Stand Still

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And now, I have some handkerchiefs laying here that I wish that Brother Sothmann or some of them would remind me just before I go to prayer for the sick, to pray over. It is very needy. And anyone who desires one, I will be glad to pray for them. And then, if you do not have a handkerchief and you would want me to pray over one for you, I would be glad to do it if you would just lay it up here. And if you forget it, just write me, down to Jeffersonville, Indiana, and I will send you a little cloth. Handkerchiefs are pretty expensive, you know, when you send thousands a week.

2 So, a little cloth, and you keep it in your Bible in Acts 19, where the order of it is at. And we would be glad to send you one, nothing, no cost. And you will.... It is not to get your address, friends. Many times these little tricks and things like that, they want your address so they can keep asking you for money. But, I don't have any program to sponsor. I don't have any radio program, any television program, I don't have nothing but just the Lord Jesus, and He takes care of me.

3 So, I don't have any programs or anything. It is hard for me to get someone to answer my mail. And I will be glad to do the best that I can to help you to pray that God will heal, and will do the things that you are asking Him to do.

4 This has been a great day for me. After having breakfast as a.... During these meetings I don't eat, just in the afternoons, seldom, because of the services. I was walking on the streets after breakfast this morning with my precious friends, the Sothmanns and the Normans, Leo and Gene, my recording boys. And I was in a little Bible store up here, and I met a young lady from White Horse, way up in the Yukon, a Christian. And how happy I was to meet the young woman. And she gave me the address of her husband so that I could write him.

(All right, sister, dear. Thank you and God bless you.)

5 And, then coming back to the place where we had had breakfast, when we were going out, two gentlemen were sitting there who spoke to Brother Sothmann, and they were believers, Christian brothers who had just come in for the meeting. Then coming back in front of the place where we had eaten, I met a group of people that drove all the way from Dawson Creek, over here. And last night, French Canadian Catholic, and was saved in the meeting last night. How blessed it was to see that this people, loving the Lord Jesus.... And, we are so happy for those people.

6 And tonight it was said by Brother Sothmann that we would have two services tomorrow; one in the afternoon (a Gospel service), and then pray for the sick tomorrow night. The reason they did this, is because of so many out of town people coming.

Now, you people who has your post of duty at your church, we ask you to attend your post of duty, of course. Your church is the post of duty.

Now, the reason we set the meetings like this, is because I feel that I have lots of friends in Canada, and I'm very grateful for my friends everywhere. I am expecting to go to heaven with you some day. And I have had very much pulling.... The other morning, just think, before I could even put on my shirt, when I was home, I started answering the phone when I took the mask off of it at seven o'clock; and at two o'clock that afternoon, I had never left the phone, from seven till two. That is just on one phone, too, where we can answer on four. And that's people calling for meetings, and you can imagine how hard it is, to make decisions; it's hard to do.

⁹ But in the midst of all of this, I felt that I wanted to come to Canada, up here to Saskatoon. It has been a long time since I've been here. And I know there's people here who was probably in my meeting when I was here the first time. We was over to the Apostolic church and then come down here. And the little arena was packed out with the people. And I can see, of course, a falling away. Now, we expect that, it has got to be that way. But I am grateful for you that are going on.

10 Now, the reason we said it.... And many of you are wondering why we don't take up offering. It was asked me by a party today, "Why no offerings?" Well, my dear friend, that is the thing that is out of the picture to us. We never come to get money from you; we come to help you. And the money that you have, you need it for your own church. And it was by the grace.... And I mustn't say who it is, because they might not want me to, but two men sitting present now paid every penny of it. That's right. Just so for their people. They're both Canadians from right here. And they paid the.... And they said that it could be paid like that and the only offering is to be took up....

11 Now, I'm a poor man, you know that. And I keep poor because of one thing. Here the other day I was in a little church and held a meeting that only would seat about sixty people, I guess. Sixty people. And my good Canadian brother that was a pastor here of yours, for a long time, was in trouble. And I canceled off a party ... or, place I was going, to get to that man, to help him. That was Brother R. E. S. Toms. Exactly. A Canadian brother. I've always had a deep respect for the Canadian people because you are conservative; that's true.

12 Down in the south you can go to preaching and the people are shouting and crying. (You know what the south is.) But the northern people, the Canadian people, are conservative. Exactly right. But they get the message just the same. It doesn't go how much we act; it's how much takes a hold inside, is what counts.

13 And, in these.... I was at a meeting just recently, and it was a small place that only seated about fifteen hundred people, and I happened to be brought into a back room; and a minister was on the platform, and he said, "Well, there is one thing I like about Brother Branham." He said, "We asked Brother Roberts if he would come. He said, 'You're too small." Said, "We have asked Brother A. A. Allen if he would come, said, 'You're too small.' But," said, "when we asked Brother Branham," said, "he said, 'I'll come.' Well," said, "we were not too small."

