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“... in the days of the voice ...” Rev. 10:7

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Introduction

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¹¹⁹ He said, "Did He?" He said, "You've had two thousand years to prove it," and said, "You haven't done it yet." He said, "Our religion is greater than yours. There's near twice as many Mohammedans as there is Christians." He said, "You all claim He rose from the dead, but did He?" Said, "How can you prove that He raised from the dead?" Said, "Look." Said, "Your Lord Jesus you said raised from the dead two thousand years ago," and said, "You've had two thousand years to prove it and not only one third of the world knows anything about it." That's true. The man was right. He said, "Let Mohammed raise from the dead and the whole world would know it in twenty four hours." Said, "What's the matter?"

¹²⁰ Now, the man had a point. He said, "Well you see we know He raised from the dead because we believe that we're saved."

¹²¹ He said, "So do we." He said, "Look, sir. Your Jesus wrote a book. You call it the Bible. You read it; you believe it. He promised life after death." Said, "Our prophet, Mohammed, wrote the Koran, which is a Bible to us. We read it, believe it. He promised life after death." He said, "But look, kind sir..."

He said, "Well, we have joy."

¹²² Said, "Look, Mohammedism can produce just as much psychology as Christianity can." Said, "We're just as happy thinking of it, as you are happy thinking of yours." Said, "We're just as happy thinking that Mohammed will raise from the dead as you are thinking Jesus will come again." And said, "We have just as much psychology as you all have." He said, "But here, sir, if you name this subject, let me ask you something." Watch where a Christian, defeated. He said, "You...[End of tape—Ed.]

Do You Now Believe?

¹ Good evening friends, very happy to be here tonight and to be in the service of the dear Lord Jesus Christ. How wonderful it is to be in His Presence. And now, we are...I'm very happy to know that you all are not afraid of a little rain cloud. Someone said, "Well, people won't come out tonight." Said, "There's a rain cloud coming over." That shows you're a real good Baptist. That means you don't...you're not afraid of water. That's very fine.

² And I hear that there was a Baptist church going to give us their place for tonight if it did rain. If the pastor or any of the people be here, we certainly appreciate that. That's very nice and may the Lord bless you my dear brother and the deacons, or whoever it was that was giving us that opportunity. Now tomorrow we have two more nights, that's tomorrow night and Sunday night in the service.

³ And I have been wondering why, that I...Brother Arganbright had never gotten here. Wife called me a few moments ago and he's been called to California and we're making arrangements also for us to leave immediately after this meeting to Zurich, Switzerland. And now, Mr. Moore, I don't know why he hasn't gotten here. One of the brothers has just come and asked me about the ministerial breakfast and I don't know what to say. I don't...I'd make a very poor manager. Anybody in line for the managership around here, why this is...I guess Brother Moore's quit. It's quite a job, anyhow.

⁴ Oh, then we have...Want to remember these cards here tonight, and the letters to be prayed for, prayed over rather. Now, how many believe in praying for the sick by handkerchief? Let's see your hands. That's wonderful, that's what God commanded. Now, I was...believe this was South Africa, Brother Thoms, down in Cape Town, when the paper wrote up, said, "Brother Branham is a very superstitious man." They had about several stacks sitting along there full of mail, you know. It's a great big, great big grass burlap sack full of mail. What? [Someone in the audience speaks—Ed.] "Many testaments of healing," he said. "The sacks that he had."

⁵ So they said, "Brother Branham is very superstitious." Said, "He's...he heals and prays over handkerchiefs for people." That shows, don't read the Bible very much, isn't it? Now, lot of people, they anoint their handkerchiefs for the sick. Now that's very fine. Anything that God will do, right, and blessing the sick, brother, I'm right for it. But now, I don't anoint the handkerchief.

⁶ Now, if you'll follow me real close with the scripture, Paul didn't anoint the handkerchief. They just taken off of his body, it said

handkerchiefs and aprons, and they were sent to the sick. And the great God of heaven, how He has honored and blessed that effort. Thousands times thousands of testimonies around the world, and we got a prayer circle starting Eastern Daylight time, Standard time, that—I mean Central Daylight Standard time, they around the world people are praying...Get up at midnight in the night and so forth around different parts of the world and literally tens of thousands are praying one for the other at the same time. I send out thousands of handkerchiefs or little anointed cloths each month, from my office in Jeffersonville. And we got about ten offices overseas. So you can imagine how many goes in a run of a month.

⁷ Now, we seen some of the most marvelous miracles. For instance, in Germany here recently, there was a little lady, sitting all crippled up with arthritis in a chair. Poor little thing, she'd been in there many, many years and so as soon as she got the handkerchief was sent to her, I give instructions on how to place it on the body. She did just as it was instructed. She said, "Now, you old devil, you get out of this body." And she got right up, went walking on.

⁸ Now that's just how simple healing is, just taking God at His Word. She said, "Now, you old devil, you get out of here," and up she got and went walking on. Well, that's the way to do it. And now, someone was telling me last night that...(the meeting's all to me is a dream, more or less.) And last night, they were talking about two or three of the wheelchair cases.

⁹ I noticed the cots are vanishing away and the wheelchairs, some of them paralyzed, and arthritis and so forth, healed and taken out of the wheelchairs by our Lord Jesus Christ. Isn't that marvelous? My, some of them for years have been in there. I tell you, if you can just believe, God's got the power, if you can just believe it. That's all it takes, is your faith in Christ.

