial come on.

And every man that'll witness for God will have to go through fiery trials.

Isn't it strange how God leads His people? Very strange.

53-0405E - WITNESSES

GOD TRIES MEN

Now, God doesn't tempt men, but God tries men, tests them. God cannot tempt you, but God can test you. And every son that cometh to God must be tested or child-trained before he can be a son.

57-0323 - GOD IN HIS WORD

EVERY CHILD...

And here was Moses' mother in the conflict of testing of her faith. And every child, every son that cometh to God, first must be tried. God tests your faith. Now, look like God could just simply bypass the whole thing and don't have any—appropriate a way, and just cut the thing off, but it's better that He gives you a test, and then comes to you when you're in the

test. I like that, don't you? The greatest experiences of my life, is when I come up against a mountain that I can't get over it, under it, or around it. And just stand still, and God will move the thing back. And He will move... No matter how dark the cloud is, faith pierces it yonder with a eye that looks beyond anything that the devil can set before you. 'Cause God is our victory. Amen.

55-1006E - THE POWER OF GOD

THERE'S ALWAYS A TESTING TIME

And there's always a testing time. "Every son that cometh to God, must first be tested, tried." Oh, I love it. Oh, I don't call for it, but, after it's passed, it yields the beautiful fruits of meekness. The testing time, when the fire is hot! How every Christian, through the ages, went through that testing time. And the Bible said, "If we can't stand that testing, we become illegitimate children, and not the children of God." So, a real child in the testing time, which this was, they do not walk by sight. Their physical eyes are closed to the things that are around them. They only walk by the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, looking to His Word, and believing that He will keep every Word exactly the way He said He would do it. Testing time, trials!

57-0407E - THEN JESUS CAME

NORMAL PART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Persecution and trials are a natural, normal part of the Christian life. There is only one thing you can do about them. Commit them all to God, judge not, and leave their outworking and final judgment to Him.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 3 - THE EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE

THAT'S GOD'S WAY

They had nothing to eat. Nothing to eat, and the waters was bitter. And, look, that stream of Marah, "bitter waters," laid right in God's path, He was leading His children. Isn't it strange? Looked like God would have bypassed that, but He led them right straight up to that water.

*"Some through the waters,
Some through the floods,
Some through deep trials,
But all through the Blood."*

That's God's way of leading His people.

53-0327 - ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH #3

THEY COME UPON EVERY CHILD OF GOD

After Job went through his trials and testings, as they come upon every child of God, first has to be tried, tested. In other words, they have to be trained like child training, take some whippings, straighten up. You know how to act then, how to conduct yourself as a Christian. God gives you a little bit of whipping once in a while, turns you around a few times; you know what it's all about, lays you on your back, so you can look up. Sure.

55-1119 - REDEEMER, REDEMPTION

WE ARE CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

Remember, we are not on a picnic, but we're in a battlefield. Many people just think that when they become a Christian that that's all they need to do, that that settles it forever, as they are a Christian and everything's going to come easy. Don't never get that in your head. For, I become a Christian to fight, fight the good fight of faith. I become a Christian, to get in the battle

lines. We are Christian soldiers, and we got to be trained and brought up, and know all the techniques of the enemy, to know how to fortify, to know how to—to fight the fight.

59-0628M - A DECEIVED CHURCH, BY THE WORLD

THERE'S ALWAYS TRIALS

Now, let's speak a moment upon the—when the children of Israel had been carried away captive down into Babylon. There come a time, first, that there had to come a trial. There's always trials. It's always darkest before day in—in nature. And you'll always have trials before you have victory. If there's no war, then there's no victory.

61-0213 - AND THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES

IT'S THE WAY OF AGONY AND SUFFERING

I'm afraid we've made it too easy. It's, I love...I think, joy, certainly, I believe that all joys lays in Jesus Christ. That's right. I believe it's joyful and happy. But remember, brother, it's the way of agony and suffering and the cross. You must realize that, too. That's right. I wonder if we haven't paint it a little too—a little too smooth.

54-0509 - THE INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES

JESUS HAD TO GO THROUGH TESTINGS

Now, this great hour had approached our Lord, one of the most trying times of all of His earthly journey was just at hand. Testing time! Jesus had to go through testings, just as we go through testings. And the Bible said that, "Every son that cometh to God, must first be tested, trained, corrected."

Now, many people, it is a showdown when the testing time comes. It's a time of a proving place. And the Bible said, "If we cannot stand the testing, then we become illegitimate children," we are professing God to be our Father, and then He is not our Father. For if we have correctly, and with all of our heart, received the Lord Jesus as our personal Saviour, there is nothing in this earth or in all dark eternity can—can ever separate us from the love of God that's in Christ Jesus.

I'm astounded in this day, and have always been when people profess to be Christians, and, the first little trial comes on, they fall by the wayside. It goes to show that it was an intellectual conception of Christ. That's the reason so many doesn't hold out today, is because it's an intellectual conception. Intellectually, you could believe It, but It goes further than that. To accept Christ, is to accept the Person of Christ.

57-0418 - THE COMMUNION

NO EXCEPTIONS, EVERYONE

How God loves to test His people. Every child that comes to God must be tested, child trained; no exceptions, everyone.

57-0309E - JEHOVAH-JIREH

IT'S A BATTLE FROM THE VERY HOUR YOU START

The Christian doesn't ask for easy things. We are not...There's so much promises today made amongst Christian people, so many ministers promise the people a false thing, "If you'll just come to Christ, all your troubles is settled." I tell you, when you come to Christ they then begin. That's when you put on a uniform and take a gun, and enter the battlefield. This Christian road is not a flower bed of ease. It is a battle from the very hour

you start, until your spirit is set free by death.

61-0402 - THE TRUE EASTER SEAL

PASSING THROUGH DEEP WATERS AND HARD TRIALS

And I'm sure that we can all agree, today, that we are on our way to the promised land. We're just camping, building little campfires, passing through deep waters and hard trials.

57-0613A - GOD KEEPS HIS WORD

GOD LED THEM IN A TRAP

Here's the Red Sea; here's the mountains on either side. And they're right back in the little neck, and here comes Pharaoh's army. God led them in a trap. Oh, but, my, God drew the blueprint of their journey before the world was ever made to pass through there. Hallelujah. Don't think I'm crazy 'cause I holler 'Hallelujah.' I can't help it; I'd blow up, I believe with this. "Hallelujah" means "praise our God." Halle-lujah, praise our God. All right. That's one word I can speak in German or any of the rest of language, even to the Hottentots in South Africa. No matter where, it's the same word; Hallelujah is the same. Praise our God.

Now, here they are, all cornered up, God, pushing His children right out that part of—of Egypt, coming right up along, and trapped them right in this place. The God of heaven was leading them by a Pillar of Fire, and brought them into this trap. Now, unbelief will say, "Why? Why did He do it?" Look immediately after he got out of that, they went right into the wilderness of sin, right out of there into the murmur, everything. God leads His children through these kind of paths. Some through the water, Some

through the flood, Some through deep trials, But all through the Blood...
Amen. That's the way; just follow. Don't make any difference where He's
leading, just keep following.

55-1006E - THE POWER OF GOD

God Hath Not Promised...

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep

But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love

Annie Johnson Flint

The Purpose Of Trials



James 1:2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

Malachi 3:3

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

1 Peter 1:6-7

Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

Romans 8:18

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 4:8-11

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made

manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

TO BREAK THE BANDS OF THE WORLD

And sometime it takes hard trials to break the bands of the world off of us. Sometimes God lets us have a little trial, you know, to see what we'll do, to take you out of the world.

64-0112 - SHALOM

TO EXPRESS HIS LOVE TO THEM AGAIN

Now they're on their journey. Isn't it strange that they was led right straight to the Wilderness of Sin, right up to the wilderness, right up into the—the fountain of bitter water? Could you imagine God taking His children, right after they got saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, to fountains of bitter water? Sure. He'd like to express His love to them again. That's right. They got up there.

You know, when you get the Holy Ghost, you attend a lot of obstacles.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth him out of them all." God brings you right up, facing with it, so He can show you His power and His goodness.

54-0330 - REDEMPTION IN COMPLETENESS, IN JOY

HE IS LOOKING FOR TIME-TESTED MATERIAL

God wants a time-tested Church; not somebody is a Christian today and a backslider tomorrow, in and out, and up and down. He can't place you nowhere. But He's got a Church that's tested, went through the trials,

through losses, through sickness, through sorrow, through death, and still stand with a testimony. That's the man, yes, that's the man He's looking for. I don't care if you're a pauper. I don't care if you're a beggar. I don't care if you're a ragpicker. Whatever you are, God puts the test to you. He is looking for time-tested material.

57-0818 - TIME-TESTED MEMORIALS OF GOD

HE ALTERS US TO FIT THE ROBE

Now notice, in Elijah, then, after he threw his robe on him, and tried it on him. In other words, Elijah the prophet, who had the mantle of God on his shoulders, he came down and laid it across Elisha, the farmer, to see if it would fit him. And it taken about ten years to get altered, to fit that mantle.

You know, God usually puts us in the shop and trims us up. Now, He didn't alter his robe to fit Elisha; He ordered Elisha to fit the robe. And that's what He does today. He alters us to fit the robe, not the robe to fit us. Sometimes we want to make the robe fit us, but we can't do that. You've got to (let) be altered, yourself, for the robe. It's God's robe, and He made it perfect. And we've got...He has got to bring us into that realm, to make the robe fit us.

56-1125M - A SECONDHANDED ROBE

IT IS ALL WITH A PURPOSE

He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered

awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled. As Job said, “He puts strength in us.” (Job 23:6b.)

You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered. Hebrews 5:8–9, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” In plain language, the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection.

Why did He want this? James 1:2–4, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES – 4 – THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

UNTIL THE LIFE OF CHRIST IS REFLECTED IN YOUR LIFE

Long years ago, before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold...And how they would know how it was right or not, and all the sludge is out of it, all the iron pyrite (that’s fool’s gold), all the fool was out of it, they...Beaters beat it, and beat it and turned it, and beat it and turned it, until the beater seen his—his reflection in the gold.

That’s the way God does His Church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the Life of Christ is reflected in your life; until you become peaceful, sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready,

submissive, willing, turn your head on the things of the world, and looking straight to Calvary, to the One Who is doing the beating.

Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, sickness, and persecutions. It's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, to get the slowness out of you, to wake you up to the place where you can look and see the reflection, or a man can see the reflection of Christ in you, "Christ in you, the hope of Glory."

57-0818 - TIME-TESTED MEMORIALS OF GOD

TO SEE HOW WE WILL REACT

And God sets a time and has a purpose for everything that He does. There is nothing happens just accidentally to those who love the Lord and are called according to His calling. See? We are predestinated. And everything works just right, for that, because He cannot lie. And He said that was so, that everything has its time, its season, and it has its way. And God is behind every move. And sometimes you think that everything is going wrong. It's up to us. Those things are put upon us, trials and wonderings. It's testing, to see how we will react on an action.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

TO SHOW THE WORLD

Was only a few years later when the trials come, and the church got all shook up, as is so easy for a congregation of people to do when something just don't seem to happen the way that it's supposed to be. God makes it that way. God brings tensions into the church, "Every son that cometh to God must be tried, and proven, and tested." He lets sickness strikes you. He

lets diseases come on you, to test you and to prove you, to show the world that you're truly the Seed of Abraham. He permits it by His Own will. He permits disasters. He permits the friends to turn against you. He permits all these things, and turns the devil loose, to tempt you. And he'll do all but take your life. He could throw you on a bed of affliction. He could turn your neighbors against you. He could turn the church against you. He can do most anything, and it's God's will for him to do it. We are taught that it is more precious than gold, to us.

59-1108 - POSSESSING THE ENEMY'S GATES

THEY ARE ALL TO MOLD YOU

I might inject this right here, that, we think our burdens are so heavy sometimes, that there's nothing like it in the world. Do you know all those things are good for you? They are all to mold you, make you. Prophets and sages was molded on the backside of the desert, in the hot, blazing sun, through tribulations and trials, and persecutions. And these things that we have today, there's nothing happened to us that hasn't happened to other Christians, before. Other Christians has had to stand in the hour of darkness like this, and even be fed to lions, for their testimony.

63-1216 - WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

TO DEVELOP A CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER

"Think it not strange concerning the fiery trials that are to try you." That is what Peter said. Is it strange that God wants us to develop a Christlike character that comes through suffering? No sir. And we all have trials. We are all tried and chastened as sons. Not one but goes through that. The church that is not suffering, and is not being tried, hasn't got it — it isn't of

God. Hebrews 12:6, 8, "For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth." "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." Now this special condition in Smyrna must be applied to every age. There is no age free from it. There is no true believer free from it. This is of God. This is the will of God. It is needful. We need the Lord to teach us the truth that we are to suffer and be Christlike in doing it. "Love suffereth long and is kind." Matthew 5:11-12, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 4 - THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

HE'S ONLY TRYING TO PROVE THEM

Could you imagine Job enjoying being broke out with boils, and all these things gone, losing all of his wealth and his children, and everything? It wasn't very easy, but God was proving to Satan that He had somebody He could put confidence in. Maybe He's trying to do the same thing in your case, and the rest of you. "Oh, they'll forsake You. They'll..." Oh, no. Job, they couldn't make Job do that. No, sir. See? He's only trying to prove them.

63-0117 - AWAKENING JESUS

IT ONLY COMES ABOUT TO HELP YOU

God has always had a witness, somewhere. He never leaves Himself without a witness. No matter, it's...has got down sometime to just one, but He's always had somebody that He could put His hands on, and say, "This is My servant, and he'll do as I tell him." Now, we like that. Noticing then, that,

when these brethren were down there, they were put to a test. Very beautiful example of what a true believer comes to when he really accepts the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He is always put to a test. Satan still in the testing business. And it only comes about to help you. It's for your good.

55-0109E - BEGINNING AND ENDING OF THE GENTILE DISPENSATION

JEWELS

So your trials sometime is jewels. Do you realize that? It said that it was more precious than gold, your faith when it's been tried. Now, don't think that fiery trials come upon us to purify us. When you go through temptation, just hold your ground. If somebody says, "Well, now, you're all off the track." Stay right where you're at till God says it. Don't shake at every wind. See? Stay right there. You know, men, that God... Even if you're a little out of the way, if you'll really, in your heart, be sincere and stand firm on what you believe, God will respect it. That's right.

54-0401 - GOD'S PREPARATION

TRYING AND PROVING OF A SAINT

Many times people say, "See all that sickness in that family? I told you. They're not living right." Now, God does do that sometime, but not every time it's God doing that; 'cause God here, was dealing with a saint, a trying and proving of a saint. And every man that cometh to God must first be tried of God. And if he can't stand chastisement, then you become a illegitimate child, and not the child of God. Trials to try our faith. Isn't that marvelous, God would give us those trials and tests to prove us?

53-0606 - AN ENSIGN

TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE

Something happened to you; you got sick. Something happened; this one happened. Somebody made fun of you. The boss said he'd fire you if he caught you praying again. He's going to give you trial to see what you are. Every son that cometh to God must be tried and chastened.

60-0804 - AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH UP HER NEST

NO SIGNS OF GOD'S DISAPPROVAL

The cloudy skies and storms of life are no signs of God's disapproval. Neither are bright skies and still waters signs of His love and approval. His approval of any of us is only IN THE BELOVED. His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO, and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him? By believing what He said, and by conducting myself with joy amidst the trials that He in His wisdom allows to come to pass.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 4 - THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

A BLESSING LAYING JUST BEYOND THERE

So God done this for Abraham, and Abraham being a hundred years old, and Sarah ninety years old. Little grandma now, likely a little shawl over her shoulder, and little dust cap on, on a little stick, was going around like this. Well, about a few days after that, he was setting out in the hot sun one morning. And oh, it must've been a terrible time. We're about the 18th chapter now, or the 19th. He was setting out in the hot sun. The herdsman come up and said, "Oh, my, they're carrying on..." The water's all gone,

and everything looked like it was going wrong. Watch out when that happens. To a Christian, when that happens is a blessing laying just beyond there, and Satan's trying to his best to keep it away from you. I've seen that in my life.

60-0802 - EL-SHADDAI

THAT WE'LL BRING AN ABUNDANCE OF FRUIT

Now, if you ever notice, how that when the disaster struck Job's home, and the children was all killed and everything... And all Job had was destroyed. God wasn't rebuking Job. He was only purging Job. Amen. I like that word, a purge. The branch that bears fruit, then God purges it, that it'll bring forth more fruit. The trouble of it is, we think sometimes God's angry with us. But He's only trying to purge us that we'll bring abundance of fruit, giving us a few trials. The Bible said that they're worth more to you than precious gold.

55-0123A - THE APPROACH TO GOD

THE GOLD OF GOD IS A CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER

But, there is a gold of God. I Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth." The gold of God is a Christlike character produced in the fiery furnace of affliction. That is the right kind of gold.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 9 - THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE

THEIR TROUBLES PRODUCED THE SON OF GOD

It was until the Hebrew children was forced into the fiery furnace, on one of their most outstanding trials, that they're seen One like the Son of God

standing among them. Their troubles produced the Son of God standing among them, in the breezes, to wave away the heat wave. But not until they went into the fire did that Comforter appear.

60-0417S - I KNOW

HE JUST LOVE S TO SHOW YOU WHO HE IS

God loves to bring you in trouble. He loves to put trouble down and see what you'll do about it. So He just stopped up the Red Sea, and the first thing you know, marched them right out into this place, then sent Pharaoh after them. See how God likes to do it? He loves to display His power and love. He is God, and He just loves to show you Who He is. Amen.

57-0901M - HEBREWS, CHAPTER THREE

WHERE GOD CAN MAKE HIMSELF MORE REAL TO US

God promised many afflictions, strange feelings, and strange things that would be beyond our understanding, but it's always done for our good. We just can't understand it, because, if we did, then it would not be a faith to us; we would go with an understanding. But we do it, and we have it, and we believe by faith, His Word, that it's going to work some good thing for us. If we could grasp that today, on this—this morning. If we could grasp that all of our troubles...And there is none of us immune from them. And if we could realize that those things are for our good!

It is written, in one of the Scriptures in the Bible, that, "Trials are brought upon us, are more precious to us than gold itself, for it is God giving us these trials." After we become His property, our confession and our baptism, and our promise to walk in life for Him, then every trial that

comes upon us is to perfect us for His glory. It's to bring us to a place where God can make Himself more real to us than He was before the trial come.

60-0417S I KNOW

NO OTHER WAY IN WHICH TO GAIN PATIENCE

In fact patience is the outcome of faithfulness, for it says in James 1:3, "The trying of your faith worketh patience." There is absolutely no other way in which to gain patience. It has to come by the trial of our faith. Romans 5:3, "Tribulation worketh patience." How highly God regards this outworking of our patience is seen in James 1:4, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking nothing." God's will for us is Perfection. And that perfection is patience — waiting on God and waiting for God. This is the process of character development. How highly God has commended these saints of the Dark Ages. Patient as lambs led to the slaughter, lovingly, faithfully they served God. That is all they wanted out of life, just service to their Lord. How great was to be their reward.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 6 - THE THYATIREAN CHURCH AGE

IT'S A BLESSING IN DISGUISEMENT

Maybe it looks awful dark now, but, you know, sometimes we're taught (and I preached on it the other night) it's always darkest before day. It's at the darkest hour of the night when the morning star shines, it's reflecting the coming of the sun.

In Germany they've got a picture, they call it the "Cloud" picture. It's—it's a competit' to this great picture of the crucifixion at the...at Forest Lawn in

Los Angeles (the great picture is as wide as this building is across, they had to build a building around the picture; many of you have seen it). But this in Germany is called, “the angel...” or, “The Cloud Day,” I believe it’s called. And when you get off from a piece from it and look at it, oh, it looks hideous, looks like angry clouds a-mixing around one another, like that, as the lights reflect on it. And looks like the clouds are moving, as the way the picture’s made to reflect the lights, make it look like the cloud, an angry storm coming to tear up everything. And then you are told by the guide, “Walk closer, and just keep watching it.” And when you get real close to it, it isn’t clouds, it’s angels’ wings beating together, rejoicing. It’s a blessing in disguise.

60-0310 - ELIJAH AND THE MEAL-OFFERING

SHAKE ALL THE THINGS OFF OF YOU

Don’t be scared to trust Him. If He shakes you off out in the air, He’s just giving you a solo flight. We’re going to take a big one, one of these days, go plumb into glory. So you better learn how to trust Him now while you can. You can’t do it with all them loose feathers hanging around you. You better get down where the winds a blowing from heaven, shake all the things off of you, all the world, and all of the cares of the world, and all the love of the world, out of you.

58-0316A - AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST AND FLUTTERETH OVER HER YOUNG

TO GIVE YOU A NEW HOLD

Oh, the—the fire only waters it. It only gives us new hope. It only—it only strengthens it; every trial, testing. Every time a wind hits a tree and shoves it back and forth, and back and forth, it only loosens the roots so it can

grow deeper and get a better hold. Every time sickness strikes your home, every time trial strikes your home, every time the neighbors say something bad about you, it's only shaking you, loosen you up, so you can get down and get a better hold on the Eternal Rock of God's unmovable Word. That's how God does it. He sends those trials to test you and to prove you, to shake you up and to give you a new hold.

57-0818 - TIME-TESTED MEMORIALS OF GOD

THEY'RE PUT ON US TO TRY OUR FAITH

Oh, if we could only look away from these little afflictions, and little light things that we have, these little ups-and-downs, and troubles. They're so little and insignificant. Sometimes, they're put on us to try our faith.

58-0313 - THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE A BATTLE TO HAVE VICTORY

If you—if there's no battle, then there's no victory. But you've got to have a battle to have victory. If it was just given to you, it wouldn't be—wouldn't be no—wouldn't be a victory. But he that overcometh is the one who has the victory. So Jesus came to the earth; He had a battle; He won the victory. And tonight we have a battle, and with Christ, we can have the victory. Now, the Lord bless you.

53-0601 - WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU, DO IT

TO SEE WHETHER THERE'S ANY FLAWS IN THEM

If there's anything that makes Christians lazy, it's when they're on a flowered bed of ease. We don't have it persecution enough. We don't have it hard enough. Always at the chain is the strongest at its weakest link. And

a man under pressure is what he is when he's under pressure. His real to—true characteristics will show when he's under pressure. Get him all riled, stirred up, then you'll see the real man come out. If he's got temper, it'll show itself. If he's meek and gentle, it'll show itself. Put him under pressure once. And God puts all His children under tests to see whether there's any flaws in them.

57-0808 - THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR

TO KNOW HOW THE OTHER FELLOW FEELS

One of our precious brothers, so dear to us all, he just crossed over in that Land. And everytime I come to this platform, I—I guess I'll think of Brother Lyle. I looked over last night and seen little Judy setting over there, and my heart was just pounding, I was thinking of how she felt. And I know when dad died how...But we only have to go through those schools of sufferings to know how the other fellow feels.

65-1126 - WORKS IS FAITH EXPRESSED

TO TEMPER YOU

Job went through the trials and the tests. His children taken; everything else taken. The church members come, accused him of being a secret sinner, and tried to say everything against him, but yet he wouldn't listen to any of it. He knowed he had met God's requirements. He knowed there's no need of Satan trying to tempt him. He knowed it was the devil. And as long as Satan can make him believe that his sickness was his God doing it, he had Job whipped. But when Job once struck that revelation, that it was not God! He was only going through his trials to make him something. It wasn't God doing it. It was Satan doing it.

And same thing today. He'll try to tell you these trials and thing is your God trying to put punishment upon you. It isn't so. No, sir. It's Satan doing that, and God permitting it, to temper you; to make you see if you're—you are tied to this earth, by the earth cares, or whether your treasures is in Heaven. "For wherever your treasures is, there you are also." That's right. Your heart is where your treasures are.

63-1124E - THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS

PROVING TO SATAN

Now, watch. That man that had went through trials, that man who had been purged... God was not dealing with a sinner now; He was dealing with a saint. See? A man that'd been purged by God, proving to Satan that there was mortals who would serve Him in the face of conflict.

52-0718 - FOR HIM WILL I ACCEPT

MAKE US A LITTLE DIFFERENT

And I wonder if the Lord don't just let us get all tore up sometimes, where He can just mold us, and fashion us, and make us a little different, and bless us, and kiss us on the cheeks, and say, "My child, I'm right with you, and I'll give you just a little encouragement; go ahead."

57-0309B - I WILL RESTORE

THEY HAVE TO BE SHAVED OFF

Oh, God sometimes takes His people out like that, and shaves a few of their own wills off, shows them that they can't do just what they wanted to do. You know what I mean. They're not—they're not in liberty to do what they want to do. Before they could come into full power and be a love-slave to

Christ, they have to be shaved off and then presented. Sometimes He takes them to the desert, to do that, to shave them off. And then bring them out, the anointed one, to fulfill the purpose that He's ordained them to be.

63-0717 - A PRISONER

ALL THE DROSS MELTED OUT, ALL THE UNBELIEF...

Then, He knew all things, and He knowed this trouble was coming. He knew all things. Sure. "Father does nothing except He shows the Son." See? So He—He knowed all things. They should have knowed that He understood that storm was coming, all right, and knew it would happen. It was only given as a test of their faith. And maybe these troubles is only done, maybe the revival has let up, to see what we'll do about it. Maybe sickness struck you. "This cause, not was nobody's sin, but that the works of God might be made known." How do we know of these things, happened? Nothing happens, and just commonly, not without God knowing it. He knows it. He knowed it, at the beginning. And these things happen because it's a test of faith. Peter said, "Think it not strange when trials come upon you, fiery trials. It's better to you than gold. It's done to prove you." Oh, that refiner's fire, that it'll come out a hundred percent, all the dross melted out, all the unbelief, an experience then, that you know!

63-1103 - GO, WAKE JESUS

THAT HE MAY REBUILD IT EXACTLY AS HE DESIRES IT

Herein is now set forth the love of God. He desired in love a family of His own, a family of sons — sons like Himself. There before Him lies all mankind as ONE lump of clay. Out of that same lump He will now make vessels unto honor and unto dishonor. The CHOOSING will be His own

choosing. Then those chosen ones, born of His Spirit will be trained to conform to His image in their walk. He REPROVES with all long-suffering and gentleness and mercy. He CHASTENS with nail scarred hands. Sometimes this Potter must take the vessel He is working on and thoroughly break it down in order that He may rebuild it exactly as He desires it. BUT IT IS LOVE. THAT IS HIS LOVE. ANOTHER WAY OF HIS LOVE THERE IS NOT. THERE CANNOT BE.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 9 - THE LAODICEAN CHURCH AGE

A CLOSER FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

And why does God let troubles come? God harnesses trouble, puts bits in its mouth and makes it obey Him, and those troubles bring us into a closer fellowship with God.

60-0417S - I KNOW

TO KIND OF MEEKEN YOU UP A LITTLE

God has to give you a little something, once in a while, to kind of meeken you up a little, you know. That's right. Kind of make you realize that He's the Boss. Oh, isn't He wonderful?

57-0901M - HEBREWS, CHAPTER THREE

YOU HAVE TO FIRST BE BROKE UP

Before we can ever make any headway, we got to get broke up, first. You know, like the potter, the prophet was going down to the Potter's house, to be broke up, to be made over again. And you know, if there is no breaking up, there is no making over again. You have to first be broke up. And how that, just like the ground, if you're going to have a crop, Brother Wright,

you have to break your ground up, first, tear it all to pieces. And then plant your seed, and it'll come forth. Depends on what kind of seed you plant, then, while it's broke up. So then while the crops is...ground is all broke up, it's time to plant the seed.

53-0405E - WITNESSES

YOU FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD

Now, remember. When...God has counted you worthy when you have a test. Now, don't fail this, to get this. When you have a trial or a test, it shows the grace of God has found, you found favor with God, and God believes that you'll stand the test. You remember, He did the same thing by Job.

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

MAKE US WANT TO SEE HIM

I sit down there on that cold frosty floor, raised up my hands to God. I said, "Lord, let it be now that I will see Him. I—I—I'm sick and tired of it. I'm homesick now. I want to get out of it." Sometimes people get feeling that way. Sometimes that God permits that to happen just to make us lonesome, make us want to see Him, hungering and thirsting to see Him.

59-0416 - EL-SHADDAI

IN ORDER TO PERFECT US FOR HIS SERVICE

Oh, yes, He permits crosses and crossroads and junctions. He always does that, in order to perfect us for His service. He permits those things to happen. Can't you understand that? He does that so He can perfect you for the calling He has called you for. That's your growing pains. He did Daniel

that way, you know. He did the Hebrew children, in the fiery furnace. What did the fiery furnace do? The fiery furnace only broke the bands that had them bound. That's all the furnace did, just burnt loose the bands.

64-0119 - SHALOM

HE'S GOT CONFIDENCE IN YOU

When looks like everything has gone wrong, God is giving you a trial. He's got confidence in you. He don't have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid. You're a real Christian. God is giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, count it a joy. It's—it's more precious to you than gold."

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

TO SEE IF YOU REALLY DO BELIEVE

How that seemed to be an idle tale, of this Man that they seen embalmed; and died, buried, and this was the fourth day, or the third day since He was dead. Peter had got discouraged, and wanted to go a-fishing. Two of them said, one by the name of Cleopas, said, "We'll just go back home, to Jerusalem." And on their road, walking along, that morning. When Peter got his fishing line and took off, fishing. These two were on their road, sad. And as they went along the road, saying, "Well, I guess life is not worth living. Oh, how we believed that He was the Messiah! How could that Man, Who raised the dead, ever stand and let that high priest make fun of Him? How could that Man, Who could see vision after vision, ever let a Roman soldier put a rag around His face, and hit Him on the head, and said, 'If Thou be a prophet, tell us who hit You'? How could He scream for mercy, on the cross, seeing that He could even raise up the dead?" Oh, it was

discouraging moment! And those discouraging times comes to every believer, to test you, and to try you, and to see if you really do believe.

“Every son that cometh to God, must first be tested, child-trained.”

57-0421E - AND THEIR EYES WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW HIM

BECAUSE HE TRUSTED YOU

You say, “I’ve had so many trials, Brother Branham. I’ve just been drug from pillar to post.” Haven’t I just told you that that’s God, because He trusted you? You won’t fail Him, will you? You might have fell. You might have made a mistake. But you won’t fail Him, will you? You’ll rise up again, like a real soldier, grip the Sword, and come forward again.

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

TRIBULATIONS MAKES US PATIENT

“And knowing this, that tribulation worketh patience; patience worketh hope; hope maketh not ashamed.” There you are. See? “Tribulations worketh patience.” Be patient. “And hope maketh not ashamed.” And we’re got the hope, tonight. In all of our tribulations, yet, it works. Tribulations makes us patient, waiting to the Coming of the Lord.

54-1003E - JUBILEE YEAR

TO MOLD AND MAKE US WHAT HE WANTS US TO BE

Now you take on a stream, like the stream of life, and plenty of driftwood hanging up in every trash pile. And, yet, the boat comes along, made out of wood, too. But if you notice, the wood is made and shaped out by a master who has built the boat. Not only is it shaped out, but it is guided by a master, and it is pushed by a power.

And we're all made out of the same stuff. It just depends on how your ambitions run. Are you willing to let the master Craftman make, out of you, that which He could use, and that which He could control, and that which He could power?

If this certain little craft that's been made different, and been craft out by the master's hand, should ever stick into some weeds along in shallow waters, there is a power behind it, a little bolt that the master can turn on, and push it out into the deep waters again. God wants to mold and make us what He wants us to be.

58-1004 - FAITH IS OUR VICTORY

THE POT MUST BE BROKE INTO SHIVERS

It's an awful thing to say, but Truth sometimes seems awful, as I just told you, how God takes His children through the deep waters and the miry sands and thing. He does it that way. Remember, the—the pot must be broke into shivers, sheaves, little pieces to be remolded and ground again. Look like a terrible thing to destroy it, but it has to be done thus, in order to get the pot re-made again, the vase or whatever you're making.

63-0630M - THE THIRD EXODUS

TO MAKE OUR TESTIMONY RING

Did you ever see them when they was fixing to mold a bell, some famous bell for a church chime or something, that had to give a certain ding? You see, if you're ringing a chime, it takes a certain range for each bell. And it takes certain materials to go in there, so much brass, so much steel, and so much of other ores, to go into this bell. If it's just straight brass, it won't

ring right. It's got to have all kinds of materials throwed into it, to make it ring the right kind of a tone. And the man who has put the mold up, and set the mold, he knows exactly what it takes to go in that cupola, what it takes to go into that—that metal, to make that bell ring that tone.

God is our great Cupola. God is the...He is the great Refiner's Furnace, that where He has to put these things upon us, and trials, and persecutions and things, to mold it together, to make our testimony ring for a certain time, and a certain note that He wants rang out in a certain day.

63-1216 - WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR AND HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM

TO GET YOU TO WHERE YOU'D BE INFLUENCED BY THE GOSPEL

Sometimes God lets the very props be knocked from under us. Sometimes He lets sickness strike us. He lets disappointments, heartaches strike us. Sometimes He does that to get you where you'd be influenced by the Gospel. Be wise enough to catch It. Don't be stupid enough to walk away from It.

62-1013 - THE INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER

THE LAW OF CONTRAST

You would never know how to appreciate a day if you didn't have a night. You would never know how to appreciate the sunshine if you didn't have a cloudy day. You would never know how to appreciate righteousness, unless you had some unrighteousness. You would never know how to appreciate good health, unless you've had some foul health, some bad health. It's only those...

And that's the reason I think that we'll appreciate Heaven so much, because we've lived on earth once. And I think the law of contrast...The reason that we appreciate the Holy Spirit so much, tonight, is because we lived so long in a church that told us there was no such a thing. The reason we appreciate it, tonight, because we have had the other side. And that's the way God has intended it to be, because His people has had their up's-and-down's. You never know how to appreciate a mountaintop, unless you've been in the valley. And, so, you never know how to appreciate good water unless you've drank some bad sometime. And then you—you...All the way through, it's a law of contrast.

56-1125E - A BLUSHING PROPHET

HE WANTS TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU

You know, really, the little eagle has never seen mama. He's been so satisfied in the nest, he don't know how great she is. So you know what the eagle does? The mother eagle is far a bigger bird than the father eagle. A good sized bald eagle can spread fourteen feet from wing to wing. That's right. And you know, this little eagle has been down in his nest all the time, and so satisfied with just shouting, and jumping, and running around, until, you know, he's never knowed how big mama was that put him in that nest. So God has to let sickness strike His church once in a while. He has to let a little depressing of the Spirit come, take a little of the joy out of the church, just to spread forth His wings and show you Who He is. So he begins to get, oh, my, a sticker here, and a sticker there, and everywhere he sets is a sticker. Why, he's ready to get out of that nest.

So the big mama comes up there and spreads forth that great big wings. Oh, I watched them, how mammoth she looked, far beyond the boundaries of the nest. Her—her nest is about eight or ten foot around, and her wings are fourteen feet. How she stands on that nest, and she screams to them little ones. And then, when the little ones look up, she spreads forth her great, mighty wing. She's trying to get them to have faith. She's going to do something with them. And maybe, God might stir your nest, so He can spread forth His wings to show you how great He is. He wants to do something for you. He wants to show you how great Thou art, how great Thou art. And when we have to lay on our back and look up towards the sky, and to see Him spread His wings in the solar system, from sky to sky, to see those stars...

58-0316A - AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST AND FLUTTERETH OVER HER YOUNG

HE KNOWS WHAT IT TAKES TO MOLD YOU

Many people asked, "Why?" They asked. They asked, sometime they ask me, "Why? Why must these things happen? What, why, why did this happen to me? Why did I start and this happen, and I—I had this trouble here, and this upset me here, and I lost this here?"