14 And when I walked to the platform, I thought, "That don't sound just right." So I said to the audience, "Now, do not look down on Brother Roberts or Brother Allen because he said you were too small. Because Brother Roberts will have to have at least about six or seven thousand dollars a day. He's got to have it. He has got a world-wide radio program, he's got a nationwide television, he's got about five hundred in a office. He owns buildings that's ... and whole city blocks for parking lots, and his lowest paid man is around two hundred a week, and that ought to ... two or three thousand a week. How can the man make it?" 15 I was in a meeting not long ago at the Cadle Tabernacle, when I said.... I preached for five nights with the place packed out. And my love offering was about a thousand dollars, I believe. Brother Roberts, the night that he come, he said, "I want from the middle of this ... this side, sixty men to stand and say tonight they will pledge me a thousand dollars." Sixty thousand just on half side of the same crowd that I had. That's all right. He needs it. He must have it to carry on.

16 So, but you know, the Lord just knowed that I didn't have that much sense. I couldn't... That's true. I am not intelligent enough for that. And my meetings, I just... I don't have to have very much. My expenses run me, I think we counted about (Gene, what was it?) about a hundred dollars a day for my office and my upkeep. Well, that's quite a difference.

17 Perhaps, Brother Allen and his great broadcast and things, he has to have lots of money. But me, I don't have to have it. Just a little bit meager fare to get by. Most my clothes is give to me, and my children, also. What we eat... We live in the parsonage, and there you are, you see. So, we don't have to have very much.

¹⁸ But you know, I like it this way. If the Lord wants me to go preach to ten people, I am not under any obligation; I can go where He sends me. And if He wants me to go preach to a hundred thousand, or five hundred thousand in Africa, He will just have somebody to sponsor me, and I go over and preach it; and that settles it. So, I don't have to have any money.

19 So, this meeting is.... That's the reason that two men who is sitting present now, I'd have never.... They didn't know I was going to say this. But many don't want to know, let the left hand know what the right's a doing, so.... They are very fine people—both personal friends of mine—who is sponsoring this meeting, and paying for it, so we won't have to draw one penny from the churches, won't have to take anything away from it, won't put you under any obligation.

But frankly, the money was offered to me a tithe money, and I refused to take it, and said that if he would ... if they would make these Canadian meetings like this, and would pay for it, I would come preach like that, so that we could get the message to the people. And that's the love that these men have for their own people here in Canada. And I say this in the presence of you people, "God bless men like that." That's right. And I'm sure you appreciate them, though

they don't want you to know who it is, but God knows who it is. And they are both listening at me right now.

And so, that's why we are not taking offerings. Someone was asked today, "Why is it you didn't take no offering?" Said, "We want to put something in." That's the reason we didn't do it. And I thought surely that ... and the reason without sponsoring.... You said, "Well, the Apostolic sponsored you the last time you were here, Brother Branham. Why didn't the Apostolic this time?" Well, you know, things has changed a little bit since then, and each one.... If this one sponsors, the other one.... You know how it is, it's just the human element, that's all.

And it's just the same element was in the Bible time: one is of Paul, one is of Cephas, and one of..., see. It's just still human beings, you can't get it out of them. That's right.

23 So, I thought if a man.... If we didn't even take any money from the people like that, and the man paid for it, and just come in and say, "Let's all come."

24 You know, Jacob dug three wells. He dug one and the Philistines run away from him ... run him away from it, and he called it "Malice." He dug another one and they run him away, and he called it "Strife." He dug another one, he said, "There is room for us all." So, I think that that's what we call this well: "There is room for us all." Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, you that is coming off one hump camel, two hump camel, or whatever you are riding, there is room and water for us all. And that's the way I like it. The Lord bless you.

25 Tomorrow afternoon is a Gospel message—not a healing service, praying for the sick. And I think a whole lot of our healing services has turned too much to healing, instead of trying to catch the precious souls that's to be saved. And so, tomorrow afternoon is a salvation message beginning at two o'clock, or.... I guess it's been announced. And then tomorrow afternoon at seven o'clock, as usual, prayer cards will be given out, and we'll have the prayer line and pray for the sick as we do tonight.

²⁶ The Lord bless you now. And as soon as the anointing of the Spirit is near, then I'll pray for these handkerchiefs. The Lord bless you, and let us just talk to the Author, now, before we open His Word.

Now, blessed Father, we are by Your grace tonight and by Your strength, we can raise back the pages of the Bible, but there is only One who can open it. We read in the Bible that there was One sitting on the throne who had a book in His hand. It was sealed inside and out with seven seals. And no man in heaven or in earth, or beneath the earth, was worthy to even take the book or to loose the seals, or to look upon it. And a Lamb that had been slain from the foundation of the world, come and took the book and opened the seals and loosed the things that was on the inside of it. O Lamb of God, come tonight and open Your Word to us, and our understanding, that we might worship Thee, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

I wish to read tonight, just for the way of a text. And just one little piece of Scripture that is found in the 13th chapter of Numbers and the 30th verse and the first phrase of that verse. I wish to read it to take a text.