¹⁰ Now, usually, we give one night that we try to take up prayer cards. We can't get too many of them in one night, and the praying for them under that anointing, as I call it that. And we give one night that, either the ministers all line up and get the people to come through and lay hands on them, or either we have just a prayer line and I go down and pray. If there is not too many just taking an individual and pray for them and pass them on and get another and another. If there's not too many I can get to them that way, and if there is a great group of them that I can't get to, usually, I pray until I know His Presence's there and just stand close and let the people pass by, laying hands on them as they pass.

probably never seen me. We give this night away to something else just to bring the people to the prayer line. I want to ask you something. Let me...say this from the bottom of my heart. There's no man can heal you. You know that. There's no one can heal you. Christ has already did that; it is your faith in His finished work.

¹¹¹ Now, is this what we talked about all these years? What our mothers and fathers believed. That Jesus Christ was the Son of God, that He raised from the dead, and is living among man today, and when He was here on earth, before He left, He said, "The things that I do, shall you do also." Is that right? He said that to His church. He said to them when they questioned why He didn't heal everybody and so forth there at the pool of Bethesda. He said, "I only do what the Father shows Me to do. The Father shows Me, then I do what He tells Me." In other words, "He gives me a vision that I do."

¹¹² He stood in the audience, looked upon the people. He knowed what was wrong with them. A woman touched His garment and went out in the audience, and He turned around and said, "Who touched Me?" And He couldn't find it, directly...faith. Come along till He found the woman. Said, "Your faith has made you whole."

¹¹³ Now, if that Jesus has raised from the dead, then He's duty bound to His Word to manifest the same thing. Is that right? He's got to, for His Word says it.

¹¹⁴ Now, here sometime ago, standing, talking to a real well known minister throughout America. He said he'd been talking to a Mohammedan and the Mohammedan had been educated here in America. And the Mohammedan said, when he went to leave and go back to, across the sea again, he said...to India...he said, "Look sir, before you leave," said, "why don't you accept the lovely Lord Jesus as your Savior and go back really a Christian?"

¹¹⁵ He said, "Well, kind sir," the Mohammedan said, he said, "I have a religion." He said, "I'm a Mohammedan."

¹¹⁶ He said, "Yeah, but," said, "your old prophet is dead and gone, Mohammed." But said, "Won't you accept the Lord Jesus as your Savior?"

He said, "Well, Mohammed is my Savior, sir."

He said, "Well, now, Mohammed isn't a Savior."

¹¹⁷ He said, "Well, I could say the same thing about your Lord Jesus."

¹¹⁸ And he said, "Well, now, just a moment." He said, "You see, our Lord Jesus raised from the dead. Your Mohammed is in the grave."

¹⁰³ He said, "I'll show you whose feet I'll fall over, you hypocrite." Walked right up to me and [Bro Branham makes spitting noise—Ed.] just spit right in my face, like that.

¹⁰⁴ Now, I just looked at him. Stood there, he drew back his big fist, like that, to hit me. I said, "Satan, come out of the man in the Name of Jesus Christ." And he threw his hands up and screamed, his eyes bulged way out. He turned around and around and around and fell on the floor and pinned my feet to the floor. The police had to come roll him off there before he could get, before I could move my feet.

¹⁰⁵ Brother that's it. The Presence of Almighty God. No matter what it is, I'm...He's the Lord and "A very present help in a time of trouble." Don't be afraid. Stand on your ground. When God moves, God is God and He'll do it. See? It's love. Don't despise, no matter what, even if he's your enemy, still love him anyhow. See?

¹⁰⁶ And now, tonight, the Lord Jesus Christ has promised us this thing: if we would believe, that all things are possible. You believe that? All things are possible to him that believes.

Now, let us bow our heads just a moment.

¹⁰⁷ Our heavenly Father, I'm believing that that was You that just come over the audience just then and I pray that You will come near. Something says stop right at this point. Not that these people would hear me, but that Thou would hear, Lord. I pray now that You'll manifest Yourself in the great outpouring of Your Spirit here. In Jesus Christ Name I pray. Amen.

¹⁰⁸ I'm simple enough to know when enough is done. The Angel of the Lord is here. Exactly. Now I want perfect reverence. I don't know what this meeting turns out to be. We never know what one, what's going to happen. I want you to believe with all your heart. I want you to know that He, His Presence is here. And now in this audience here, perhaps there's several hundred people sitting right along here. Four, five hundred people, maybe more, but you're strangers to me. But His Presence is here.

¹⁰⁹ If there be anybody here that would have a...just the least bit of doubt in their mind, I just trust that God would forgive you for it. But if you believe that His Presence is here and He can now by His stripes, can do the same things here on earth tonight, that He did when He was here the other time. Do you believe it with all your heart?

¹¹⁰ Now, it's kind of struck me suddenly, but when He was here—is anybody here for your first time? Let's just see your hands, anybody? Just their first time. My, that's fine We're glad to have you, but you've

¹¹ Now, I may get criticism over this, but you know, Mr. Roberts has a little thing that I always admired him teaching, called a point of contact. Somebody's got to have something that they can do that makes a contact of their faith. Well, that's very good. That's good if you can do that. He has them touch a chair or something when he's praying from the platform. That works all right, especially in America. America has been taught, most of the people, of laying hands on the sick. That's a Jewish custom and it's all right. It's the Scripture.