Sometimes I've asked, "Why?" Why, when I was just a young minister, first started out, did God take my wife right out from under me, take my baby right from beneath me, right beneath my heart? Why did He do that? I didn't know. I do now. I just held my hand in His and kept trusting.

He knows every junction. He knows the rhythm must...when it must take place. He knows what it takes to mold you, He knows what kind of material He's going to use. See? The backside of the desert sometimes, where God

molds righteous men into sages and prophets. See? See? That's where men are beat out. Men are beat out, in the Word. When they got all kind of creed and stuff in them, let them come to the Word and God beats it right out of them, molds it right into This, into the great Symphony with, of His Word. See? And then they see the Word moving on.

64-0112 - SHALOM

TILL HE SEES HIS OWN IMAGE REFLECTING

It takes the pounding of gold, turned over and over, back and forth, and pounded until all the dross is taken out of it. Not because it shines, 'cause iron pyrite, what is known as fool's gold, shines like real gold. But, you put the two together. You set them out to one side, you can hardly tell them apart. But put them together, you can tell it. And the beater always has to beat till he—he sees his own image reflecting in the gold.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

TO BREAK SOME OF THE WORLDLY BANDS

Sometimes He lets a little trial happen. Maybe you got a sick baby. Maybe something takes place right at the hour of death. Maybe someone taken from you, or something. What's it to do? To break you away, to show you something, open your eyes. Maybe you come to criticize, sometime. Maybe you're listening to this tape just to criticize. Maybe God's doing that to break some of the worldly bands that's got you bound down.

Like a drowning man in the river, you have to take the man out of the river before you can get the river out of the man. That's right. You have to get him out of the river first, then you get the river out of him. Sometime God

has to do it that way. He permits the junctions, crossroads to do that. Stand on His promises, the Word, for they never fail. The future, that's in His hand. Stand like they did, don't—don't give away.

64-0112 - SHALOM

TO BRING FORTH NEW LIFE

There has to be, sometimes, rugged and hard things, to only bring out the real, true nature of the object. You know, rain is born in a jagged, ragged, lightning strowed, thundering skies. And if we didn't have rain, we wouldn't live. But you see what it takes to bring rain? Thunder, lightning, flashing, anger. And out of there comes rain. A seed must die, rot, corrupt, smell, and go back to the dust of the earth, in order to bring forth new life.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

The Refiner's Fire

He sat by a furnace of seven-fold heat,
As He watched by the precious ore.
And closer He bent with a searching gaze,
As He heated it more and more.

He knew He had ore that could stand the test
And He wanted the finest gold,
To mold as a crown, for the king to wear,
Set with gems of price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,
Tho' we fain would say Him "nay."
And watched the dross that we had not seen
As it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and got more bright,
But our eyes were dim with tears,
We saw but the fire, not the Master's hand,
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow
As it mirrored a form above,
That bent o'er the fire, though unseen by us
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think it pleases His loving heart
To cause us moments of pain?
Ah, no! But He sees through the present cross
The bliss of eternal gain.

So He waited there with a watchful eye,
With a love that is strong and sure.
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat
Than was needed to make it pure.

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The Trials



Health Troubles



Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Exodus 15:26b

for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Matthew 9:22

... "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole"...

James 5:14-16a

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

Isaiah 53:5b

...and with his stripes we are healed.

NOTHING CAN HARM US UNLESS IT COMES OVER HIM

And then after he gets them all numbered and they're all bedded down, the shepherd goes down by this hole where the sheep come in at, and lays himself down across the hole. Then no wolf can come in, no thief can come in, no harm can come in, 'less it comes over the shepherd first. What a picture of Christ laying Himself down for us, that nothing can harm us unless it comes over Him. So if you're sick and you say, "Brother Branham, sickness crossed over Him." But it was for the glory of God. That's right. He wants to maybe give you a testimony.

56-0403 - SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD

A LITTLE SPECIAL FAVOR

As the fellow said one time, he seen a shepherd with its a—packing a sheep. And he said, "Well..." The... Had his leg all bandaged up, and he said, "Well, what did you... What's the matter, did it fall off a cliff?" Said, "No," said, "I broke its leg." "Oh," he said, "you must be a cruel shepherd to break your own sheep's leg." Said, "No, the sheep wouldn't mind me, so I had to break her leg in order to hold her, pet her, and love her, and give her a little special food, so that she would love me and follow me." And so sometime God has to do that to us. Let the doctor say, "Oh, it's all over; nothing could be done." And then God takes you up in His arms and pats you a little bit, says, "Child of Mine, don't you know I love you? Don't you know I'm the Lord that healeth all of thy diseases?" "But Lord, I was taught that the days of mir..." "I know you was, but I just had to let this happen so

I could just show you a little special favor. Now, don't you love Me just a little more now I'm going to let you get well." Did you ever have that just come to you? I have many times. Let something happen, just to check me down a little, to let Him express His love...

56-0403 - SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD

HE'S THE ONE WHO PAID THE PRICE

And you think you're not worthy to be healed tonight. That's a whole lot...Now, reason I'm saying this, because I know what you're thinking. That's the reason I do it in a nighttime, find the way my...the Spirit in the church is moving. Someone say, "Well, I—I'm just not worthy. I guess maybe I've done this." Get that out of your mind. Sure you're not, and you'll never be; but Jesus is, and He's the One Who give it to you. He's the One Who paid the price. He..."Whosoever will let him come and drink freely from the fountains of the water of Life." Life. God bless you.

54-0306 - THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT THAT GOD MADE WITH HIS PEOPLE

YOU'RE SAFE EVERMORE

The waves can beat, and baffle, and sickness can come, death can come, anything else. But you're safe evermore.

62-0609E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

GOD HAS TO ACT THE SAME WAY

And if God makes a statement in a crisis, in the way He approaches that crisis, if that same crisis arise again, He's got to approach it in the same manner, the same way that He did the first time, or He did wrong the way He approached it the first time. You see, if God healed sick people to begin

with when a crisis was, when Moses had no remedies for the sick, and God raised up a brass serpent in the wilderness and made an atonement for the sick and afflicted because there was a crisis; then if that crisis comes to a place again where there is no remedies to help us, God has to act the same way to us, or He acted wrong when He acted for Moses. He's God; He cannot change. He never knows no more or no less; He's perfect forever.

58-0515 - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

HEAL ONE PERSON

And we find Him now out in a little ship, coming across the sea. Because over in another land, in Gadara, one soul was calling for Him. Think! Across the sea in a mighty storm. All through those dangerous perils as He went that night, to save one soul and to heal one person. He come from one side of the lake through the storm, all night long to the next day, to storm that great tide that night, to heal one person.

54-0720A - THE MANIAC OF GADARA

YOU'VE GOT A RIGHT TO CALL ON GOD

God has a provided way. If the doctor... Sure it's your duty to go to your doctor. It's your duty to do whatever you can for yourself. But look, brother. When you get to a place where the doctor can't help you, you've got a right to call on God. That's exactly right. And you believe it.

53-0513 - GOD'S PROVIDED WAY

HE CARED FOR THE PEOPLE SO MUCH

When He was here on earth, as I say, He cared for the people so much till He healed their sick, comforted their hearts, told them about a—a place

that where He would go and prepare for them, and would come again to receive them unto Himself. He cared for them. And notice, He cared so much until, when He knowed He must leave in order to bring this great thing to us, He said, "I'll not leave you comfortless, but I will send the Holy Spirit, and He shall continue My care for you," until He returns. There's no one cares like Jesus.

63-0721 - HE CARES. DO YOU CARE?

IF YOU WANT GOD TO HEAR YOUR PRAYER

His wife was barren. She hadn't had any children. She was past the age of bearing. But he lived right before God and believed on God. And all of his great, dark, long hours of worry finally the Angel come and said, "God has heard your prayer." Now, if you want God to hear your prayer, send an Angel to your home, live right, do right, treat everybody right, be right before God, and God will grant that to you.

50-0813A - THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

THEY HAD TO FIGHT EVERY INCH OF THE WAY

Now, what if that group would've looked. Now, they said, "Why, the—the Amorites, and so forth, why, we look like grasshoppers to them." Well, but you see, Caleb and Joshua stilled the people, because they wasn't looking at the Amorites, how big they were, how big the cities was, but they was looking at a promise. God said, "I give you the land. It's yours." Now, God give you your healing, each one of you. It's yours.

Well now, God just didn't go over there, and take a broom, and sweep out Canaan, and all the Amorites, and Hittites, and—and all of them, and

sweep them out, and say, “Come on Is—Israel. This is yours. they’ve even planted the crops for you.” No, sir. They had to fight every inch of the way. That’s right. But they had the promise of victory. God told Joshua, “Wherever the soles of your foot tread, that I have given you.” So footprints meant possession. Remember that, sister, in the wheelchair. Footprints means possession. Every time the soles of your feet touch, that’s it; take that much ground. Say, “I couldn’t wiggle my finger yesterday, but I can wiggle it today.” You got that much possession; just keep moving on. Just keep going on. Tomorrow you can wiggle your hand. The next day your arms; then the first thing you know, here you go. Just keep a going. See? Footprints is possession.

When you come to total obedience, then you can have possession. But until you totally obey. You’ve got to completely surrender your own thoughts, your own will, your own mind, and let the mind of Christ operate in you. Now, do you think Christ would—the mind of Christ, in you, would say, “The days of miracles is past”? Do you think the mind of Christ, in you, would say, “The Bible’s right in some places and not in others”? The mind of Christ would sanction every word that Christ ever said. It’s right. So if you don’t use your own mind, just use His mind.

60-0802 - EL-SHADDAI

YOUR MOTIVES AND OBJECTIVES HAS TO BE RIGHT

But first, you see, your motives and objectives has to be right. You have to have reasons for this. God don’t give you those things just because you ask. And you cannot ask in faith unless there’s a real objective to that, to be in the will of God. See, if you want to be well, what do you want to be well

for? See, if you want to be healed, what's the reason you want to be healed? What are you telling God? What do you want to do with your life when you get healed? See, there's got to be...you've got to have a motive and objective, and they have to be right according to the will of God. And then's when the faith is revealed to you, and God by His sovereign grace places that faith in there, then it's over.

65-1127E - I HAVE HEARD BUT NOW I SEE

...THIS IS JUST A SMALL THING FOR ME

God respected that in such a way, He just come down and said, "I'm El Shaddai, Abraham. You've trusted Me. And now I am the Breasted God. Abraham, just lean over on My bosom, My little sick child, wore out. Why this is just a small thing for Me. You just lean over here, and just nurse on My promise a little while, and watch what happens."

56-0816 - THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MAYBE JUST ONE LITTLE GRAIN OF SAND WILL DROP

May the words that I've spoke the other night be true. After I'm gone, cripples will get up and walk, blind will see, diseases they'll find out that they're well; for we ask these things, and, Lord, with all my heart I believe them, and they have too. Thou said in Thy Word, "If you'll say to this mountain 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you have said, is being done, then you can have what you said." Being done, this mountain be moved. Maybe just one little grain of sand drop, when we said for it to move, but it's on it's way. Maybe tomorrow a spoonful will drop, but it's still on it's way. It's never noticeable. Tons may

fall and still not noticeable, but one day it shall be flat, because we have said it. Jesus gave the promise.

The crippled man may not even be able to move his foot, but he's on his road out. He has believed it. The sick may not feel any different, but we've said it, Lord. It's Your Word. You'll honor it. It'll not return to You void; It'll accomplish that which it was purposed for. Grant, Lord, that all will be well.

58-0316E - DOOR TO THE HEART

HE'S GOING TO MAKE EVERYTHING RIGHT

And maybe tonight, that you're sick, just to have a little child training, just a little testing. Don't be discouraged. God's on the throne. He knows all things. If were truly borned of the Spirit of God, everything's working together for our good. He's going to make everything right. He promised He would. He swore He would. And He's got to keep that Word. He's kept it now for oh, thousands of years to every believer. Would you be any exception? No, sir. We're no exception. Now, watch Him now.

57-0309E - JEHOVAH-JIREH

HE PROMISED GRACE TO SUSTAIN YOU IN THE TIME

And if judgment strikes, it can't hurt you. You may be sick for a little while, you may have to go through something for a little while; but remember Christ is at the end. He never said this ark will set in a little whirlpool like that, where there'll be no...calm, just as calm as it can be. No sir, He never carried a flower bed of ease. He never promised things easy, but He promised grace to sustain you in the time. I think of the poet said:

*Must I be carried home to heaven on a flowery bed of ease,
While others fought to win the prize and sail through bloody seas?
No, I must fight if I must reign.
Increase my courage Lord.*

Yes sir. Don't notice when the hard trials come, just stay right in the ark and say: "God, I'm safe for evermore!" I've anchored my soul in a haven of rest, To sail the wild seas no more; The tempest may sweep over the wild, stormy deep, But in Jesus I'm safe evermore.

Let sickness come; let troubles come; let dis-heartening, or dis-heartaches, and everything come, that has nothing to do. We receive a Kingdom that cannot be moved. This thing can be jumping back, and so forth, but God will land you as safely as you can be, in His Kingdom, one of these days. You stay right in His ark.

55-0522 - THE ARK

IT'LL LEAD YOU TO YOUR HEALING

If you're sick, how you going to get well? I don't know, but He promised to do it, and the Holy Spirit is a witness of His Light and His resurrection. Just walk in the Light and go the right directions towards Calvary; it'll lead you to your healing and to your blessing. Just take the Light with you as you go.

58-0112A - HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

DRINK TILL YOU'RE WELL

When you're planted in Christ, the only thing you have to do is go to drinking. It gets its vitamin out of water. And the Christian gets his vitamin

from the Word. Then you drink, drink more, and spread out, push out. Push out salvation. Push out through the Holy spirit. Push out, till that crippled arm comes straight. Just keeps drinking. Drink. Planted by the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. Jesus Christ is the inexhaustible Fountain of Life. Drink till you can't drink no more. Drink until you become drunken, that you forget all your theology and believe God. And drink till you're well. And then just keep on drinking. Amen. God lives.

55-0818 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

HE DOES ALL THINGS WELL

Oh, I tell you, our Lord is God. That's all. He's God of the heavens. He's God of the earth. He heals the sick. He raises the dead. He does all things well.

55-0612 - THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE WAVES WHIP YOU AROUND

And his children was killed. His—his property was burned. His—his everything went wrong. And even his own life in jeopardy, setting on an ash heap, broke out from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet, with boils. And even his lovely, sweet companion, the mother of those children, said, "You should curse God and die the death." But in the face of all that, Job had an absolute. Oh, in time of sickness, if we could only tie ourself to that absolute!

Job knowed that he had done Jehovah's bidding. And he had faith in what he done, because Jehovah required it. We can just do that. Jehovah required a burnt offering for his sin. And Job, not only for himself, but for his children, had made a burnt offering, and that's all God required. "Oh,"

you might say, "I wish that's all He required today." It's less than that. Just faith in His Word! And you, if you make His Word your absolute, you can. Any Divine promise in the Bible, you can tie your soul to it. No matter how much the waves whip you around, you're still tied; your absolute. And he held on to it. And when his comforters said, "You've sinned," he knowed he had not. He was just, because he had done Jehovah's bidding.

62-1230M - ABSOLUTE

WE MUST TAKE OUR PLACE, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS

Oh, if we could only learn that, that what part of the Word we are, we must take our place, no matter what it is. I think of a little sister here in the wheel chair, sometime, how many faithful prayers has been made over it. Then we don't understand, so we just commit it to God. And with...She is a flower here among you, with her pleasantness and everything. See, that we can get up and go around, how she would long to do that, but yet she is pleasant just the way she sits. I always get inspired to watch the little lady, see, because she...We all believe in healing. We've seen God do miracles far beyond that, see. And she knows that, too, see, but she's willing to take her place. See, whatever it is, that's what we want.

65-1031M - POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

HE WAS STRIPED FOR MY HEALING

I believe He was striped for my healing. I believe it. I accept it. God's works healing for me. See? Just as soon as I believe. He can't help me till I believe. I've got to believe and confess it first, and then God's under obligation to His Word. And if He's Almighty God, He can do all things.

52-0810A - I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

GOD'S ABLE TO CARRY OUT EVERYTHING HE PROMISES YOU

You—you want to believe, but you try to make yourself, push yourself to thing, but that won't work. See? It's just got to be a settled faith like your mother would've told you when you was a little girl, "Darling, I'll get you a new dress Saturday night." You look forward to it (See?); you look forward to getting that new dress. Now, just look the same thing to God to heal you. Just settled, just... He's your Heavenly Father. Your mother might not be able to carry out that obligation, but God's able to carry out everything He promises you. See?

51-0729E - THE SECOND MIRACLE

WE HAVE THE PROMISE

Oh, how we can rest tonight! How that when the doctor leaves the bed, and said, "That heart is just going to pieces. That pulse is gone. The respiration is failing. He is dying."

"But I know Who I have believed, and I'm per-...fully persuaded He is able to keep that which I've committed to Him against that day." Hallelujah! Sure, you got the promise of God, "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die. These signs shall follow them that believe." We have the promise, God's Word. It's a comfort to us, to stay with God's Word.

61-1001E - THE COMFORTER

THY HEALING WINGS

We pray that You'll come in Your magnificent power and will lay Thy healing wings across this building, and may every sick person in here be

filled with healing power. Grant it, Lord. May as the prophet said the distilled dewdrops of mercy bathe our souls until we see the purpose of Jesus, our King, to redeem us from sickness and sin, and to set us free, and to give us a happy life of service winning others for Him. These blessings we—we ask Thee to grant to us unworthy ones, in the Name of Thy Son, Jesus. Amen.

53-1129E - TESTIMONY

Financial Hardship



Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father

knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

IT'S THE SAME GOD

And we come to find out, the next morning when they got up and looked out on the ground, huh, God had provided. Amen. Did you ever get in them places where nothing... How many ever got to a place where you just didn't know which way to go, and then God would provide, that's—that's the way He does. See, it's the same God.

55-1007 - THE POWER OF DECISION

THAN ALL THE WEALTH THE WORLD OWNS

I'd rather be poor and live in a shack and have favor with God, and the feeling that I had the satisfaction I love Him, than all the wealth the world owns.

49-0718 - I WAS NOT DISOBEDIENT TO THE HEAVENLY VISION

WHEN THE BARREL WAS EMPTY

Many times He's been at your side, yonder in the hospital when your doctor turned you down, all he could do. But you got well; you didn't realize that's Who it was. When that car went right in front of you and you

slammed the brakes and just barely missed him. You didn't realize that's Who it was setting at your side. He's been with you in so many things. When the barrel was empty during the depression, the children had no clothes, you never knowed where the next meal was coming from, somehow you made it. You didn't realize it was Him. See? How you've been blessed. If you only knew that's Him that you love, that's with you.

56-0420 - WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED

BELIEVE ON THE LORD FOR ANYTHING

It's by faith we do everything. Believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job. Believe on the Lord to hunt the... give you the wife that you should have. Believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry. Believe on the Lord to send you some new furniture. Or, if the—if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food, and the children are hungry, believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for anything. See? As long as it's right, just believe on the Lord and "thou shall." See? It shall come. I've never seen it fail in all my life.

61-0808 - THY HOUSE

GOD WILL TAKE CARE AND PROVIDE

But the greatest fellowship that any man ever had was when he had fellowship with God, when God had gave Hissself open to man to fellowship back and forth with His creature, the Creator and His creature.

Now, when God was fellowshiping with Adam in the garden of Eden, Adam had nothing to worry about. Everything was on the smooth, and running right. He didn't have to worry about his clothes; he didn't have to

worry about something to eat. Didn't have to worry about sickness; he didn't have to worry about death, sorrow. He knew nothing about them, just the freedom like a child. He had a Heavenly Father Who watched over him and fellowshiped with him daily. Wouldn't it be marvelous if we could be back like that again?

And do you know every redeemed soul today, that's living under their privileges of that kind of fellowship with God? You believe that? God will take care and provide everything that we have need of in this journey. And at the end of the close of this old mortal tabernacle, God's promised to give us another one. Amen.

55-0501A - FELLOWSHIP

AND HE WAS WITH THEM

Brother, I believe Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever; said, "I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the world." Yes. And there they came out, and He was with them. Now he said...Oh, they had a little basket of bread on their head; it was all eat up and gone. Didn't have any. They went to bed, a little hungry that night. But the next morning when they got up, there was bread laying all over the ground.

54-0330 - REDEMPTION IN COMPLETENESS, IN JOY

THE HAPPIEST POOR MAN THERE IS ON THE EARTH

Riches is not measured out by dollars. Riches is not measured out by big names and popularity. Riches is when the Kingdom of God has come into the human heart, changed his emotion and made him a new creature in

Christ Jesus, and give him Eternal Life. That's the richest thing on earth. Let us pray.

And while our heads is bowed. Are you poor, tonight, in this world's good? You don't even know how you're going to pay the coal bill or the oil bill, or whatever more? You may be that way; I hope you're not. But if it's so, that you are that way, you can leave this building, tonight, the happiest poor man there is on the earth. You can live here with...leave here, tonight, with riches that no money could ever buy. You can unite your heart with Christ Jesus, and He can come into your soul and take the control room. And no matter what comes or goes, you'll be happy the rest of your days.

58-1221E - THE UNITY OF ONE GOD IN THE ONE CHURCH

JESUS NEVER TOLD US TO WORRY

Now we hear the sounding of trouble coming, atomic bombs hanging everywhere, distress between the nations, perplexed of time. Why would we worry about job? Why would we worry about home? Why would we worry about anything? Jesus never told us to worry, but said, "When you see these things begin to come to pass, lift up your head, and rejoice, because your redemption is drawing nigh." That's the certainty of the sound of the Gospel.

60-1218 - THE UNCERTAIN SOUND

BLESS GOD, ANYHOW

Then what did He do? Look like, "Well, we had one big trial; bless God, we got over it. We won't have no more. We're on our road to the promised land." And He led them right out into the desert, where there's no water.

Could you imagine? God, with His—with His sanctified, holy people, led them right out in this trap; then got them out of that trap, and led them right out here where there's no water. When He could have took them some way where there was water. Why, He could just made a river, all the way along, if He wanted to. He could have broke every mountain into joy, spurting water fifty feet in the air, if He wanted to. Sure, He could. But if He done that, it'd been too easy. Oh, I like it! Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

"Why did God let this happen, Brother Branham? Why did God...?" God is doing that. Let Him alone. Just walk on. That's God's business. "The footprints of the righteous are ordered by the Lord." Yes, sir. What difference does it make?

"Lost all my money, Brother Branham." Well, bless God, anyhow. "Oh, I did this, and this happened, storm blowed away my house." Bless God, anyhow. "The Lord give, the Lord taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord."

Just keep walking on. It's all the glory of God. God knows what He's doing. Some through the water, some through the flood, Some through deep trial, but all through the Blood

57-0901M - HEBREWS, CHAPTER THREE

"...BUT NEVER CAN I FORGET YOU..."

And Elijah is on his road over the cobblestones, coming down to see his vision fulfilled somewhere. And here she is standing there, tears she's wiping with her old ragged sleeve, and saying, "O Jehovah God, my faith has never failed, and it won't fail. Somehow or another, I don't know how all this is, but we are taught that all things work together for the good." She

was mixing this little meal up, she got the little cake all fixed out and patted up. She said, “Now it’s time for me to go out and get some wood.” She goes back and opens the door, and said, “O Lord, that poor little hungry belly laying there, and I haven’t eaten for two or three weeks. I’ve give him my piece of cake.”

That’s a mother, a mother’s love for her baby. There’s nothing like it, only God’s love. “A mother may forget her suckling babe, but never can I forget you. Your names are engraved on the palms of My hands.” How can He forget you? “I’ll never forsake thee, or never leave thee. I’ll be with thee always, even to the end of the world.”

60-0310 - ELIJAH AND THE MEAL-OFFERING

BUT IF GOD REIGNS IN HIS HEART

But a man might not even have a pillow to press his head to, he might not even own a decent pair of shoes, or able to have a decent meal in his house; but if God reigns in his heart, he goes to bed happy and wakes up happy. It’s a lasting peace. It’s something that God does.

58-1221E - THE UNITY OF ONE GOD IN THE ONE CHURCH

JESUS TOOK THAT CLASS OF A MAN

We got a person near our neighborhood up there, that left the little church up here on the highway, to go to a bigger church, because, they said, “A better class of people went there.” A better class of people? See? They don’t know. Their—their brain becomes dusty. It’s—it’s—it’s smudged up with the things of the world. A better class of people? What is a good class of people? A people that’s born of the Spirit of God. If they’re so poor they

don't know where the next meal is coming from. That's the only class of people that's worth anything. They're the people that's born again.

When Jesus come, what kind of a class of people did He have to get? Uneducated, fishermen, men...Peter, apostle, the great saint who was given the keys to the Heaven, could not even sign his own name; stunk with fish from the old fish smokes and things, an old greasy apron on. Jesus took that class of a man.

61-0903 - LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

GOD PROVIDES

If we'll walk in God's provided way, God will provide everything we have need of. God provides. No matter what the circumstances is, He provides.

62-0728 - GOD HAS A PROVIDED WAY

YOU'VE LOST YOUR JOB

I believe the man here is a stranger to me too. Is that right, sir? I do not know you. I've never seen you. But our loving kind heavenly Father knows both of us. That is true. You're in desperate need, my friend. What your trouble is nervousness. You've got a whole lot of trouble. What it is, you're a married man; you've lost your job. And you're having mental troubles over that. You have two children too, don't you? Don't fear. It's going to be all right. Come here.

Kind heavenly Father, in the Name of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, bless this brother and restore him in Jesus' Name. He has a need, Father, and Thou will supply it. We ask in Christ's Name. Amen. Look, my brother.

Don't worry about that no more. Get it off your mind. Go happy, rejoicing; God will give you another job. Just have faith. Don't doubt. Believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

54-0221 - AT THY WORD, LORD

CAST IT RIGHT YONDER AGAINST CALVARY

That's good, brother, sister, but did you ever think what it is? Is that little promise that's been given you. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Won't you cast that right into Calvary this morning? Just hold the end of it here, the Spirit that give it to you. Cast it right into Calvary, and say, "There my anchor holds. Now I receive, right now. It's all over, right now. No matter what takes place, right now my anchor holds within the veil, and I receive just what I ask for. I know I have it. God's Word said so. And, God, I'm looking to You now." Maybe you had worries, financial troubles, whatever it is. No matter what it is, cast it right yonder against Calvary.

56-1230 - JOSEPH MEETING HIS BRETHREN

THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE NOT MATERIAL MINDED

"I know thy poverty (but thou are rich)." There it is again. See Him walking up-and-down in the midst of His Church. Like a father He is looking down upon His family. He is the Head of His household. He is the provider. He is the protector. Yet He looks on at their poverty. Oh, how the untutored believer stumbles at this. How can God bear to look upon His own in a time of need and not just stop it all — just give in and lavish everything material upon them? Here is where you have to believe again in the love, and

goodness and wisdom of God. This, too, is needful. Remember He admonished, "Take no thought for the morrow, what ye shall eat or what ye shall put on. Your Father knoweth the things ye have need of. He Who clothes the lily and feeds the sparrow shall do much more for you. These physical things are not the true basic necessities of your life, for a man's life consisteth not of the things he possesses. But rather seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all material necessities will be added unto you."

The people of God are not material minded. They are Christ-minded. They do not seek the treasures that are below; they seek those above. It is absolutely true, the majority of Christians are NOT wealthy. Rather they are on the poor side. It was so in Jesus' day. It was true in Paul's day and it should be true today.

Oh, it is not too true today for the Laodicean Age is one of vast wealth where often the criterion of spirituality is an abundance of earthly goods. My, how rich the church is in goods. But how poor in Spirit. "Blessed be ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God is NOT meat and drink." It is not material. It is WITHIN us. A rich man is rich in God, not in worldly things.

"Oh," cries the Spirit, "I see your poverty. I see your need. You haven't very much, if anything, to boast of. What you did have has been taken from you. You gladly gave up your possessions in exchange for eternal ones. You are laughed at. You are scorned. You don't have material resources to fall back on. But you are rich in spite of it all. Your security lies in Him Who is your shield and exceeding great reward. Your kingdom is yet to come. But it will

come. And it will be an everlasting one. Yes, I am mindful of your trials and woes. I know how hard it is to get along. But I will remember all this when I return to claim you as My own, and then I will reward you.”

Now this is nothing against rich people, because God can save a rich man. Some of God’s children are rich. But money can be such a snare, not only to those who have it but to those who don’t have it. Way back there in the first age, James cried out to those who were putting stock in wealthy people, “Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons.” The poor there were trying to butter up the rich in order to get help, rather than trusting in God. “Don’t do it,” says James. “Don’t do it. Money isn’t everything. Money isn’t the answer.” And today it is not the answer either. We have more wealth than we have ever had and yet less is being accomplished Spiritually. It is not with money that God works. He moves by His Spirit. And that moving of the Spirit comes only to a life consecrated to the Word.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES – 4 – THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

‘...JUST GIVE ME ETERNAL LIFE.’

I said, “If God would come to this room and would say, ‘I’m going to give you a choice: to live another fifty years, and you’re going to go through poverty, and sickness, and troubles, and be rejected, and despised, and have a terrible time... You’re going to have to beg every meal that you eat in the next fifty years, but at the end of that fifty years, you’ll have Eternal Life. But I’m going to give you the whole world and all the money, and turn you back to eighteen years old and make you king over all the world for a million years. But at the end of the million years, then, that’s all.’” I’d say,

“Lord, let me beg or anything; just give me Eternal Life.” For there’ll be a time when there would be no more of me. But as long as there is a God in heaven, if I got Eternal Life, I will always live with Him. When the aeons of times has passed, we live on, because we are part of God, sons and daughters of Him.

And it’s a shame that we have to be pressed into places to make us accept it. What an enemy we have. Yes, an archenemy. And it’s good to turn to the Lord before these troubles strike. Now, most of the time it is, that it’s troubles that makes the people come to the Lord. But we should come before they strike.

59-0706 – THINKING ON OUR WAY

IF YOU HAVEN’T GOT A PENNY

I know a Friend Who will stick by you if you haven’t got a penny. Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I’ve been to a place where I had not a cent. He loved me. He loved me just as much if I wasn’t to have a penny as if we’d had a million dollars. He loves you just the same. That pure, holy, unadulterated love comes from God alone down into His people. That’s the way we should love one another with that godly love.

50-0827A – PRODIGAL

SATISFIED WITH THE GOODNESS OF GOD

What we need today is not a lot of material things. We have that. We don’t need greater churches. We don’t need greater congregations. We don’t need more on radio and on television. We don’t need so many more of these things. But what we need today, to be spiritual, is a person that will

humble themselves before God, if they haven't got a penny, and will pray till that spirit within them is satisfied with the goodness of God, and a revival takes place on the inside of their heart, that changes their attitudes and atmosphere that they live in.

You might not have a pair of shoes on your feet, you might be dressed in rags, but something in your heart singing the melodies of God. I'd rather have it than all the money in the world.

So you can't say that natural things is always the sign of God's blessing. David spoke that to the Lord, that he had seen the wicked spread forth his...like a great bay tree. But God asked him, "Did you ever consider him at the end?" No matter how good of clothes we wear, how much we have to eat, that isn't what goes in the Presence of God. This body that we dwell in, perishes, regardless of how it's taken care of. But it's the soul that's in man; it's a condition of the spirit that moves into the Presence of the living God.

59-0125 - BE CERTAIN OF GOD

FIND CHRIST AND YOU GOT HAPPINESS

Happiness does not consist of how much of this world's goods you own, it's how contented you are with the portion's allotted to you. That's what happiness means. Find Christ and you got happiness. You have. That's true.

50-0716 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

THE KINGDOM OF GOD DOES NOT CONSIST OF RICHNESS

I could've been pretty well off if I'd took all the money people had offered me, but I want to be just as poor as those who come to be prayed for. We're

fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God. I'm not saying that just to be saying. I'm saying it because I want you to know, friends, that the Kingdom of God does not consist of richness or fine clothes. It's a submitted heart to God, is where God works.

54-0411 - THY FAITH HAS SAVED THEE

REMEMBER, HE MADE A PROMISE

Have you a need today? Have you a need greater than you're physically able to obtain? Is the money so low that you can't pay your rent? Is the children wanting new shoes, and you ain't got the money to buy them? Is the barrel empty at your house, and the cruse about run dry? You can't buy feed for your stock? And, there, something wrong? Remember, He made a promise.

59-0125 - BE CERTAIN OF GOD

HOW MUCH DO YOU OWN UP *THAT* WAY?

When they come here, two of those agents, and brought a million, five hundred thousand dollars, and offered it to me when I lived in this two-room shack. I said, "I don't even want to look at it. No, sir. No, sir." The love of money is the root of all evil. Keep away from that stuff.

This rancher walked out of there, he said, "Reverend Branham?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "You see them mountains over yonder?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

"How far you think they are away?"

I said, "I don't know."

Said, "They're eighty miles." Said, "I own plumb to that, and plumb beyond that. It's my grazing ground."

I said, "My, that's wonderful."

He said, "I see down in there. See that city?" He said, "I own the bank in that city; I own all that ground down around there, and I own this way." Oh, all he owned! Stopped, in his little station wagon.

I looked at him, very nice man. I laid my hand on his shoulder, I said, "Brother, I want to ask you a question."

He said, "All right."

I said, "Look right up This a-way. How much do you own up *That* way?" See?

He said, "Brother Branham, I'm afraid I don't own anything."

I said, "There's where my treasures are laying now. I don't have nothing down here. 'But a rent tent, or a cottage, why should I care? They're

building a palace for me over there! Of rubies and diamonds, and silver and gold, His coffers are full and has riches untold.”

Yes, sir. That’s where the riches lays, up There. And where your treasures is, your heart is also.

53-0329 - ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH #5

GOD PROMISED THAT HE WOULD SUPPLY THEIR NEED

When there was a trouble, God has always been the God to meet the need when there is a need for His people. And you know that. And God promised that He would supply their need.

53-1212 - THE INSIDE MAN

Wayward Loved Ones



Isaiah 49:25

But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

James 5:19-20

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Luke 15:4

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Isaiah 65:23

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

HE'D CALL ON THE GOD OF ABRAHAM

And she would sit down patiently, perhaps, and wash out the—the places, and weep and say, “Oh, Amram, isn’t there something that can be done?”

I would hear him say, “Oh, dear, if you’d have been with me today, and seen them beat them young boys, trying to pull those loads. But they were heartless. They treated them like they were animals. And that’s our young men of Israel. Isn’t there something can be done?”

That’s what I wonder now. To see our young teenage boys, that will be the men and women of tomorrow, our teens today. Hair down in their neck, and breeches pulled down over their hips, with a pistol stuck in their side, a cigarette in the side of their mouths. What will it be? It’s still slavery under the devil. Isn’t there something that can be done?

And Amram, perhaps one of the only ones of the nation, would climb up a little stairsteps, regardless of how tired he was. There, each night, he’d call

on the God of Abraham, the One that he had learned that come to Abraham, and come to Job, and come to Isaac, and come to Jacob, in the hours of distress. And, surely, if He was God in their day, He would be God in that day. And if He was God in Moses' day, He is God today. He just needs to be called up out of history, and called on the scene of action.

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

HE SEES EVERY PRAYER, EVERY TEAR

"I've had a lot of heartaches, Brother Branham. I've got children that's out in the world. I've got loved ones that..." He careth...(He sees every prayer, every tear.)

61-0903 - LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

THEY'RE COMING ANYHOW

Satan, turn the people loose. Come out of them. You're a loser, and there's not a one that God's ordained to Life that you can hold. They'll come anyhow, no matter what you do. They're coming anyhow. God said they would. "All the Father has given Me will come to Me, and none of them is lost." I pray, God, that You'll hear now. And make the Satan, that evil one, turn these people loose.