And Caleb stilled the people before Moses....

And I want to take my text as: Stand Still.

Now, we are in a day of flusteration. The whole world seems to be flusterated. Not only is our nation flusterated, but the nations of the world is in a flusteration. Everybody is nervous; they don't know why.

30 Sometime ago at Africa, I was watching a scene that was most outstanding. And it brought me to realize this. I was watching through binoculars and I seen a little lamb that had strayed out from the corral in Africa—where they keep their sheep and their goats and things in a corral. But this little fellow was outside, and he was eating; and all at once the little fellow become nervous, flusterated. And I couldn't see for my life why the little fellow would be so shook up.

And I happened to notice way down below him in the weeds, the tall African weeds, there was a great black mane lion that smelt that lamb and was slipping up to him. The little fellow, the sheep cannot smell the lion, but he has a sense of something that excites him. And he could sense with that that there's something going wrong somewhere. And many times, that that's in the human race and in among the wildlife. How many times since being here I have said when I would go home, of how I've watched these little ducks come up here from down in the south and build their nest out in these marshes. Why? So the foxes can't get their little ones. And the little duck is born on this swamp out here, the marsh. Why, he never was off of that marsh; he was born here, like this spring.

And this fall, just when the first cold breeze begins to come from British Columbia, sweeping down through this way, there is a certain little duck on that pond, who was born this spring, who was born a leader. He will run out into the pond and stick his little head up in the air and honk that little honker a few times, and every duck on the pond will come to him. And he will rise right up out of Saskatchewan, never away from it in his life, and go just as straight to the rice fields of Louisiana as he can go. You say, "It's instinct." Well, it's God-given instinct.

And this little lamb, he was nervous. And he was eating all right, first, but then he become nervous. And he just couldn't stand still. There was something taking place that he could not see, and the lamb cannot smell his enemy. But there was something that ... death lurking, that made him nervous.

35 I watched the scene. And then come into my mind, the beginning of the text that I want to use tonight. There was something warning him of a present danger. And that's the way it is in the nations of the world tonight.

I was reading the other day that where the psychiatrists in the United States are going to each other. And where the great singers like ... and entertainers like Arthur Godfrey, and a lot of those people with their wise cracks and so forth. Some of them have as many as three psychiatrists. A New York newspaper reporter took two years to search it down. That rock-and-roll, boogie-woogie Elvis Presley, a modern Judas Iscariot, that boy was a Christian in a Pentecostal church with the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I know his pastor, his mother, and them well. Judas Iscariot got thirty pieces of silver out of Christ; he got a fleet of Cadillacs. But he sold his birthrights.

Red Foley, a deacon in the church, sold his birthright and taken his talents and given it to the world. They have to have psychiatrists to keep them up. Presley has had three or four heart attacks, and in his teens yet. It's the strain. And now the whole world seems to be alarmed. It's an unseen force that is trying to warn men that something is about to happen. The whole world is shook up about it. It's just about the end of the age. It's just about the coming of Christ. Just about that hour for Him to arrive.

39 The newspapers.... I heard a commentator say not long ago, that eighty-five percent of the North American people were mentally disturbed. Think of it. Eighty-five percent of the people on the North American continent has something wrong mentally. They're going at a break-neck speed; they are rushing, going. They don't know where they're going.

40 It's a nervous age. What is it? Then, I give this solemn warning to the church: Stand still! God always commands us, "Stand still!" before He does anything.

41 The church is in a neurotic stage. Every church is a proselyting, and pulling, and fussing, and stewing. It's a neurotic age. But stand still! Now, that's the message.

42 Notice Caleb here. The people had just come back, the spies, from over into the promised land. They was at Kadesh-barnea. And they had been brought through many trials and had seen the hand of God. A very beautiful picture of the Full Gospel church. And many of them had become discouraged ... discouraged and upset because so many different *isms*, and things, has happened in the church. But that don't take away the real thing. God is calling His church to halt! Stand still. Don't be jumping and running, not knowing what you're doing. Come back to the Word! Come back to Christ!

43 Caleb! There was ten of the spies that come back and said, "Oh, it is impossible for us to do it. Why," said, "their great places are walled. And they are giants in the land. We nearly look like grasshoppers to the side of them. Oh, we are a failure, we can't do it." And, of course, ten against two.

They were outnumbered. But Joshua and Caleb took their stand and said, "We are more than able to do it!"

But before Caleb ... or, Joshua could speak, Caleb had to still the people first. Get them quiet! Stand still! Don't be running here and running there, and jumping at *this*, and jumping at *that*. 46 Now, what made Caleb so sure of it, when the opposition was so great? It's according to what you are looking at. Caleb was looking at the promise of God. The other ten was looking at circumstances. If you go to look at circumstance, or to look what's around you, you are sure to fail. But you must never look at what's around you.