¹² Now, some places in the Scripture, they were commanded to go lay hands on the sick, they shall recover. Another place, they was to anoint them with oil, and a prayer of faith shall save the sick. In another place, they was to cast out evil spirits and you just see it all around. It's according to your faith, be it unto you.

¹³ And like I said the other night, Jairus said, "Come lay your hands on my girl and she'll live. Well, I've heard about you. I believe you're just what you say you are, so you come lay your hands on my girl and she'll live." But the Roman, not so, "Just speak the word. I'm not worthy that you come around my place. You just speak the word and my servant shall live." It's according to your faith, what happens. Now, last night, I said we'd give tonight and come early, so that we could pray for everyone holding a prayer card, if they so desired it.

¹⁴ Now, to finish my story there, before I get to that. Overseas, in the African campaign, as Brother Thoms knows. See? What the people there are taught is just the supernatural. They've had the Bible over and over and over and over and missionaries has come and gone and taught the Bible in the line of psychology and so forth. Well they say, "Well that's all right. I...we believe that. But let me see somebody who can make it manifest. Let me see something happen. If He's such a great God, let's see what He can do. Well, in our schools, we're taught the days of miracles is past and all that God was is just a history now." See? That's all. So the natives don't go for that very well. But one time when you can—they can actually see the supernatural powers of God moving, that settles it. They don't want prayed for. The only thing they want to do is know He's there and you tell them what to do, and they'll do it.

¹⁵ Just think of one time making a prayer over an audience, twenty-five thousand healings taking place at one time. Just think of that. And I tell you, they hauled cots and stretchers and beds and everything away from there, and clubs and sticks and things that they'd walked on for a long time.

¹⁶ Now, but now, it's seemingly in America that won't work too well. It

does anyhow. The people don't get it just right, but you just mark my words, you around here. You pastors, especially, in your churches weeks after we're gone, you'll hear women and men coming up and saying, "That stomach trouble I had, I just don't have it no more." And the lady, little lady say, "Well I was bothered with the female trouble, it just doesn't bother me no more." See? Right in the audience that night.

¹⁷ Now, tonight, I've been kind of scouring around, meeting, and kind of...come to the platform tonight for this very purpose, just simply to stand, speak to the people, and go lay hands on them, that was all. And so I can tell you now when I'm more conscious of telling you than anytime I've been in the meeting. See? There's people where, before when I'm speaking, I see that Light hanging over people, I just can't stop and call everybody and sometimes, just the whole place looks like this—just soothes over people everywhere. Them people are healed. Here they are. You can't call them; you couldn't do it just move one to the other. It's Him doing it. See? And you'll...they'll find it out sooner or later.

¹⁸ The first thing you know, they'll baby around with their condition a little while. First thing you know, it's gone. They'll be come back testifying to the pastor, "You know I got over that somehow or another." You just watch and see if that isn't so. You say, "Brother Branham is a false prophet." See? You just see if that isn't so. It's right. Many of them will be...is well now, and they just don't perhaps realize it. That's the truth. The blessing is on them.

¹⁹ Now, you remember, when God pronounces a blessing, it don't have to happen just in the spur of a moment. How many knows that? Listen. That's right. It could be a week later, when it happens.

²⁰ Here, sometime ago, I...coming in the prayer line and...Watch the tape. See? Watch what He's saying to you. And in the tape, there's a little lady come along and she had a stomach trouble and It told her that, well, it told her who she was and all about it. I've got the tape at home right now. And so, It told her how long she'd been suffering, she'd had stomach trouble and what it was caused from. Yes, that was right. Then a vision broke and I seen her well. And It spoke through a, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." You know, "You're healed." Well, she went off happy about it.

She said, "Yes, I'm healed".

²¹ There was a lady right behind her, which lived in the neighborhood. She had a big growth on the side of her throat here. She'd had it for a number of years. And so, as soon It spoke to her, said the same thing, she was healed. She felt it, up to the knot real quick but it was still there.

meeting that night than here. Now, I was standing, preaching and the first thing you know I see a great big, huge fellow run up there like this with his hands just shaking like that. I thought he was...maybe he had a telegram for someone. And all at once, when he got up there to the platform, there was about two hundred preachers standing back there, on the back of the platform, and they just slunk out of the building. Well, I thought, "Well, what's the matter?"

⁹⁸ And this fellow turned around, great shoulders and stood about six foot and a half tall. And he had great big fists...big...great big arms on him. And I weighed, at that time, a hundred and twenty eight and he must of weighed about two fifty or two sixty. And he looked at me, and he said, "You dirty snake in the grass, up here imposing yourself as a man of God." Said, "I'll break every bone in that weasly little body of yours, and show you what you're made out of!"

⁹⁹ Well, I thought, "My!" And that great big fellow, he was well able to carry out his threat. So I turned around. There wasn't a preacher left. I looked everywhere. And I guess I didn't know it, but that man was a maniac out of the insane institution and they was hunting for him, the law was. He had just broke a preachers jaw bone and shoulder down there where he knocked him out in the street that afternoon. And so, I just led two little police to Christ. And they was back in the building when I was in the dressing room, and was waiting to bring me out. And I was standing there; and just as I thought...well, I was going to say, "Well what's the matter with you, sir?"