62-0720 - A TESTIMONY ON THE SEA

"YOUR INHERITANCE"

Now, but, it was such a great thing that the inheritance, how it was that an inheritance in the land that no one else but a close kinsman could redeem that inheritance. Now, let me just drop on a little token here that I touched on the other night, to you mothers. How many here has prayed for your

loved ones, lost? All right. There you are again, see, “Your inheritance.” See?

Paul told the Roman, said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved.” If you’ve got faith enough for your ownself to be saved, have faith enough, no matter how wayward that boy is, or that girl is, they’ll be saved anyhow. God, somehow! If He has to lay them on their back, laying there in a hospital, dying, they’ll be saved. God promised it. The inheritance! Oh! “And they shall be there,” said Isaiah, “and all their offsprings with them. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith the Lord.”

60-0518 - ADOPTION #2

GOD WILL TWIST THEM RIGHT DOWN ON THE TRAIL

But we have to have faith in that offering that Christ made, that He made us this kind of a—a promise, that “Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I’ll do. When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you’ve asked for and you shall have it.”

Now, if I am praying that God will save these teen-age children, and I believe with all my heart He will do it, see that’s the same way Job stood. Say, “Oh, look at this kid, how he’s doing.” I don’t care what he’s doing or what she’s doing. I still have put that child in the hand of Almighty God and my—me and my house shall be saved. See? Because I... Even though I may pass on before they do, but somehow before they leave here, God will twist them right down on the trail. I—I believe that... Somehow or

another. He will make it so miserable for them, till they will have to do it. See? And that's the way I believe, it's, "Thou and thy house shall be saved."

I've seen a many that... I've watched that come into my meetings. Many time, an old boy will come up there that's been rough all of his life. He fall down on his knees and go to crying, and get up, say, "Well, I had a dear old mother. Oh, if she's in heaven tonight, I know she's looking down and she is glad to see me at this altar."

See? What it is, that old mother prayed and believed. See, she's gone on long ago, but here's them prayers. Because the righteousness... See, thy and thy house shall be saved. God knows how to work. He knows how to do. He knows how to do everything just right.

61-0808 - THY HOUSE

"...BUT I'M COMING AFTER THEM..."

Satan captures your health, you've got a right to go to—to Satan, say, "Give it back! Hand it over! I come in the Name of the Lord, the Possessor of Heavens and earth, and I'm His heir. Give it back! You took my child, you got her mixed up with the wrong boy. You took my boy and mixed up with the wrong girl. I claim them! That's right. I claim my children, I claim my brother, I claim my sister. Yes, Satan, you've took them from God's house, coaxed them out there, but I'm coming after them. I claim them." "Well, how you know?"

"I'm an heir of all things. Amen. It's given to me. I'm an heir, I can claim everything that God promised me." Amen. There you are. "It's mine." How

do you get it, something you done? No, sir. It's the unmerited gift that God gave us, and it's ours, it belongs to us. Satan cannot hold it if you go to him in the—the Scriptural authoritative Word, with faith, to say, "It's mine! Lay it down." Amen. Glory! I like that. "Satan, you lay it down. You took it from me. You give it back, because I'm serving notice on you. I've got the notice written right here on the Word, 'Heavens and earth will pass away, but this notice shall not.' So I come with this notice, to serve on you, that Jesus Christ said whatsoever I ask the Father in His Name He'll give it to me.

If I say to this mountain, 'be moved,' and don't doubt in my heart, but believe that what I've said shall come to pass, I can have what I said. Lay it down!" That gets him started. Don't get him started, gets him running. "Lay it down, because I have come with the Scriptural authority. I am a believer."

62-0506 - POSSESSING ALL THINGS

THE SHEPHERD CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ONE SHEEP

Now, another thing you notice about sheep and the shepherd. You know it's a disgrace for the shepherd to lose one sheep. Did you know that? It's a reproach on the shepherd. Now, I'm going... Now, hold wide now. Oh, my, yes, sir. If the shepherd loses one sheep it is a disgrace on him. "All the Father has given Me will come, and none's lost." See, that's... "All that comes to Me..."

All right, the shepherd can't afford to lose the sheep. That's the reason, you backslider tonight, He's still honking—haunt—hanging around your heart, trying to draw you back to the fold, because He once kissed you, and you

kissed Him and told Him that you loved Him and raised your hands and praised Him, and you backslid and went out there, and got all butchered up and wounded up in your spirit. But He still holds around you all the time, “Come on back, wandering sheep. I just can’t afford to let you be lost.” Maybe the little sheep that He had to go way out on the mountain to find, all through the place, maybe you’re that sheep tonight, laying out there wounded somewhere. But the shepherd can’t afford to lose one sheep.

56-0403 - SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD

ALL OF HER FAMILY WITH HER

It gives us the promise that someday that these old, weakening, feeble, gray-headed, broke-down mothers will be changed. Not only will mother sit there, by herself, but all of her family with her. And what a day that will be! What a time it will be, when we look upon the faces of those who we have loved so well! What a difference on that morning, when we shall see our loved ones, and—and to watch what they’ll be then! All the afflictions will be taken away. All the marks of suffering will be done. No more pale cheeks of death. No more tears from the eyes. The resurrection promises all of this

59-0510M - MOTHER’S DAY

THE WAY YOU WIN A LOVED ONE

That’s the way you win a loved one, is by being loyal. Being loyal is the way you win loved ones. Stay to your conviction. Be sure that you’re right with God, and then ever remain there. Just stay right with it.

61-1015M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PRAY CONVICTION ON THOSE CHILDREN

They used to have old-fashion prayer meetings during the time of a revival; and a sinner in the neighborhood, a boy or girl. And them old mammies and daddies would pray so hard till they would pray conviction on those children, and they would make their way down to the altar, and there come to Christ.

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

THEY'LL WORK RIGHT IN THERE

And we are worried about our loved ones, and so forth, "Will they ever come in?" Their names, if they were written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before the foundation of the world, they'll work right in there. That's the only thing he can do. We give witness and shine the Light. God does, the One that brings It to them.

56-1125M - A SECONDHANDED ROBE

FAITH THAT HIS HOUSE WILL BE SAVED ALSO

Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved." Say, "When a man gets saved, does that save his house?" No. But if he's got enough faith to get saved himself, he's got enough faith that his house will be saved also, the same faith that saved him. That's what that mother thought. In the grave long ago, but her prayers just was answered.

61-0429B - ONE OF THE MEANEST MEN IN TOWN

BUT HER PRAYERS ARE STILL REAL

Maybe a dear mother has prayed for her wandering boy. Oh, he's been blessed, truly. He's in business; he's got a family now. Mother's done gone

on, but her prayers are still real.

57-0727 - HE WAS TO PASS THAT WAY

THE GOD THAT HEARD HER PRAYERS

Through the daytime I'd find somewhere where I could go at dinner time and try to win a soul to Christ. He said, "Mr. Branham," he said. I was just a boy preacher, myself. He said, "Mr. Branham," said, "my mother had that kind of religion, that heartfelt religion." And the tears was running down his cheeks. I said, "How long she been gone?" Said, "Years. She always prayed for me." I said, "The God that heard her prayers is trying to answer them right now for her."

61-1015E - RESPECTS

Heartaches & Disappointments



Psalms 147:3a

He healeth the broken in heart...

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

GOD'S WAY OF DOING THINGS

It seems like, the Christian life, if the fellow is not absolutely centered on Christ, the Christian life, seems like, holds so many disappointments. But those disappointments are—are God's Divine will happening for us. Now, it don't seem like it would be that, but it's God's way of doing things. He lets us hit the river, to see what we'll do.

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

YOU MAY HAVE SOME HEARTACHES

Now Jesus said, "I could speak to My Father and straightway He would send Me twelve legions of Angels." Oh, what would one Angel do? See? But, you see, but He could send twelve legions just at His command. But He had a job to do. He had something to do. He had to go through that.

You've got something to do. God's got something for you to do. You may have some heartaches and some troubles, you may have some disappointments, but do we pray to shun them? No. "Lord, take me through them, whatever they is. Whatever it is, don't let me escape them. If they're set for me, just give me grace to go through that. That's all."

63-1124E - THREE KINDS OF BELIEVERS

DO NOT BE AFRAID

Now, notice, many has been the trials, heartaches, and hardships; but tonight we're more than conquerors in Christ Jesus. When Christ died at the cross, He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were healed. That's the unadulterated Word of God. Truly. Now, then He put in Calvary those great things and every... Here it is; I hope you see it. Look. Every Christian believer has a right to any of those redemptive blessings that Christ Jesus died for. There you go. But it's out of practice. People's afraid to take God at His Word. Do not be afraid. God's under obligation to make it so.

51-0923 - THE PRINCIPLES OF DIVINE HEALING

AND THAT CHOKED IT OUT

It's a seed that a sower sowed, and it fell into the ground. And if it comes...Some fell on rocks, you know, it didn't have no root; some fell in thorns and disappointments, and that choked it out. But some went where there was no weeds and thorns and rocks.

64-0412 - A COURT TRIAL

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS

The rhythm is God. God is the Word. The Word is God. God's rhythm, is, obeying His Word. Then when you obey the Word, He beats the rhythm right to you, then you take your place. Whenever It goes down, down, down, up, whatever It is, you know those junctions. Sometimes you say, "Oh, heartaches and trials!"

Didn't God say, "All things work together for good to them that love Him, while I'm beating out My Symphony"? And you find that then you're afflicted and struck down, and persecuted, made fun of. Remember, that's the part that goes that way. If that isn't like that, then the Symphony is out of tune.

The great Composer knows exactly what's in it. He knows. He knowed you, from the beginning. He put your name on the Lamb's Book of Life, before the foundation of the world. Do you believe that? He knows what you're supposed to do. No matter how low it goes, and how dark it looks, it's got to be that way.

But, remember, if it goes plumb into the shadows of death, "I am the resurrection and Life; I'll raise him up again." And when the great Director comes down and bears that stick down, then, "time shall be no more." When that Angel, of Revelation the 10th chapter, puts one foot on land and one on the sea, and a rainbow over His head, He swore, "time shall be no more." When that time comes, you'll rise up from among the dead. While the rest of them lay there, you'll go in.

Stay in the Symphony. Stay in God's Word. No matter how hard it is, stay right with It, wherever God is beating. Sometimes He causes trouble to

break the bands, to set you free. He does that. You say, “Well, I don’t know what I’d do.” He does. What difference? You’re just—you’re just playing the part. He is the One that’s got you in His hand. He directs you.

64-0119 - SHALOM

HE KNOWS EVERY LITTLE HEARTACHE

And she said, “You know, teacher, I saw the king. But I was so little, he didn’t see me.” That’s not so with our King Jesus. I don’t care how little you are, how little you do, you cannot do the smallest thing without Him knowing all about it. He knows every little heartache, every little pain that you bear, every little disappointment you have, no matter how little it is. He still knows all about it.

60-0712 - HEAR YE HIM

NO MATTER HOW MANY DISAPPOINTMENTS

Be persistent, like the little Syrophenician woman. No matter how many disappointments she had, as she come down, she still had focused herself on, that that was God. And she come to Him and got what she asked for, because she had her focus right. She had it, no matter how many puffs of wind come, and saying, “The days of miracles is passed. Your husband will leave you.” That didn’t bother her a bit. That bullet went straight to its point. Amen.

63-0428 - LOOK

HURDLED THEM EVERY ONE BY HER FAITH

But remember, there’s some disappointments there too. God tries every child that comes to Him, every son. So when she got to Jesus, she thought

all be over, you know, when she got to Jesus. But quickly He turned, with a great disappointment, and said, "I'm not sent to your race." Now, after she'd had to pass through every one of these barricades, and she'd hurdled them every one by her faith, and she'd got to this Jesus of Nazareth... And as soon as she got there and went to crying after Him, He ignored her, walked away. And then finally He turned around with a rebuke and said, "I'm not sent to your race. I'm just sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

62-0623 - PERSEVERANT

THERE'S ONE WHO CARES

And here he was now, old and wrinkled, and blind, and miserable, and an outcast to the public and societies, and seemed like no one cared for him. What a miserable place to get in. But remember, there's One Who cares. I don't care what condition you're in; there's One Who cares.

59-1127 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

SCRUBS OUT ALL MY DISAPPOINTMENTS

When I get speaking about Him, there it just seems like the inside of my soul just gets like scoured out. Mama used to take our little old dirty shirts when we were little children, and we'd get the collars so dirty. And I don't know whether you did or not, I used to chew on my collar. And mama used to take this old scrub brush. And I don't... I haven't seen one in years, great big old scrub brush. And she'd get that old homemade soap, and we had to make it out of grease. And she'd rub it on there, and take this scrub brush, and she'd scrub it and scrub it, till it was just as white as it could be.

Oh, that's the way I—talking about Jesus does. It is something like God gets in there with a scrub brush, and just scrubs out all my disappointments, and all my cares, and—and just makes me feel so clean. Doesn't it do that to you, just cleans us out? His Holy Spirit comes down and sanctifies us, and takes all the unbelief away from us. That's my prayer tonight, that He do that for us.

59-1127 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

YOU'RE STILL WALKING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

That's where we need to be. No matter what your experience is... If it's heartaches, if it's troubles, if it's upsets, if it's this, that, or the other, you're still walking in the Light of God. You're living in the Shekinah Glory, living there where Jesus is in His Presence, that "all things work together for good to them that love God." And you'll love Him, and you're walking in that mellow, soft, sweet, humble Christian life. Wouldn't you like to walk like that?

55-1110 - A HIDDEN LIFE IN CHRIST

THAT HE MIGHT KNOW THE HEARTACHES OF DISAPPOINTMENT

Paul said, "The fellowship of His suffering, bearing persecutions with Him." You know, Paul was a...He was the man who had suffered with Christ. And when that slave, over there, had run away...I like that. Paul had borne so much persecutions, so many things of Christ, till, when that runaway slave run away, Paul said, wrote back to his master, after the slave had become converted. He said, "Don't treat him as a slave anymore." Said, "Treat him as a brother." Said, "If he owes you anything, charge it up to me. When I come, I'll pay you." See? He had been so in fellowship with Christ,

in His suffering, till he knowed what it was to be an outcast. Do you know what is it to be an outcast? He knowed what it was to fellowship in His suffering, so he knowed how to sympathize with others.

That's the reason Christ become human, that He might know the groans of sickness; that He might know the heartaches of disappointment; that He, with us, might have fellowship together, for He has been partaking of life like we have, of disappointments and heartaches and sickness, for He bore our sicknesses and our troubles, in His Own body.

55-0403 - FELLOWSHIP BY REDEMPTION

NO MORE... DISAPPOINTMENTS

...but one of these glorious day breaks, Jesus shall come and all sorrow will be banished and tears wiped away. Those immortal souls that's resting yonder in paradise will come forth like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We shall appear here on earth, and then be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. It does not yet appear what kind of a body we'll have, but we'll have one like His, for we shall see Him as He is. No more healing service then. For we are living with the—the Sun of righteousness with healing in His wings. We shall abide under the shadows of His wings throughout ceaseless ages. Set down by the evergreen trees where the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Arms will be stacked; the smoke will dry up on the battlefield. There'll be no more wars or disappointments.

51-0928 - AT THY WORD

Scars of the Past



Psalms 147:3

... and bindeth up their wounds.

Luke 10:34

And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Jeremiah 30:17

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Joel 2:25-27

And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath

dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.

Hosea 6:1

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

THE FLAW WAS WHAT MADE IT THE MASTERPIECE

To me, the flaw was what made it the masterpiece. Now, maybe to the—the mind that might think different, you think that spoiled it. No, to me, it—it made it what it was.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

THE STROKE THAT MARRED

Now remember that, my opinion, the masterpiece is the stroke that marred Saint Angelo's Moses masterpiece in the monument.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

JUST ONE LITTLE SCRATCH

Abraham portrayed Christ, of course; so did Isaac, in love. Abraham did, in faith; Isaac did, in love; Jacob did, by His grace. Because, Jacob means "deceiver," and that's what he was, but God's grace was with him. But when it come to Joseph, there is nothing against him, just one little scratch,

for the foundation must also be a masterpiece. When he told his father, the prophet, “Say to Pharaoh that your people are—are cattle raisers and not shepherds, because a shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptian.”

But when the old prophet got before Pharaoh, he said, “Your servants are herdsmen.” So it scratched it, see, that’s why it still makes it the masterpiece.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

IT WAS ALL GOD, MAKING, MOLDING ME

I had some scars when I was a kid. I know things that happened that’s kind of turned me that way. But it—it was all God, making, molding me for this hour.

65-1205 - THINGS THAT ARE TO BE

IT CAN BE HEALED UP

I said, “There’s a little bowl in a human heart that is full of golden oil called love. If it is ever broke it can be healed up, but there’ll be a scar there as long as you live.”

51-1003 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

A BIG STRONG HAND...

But the church commits sins, does wrong, gets a wrong thought, wrong impression, makes scruples, wobbles like a little child walking, trying to learn how to walk. He just don’t know how to walk good yet, ’cause he’s a little boy. But we have a Hand that reaches down if we...gets us and steadies us, and say, “Make this step this a-way, son.” He doesn’t pick us up

and spank us because we made a mistake, He doesn't beat us to death because we're trying to walk. He loves us like we love our children.

A real, real daddy wouldn't whip his child when he's trying to walk, if he falls down on the floor. Reach right down with a big strong hand and pick him up, take both hands a hold of him, say, "This is the way you do it, son. Walk like this."

That's the way God does His Church! Reaches down and gets him in His arm, picks him up and say, "Walk like this, son. Here, don't—don't—don't say it like that, talk it like This. Now, I don't care what the church says, what this says, what that says, you say it like This. Like This, this is It! If My Word preaches It, you stay right with It, walk with It. Stay right with It. Don't care what everybody else says, stay right with It. Walk like This. This is the way you make your steps." Our sins; an atonement love for our sins, or we'd never have a chance.

60-0522M - ADOPTION #3

BACK INTO PERFECT FELLOWSHIP

And after this man sinned, he marred that soul. Blackness, darkness come into it. And then God came down and lived in man, suffered with man, to redeem man; and the Holy Spirit comes into man and drives that blackness and sin away from him, and brings it back into perfect fellowship, a part of God. And now, we, by the Blood of Christ, Who cleanses us from sin, we become sons and daughters of God.

50-0815 - WHO IS GOD?

HE CARES JUST THE SAME

You say, "But, Brother Branham, I sinned against God." He careth for...(You ought to care. He does.) He careth for you; Through sunshine or shadow, He careth for you. Say, "Brother Branham, I got loved ones. I've done this, that." But He cares. He cares just the same.

61-0903 - LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

YOU CARE FOR THE UNCAREABLE

You care for the uncareable, those who have not been careful in life, wasted our lives with riotous living. We've done everything that's wrong. We're not worthy of Your grace, Lord. But, God, we're hungering.

61-0903 - LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

NO MATTER HOW BAD YOU'RE CUT UP

You go a riding in your car and let it fall into the ditch, and you get somebody to pull you out. You better get ready to pay, 'cause they're going to charge you for it. A wrecker comes and gets you, he'll charge you so much a mile. And if the farmer, nine times out of ten, gets his tractor out, it'll be worse than that.

You've got to pay for everything that you get done. Everything is "Pay! Money! Pay! Money!"

And yet how much greater ditch has sin throwed you in! Who could ever get you out of the ditch of sin? But God takes you out of the ditch of sin, without money, without price, when there is no one could take you out.

If you don't pay dearly for your wrecker pulling, you'll stay in the ditch. You've got to have the money or you stay in the ditch.

But the worst ditch you ever got in, is what the devil threwed you in, the ditch of sin and unbelief. God wilfully will pull you out, without money, without cost. And yet you lay in the ditch, just sloshing the sin, and don't even call upon Him.

When you get the wrecker out, usually they put a big chain way over into the ditch, wrap it around the bumper or so forth, and begin to crank. And the power of the car begins to pull, and the motors go to operating, and pulls you out.

When God finds you in the ditch of sin, and hear you calling on Him, He sends down a chain that was wrapped around Calvary, the love of God, and hooks It onto your heart, and puts the Power of the Holy Spirit there, to start pulling. And it don't cost you nothing. And yet we lay in the ditch because we can't pay it with our pockets. We Americans think we can pay it out of our pockets, but you can't. It's without money or without price. You don't pay it at the church. Jesus paid it at Calvary. But people is ashamed of It. They want It in their way. God has a way for you to receive It, and It's free if you'll take It.

Usually, when they pull you out of the ditch, you're all scratched up, you have to go up, the hospital. And before they start working on you, before one thing is done, they ask, "Who is going to pay the bill? If we're going to sew up the wounds, if we're going to pour in the oil, and give the shots for—for to inoculate you from blood poison, what kind of an insurance do you have?" Before they do one thing, it's got to be money on the line.

But when our Lord puts His chain of love around your heart, and pulls you from the ditch of sin, He heals every broken heart, takes away all the sin. And the bill is put in the sea of forgetfulness, to remember against you no more. "Come, without money or without price." No matter how bad you're cut up, how bad you're bruised, how your family has done, or what you've done, there's no bill to it. He heals the heartaches, takes away all your sorrows. "He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we were healed." It's all free.

59-0802 - WITHOUT MONEY OR WITHOUT PRICE

FROM THE RIDICULOUS TO THE SUBLIME

Because she believed in a miracle-working God. And as, look what she come from, from being out of the house of ill fame, of prostitution. Through her conversion, and through her unfailing faith in God, it brought her from a prostitute house, to a beautiful home in Bethlehem. What a difference!

That's the way it does all of us. From a house of unbelief, and flusterations, and immoral acts, and everything; to a place, position in Christ, which is most beautiful. From the ridiculous to the sublime, that's the difference that it makes through our conversion. And did you see? She married a prince of the house of Judah, a captain. That captain represented Christ, took to Himself a Gentile Bride. From the lowest of lowest, to the principal and best place in the land, as we'll get to it later in our Message, to prove that it was nothing else could be but that. They're a type of the Gentile Church.

58-1228 - WHY LITTLE BETHLEHEM?

TURNED ON THE STREET BY A HEATHEN FATHER AND MOTHER

Rahab the harlot, that we're all familiar with, she being a—a young girl that was turned on the street by a heathen father and mother, that put her on the street because she was beautiful, and was to bring an income to them, on prostitution. And yet, down in this immoral girl that was turned on the street, she had heard that there was a God Who answered prayer. And the first opportunity that she got, to accept that God or do something for Him, she did it. And God spared her life, and saved her father and mother, and her family.

60-1225 - GOD'S WRAPPED GIFT

NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE...GOD LOVES YOU

He said, "Your names are engraved on the palms of My hand. A mother may forget her suckling babe, but never will I forget you." No matter what you've done, how far back you've gone, how much you've got into, God still loves you. God loves you.

56-0826 - DIVINE LOVE

"I DON'T CONDEMN THEE..."

And I think today that that's where many is failing to recognize that He was love. "God is love, and they that love are borned of God."

"God so loved the world, that is, the unloveable, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but would have everlasting Life."

He expressed His love when He was here on earth, in so many different ways, till it is undisputable that He was the most loving creature that ever

lived. And I think, in His life here, He was expressing God. And the only way that God can be expressed to the people is through love.

And well did He do this when He caught one of the most vilest women that there was of His day, perhaps. They found her just guilty, and no way out, when she was found in adultery. And they drug her up before Him, and said, "What do You say do for her?"

And when He turned to her, and, said, "I don't condemn thee. Go and sin no more." Instead of be throwing her out to the streets, to be drug out like a bunch of wolves over her, to stone her and take her life; His tender, kind, loving heart stooped way down into the sin that she was in, said, "I don't condemn thee. Just go and don't sin no more."

59-0329S - LIVING, DYING, BURIED, RISING, COMING

SHE FOUND A PLACE WHERE THERE IS SOMEBODY WHO CARED

And this little, immoral woman in her condition, very marred by sin, and one day perhaps had got discouraged with all their traditions of the elders, of pots and kettles, and washings, and so forth.

She went out one day to the same old Jacob's well up there, and she was going to let down her—her bucket, to get some water. And she changed springs. Oh, how she can remember that there was One setting there that said, "In Him was living Water." What a thrill it was to her, when that living Well revealed her sins, and told her where she was wrong, and described what she had did to her. And it put a message in her heart, that set her on fire with the glory of God; and into the city, and to the men.

Now, you know, that really isn't legal in that country, for a woman to go through the streets, and especially a woman marked with immorality. But I'm telling you, when she got cleansed and a drink of that fresh Water, you try to stop her? It was like trying—trying to put a—a fire out, or a house on fire, and it real dry, and a high wind in dry weather, that was really blowing that blaze.

And you couldn't stop her, because she had found something that was real. Her sins was revealed. And when her sins and wrong was revealed, she can remember tonight, in Glory. She can remember that there was a Spring for her. There was a place where, all the creeds and—and the churches had turned her down, but yet she found an oasis. She found a place where there is Somebody Who cared.

63-0122 - REMEMBERING THE LORD

FORCED INTO THE LIFE SHE WAS LIVING

And we find out that it was also became the home of the harlot Rahab. When Israel had passed over the borderline of the Jordan River, into Palestine, we are acquainted with the story of Rahab the harlot. Let's picture her this morning for a few minutes now, as a—a young lady, a beautiful young woman whose some misfortune in life had been forced in, being a pagan, had been forced into the life that she was living. And many times people are forced into the life that they live.

I was in the prisons the other night, to see a man who was taking a sentence. And I—I took him by the hand, and talked to him. And I said, "Why would you do such a thing as that?" And holding me by the hand, he begin to speak. And he was forced into what he was doing. I said, "Because

that you permitted that to force you to that. You don't have to do that. You, no man has to drink." I said, "I'm nervous, myself. But there's no need of that."

And this young woman, after she had got her first hearing of Israel, and of a God who was a—a God that answered prayer; not only a God to pray to, but a God that answered back; when she heard that there was a God of miracles, Who could perform miracles, Who dried up the seas, and rained bread out of the heavens, her heart begin to tremble. And when she got the first message from two preachers that went over, quickly she accepted it with all her heart. And there was a scarlet cord bound at her window, for a protection of her house, because that she had received the message.

58-1228 - WHY LITTLE BETHLEHEM?

GOD CARED FOR THAT LITTLE WOMAN

The lady moved back. And she said, "Brother Branham, just a word with you." Standing there, a vision broke over this fine-looking young woman, and see that her heart was burdened. And she was trying to work to make a living. And a—a great thing happened back, way back in the time of her parents, that had caused this great thing to happen to her, and the Lord Jesus revealed It and showed what it was. And there, in a moment's time, took it from the woman. She went around rejoicing. And now sitting here in the audience with us now, rejoicing, with tears, as she's wiping her eyes now, knowing that the truth of the thing was made known. And that, what, that poor little neurotic woman, that was so nervous she didn't know what to do with herself, and thinking that she was gone, and there was no Holy Spirit, and this is her last day. She had tried for nine years and she was

about at the end of despair, God cared for that little woman who no one cares for. See? What a time! He does care.

63-0721 - HE CARES. DO YOU CARE?

FORGET ALL THE PAST

Just yield yourself to God, and walk with Him, peaceful, quiet, not interrupted. Just keep on walking with Him. That's right.

That's what I told our brother that just had the—the breakdown. See? “Just yield to Him. He's here, He Who knowed what you have done, and what caused your being and doing this way, and all that. He knows all about you, and now He's just told you back just what to do. Now,” I said, “only thing you have to do is just go do it. That is, forget all about the past, walk, live for the future, in the Glory and Presence of God.”

63-0825M - HOW CAN I OVERCOME?

TAKE EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE

When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this? So, should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way, turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. If you're selfish and you want to hold everything, then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever...Just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything, is an antidote.

You've...My old, southern mother used to say, "Hair off the dog back is good for the bite." And that applies this way too.

64-0830E - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS #4

THERE'S NEVER A WOMAN TOO FALLEN

But, there is never a place too—too little; there's never a church too small; there's never a person too rejected by the world; there's never a woman too fallen; there is never a man too drunk; but He'll come when He's ask.

56-0401M - THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR

IF YOU'VE BROKE EVERY COMMANDMENT

"How can He make atonement for me; I broke my marriage vows, I've done this, that, and the other." He's Jehovah-Jireh, the Lord's provided sacrifice.

If you're beyond hope, if you've broke every commandment, if you've done everything there is in the Bible that you ought not to do, besides blaspheme the Holy Ghost, God has a sacrifice provided for you. He's Jehovah-Jireh.

58-0127 - JEHOVAH-JIREH

EVERY SCAR

Oh, Christ of God, many things has happened since those days. Many have seared the conscience of people, and it's caused disappointments and everything, but Father, I pray that You'll brush back every scar tonight, heal every broken heart, and may the power of God once more burn in a living faith through every heart. Grant it, Lord, that Your great Name might be glorified. For we ask it in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

51-0720 - THE ANGEL OF GOD

GOD'S MERCY STILL HANGS TO YOU

Before the foundation of the world He chose you. You're His heir. Why, He watches over you day and night, trying to get to you to do something for you. You say, "But, Brother Branham, I made a mistake last week, or last month." I don't care how many mistakes you make. We've all sinned and come short of the glory. If you're a child of Abraham, you're ready to recognize that as sin, and come back to God again, and God's mercy still hangs to you.

59-0417 - JEHOVAH-JIREH

Difficult Relationships



Proverbs 31:26b

...and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

1 Corinthians 13:4a

Charity suffereth long, and is kind;

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

James 1:19-20

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

RETURN GOOD

No matter when anyone says evil; return good. Don't think evil. If you do think evil, and you're just hypocritically saying it, then—then—then you're wrong. You just keep on consecrating yourself to God until you really feel good to that person. That's the way to do it. Then the sweetness of God's blessings will just, oh, it'll just cover your soul. That's the way to live victorious, then nothing can harm you as long as you're in love. Well, you say...See?

"If you have tongues, they'll cease. And if you have wisdom, it'll vanish. Prophecies, it'll fail. But when you got love, it'll endure for ever." See?

And don't love only those who love you, but love those who do not love you. For, it's easy for me to love anybody that loves me, but try to love somebody who doesn't love you. That's where you can test whether you're a Christian, or not. Somebody that don't love you, and yet, in your heart, you love them. Now, if you don't do that, then just keep holding onto God. It's there, 'cause I know it to be the Truth. Amen. I know that it's the Truth.

59-1227E - A SUPER SENSE

MAYBE HIS DESTINATION RESTS UPON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIM

If you want to be a blessing, and get a blessing, when a man has done you wrong, and he has absolutely justly, he... I mean he has done you wrong and you know that he's done you wrong; he's done you evil. Don't mention that; you take him to prayer before God. And don't take it in a way of just a selfish and say, "Well, I'm supposed to do this." But stand with your shoulder to his shoulder, and stand in the Presence of God our Father, way a prayer should be made in the Presence of God, say, "Father, here's my

brother, and he—he is justly; he deserves punishment because he has—he’s done me evil. And I don’t see why he did it.”

Then let God go to talking to you. And you’ll see maybe, what that man’s been through. The devil has twisted him up somewhere and caused him to do that. Though he’s absolutely wrong, before you leave the throne of God you’ll be feeling sorry for that man. You’ll be sympathizing with that brother. And when you get back down to where—earth again, you’ll go over to that brother and shake his hand, ’cause you know what he’s been through. You can’t stand with a mortal in the Presence of God and condemn anybody, I don’t believe, no, sir, even if he is a rank sinner. And what about a brother that has made a mistake? Though I say he’s wrong. Sometimes he’s accused wrong when he’s not wrong. But if he is wrong, well, if we will take him to the throne of God, stand there shoulder-to-shoulder with our brother, knowing he’s a mortal, and maybe his destination rests upon our attitude towards him, when we come back from the throne of God, we’ll realize that we’re every one guilty, and we all need help one from the other. And the best way to do is pray.

58-0301B - THE GREAT COMMISSION

IT’S THE DEVIL TRYING TO TEAR YOU TO PIECES

Now don’t you listen to one foul thing the devil has got to say. See? If the devil shows you some, or tells you something evil, about one of the members of the Body of Christ, don’t you believe it. For, as soon as you believe it, you mar your experience.

And if you see one of the members of the Body of Christ doing something evil, don’t tell nobody else. But go to that member, and with love, and see if

you can't bring them back to Christ again. And if you can't do it, then tell one person, or let them go with you. Do it the way the Scripture says. See? But don't...

If somebody says, "Sister So-and-so, or Brother So-and-so," don't you believe one word of it. You just leave it go. Because, remember, it's the devil trying to tear you to pieces. Now just look for him to come in, 'cause he'll do it. Now you let the good man of the house, faith, stand right there, and don't you receive one thing. These people have been set in Heavenly places with you, fellowship together around the blessings of God, taking the communion at the table, and the Holy Spirit has witnessed that they are the children of God. Let's just be real sweet, kindhearted, forgiving, loving. And if the other person talks evil against you, you talk sweet against them. Watch how sweeter comes to you then. See? That's right. Just always return good for evil, love for hate.

59-1227E - A SUPER SENSE

A LITTLE LOVE, STRETCHED OUT

Sometimes a little love, stretched out, will just cure an old sore, an old place that's been a grudge or something. It'll heal it right over, just a little love, a little care.

63-0428 - LOOK

JUST PRAY FOR THEM

And if you want to get somewhere with God, never let an arrogant spirit ever come around you. Don't let no malice come in. No matter what anybody does, if they are wrong, don't you never build up a complex

against that person. See? You be sweet and kind. Remember, God loved you when you were in sin. And if the Spirit of God is in you, you love the other person when he's in wrong. See, just pray for them, and love one another.

63-0714E - HUMBLE THYSELF

WE'VE GOT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

And if we can't love one another, how are we going to love God Whom we haven't seen. See? We must find the vein. We've got to love one another. Though we different, you got to love anyhow. You can't bluff it. You got to really do it. You got to. And that... The greatest power I've found in healing, is love, when you have sympathy and love for the people, trying to help them.

61-0413 - WHY?

LOVE IS THE GREATEST WEAPON

The other evening while I was speaking in the tabernacle, the church behind the place here, speaking on love and how that we must have the feeling of the people, we must feel for them and love them... Love is the greatest weapon that God ever put into the hands of man.

56-0218B - WHEN LOVE IS PROJECTED

JUST CLING THAT MUCH CLOSER TOGETHER

Love one another, above everything. Love one another. Don't...No matter what the devil tries to say! Now you're all one great big sweet group now, but remember my warning, see, Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, and sit him down, and cause him

to fellowship with you under the quietness and things, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of a poison stuff, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay right loving and sweet and kind to one another. Pray for that man, that he'll be saved too, or that woman, or ever who it is, just pray for them. And stick one with another.

And stay with your pastor. See, he's the shepherd, and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, and, 'cause he's ordained of God to do so. Now do you remember that? The enemy will come. And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all.

Don't never clan among one...or—or talk, make yourself clannish. We are one. I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm—I'm mad at you, I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want to stay right there, every little part of my body stay right there. And God wants us, as a body of believers, to stay right exactly with one another, right at with one another.

63-0728 - CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED

DON'T ARGUE, ONE WITH ANOTHER

And then—then, instead of coming in and joining either the Assemblies, or the United, or the church of God, and all them very fine men, all the groups, I just stood between them, and say, "We're brothers. Don't argue, one with another." Now, if Satan can keep us fighting at one another, he don't have to fight. See? But when we train our guns on him, and away from one another, go to loving one another, fellowshiping with one

another, then the Millennium will start.

63-0412E - GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY

IF WE CAN GET TOGETHER

But we just split up in division, and as long as there's shooting at each other, Satan just steps back and lets them unload their guns. So if we can get together, and put our hearts together, our efforts together, and our cares together, we'll get somewhere.

58-0503 - THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

THERE IS ONE THAT WON'T FORSAKE HIM

Now, a man that's really got his face set towards Heaven, no matter what takes place here on earth, he's still got his face set towards Heaven. His friends may forsake him. His family may forsake him. His pastor may forsake him. But there is One that won't forsake him; that's God.