47 What if that man sitting there looked at the opposition by his boy there, a cripple in that chair? What if this nice, clean looking man sitting back there in the wheelchair looked at the circumstances? What if the lady laying in that chair, leaning back, looked at the circumstances? What if this poor blind woman leaning on a shoulder of another thought of the circumstances? The doctor has tried. He has failed. He is a man, like I am, you are. And if you look at that, then you're going to be a failure to begin with.

But the Christian doesn't look at circumstances; he looks at the Word and stands still. God said so, that settled it. What if Abraham looked at circumstances? If the doctor examined your heart, that kills more people than anything else, the doctor examined your heart and said, "You might drop at any time; you got a murmur." That's true. If you look at that, then you're defeated to begin with. Look what God said.

49 If the doctor says that if the little ... like the little boy last night who was a mute.... Certainly he was born, probably, without any hearing waves at all. But right here on the platform, God gave back the hearing to that boy. I put my hands behind him and snapped my fingers, he turned around, motioned to his little ear. He's a baby, he doesn't know how to speak or nothing. I couldn't get him to open his mouth, even, because he had never had any use, but just to eat. And I give him a little piece of chewing gum, thought I could get him to open his mouth that way.

50 If the mother is here, just teach the child. Just go on as if it was a finished work and believe it. No matter what anybody else says, anything, stand still! God said so. Prayer of faith shall save the sick.

Now, if Caleb would have said, "Oh, yes, the opposition is great. We don't even have implements to fight with. And look at those walls; how could we ever get through the walls? There is ten thousand to our hundred. We are outnumbered. We're not war people to begin with. We're not even a united nation. We're just a bunch of peasant slaves. We're not even accepted as a nation." 52 But one thing Caleb looked at: God said before they ever left Egypt, "I have given you that land." So Caleb didn't care what the circumstance looked like. He looked at what God said.

53 That's the way you must do tonight. Don't look at what circumstances is; look what God said. It's God's promise that counts.

54 So, he stilled the people. Said, "Stand still!" God was fixing to speak. Just a few days before that, when Moses, the great leader, the emancipator of Israel, had brought up the children from Egypt and had lead them out, and had come out under the hand of God, and there was a perfect type of the church today.

55 The first thing looked at that church being led natural, they had what? The Word. They had the promise, through Abraham; had promised the time was at hand. They had a prophet, Moses. They had a Angel of God, a pillar of fire, a leading them. They had signs, and wonders, and miracles among them. Why, exactly! And here they was going on their road with all good faith. And come to a place where they were totally cut off, at the Red Sea. It seemed as if all nature quivered for them. The skies could have wept. Everything. The mountains could have shook. They were in a terrible condition--a coveted people, as you are, as we are.

56 And had come up against a blockade. Maybe you are there tonight. Maybe it's in the way. Maybe you got an affliction. Maybe you've got a habit. Maybe it is some besetting sin that you can't lay down. Something has blocked your road. And the world has looked and said, "Now, let's see how much he is going to keep his religion in this kind of a time."

57 That's the way Israel stood. But Moses said, "Stand still! And see the glory of God." Don't get flusterated. Stand still.

And then when the children of Israel stood still, God spoke from the heavens, and the Red Sea stood still. It stood on the side line. And it heaped its great walls up like mountains, standing at attention. When Jehovah spoke, the Red Sea stood still. God commands to stand still. And Israel passed over through the Red Sea as if it was on dry land. And the waters of the mighty, raging sea stood still. 59 Not long after that, some forty years, after the people would not receive Caleb and Joshua's message, God said, "They will not go over." They wouldn't stand still, they wouldn't listen to the Word. They wanted their own ideas. And God said, "They will every one die here in the wilderness." And they did. Only Caleb and Joshua was the only two who went over, who stayed by the Word.

One day when Joshua came down in the month of April, and that was a time if God was figuring out anything, He sure done a poor job. He would have crossed over in the fall of the year, when Jordan was almost dry. But He turns right back around and he crosses Jordan when it's at its highest, in the month of April. The snows are melting in Judea, and the great Jordan is swelling plumb over the plains.

And God brought His people to Jordan when she was raging the highest. Oh, I wished I had some way I could place that into the heart of the people. Maybe you have been brought up against the difficulty, right in your Christian experience, that you question God, "Why?" But God wants you to stand still just a moment. The Bible said, "All things work together for good to them that love God." Stand still. Don't be alarmed.

And when the Jordan, in her great muddy waves as she was flashing from the hills of Judea, God had to speak. And when God spoke, Jordan stood still and listened to Jehovah when He spoke. She walled herself up and the water stayed. Oh, blessed be the name of the Lord! When God speaks, something takes place. Nature hushed its mouth. God was speaking.