¹⁰⁰ Just about that time, that same thing happen. Again, the Presence of the Lord. I just kept still. He walked over to towards me, them big fists drawn up, everybody sitting breathless. He said, "I'll break every bone in your body." Said, "I'll knock you plumb back over there, in the middle of that floor," like that. He said, "You hypocrite! You snake in the grass!"

¹⁰¹ I never said a word. Looked up to him like that just kind of walking towards me, his feet set together, his eyes like that. And I looked at him. I just never said a word. Brother, you better know what you're talking about in them kind of times. That's right. I thought, "Lord, You're the one who sent me out here. You're the one promised me. I'm depending on You." And he come walking a little closer. He said, "Tonight I'll break every bone in your body."

¹⁰² And about then I heard something talking. It was myself. And it said, "Because that you have challenged the Spirit of God tonight, you'll fall over my feet."

right towards me just as hard as he could, he got within about five feet, he just threw out his feet and stopped.

⁹² And he looked at me like that. He looked sideways, just so depleted, and turned right back around and went over and laid down under that tree. That's right, a killer. You say, "That can't be!" Listen, the God that lived in Daniel's day is still alive today, no matter what it is. Yes, sir.

⁹³ Here, last summer it was, I believe, I was out mowing my yard. And I got a big yard and I couldn't get nobody to help me. Now, I'd mow a few rounds and somebody come in and I had to run in, take my overalls off and put on my suit and go in and pray for them. And by the time I get rid of them, I'd run back out and mow a couple more rounds. And the grass was growing up the front yard before I could get to the back one mowed here, about two weeks later. And I got in my back yard one afternoon. And I had on a pair of overalls and I'd just taken my shirt off and there... And I was hot you know and I was just mowing as hard as I could with this little old mower.

⁹⁴ And there's a little fence that runs down and a little old box sitting there, a little old Martin box for some birds I'd put up there for the kiddies. And a bunch of hornets had built in there and I hit against that fence and I was covered over in a few minutes with hornets, just, and me with no shirt on.

⁹⁵ Well, you know what? That same thing happened. I thought, "Now, I just disturbed them little fellows." God knows whether that's true or not. And I said, "Now, poor little fellows," I said, "I'm sorry I disturbed you. I'm God's servant and His people come here and I minister to them. I'm in a hurry to get this yard mowed. I'm sorry I disturbed you. Now, in the name of Jesus Christ, you little fellows run right back in your box and I won't disturb you no more." And God's my living judge, them hornets lined up one by one and went right straight back in that box and never even got a sting. God still lives and reigns. Amen. That's true.

⁹⁶ In the little book there called An Elijah Experience. You read it. By the way, we just got a few books left. And friends, we won't sell books on Sunday, we never. I don't believe...I'm not a book salesman. I buy them books for forty cents less than what I give them to you. And I've got to...I paid for these to come from South Africa and then have someone here to sell them and buy a truck to bring them down in. You see where I go, my...?... I just lose on them, but if I didn't think they'd help you, I wouldn't send them. This is the last of the prints, they're out and gone. Just got a few more. But in them, you'll notice a testimony.

⁹⁷ I was in Portland, Oregon. Many, many times my, more people in the

Well, she went away she said, "Well, if a man is able to tell me all about truth, what I was, surely what he told me will be, will be that way."

²² So she went away believing it. And it was weeks later, oh I guess five or six weeks later, they both come in to the meeting and here was their testimony: The little lady with the stomach trouble, she thought, "Well, if I'm healed, I might as well go home and eat." So she went home and tried it, but oh, what a job she had. And the next morning she tried and she testified of being healed. And my, she just couldn't eat at all; she'd just vomit up. She'd go eat some more, vomit again. So she had just kept on that way and she was praising the Lord for healing her. Said, "Yes, I'm healed."

²³ And so, the neighbors begin to talk about her. Said, "Now, wait, you're going to bring reproach upon the name of the Lord." Said, "You better be careful."

²⁴ She said, "But look, I take that tape, and it was not him said that part, it was the Lord call before it. It was the Lord." So she kept with it. Weeks passed. And one thing, one morning they all...group of folks went...the children went to school and her husband went to work. She was washing the dishes, said she was standing there washing dishes and all at once, a real cool feeling went over her. And said she never thought nothing.

²⁵ In a few moments, she got real hungry. Said she picked up a piece of buttered toast and started eating it. Said, she thought, "Well I'll vomit it up in a minute." So then she eat it, but it stayed down, she's still hungry. She thought, "Well I'll just try then, one of these eggs that's left over." So she eat that. It was just fine. She said, "Well, if that's all right I'll try a bowl of these oats." So she eat some of the oats and she said, "I just might as well have a gastronomical jubilee!" So she just got her a big cup of coffee and really went to town, and she was having her a good time with it. And you know, she waited a little while, didn't bother her, she got to feeling good. And she said, "Oh my! I just got to go tell my neighbor."

²⁶ About two or three hours later she run down the street and when she got down there at the house someone was screaming and shouting. That lady said, "You know what?" Said, "This morning I'm positive when I was combing my hair that knot was on my throat, and look! It's gone!" Said, "It just left!" And they began to rejoice.

²⁷ Now you might wonder what it is. The Presence of the Supernatural, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. His angel that stands here...Now, when I see the man, it isn't the Lord Jesus. It's a great, tall man. He's way

bigger than what the Christ that I seen in the vision. Christ was a very small person, but this was a big man...and when He was...and a smooth face. And when He had spoke the Word, but He couldn't get to it perhaps in time, and He had passed through that neighborhood, confirming what He had said. See?