55-0109E - BEGINNING AND ENDING OF THE GENTILE DISPENSATION

IN THE PLACE WHERE YOU THINK IT'S WORST

Now, I can see them get started to digging. And some fellow hit the ground a couple of times, say, "Say, this is rough going." "Well, if you quit digging, you ain't going to get no water. 'Cause every man had to dig his own spring."

Right in the desert, right in the midst of the sand where there's not a drop of water anywhere, the prophet said, "Start digging." And right in the place where you think it's the worst, there's where God's asked you to start digging. May be right in your own home; start digging. May be right in

your own church; start digging.

54-0403 - THE HAND OF THE LORD CAME UPON HIM

“GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO THEM”

And when the yoke is lined with the joy, and peace, and sweetness of Christ in your heart, then you just pick up all the burdens the world casts on you, and bear them to a certain hill called Calvary, and there you kneel down and pray for that one that was persecuting you. Not rain fire out of Heaven and tear up the church, but you bring peace to them. “God, be merciful to them.”

57-0120M - THE IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY

LET HIM DO IT

If someone talks about you, and you talk back about them, God can't fight your battle; you're fighting it yourself. See? Just—just let loose and let Him do it.

51-0722A - LIFE STORY

JUST A FEW WORDS OF LOVE

I was talking to a woman the other day, that was just bawling me out like everything. She was going to almost give me a whipping. I was sitting with another man. And she said, “You start across this place, and I'll call the sheriff.”

I said, “Well, sister, dear, I was only...” I said, “We're Christians. We wouldn't do that.”

She said, “Christians? There is no such a thing.” Real nasty. And she was bawling us out, terribly.

And I said, “But, lady, there is.” I said, “Don’t you believe in Jesus Christ?” She said, “Oh, I believe in Him, but not in people.”

I said, “You can’t believe in Him without believing His people. You can’t do it.” Oh, she was doing everything but give me a cursing.

So we walked out to the car...or out of the car, where we was. And I said, “Sister, we only wanted to pass over a little place here.” I said, “It’ll be all right.” I said, “I wouldn’t have done it for anything.” I said, “I’m—I’m working here.”

And she said, “That’s the way with you people. You think you can run over us old folks.”

I said, “No, no, no.” I said, “That, that’s all right, if you don’t want us to do it. I don’t know how we’ll ever get the car out of here. We come in. Your husband told us we could.”

“I don’t care what he said. You’re not doing it.”

I said, “Well, we—we come in here, and no...I...”

Said, “Go down through them yards there.”

I said, “Well, lady, do you see that mud? We...why, you’d never get ten foot off of where we’re at now, off that grass and rock there.” I said...

Said, "That's up to you, to see to it. But, you cross here, and you'll go...I'll call the sheriff."

I said, "You have a perfect right. And I'm sorry that I didn't come see you, besides your husband." I said, "I'm sorry about it."

And she, oh, she was a raging, and a puffing, and a blowing, and shaking her fist in my face, and everything. I was standing there with an old ragged pair of overalls on. I said, "Well, I'm very sorry that I—that I disturbed you. I wouldn't have done it for nothing in the world, sister." I said, "I—I'm—I'm ashamed of myself." I said, "Your husband said it was all right. And so..." And I said...

She said, "You young people think you can run over us old folks."

I said, "No doubt but what that took place along the neighborhood here many times. But, sister, we're Christians." I said, "I don't live here. I'm just working here to help some brother out."

She said, "You're working here?" Said, "What are you doing here?"

I said, "I'm a minister, and a reverend." She looked me up and down.

She said, "A reverend?"

I said, "Yes, ma'am."

Said, "What are you doing here?"

I said, "Trying to do a good deed to help somebody out."

"What's your name?"

I said, "My name is Branham."

She said, "Are you Brother Branham?"

I said, "Yes."

She said, "Forgive me." And her lips started quivering. She started crying. She said, "I'm a backslidden Methodist." Said, "I'm ashamed I acted the way I did."

I said, "God bless you, sister. Go back to church, won't you? Serve the Lord Jesus." See?

If you had jumped out there and started fussing at her, and telling her you did have a right, and so forth, and you did, see what you'd have done? Just a few words of love, goes on down to the heart.

Brother, let's get people inside the veil. That's right. You want to know a little secret? That's how I conquer wild animals, that's how I conquer diseases, is by love. The love of God constrains us to do such a thing. Come in the veil.

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

‘...I STILL LOVE YOU’

I stood by a little lady the other night, where her husband was fixing to leave her, and marry another woman; very fine, known couple. I looked at her. She said, "Well, I'm going to leave, Brother Branham."

I said, "Don't do it, sister."

Told me, said, "Oh, my husband, his ministry will be ruined. Now what can I do? I'm going to New York and I'm going to get me a job."

I said, "Don't do it. Don't do it, sister."

"What can I do, Brother Branham?"

I said, "Go up to him."

Said, "Oh, I found the lady's picture, and I broke it up, and I done so-and-so."

I said, "That, I—I see that. But," I said, "go to him and put your arms around him, say, 'Sweetheart, no matter what you done, I still love you.' That'll do it." That's right.

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

BE REAL KIND

A young fellow come to me, not long ago. He was a Pentecostal. He had seen too many of these meetings. And he goes in...His wife was a staunch Lutheran. She said, "Oh, I guess you all went down and shouted last night." Said, "I guess you was all speaking in tongues and doing all this last night."

He got down on the floor, said, "God, cast...I cast the devil out of her! I cast the devil out of her!" Almost a divorce case. The man, a fine man; he come to me, and said, "Brother Branham, we're going to have a divorce, I guess." Said, "I just can't get that devil to move out of her."

I said, "Brother, you're going at it the wrong way." I said, "When she starts like that, say, 'All right, dear. Bless your heart, honey,' and be real kind to her. Just see how much you can do for her."

Said, "Brother Branham, well, how will I ever get the devil out?"

I said, "You do as I say, and just keep praying in your heart, see." I said, "God will take care of the rest of it."

He called me up, about two or three weeks later, he said, "My home is revolutionized." He said, "My wife is a different person."

I said, "Which is the most powerful, screaming and kicking and stomping; or putting your arms around her, in love?" God is love. If...God so loved the world!

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

JUST PRAY FOR THEM

Now, we are all going to make mistakes. Just remember. And when you're looking at one another, don't look at the other person's mistake. See, don't do that, because, remember, you make mistakes, too. But look to Christ who is guiding this person. And if they need some help, then you pray for them. That's—that's the way we get along, see, pray. And, remember, when you are praying for somebody else in that kind of a fix, God will honor and heal you when you're praying for somebody else. That's right. That's what Christianity is based upon, to help one another, do for one another, be kind to one another, understanding to one another. Now, if you see your neighbor's mistake, you see where they've went wrong, don't go wrong with them, but just pray for them. Just keep praying, and God will understand that. He'll make everything right.

61-1015M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

IT'S THE ENEMY

And remember, God is looking to me to see that I stay in the Word. And I'm looking to you to see that you carry out the Word, see, see, in this church. And keep it spiritual, for, remember, all the forces of—of the dark kingdom of Satan will be turned against you as you begin to grow in the Lord. And you must be soldiers, not just fresh recruits. You're aged soldiers now, and been trained to fight. And Satan will come among you, cause you to dispute with one another if he can. Turn him down just immediately; you're brethren; and it's the enemy.

63-1226 - CHURCH ORDER

FROM YOUR HEART, PRAY FOR THAT MAN'S SOUL

When I was unlovable, He loved me anyhow. My prayer is for the Church that we can have such love till we'll love people whether they love us not. That's what the Church needs today is to express a love, even to a man that could spit in your face, and you could still with, not from a hypocritical standpoint, but from your heart, pray for that man's soul.

59-0403 - LIVING, DYING, BURIED, RISING, COMING

SAY SOMETHING GOOD

That's what the Holy Spirit does. It makes you meek, makes you humble, makes you forgiving. Could they pull whiskers from your face, if you had them there, jerk them out and spit in your face, when you had the power to call a—legions of Angels? Could you do that for the love of the people that was spitting in your face? Could you do it? If somebody just walked up to you and said, "Hey, you hypocrite!" and smacked you on one side of face, could you pray for their forgiveness? Now, that's where trust—test

whether you got the Holy Spirit or not. See? When somebody says something evil against someone, sometimes that claims to have the Holy Spirit, “I’ll get even with her if it takes me my last day.” See? Now, there’s where you check about your Holy Spirit. See? “Blessed are you when man shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for My Name’s sake.” But you go get even with them? No! “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” See? When someone says evil about you, say something good. If you can’t say something good about them, then don’t say nothing. Just let it go. See? And then, when you get to yourself, pray for them.

59-1223 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

KEEP IT TO YOURSELF AND PRAY FOR THAT PERSON

And if there’s anything that we ought to be, is kind to one another. When you see a brother or sister in fault, don’t never—don’t never breathe it to nobody. Keep it to yourself and pray for that person. Be kind to them. And if the Spirit of God is in you, then you will be kind to one another.

56-0128 - INSPIRATION

FULL OF LOVE AND HUMILITY

You see a man humble, and loving, and good to his neighbors, and a good citizen, a good fellow, and a good man, and a Christian man, full of love and humility; you watch that man. See? That’s right. He’s good charitable, longsuffering, you can talk about him, it’s a—all right, he forgives you, don’t make any difference to him. There, that’s the real man; keep your eye on him. See? That man bears, he’s an example.

51-0508 - FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE INSIDE STORY

And I was standing there looking at the woman, criticizing her with all that was in me, and thinking, "What a horrible thing." But many times, we shouldn't do that. We don't know what's the inside story. And it happened to be, God taught me a lesson right there.

60-0330 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

TRY TO HELP HIM UP

You know, the real Christian way is to hide everything you can from a brother. Don't tell his bad things. Just tell his good things. Just tell what you know about him is good. If anything is bad, let it alone. Poor fellow has got enough against him, anyhow. Don't try to take a pole and shove a man further into the ditch. The Christian attitude is pick him up and take him out of the ditch. See? Don't never try to shove him down. He is down, already. Try to help him up.

And, but, too many of us today, too many people today, I might say, try to do that, if they could just get something another that they could say, that was real bad.

Now, for instance, if—if one of you brethren would make a mistake and do something is wrong; which, you're subject to do it; I am, too; every one of us. But, as we go along, let's remember we are brothers. We are brothers. And if we got any fighting, let's fight with one another. Bring it together. Bring it before our brethren and settle it.

62-0601 - TAKING SIDES WITH JESUS

GRACE IS...

A lot of people say, “Now, you scratch my back and I’ll scratch yours. Yeah, you do something for me and I’ll do something for you.” That’s not grace. Grace is, if your back is itching, I’ll scratch it anyhow, whether you scratch mine or not; you slap me on the face, and say “my back needs itching, or, needs scratching,” I’ll scratch it. See? That’s it, do something. I don’t believe in works. I believe that works is love. Works is—works is the manifestation that grace has taken place.

60-0522E - ADOPTION #4

NO MATTER HOW BAD THE PERSON IS

Try to do something good and just keep being good; hold no malice, no grudges, don’t let any bitterness. No matter how bad the person is and how bad they talk about you, don’t you never think evil in your heart against them; ’cause right there the devil will set right in, work up something right there. Just keep it all covered up with godly love, confession, and making right, and do good to those who do evil to you. “If you only do good to those who do good to you, why,” Jesus said, “don’t the publicans the same?” See? The sinners, anybody can be good to those that’s good to them. But be good to those who are not good to you, do something for those that would not do nothing for you. Speak a good word for the man that would speak evil against you, and that way you keep all the bitterness out of your heart; and you’re always in love with everybody then, as long as you stay in love.

Now you say, “Well, they did...” We’re not the judge, God is the Judge. And you won’t want that poor fellow to be cast away, would you? Certainly not, no matter who they are. You wouldn’t want that, so try to be kind to them.

“And love hides a multitude of sin.” Uh-huh. Yes, sir. Love, just that good, Christian, godly Love.

If a man comes up and calls you a “holy-roller” and all kinds of name, now—now just don’t act like it, see, if you can’t act like it, just walk away. But in your heart, you should be to a place you say, “Well, it...now, perhaps, brother, if you understood, in the way I do, you’d feel like I do about it.” See? And just be real sweet to him, and let go ahead like that. And even though we might differ as far as the east is from the west, that don’t make any difference.

60-1207 - THE PERGAMEAN CHURCH AGE

Stress, Worry & Weariness



Psalm 107:28-30

Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Matthew 11:28-30

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Psalm 29:11

The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

WHEN THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVES IN

Now, we find that in those hours of real stress, that's usually when the Spirit of God moves in. He let the Hebrew children walk right into the fiery furnace, before He ever moved a hand. But when He moved, He moves.

65-1127E - I HAVE HEARD BUT NOW I SEE

THE SUN WILL SMASH EVERY BIT OF THE DARKNESS

Let it get as dark as it wants to get; it cannot get too dark until the sun will smash every bit of the darkness.

57-1006 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS #3

HE IS OUR OUTLET

I know He will never leave you. And the pressure gets great, if it does, then He is our outlet, so we don't have to—to worry about it.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

GOD, THAT COULD TAKE... STRESS...AWAY FROM HER

She knewed the power of God, that could take pride and stress and everything, away from her, that could take that little, selfish high-school spirit out of her, and could make her a new creature.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

WE KNOW WHO HOLDS THE DAY

But we don't know what the day holds, but we know Who holds the day.

65-0221M - MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

SATAN IS TRYING TO KEEP PEOPLE IN TENSION

Satan fights harder. Everything goes wrong, seemingly, because Satan is trying to keep that people in tension, and everything else, so that he can keep them away from this great time of strain that we're now entering into, for the great, as we would say, "Going in for the kill now." He is already beat up, in the corner. He has been exposed, and all of his devices is exposed.

54-0404E - GOD HAS A PROVIDED WAY

FLY INTO THE ARMS OF HIM

The hour is pressing. The—the darkness is a settling. The end time is here, one minute before midnight. See the presence of the enemy, the shaking, the feeling, the nervous condition, the tension of the world, and not knowing that that's your doom. See? Oh, my! Let's mount up with wings as an eagle, now, fly into the arms of Him that's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

59-0301E - WHAT DOES THOU HERE?

JUST CAST YOUR CARES ON HIM

Let off the pressure. Amen. In the city of Refuge, He took your worry, so you—you don't have to have it. "Cast your cares on Him, for He careth for you." Don't you worry about your cares. That's His business.

I met a woman, here some years ago in a ten-cent store. She was about sixty years old, looked about thirty years old. I said, "How do you do it, sister?"

She said, "Brother Branham, I've got two sons that's doctors, that's older than you are." And honest to goodness, she—she didn't look over thirty years old. She said, "Here is what it was. When I come to Christ, when I was about twelve years old, I set down and thought about it. I studied other religions. But when I found the true one," she said, "I come to Christ, and took my case, my soul, my all, to Him." And she said, "I've never had a worry since." Said, "Now, He promised to take care of all my troubles," and said, "if He's not big enough to do it, I know I'm not big enough to do it, so what's the use of me worrying about it?" See? That's it.

Christ promised that He'd take all your cares. "Cast your cares on Him." So what are you worried about? Worry builds up pressure. Pressure blows up. So just cast your cares on Him, and quit worrying. All right.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

NOT ONE WORRY IN THE WORLD

The Christian has not one worry in the world. They should be the most freest, happiest people in all the world. 'Cause there's nothing... You can't lose. And all things work together for good to them that love God. So how can we lose? There's just nothing to lose, is there? We're just anchored away in Jesus Christ, going home to glory, having a good time while we're going along, God providing everything for us.

54-0301 - THE ANGEL OF THE COVENANT

YOU'RE NERVOUS, UPSET

How do you do, lady? You believe me? You don't have to get out of the chair. Look at me and believe as His prophet. Is this your last patient in the line?

Believe now; don't doubt. Just about eighty percent of this audience is got your trouble. You're nervous, upset. Thing's causing yours is the time of life; it's the menopause. Isn't that right? You have real weary feeling. Everything goes wrong. You think sometimes you've lost your mind. That's the devil telling you that. It's a lie. You're going to get well, because of your attitude toward God's gift. You come reverent.

How many people in here suffer with nervousness, raise your hand? Come on, be honest. Every one of you can be made well right now, just as easy as this one woman can, every one of the rest of you can. That's exactly right, every one of you can be made whole just like this woman will be made whole.

Now, around her is a dark cloud. Seems to be about this square, when I look at her, it's coming in going, "Phew! Phew! Phew!" That's a demon. And as soon... How'd I know it? You can feel it pulling from out there. What is it? Every one out there is screaming for help. And then, I feel the faith of you believers moving in, and it can be done; it can be done. And Satan's crying, "Help. Help." And their faith is saying, "It can be done; it can be done." And that's the way I tell those things. See, it's through a gift of God. Well sure, any of you just break loose your thought, God Almighty will heal every one of you. Do you believe it?

Come here, lady. I never seen you in my life, but that's the truth. Isn't that right? You get real nervous sometimes. You dropped something on the floor the other day; I see you go back to pick it up. Is that right? See, just as long as I look at you, It just keeps showing visions. What the use of showing visions when Christ is here, done proved His works to the people. Isn't that right? Now, I'm going... Do you believe that God give me the authority to take it away from you? All right, come here and believe me.

Almighty God, Who give Jesus Christ as a ransom, this poor woman here has got to go through these shadows, and standing here, with her heart all pounded up, Lord. But Thou can heal her and every one in here. And now, Satan, you who've done the evil, I command that in Jesus Christ's Name, that you come out of the woman. Depart from her, Satan. Now, raise your hand, say, "Praise the Lord." You're healed. Yeah, oh, she's healed too. Go right ahead; that's exactly right. And the rest of you are healed, every one of you healed.

53-1206E - DO YOU NOW BELIEVE?

TENSION IS A BLESSING

Speaking of tension, I was praying about it this morning. What would you do if you didn't have tension? Just think of it. Tension is part of living. That kind of encouraged me when I thought that. If you had no tension, you'd be like a rag doll, you wouldn't have no feelings. There'd be nothing you could work on. Like a husband and wife, maybe if she wants to do something, and they're trying to work together (especially Christians), and the other one wants...And then when you come together to...you find out what she's done; she finds out...See, the tension really brings you closer

together. And somebody tells you that, “Well,” said, “just think of the little wife that went under a lot of tension when you wasn’t so good,” or “the husband went under some tension when you wasn’t so good. Then when it’s all forgiven, look how you felt about him. My, you just...” See, you got to have tension. That’s all.

And just think, of feelings, what if you didn’t have any feeling, no pains or nothing? What if there be no pain at all? You’d have no feelings at all. See? And if you had no feeling, then one of your senses would be gone. See? So, see, everything’s just right anyhow. So, “God, just give us grace to stand up to it,” that’s the thing. If we just stand up with that grace, and stand there and say, “We know that when this life is over, the great one’s on the other side where we’re looking to go to.” And now, we—we remember that all these things, that’s a tension.

That, some people tries to introduce Christianity, that “you’re free from worry. You’re...” No, you’re not. “You’re free from tension.” Oh, no! You add tension when you become a Christian, because you was kind of a slop-go, happy-go-lucky, whatever it was out there, not caring what you did.

But when you’ve become a real Christian, every moment you’re wondering, “Am I pleasing my Lord? If I could hear from Him!” It puts you on tension, puts you on guard. That’s what makes you what you are. So after all, tension is a blessing. It’s just the way you’re looking at it. It’s just the way you’re looking at it. See? If you just look the other side, there’s—there’s...No matter how thin you slice anything, you still got two sides to it, you see. So you want to see both sides.

So tension...I think, "Oh my, it's...What's this tension? If I could've been born without this tension." Well, if I wouldn't have had this tension, I wouldn't have been what I am. I wouldn't have been a Christian, perhaps. It was this tension that drove me to Jesus Christ. See? So, it's been a blessing thing to me.

So then, as Paul said, as though when he had a tension or something or another, he had consulted the Lord to—to take it away from him three times. And the Lord said, "Saul, My...Paul, My grace is sufficient."

He said, "Then, I'll glory in my infirmities. Then when I'm weak, I'm strong." See? As long as it's to the will of God, all right.

63-0818 - THE UNITING TIME AND SIGN

ONLY ONE THING THAT CAN BRING PEACE, AND THAT'S CHRIST

And look at the world today, what a tension the whole world lives in. You go down the street...It's—it's not even safe to drive. It's not safe to be on a four lane highway. Everybody's at a tension, snapping and...What's the matter? Quieten down. Where you going? That's what's making the insane institutions fill up. That's what's got the church in such a turmoil. They're—they're so head-bound on certain thing. They won't stop and consider God's Word, and the hour that we're living; all under a strain, tension.

And now, we know, we are aware. The earth has just went through some great birth pains. And the church is going through some birth pains. It had to go through birth pains before it could give...Each one of the prophets, when they came into the world, it was a birth pain to the church. The

world has went through a First World War, Second World War, and now it's ready for a Third World War. And it's in birth pains again. But there's only one thing that can bring peace, and that's Christ.

64-1227 - WHO DO YOU SAY THIS IS?

"CHILD OF MINE, WHY ARE YOU SO WEARY?"

Blessed Jesus, as the results of the gathering tonight, these many souls has come to the Kingdom. You spoke to their hearts. They were honest. They seen that they were lost. They seen they could not no more save theirself than a leopard could lick the spots off of him. They were totally helpless. But somehow, that great, glorious mighty Conqueror came down and said, "Child of Mine, why are you so weary? I have overcome the world. I have the keys of death and hell. I'll raise you up at the last day if you'll only believe on Me."

57-0808 - THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR

UNTIL THE WORRY AND THE CARES OF THE WORLD IS GONE

This old eagle, he gets a crust over his face and head when he gets old. Can hardly eat. He gets poor; his mouth won't open right. Gets almost blinded. And when that crust gets to a certain spot over his head, they say he flies way up in the air, and he sets there, and he beats his head against that rock, knocking that crust off, if he can. And he rolls his eyes and looks back. He beats the crust. Oh, it must come off. It's got to come off. If it don't, he's going to die. He's got to get that crust off of his face and his mouth. And he'd beat his head one way, and then the other way. He beats until he beats that crust off. And when he beats it against that rock until the crust comes off, then he screams, and he throws his wings back and

forth, and rejoices because he knows he's going to get new feathers; he's going to eat his vitamins again; he's going to renew his youth. And I thought, "What a wonderful thing that is for the eagle. That's good."

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

Oh, eagles, today, that's why you're here. You're eaglets. But if the crust has begin to blind your eyes, the cares of the world, or you can't just swallow all the Food of God, let's come to that Rock in a weary land. Let's come There and beat upon the altar until the crust is broke, and our eyes can see clearly, Jesus again, and the cares of this world has passed away. Then the pressure will go off. "He's a Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in a time of storm," a Refuge, a Haven of rest, for the weary. Let's come to that Place.

63-0113M - LETTING OFF PRESSURE

CAN'T SLEEP, NERVOUS, TENSION

Depression, fear, I know what this...[The sister speaks to Brother Branham.] Poor little thing, she said she's never seen peace in life. The same thing that I...Can't sleep, nervous, tension.

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.

Now, look sister, you believe me now, if you can start from right here, by the cross. From this night, deny you got it. See, go on saying, "I haven't got it no more," and it will leave you.

65-1128E - ON THE WINGS OF A SNOW-WHITE DOVE

IN EVERY LITTLE TROUBLE

And I'm asking, in prayer, for them, Lord, that the great Shekinah Glory of God will appear to them, this hour. It'll never leave them the rest of their life. And all down through life, in every little trouble, may that Shekinah Glory be there, know It can be called on at any time.

63-0804E - CALLING JESUS ON THE SCENE

DON'T BE SCARED

The biggest trouble there is in the church today is a bunch of fear. People's always scared, and that's of the devil. Don't be scared. Be brave. You don't have nothing to be... There ain't nothing to be afraid about.

53-0509 - THE PILLAR OF FIRE

THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD

The strength of the Lord is our consolation. We have no other strength. No other refuge have I, none! God have mercy! Take my life, but never let me forget from whence cometh my strength. It comes from, the Lord!

60-0417M - GO, TELL

FEAR IS ONE OF THE WORST THINGS

The worse thing the devil can put upon you is fear. If you even had a cancer and didn't fear, and believed God would heal you, you wouldn't be in too bad a shape. God take care of that; if you were sick, whatever it is, if you didn't fear. So fear is one of the worst things that Satan can place upon the person.

Now, this week I've tried to prove, by the Scripture, that the man that's born again of the Kingdom of God has nothing to fear.

52-0900 - GOD'S WAY THAT'S BEEN MADE FOR US

FORSAKE YOUR FLUSTERATIONS

He became weak, that He might be our strength. He is our all-sufficient Strength. We don't need no other strength but the strength of the Lord Jesus. "He is my Strength from day to day. Without Him I would fall," said the poet. How wonderful!

What you forsake; what you receive, for what you ever forsook! My! Forsake the world. Forsake your own ideas. Forsake your doubts. Forsake your flusterations. Forsake it, and receive Him. Believe Him.

62-0123 - FORSAKING ALL

THAT'S WHEN HE COMES AROUND

So he had fished all night, and had taken nothing. Then they found out, the next day, that—that they said this Prophet was going to speak, down on the bank. And I imagine, out of their little huts come the little women, and so forth, coming down to hear Him. The crowds got so great, around the bank, He had to borrow this boat, and Peter's boat. To come out and wash

their nets, and not even one fish, and throwed them up on there; was discouraged.

And sometimes at that discouraging moment, if you'll watch, that's when He comes around. But don't be blind enough to miss it. See? When you see everything happening the way it is in the world today, don't be afraid. See? Don't be afraid. Just—just remember, He promised to come to you.

64-0315 - INFLUENCE

QUIT THINKING LIKE THAT

Then go do as I tell you. Quit worrying. You're a deep thinker. You're always taking other people's troubles to yourself and crossing bridges before you get to it. You're always planning something that never happens. Quit thinking like that; be happy and rejoice.

55-1001 - EXPECTATION

JESUS IS WITH YOU

Now, you quit being nervous. There's no need of being nervous; Jesus is with you.

55-0612 - THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

WORRY HAS NO VIRTUE

Worry has no virtue to it, at all. Yeah, just—just—just skip worry, and accept faith. Someone said, "Well, now, what if you're going to be shot in the morning, wouldn't you worry?"

I said, "No, don't think so."

“Why?”

I said, “Worry couldn’t do nothing but make me worse.”

“Well, what good is it going to do to have faith?”

I said, “It might deliver me.” And that’s right, see. So worry has no virtue to it, at all, but faith has all virtue. Believe!

64-0411 - SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

“MAYBE THEY HAVEN’T GOT A HEAVENLY FATHER”

The little story, said there was a little robin one morning, setting up on a limb, whistling over to his little mate. The little mate flew down by him and said, “You know, I’m so—I’m so worried this morning about one thing.” Said, “What?” Said, “We robins never worry.”

“But I just wonder if those poor creatures, the human beings, that frown on their faces, they walk, I wonder, maybe they haven’t got a heavenly Father that watches over them like we have, us robins.” That’s about it. You never heard of one of them having high blood pressure, did you? No. No, you don’t hear no ambulance ringing for them, or so forth (You see?), they—they live in God’s true provided way.

56-0404 - THE INFALLIBILITY OF GOD’S SPOKEN WORD

EVERYTHING’S ALL TOPSY-TURVY

And if you’d just notice how it couldn’t have not have happened in another time. How God in His great, wise providence, how that He moves every cog just to hit at the right time. And that gives us faith sometime. When we think, “Oh, everything’s all topsy-turvy and there’s no way out,” don’t

think that. God's making it work just exactly according to His time program.

58-0112A - HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

TIRED, WEARY SOULS

And may we lay our tired, weary souls at Your feet tonight and drink until we bathe into the beauty of God, until we forget all about this sense-bound existence, and move out yonder into a place where the spheres beyond the stars, where we can find favor with God, find healing for our bodies, and rest for our souls. O God, hear my prayer as I sincerely plead with all my heart. In the Name of Thy beloved Son Jesus, we ask it. Amen.

51-0509 - TESTIMONY

TAKES EVERY WORRY AWAY

He's the Lily of the Valley. And where do you get opium? Out of lilies. That's right. What is the Opium God has? Peace. Opium just makes you forget all about your troubles. Opium smokers, that's how they kill themselves with that opium. God has an Opium. Amen. He eases every pain, heals all sickness, takes every worry away. As long as we're breathing into His Opium, we're at peace.

58-1130 - WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

OUR STEWING AND WORRYING WILL DO NOTHING

He said, "Go show John these things. Tell him I'm right on time. There's nothing wrong. I'm right exactly on time." And that's the way God is today. He's just exactly on time. All of our stewing and worrying will do nothing. Just be perseverant with the Word of God and move on. God's right on

time. Be perfectly, just exactly, like all things... The sun, the moon, and every thing that's God's has to work on time.

62-0520 - PERSEVERANCE

HE LOVES TO DISPLAY HIS POWER

One day when it was a storm come down on a sea, and the waves was about to tear a little ship to pieces, there was a lonely Galilean laying in the back of that boat asleep. And, oh, they become flusterated, the believers, all scared and tore up. And God wanted to display His power. He walks up to the helm of the boat and put His foot upon it, and looked up towards the heavens, to the winds, and said, "Peace, be still." And the winds and the waves stood at attention while the Son of God with His little church sailed across the sea. God made the winds and waves stand still. He loves to display His power. He loves to show His—His omnipotence .

57-0629 - STAND STILL AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD

HE TOOK YOUR WORRY

You say, "Well, I—I wonder, Brother Branham." You don't wonder; you just let the pressure off. Commit your case to God, and go on as if it was all over. Don't build up pressure. It lets off pressure.

"Well," you say, "I am so worried, Brother Branham. I just don't know." Let off the pressure. Amen. In the city of Refuge, He took your worry, so you—you don't have to have it. "Cast your cares on Him, for He careth for you." Don't you worry about your cares. That's His business.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

SATAN TRIES TO MAKE US NERVOUS

I have seen it in my own life, that every time a great situation rises, that I can't get around it, or under it or over it, God makes a way, and comes out glorious. I just wonder how His grace ever does it, but He does it. And remember, in all these things, Satan tries to make us nervous, and upset us, to get us to think, "Oh, why did this happen? Why couldn't I have been like this?"

60-0417S - I KNOW

SOMETIMES IT'LL GET HARD

Just keep moving on. Sometimes it'll get hard, and the ways will get dim. But, remember, just look down towards the ground, and then look up towards the sky, you'll find a Bloody footprint that follows all the way up there. He'll lead the way.

60-1002 - THE KINSMAN REDEEMER

AND EVERYTHING GOES WRONG

We have families. Every family in here is custom to that. Sometimes everything will run fine for you, for years. Then, all at once, you'll hit a spell where, we say it many times in the South here, "When it rains, it pours," and everything goes wrong. You're going through a nighttime. Then there's a daybreak, then a nighttime. Everything runs in continuity.

65-1125 - THE INVISIBLE UNION OF THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

NOTHING BOTHERED HIM

See, it's the depths of the Spirit, not the shallowness. It's not the shell on the—on the hickory nut that's good. It's the hickory nut under the shell.

You got a big empty shell. You got nothing under there. What we need, tonight, is the depths of God's love. And when Elijah heard that still small Voice, nothing bothered him.

59-0301E - WHAT DOES THOU HERE?

NERVOUS TENSIONS IN A COMPLEX AGE

Each age had its pressures. For example a great burden of the last age is the pressure of riches, soft living and nervous tensions in a complex age that we seem unfitted to live in.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 6 - THE THYATIREAN CHURCH AGE

THAT'S A TRICK OF THE DEVIL, TO OPPRESS

That's what the devil likes to work on you, and oppress you. You know, that's a trick of the devil, to oppress. But when the Christian knows his legal rights! Amen! When you can quote God's Word, "I'll never leave thee, nor forsake thee," that takes all the oppression away. And the clouds begin to clear back. But if you just know that God has promised, and God is faithful! He can keep His promise, or He would never promised it.

56-0902 - THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

Death, Grief & Loss



Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Psalms 34:18a

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;

Isaiah 25:8a

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces;

Isaiah 53:4-6

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:

Isaiah 66:13a

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;

Isaiah 51:12

I, even I, am he that comforteth you:

Philippians 1:21

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

WHERE A LOVELY CHUNK OF YOUR OWN LOVING HEART HAS BEEN BURIED

This little woman had done all she knowed to do, and yet, God kept silent. But when real faith has caught the vision, it can keep silent and rest calmly, because it knows it's going to happen. Don't forget that. Faith will rest with perfect assurance. No matter what the storms are saying, how contrary it looks, faith rests with assurance. Faith can take its stand upon a rock, look into a grave or into the waters where a lovely little chunk of your own loving heart has been buried, and faith can look across the sea to Him that said, "I am the Resurrection and Life." Faith rests assurance.

59-0810 - THE REACTION TO AN ACTION

HE CARED FOR THAT POOR, LITTLE HEARTBROKEN WOMAN

One day, He was so weary in His way, He could hardly go. But there come a—a band from the city, a funeral procession, and a little mother frantically throwing her hands in the air, and wringing them. "O Jehovah, why did You take him? He's my only son!"

He was tired and weary, but He cared for that poor, little, heartbroken woman. Walked over to the—the carriers that—that carried the—the

casket, and touched it, and said, "Son, rise!" Why? He cared. He understands. Now we know, by His life, that He cares.

60-0301 - HE CARETH FOR YOU

IN YOUR SORROW, HE CARES

Jesus cares, so just cast your cares upon Him. In your sorrow, He cares. You, when you lose your loved ones, He cares. He cares for the dead, those who have died in Christ.

60-0301 - HE CARETH FOR YOU

COMFORT HER HEART

[The sister says, "No, I'm grieving for my son."—Ed.]

Your son.

["That's been gone for over two years."]

Can't you find him?

["He's in God's hand."]

Oh, he—he went on?

["Uh-huh. Through the valley of death."]

Oh, that.

["And my grievensess."]

Grief-stricken. Yeah.

[“I’m grief...I’m grief-stricken. And I feel like, if it’s God’s will, I’d like for Him to take me. There’s no unhappiness in Him.”]

Sister, dear, I want you to get where you feel good. Did she hear the vision, this morning?

[The other sister says, “She can hear all right.”—Ed.]

Well, you tell her. Well, she’s going to tell you what happened. Just beyond your breath here, that precious boy is waiting for you. You’ll be young like him. Love, just love the...

[The sister says, “I don’t want to stay. I want to go to him, if it’s God’s will.”—Ed.]

Dear Heavenly Father, life’s race has been run. There’s not much more left. And her precious boy, just across the river, if he could only look back, he’d say, “Just a few days.” She’s waiting for the boat, Lord, that will take her through the fog, to that glorious Land. Do bless her, Father, and comfort her heart. And may that be a great reunion, just across the river.

60-0515M - THE REJECTED KING

SO WHEN DEATH COMES TO OUR DOOR

He made a promise that He would do it, even in the time of death, when the death angel comes into the room. “Oh, Brother Branham, I know I’ll be nervous.” Oh, no. You’re in the Refuge. No, no. You know you’re going to die; you got to go some way, so just get into the Refuge, feel safe. That’s right. You’re safe as long as you’re in the Refuge. Remember, He died for you. He cares for you. He died for you.

Now let's take a look. You say, "Brother Branham, you mean, when the death angel is knocking at the door, you're still not to get steamed up?" No, not a bit. "Well, how do you do that?" Come to the Refuge. That's all. "Well," you say, "Brother Branham..."

Well, now wait a minute. Let's take Israel, down in Egypt. There come a time where God said, "I'm going to send the death angel through the land, and I'm going to take every one of the elders of the family, unless there's blood on the door," that great night of the passover.