63 And Jordan, as a soldier, stood at attention while Jehovah moved His children across its bed. Certainly. Stood still and watched the hand of God move.

And then it stood still while Joshua and the Levites erected a memorial in the middle of that river. As a memorial to stand, Jordan felt still.

One day, when the children of God was coming in by the Word of God, taking the land that God had given... Now remember, God gave them the land down in Egypt. Said, "That land is yours. Every bit of it." Now the people today are expecting God to reach down and get them by the neck. Say, "Yes, that's right. You bring me out, clean me off, heal me and I will believe You." God doesn't do His business that way. He gives you the promise, but you've got to fight for every inch of ground that you possess.

66 Why didn't God go over there and just run out all the Amorites and Hittites and the Perizzites, and all them? Why didn't He just run them all out? No, Israel had something to do. And you've got something to do. God said, "That land is yours. Go and possess it."

(Am I deafening you by this mike? I don't mean to.)

67 "Go and possess it; it's yours." And they had to fight every inch of their way. But it was assured that it would be given to them no matter what the results, what the circumstance looked like; it was theirs. God gave it to them. And they looked at the promise instead of the circumstance.

68 Healing is yours. Salvation is yours. The Holy Spirit is yours. The real Holy Spirit is yours!

69 Peter said on the day of Pentecost, "Repent every one of you and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children and them that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Then the promise is just as real tonight as it was then. It's your possession, if you will go take it. It is given to you.

70 If God calls you, He intends for you to have it. But you will have to fight every inch of the way to get it. You certainly will.

Now, the children were fighting and the sun was going down. And the great warrior, Joshua, when the sun was going down, he needed some more time. And God was in the battle, Moses' hands was up, as it were. And as Joshua was fighting, God made the sun stand still, till at once the power of Almighty God working with His children. ⁷² I believe the coming of Jesus Christ is past due. But if the children would only claim their promise and not be separated and divided, I believe God would make every nation on earth stand still, and see the glory of an old-fashioned Pentecostal revival sweep the world. If the children would stand still. But they won't.

73 That's the reason God can't get them still. When God wants to do anything, He wants you to keep still. Stand still, believe His promise. Stay right with it. Don't be carried about by everything; stand still and watch Him.

Oh, what a wonderful thing! Joshua, standing, calling to God, and the sun stood still while he went out to win the battle. And he did it. The sun, nature, had to hold its peace and watch God perform His work. Certainly it does.

75 When they went around Jericho, they marched around the wall several days in full armor, sounding their trumpets and things. But one day when they stopped and let out the blast and stood still, God shook the walls down in front of them. Certainly. They had marched several days around, but tramp, tramp, tramp wouldn't do no good. But when they stopped and sounded the blast, then God shook the walls down.

⁷⁶ Several hundred years after that, there was an old, blind beggar sitting by them walls. We know him in the Bible as Bartimaeus. Many pronounce it, "Bar-tee-meus"; either way will be all right. And there he was sitting, blind. And how he must have been thinking, this little boy, how his mama used to get him on her lap and tell him of the great stories, and how God did great things. And maybe his favorite story was when Moses crossed the Red Sea, or when Joshua entered the promised land, just a few hundred yards below where they were at. Oh, how his little bright eyes would flash, and say, "Oh, mother, tell me that story again before you rock me to sleep." And he'd take his hands and pat her pretty cheeks as that young Jewish mother rocked him. Little did he know, if he'd be sitting there blind, someday.

And then as his thoughts went back to that great story, I can imagine it in his little mind, he said, "Well, here I am an old, ragged beggar sitting here. If I could have only lived in the day that when Jehovah made Jordan, right below me here, stand still to see His praise. If I could have only lived in that day. But my priest tells me that the days of miracles is past. There is no such a thing as Jehovah doing such now; we just keep the law.

And, also, he could remember the story that not many years before his time, right down that same old cobblestone road, come Elijah and Elisha, the two mighty prophets of God, walking right along, arm in arm, walk down to the Jordan. Years after Joshua had had it to stand still. The prophet Elijah gets his mantle and strikes it, "Stand still. I have got to cross over." And the same Jehovah, who stood it still for Israel hundreds of years later, stood it still for Elijah.

79 One person. Certainly. And they walked across. One hour later, perhaps, that young prophet Elijah ... Elisha, walked back with the same mantle on him. And struck the Jordan and said, "Where is the God of Elijah?" And it stood still, for God to manifest His power to those prophets on the hill watching him. Certainly.

Old, blind Bartimaeus said, "If I could have only lived in that day, I would have run out in the street, and I would have grabbed them prophets and said, 'O prophets of God, pray for me, a blind man, that God will restore my sight.' But alas, they tell me the days of miracles is past; God doesn't do those things no more."