²⁸ Now, one time, Daniel of the Bible, he had an angel followed him. And one time he started praying and you know what? That angel was detained for, I believe, about twenty, twenty-one days wasn't it? Twenty-one days before he could even get to him. See? Oh when it's once settled in a heart, oh that settles it forever. That's all no matter what comes or goes, if it's ever once settled.

²⁹ Now, I want to see how many here that believe in laying hands on the sick, so I can know how to stage my meeting just now. How many wants people of hands laid on? See? All right, looks like it's going to be hands laid on. All right now, about two or three hundred here, or more of that.

³⁰ How many have prayer cards here tonight? Raise up your hands, that's here, that's got, holding prayer cards. Whew, my! All right, well there's only one thing that I know to do then and that would be to call the prayer cards out and start praying for them. But being there's so many of you with those prayer cards holding them. We want you to begin at the first of the night and let them that was up, had the first prayer cards begin first.

³¹ You know what I think let's do? Let's just talk a little while and pray a little bit until the Angel of the Lord begins to move among us. And then when that takes place, then let Him take care of the rest of it. Is that all right? Just if he will do it, let Him do it in His way. And then, if it comes, I would rather, I believe, stand here knowing that His Presence was here, than just to stand here and just have prayer for you. And I believe that...would you...I believe that's better, don't you think so? To know that He was here, 'cause you know what...

³² Well, let's just ask Him now, if He'll come. We'll testify a few minutes and see what He says about it. Shall we bow our heads first for prayer?

³³ Now, heavenly Father, laying before me here is these handkerchiefs that are going to the sick and the afflicted. And Thou art so full of love and mercy, we just have this confidence to know that what You say, that You will do. You're God and You cannot lie. And Thou hast give us this promise: "Whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive it, and you shall have it."

would for him. We're brothers; contact. I could stand here for hours giving testimonies like that and how that love will work, how that love will move.

⁸⁵ Look, one day, I remember, I was on patrol and I was going out. And now, you may laugh at this, but that will be between you and God. And there had been a big, old male cow down there, killed a colored man. They'd sold him up to another farm. Well, I had to turn some fish loose that afternoon, and the conservation, some minnows in the creek.

⁸⁶ So then...And I had a sick call over, cross the way, and I thought, "I'll just walk over there and make this sick call and pray for this sick person, then go back to my truck." And I got out of the truck and walked across the field and I was going out there in some little, old shrubs. I never thought about that old fellow being in there.

⁸⁷ He killed a colored man: very mean. And so, I got out there in the middle of the field, about three hundred yards from the fence, and just some little old scrub trees around about four or five feet high. And when I got out there, all of a sudden up jumped that big fellow and I recognized that was the feeling he was in. Now, he raised up there and let out a big bellow like that and threw his head down.

⁸⁸ Now, this may seem strange, I'm not telling it for a joke, it's the truth. There wasn't a tree to go to, I knowed he could beat me to the fence, there was nothing to do but die right there in the field. My gun was in the car and there I was standing in the field. But then, if what happened then would only happen now and stay that way.

⁸⁹ But somehow and another, instead of hating that bull, I loved him. Now that seems strange but I did. I loved him. I thought, "Poor fellow, I disturbed him." And he looked at me like that and I wasn't more afraid that bull was going to hurt me than I am this preacher sitting here. See? There was no fear at all. I loved him.

⁹⁰ And I thought, "Well, I harmed him." And he started coming towards me with his head down like that and just throwing the dirt over his back. And I just stood there just as calm as I am right now. And he run right up and I thought, "Well, that poor fellow. I know I'd hate to be woke up like that."

⁹¹ And here he come with his head down and when he got to me I said, "Now, look, I am sorry that I disturbed you." I said, "I didn't mean to do that." I said, "You are God's animal and I am God's servant and God is sending me over here to pray for a sick woman. I'm on God's mission. Now I'm God's servant. You don't want to hurt me. Now, in the name of Jesus Christ you go back and lay down." And when that bull running

that doubt at all. No, sir. No matter what the circumstances is, push away doubt. Walk right on through it. Just refuse it. Yes, sir. Don't...give it no grounds at all...?...

⁷⁷ I remember, Brother Thoms, I don't know whether you know this or not, but that same night, I got my car and went down on the river. We was riding around up over some big bluffs down in Indiana. Not leveled out quite as well as Georgia is down here. So we was riding around some big river bluffs and, all at once, my windshield just become white.

⁷⁸ Now, I heard my wife say, "Bill?" And it had been about five minutes later. And I had seen old Brother Bosworth get off of a train and was stricken down. They took him to a hospital and the Lord said, "Pray for him right at once."

⁷⁹ And I pulled over, braked, and she said, "You don't mean you've been having a vision all this time?" Said, "You've been sitting there about ten minutes driving around," a bluff a hundred feet below me. Like that, and said, "And you..."

⁸⁰ I said, "I didn't know anything about it." And...stopped, we got out and prayed for Brother Bosworth, went home. That was on a Saturday. And on Sunday night, about the same time, just before going down to the Tabernacle, where a phone kept ringing, and so they was answering it and finally said, "This is long distance." I mean the operator out of Louisville. (My hometown's a small one.) So the exchange...the Western Union closes up about six o'clock so they called me out of Louisville.