Now, here is Israel, a promised people going to a promised land. And they...It's the night of the passover. The death angel is in the land. And we hear a scream coming from down the street. We look out. Two big, black wings are waving down the street. You think Israel was all excited? No, sir.

Death was at the door. The little boy looked out the window. He is the oldest of the family. He sees that big black angel. He looks and said, "Daddy, do you love me?" "Sure, son, I love you." "Well, Daddy, am I not your first born?" "Yes, you are, son." "Look at there, daddy. That angel got that little boy. I knowed him. I played with him. Oh, daddy, here he comes, towards the house." "But, son, you see on that doorpost?" Hallelujah! "Daddy, will he get me?" "No, sir, son. He can't get you." "Why?"

"That's His promise. 'When I see the Blood, I'll pass over you.' Go back and get your toys, and start playing, son. There is no need of worrying. We're in God's refuge. Let off the steam." Israel could set back and read the Bible; while the rest of them was screaming and building up steam, Israel was relaxed. Why? Death right at the door, what difference did it make? It can't hurt them.

So when death comes to our door, glory to God, as long as God's requirement, the Blood, has been placed on the lintel of my heart post, what difference does it make? It can't bother me.

The doctor says you're going to die tomorrow, what difference does it make? The Blood is on the post. You got to die, anyhow. But if that Blood has been applied, I've got a resurrection coming. Amen.

Israel could be calm, no building up steam for them, 'cause they knowed that the death angel couldn't strike them. They were under the blood. It was God's provided way.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

SATAN CANNOT TAKE YOUR LIFE UNTIL GOD HAS FINISHED WITH YOU

It's those crucial hours that press us on to those sacred sands. It was in the Bible. And remember, no matter how great the distress is, Satan cannot take your life until God has finished with you. There is nothing can happen to you unless God permits it. There is no evil can come unless God permits it. And it's for your good He is working that. Let's think.

There when the floods came to destroy the world, it could not destroy Noah. Noah could not be destroyed, because that God had a work for him to do.

One day, down in a great nation under a great bondage, there was some Hebrew children that we know as Shadrach and Meshach and Abednego. And it came to a place where they had to make a decision, that something had to be done. They had... Their—their—their faith was put to a test. And when your faith is put to a test, then don't fail. Stay right with what you

believe. And when their faith was put to a test. And they went to a crucial hour. Not only did they go to a—an ash heap, but they went into a fiery furnace. But Satan could not destroy them, for God's purpose wasn't yet fulfilled. They could go in there with this hope, "I know my Redeemer liveth!" They could go in there with this hope here, "We are assured that God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace, but, nevertheless, we will not bow to the image."

Satan could not take them. He could not drown Noah in the flood, until the purpose of God had been finished. He could not burn up the Hebrew children, until the purpose of God had been finished. He could not kill Job with boils and troubles, until the purpose of God had been finished. Neither could the lions eat Daniel, until God's purpose had been finished. Neither could death and old age take Abraham, until the purpose of God had been finished.

And neither can it take you, or can it take me, until the purpose of God, of our life, is finished. So, we gather from there, consolation.

60-0417S - I KNOW

IT TAKES A CRUSHING OF A LIFE

It taken a Gethsemane, of drops of Blood breaking through His skin, before that. And it taken a cruel agony of Calvary, before there could come the proof of an Eternal God Who could raise the dead up. It taken a—it taken a Gethsemane and a Calvary, to make an Easter. It certainly did.

How those apostles, upon that morning, when they were so discouraged, until Peter said, "I am so discouraged, I believe I'll just go back a fishing

again. I'll go back down. I, I've seen Him." They had great hopes, and believed and everything, until it come that great darkening place. What was God doing? He was bringing those apostles to an ash heap. He was bringing them to a place to where they would they would have their faith confirmed to them.

And Peter said, "I—I have seen Him do great miracles down along Galilee. But, oh, He lays yonder, dead, and cold, in the tomb! I believe I'll just go down to the sea this morning and cast in a net, and just go fishing. Maybe I can look out across the sea yonder, and I'll find out. I remember seeing Him when He waited for us at the bank. I believe I'll just go down."

And the apostles said, "You know what? I believe I'll just go with you." Oh, they were blue. They had cried until their eyes were swollen.

How we know to go through those places! How we know! We're all acquainted with those things.

I remember when I laid a precious one yonder in the grave, up on top the hill yonder, called the Eastern, or the Walnut Ridge Cemetery. How I laid a little baby in there! And I would cry on mother's arm, till, I cried till I couldn't cry no more. I had done everything that I knowed. Till, I took a gun, to try to commit suicide, I was in such a time. And it was at that hour, in that little room up there, on my knees, that the Heavens opened back, and I saw her standing there in the splendor of immortality. It was in that hour that I felt her arms come around my shoulders, said, "Bill, you don't understand. We are so much better off than you."

See, it takes a crucifixion. It takes a crushing of the flower, to bring perfume from it. It takes a crushing of a life, to get the best out of it that there is. That's the reason Jesus had to be crushed, to bring forth what He was. He could not stand before the crucifixion, say, "All power in Heavens and earth is given unto My hand." But after the crucifixion, He could stand and say, "All powers in Heavens and earth is given unto My hand!" But what did it do? It taken crucifixion first.

It taken the crushing and the disappointing of the apostles. They had seen their Saviour, the One they had loved, and seen Him even raise up the dead from the—from the grave. They had seen Him do that. And then think, "There He lays, cold, in the grave, Himself, this morning." It taken the...

Those people who had seen Him open the eyes of the blind, seen Him stand there and perceive the very thoughts that was in the people's hearts, "How did He know," they'd say, "that them were coming after Him? How did He know? Why didn't He know Judas, Judas would—would betray Him? Why didn't He know the soldiers were coming up the mountains there, with staves and swords and everything, to get Him, if He could perceive their thoughts?"

See, the devil was working on them, putting them on an ash heap, for they wanted to give them a testimony of "I know." (Not "I guess" or "perhaps it's so.") "I know! I know!"

And remember, those trials are brought upon you the same way, so that you'll not say, "Well, maybe This is right, maybe the Scripture is true, maybe Divine healing is right, maybe the Holy Ghost is right." But when you get that experience and come off that ash heap, and you get the

revelation of God, by the baptism of the Holy Ghost, you can scream, “I know my Redeemer liveth, because He lives in me!”

60-0417S – I KNOW

IT SHOWS IT’S WAITING FOR US

And the very thoughts that we have to die here, that we’re troubled and perplexed, and we long for a Life that has no death, it shows it’s waiting for us.

57-1006 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS #3

IN THE FACE OF DEATH

How high have you jumped? How much have you trusted? If you’re God’s eagle, you’re ready to take Him at His Word. You’re ready to trust in Him in the face of death or anything else. You’re there to trust Him.

58-0316A – AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST AND FLUTTERETH OVER HER YOUNG

“MY WEAKNESS OF FAITH?”

This little mother standing there, she’d... Her baby died over in Germany. Her husband’s a chaplain. And they called up long distance about five times through a day and night to ask me to come, said they knowed that God would raise that little baby up. I said, “Let me go, pray,” and I went and prayed, prayed that afternoon, that night. And I’ll show you whether the doctors believe or not. When she’d already give the doctor my book to read, on... I believe, called, “Prophet Visits Africa,” something like that. And when...

She said, "God will raise the baby up." The little mother said, "God will raise the baby up." And the baby had been dead before they knowed it, about four or five hours. And so they got the father word down to the base where he was. And the baby had been dead, died in the night.

And so the doctor said, "All right. Tell you what I'll do." Said, "I'll slip over and turn the oxygen back on." And he let that baby lay there for two days with the oxygen turned on it, waiting. And I was over here praying.

They was going to fly me across with a jet. I could leave here with an Army jet and be back the same day, to Germany. And one morning about daylight I got up, and the wife went out of the room, and... She went out of the room. I'd just wakened up, and I, laying there a little bit. Directly I heard Something coming into the room, and I looked. There was Something moving in the room. And I jumped up, and I said, "Lord, what would You have Your servant know."

Said, "Do not rebuke that. That's the hand of the Lord." See?

So I got her on the phone. I said, "No. God has called your baby." And so when she come over to see us, the night... Left her at the house when I left yesterday.

She said, "What was it, Brother Branham? My—my weakness of faith?"

I said, "You have great faith. You prayed for your baby. You and your husband held on to it, "God, raise that baby." And He refused to do it because He knows what's best. And still you love Him. That's real faith. Anybody, when mountains are moving and things can have faith. But let it

go backwards one time, and see how it works. That's when you prove whether you got faith or not.

Every son that cometh to God must be chastened and tried of God. So remember, our trials works patience, and patience works hope, and so forth. So we just hold on to God. Whether He blesses us or not, we are right there to believe Him anyhow, 'cause He's promised it.

61-0117 - THE MESSIAH

SOMEDAY THE DAY'S GOING TO BREAK

But when you're borned again, then the Light of God shines down into that soul (hallelujah) then it's no more a dark valley, but it's a valley with a shadow in it. You may be veiled here with the flesh, and the things over our face, but there's enough Light in there. And someday that Light and darkness has to separate! And when the light shines, darkness flees. And when we go to be with Christ in that body, darkness and death vanishes, and we burst out into perfect Light. Glory to God! There we are; no more sickness, no more dark mixed with it.

Right now we have both sickness and joy, and have health and strength, and we have ins and outs, and ups and downs, and joy and sorrow, so forth. Well, it's just a shadow. We got enough light to know that there's Light there; and we're still in the body, in flesh. But someday the Day's going to break. That's when the death angel sets at the foot of the bed, that's when the doctor says it's all finished; and this natural comes away from the supernatural, and the light springs back to Light, and darkness goes back to darkness. Then this mortal puts on immortality. That's when this corruption puts on incorruption. That's when this mortal puts on

immortality, and we become from a creature of time to a creature of Eternity.

57-1006 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON HEBREWS #3

NO MATTER WHAT TAKES PLACE

No matter what takes place, Christ is our Refuge. And when we come to Him, we can let off the pressure. You can quit worrying about, "Well, if I die, what's going to happen to me? What's going to happen to the wife? What's going to happen to the husband? What's going to happen to the children?" Just come to Christ, and let off the pressure. All, He give us all things. All things are ours, by Christ, so just let the pressure off, the only one way you can do it.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

HERE WE HAVE NO CONTINUING CITY

Every one of you here can remember the old place where Mother used to stand under the tree, perhaps, on an old cedar washtub with a washboard, and you was a little girl or boy, playing around. Many time. You remember that? The many heartaches, and sorrows that's went through, how you pulled on to her, an old spotted apron; like to see her again today, but that can't be now. No, she's gone on. Like to see old Dad, when I used to see him come from the field with that red handkerchief sticking in his pocket. See him get up of a morning, on a cold morning, go back and make a fire in a big old drum stove. I used to hear him sing. Oh, where is my boy tonight? My heart overflows For I love him, he knows, Oh, where is my boy tonight? I've seen him stand by the little old wash bench with his sleeves rolled up, and washing his face and hands; and he had real black wavy hair. He'd

look around. Oh, how I would like to see him once more. But I can't, he's gone on. "Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

52-0720A - LIFE STORY

WHEN TRIALS GET HARD

So now, I just think about that sometime when trials get hard. And I hit snags in life like everybody, some hard trials we have to pull hard to get through it. But when I'm up against it, I just think of this. Well, what difference does it make? The Bible said, "All things work together for good to them that love Him." Is that right? So maybe it's for my good. So I just go right ahead and take it anyhow. And if I—if it... There's nothing can bother you. Even death itself can't bother you. When death comes though, I'll... The old apostle when they was building a scaffold out there to cut his head off on, why, he said, "Death, where is thy sting? Grave, where is thy victory?" No sting to death no... "Why, where—where is your victory, grave?"

53-1115A - SPEAK TO THE ROCK

LET ME SEE THE ROCK STANDING THERE

It was Moses who stood there, as an old man, knowing that in every way he was a type of Christ, knowing somehow, some way, God surely would take him, 'cause He had to bring him up again, as a type of Christ. He was born as a prophet, as Christ. And not only a prophet, but leader, and so forth. He was hid away in the bulrushes, and so was Christ taken into Egypt. He was a law-giver, as Christ was to the mount of Olive, who lived from Sinai. Every way, he was a type of Christ.

And when he was old, and death staring him in the face, how would he ever bring forth the resurrection? But just as the crucial moment came, God provided a way. When the breath was leaving, and gurgling in his neck, he looked, laying by his side, and there stood the Rock. God provided a Rock. The Rock was Christ Jesus who was in the wilderness. Moses endured to the Rock.

God, give me grace to endure to the same thing. And when my life's breath is being drawn from this body, let me see the Rock standing there.

56-0304 - MAKING A WAY

A GERM OF IMMORTAL LIFE

How thankful I am when I walk over to the grave of my loved one laying there, knowing this: that that is like a corn of wheat that fell into the earth, that in there lays a germ of immortal life, that it, too, shall come, just when the Son comes.

52-0720A - LIFE STORY

HE'LL PULL ME INTO HIS PRESENCE SOMEDAY

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I'll fear no evil, for You are my Absolute. I'll go down through there, and You'll pull me out. I go into the deep waters of my ship, You'll...You're my anchor. Amen. You're behind the veil there. You're the One Who will steer me through the storm. You're the One will be There, my anchor in Glory, when I come down to the shadows of the valley, the shadows of death." When I come down to the Jordan, when I have to cross over, He is my Absolute. I'm tied to the resurrected One on the other side, He will pull me

through the dangerous waters. "I'll fear no evil, for Thou art with me." Amen. Let the storms rage, life, death, whatever there is; nothing will separate. I'm tied to that Post.

That Post holds. It holds within the veil. It anchored. It anchored against God yonder. It anchored against my heart. The Holy Spirit is what stirs me to that promise. "I AM," not "I will be, I was, I someday will be." "I am the Resurrection and Life," saith God. "He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die."

Let death do whatever it wants to, it'll never bother me. Because, I am persuaded, I am persuaded that even in sickness that might take me, or in a bullet from a gun, someday might take me. I don't know what it'll be. What difference does it make to me? "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Oh, my! Because, I'm determined I know Him sitting yonder across the river of death, where He'll pull me into His Presence someday.

63-1201M - AN ABSOLUTE

IF HE TAKES HIS LIFE, HE STANDS THERE JUST THE SAME

He's going to give you trial to see what you are. Every son that cometh to God must be tried and chastened. That's it. If you cannot stand chastisement, you become illegitimate children, and not the children of God. When a man comes up, I don't care, he might shout, he might speak with tongues, he might prophesy, might do whatever he will, and if he comes into that trial and backs up, he's not a son of God. No, sir. If it takes his life, he stands there just the same, because he knows Who he has believed and persuaded He's able to keep that which is committed to Him

against the day. Amen.

60-0804 – AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH UP HER NEST

GRAVES WILL OPEN

And when a man or woman is dressed in the full armor of God, it ain't power. It's authority from on High, when he says. Devils will scream and brakes will squeak. Even death itself will shudder, and graves will open, at the authority that Jesus Christ gave His Church.

62-0119 – AN ENSIGN

HE'LL STILL CARE FOR YOU

Just think when the sun's shining, He cares; when the shadows fall, He cares. What about the shadow of...the valley of the shadow of death? He'll still care for you.

61-0903 – LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

JOY SPRINGS UP FROM THE TEAR DROPS

Rest her precious soul, Lord. She was our sister. Grief, tear drops fall in our heart, for her absence, but joy springs up from the tear drops, let us know with assurance of Thy Word that she lives on in an immortal life that can never die. And there never be an accident where she is at now, only waiting for those who come afterwards to join with her.

Bless Brother Coats, and bless them girls and her family, Lord, and those loved ones, and all who love her. And someday, Father, we trust to meet her up there in that great Beyond, where there is no sickness, sorrow, or death. Until that time, keep us all healthy and well, serving You, and looking

forward for that day. In Jesus Christ's Name we ask it. Amen.

63-1229M - THERE IS A MAN HERE THAT CAN TURN ON THE LIGHT

WITH SUCH GRIEF AND BROKEN HEART

If that person, or persons, are in here, that desires that, or want to accept it upon the basis of your faith in the shed Blood that God had to shed for you, suffered beyond anything that any other mortal. There couldn't have been a mortal being suffer like that. Till, His Own grief separated His water from His Blood, in His veins. Before He went to Calvary, drops of Blood was coming from His body, with such grief and broken heart that what He had to do. But, could have refused it, too. But, willingly did it for you and I. Can you reject such matchless love?

63-0322 - THE FIFTH SEAL

God Leads Us Along

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet,
God leads His dear children along;
Where the waters cool flow bathes the weary ones feet,
God leads His dear children along.

Some through the waters, some through the flood,
Some through the fire, but all through the blood;
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song,
In the night season and all the day long.

Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright,
God leads His dear children along;
Sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night,
God leads His dear children along.

Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose,
God leads His dear children along;
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes,
God leads His dear children along.

Away from the mire, and away from the clay,
God leads His dear children along;
Away up in glory, eternity's day,
God leads His dear children along.

George A. Young

During the
Trial



1. Remember:

God Sees,
God Cares,
& He is With You



Isaiah 43:1-2

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

Zechariah 2:8

...for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

Matthew 10:29-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU

Oh, He will bear thee up any time. Brother, don't you never worry, He will watch you. He knows all about you; He loves you. You're His child. Don't be scared to trust Him.

58-0316A - AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST AND FLUTTERETH OVER HER YOUNG

DON'T BE SCARED, THERE'S SOMEBODY WATCHING

Our ships may be filled up with sickness, distress, pains, and aches, sufferings, and nervous, and flusterations. We may be tore to pieces, but there's Somebody that's a watching over us.

He climbed the—so high till He went all the way into heaven, and the Bible said, "He is so high, till He has to look down to see the heavens. Heaven is His throne and the earth is His footstool." There when He climbed so high into power and glory until He sets on the Father's throne, and looks down, and there's not even a sparrow can fall to the street without Him knowing it. He knows how sick you are. He knows your doubts and your flusterations. We're in a terrible storm, but don't be scared, there's Somebody watching.

Which one? The One that broke the bread, the One that knowed Peter and called him by his name, the One that told the woman of her sins, the One that touched the hem... A woman touching the hem of His garment, and He turned her—and told her her blood issue had stopped. The One who perceived the thoughts of the mind, He hasn't laid down in a grave so He can't see you; but He's climbed into glory, and He can see even the sparrow that falls in the street.

60-0305 - BE NOT AFRAID, IT IS I

"I KNOW YOUR TRIBULATION..."

Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. But does He hold back the persecution? Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says, "I KNOW your tribulation — I am not at all unmindful of your suffering."

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES - 4 - THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

THE SHEPHERD'S WATCHING OVER HIS SHEEP

The only thing you have to do is to accept God's provided way and stand in it, no matter what takes place. Don't move; rest. The Shepherd's watching over His sheep. He knows even a sparrow. How much more does He know about you?

56-0212 - FELLOWSHIP

HE KNOWS RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE

So, there come up a great storm. The devil begin to snort his breath, and the storm came up. And the little ship begin to bounce up-and-down, like

this. The sails broke. The oars broke. The ship filled with water. And it was the darkest time. No doubt they were holding one another around the waist, and crying. They thought, “Oh, where has He gone? What has happened to Him? Why didn’t we wait and take Him with us? Why didn’t we have Him in the boat?”

And many times, you might think the same thing. My friend, you might have went off without Him, but, remember, He is still watching you. He knows right where you are. They may be trouble in your home. There may be trouble in your soul. There may be trouble in your body. Whatever it is, don’t you worry. He has got His eyes on you. He is watching you.

57-0407E - THEN JESUS CAME

NEVER WILL I FORGET YOU

And if you can’t forget your baby, no matter what, then how much more can God not forget you? He said, “Your names are engraved on the palms of My hand. A mother may forget her suckling babe, but never will I forget you.” No matter what you’ve done, how far back you’ve gone, how much you’ve got into, God still loves you. God loves you. Keep that love moving on. Don’t let it fail.

56-0826 - DIVINE LOVE

THAT WAS CHRIST

How many times has He set in the seat with you! How many times has He stood with you in the hours of your trials and troubles, and you didn’t recognize it! How many times He was at the wheel when you almost was killed in that accident, or just dodged that accident or something, and you

didn't recognize it was Him! How that He was with you when the barrel was empty, and the cruse was dry, and there was nothing for the babies; how that man come and set them groceries down at the door, whatever it was! That was Christ. He is alive today. He is not dead, but He lives.

53-0405S - GO, TELL MY DISCIPLES

EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY

Oh, what a Shepherd He is. He had—gives an account for every sheep every hour of the day. No matter where you're at, He knows where you're at. He knows all about you.

56-0403 - SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD

HE'LL BEAR YOU AWAY

God in His nature, watch Him in His universe. Just in a moment, how He can take us, no matter how hard the trial is, just hold on to His wings, and He'll bear you away. Watch God in His birds, and how He cares for it.

50-0819 - SHOW US THE FATHER AND IT SUFFICES

HE'S WATCHING YOU

Brother, His eye's on the sparrow, I know He watches me. He's watching you.

51-0415E - THE HOUR IS COME

GOD'S WATCHING OVER HIS HERITAGE

Jesus died that He might save us. And He's climbed the ramparts of glory and sets at the right hand of the Majesty of God watching over His heritage, His brood, as the poet said, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know

He watches me.” That’s not one thing can happen to you but what He knows about it.

And I thought, “How unconcerned those little fellows are of danger.” They just got their little wing feathers, and they couldn’t fly. But they were tumbling over each other, and pulling the grass, and just having a regular Pentecostal revival, carefree, because they knew that mother was watching over them. And how carefree ought the children of God to be when they know that God’s watching over His heritage.

58-0228 - THY LOVING KINDNESS

THERE IS SOMEBODY WATCHING OVER

That’s the way it goes. We get in a whirlpool, sometime, this little bark. Don’t worry. There is Somebody watching over. “The Angels of God are encamped about those who fear Him.” Got ten thousand of them on the marching list now.

56-0513 - TEACHING ON MOSES

CHRIST HAD NOT LEFT THEM

And Satan catches you off guard. That’s where he wants you. off guard. And then he begin to blow his poison breath out upon the seas and it—it turned the seas into a spasm, the breath of Satan, “I will sink them.” And the sea was so upset by the poison of his breath, until the little boat begin to churn back and forth. And look like that all hopes were gone. They were ready to give up and to go to the—their destination. But Christ had not left them, though they had left Him. You know, it pays us to take Him everywhere we go. But the good part of it is, even if we don’t, He’s still

watching us. He climbed up the highest hill He could find, so He could see all the way across the ocean, or the little sea. For He wanted to keep His eyes on them, whether if any trouble comes, that He might be a present help in the time of trouble. For that's His Word to do that. "The Lord is a present Help in the time of trouble." And regardless of what we do, He keeps His promise. And He was watching them. He seen them toiling at the oars, the wind contrary. But His eyes was watching them.

59-1120 - A PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM HIM

So as they turned down the road, walking along, disheartened... Oh, some women had been up to the grave, and they said He wasn't there. But they didn't believe that, so they just went on down the road so discouraged. And if you notice, it's when you are discouraged that's when the devil can really pour it on you. That's when He gets you. If you come to the church and say, "Well, I don't know. I don't know whether I'll ever get any better or not. I've been prayed for twice." Oh, my. You might as well go home; that's all. But when you can cast that aside... God don't want you to be frowning. God wants you to be happy. The human heart was made to be happy. Worry will cause cancer. Temper will cause cancer. Don't never be upset. Just walk in His love. Amen. Knowing that you're walking in Him, and nothing can harm you. There's nothing can harm you. There's neither powers, things present, things future, nothing can separate us from Him. We're in Him. And we never come in by our own will. He, by choice, elected us and brought us in to Him. Amen. So it's His business to take care of what He's took Himself. "No man can pluck them from My Father's hands, 'cause He's the greatest of all of them." Amen. It's the Father Who

takes care of it. Who's got any more power than God? So what kind of a power have you got over you to take care of you? The whole powers that created the universes. Amen. That took the solar system and, "Phew!" blew like that, and every star went to its place. Sure. And He watches over you. Amen. That's the kind of a Father we have.

56-0405 - THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

THERE IS SOMEBODY LOOKING AT THEM, ALL THE TIME

You know, there's a lot of trials goes on down here. But there is Somebody looking at them, all the time. "They loved not their life unto death."

56-0610 - PERFECTION

HE LOVES YOU JUST THE SAME AS HE LOVED ELIJAH

And the poor little fellow, skinny, laying there and his gray hair hanging over his shoulders... God said, "My servant needs some rest." God's mercy to his servant, He just laid him down on the bunch of weeds and he went to sleep. I'd imagine there was ten thousand Angels watching him sleep. There's one assurance the believer has, though the world turned him down, yet God loves him. The world may call you holy-roller; they may call you fanatic; but if you're true to God there's one sure thing: God loves you, and His Angels are encamped about those who fear Him.

I'd imagine on every limb, all around through the place, was swarms of Angels. And God came down, and He said, "My poor little tired servant. He's so nervous and tore up, he don't know what to do. I want to pick out the Angel standing here that's got the softest hands. Don't you scare him; walk over and stroke his brow right easy. And I want the best cook among

you, and go up there, and get all the vitamins that you can find, and put in this corn meal. The world's turned him down, but I'm going to treat him right." Hallelujah. That means "praise our God." Don't get scared of that. "Bring forth the best that we got; cook him a corn cake and set him down some water." And this soft-handed Angel went over and stroked the little servant of God on the brow. Remember, if you've done your best, God's still got those Angels in order. He loves you just the same as He loved Elijah. 59-0412E - WHAT HEAREST THOU, ELIJAH?

GOD HAS STILL GOT HIS EYE ON YOU

You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I went off without Him, too. I had an opportunity, one time, to speak. I had an opportunity, one time, to—to be a Christian. I had an opportunity. The preacher made the call, and I ought to have went. I tried it once, but I failed. I did this, that." No matter what you've done, He has still got His eye on you.

Those disciples went off without Him. And the darkest hour, when that devil got them away from there, away from His Presence, he begin to storm on them.

Maybe that's what he's doing to you tonight. He might give you cancer. He might give you this. He might give you that. He might give you a broken home. He might give you a tore up heart. He might give you worries. He might give you a headache. I don't know what he'll do. But there's one thing I do know, that God has still got His eye on you. This may be your darkest hour. I don't know; God does. But just in that darkest hour, when they were just about ready to go down, then Jesus come walking off, from the water, just all undisturbed. The big waves just flattened out in front of

Him, as He walked along.

57-0407E - THEN JESUS CAME

HE SEES EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE

You cannot be too little. He sees every move you make. He knows all that's in you. He... Not even the sparrow could fall to the street without Him knowing it. Not a little flower could come up, a little crocus, unless He knows about it. So how much more are you than the flower? And if you are laying here sick or afflicted, do you not know that the King of kings is watching you? Do you not know that He's interested in your healing and in your welfare? You may be ever so sinful, but did you know He is interested in you becoming His subject? You say, "But I'm just an insignificant person." But you're not in the sight of God. God wants you. He loves you. And God so loved you, that when His love was projected, sovereign grace taken its place and sent a Saviour to redeem you back to Himself. And in this Saviour He was wounded for our transgressions, because God loved you. And God saw the afflictions of His people, and with His stripes you were healed, God's grace making a way, for His love required it.

57-0126E - WHEN DIVINE LOVE IS PROJECTED, SOVEREIGN GRACE TAKES ITS PLACE

HE WALKS WITH YOU

He walks with you daily. He walks with every believer. "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." No matter what comes or goes, Christ still lives and reigns today in the human heart.

53-0405S - GO, TELL MY DISCIPLES

HE NEVER LEAVES, NOR FORSAKES

Down through the lanes as we go, deep shadows fall; but He cares, He never leaves, nor forsakes.

61-0903 - LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN

HE KNOWS EVERY THOUGHT THAT'S IN YOUR MIND

But, being infinite, then He knows all things. Knowing every time a gnat bats its eye. Know every bumblebee, where he goes into the comb to get his honey. He knows every sparrow that sets in the tree. He knows every thought that's in your mind, because He is infinite and omniscient. That is, He not only is He infinite, He's omniscient, He knows everything.

60-0522M - ADOPTION #3

"I'LL NOT LEAVE THEE..."

Heavenly Father, down through the valleys we walk, knowing that You've promised, "I'll not leave thee, neither will I forsake thee. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, all other things will be added unto you."

61-1001M - IT BECOMETH US TO FULFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS

BUT NEVER ALONE, HE'S ALWAYS THERE

A man who ever amounts to anything is a man that stands alone, him and God alone; that's the man. There's... "On the Jericho Road there's room for just two, no more nor no less, just Jesus and you," that's all. And so that's the way we have to walk this narrow way. Every man that ever did anything for God walked the same road. That's right. Criticized, forsaken, cast out, through all ages, all times, they've had to suffer the same thing. So

we are just like they are, same thing. We have to stand it alone. But never alone, He's always there.

61-0316 - THE CHURCH CHOOSING LAW FOR GRACE

"I'LL BE WITH YOU...TO THE END TIME"

Hebrews 13:8 says, "He's the same yesterday, today, and forever." And He said again, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end, the evening time." Preached on last night. "At the evening time, I'll still be there." Again, "I will never leave you. No matter what the boat is doing, how much rocking and rolling they're doing, or anything else, I'll be with you, be with you to the end time, never leave you."

63-0117 - AWAKENING JESUS

JUST KNOW THAT DADDY'S WATCHING OVER US

Now, Heavenly Father, we realize that we're just like children also. And—and You love to be with us, and worship with us. And as we worship You, and You love us, and hold us in Your arms, and send down Your Holy Spirit, and make us to know that You're living and You're our Father, we thank You so much. Now, let the Holy Spirit come to us tonight. Love each heart, Lord. Give us a fresh blessing. Pour out the dew drops of mercy upon us, Father. Do not look at our sins. They're too many. Lord, just forgive them. Omit them, Father, and just take us into Thy arms, and—and heal our sickness, and—and cleanse our souls, and set our spirits free, Lord, that we can worship and praise Thee, be like little children running around the house, just know that Daddy's watching over us. Grant it, Lord.

60-0402 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

2. Sing, Worship, & Praise God



1 Thessalonians 5:18a

In every thing give thanks

Psalms 43:5

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

Job 1:20

Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

Acts 16:22-26

And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having

received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

Ephesians 5:19-20

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

HE KNOWS THE SUN IS SHINING SOMEWHERE

But what makes that nightingale sing? So I got me a book and begin to read up on the nightingale. I come to find out that, the nightingale, what makes him sing, that he watches the skies. And every time that he can look to see the clouds begin to move back, and see one star, one ray of light, he begins to scream and sing to the top of his voice. Why? Because he knows the sun is a shining somewhere. He is speaking back to the earth that the sun is a shining somewhere. And, brother, sister, as long as down in my heart, through the black clouds of torment, and trials and troubles, if I can feel the Holy Spirit press through once in a while, and give me a blessing, I know the Power of God still lives and reigns somewhere. That's right.

53-0405S - GO, TELL MY DISCIPLES

“LORD, I LOVE YOU”

Every one, we just have to be tried; God’s whip laid on us, seem like being innocent. God is doing that to prove that we are sons. “Those who cannot stand chastisement is illegitimate children,” or not true sons of God. But that man or woman who can stand and take their whipping, and everything going wrong, still look up and say, “Lord, I love You,” that’s the one. That’s, “He—he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.” Now, I love that, don’t you?

54-1003E - JUBILEE YEAR

SINGING GIVES COURAGE

You know, singing gives courage. You know that, don’t you? The soldiers, when they’re going to battle, you know what they do? They play music and sing, and things to give them courage. And when we’re going to battle, we sing, and—and it gives us courage to go on.

65-1031A - LEADERSHIP

BY THE PEOPLE SHOUTING AND GIVING A PRAISE TO GOD...

“...The very stone that I’m setting on, the power of God shook it off of the wall there. By the people shouting and giving a praise to God, the walls of Jericho fell down flat, one on top of the other one.”

60-0713 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

IT OUGHT TO MAKE US CRY AND SHOUT, AND PRAISE GOD

Anyone knows that a shepherd herds sheep, lays right down in the door with the sheep, lays right down among them. Jesus said, “I am the door to the sheepfold.” I often wondered how that was, till I was in the Holy

Lands...or the Orients, rather. And found out that how the shepherd puts the sheep on the inside, then lays down, the door. The sheep can't get out without crossing over him. The wolf can't come in without crossing over him. He is the door.

I'm glad that Jesus laid down in the door of our heart. We can't go out, or do anything, without Him knowing it, or nothing can come in without Him knowing it. So He'll make everything work together for good to them that love Him. It ought to make us cry and shout, and praise God, and say, "Thank God for a Saviour, a—a—a Shepherd that will lay at the door of our heart, and warn us when anything is coming up, be ready for it."

60-1225 - GOD'S WRAPPED GIFT

GO TO SINGING HYMNS

You go to singing hymns; you start reading the Bible; and that Stranger will appear to you too. Meditate on His Word.

58-0112A - HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

IT'LL DO THE SAME THING TONIGHT

The minstrel begin to play and the spirit come on the prophet. See? If music helped bring the Spirit on a prophet, then it'll do the same thing tonight.

53-0609E - MAKE THE VALLEY FULL OF DITCHES

HE CAST THEM OUT BY MUSIC

Said, "Jesse's got a son back out there, he..." Yeah, he's a Divine healer. Sure he was. He healed by music. Amen. That's what he did. He had a gift

of casting out evil spirits. The Holy Ghost hadn't come in those days, so he cast them out by music, playing the words of the Lord. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters." And it disturbed the evil spirits so much that they left Saul.

Shame on you people don't believe in string music. No wonder, evil spirits never like it. They have to get away. David cast out devils by playing on his string instrument. That's what the Scripture says. That's right. And when David would begin to play, the evil spirit would leave Saul.

55-0118 - THIS GREAT WARRIOR, DAVID

WE THANK THEE FOR THESE EXPERIENCES, LORD

In these weakening conditions and afflictions, and things of the world that's put upon us sometime, to perfect us; we've been told that. Then He said, "Think it not strange that these trials come." They're only working out for our good and to perfect us, and bring us into that place. These great deserts of experience, where righteous men are molded into saints, we—we thank Thee for these experiences, Lord. We would no mean, no wise want to do anything contrary to Your will. But we pray, Father, that in this we'll be brought closer to You.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

LOOK UP AND GRIN

So what we worried about? What we stewing about? Why we go along, great big long face? Let's look up and grin. Look up, and not only grin, but laugh, not only laugh, but raise up holy hands everywhere, giving praise

and glory to God, for His promises is yea and amen, not yes and no, not yes and no, but yes. There's no no in it. Yes .

56-0404 - THE INFALLIBILITY OF GOD'S SPOKEN WORD

SING ALL DAY LONG AND PRAISE GOD

Now, don't fear, young lady. Look. Will you do as I tell you, now? You feel all right at this time (See?), because it's gone. When you come up here, there was a dark shadow around you. It's gone now. It scared you. You can't help it; it comes to you. But look, now the unclean spirit's gone from you. He walks in dry places. He will try to return again, but you just take my word, as God's prophet; don't you never have a frown on your face. Sing all day long and praise God, no matter how you feel, or what takes place. It'll leave you and won't come no more. Now, go do that. You believe with all your heart.

56-0406 - THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD

GOD HEALS BY MUSIC

There's nothing like music. You know, God heals by music. Did you know that? Uh-huh. God heals by music. God heals by love. See? God heals by medicine. God heals by prayer. God has many ways of healing. Depends on what type that you need.

63-0428 - LOOK

WHEN YOU FEEL ALL DOWN

Sometime when you feel all down, and, as we call it, a street expression, down in the dumps, see, just put on one of those tapes, that music or a record, and go to playing it. The first thing you know, you're patting your

foot, or your hand, and it's all over then. You're right up and ready to go again.