And another thought come to his mind. That one day before Joshua took the city, he was walking one day. And he happened to look, coming to him, and here stood a man, walking, with His sword drawed. And Joshua the great warrior drawed his sword, and started walking to Him. And Joshua screamed out, "Who are You for? Are You for us, or are You for our enemy?"

And this Man stood still, waved that sword and said, "Nay, but I am the Captain of the host of the Lord." And the mighty Joshua threw his sword on the ground, pulled off his helmet, and bowed his knees.

83 Old, blind Bartimaeus said, "If I could only lived in that day, and I met that mighty Captain." Little did he know, less than two hundred yards from where he was sitting, come that same Captain of the host of the Lord, walking down the street. A noise....

84 Oh, sure, made fun of. Always, those who do something for God. I can hear the priest run out and say, "Say, you that raised

Lazarus out of the grave, we got a whole graveyard full of them up here; come up here and raise one for me. Let us see You raise the dead." But you know, it's little men that pick up little things like that. Big men never notice them. They just go on.

85 He never turned His wise. His whole mind was set on Calvary. He was going right then to Jerusalem to be crucified.

And there was some throwing, perhaps, overripe tomatoes or vegetables at Him. "Away with Him!" And others saying, "Hail the great Prophet." Some for Him, some against.

I can see a bunch of priests say, "Say, You that can raise the dead. I've got an old mother died up here, a good religious woman. Come raise her up. Let me see You do it." Sure. That's what the devil always does. When you hear people talking like that, know they are of the devil.

The devil, when he met Jesus, he said, "If thou be the Son of God, do a miracle here before me, and let me see You do it and I'll believe You." When they tied a rag around His face one time, some Roman soldiers, and hit Him on the head with a stick. Said, "Now, if You are a prophet, tell us who hit You and we'll believe You." He never opened His mouth. When He was on the cross, he said, "If thou be the Son of God, come down off the cross and do a miracle here before me," the high priest standing, yelled at Him, "and we'll believe You."

89 See, they want things their way. You have to come to God's terms. That's what's the matter with the church today. They want their way. You stand still and watch God's way. He knows what is best. Who can interpret God better than Himself?

And here was this blind beggar. He listened, he said, "What's the matter?" What was it? He was thinking on those things: the great, mighty power of God, when it appeared. It was those on the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus that was thinking about Jesus, when He walked out, and talked to them all day. You've got to think about it. You've got to believe it. You've got to accept it. Not go out to the pool room all night one night, and go to church the next day. Not go out and fuss, and steal, and cheat, and have temper, and fuss, and fight with your neighbors, and proselyte and everything, and then go to church and expect something to be done for you. You've got to live for God. You've got to be in His presence with your shoes off and your eyes closed in His presence, with reverence and recognition of His Being, with love for all.

91 That's the reason we don't see no more going on than what we do. You've got to meet God on His terms. Not on yours--on His.

92 Notice, as Bartimaeus said, "Who did you say that was went by?"

"It was Jesus, that great Prophet of Galilee."

"Who is He?"

"Oh, they claim He is the Son of David; you know, the Messiah was to come."

93 Quickly the spark caught in his heart. And he screamed, "O Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." There you are.

94 Get it out of your minds: "The days of miracles is past. God is just the same tonight as He ever was. Get it out of your mind that these things that teachers teach you that there is no such thing as a baptism of the Holy Spirit. We got a lot of mockery. That's right. But we got a real Holy Spirit, too. We got bogus dollars. They only make the real dollars good. Certainly.

95 I know we got mockery of divine healing. People say, "I got power to heal." That's a lie. Healing is a finished work; Christ did it at Calvary. And any true prophet of God will speak the truth: He'll place it on Calvary where the all-supreme sacrifice was made, and there man was healed by His stripes at Calvary; not what somebody has got... You can't heal nobody, neither can you save anybody. No one else can or never will. It's a finished work. It's your faith in that finished work. That spells it.

96 Notice. This blind beggar said, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Now who was this poor little, old, wrinkled arm, ragged beggar sitting against the wall? And so, many probably three or four thousand people yelling and screaming and making fun of Him, and some hailing Him, and praising Him. He never heard His voice. He couldn't hear his voice. And His mind set on one thing, His head back, out in front of the procession going like *this*, looking towards Calvary. And as He went on, that little old beggar.... They told him, "Shut up." But that didn't stop him. He screamed the much more, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." And with all the tremendous burden of the sins of the world laying on His shoulders, on His way to Calvary, that one poor little, perhaps ignorant, insufficient beggar ... that faith in his heart stopped the Son of God and He stood still.

97 Jesus stood still, said, "Bring him here." Oh, brother. Jesus stood still. And they brought the beggar to Him. His faith had stopped the Son of God and brought Him to a standpoint ... to a still stop. And I say tonight: I don't care who you are or what your name is, how poor you are, how far gone you are, your faith tonight will bring God to a standstill, to hear your humble cry. "Be still and know that I am God." Don't listen to the rumbling battle of the outside world and these things like that. "Stand still and know that I am God."