⁸¹ And said, "Come to the phone." And said, "Reverend Branham, Reverend Bosworth sends a telegram from South Africa and wants you to have prayer for him," and that was signed by Brother Yeager over there, one of the presidents of the big associations. So I said, "Lady could you tell me what time that telegram left Africa?"

She said, "Oh yes!" And she told me when it left.

⁸² And I went and I got the Pan-American chart that I had. And you know what? It was just twenty-four hours from the time that Brother Bosworth started that telegraph over here. The angel of the Lord beat it here twenty-four hours and told me to pray for Brother Bosworth. The angel of the Lord had spoken and the time I could get him back on the telephone, the Lord already healed him and he's up and going.

⁸³ That's the love and contact. Oh brother, you talk about telephone. My! God's got that beat a million miles. "The angels of the Lord are encamped about those who fear Him." How His marvelous works.

⁸⁴ That old man loved me; my, my, he'd lay down his life for me, and I

³⁴ So I'm believing with this audience of people, with all my heart, that the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ is here tonight and that every sick person that these handkerchiefs represent shall recover. God, if they have sinned, forgive them for it. We plead as to our brothers and sisters, and the little children that these shall represent. And may each of them be healed for Jesus' sake.

³⁵ And now, Lord God, Creator of heavens and earth, Author of Everlasting Life, and Giver of every good gift, send Thy Presence upon us Lord, and may it come to pass tonight, while these people are sitting here, holding these prayer cards. God, I pray that every one of them will be healed and not only those, but every one without prayer cards tonight, that this will be a night of the greatest jubilee that we've ever had since the service has been going.

³⁶ May there not be a cot case, or a cripple, or a blind, or a cancer, heart trouble or whatever it is. But may God sweep among us tonight and just heal everything that's on the ground. Grant it, Father. May this be to Your honor and glory, for we ask it in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

³⁷ Now, may His blessings be added to you. Now, let's get a Scripture somewhere here and read just for a moment, a little Scripture found over here in St. John the 16th chapter. And I like this, beginning at the, 29th verse:

His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb.

Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe?

³⁸ What a wonderful text we have under consideration at this time.

³⁹ Now, to every one of you that's here, I wouldn't come here. I'd rather be home tonight with my wife and family a million times, and know that I'd meet God in peace, than to come here and know I'd have to stand before Him to be a deceiver. I don't anything but to be a hypocrite or a deceiver. I certainly wouldn't want to be that. No one would want to be. And if I didn't think that I was in the will of God, I wouldn't be out here tonight. If I didn't think that the message that I had for you from the Lord Jesus Christ would do you good, I certainly would not be here.

⁴⁰ You know it's not for popularity. I'm a person that shuns that. If it would have been, I would've been out here in the nations tonight, under bright lights and everything else, with a great television, radio programs

and everything. It would've been different. And you know a ministry of this type would produce that. But I've shunned that, kept back from it, let my crowds be little so you won't have to pull for money. Let the poor people have their money, and so forth. The Lord will take care of the rest of the thing, if we...if it gets known. And I haven't coveted money. I don't take money.

⁴¹ I was a Baptist preacher for several years; twelve years pastor at the Tabernacle there in Jeffersonville and never one time took an offering in my life, never one time. I worked for a living. I remember one night, I was going to take an offering, and you know how poor people get. You get to a place where, can't make the ends meet. Did you ever have that—ever happen to you? Yes, where you can't make the ends meet. Then, and when I got in that shape, I said to the wife, I said, "Honey, I'm going to take up an offering tonight."

⁴² Now, they'd have done it, bless their heart there at the Tabernacle. They'd have sold their homes to give to me. But I didn't make very much; and I was a game warden during the time. And I wasn't going to arrest nobody like that. I never...I was on seven years and never made one arrest, so...I believe I made some good fisherman, that's one thing. I talked to them and told them about the Lord, so that's better. I wasn't fired; I just quit to serve the Lord.

⁴³ So I didn't have much money and we had a debt coming up; and I just needed five dollars so bad. And the brethren working, and them making quite a bit of money. I just got a little bitty salary, and then commission on what I took otherwise. And I didn't make any of that, so I said, "Well, I need some money, honey. I just got to have it." And I said, "I'm going to take up an offering."

She said, "I'm going to watch you do it."

⁴⁴ Over she goes and sits down right in front of the church. I said, "Well, brethren, tonight." I said, "I kind of hate to ask you this," I said, "but I'm kind of in a little tight place and I wondered if I'd pass my hat around if I could get just a little offering tonight, personally for myself."

⁴⁵ We had a little box on the back of the church to pay the debts and things, "For in so much you've done to the little ones, you've done it to me." And Brother Wiseheart, an old deacon about eighty years old (he's in Glory tonight), he got up, got my hat. I looked around, this little old woman, used to pray for me all the time, a little old mother, one with a checkered apron on, you know.

⁴⁶ And I seen her reach down there, this little apron and get out one of those pocket books that got a snap on the top of it you know and unsnap

fighting over the blocks and..." I said, "We don't want that."

⁶⁹ Said, "You help me, Father, and I believe You're going to do it." So I said, "Well, praise the Lord, honey." I said, "This has been a marvelous day." I said, "Do you see that kiddie walk out a while ago and took them braces off and walked away?"