63-0428 - LOOK

WE...SHOULD BE THANKFUL

Now, if God did not spare His Own Son from the cruel testing, then He will not spare you or I from the cruel testing. And Jesus was here confronting the greatest test that He had ever had, Gethsemane laid just before Him, where that once and final all-sufficient test must come, [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] when the burdens of the entire world laid upon His blessed shoulder. There was no one in all Heavens or earth could ever stand it but Him. And to know that all of the sins, of past sins, and present sins, and future sins, rested upon this decision. And it was one of the most greatest victories that Christ ever won, or proved His great Messiahship, as when He said to God, "Not My will; Thine be done." That was the greatest victory He had ever won. All the demons of torment was around to tempt Him and try Him.

And when we get right with God, when our hearts become pure, and the Holy Spirit has taken Its place in our heart, it's the most glorious thing to have testing. The Bible tells us that, "Our testings and trials are more precious to us than silver and gold of this world." So, we are, should be thankful.

57-0418 THE COMMUNION

3. Pray



Psalm 102:17

He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer.

James 5:13a

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.

James 5: 16b

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Luke 18:7

And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” Oh, if you only knew that, in your hand, Christ gave us the authority, with His Name, by being Christians, the most powerful weapon the world has ever known. Prayer, it even changes everything. It’ll change the mind of God. It did do it. After death was pronounced to a man, he prayed; God told the prophet, “Go back and tell him I heard him.” See there, prayer, hold on!

52-0224 - BELIEVING GOD

ALL THE CROSSES BECOME FLYING WINGS

Shut off from the things of the world, for, to commune with Him is a pleasure. It’s beautiful. It’s something that fills and satisfies the soul, something that gives you peace that passes all understanding. All the crosses become flying wings. All the burdens are chariot wheels. Oh, you can fly away. “My burdens are light.” Yoke up with Him, the yoke is all padded with Hallelujahs. When you’re once inside the veil with Him, He becomes your life.

55-1110 - A HIDDEN LIFE IN CHRIST

BEAT IN PRAYER

And this certain kind of an eagle, when he begins to get old, he gets weary, like all of us old people, and he gets a crust over his head. And he gets so weary he don’t know what to do. And now, the Bible said that the eagle renews his youth. So I studied about this fellow. And when he gets old and weary, and that crust all over his head, he flies just as high as he can go till he finds a great high rock. He sets down by the side of this rock, and he sets there and beats his head on this rock. What’s he trying to do? Beat the crust off, all the crust. And the blood will fly out of his head. He goes

through all kinds of torture. But as long as he can feel some of the crust on him, he's got to get that off. So he beats it on the rock, just keeps beating till all the crust is off his head. And as soon as all of his crust is off his head, though he's bleeding, wounded, he just screams to the top of his voice. He lets off the pressure. Why? Because, as soon as all that crust is off, then he renews his youth. It's sure to come, so, as soon as all the crust is gone, he can start screaming, because he knows that he's got rid of all the crust. So his youth is sure to be renewed, so he can just let off the pressure and start screaming, because he's going back to a young eagle again. That's wonderful. I'm glad for the eagle. I'm glad for that bird.

But you know, I know a Rock where that we can go, and beat in prayer till all the crust of the world is beat away from us, till all the unbelief in God's Word is beat away, till we enter into a place where all things are possible. And as soon as we got all the world and unbelief in God's Word beat off of us, then we can scream and shout because Eternal Life is sure, just as certain as anything. Certainly, because all the world is beat off.

62-0609E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

JUST PRAY ON

"Oh, but, dear, when I pray so much, and still God don't hear me, and seems like it just gets worse all the time. The more I pray, the worse it gets." But, little boys and girls, does God hear prayer? He hears prayer. Does God answer prayer? Yeah. Does He answer real quick? Not all the time. Does He? No. Sometimes He makes us wait. Is that right? But, God answers prayer, doesn't He? And just because everything is going wrong, that's no sign we should quit praying. We just pray on, anyhow, don't we? That's

right. Now, you answered right. God answers prayer. Let's all say it together. "God answers prayer." Yes. No matter what the circumstances are, He answers, anyhow. All right.

56-0513 - TEACHING ON MOSES

MORE TIME PRAYING

God takes care of His Own. If we'd spend more time praying, there'd be more things done.

60-1126 - WHY?

IF HE CAN EVER GET YOU ALONE

But, there is never a place too—too little; there's never a church too small; there's never a person too rejected by the world; there's never a woman too fallen; there is never a man too drunk; but He'll come when He's ask. Certainly. Ask Him and find out. May I say this, leaving it for last. There is never a person who is too sick, never a person who is too far gone. "Ask, and you shall receive. Let Me come in, make My abode with you. I'd like to talk to you a few minutes." And they invited Him. He came in. And when once inside, and the doors of the world shut out, alone with Jesus...

There you are. If He can only get you to yourself once. If He can only get you away from the crowd, the pleasure-seeking crowd. If He can only get you away from the doubters that says, "The days of miracles is passed." If He could ever get you away from the people that says, "There is no more feeling of religion. The heart-felt religion that our fathers bled on the battlefield for, there's nothing to it." If He can ever get you alone, one time, and your...all your ideas shut outside. He could ever get a group of people together like that; there would be a repeat of Pentecost. He could ever get a

church like that, there would be a revival that would sweep the nation. Get alone with Him.

56-0401M - THE MIGHTY CONQUEROR

JUST YOU AND HE ARE TOGETHER

Go about your business; go to your church; go to your washing of dishes; wherever you are, keep your mind on Him all day and all night long. Then God will do something. You're drawing close to Him; you've got the world shut out; just you and He are together.

59-1126 - JEHOVAH OF MIRACLES

GO MEET JESUS

That was God's provided way, go meet Jesus. That's right, always. When you got sorrow in your home, go meet Jesus. Got sickness in your home, go meet Jesus. Got heartaches in your home, go meet Jesus. Hallelujah! If you got a need for anything, go meet Jesus. Go meet Him. He's got all the remedy, everything there; He ain't got the remedy, He's got the cure. Amen.

52-0900 - GOD'S WAY THAT'S BEEN MADE FOR US

START CRYING OUT TO GOD

Let the people fall on their face today and start crying out to God, and watch what happens. You'll see him show up in power. Yes, sir.

61-1112 - A TRUE SIGN THAT'S OVERLOOKED

LET EVERYTHING ELSE BE SECONDARY

Lay aside everything. Just get as close to God as you can. Walk with Him, talk with Him. Let everything else be secondary but your prayer life. Stay

right with Him all the time.

50-0814 - TESTIMONY

WHEN YOU FALL TO YOUR KNEES

What a power and a privilege has been given to the Church of the living God. When you fall to your knees in prayer even the devils tremble, to the weakest of them. Think of it.

55-0116E - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

THERE IS STILL A GOD THAT ANSWERS PRAYER

And Amram, perhaps one of the only ones of the nation, would climb up a little stairsteps, regardless of how tired he was. There, each night, he'd call on the God of Abraham, the One that he had learned that come to Abraham, and come to Job, and come to Isaac, and come to Jacob, in the hours of distress. And, surely, if He was God in their day, He would be God in that day. And if He was God in Moses' day, He is God today. He just needs to be called up out of history, and called on the scene of action. And I can see Amram, night after night, no matter how tired; that proved his faith in that God.

But, today, the people, if they don't get everything they ask for, the first time they pray, they seem to think that He's dead. What we need is men and women, today, of gallant spirit, men and women who are determined to hold on, till they see a God that really lives, come into action, that will not take no for an answer. They're determined to stay with it. If they are sick, and the doctor has said they can't get well, yet Something within them tells them they're going to be well. Hold on, no matter what takes place! Have you joined the churches of the denominational world, after you have

sapped all your strength from walking from place to place, and you still can't find relief? There is still a God that answers prayer and saves from sin.

And as we can see, Amram, on those weary nights, back bleeding, climbing up the steps again, until two and three o'clock in the morning, praying, and seem like he just talking to the wind. Down in his Jewish heart there burned a faith that no winds of doubt could ever blow out.

That's the kind of men and women we need to rise on the scene today. If He doesn't answer tonight, He will tomorrow night. If He doesn't answer this year, He will next year. For, He's a God; not a god, but the God.

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

IT'S THE MOTIVE OF OUR HEART

It's not how we pray, in our lips, it's the motive of our heart, is what God hears. He sometimes don't hear our lips; He hears our intention, what the motive of our heart.

57-0120M - THE IMPERSONATION OF CHRISTIANITY

HE HAS TO ACT THE SAME WAY

When Moses cried to God in a crisis, then the action that God taken to Moses, He's got to take the same action every time that same crisis arrives. Why, if He didn't, He done wrong when He did it back there. Then God's guilty (See?), so He has to act the same way when the same crisis... 'Cause if He acted that way, it was perfect, and He cannot act any other way but perfect each time.

56-0404 - THE INFALLIBILITY OF GOD'S SPOKEN WORD

CRY OUT DAY AND NIGHT

And he took the staff and took off. Now, I believe if the woman would've believed that that would have done the work, it would have done it. But her faith wasn't in the staff; it was in the prophet. So she said, "As the Lord, your God, lives and never dies, and your soul never dies, I'm not going to leave you. I'm going to stay right here." Oh, I like that. Hold on to it. When you take a hold of God for something, don't you turn loose. That's right. If you take Jesus for your Healer, don't you let no devil, nothing else ever back you out of it. Hold on. "I'll stay with it, stay right there. As the Lord, your God, lives and your soul never dies, I'll not leave you till I find out about the baby." Well, Elijah couldn't get rid of her. So that's the way you want to be with Jesus. You want to just get on His hands, just stay there, cry out day and night. And that's the way. Yes, sir. Don't you turn loose; don't you back up one bit. If you believe it, stay there. There's mercy in the Lord. Stay with it.

60-0713 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS PRAYER

God always answers prayer. Doesn't He? If we just hold on!

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

ASK ABUNDANCE

He wants to. He is willing to. He is waiting. "Well," you say, "I've asked Him so many things, I just hate to ask Him too much." Ask abundance, that your joys might be full!

Could you imagine a little fish, a half inch long, out in the middle of the Pacific, saying, "I better drink of this water sparingly, I might run out, someday"? Could you think of a little mouse about that big, in the great garners of Egypt, think, "I'll allowance myself to one grain a day, 'cause I might run out before the next harvest comes in"? Oh, my! Now divide that by a hundred billion, and that's how easy you can exhaust God's mercies and grace and power to you, if you'll just believe it, you can just leave yourself...Well, I'm sorry I...that's, you can't exhaust Him.

He is the inexhaustible fountain of Eternal Life, here tonight to make manifested any Divine promise of His Bible, to anybody that'll believe It. Amen. Yes, sir. The only thing you do is drink. Come to the fountain and drink. Drink until you're satisfied. You can't exhaust Him. No, sir. He is absolutely the inexhaustible, and you can just drink and drink and drink. You can drink your healing in. You can drink your salvation in. Just come and drink. "Let him that's thirsty come and drink." Amen. I—I—I—I know He is here, and I know He'll do the exceedingly, abundantly if we'll just let Him do it.

63-1201E - JUST ONCE MORE, LORD

CALL HIM ON THE SCENE

Let me more say today, my brother, sister, in this present day when crisis, and when cancer is eating the world up, and diseases of all kind; the same historical God that cleansed the leper, healed the sick, and raised the dead, is the same God today. He's waiting anxiously for His people to call Him on the scene of action.

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

BUT HE WILL BE RIGHT THERE

The way down is the way up for the believer, humble himself before God. Jesus met with men of all walks of life. He met in great circles. One time He was with thousands, five hundred at once, twelve at once, three at once, and even will come to one. That makes Him great, because not even one person can ever call on Him but what He will be right there at their side.

60-0806 - HEAR YE HIM

LET YOUR DESIRE BE HIS WILL

But He will give you the desire of his heart, of your heart. He promised that. You know that? He promised to give you the desire of your heart. And let your desire be the Word of God. Let your desire be His will, never your own will. His will! If He...You ask Him for something, He don't give it to you, say, "Thank You, Lord. You know what's good."

65-0418E - DOES GOD EVER CHANGE HIS MIND ABOUT HIS WORD?

ON HER KNEES AT HOME

And so, a good praying wife or mother, can do more for the Kingdom of God on her knees at home, than sometimes the preacher can do on the platform. That's right.

57-0727 - HE WAS TO PASS THAT WAY

A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN HIS 'YESSES'

It's, I love Him till I want His will to be done. Now, that's a big statement, but I hope you get it in the way, the spirit I said it in. See, I want to do His will. I ask Him for something some time, He shakes His head "no," I just rejoice so much about that as I can if He said "yes." Because, we always ought to ask, "Thy will be done." His noes is just as...if that's His will, that's

just...It's a whole lot better than His yesses, if it's His will to do it. That's when you really love Him. Amen.

65-0119 - THE GOD WHO IS RICH IN MERCY

WHEN THE WEAKEST OF SAINTS GOES TO THEIR KNEES

Well, the Scripture, I believe, some place says that the devils tremble when the weakest of saints goes to their knees. What a power and a privilege has been given to the Church of the living God. When you fall to your knees in prayer even the devils tremble, to the weakest of them. Think of it.

55-0116E - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

AND WHEN THE BURDENS ARE SO HEAVY

And when the burdens are so heavy we can't go no farther, then we raise our hands and scream to our Father. Then hear from Heaven, Lord.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

PRAYER IS WHAT CHANGES THINGS

Now, along this journey He's promised to supply everything that we have need of: "Whatsoever you will ask the Father in My Name, that will I do. Whatsoever things..." (Mark 11:24) "Whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe you receive it, you shall have it." Now, He gave us the strongest weapon that there is in all the world, and that's prayer. Prayer is what changes things. The Christian doesn't realize what a force he has when he kneels on his knees before Almighty God in the Name of Jesus Christ. He doesn't realize what—what power that is. If the people could only realize that the... that what is given right unto them, anything that you ask for will be given if you can appropriate the faith to believe it. For

God's Word is true.

53-0216 - MY ANGEL SHALL GO BEFORE THEE

PRAYER IS THE KEYNOTE

You see, when you go to praying for somebody, something goes to taking place. There is where we fail, friends, not praying. Prayer is the keynote. "Ask and you shall receive. You have not because you ask not; you ask not because you believe not. Ask abundance, that your joys may be full. Ask and believe that you receive what you've asked for." Then hold onto it. Don't leave it. If it's a promise in the Bible, and it's been revealed to you that God is going to give it to you, hold to it.

64-0620B - WHO IS JESUS?

PRAYING IN THE WILL OF GOD

Many times when someone speaks of a man like Elijah, they would expect him to be a great angel or of some sort or a sainted person that was dropped out of Heaven. But the Bible said that he—he was a man subject to like passions as we are. He has his ups and downs, his trials, his indifference, but he prayed earnestly that it wouldn't rain. And it didn't rain for three years and six months. And after three years and six months, he prayed again and the heavens gave rain. Now, he was a man just like we are, not an angel, not no more than what you or I. He had his differences and things, and his ups and downs in life, his life, like we do. But God answered his prayer because he prayed earnestly and sincerely. And before that kind of a prayer can be made for sick or for the end of drought or for anything that we have need of, there must be a perfect understanding that we're praying in the will of God. That's the reason he could close the

heavens that it didn't rain, because God had told him it was going to happen.

53-1018 - ELIJAH

ALONE TO HIMSELF

We used to sing a little song, "There's sometimes I like to be all alone with Christ, my Lord." Did you ever hear it? I can tell Him all my troubles all alone. And that's the way He wants to get you, alone to Himself.

55-0501E - THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS

JUST CONSTANTLY KNOCK

Like, you look in the Bible, it said, "Knock, it'll be opened; seek, find; ask, be given." Now, if you'll notice, it's "knocketh." Just constantly knock. Stay right there. Like the unjust judge, wouldn't answer the woman; he just kept knocking on her door. Say, "I'm on Your hand." Not seek, say, "Lord, I'd like to have this. Amen." That's not it. Stay right there until you get it. You know it's going to come. So, He promised it, so just stay right there till you hold onto it. See?

63-0324M - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE SEALS

YOU GOT TO DISTURB HIM

You got to disturb Him, till you can see Him come in. Can't our prayers disturb Him? Can't our prayers waken Him from His rest, bring Him on the scene? They did. They cried out, "Lord, we are perishing," and He moved in on the scene. Now we can do the same thing.

63-0117 - AWAKENING JESUS

BE ON HIS HANDS

Like the unjust judge and the widow. She constantly knocked on his door. She was persistent. If he turned her away today, tomorrow she was on his hands again.

That's the way you want to get God. Be on His hands, every morning, every night, every day, all the time, constantly. Just keep seeking, keep asking, keep knocking. Just don't knock a little while, and get tired and go away. Just keep standing there, "Lord, I'm here, and I'm not going to leave. I'm on Your hands now. I'm going to stay right here. You getting tired listening? I'm having a great time knocking, 'cause I know You're coming." Amen. That's when something happens. He has to get you off of His hand, see, so He comes out to answer you.

63-0113E - PERSEVERANCE

REMEMBER GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

If we have asked God anything, remember God answers prayer. He does it in His time, the way it's best, makes it work just right for us. And if that isn't so, then what are we doing here this morning? What—what are we claiming Christianity for? God...If this isn't the Word of God, then It isn't true, then we are found among people most miserable.

60-0522M - ADOPTION #3

RECEIVE IT THE WAY HE SENDS IT

That's the way he answers our prayer, in the way that He thinks is best. And His way is always right. If we ask for anything, and it doesn't happen just the way God—or the way we think that God ought to let it happen,

then that makes us lose and fall back. Let's ask God, stand firm on the Word, and say It's true, and it—just receive it the way He sends it. That's the way you got to believe God. It may come disguised; it may come in another way, around about way. But no matter what way it comes, if we have asked we shall receive. God said so. And that settles it forever, if God says so. Now, when you get to taking God like that and believing it...

Now, Moses, what if he'd said, "I prayed for God to make me a military man, and here He is in a burning bush?" Don't make any difference how God appeared to him, just so He appeared. That's all that matters here, as long as God comes and answers, as long as we recognize it to be God

60-0326 - THE UNCHANGEABLE GOD

4. Trust God's Promises & Speak the Word



Matthew 4:4a

But he answered and said, It is written...

Romans 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Isaiah 40:29

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Romans 8:35-39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or

sword? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Philippians 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 3:1

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

GOD IS ABLE TO KEEP HIS WORD

But God is able to keep His Word, and He will do it. It's just impossible for Him not to. That's why we love Him so, this morning. Rest upon that perfect assurance, "that God is able to keep that which we've committed to Him against the day."

55-0522 - THE ARK

GOD WILL MAKE A WAY

No matter what the trouble is, God will make a way. He's called in the Bible Jehovah-jireh. Jehovah-jireh means, "the Lord will provide." Amen. I'm so

glad tonight to know that He's still Jehovah-jireh. No matter what the circumstances is, God will make a way, make a way of escape.

The... Satan may pin you in a corner with a cancer, God will make a way of escape. Satan may pin you down under a car, God will make a way of escape. Satan may taken your family away from you, but God will make a way of escape. God has a way.

55-1005 - THE POWER OF THE DEVIL

WE REST ASSURED IN THIS GREAT PROMISE

So I think, today, and even there's many afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth him out of them all. And I'm glad that we rest assured in this great promise.

59-1004M - WHO IS THIS?

ALL THINGS ARE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Nothing happens by chance. Everything is ordained of God. No matter what happens, all things are going to work together for good.

62-0513E - LETTING OFF THE PRESSURE

ORDAINED OF GOD

I watch little things. Just every little thing has a meaning, to me. I don't believe that anything happens to a Christian by chance. I think it's ordained of God, 'cause Jesus said He would make all things work together for good to them that loved Him.

65-0125 - THIS DAY THIS SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED

YOU'LL FLOAT EVERY WAVE

That's every believer today, no matter how hard it must seem!...?...how hard life may seem, as long as you're in Christ Jesus, there is nothing present, nothing future, can't reach your soul, separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen. The devil will turn every gale in hell, loose, on you, but God has got an atonement standing between you. You'll float every wave. You'll go through every alligator bed.

55-0522 - THE ARK

HE'S TAKING CARE OF YOU

The reason it hurts you is because you get scared. Don't be scared. If you can get a perfect love of God in your heart, that knows that this is the truth, and God is your Father, and He's taking care of you, there is nothing can harm you. "I'll give them power, they'll tread on serpents, and so forth: and nothing, in no wise, shall harm them."

54-0829A - I WILL RESTORE, SAITH THE LORD

SPEAK THE WORD, AND THEN JUST WALK FORWARD

And no doubt the enemy would have said, "Now, God is quite a—a General, isn't He? Lead His army right up here to the time of spring, when the river is its worst, when it's the worst time to cross, and then lead His army up here, and led them to cross." No.

God lets disappointments happen, to show victory. Oh, if we could only see that! See? You'd only see that these things that seems to be so burring you, and upsetting you, they are trials. They are things, to stand still, focus your

glasses on the Word of God. And speak the Word, and then just walk forward. That's all there is to do it.

We get to a time, we say, "God, I don't know what to do. I'm up against it."

Speak the word, "Lord, I believe." And just start walking forward. God does the opening up of the sea. You just keep walking. See?

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

NOTHING CAN HARM YOU

Oh, Christians, how long, how long? Why do you worry? What upsets you? What bothers you? Nothing can harm you. God be for you, who can be against you?

53-1206E - DO YOU NOW BELIEVE?

NOTHING HAPPENS JUST ACCIDENTALLY

And God sets a time and has a purpose for everything that He does. There is nothing happens just accidentally to those who love the Lord and are called according to His calling. See? We are predestinated. And everything works just right, for that, because He cannot lie. And He said that was so, that everything has its time, its season, and it has its way. And God is behind every move.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

STAND ON GOD'S WORD

No matter what your worries is, what your temptations are, stand on God's Word. When all, everything seems to be going wrong, stand on God's

Word. He said so.

54-1114 - REDEMPTION BY JUDGMENT

TAKE THAT WORD

The Spirit of God walks right up to the devil, and said, "It is written!" Amen! "It is written!" And the devil gives away. What do we do? Take the Sword, which is the Word of God, pull It with (what?) a hand of faith, strong hand of faith, the two-edged Sword. The Bible said, in Hebrews 4, "It's—It's a two-edged Sword," cuts both coming and going.

Brother, what does he do? Take the Word. Take the Spirit, let the Spirit come into your heart. Open up your mind, say, "Thy Word is true." Now, you do this, sister. [Brother Branham again speaks to the sick sister—Ed.] "Thy Word is truth."

"Lord, I ain't going to pay any attention how I feel, what anybody, self says. I'm stopping up, I'm blowing out every one of my avenues, all the flusterations, and doubts, and unbeliefs that I've ever had. Every feeling I ever had, all the sickness I ever had, everything else I ever had, I'm blowing them all out. I'm bypassing all that. I'm coming right straight to my spirit. O Lord, come down. You said You made me a free moral agent." "You are, My son."

"All right, I open up my heart and my mind. Come in, Lord Jesus."

And grab the Faith, that Sword of the Spirit, **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Scream, "Hallelujah!" Amen. Then cut down every enemy in front of you. Amen. There it is. Cut every enemy. If a—a old spooky spirit making you

feel all...Cut that thing away, with the Word of the Lord. But our strength, is, "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

"Get away from me." Whack! You cut him with the Word. Whether it be demon, whether it be enemy, whether it be sickness, whether it be disease, whatever it is, take that Word and pull It with the Sword. And if you whack it the first time, it don't seem to move, whack it again, and whack it again, and whack it again. And whack it until you chipped a hole through, like a little chicken peeping itself out; or an eagle, what you are. Peep yourself right on through that old shell of sickness. Cut your way out, and say, "Hallelujah! Where's the next one?" Amen. That's the battle. That's a soldier. That's the soldier of the cross. Yes, sir. Knock every enemy out.

Why? Why? We, a predestinated, royal Seed of Abraham. When Abraham denied everything that was against God's Word, he chopped his way right through every obstacle that come in front of him. They said, "Your wife is too old." He just chopped the thing out of the way. The devil said, "You can't do this. You can't do that." Abraham chopped it out of the way. He whacked at it, and whacked at it, until it cut itself through.

62-0311 - THE GREATEST BATTLE EVER FOUGHT

GOD SAID SO

That's where Jesus showed Christ had in Him all the qualities, for the Father was in the Son. The Father was in the Son reconciling His world.... self to the world, reconciling the world to Himself, rather. And when He met Satan, He never used any of His power. He proved that the weakest of Christian could defeat Satan. When Satan come to Him and said, "Now, if You're the Son of God, You're a great miracle worker, if You are. If You be,

I want You to perform a miracle here for me: turn these stones into bread and eat. Now, You are hungry..."

Now, watch, Jesus could've used His power, but He didn't; He used the Word. He said, "It's written men shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." And He stood three times and defeated Satan all three times and "three" is the confirmation of a witness. Amen. He defeated Satan on his own ground with the Word of God. And the weakest Christian here tonight can defeat Satan anywhere, any place, any time, under any conditions with **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. That's right. You just believe it. God said so.

56-0428 - GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

YOU CAN DEFEAT SATAN ON THE WORD OF GOD

Again, "It is written." And He defeated Satan on the Word of God. That shows that you can defeat Satan on the Word of God. No matter, the Word of God will defeat Satan any place, anywhere, under any conditions. If it's in the belly of a whale, or if it's in a lions' den, if it's on the bed with a cancer, or if it's laying yonder bleeding to death in a automobile accident, the Word of God will defeat Satan anywhere. And the weakest Christian can use It. It's your God given privilege to do it.

58-0223 - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

A GIFT THAT HE HAS FOR YOU

And there's no one else could knock at your door with such a gift that He has for you, for He has for you Eternal Life. He has for you healing for your body. He has joy for your sorrow. He has peace for your troubled mind. He

has hope for your doubts, faith for your fears, incorruption for your corruption, Life for your death; and still we turn Him away.

58-0112E - THE DOOR TO THE HEART

CASTING AWAY EVERYTHING CONTRARY TO WHAT GOD SAID

Up here at Cadle Tabernacle, when we had that meeting. That crippled boy that come in there, was prayed for. Many of you was there to see him. They brought him back in that emergency room. Billy led me to him. They had him on the platform for three or four nights, or on the...in the building. He didn't get a prayer card, so they put him in the emergency room. I went in there and prayed for him. Looked at him. He said, "Mr. Branham, can you tell me some consolation?" I said, "Yes, sir, son. Polio got you this way." He said, "That's right."

I said, "Your name is such-and-such. You come from a certain place." "That's right," he said. He said, "What about my healing?" I said, "By His stripes you were healed."

He went home, testifying, giving God praise. And he brought such a reproach, they claim, in the neighborhood, until one Sunday a group of ministers come in and sit down by him, and said, "You must stop doing that. You are bringing a reproach upon the Cause."

And the young man sitting there, said, "Mister, if you were sitting where I am, if you were in the chair that I am sitting in, you wouldn't try to rob me of the last hope I got, in Christ." Said, "By His stripes I am healed." And he no more than said that...Sitting there, paralyzed feet, hands, body, back.

And no more than he said that, and out of the chair he went, glorifying God.

What? His natural senses said he'll sit there; the doctor said he'll be there forever, or as long as he lives. But the sixth sense says, "By His stripes I am healed." And he wouldn't have nothing to do...It's casting away everything contrary to what God said. That's what the sixth sense is for.

59-1227E - A SUPER SENSE

THIS WORD IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO USE

And look where it is. It's not just for one or two, in a church. It's for every one of us. Every believer has a right to take this Word and fight the enemy anywhere you meet him. Anywhere you meet the enemy, this Word is what you have to use. And Jesus proved it when He come. So He equipped His children with the Word, for their protection against the enemy. When the all-out warfare comes, and the battles, and set in array, then there's only one thing a real soldier can use, a real Christian soldier, that's **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. Walk right out there and meet the enemy, with the assurance that nothing... "Thousand may fall at your right, and ten thousand at the left, but it won't come nigh thee." Just remember that God made this statement, and give This to His children, and It's the best that's ever been yet.

62-0531 - THE CONFLICT BETWEEN GOD AND SATAN

WALK UP THERE AND SPEAK THE WORD

And, dear God, may we not fret now after this, and remember that these trials and things comes upon us, are only done because God loves us. He

gives it to us to, because He's got confidence in us. He believes that we'll...that we have faith and love for Him, that we'll be able to overcome. He'll see to it. And may we not fret and—and stew about it. May we just walk up there and speak the Word, and walk forward. The seas will open. The V-days will come. Grant it, Lord. And may this be one of the greatest V-days of our time. Bless us until we meet together again, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

SAYING IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN

Don't wait for signs and wonders. Take God at His Word, and start rejoicing, saying it's going to happen. God said so.

50-0115 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT LOOKS TO BE

So therefore, she didn't question God; she just took God at His Word. Amen. I like that. Take God at His Word. Believe It anyhow. No matter how impossible it looks to be, believe God, and He will bring it to pass.

50-0115 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND MOVE HIM RIGHT ON BACK

Every time when you start to make a march for God, look out you're headed for trouble. The devil's going to lay right along the path there to get every foot in he can get in. He will trip you, upset you, do everything mean. He's a devil. Oh, I just love to pour the Scripture on him, don't you? Yes, sir. Say, "It's written in the Word of the Lord." That's right. God said so.

The devil hates me, and I know he hates you too. And he—he's my enemy. But as long as God's my friend I don't have no fear of him. I just drive him right on back, take the Word of God and move him right on back out of his... out of the place that he thinks he's a holding. He hasn't got no strongholds. He's absolutely legally defeated in every place. The devil hasn't got one legal right at all nowhere. He's just a devil, and a password that's all. He hasn't got no legal right to any man that'll accept the promise of Jesus Christ. He's whipped. Yes, sir. He's whipped in sickness; he's whipped in disappointments; he's whipped in everything. He's whipped in death. He can't scare me; he can't scare you. That's all he is a big old shadow.

53-1115A - SPEAK TO THE ROCK

IF WE WILL ACCEPT IT AND CONFESS IT

Oh, how wonderful Jesus is. Pray. He is the High Priest of our confession, to make intercessions in the Presence of God for our confession. And everything that He died for is ours, a free gift, if we will accept it and confess it, and deny everything contrary.

57-0125 - HEAR YE HIM

THE SWORD OF THE WORD WILL CUT FREE EVERY PROMISE

His Word is a Sword. The Bible says, in Hebrews 4:12, that, "the Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword." Now, there's only one thing can hold this Sword. That's the hand of faith. The hand of faith is the only thing that can yield this sword of faith, sword of the Word. Now, you might have a weak arm, just enough to pick it up for justification, you're so weak. Maybe that's all you can cut through. But this sword of the Word will cut

free every promise that God made in it, if they got a good strong arm of faith holding it there. "I believe God for my healing. I believe God for my baptism." God made the promise, and faith holds this Sword, it'll cut her out of the Rock yonder. Every promise of God can be cut free, by the Word of God, for it is a Sword. She had many hindrances, but her faith didn't have any.

You might have a lot of hindrances. Every person that starts out to meet Christ will find you got a lot of hindrances, but your faith don't have any. Faith don't have no hindrance. Faith has hairs on his chest, great big muscles. Reasons raise up and said, "You know, it's reasonable." Faith pulls his muscles back and sticks out his big chest, and said, "Shut up. Set down." And reason jumps over in a corner and takes his stool. Right. Faith has got muscles, and he—he means what he says.

63-0113E - PERSEVERANCE

HE IS THE SAME TODAY

What Jesus was then, He is now. If He was a fire, a warmth to the heart, and a soothing, a shelter in the time of storm, He is the same today.

51-0718 - THE ANGEL OF THE LORD

5. Rest, Wait, & Don't Quit



Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

2 Chronicles 20:17

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

Isaiah 50:10

Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.

Psalms 46:10

Be still, and know that I *am* God

Psalms 105:18-19

Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

JUST KEEP PRESSING ON

They had seen ten powerful miracles performed down in Egypt: flies, lice, fire, death angel. All they had seen in Egypt. All these great miracles that they'd seen God do, and were still carnal thinkers. And then they saw the Red Sea, that was laying in the path of duty. They were on their road marching then, come out, there was a Pillar of Fire before them, and they marched on to the Red Sea. And when they got there, right in the line of duty laid an obstacle. And first thing you know, fear struck them, and they didn't know what to do. That's the way people does today. When fear strikes them when they're right in the path of duty... Listen, brother, let me say this: If you're walking in the light, having fellowship with God, with His people, and the Holy Spirit is upon you, and you meet an obstacle right in the path of duty, don't stop, just keep pressing on. God will make a way through it. That's one of the greatest experiences of my life, is to see God. When I can't get over it, get under it, get around it, or anyway, God opens up a way and I go through it. Somehow or another His grace is sufficient to carry us through it.

60-0723 - SPEAK TO THE ROCK AND IT SHALL GIVE FORTH HIS WATER

IF YOU'LL HOLD ON

Night after night, she could give him maybe one little corn cake and put him in the bed. And perhaps night after night, he'd wake up and say, "Mama, I'm hungry. Can't you fix me just a little to eat?" And maybe the

next day, she would do without her own cake and give it to him. Death stalking at the door, no more meal after that was gone, no more oil to mix it with, and closer and closer death came as the barrel went down. Finally, maybe they got two cakes a week. Then it got down to just one more cake. Isn't it strange how God does things? He will let us get right down to the last, the last mile away. You know, He—He likes to do that. He did it with the Hebrew children. He knew who He could trust, so He let that—they boys walk right up to the fiery furnace, till they could almost smell the fire, and He never moved. But when it comes time, He will move. He will move, but He waits till His own time. He wanted to see what kind of a reaction they'd have. He knew they'd made their stand.

And when He knows that you make your stand... He will let Satan take you to the last mile of the way. But just remember, He's still there. He wants to see if you really mean what you're talking about. "Oh, I believe God's a Healer. Yes, I sure believe it." And the next day, you still got your pains. "Well, maybe I never got it." Sure you got it, He's just wanting to see how you're going to react on what you said. You say, "Oh, praise God, I believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit." The first little temptation that comes along, you fly off like a buzz saw. He's trying to see your reaction on your action. He's trying to test you. "Every son that cometh to God must first be chastened, tested." Every child that comes to Him, He puts him through a test to see how he will act.

Anyone, a chemist, anyone else, will always test something. Great pipes... I used to work for a gas company. And they'd test those pipes by putting a plug in the end and a valve. And I don't remember now just how many hundred pounds of pressure they'd put on them pipes to see if there's a

little sand hole that would blow. And if the—they could not stand the test, then it was thrown into the scrap heap. And when you're put under a test, when you're fixing to be used for God for a testimony... Like the lady here in the wheelchair, the man, the little boy, some of you people out there, maybe you're Christians and wonder why you're put under this test. God's fixing to use your testimony, but He wants to see how you'll react, so He puts the pressure on. If you blow up, well then, He can't do nothing with you. But if you'll hold on, stand the test...

59-0810 - THE REACTION TO AN ACTION

"LORD, TEACH US TO WAIT..."

As the prophet said, "They that wait on the Lord, they shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as an eagle. They'll run, and not be weary. They'll walk, and not faint." Lord, teach us how to wait, after we have asked; and then have faith, to know that You heard. And in Your own good time, You'll send our answer right down the golden stairs, from the corridors of Heaven, right into our soul. And we shall receive what we've asked for, because we believe it.

62-1013 - THE INFLUENCE OF ANOTHER

DON'T GIVE UP

What if they would've give up? Don't give up. You believe. Stay with it. God will bring it to pass. See? Sometimes God isn't spontaneously on things. How many knows that Daniel prayed, and it taken, I believe it was twenty-eight days, the Angel said, 'fore he could get to him. Is that right? Twenty-one days. That's right. Thank you, sir. Twenty-one days. Twenty-one days before he could get there, but He heard him. And every time that

you move towards God with faith, God knows it. See? Just don't worry. Be real full of faith and just keep believing.