98 It stopped Him. And they brought blind Bartimaeus to Him. And He said, "What would you that I would do?"

99 He said, "That I might receive my sight." That was the little talk that he wanted with Him.

He said, "Thy faith has saved thee."

100 And as the old beggar stood there looking at his hands and procession going on down the street, as Jesus went on, he begin to see after a bit, and he began screaming, running after Him, rejoicing and giving praise to God. Jesus stood still when God was going to do a work.

101 I'm telling you: If there ever was a time, my brother, that the people are to stand still, tonight, when one is saying ... the magazines writing up, "It's fanaticism. It's *this*. It's devil worship, it's all *this*, *that*, the *other*." Stand still! Look straight in the face of Calvary and say, "Lord, was it for me?" Find out what God will say about it in His Word. Stand still.

102 Yes, brother, some of these days this old earth is going to stand still. Some of these days, time is going to stand still. Listen to God speak. You will stop some time. "Oh," you say, "I got my kids to raise, I got *this* to do, I got to wash, I got a pile, these things has got to be done." Stand still a minute! Let God speak. He will do something for you.

103 One of these days He'll speak and the sun will turn no more. He'll speak and the moon will fail to give its light. Yes, brother. Some day I'm going to preach my last sermon. Some day I'll pray my last prayer. And I'll fold this old Bible for its last time. And every mortal wheel in this body of mine will stand still. But at that time, I'm going over on Zion to live forever with Him. The wheels of mortal life....

Some day beyond the reach of mortal kin, Some day, God only knows just where or when, The wheels of mortal life shall all stand still; Then I shall go to dwell on Zion's hill.

104 I would rather have it than anything I know. I wonder tonight if you would let all the hustle and bustle of your mind, the confusion, and everything that's in your mind, if you'd stand still just for a few minutes, let God talk to you. See if He don't tell you you're wrong.

105 "Oh," you say, "I belong to church, the same church my mother did." That has nothing to do with it. Hell will be made up of church members. That's right.

106 Unless a man is born again. When he is born again, the life of God dwells in him. And then the fruits of the Spirit follows, which is: love, peace, joy, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. He becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. He is a part of God, a son of God. He can no more die than God can die. He has got eternal, immortal life and cannot die. Jesus said, "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me hath," present tense, "eternal life, and shall never come to the judgment, but has passed from death unto life."

107 My poor, decrepit sinner friend tonight, won't you stand still just a minute, let God speak to you? And when the services begin, when the Holy Spirit is here now, the great Holy Ghost, the resurrected Christ, who is here in the form of the Holy Ghost.... The Holy Spirit is Christ in spiritual form. And when He is here tonight, the same yesterday, today, and forever and the faith that stopped that old ... from that old blind beggar there, could stop Him in the road, is the same faith that the woman touched His garment with and He turned and looked. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

108 He's just as much here right now as He was on the Jericho road. He's just as much here as He was on the road to Jairus' house where He raised the girl and the woman touched His garment. He said, "I can do nothing in Myself." He passed by a great mass of people laying blind, halt, withered, walked right through every one of them, the pool of Bethesda.

109 What do you think would happen in Saskatoon if He come and did that? Here He was, a woman touched His garment and was healed. A few days later (Saint John 5) here He is going through the pool of Bethesda. Great multitudes, thousands of them was laying at this pool. Look what the Bible said it was: lame, blind, halt, withered, waiting; mothers with waterhead babies, blind mothers, blind fathers, crippled, lame, trying to get into the pool. And Jesus, the Son of God, walking out among them. And He.... Why didn't He heal them? He got some criticism over.... He would get it tonight. But He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

110 He walked right down till He finds a man laying on a pallet. I don't know whether you Canadians know what a pallet is or not. It's a little old blanket or something you lay.... I was raised on one. We didn't even have a bed. The biggest part of my life is spent (in my sleeping) on a pallet. Just a bunch of blankets laying down by the door, and lay a pillow on them, and it made out of corn shucks. Laying there on a pallet.

111 And this man was laying there, been laying ... had a disease for thirty-eight years. He wasn't crippled; he could walk. He wasn't blind; he could see. But he had some sort of an infirmity, maybe a prostrate trouble, or TB. Ever what it was, it was retarded, it wasn't going to kill him. He had had it thirty-eight years. And Jesus looked around until He found this man. Why didn't He heal the blind man, the crippled man? But He found this man. And He said, "Wilt thou be made whole?" 112 And he said, "Sir, I have no one to help me in the water. While I am coming...." Somebody outruns him, and gets in before him."

He said, "Take up your bed and go into your house."

113 He picked up that little pallet and throwed it on his back and away he went. And he met some of the Jews. They begin to criticize and question. Saint John 5:19. Listen what Jesus said.