⁷⁰ That man out there in the hammock said, "Brother Branham, just speak the Word." That's all I have to do, "And my child will come out of here." And oh a lot of faith, you know. I got talking.

⁷¹ She said, "Oh honey." Said, "it's so wonderful." But said, "Oh, look at these kiddies." Said, "they haven't eaten since this morning." Said, "I couldn't get, even get around in the kitchen."

⁷² I said, "Oh yeah, but that's all right. Just think when it's all over, what we're going to do then." I said, "My, when we sit down with them over there and when they ring those golden bells some of these days and the jubilee songs we'll begin singing there. Here comes Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." I said, "Just watch me shine then." I said, "Honey, I'm going to have you right on my arm, just like that. We're going to just walk right up those streets of gold."

⁷³ I seen a little smile come out of the side of her face and I thought, "Thank You Lord." Just kept on, I said...?... "Now, we'll get supper ready right quick." And I said, "We'll shove out right quick and we'll go somewhere. We'll get the old car and puddle around down along on the hill somewhere." And I said, "We'll just have a good time."

⁷⁴ And she just started getting supper ready and every once in a while, I'd walk over and I'd say, "Oh Lord, now just let me create this atmosphere, being happy instead of being like this." I laid my hands on her like that. I said, "Honey, you know what?" She thought I was just putting my hands on her talking to her, but I was laying my hands on her in Jesus Name. See? Then, "Honey you know what?" I said, "It's just marvelous." I said, "You know at...this coming summer," I said, "we're going up into the mountains," I said, "as soon as I get a little time for vacation. I said, "I'd like to see them kids catch one of those trout. Wouldn't you like that?"

She said, "Oh, that was a lot of fun."

⁷⁵ I said, coming right along, I said, "Yes, honey that's just fine." Oh Lord God please, in Jesus... I just...

⁷⁶ And the first thing you know she was laughing and singing. The kids had their blocks in there, just playing and having a big time. See? That's the way it is. You just keep believing. Create the atmosphere. Never let doubt come around you. Believe all the time. Don't accompany any of

whole house had been piled full, this room, that room, downstairs and everywhere. And then when I was getting through along about, from early that morning, it was about five o'clock. We'd been turning everybody away, the boys at the gate and so forth, they keeping the people away. I went out into the kitchen.

⁶⁴ There my wife sit out there, crying as hard as she could cry. Two little girls just sitting on the floor, fighting over their blocks and so, house all tore up, everything. Meda said, my wife said, "Billy, I am going wild!" She said, "These children haven't had a bite to eat all day long. The kitchen standing full, the house standing full. Oh!" she said, "I'm thirty-five years old." And snow white headed...stand between me and the public.

And I said, "Well honey," I said.

She said, "Oh, why, I just don't know what to do!"

And I...Poor little fellow, I felt sorry for her.

⁶⁵ Now, let me tell you something. Each man that's born again, with the Spirit of God in him is a miniature creator. Now, that might shake you a little, but that's the truth. We're in the image of God. God is a creator. That's the reason if you can believe that God can heal a person, because God is in you and God made this world. He just spoke it and His Word become material. The very ground that you're standing on is the Word of God made manifest. If He didn't, where did you get it? See?

⁶⁶ He just spoke it and it came into existence. He believed His own Word and if a man is born of the Spirit of God, he's an offspring of God. And that part of God is in him. And he believes every word that God says will materialize. See? And so that makes him part of God. The Holy Spirit in the man makes him a part of God.

⁶⁷ And now, did you ever see people, nice people, but you just couldn't hardly stand to be around? Sure you have. You don't have nothing against them but you can't stand to be around them. Then you see some person. Oh, maybe a little old scrawny fellow or a little old woman, bent over a wash tub, but you just love to be around that person. You just love them somehow. It's the atmosphere that they got around them. The way they live. They create an atmosphere that you like to be into. That's lovely people to be with.

⁶⁸ Now, my wife sitting there, and she was crying, so I said, "Now the only thing for me to do now, Heavenly Father," in my heart, I said, "is to create a different situation here." I said, "Now, heavenly Father, I love You and I've been ministering to Your people. And here, my poor little wife is all tore up. The babies sitting there pulling one another's hair and

it and begin to reach down after those nickels. Oh, I couldn't do that. No sir, oh, I just couldn't do it. I seen that poor little thing doing that, them little old feeble fingers reaching down after them nickels. I just couldn't do it. I'd have been...have felt like I'd took pie from a baby. I just couldn't do it.

⁴⁷ Now I said, "I was just a teasing you all." I said, "I didn't mean that." And that old deacon had my hat standing there he look back at me. He said, "Now what must I do?" I said, "Hang my hat up." I was just going on. See?

⁴⁸ And you know there was an old man that used to come to my house by the name of Ryan. He's in Glory tonight, too. And many of you remember I guess, old Elder Ryan, long hair. He rode an old bicycle down there and give it to me. Now I went down and took ten cents and got to the ten cents store and got me a can of paint and painted it up and sold it for five dollars and got by anyhow. So...?... That's the first time, so I...it isn't that, no I'm out because I believe the Lord Jesus Christ; I love Him and all of His people.

⁴⁹ And if a man can sin like I was at one time, and I would to help him get out of there if I can. That's the truth. I want to help him to know who created him and what he's here for. He's here to be a son of God. And I don't want to see him out there drinking and carousing around, and die and be lost in the judgment, and I stand up there and this generation comes up, and me a minister to represent this generation.