58-0519 - LIFE

GOD HAS A TIME, AND A REASON FOR THAT TIME

God has a time, and a reason for that time, to fulfill all His Words. God knows just exactly what He's going to do. We don't. We just have to receive it as He gives it to us. But, He knows, and there's nothing going to go wrong with what He—He has planned to do. It's all has to come about.

62-1223 - THE REPROACH FOR THE CAUSE OF THE WORD

TIME DOESN'T MEAN NOTHING TO GOD

The whole Christian church today is living thousands of miles below their God-given privilege, because of just so half asleep, dismal like... Take the promise; believe it. God said so; that settles it forever. No matter how long it takes to materialize, don't—that... Time doesn't mean nothing to God. It's His Word that we take and we believe. Abraham waited twenty-five years for that child to come. But it arrived. Certainly. We believe it, because God said so.

57-0519A - HEAR YE HIM

STAND STILL - DON'T BE EXCITED

It'll make a different man and woman out of you, if you'll just stand still long enough to hear His Voice, like Samuel did. Stand still. Don't be excited. If you want something of God, ask Him; then stand still and listen, see what He's going to say about it. Just open up your heart, say, "What about it, Lord Jesus?" Just stay there. If He doesn't answer the first five

hours, then wait another. If He doesn't answer today, then He'll answer tomorrow. If He doesn't answer this week, He will next week. Stay there till He answers.

Hear His Voice speak back, in your heart, and say, "Yes, I'm the Lord that healeth thee." Then it's all over. You can settle then. See? "I'm the Lord Who forgives all thy sins. Now go and sin no more. I don't condemn you." Then you can go free.

58-1005M - HEAR HIS VOICE

IF I'LL JUST WAIT PATIENTLY UPON GOD

I have seen disappointments. I have seen the time I've asked for things, and cried for things, and begged for things, and failed to get them. But if I'll just wait patiently upon God, then I know that it works just exactly right, comes out just exactly right, does just exactly the right thing.

60-0417S - I KNOW

YOU CAN JUST SIT BACK AND LOOK OUT

You don't have to be weary as long as you're in the Rock. The Rock is one place that's not weary. The Rock is the satisfying place. You can just sit back and look out, just as safe as you can be.

60-0229 - THE ONCOMING STORM

WAIT UPON THE LORD

Many men go out, impatient, but believing that the time is near, you try to do something within yourself. Wait upon the Lord. Patience is virtue. If you can have patience, it's virtue. It's virtue if you... "They that wait upon the

Lord shall renew their strength.” Not they that try to get ahead of the Lord, they that try to tell the Lord, “Lord, I know You want me to do this, and glory to God I...” Don’t do that. Wait upon the Lord. The Bible said, “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

God took thousands of years to fulfill His promise of a coming Saviour. But, remember, He knewed it all the time, when it was coming.

64-0112 - SHALOM

NO TURNING BACK

Now, Job was a man that carried out God’s commandments to the letter, exactly. And Satan knew that, but he said, “If You’ll just let me have him, I’ll make him curse You to Your face.”

So God told him, He said, “Now, he’s in your hands, but don’t you take his life.” And Satan even stretched as far as he could on that. He took every friend, and everything he had, almost his complete life, but he couldn’t take his life. But Job still held right on, there was no turning back.

You see, when a man or a person has once really come in contact with God, with that genuine, revealed faith that “God is!” There’s nothing, no time, nowhere, can ever separate that man from his God. I believe it was Paul said, “There’s no strife, no hunger, no perils, neither living creatures, or death, or anything that can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.” You are securely anchored in Him because you were ordained to that Life.

But Satan thought he could twist him around a little bit, and cuff him up, and make him do it. But, you see, Job with his perfect revelation of God,

and Who God was, and how God loved him, he waited! No matter what the circumstances was, he waited for his faith to be confirmed, because he had had a grip on God, a revelation.

65-1127E - I HAVE HEARD BUT NOW I SEE

SET STILL AND SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

Line up with God, line up with His Word, stay in His Word. No matter how much it looks like it's going to be that way; it's going to be the way God intends it to be. It can't be nothing else. For, Him being infinite, knewed the end from the beginning, and He makes everything come to His praises. That's right.

"All things will have to work together." Everything will have to shape right up to its place. My! If that wouldn't make the courage in a Christian! Nothing can go wrong. After all, it's not our battle; it's His. It's not our wisdom; it's His. The only one thing we had to do is put our faith and trust there, and set still and see the glory of God, see how It moves around to Its place, and every wheel moving. It may be scattered from side to side, but It'll move right into Its right place when God speaks the Word.

56-1125M - A SECONDHANDED ROBE

JUST KEEP ON WAITING

Now closely listen. Do as David did, put your future in His hand. "How? What am I to know what to do, Brother Branham?" Put your future in His hand. No matter what comes or goes; trust Him. He is the Word, now know. David said, "His time is in My hand. Trust in Him all the time. Always trust in Him." He knew Who held the future, David did, that's the reason he could say this. There is only One holds the future, that's God. So,

He holds the—the future, let Him hold you. All right. Some people says, “But, Brother Branham, I have tried and I have tried.” But wait a minute. Patience is virtue. Patience is Holy Spirit virtue. “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”

You say, “How can I wait any longer?” Just keep on waiting. When you’ve done all you can do to stand, then stand, see, just stand. “How am I going to do it?” Stand! He said it’s the Truth, and it’s the Truth. He said it’ll happen. “How?” I don’t know; but it’ll happen. He said so. He promised it. If He promised it, it’s going to happen. That’s all. It can’t waste.

64-0119 - SHALOM

HE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST

God will do it, don’t you worry. He will take care of the rest of it. You just let Him alone. Just commit yourself to Him; He will take care of the rest.

54-0306 - THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT THAT GOD MADE WITH HIS PEOPLE

HOLD ON

Hold on, just keep holding on! Jehovah will answer.

56-0513 - TEACHING ON MOSES

JUST RESTING PEACEFULLY

But you see, God being infinite, therefore He knows the end from the beginning. And before it ever happens He knows how, when, and where. So we can rest assure that as long as we’re in Him everything’s going just fine. No need of being scared about anything. There isn’t anything can bother us. So we’re just resting peacefully like little children, and nothing

can harm us. So the infinite God...

62-0607 - PUTTING ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

IT'D BE A GREATER MIRACLE

Now, here's what it is; it's easy to feel the power of God, to see it when you believe. But then when it comes to the showdown, are you able to possess the thing that you profess to have? That's the thing, brother. We've got to get it; we've got to take it; it's ours; but you'll fight for every inch.

Joshua fought every inch of ground from one end of the country to the other one. But he had a promise. God said, "I've give it to you." Amen. Whether there's giants, whether there's atheists, where there's infidels, where there's cold formal churches, what difference does it make? God give the promise; let's take it. It's ours; it belongs to us. It's our possession. Let's go get it. Don't be afraid; don't stay back and say, "Well, I—I believe the days of miracles is past. Oh, I don't know." Don't do that. That don't look like a child of Abraham. No matter how far along, the promise seemed to hold out. Well, it went on for twenty-five years. But instead of Abraham getting weaker, he got stronger all the time, for he knowed it'd be a greater miracle all the time.

60-0723 - SPEAK TO THE ROCK AND IT SHALL GIVE FORTH HIS WATER

6. Don't Look at the Symptoms or Circumstances



Jonah 2:8

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercies.

2 Chronicles 20:12

...neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

2 Corinthians 5:7

(For we walk by faith, not by sight.)

HE REFUSED TO SEE HIS CIRCUMSTANCE

Well now, this stormy sea, and this prophet, backslidden, hands tied behind him, feet tied in the belly of the whale, in the bottom of the ocean... I've always thought of this when I see people that look to symptoms. If there ever way a person who had a right to have symptoms, it was Jonah. Look at his condition; there's no one in that condition, here tonight. And he had—he was backslid, out of the will of God, feet and hands tied, in the belly of the whale, vomit all over him, seaweeds around his neck, laying in the bottom of the sea. If he looked this a way, it was the whale's belly; if he

looked this a way, it was whale's belly. Everywhere he looked, it was whale's belly.

Now, there's none of us that bad off. And you know what he said? He refused to see the whale's belly. He said, "They are lying symptoms, lying vanities." Watch what that man said, down in that condition. He refused to see his circumstance, and he said, "Once more will I look towards Thy holy temple." Oh, if we could only see that.

And Jonah knew that when Solomon dedicated that temple, he said, "Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere, and will look towards this holy place, and pray, then hear from heaven." And Jonah based his confidence in the prayer of Solomon. And under those circumstances, and if Jonah under those circumstances could base his faith in a prayer of a man that was an earthly man, that later backslid, and to an earthly temple, which was tore down, how much more ought we tonight, under the little circumstances that we have, to look to the temple where Jesus sets at the right hand of God, with His own Blood to make intercession upon our confessions, yes, at the right hand of God, to make intercessions. Why, our little symptoms means nothing. Oh, how God wants us to look at what He says.

58-0313 - THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

DON'T LOOK AT YOUR SYMPTOMS

Don't look at your symptoms; the symptoms is the worst thing the enemy... God has to fight against. Symptoms. Everybody says, "Well, I was prayed for, but my hand's no better." It'll never be like that. Never will. You're looking at your hand. Don't look at your hand; look what God said.

What if Abraham said, “Now, Sarah... The first month... Now, he had lived with her for—for years, and since she was about seventeen, eighteen years old, and here she was sixty-five now, many years past menopause. See? If she’s going to have children, she’d have had it then. They were both sterile. And he said, “Well, how could she have the baby...” What if he had said that? “Why, it’s the first month past,” said “Sarah, how you feeling?” She said, “No different.” “Well, I guess maybe, I—it wasn’t God talked to me.” Oh, My. God couldn’t have—couldn’t have put His confidence in Abraham.

But no matter what Sarah’s condition was, it was not Sarah’s condition he was looking at; it was the promise that God made he was looking at. It ain’t the condition of your hand, or your ear, or your cancer, or whatever it is; it’s God’s Word you’re looking at. God said so. Now, don’t try to bluff it; it won’t take bluffing; but if you have got the goods, it’ll recognize it. That’s right. You got to have the real goods.

Now, don’t look at your symptoms. You know. Let me tell you a fellow had some symptoms one time, worst case I ever seen in my life. It was a fellow named Jonah. And God sent him down to Nineveh and he kinda got cold feet because the ministerial association had been against him down there. So he—he went over to Tarshish, so easy over there, a lot of saints. You see? But on his road, trouble come up. You know, you usually get that way when you do something God tells you not to.

The sea got to raging, and waves a licking in the boat; and finally Jonah confessed that he was the cause of it. And they tied his feet and hands and threw him out in the ocean. Now, look. God had a big old whale around

there, and he come and swallowed Jonah. And then, anyone knows that when a fish eats he goes right down to the bottom and rests his swimmers on the bottom. Feed your goldfish and watch what happens. So this fish was prowling through the water for his prey. And God directed him over there and here was a backslidden preacher. And he threw him out, and he swallowed this preacher. Here he was down there in the belly of the whale, backslid, seaweeds around his neck, laying in a big belly full of vomit, in a stormy sea, many fathoms deep in the ocean, perhaps, where this whale went down after he eat Jonah, and was down there. And if he looked this way, it was whale's belly; he looked that way, it was whale's belly; everywhere he could see was whale's belly. And backslid, and on a stormy sea, and his feet and hands tied behind him... There's no one that bad off here.

But you know what he said? He said, "They're lying vanities. I won't look at this whale belly in my condition." But he said, "Lord, once more will I look to Your holy temple. For when Solomon dedicated that temple, he prayed and said, 'Lord, if Thy people be in trouble anywhere and will look to this holy place and pray, then hear from heaven.'" And he had confidence in the prayer of Solomon, the son of David. And God sent an oxygen tank, or something down there and kept him alive for three days.

And if Jonah could have faith under those circumstances in the prayer of Solomon, who finally died a backslider, how much more ought we to have faith tonight in the true Son of David Who's setting at the right hand of God with His own bloody garments making intercessions upon our confessions? Amen. And seeing people healed every night right around us.

“Oh, they are lying vanities; ever what it is, it’s a lying vanity. I refuse to have it any longer. I’m going to look to the holy temple, God.”

Jesus, the High Priest, can’t do a thing for you till first you confess it and act on your confession. Hebrews the 3rd chapter said He’s the high priest of our confession. The word’s “profess” but “profess” and “confess” is the same word. “High priest of our confession.” He can’t do nothing till first you accept it and confess that He has done it. That’s right.

56-0428 - GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

KEEP YOUR EYES ON CHRIST

What we need, brother, is take courage! What we need is to be encouraged. It’s right. Trials may come. We never was promised to be immune from them, but He’ll give grace to go through them. If the mountain is too high to go over, too deep to go under, too wide to go around it, He’ll give grace to go through it. That’s right. Just don’t worry, but keep your eyes on Christ, for He’s the only One that can take us through.

56-1125M - A SECONDHANDED ROBE

THEY LOOKED BACK

Here they all was, shouting, and jumping, and having a good time, you know. And the first thing you know, they looked back and said, “Oh, what’s that dust?”

One of them climbed up on a hill, said, “Oh, oh! Alas, alas! It’s Pharaoh’s army.”

God said, "What you so scared about? Didn't you believe what I did down there? What you so worried about? Why you make Me angry?"

When they got down there, Moses went out and interceded to God. God just opened up the Red Sea and they walked across; closed the enemy in. That's the way God does it. Don't get scared. Don't get all excited. Don't be flusterated. You provoke God.

57-0901M - HEBREWS, CHAPTER THREE

AS THOUGH THEY WERE, IF GOD SAID SO

What you scared about? Don't be afraid to take that solo flight. Don't be 'fraid to put God at a test. If you're a eagle, you're not scared. If you're Abraham's seed, which is the only one that gets the promise, is the seed of Abraham, you call those thing which were not as though they were, if God said so. Don't be scared, nothing to be scared of.

58-0316A - AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST AND FLUTTERETH OVER HER YOUNG

NO SYMPTOMS BOTHER YOU

When you catch Christ in the heart, no symptoms bother you from then on. No matter what takes place you still call God's Word the Truth.

58-0517E - THE SIN OF UNBELIEF

SYMPTOMS, THAT'S THE DEVIL'S LIE

Some people has great big faith like this, anything can happen. The next has faith that deep, takes a little longer. Next has faith that deep, takes quite a little while. Some has faith like a mustard seed. But if it's mustard seed faith, genuine faith, hold on to it; just keep believing it; it'll become marble

faith; then it'll become grapefruit faith; and then it'll become mountain faith. It'll bring you right out if you just stay with it. Hold on to it; it'll bring you right straight to the light, if you'll stay with it. But don't be discouraged. And do not believe symptoms. Symptoms, that's the devils lie.

51-0729E - THE SECOND MIRACLE

CHRISTIANS DON'T LOOK AT WHAT THEY SEE

A real child of God doesn't mind the whipping rod, the chastisement, doesn't mind the disappointments; he wades right on just the same. God said so. It's in his heart and nothing can move it, he's just there to stay. And Abraham, that's the way he acted upon God's promise, and that's the way every child of Abraham acts tonight. You believe it down here in this pit tonight?

Believe it. No matter what takes place, believe it anyhow. You see, Christians don't look at what they see; Christians look at things they don't see. And the things you don't see are more real than the things that you see.

56-0428 - GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

WE SEE BY OUR FAITH

A complex, self-pity. You're in a pitiful condition then. That's really true. When you get to pitying yourself, you want everybody to pity you, and you pity yourself.

I hit that spot one time setting right there on the porch with a breakdown. Staying eight days in meetings without coming out for food, or anything, or sleep, just stayed right at the platform praying for the sick. I got to a place and I said, "Oh, well, I—I just can't feel any better."

One day, I heard a Scream, and I heard It in a little book called Christian Confession by F. F. Bosworth, that Christians, they confess, not what they see, but what they believe. Don't make any difference what you're looking at, you don't... we don't see by our sight. We see by our faith.

57-0714 - AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH UP HER NEST

NO MATTER HOW HARD IT COMES, WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

No matter how hard it comes, what it looks like, what anybody says! "I want to; with patience." Not fretting! Person can't have patience, and fretting all the time. You just got to set your sails right straight there, and walk right on. No matter what takes place; move right on.

Listen. I'm going to say something. Look. Faith is unconscious. Amen. You believe it? I've learned that in the years of travel around the world, and meeting the peoples of all different walks. But, faith is unconscious. You got faith and don't even know it. That's right.

Jesus Christ, no matter, if He was in a storm and the gale is knocking the boat from one side to the other, or He was standing in a face, a mess of demons; if He was hanging anywhere, it never moved Him. He walked right on, just as calm and quiet as He could be. Why? He was simply unconscious of fear or anything around Him. That's right. Whether it was going to happen, or whether it wasn't going to happen; He knowed it was going to happen because God said so. He didn't say, "Oh, have I prayed through? Wonder if I fasted long enough? Wonder if I did this?" He just walked right on, unconscious. That's right. He believed what God said was Truth. The Words must be fulfilled, and He knowed what His life was to fulfill Them. That's right.

And you're here to fulfill It, too. Just walk unconscious of fear. Walk unconscious of criticism. Walk unconscious unto the world. Walk, as you walk in Christ, walk with Him. Not paying any attention, the right or left hand; just keep moving on. If something comes up in the church; walk with God. Hallelujah! If sickness strikes you; walk with God. If the neighbor don't like you; walk with God. Just keep on walking with God.

Enoch, one day, walked like that. You know what he done? He walked all the way Home, with God; got so far up the road, he didn't want to come back anymore. Amen.

Walk with God! Doctor says you're going to die; walk with God. Yeah. Doctor says you can't... Well, walk with God. Just walk with God, that's all. For God has promised you, "I'll never leave you or forsake you. I'll be with you to the end of the world." And He took an oath, by that covenant that He give you, that He would confirm it. Just walk with God, then.

You'll have your up's-and-down's. Don't worry. You got to go through briar patches, over sharp rocks, over bluffs, down over the hillsides, up through the mountains, over waters; but walk with God. Yes, sir. "There's so many hills to climb, upward," you've heard the old song, "but how little it'll seem when you get to the end of the way." My, my! Just look at there, all that's been, look back at your footprints; won't be very much.

54-1212 - HE SWORE BY HIMSELF

TIME AND SIGHT

I met a lady tonight while we were having our dinner in a place, that was in the meeting in Windsor, Ontario. I think she was going to speak, did she

tonight? A lady that was just... Cancer had eat her completely up in here, and the doctors just give her a short time. And how that the Lord moved down and told her, "You're going to live." See? No matter what the, what others think, said, "That's first." Now, what if she hadn't have believed that? And when she got... Went off in a few days, got a little worse than what she was; she thought, "Well, that man just told me something that was wrong." Well then, she'd have went on and died. But she believed what was said was the truth, and God rewarded it.

As I told you before, many times, time and sight is the worse enemies that God has, time and sight. You look, and neither one of them declares anything about God. You want it done spontaneously, when God takes His time about things. And let's just believe whatever's said.

51-0729E - THE SECOND MIRACLE

DON'T LOOK AT THE CIRCUMSTANCES

God's given every sick person in here Divine healing, every one of you. Jesus was wounded for our transgressions; with His stripes we were healed. It's yours. But you'll have to fight for every inch you possess. "Everywhere the soles of your feet travel," God told Joshua—Joshua, "I have given you." Footprints means possession. Let's move in tonight. Amen. Let's go in. Footprints is possession. Let's take every inch of ground that God give us. If you haven't got the baptism of the Holy Ghost, Peter said, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Footprints is possession. Let's go get it. It's ours. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever," let's possess it. "The

works that I do, shall you also.” Let’s possess it. It’s God’s promise. Don’t look at the circumstances. Don’t look how hard it is. Let’s possess the land.

60-0723 - SPEAK TO THE ROCK AND IT SHALL GIVE FORTH HIS WATER

NO MATTER WHAT YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

What’d they do? They sanctified themselves and got ready, regardless of how deep the water was, and how muddy it was, and how swift the current was. See, they knowed God would prove His Word. No matter what, how close you are to Jordan, no matter what your circumstances is, you can only hold that promise of God in your heart, God will prove it, that It’s so. In the midst of all unbelief, He’ll still prove It to be so. Yes, He does it. And circumstances doesn’t stop Him, He still will do the same as He did then.

64-0816 - PROVING HIS WORD

NO MATTER WHAT OUR TRIALS

God, may we ever be faithful at the post of duty. No matter what our trials is and our troubles, whatever, may we be able to say, always, “I know that all things work together for good to them that love God.” Grant it, Father.

60-0417S - I KNOW

7. Keep Your Eyes on the Goal



James 1:12

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Revelation 21:4

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

1 Corinthians 2:9

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

THE TOILS OF THE ROAD WILL SEEM NOTHING THEN

And when life is all over here on earth, the last prayer has been prayed, the battles are all done, smoke's dried up, gone away, arms is stacked, the Bible's closed, and we come up to Your house... That great morning,

breaks eternal bright and fair, when the chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies, as the poet said... Lord, as we see that great table stretched out there for that supper, thousands of miles long, looking across the table to each other, battle-scarred veterans, tears of joy running down our cheeks... The King come out in His beauty, holiness, walk down along the table and take His own hands and wipe the tears from our eyes, saying, "Don't cry no more, it's all over. Enter into the joys of the Lord." The toils of the road will seem nothing then, Father, when we get to the end of the way.

54-0624 - THE DEEP CALLETH TO THE DEEP

NO GRAVES, NO TEARDROPS

Notice, no graves, no teardrops, never, no more bloodshed. She'll never be moistened by a teardrop or a blood. No. Be no more wars. No. No clouds of winter. No cold snow upon the breast of her; won't lay there no more on it. The hot sun will not, never burn its grass. Hallelujah! Even the desert shall bring forth roses.

64-0802 - THE FUTURE HOME OF THE HEAVENLY BRIDEGROOM AND THE EARTHLY BRIDE

WHEN THE OLD WEATHER-BEAT DOWN SAINTS OF GOD COMING MARCHING IN

A missionary returning from overseas after twenty years, broke down, his shoulders drooped, his hair gray, his lips a quivering, shaking with palsy, after winning hundreds of souls to Christ, came into New York, he seen the bands all beating and everything, he thought, "Oh, thank God." He said, "To get back to the homeland again and the bands all playing and everything, the great police escorts, the flowers and the garlands hanging," he said,

“what a welcome home, what a wonderful.” But when he stepped off, it was some movie star that had been over there making a picture. Nobody even knowed, didn’t have one person to welcome him. He stood and said, “I guess this is not home then.” Right.

But wait one day when the angelic bands come out at the portals of glory, when the old weather-beaten beat down saints of God come marching in by the angel band. When they stand by the millions singing the redemptive songs of Zion while ten million Angels stands around the earth with bowed heads, not even knowing what we’re talking about. That’ll be the day of the Lord. Yes. Every—every wheel will stop and give away for that. That’s right. This is the day of man. I might get along good, and be acquainted with the mayor, and have the pat on the back, and all these things of the politician; but I’d rather have the kiss of God on my heart to know that I’m branded like He was branded.

56-0403 - SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEPFOLD

THERE WILL NEVER BE A TEAR FALL FROM THE CHEEK

Dear God, as we stand tonight in Thy Presence, and realizing our frail frame, that we’re just the dust of the earth. Thou has brought us forth as living beings, to honor and glorify Thee. And we realize that our lives and our destination lays in Your blessed hands. And we have committed ourselves, by faith, into Your hands, hoping that our Eternal destination will be given to us, to live with Thee forever in a better world, where we will never have prayer for the sick and the needy. There will never be a tear fall from a cheek. There will never be a—a feeble, wrinkled person ever come up. But we’ll be young there, forever, and the glory of God will be upon us. And we’ll need no healing, for we’ll be Eternally healed,

forever. When this creature that we now are will be changed and made into a body like His own glorious body, then we shall see Him as He is.

58-1001 - LIFTING HIM UP OUT OF HISTORY

HE PRESSED ON TOWARD THE PROMISED LAND

“Going down to Egypt to take over”: one man invasion. But he done it. He did it. Why? He met God. And when the troubles got hard, and the—and the...everything going wrong, he remembered he had met God in that burning bush. That burned in his heart, no matter how bad the Egyptians got, and how much they wouldn’t let the children go, how many times they squalled in the desert, and said, “We would to God...” and wanted to stone him, and, “We want the flesh pots of Egypt.” That didn’t bother him a bit. He pressed on toward the promised land, for he had met God in a burning bush. Yes, sir.

60-0716 - FROM THAT TIME

OUR GREAT CAPTAIN IS CALLING AT THE OTHER SIDE

Now the stabilizers has been put on the ship. Great fearful waves are out here before us; but we know, just beyond that wave yonder, we’re nearing the shore. See? We’re nearing the shore. Just stay stabled. Just stay in the Word. Stay with God. No matter how you feel, what anything else; stay right with the Word. Let—let—let it stay stable, when you see all these great big old clouds around us, and storms coming, and atomic bombs, and everything else they’re talking about. But our stabilizer is right straight in the Word. God said it would be here; we’ll crest every one of them. Yeah, we’ll go right over the top of them. Yes, indeed! They, they can’t sink us. They can’t drown us. You put us in the grave; we’ll come out again. That’s

just all there is to it. There ain't no way in the world to keep it down there. We'll crest every one of them, 'cause our great Chief Captain is calling at the other side.

We're anchored in Jesus, the storms of life I'll brave;

I've anchored in Jesus, I fear no wind or wave.

Whatever it might be, let it come. What may, what will, doesn't make any difference. We're anchored right there in Jesus. If I live, I'll live to the glory of God. If I die, then I could die to the glory of God. I—I—I just want to just...It's to the glory of God, is what I want to do. When that's all over, I don't want to stay any longer. I want to go to where...to my reward that He bought for me; not what I earned, but what He bought for me, what He give to me by His grace.

65-0822M - CHRIST IS REVEALED IN HIS OWN WORD

BEYOND THE VALE OF TEARS

I believe there's a land beyond this here, beyond the vale of tears and sorrows and heartaches.

50-0820A - MY LIFE STORY

NO MORE TROUBLE, NO MORE HEARTACHES

Won't it be wonderful someday when we set over there under the evergreen trees, down by the stream of Life, where the leaves are for the healings of the nations. Arms will be stacked, smoke gone away, no more war, no more trouble, no more heartaches, no more old age. When our flat—feet hits that blissful shore, every old gray-headed mother or dad will turn back to a young man and a woman again. The atoms of this body which will be destroyed, or broke up and be tamina—contaminated and

run away out in the air, that spirit, when it returns back and the rapture will pick up every one of those atoms, that body will be formed again in an immortal image of God. What a wonderful time. Amen.

53-0607E - A TESTIMONY

FAITH SEES THE SUN BEYOND THE CLOUD

The clouds may hide His blessed face for a spell. But remember, the clouds may hide His face, but it don't hide Him. It can hide the sun from you, but it's still shining beyond the clouds. And faith sees the sun beyond the cloud.

55-1006E - THE POWER OF GOD

AND SEES BEYOND

And then you're heir of the same promise, a pilgrim (Listen at it), a pilgrim and a stranger, seeking a city to come, whose Builder and Maker, sojourning, wandering about. Amen. There you are. Pilgrim, but a faith that looks steadfast through the dark sky and the cloudy weather, and sees beyond that, God, God in His great domain, dominion above...

56-0404 - THE INFALLIBILITY OF GOD'S SPOKEN WORD

JUST KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE END

Ern Baxter told me; he said that up in Canada they were having a—a contest for this new Schwinn—Schwinn bicycle. Was going to give a contest who could ride, for I believe a hundred yards of board, fourteen or sixteen inches square, without falling off of a two foot, three foot ramp, go right down that ramp; who could ride closest to the end that would be the winner of the bicycle. Well, Ern said he knew he was going to win it. Said because he could go downtown, get groceries for his mother and never

even touch the handlebars. Said just go down... You know how you ride a bicycle. Said, "They was just expert riders." Said, "When they all got up there that day to ride," he said... they had a little old sissy boy; he seemed to be kind of a little frail like fellow, and he was the only one that rode it. He rode it right straight out to the end, got off his bicycle; and every one of them fell off before they got any piece at all. So all of them got around, the boys got around him and said, "Why did you do it? How did you do it? He said, "Now, fellows, I'm going to tell you what—what it was." He said, "I noticed each one of you, where you made your mistake." And said, "I prospered by your mistake." Said, "When you got on your bicycle and they shoved you off," said, "I noticed you like this, trying to keep it on the board." He said, "See, when you look down like this, you get nervous." He said, "When they shoved me, I kept my eye on the end and kept steady."

There you are. See? That's it, friends; don't look down here what's going today or tomorrow, keep your eye on the end and be steady. See? If you're going to watch and, "Well, if I don't do this, if I don't do this, if I..." See, you're going to fall off sure as the world. See? Just keep your eye on the end, and at the end of every life you meet Jesus. That's right. So just keep your eye on the end and be steady.

61-0212M - JEHOVAH-JIREH

8. 'Sometimes God sets still and lets it get to the Last Minute'



Isaiah 54:7

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

THE LAST MINUTE

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Sing because I'm happy. He watches every hour. He knows everything you're doing. That's right. He said, "I've watched them all night long. And you angels are great men, and you've done what I've told you to do, but I can't let you go this morning because I'm going Myself, it's a man-size job." Amen. He said, "Look, they just got one more step. They're going right on in." Sometimes God sets still and lets it get to the last minute. You're the only one's in a

hurry, not God. He knows what He's going to do. You just believe Him; He's on the—He's on the answering side.

53-0608E - AT THY WORD

GOD IS NEVER IN A HURRY

Sometimes when a blessing is pronounced, it's pronounced on you; it has to happen. We're the only one in a hurry; God is never in a hurry. He let the Hebrew children walk right into the fiery furnace before He done anything about it. He just set in the heavens and watched them till they went in.

51-0720 - THE ANGEL OF GOD

JESUS COMES IN THE DARKEST OF HOURS

The Hebrew children, when they went in the fiery furnace, they said, "Our God is able..." They was expecting God to deliver them. And they made the last step of the way before He came, but He's always there at the last end. Jesus comes in the darkest of hours, then Jesus comes along. They was expecting it.

50-0405 - EXPECTATION

IN THE DARKEST HOUR

He's always there just in the darkest hour. When the Hebrew children was making their last step in the fiery furnace, then Jesus come along. When the woman with the blood issue had...?... paid all of her money out for doctors, and none could do no good, then Jesus come along. He's right there. Don't be weary. If you love Him, stay right with Him. He will be

there. Jesus come along.

51-0729A - THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

AT THE END OF THE ROPE

On the Scripture tonight, Jesus was trying to teach the apostle Peter how to take His Word. Now, He sometimes... it's at the... when you're absolutely at the end of the rope, when He speaks to you. As I was speaking this afternoon of the Hebrew children, they were right in the fiery furnace before the Lord ever moved a hand, but He's always on time.

51-0506E - AT THY WORD

WHY DOES HE STAND BY?

Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule. And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him. And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes. Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter

into His kingdom through much tribulation.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES – 4 – THE SMYRNAEAN CHURCH AGE

HE CAN FLIP THE SWITCH ANY TIME HE WANTS TO

But let me say this one thing. There is a Man present! Don't get scared, no matter what they say. I've seen it come to the spot to where I didn't know where to move next, but He is always present. The never-failing Presence, He is always there. He can turn on the Light. Yes, sir. He is just waiting, see what you're going to do. He can flip the switch any time He wants to. Yes, sir.

63-1229M – THERE IS A MAN HERE THAT CAN TURN ON THE LIGHT

TO THE END OF THE ROAD

Right down to the end of the road, God will be faithful. You quit your doubting; give over, and give up, and let God.

53-0831 – GOD TALKED TO MOSES

RIGHT UP TO THE EDGE OF THIS GREAT FURNACE

He let them walk right up to the edge of this great furnace, and drop into it, before it seemed like He even paid any attention, like He wasn't even watching them. But He is always watching, though. He is always watching for this.

65-1031M – POWER OF TRANSFORMATION

THEN JESUS CAME ALONG

And now, in the very darkest of hours, then Jesus came along. That's just the way He does it. Amen. Brother, it may be your darkest of hour right

now. But Jesus comes along just at the darkest of hour. When I think of it, it's the darkest hour the woman with the blood issue had ever seen; she spent all of her money. Then Jesus come along. It was the darkest of hour that Jairus had ever seen; his little daughter laid dead. Then Jesus came along. It was the darkest of hour that Peter and the apostles had ever seen on the sea; looked like they was going to drown. Then Jesus came along.

50-0716 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

DON'T YOU WORRY - HE'LL BE THERE

And Jesus, poor Jesus, yet tired and weary, and knowed that He was despised and hated of him, He nod His head, "I'll be there." When He says He'll be there, He'll be there. Don't you worry. He'll be there. Nothing will stop Him.

60-1225 - GOD'S WRAPPED GIFT

EXACTLY TO THE SPLIT INSTANT

He goes right on, and every click is moving just exactly right. We think, sometimes, it's not going to work right. But don't you worry, His clock is timed just exactly to the split instant, and everything's working just exactly right.

64-0816 - PROVING HIS WORD

DON'T WORRY, HE WILL BE THERE

Then all hopes was gone. There was Martha and Mary, had left their church, give up all they had. There their brother was dead. The Man that they had confidence, being the great Man Who went around and did miracles, He had left them and gone away, wouldn't come when they sent

to pray for his brother. The darkest hour, that little family had ever seen... And usually about the darkest hour, that's when Jesus comes around.

The darkest hour that I ever seen, when a doctor told me I had three more minutes to live. Then Jesus come along. Yes. Darkest hour, maybe, you ever seen. Then Jesus comes along. This may be your darkest hour, setting here in these wheelchairs, the ending of the meeting. The hopes that you had of being healed, after seeing these other cripples and things walk away. Maybe you think, "I wonder if there's any hope for me." Darkest hour, but don't worry, He will be here. Just keep—just keep faith in Him. He will be along. He never fails. He comes right along.

55-0612 - THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD JESUS

HE LOVES TO SURPRISE HIS PEOPLE

That's the way God does things; lets you come right down to the last minute, then show you what He can do about it. That's right. He loves to do that. He loves to. He loves to surprise His people. You man like to do your wife like that. Wait till her birthday, just keep her under suspicions, 'cause you love her. That's the reason God lets us come to the end of the road sometime, because He loves us and wants to prove His supernatural and of His power. Because He loves us, that's the reason He does it. Yes. He just lets us get right down to the place where we're just about ready to make the last step, then He steps in the scene.

54-0330 - REDEMPTION IN COMPLETENESS, IN JOY

9. Guard Your Thoughts & Create an Atmosphere



Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Luke 24:14,15

And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

Isaiah 26:3a

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

YOU CANNOT GET ANYTHING FROM GOD WITH A NEGATIVE THOUGHT

And while I'm praying and speaking, I want every person in here to have this in your mind, that as soon as prayer begins to go for the sick, every one of you is going to get up and walk out of the building well. Don't have nothing else in your mind. Keep thinking that. "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on these things." You cannot get anything from God with a negative thought. "He that cometh to God, must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him."

58-0625 - A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE

EXPECTING HIS BLESSINGS

That's the way the Christian ought to do today, is keep yourself prayed up, under a spiritual atmosphere. Always—never seeing the—the bad side, looking to the good side. You are children of God, expecting His blessings.

60-0328 - IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

POSITIVE ALL THE TIME

Now, Paul speaking here of the valley, or the shadow, rather, the law, being a shadow of good things to come, could never make the worshipper perfect. Then he goes on to show what the perfection is. Now, it's a strange thing that this is so much thought of people; they say, "Well, I'm weak; my faith is not very much; I'm not a very good Christian." That's just what the

devil wants you to say. You're just talking his language right then. See? You mustn't never say that. Don't never let your testimony be negative; let it be positive all the time. "I am saved. I have God in my heart. I believe Him with all my heart." Do you believe in Divine healing? "With all of my heart."