⁵⁰ Then he say, "Well you never told me nothing about it." I want my voice to sweep everywhere telling everybody and pleading them to come to the Lord. He gave me a gift when I was just a little boy, when I was born. I was about two minutes old when it was first declared. And that, I do that, with all my heart to try to win people to God.

⁵¹ Now it's not for any certain church. I don't represent any church. I believe that we're all brothers, every man or woman, boy, or girl that's born again of the spirit of God, regardless of what church you go to, doesn't make any difference to me. That's God. If you're my brother by Christ, if God receives you, your peculiarities and me with mine, we're brothers, that's all. So I like that.

⁵² And I think the time will come some day when we'll all be that way and recognize one another that way. God let me live to see the time! Anything that I love is a fellowship that the Methodists, Baptists, and Pentecostal, Church of God, Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness and everybody can shake hands with one another and say, "We are brothers!" That's right. And our little peculiarities, God don't pay attention to that,

anyhow, your petty doctrines and things, that doesn't mean anything.

⁵³ Now, I just like to tell you what my secret of the greatest...What do you...how'd you like me to tell you tonight what I think is the greatest, most powerful force there is on earth? Would you like me to tell you about it for a few minutes? You might not love me so well after this 'cause...I'll just tell you. The mightiest force there is on earth is love. That's exactly. There is nothing that will break down love, no matter what it is.

⁵⁴ Whatever you are, what you might have sang, you might have danced in the Spirit, you might have spoke with tongues, you might have shook the elders hand. You might have been baptized three times this way, backwards, face forward, anyway you want to, but until love anchors in your heart, you're still out of God. That's right, that's right, that's right. You've got to have love for that...the Bible said, God is love and God is the strong...the love is the strongest force.

⁵⁵ Now, there's two different kinds of love. There's human love which is a Greek word, is a phileo love and then agapao love is the high love or divine love. Now you take like the phileo love, when we have that, love of a mother for a baby will drive her right straight through a flaming fire to save that baby's life. It'll make a man, for his sweetheart, lay down his life anytime. See what I mean? That's just human love and...I believe somewhere in the Bible it said, "Could a mother forget her little suckling babe?" Said, "You may but I can never forget you, for you're engraved on the palms of My hand." So how could God ever forsake us, or anything, as long as He loves us like that?

⁵⁶ I tell you what to do, church members. Now there's some members go to your church, I know I'm talking to Protestant and Catholic, and I'm talking to Calvinists and Armenians but that's neither pro nor con. You do this, if you want to be a real outstanding person in your church, whatever church you go to you just fall in love with God with all your heart. And when you do that, you'll fall in love with every member of your church, and every member of everybody else's church, with all your heart. Now, you can't bluff that. Now, there's something about it that people know.

⁵⁷ If there's anything I can contribute to success of my meetings to, earthly speaking, is to know that people have a conscience to know that I truly love people. I just love people and they know that and you can, you can't fool them on that. If you were making out or pretending, just like Christianity, if you were pertaining to be a Christian, pretending rather, to be a Christian, you'll never make a go of it. No sir, it's absolutely got

to be there, that's all. Love will do it.

⁵⁸ I have been a great lover of wildlife. You know that. And I've noticed in animal life, if you love animals...if you love them, you can do anything with them you want to. And if you don't love them, they know it, and if you're afraid of them, like a biting dog. If someone say, the dog will bite, if you're afraid of him, you're sure to get bit. See? Now you're not going to fool him, you might say, "I'm not afraid of him," but that better come from somewhere besides your lips because he knows better. See? Now if you're not afraid of him, it's different.

⁵⁹ And that's what's the matter with people tonight. I want you to get this quote. "It's because that you're afraid you're not going to get healed is the reason you don't get healed." See? You mustn't be afraid. There's nothing to be afraid of. Jesus has already died and paid the price, we're free! You must come with that kind of an attitude.

⁶⁰ Let me give you a little personal experiences of my own, if you'll excuse it for just a few moments longer. You say, "Brother Branham, what you stalling about?" I'm waiting for Him. Exactly. I'm just testifying or doing something till I know that His presence is near and then I...then when It does, then it will be different and we'll call the prayer line. But in order to pass by here I want to lay my hands on people when I know that the Holy Spirit is here. It might be something to bless the people.

⁶¹ And now I've give you some little experience inside my life, especially in love. Many times in our home, there are people pile in there and everything. It's a whole lot better to be in a meeting than it is to be at home because there is people. I see as many as seventeen, eighteen car loads when it gets to morning, sitting up and down the lane where I live and all the hotels full and the motels full and everybody scream and cry, you know what that means. You come in so weary, you hardly know where you're at.

⁶² I woke up here not long ago, right out in the middle of the floor, holding a pillow in my arms saying, "Only believe, brother, that's the only thing you have to do, is just believe." My wife woke me up. I was out on the floor just so tore up you know and tired. I just couldn't go any farther. And I had this pillow in my hands there, "Just believe, brother, that's all you have to do." See? And oh, I don't know. It's just pretty rough. So but, what it is, is I'm trying to do something for Him. I want to represent Him to the people.

⁶³ And then, here sometime ago, I tell you a little story that you might not think was just right. I come in the room where the kitchen and the