Let your—your testimony always and your thoughts, everything... Never permit a negative thought to come in your mind if you can help it. When it starts that, don't entertain it. Well, you say, "I can't help the thoughts from coming." Well, that'll be like the farmer that said he couldn't stop—he couldn't stop the birds from flying over his place, but he could sure stop them from roosting." So that's a—that's a good thing. You see? You can't help the thoughts when they come, but don't—don't—don't entertain them; just pass it on. "No, sir. Jesus Christ is my Saviour; all things are mine by God. And I—I'm going to keep them. I'm going to testify of them." And God can only bless you as you confess that He has done it for you. See, He's the High Priest of our confession. Is that right? Hebrews 3. He said that He's the High Priest of our confession. He can only do for us as we accept it, and believe it, and confess it.

55-0115 - LAW

AS LONG AS YOU BELIEVE THAT

And he said, "Peter screamed from the boat, and the rest of them said, 'If Thou be the Christ—the Lord—bid me to come to You on water.' And Peter stepped down out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus, normally, on the water. But when he got scared, he sank." That settled it; certainly. You can be healed one minute and sick the next. See? It depends on how

long your faith holds out. And faith is all what... Divine healing and salvation is nothing that we as individuals can do. It's already a finished work, that Christ did at Calvary; it's our faith in that finished work.

I might say to this audience this afternoon, "How many is Christians?" Perhaps ninety-five percent, or maybe a hundred, raise up their hands. They're a Christian. As long as you believe that, all right. But the minute that you begin to think that you're not, that's the time you start sinking right there. That's the time your testimony is negative. Divine healing lasts just as long as your faith lasts with it, your salvation the same. Because every—every thing of God is by faith, and nothing of God's can be proven by natural.

60-0710 - THE QUEEN OF SHEBA

THE ATMOSPHERE OF WORSHIP, THE ATMOSPHERE OF BELIEVING

Put the right kind of a music on the piano, the organ, and everybody in the atmosphere that Jesus Christ is there and going to meet everything that they have need of, something will go to taking place: atmosphere. But that's the hardest thing there is to do. And that is to get people in that atmosphere, the atmosphere of worship, the atmosphere of believing.

56-0129 - THE SUPERNATURAL

KEEP THINKING ABOUT HIM

Just keep Him on your mind. Keep thinking about Him, how lovely He is, how sweet He is, of His promises. If you're sick, get this on your mind, "He was wounded for my transgressions; He was bruised for my iniquity; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I was

healed.” Keep your mind centered like that; something will happen to you. All of a sudden there’ll be a—something draw nigh to you, an anointing will come on you and out of that chair you’ll go. “Draw nigh unto the Lord, and He will draw nigh unto you.”

59-1126 - JEHOVAH OF MIRACLES

WRAP YOURSELF IN A BUNDLE OF LOVE

So, if you want to get close to God, just get close to love. Just love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, with all your strength; just wrap yourself in a bundle of love. Watch that man that you didn’t like, like you. Did you ever get around anybody... You’ve seen nice people, that you couldn’t hardly stand to—to be around them. Now, you know that’s right. Isn’t it? And I’ve seen people that, maybe, that you just love to be in their presence. Haven’t you seen people like that? Do you realize that you’re sons of God, the atmosphere and the air that you live in, you create a situation around you, that either draws, or pushes away?

54-0829A - I WILL RESTORE, SAITH THE LORD

LIVING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING

And the man who lives in the Presence of God, under the veil, lives in the Shekinah Glory. I don’t care if the storms are raging, or the clouds, or the moon don’t shine, or the stars don’t shine, whether the candlesticks goes out, that doesn’t matter. He is living in the Shekinah Glory of God, under the power of the Holy Ghost. It didn’t go out at night. It didn’t go out. It’s kind of a-kind of a mystic Light; kind of a soft, glowing Light. And the believer, at rest, walks around inside the veil. The Shekinah Glory, where a

pot of Manna was, where he eat daily, never give out. He eat from the Manna. Oh, my!

He had not a worry in the world. Everything was taken care of. God was over him, listening to him pray, and answering his prayer. Not only that, but he was living right in the Presence of the King, God, in the Shekinah Glory. Every time anything would start up like that, it couldn't get to him. He wouldn't listen to it; he couldn't. The whines of the world was on the outside. If you ever come into Christ, my friend, ever into a place where the world is dead, where the whole...Whether your children are this way, your mother is this way, your daddy said this, whether your pastor said that, whether the doctor said this or that, you don't even hear it. You live only in the Shekinah Glory, walking and living in the Presence of the King. Every day is sweet in your soul. My! All is well. All is well. There is nothing can harm you. Oh, what a place!

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

IN MY HEART, ON MY MIND, ALL DAY LONG

You know, when you think about God, when you keep your mind... Oh, you're think... You set in church and think about everything else but God. how you going to do your washing; what are you going to do at the office tomorrow; how are you going to do this, that, or the other?" Keep your mind off of that and think on God. The Bible says, "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue, think on these things." "Wonder if I'll be called in the prayer line?" "Wonder if God will speak...?" Don't think that kind of a negative thought; don't let it go through your mind. Make every word positive, and every thought positive. See it? You know, the disciples, after

resurrection of Jesus, Cleopas and his friend was on his road down to Emmaus, and as he went around talking about Jesus, thinking about Jesus, He stepped right out of the bushes and walked with them, while they were thinking on, while they were meditating. That's the same way Jesus does today. In my heart, on my mind, all day long, let me walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, with the heavenly Dove, let me have fellowship all day long.

56-0311E - GOD USING HIS GIFT

STILL SWEET AND LOVELY

The thing for you to take, is to know that when Christ is in your heart, when the great trials and troubles come on, He is still sweet to you. You walk just the same. If everything is going wrong, and everybody is against you, and everything turn this way, you're still sweet and lovely. It's all right. Moving right on. "And you, your spirit, bearing record with His Spirit, that you're sons and daughters of God." If that doesn't echo in your soul, tonight, friend, let's not be marked out of the Kingdom of God. Let's get in the Kingdom of God.

54-1003E - JUBILEE YEAR

KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS POSITIVE

Just around the corner, when you get to thinking about Divine healing, get to thinking about Christ, keep Him on your mind. "If there be any praise, if there be any virtue," the Bible said, "think on these things." If any thought comes by, "Well, maybe it couldn't be so. Maybe it..." Get it off your mind right quick. Think on things that's positive. Never let a negative thought

pass through; just, or, don't let it stop, anyhow, if it starts through. Keep your thoughts positive. Jesus.

Don't think, setting here in a wheelchair, you, that you're hopeless, helpless. You're not. Don't let that negative thought ever pass through, or, don't let it anchor. You can't help it from going through your mind (That's right.), but don't let it stop.

Like the old farmer said, "I can't keep the birds from flying over my place." But he had a double-barrel shotgun, said, "I can sure keep them from roosting." So you do the same thing, and you too. See? Don't let them roost. Let them pass right on through.

Now, here's the shotgun to use. Both New and Old Testament, it's a double barrel. It's very good, too. I'll tell you, It keeps them all away.

55-1115 - BLIND BARTIMAEUS

YOU'LL NEVER LIVE ABOVE YOUR CONFESSION

Now, healing is not something that you just say, "Well, I... yeah, I believe it. I believe it." Now, that's all right. If that's the best you can do, just mentally, or just say, "Well, I... Yes, I—I see it. I believe that; I accept it." Then if you accept it on those basis, keep saying it over and over. Say it out loud. Say it over and over; just keep saying, "I'm healed. I'm healed." Say it until actually you believe it. And when you believe it, then it's going to take place. Don't have a negative testimony. Every time when you confess, "Well, I still feel bad today. I guess I..." you go right straight back in the same rut that you was in the beginning. There's not a man or woman in here that is baptized with Holy Spirit but what would start your confession,

“I believe I’ve lost the Holy Spirit. I believe It’s gone from me. I believe I...”
you’ll go right down; you’ll never... Can you...

Listen close. You’ll never live above your confession. Jesus is the High Priest of our confession (Is that right? Now, Hebrews 3:1, now any scholar knows that same word “profession” is “confession” too, same translated.), now sitting at the right hand of the Father to make intercessions upon what? Our confession. He can’t do nothing for you until first you confess He’s done it. See?

53-0219 - ACCEPT GOD’S GIFT

KEEPING OUR MINDS ON GOD

And as she walked along thinking on these things, she felt a strange feeling around her. And you know, it’s usually when we’re thinking about God and keeping our minds on God, that God comes close to us. I think that’s one of the great troubles of the people of this day. We have too many other things on our mind. Even when we come to a healing service, we seem to think, “Well, I did not get a prayer card tonight.” Or perhaps, “I’ll not be prayed for.” We will never be able to accomplish much as long as we keep those kind of thoughts.

59-0409 - MARY’S BELIEF

“THANK YOU, LORD, FOR MY HEALING”

You must just keep saying, “Thank You, Lord, for my healing. Thank You, Lord.” “How you feeling?” “Wonderful. Thank God for my healing,” and just keep on like that, you’ll get well. See what I mean? There’s where you climb up over the riffles there. It’s a battle. You’ve got to fight ’fore you

have victory. You see?

53-0602 – THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD

THE WORST THING THAT YOU CAN DO IS DISBELIEVE GOD

And now, we see in the first part of this chapter, Abraham was setting in the door of his tent on a real hot day. It must have been a very hot day. Perhaps, lot of complaints had been coming in lately by the herdsmen, that the grass was all gone, the land was drying up, and that the cattle was becoming very thin, and also, that the water supply was just about all gone. They'd found the water holes in the land, and as the water got low, they would dig out and dig out till they got down to where the water was seeping through the rocks, and still the cattle did not have enough water to supply them.

You know, sometimes when things are going wrong, dark... We know by nature that it's darkest just before day. And many times when we see disastrous things happening like that, especially to believers, we must bear this in our mind, that it's Satan trying to block the blessing that's on its road.

That was very much so in this case. Satan was trying to tempt them to feel that they had done wrong, and was trying to block the on coming visitation that God was going to give to Abraham and Sarah. And we're taught in the Scriptures, that all things work together for good to them that love God. And no matter how bad it seems, remember, it has to be working for your good. I'm so glad of that. Satan's been after me all day. So I just believe that there's a blessing in store here in this city, somewhere. And I know, when he tempts and tries to block out, what's he trying to do? Get you to

disbelieve. And if you—the worst thing that you can do is disbelieve God. And as soon as you get a little scared, “Well, maybe I haven’t done this and I haven’t done that,” right then, Satan’s got that blessing conquered for you. You can’t get to it as long as Satan makes you think that.

And perhaps, if we would listen to such things of temptations like that, and would pay attention to them, then it would be that we would miss the blessing.

60-0328 - IS THERE ANYTHING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD?

EVERY DAY IN HIS PRESENCE

God, by grace, give them the Holy Spirit, and that’s the reason they live the way they live. They’re consecrated. They love the Lord. They believe Him. They’re living every way, every day, in His Presence. No matter what comes or goes, whether the river rises, or whether the clouds are hanging low, no matter what it is, they’re still living in the Presence of the King.

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

KEEP YOUR HEART TUNED IN WITH GOD

Think on Him. “Draw nigh unto Me, and I’ll draw nigh unto you,” saith the Lord. Think upon Him. David spoke that he was—write His commandments upon the bed post and meditate on them day and night. That’s what the church ought to do, would keep your heart tuned in with God day and night, for it’s then’s when He appears. Solomon said, “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.” Begin to think that you’re one of His children, that He saved you, and He’s good to you, and you love Him, and He loves you. Don’t just wait till you go to church, or some convenient

hour; just keep Him on your mind all the time.

59-1126 - JEHOVAH OF MIRACLES

THEIR THOUGHTS ARE ON OTHER THINGS

I believe that that's the reason people doesn't have the victory and—in their heart that they should have, is because their thoughts are on other things. "Let the meditation of my mind, of my heart, be acceptable unto Thee, O Lord." I believe if we'll think on Him, He will draw nigh unto us.

60-0311 - MARY'S BELIEF

AS LONG AS THE DEVIL CAN KEEP YOU SCARED

If you're a Christian believer, you're a son or daughter of God. What you scared about? No need of being scared. So that's... As long as the devil can keep you scared; that's all he wants to do; he's got you right then. When Jesus rose up and said, "Fear not. I am He that was dead and is alive for evermore and have the keys of death and hell..." That's right.

56-0427 - FAITH

I WILL THINK POSITIVE. I WILL BELIEVE EVERY PROMISE

Now, I'm going to say the prayer. Surely I know what it'll take to defeat your enemy now. I'm going to put words in your mouth, and you repeat them back from your heart. You pray them. I'm going to say them.

Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, Author of Everlasting Life, Giver of every good gift, forgive my sin of unbelief and give to me of Thy mercy. I believe in Thee. I accept Thee as my Saviour, my only salvation. I need Your strength for my health. I cannot go forward without You. I now accept You

as my Healer. I renounce the devil and all of his works. From this time henceforth, I will think positive. I will believe every promise. The Scripture that says, "By His stripes I was healed," I now accept it. I believe it. It is mine. I thank You, Lord. I will continue testifying of my healing until I'm perfectly well." Now, now, hold still; keep your hands on one another now. Now, you pray. Now, shut yourself in with God. Going to see something happen now. All right brethren, ministers, everybody, are you ready. Now, if God will hear my prayer here, He hears it anywhere. Now, you've prayed. You've made your confession, just like you would coming as a Christian. You're ready now... If you was a sinner, you're ready for baptism. Now, being that you are Christians, you've made your confession, and now you're ready for healing. Now, what does it take?

Now, God is ready to give it to you. There's just one thing above you. That's a little thin shadow of doubt. Now, if we can break through that... Just like a great airplane, they tell me these jet planes, if they just struggle, and wiggle, and struggle and wiggle till they get through that sound barrier; but after they run through the sound barrier, then they are free. Now, if you can just rise yourself above that little—little doubt barrier there, oh, brother, what will take place. You will run free. You will be healed.

61-0125 - WHY?

AND WHEN YOU CAN' T DO ANYTHING AT ALL...

10. Commit Yourself to God - He's Holding You



Psalms 31:5

Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O
LORD God of truth.

Isaiah 42:6

I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and
will hold thine hand, and will keep thee...

Psalms 37:5

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall
bring [it] to pass.

Isaiah 41:13

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto
thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Job 5:8-11

I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause:
Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things
without number: Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth
waters upon the fields: To set up on high those that be low; that
those which mourn may be exalted to safety.

Psalms 94:18

When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.

Psalms 73:23

Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my
right hand.

IT'S NOTHING THAT YOU DO

There's no such a thing as holding on. He done the holding on. The whole Christian principle is based upon rest. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and heavy laden. I will give you rest." Don't have to worry and struggle. You're just resting; that's all. Given rest, you enter in peace, that the whole thing's finished. "Them who He has called, He has justified. Those who He has justified, He has already glorified," Scripture quoting. Notice. It's nothing that you do, or what you can do. It's what God has done for you in Christ.

56-0121 - THE INTER-VEIL

COMMIT THEM ALL TO GOD

Persecution and trials are a natural, normal part of the Christian life. There is only one thing you can do about them. Commit them all to God, judge not, and leave their outworking and final judgment to Him.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES – 3 – THE EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE

THOSE CRUCIAL, CRUCIFYING HOURS

It's in those crucial, crucifying hours that we see the resurrection. It's in that time, that when God loves to display His grace. It's in that time when God likes to comfort His children.

58-0406S – I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVETH

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO

There he laid, under the juniper tree. He didn't know what to do. His nerves was broke. He was shaking. He was crying, no doubt. And he was in a terrible condition.

Many of us hit those places, especially after a Mount Carmel experience. It was asked of me, the other day, by someone, about that. And how that...What would we...What can, we, be done? What can be done for us at that time? There's only one thing to do: commit yourself to God. Now, I know that a man can overwork himself, and a man can underwork himself, a man.

God knowed this man need feeding. He needed something to eat. And under this place here, where he was laying, God had to do something for him.

God has to do something for every man that comes under the juniper tree, or he'll go to pieces. He has to do it, if His servant is laying under the tree, yonder, don't know what to do. He's carried out his commission.

59-0301E - WHAT DOES THOU HERE?

THE ANCHOR HOLDS

Abraham called those things which were not, as though they were, because he was fully persuaded that, what God had promised, God was able to perform, 'cause He would have never made the promise unless He knew what was going to be.

See how we can rest upon His Word then? No matter how hard the storm blows, what's contrary to It, rest solemnly upon the Word. God said It, Who has seen the other side of the storm. See? So, if you're sick, just anchor your soul in the Haven of Rest. If you're perplexed and distressed, remember, He said, "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world." And He's...He said, "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord," so just stay right there.

One man wrote, a poet wrote, "My anchor holds within the veil." What is a veil? It's something that shuts off here from There. And the anchor is on the inside of the veil. You don't see how it's going to be, but you know that there's something that's got a hold of you, that's got a hold up There.

And when the sea is blowing and stormy, did you ever...I guess maybe some of you has never been privileged to see a ship anchored. Oh, my! I've rode them when they throw out a sea anchor like that, until the little craft

couldn't even go over the top the—the wave. It would go through the wave. But as long as the anchor held, that's all that makes any difference.

Whether we go over it, under it, around it, or through it, doesn't matter; the anchor holds. That's the way when storms of life begin to shake us. We may have to go through, we may have to go over, under, around, but just let the anchor hold within the veil, to the unseen. We don't know just exactly where it's at, but it's a holding.

56-1230 - JOSEPH MEETING HIS BRETHREN

HE HAS PROMISED GRACE SUFFICIENT

Times may be hard. God has not promised a flower bed of ease, but He has promised grace sufficient for every trial that can hit you. That's right. Yes, indeed, grace is sufficient. Not he's on a flower, flower bed of ease, but He promised grace to overcome in every temptation. When a cross gets heavy, Christ promised to be with you. Yes, sir. Some glorious day, when it's all over, we'll meet Him in peace.

54-1219E - ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE CHIEF CAPTAIN HAS GOT A HOLD OF THE STRING

And we feel like that we're going through a great time of distress and trials, perplexity of the time and distress between the nations, and all kinds of things happening, and sometimes I get engulfed like...Everywhere I look, it's like on a...in a ship out on the sea. And I've been give charge of the Boat. And how we going to make it? And here comes one with a white cap, hundred times bigger than my ship. But we'll crest them, every one. "We are more than victors through Him." The Captain, the Chief Captain, has

got a hold of the string on the end of the ship, He'll pull it through. We'll crest every one of them.

65-0718E - SPIRITUAL FOOD IN DUE SEASON

SOMETHING HOLDS

When trials, and troubles and heartaches, and disappointments set in, something holds, not you holding; something holding you. See? It isn't a question whether I hold on or not. It's a question whether He held on or not. It isn't looking at me; it's looking at Him. He was the One.

52-0718 - FOR HIM WILL I ACCEPT

IT AIN'T YOU HOLDING ON

God's word is your basis. God said so. Just laid it out there perfect. That's where we believe it. See? It's not nothing... "Oh, if I can do this or that." It's not what you done; it's what God has done for you. It's... People say, "Oh, if I can just keep holding on." It ain't you holding on; it's whether He held on or not. It ain't what I am; it's what He is, what He represented me as. God don't see me as I am. If I'm in Christ, He sees Christ. He don't see me no more, for I'm dead. My life is hid in Him, sealed by the Holy Spirit, covered by the Blood.

55-0222 - JEHOVAH-JIREH

IT'S WHETHER THE ROCK HOLDS

Our foundation stands sure. Foundation of God... God laid in Zion the cornerstone. There we are, can't slip, can't slide, can't move. Then we come into the door, through Christ, put on here. Oh, we may have our ups-and-downs along; that's true enough, sicknesses and troubles. But remember,

there's a great company of Angels all along the road, bear thee up any time. Taking you on up when you fall. Oh, yes, He's there. He promised it. And He had to make a way of it. So the only way He could make was the Cornerstone, the precious Stone, the tried Stone, the Elect. And "The Name of the Lord is a mighty tower: the righteous run in at it and are safe." That's right. Safe, nothing can bother you any more. You're in the Rock. It's not whether you hold now; it's whether the Rock holds. And the Rock's done held, so then you're—you are safe. Nothing can harm you, nothing can come to you unless God permits it.

56-0404 - THE INFALLIBILITY OF GOD'S SPOKEN WORD

WHEN YOU CAN'T DO NOTHING ABOUT IT

The greatest weapon that I know of, of a Christian today, is a committal to God. When you can't do nothing about it, just commit it to Him, and God will take care of it.

51-0722A - LIFE STORY

IT'S WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME

But I'm telling you tonight, that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ will inoculate you from sin and death, and will preserve you forever in Christ Jesus through the ages to come. If you'll come upon the basis of the shed Blood. No death can bother you. God's promised to take care of you. "The footsteps of a righteous man is ordered of the Lord." It ain't whether you hang on or not; it's whether He hung on or not. It isn't what I do; it's what He's done for me.

55-0221 - CHRIST

MY ANCHOR HOLDS WITHIN THE VEIL

O God, hide me in that place. Hide me over in that place, where other veils will drop, and I'll see nothing but Jesus Himself. I don't want to hear the fantastics of the world. I don't care whether they got atomic bombs, whether they got a jet plane, whether the new Chevrolets look better than the Buick. All of it doesn't matter. The thing of it is, I'm walking and living in Christ, daily, and I've died to self, and the veils are dropped around. And I am in He, and He in me.

Let the storms rage; my anchor holds within the veil. Can't tell you why we have a lot of storms on the seas in this day, but I'm thankful for an anchor that holds steadfast within the veil. When she is a rocking, and look like very move would send her to the bottom, yet, my anchor is in the veil. I've anchored in the veil.

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

HE IS MY LIFE. HE IS MY ANCHOR

He is the One that makes me know this Word is true. He is my absolute. He is my Sunshine. He is my Life. He is my anchor. When troubles are on, He's my north Star. When I'm lost, the Holy Spirit is my compass that guides me back to the place.

62-1230M - ABSOLUTE

IT ISN'T THE SHIP DOING THE HOLDING

We got an anchor. Some waves we can go over, some we go under, but, regardless, if the anchor holds. It isn't the ship doing the holding. It's the anchor doing the holding. It isn't what I am, or what I will be, or what I

was. It's what He is now, and what He did for me and you. It ain't what I can do. It's what He has done.

56-0101 - WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT?

'NO, SIR. MY RELIGION KEPT ME'

Someone said, "Brother Branham, when you was off, those eight months, that time, almost to a breakdown, did you keep your religion?" I said, "No, sir. My religion kept me." That's it. I can't... It isn't whether I hang on, or not, it isn't whether I hold out, it's whether He holds out, or not, whether He held out. There's nothing I can do, it's what He has done for me, what Christ done for me, in God. That's the reason I'm saved, tonight. Yes, sir. Not what I could do, not by good works are we saved, but by His mercies, God has saved us in Christ, unconditionally.

54-0814 - THE UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT THAT GOD MADE WITH THE PEOPLE

AND EVERY STAR IS OUT OF SIGHT

"I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ," he said, "for it's the Power of God unto salvation, to everyone that believes It." That's right, not ashamed of the Gospel! It's the thing that holds in the hours when the ship is a-rocking and every star is out of sight, and the moon and stars, and storms a-blowing. It still holds, for it's the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

61-1001M - IT BECOMETH US TO FULFIL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS

Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Am I a soldier of the Cross—
A follower of the Lamb?
And shall I fear to own His cause,
Or blush to speak His name?

In the name, the precious name,
Of Him who died for me,
Through grace I'll win the promised crown,
Whate'er my cross may be.

Must I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?
Must I not stem the flood?
Is this vile world a friend to grace,
To help me on to God?

Since I must fight if I would reign,
Increase my courage, Lord!
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,
Supported by Thy Word.

Isaac Watts

After the Trial



1 Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time:

Job 23:10b

...when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

FORMED AS A THING OF BEAUTY

Worthy of the Gospel is this lovely bride of Christ. And as gold is malleable, whereas brass will break with the beating, this gold of God will bear her suffering for the Lord, not bowed, not broken, not destroyed, but formed as a thing of beauty and a joy forever by the trials and testings of this life.

AN EXPOSITION OF THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES – 3 – THE EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE

AFTER THE TRIAL WAS OVER

It was Abraham, after he had seen the ground get barren, and the drought come, and Lot separate himself and go down to live deliciously into the world. It was after he had heard the whines and cries of—of his herdsmen, with no grass for his cattle, but he maintained in the land that God gave him and told him to sojourn in. And as on that day, after he had been tried till his—his patience was at the end, it was on that day that, when after the

trial was over, he spoke face to face with Elohim under the oak that day. It was after he had suffered his trials, after he had went through the troubles that he had been through, that God appeared to him in the form of a Man; and sit there and told him he was married and his wife's name was Sarah, and said she laughed at Him, in the tent behind. It was there that Abraham called Him "Elohim." It was after the trial and tribulation.

Oh, if the Church could only wake to Itself today, to find that after the troubles and trials, and laughs and made fun of, the things the Church has been through, the pentecostal Church; that we see God in our midst, doing great signs, and wonders.

After the toils and troubles of day,

After it's all passed,

Then we shall see Jesus at last.

He will be waiting for me,

Jesus so fair and true,

On His beautiful throne,

He will welcome us Home

After the day is through.

While it's day, let us labor. All these great men, that would take much of our morning service away, to go into mention that. They went through trials, and saw God. They went through trials, and saw Angels. They went through trials; and revelations, and saw signs and wonders, and things.

But, oh, none of them saw what Job saw. All them men, after seeing Angels, and seeing God and all these things, they never saw nothing to give them hopes beyond the grave. But Job saw the resurrection! He saw Easter. He

saw the thing that comforts every heart. Then when he did, "O that my words would be printed in a book! O that they would be engraved with an iron pen, in the rock!"

60-0417S - I KNOW

THE OVERCOMER IS HEIR OF ALL THINGS

All of you get it, if you're really children of God, get a little training. Then God baptizes you into the fellowship of the Kingdom and it's all yours. Amen. "Abraham, the trials are over now; get out and walk around; it all belongs to you." What a beautiful picture of the overcomer. Amen. The overcomer, is heir of all things.

56-0613 - JEHOVAH-JIREH

BUT AFTER THE TRIAL COMES...

"Lord, let my son set on one side, and my other son set on the other." There's a mother's desire for her son. But watch. But, "That place," Jesus said, "was predestinated." This position was not in existence at that time. Why? Notice. "It will be granted to them who it is meant for." What? The one to set at the right hand, and the other closest to Him, was yet an overcomer. See? It was still...He said, "I—I don't grant this. I can't grant this, but it will be given after the trial comes." Amen. See? "I can't give this. But after the trial comes, they'll set on the right hand and on the left. There's a predestinated seed waiting out yonder for that. It will be given to the ones that it's promised to. It'll be given there, but the test hasn't come yet; that, he hasn't overcome yet." See?

The person that was to take this place on one side, and another one to take it on the other side, next to Him in the Kingdom, it wasn't yet given, see, hadn't been overcome. The test hadn't fell yet. "It will fall in the future." "If we suffer for Christ and His Word, we will reign with Him, for He is the Word." Remember, "If we suffer for Him and His Word, we'll reign with Him, in His Word."

63-0825M - HOW CAN I OVERCOME?

STILL HOLDING DEEP IN THE LOVE OF GOD

And you know, if you were going out, especially in my country, to have a little picnic, we just have to have a little shade to have a picnic. Now, if a little tree had been stuck out last year by someone, we couldn't have very much confidence that we'd meet much shade there. But you go to where the big old stately oak stands, where the trials and temptations, and the swinging of the limbs back and forth and back and forth, has moved that old tree, till them roots are way down deep in the ground. You can pretty well believe she's still standing there. That's the way I like to get to an old God-saved saint that's weathered the storm, and their roots are still holding deep in the love of God, what it means to get to a person like that and have a little time of fellowship: means so much.

57-0308 - THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP

THE SKIES CLEAR BACK, THEN YOU SEE THE PURPOSE OF GOD

But today I know it was all working for my good. I know the life had to be ground, and twisted, and squeezed, to get what in it was, out. There was too much Branham in there, had to be squeezed out before God could make Himself known. There was too much of you in you, till God had to squeeze

it out, through trials. And while that squeezing was coming on, it's hard. But after a while, the skies clear back, then you see the purpose of God. Then you cry, "I know my Redeemer liveth, and at the last days He'll stand on the earth! Though the skin worms destroys this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God!" These little trials and things are just for a moment, and they fade and pass away. But they're only done for your good, let us remember that, that God would get glory.

60-0417S - I KNOW

STILL IN LOVE WITH JESUS

We thank Thee for the grace that's kept us, oh, at the trials, the heartaches, the shaking times, and down through the shadows, through the cold spells; but here we are gathered tonight, after seven years, still in love with Jesus. We just thank Thee, Father, for the grace that's kept us. And it's brought us safe thus far. It'll take us on. We're willing to trust it to go on. Now, we dedicate ourselves to You tonight, as Your servants, ready for service.

53-0506 - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

WE LOOK BACK AND PRAISE HIM FOR IT

And then again we wonder in the Scriptures, when it's written, "All things work together for good to them that love God." And many times when maybe the lash of His correction is laying upon us, we wonder how that it could be working for the good. But after it's all over, then we look back and we praise Him for it because He knows; we do not. We just act obedient to His Word and to His chastising. He never did chastise us unless we had need of it. And sometimes we might think that we wasn't guilty, but He knows... Maybe we are not, but He knows just how to do it to make it all

work good. And what a—a beautiful thing it is just to lay your life in His hands and say, “Here am I, Lord. Just use me now; lead me, and guide me, and direct me in the way that would be pleasing unto Thee.” And then don’t murmur. No matter what the path is, stay with it anyhow, and God will work it all right. “The footsteps of the righteous is ordered by the Lord.” And that Scripture is true.

58-0112A - HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM

LOOK OUT, SATAN IS ON THE TRACK

Watch, after your Mount Carmels, you’re going to have a juniper tree. Whenever a man has a blessing, and the Power of God pours down and does something for you, look out, Satan is on the track. Just remember, the next day, that Monday after a good day on Sunday, it’s going to be a hard thing, because he’s going to do everything he can to knock that confidence out of you, that the Holy Spirit instilled in you the day before.

59-0301E - WHAT DOES THOU HERE?

BACK AGAIN IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

But God is going to do it. He is going to bring this little Bride, that’s smitten, right back to the side of the original Word. And there He is, there is the Masterpiece, the family back again in garden of Eden.

64-0705 - THE MASTERPIECE

SOMEBODY THAT’S BEEN THROUGH THE DEEP WATERS

When you go to get an operation, you don’t go and get one of these little doctors that never had an operation before. You go get an old man who’s had a lot of experience. Brother, when I want somebody talk to me about

Christ, I want somebody that's been through the deep waters (Hallelujah.), somebody who has an experience to know, that's talked face to face with Him, and know what they're talking about. That's what we need today.

54-0404M - EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

THAT'S THE ONE WHO WILL RIDE BY HIS SIDE

Time-tested! Trials, troubles, shakes, and pull, it's only to find the blows in you, to see if there is any there. It's God shaking you and trying you.

Sometime ago, the great Caesar Augusta, after a great famous battle, and had won a great victory, he...they was going to give him a celebration in Rome. And he said to them, "I want some man to ride, some worthy man, to ride by my side while I'm doing this." Said, "I want some man to share these blessings with me." And all the...It went through the camps. All the officers trimmed their plumes, and polished their swords, and made their armors real bright, and everything, and practiced standing straight, and a certain salute to their king, and so forth.

And each one walked up, their big armor before him, as he set out there on his throne, watching. And there come up, officer with his big, fine plume, just feather edge, stood and made his salute. Caesar shook his head; he walked away. Another one come up, made his salute. Caesar shook his head; and he walked away. Time after time, soldier after soldier.

Finally, way down along the line, come a little footman. He didn't have any shield to polish, neither did he have a plume to trim. But he walked up in front of Caesar. He didn't even know how to make a right kind of a salute, but he just bowed his head and walked away.

Caesar said, "Wait a minute. Who are you? Come back here." He walked up there. He looked at him. There's scars over his face, and cut, and disfigured, and crippled up. Said, "Where'd you get them scars at?" He said, "Out in the battle, fighting for my lord, Caesar."

Said, "Climb up here and sit down by my side. You're the one that's been tested and proved."

Brother, it's not plume-trimming time, it's not educational days. It's time-testing time. It's a time that God is testing His Church to find the battle scars of hard trials, and fights, and battles. That's the one who will ride by His side.

57-0818 - TIME-TESTED MEMORIALS OF GOD

AFTER...

After you went through these tests and trials, they're glorious to you.

63-1103 - GO, WAKE JESUS

HE HAS TAKEN YOU INTO HIS FELLOWSHIP

And notice what our Lord said. "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Every son that cometh to God must first be tried, chastened, child-trained. No exceptions, every son that cometh to God must be tried. And if we cannot stand the chastisement, then the Scripture says we become illegitimate children and not the children of God. And isn't it a grand feeling to know that God's grace has carried some of you here through twenty and thirty years of trials and persecutions. God did that for you: shows that you're a real child of God. And He has taken you into His fellowship. Someday in the face of all that has criticized you, you'll be

glorified and made a body like unto His own glorious body at His coming.
We wait for that blessed hope.

58-0529 - JESUS AT THE DOOR

STRONGER THAN HE WAS IN THE FIRST PLACE

Abraham says, "He proved it to me. I was childless. I was—I was an old man. I was sterile, and my wife's womb was dead. And we was...She was sixty-five, and I was seventy-five, but God said, 'I'm going to give you a baby by her.' That settled it. That was all there was to it." Abraham says, "I believed it."

Then God threw him into twenty-five years of trial. It didn't mean a thing to Abraham. He come out stronger than he was the first place, still giving praise to God. No doubt, God looked down and said, "What a servant!"

63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

THEN HE SAW THE PROMISE

There had been no rainbow until the flood came. But after Noah was pressed into that condition that he was in, to float forty days and nights, in a storm, and the little ark pitching up and down in the water; it was after the flood was over, that he saw the rainbow for its first time, the covenant of hope, the covenant of promise. After he had went through the tribulation, then he saw the promise. That's the way you see the promise, after you've gone through the tribulation.

60-0417S - I KNOW

IT'LL ALL BE OVER THEN

The people are nervous. You said it would be fear upon the earth, perplexity of time, distress between the nations, men's hearts failing. Oh, what a day that we're living in. May the Christians rise, shine up the armor, let the colors go to streaming, stand in this great rank of believers saying that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, looking for Him to come the second time in glory to redeem all those from the dust of the earth that sleeps that's died in Him. Then we won't have any more healing services, Lord. It'll all be over then. For this mortal will take on immortality, and we'll have a body like His own glorious Body. We shall see Him, kneel down and rub His feet with—bathe it with tears of joy, that He's let us overcome, and come to His house to live, set down by the evergreen trees where the crystal waters are flowing before the throne.

There with Everlasting Life, we then profess to walk up and down in the leaves of the healing of the nations to study war no more; and all the plowshares and, or the swords will be beat—beat into plowshares and pruning hooks. And there'll be no more war or strife, no more sickness; and Satan will be bound and cast away. Oh, for that great hour, Father, help us to prepare now. For we ask it in the Name of Thy Child, Jesus. Amen.

51-0413 - THE WORKS THAT I DO BEAR WITNESS OF ME

VICTORIOUS THROUGH THEM ALL

God's way leads sometimes right through every brier patch, right up over the hills, down through the rugged places: sickness, trials; but God brings them more than victorious through them all. 53-0606 AN ENSIGN

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
Song of Solomon 2:11-12