114 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what he sees the Father doing; that doeth the Son likewise."

115 How many ever read that in the Scripture? Let's see your hands. Absolutely. Jesus didn't heal just at random. He done what the Father showed Him to do. The Father was in Him. Now God is in you. He only healed by vision, if His words which cannot be questioned. He said, "I do nothing till the Father shows Me first. The Father worketh and I worketh hitherto." That same Jesus said, "The things that I do shall you, also. More than this because I go unto my Father." God was in one person then: His Son Christ. Now He is in the entire church universal. He is the same God.

116 I want you to stand still, just a moment. I am going to ask you something tonight. As you are here, let us pray just a minute.

117 Heavenly Father, I pray that this moment, that every church member, ever sinner, will stand still just the next few moments and think within their heart, "What is this all about? What's this man trying to tell us? It's seemingly that it is bringing it from the Bible. And I have read that You are the same. And I have read that You said that the things that You done, that we would do also, and how You promised in this last days what You would do. And when You closed the Jewish age, You sent these great signs to close the Jewish age. And now You are a just God and You will send the same to close the Gentile age. And here we are." The resurrected Jesus, the evening lights have come. We are at the last hour.

118 And now, Father, may men, as they're pondering over this, let Thy Holy Spirit come to me. O precious God, there is no merits and no good in me, I am an unprofitable servant. And I say not that to be humble before this crowd. If I did, I would be a hypocrite. And God forbid, let me be an infidel instead of a hypocrite. Help me, O God, and help this audience, tonight, to realize that some glorious day, and that may be today yet, Jesus may come. And help us to recognize, tonight, that the great things that He has did and sent us, like He said last night to Jonah and the queen of Sheba and those, and then greater things are being done now, right here in this city. For a greater is here--the Son of God--than there was in Jonah or in the queen of Sheba. A greater, the resurrected, glorified Christ, the Holy Spirit.

119 When You said, when You was here on earth, before You was glorified, if they spoke against You it would be forgiven. But when the Holy Ghost come, speak against it, it would never be forgiven.

120 So, I pray, Father, that You will let men think just a moment, and stand still. And may Your Spirit move among us now, and declare that You are the resurrected Christ, before I make this altar call. God grant it for Your glory. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

121 Now, reverently and quietly.... I have changed my services the last two nights. To my opinion, last night was an exceeding better night than the night before. And I have a vision. I know Gene and them is catching this on the tape recording. I will not tell it now, but not long ago, I saw a vision. And I didn't realize it was Saskatoon where it was going to be. But it has ... it was just revealed a few moments ago, standing in my hotel room, looking at a river with a falls on the left side. I didn't understand it, till just a few moments ago, when months ago I had the vision, what was going to take place.

122 But just on the tape I said that, so that the tape playing back, you would watch and see. See if it is wrote right here on the fly leaf of my Bible, what's going to take place. Now, watch and see.

123 Now, notice. Christ the Son of God died, and rose again, and ascended on high, and tonight is a High Priest of our confession, sitting at the right hand of the Majesty of God, making intercession on our confession. Is that right? Everyone knows that.

124 Now, if He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and the Bible says that He is a High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, then, brother, look. Christ never said, "Go ye into all the world and teach the Word." The Bible doesn't say that. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel."; not teach the Word ... preach the Gospel. The letter killeth, the Spirit giveth life.

125 But we've went and taught the Word and made it to suit our own program. But what is the Gospel? Paul said, "The Gospel come not in word only, but through the power and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit." And then immediately he said after that (in Mark the 16th chapter, following), he said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." See, we just read part of it. Don't leave the rest of it out.

126 Now, I say this: If Christ has raised from the dead.... He declared when He was here on earth that He did nothing till the Father showed Him. He stood in the audiences like this and perceived the people's thoughts. How many knows that is the truth? Bible said so. If the people out there could touch His garment and He could feel it, not with a physical touch but a spiritual touch, like blind Bartimaeus. If He could feel it then, and He is a High Priest tonight that can still be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, let's believe Him.

127 Then He set some in the church; first His Word, then He set what? Apostles. Now many of the people stagger at that word: apostle. But I want to ask you people that stagger at that: What is the difference between "apostle" and "missionary"? The word *apostle* means "one sent." The word *missionary* means "one sent."

128 [Blank spot on tape.] ... in word. Why they ever want to be called *missionaries*, I don't know. They are apostles. Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors; all for the perfecting of the church. Is that right? It was set in the church. God didn't just say just "teachers" and "evangelists." He said "apostles" and "prophets," too: all the rest of it.

129 Then in every local body there's nine spiritual gifts should be operating, by judges, and so forth. It should be absolutely.... Speaking with tongues, interpretation of tongues. Not a bunch of wildfire, but real genuine Holy Spirit revelations is coming and tells things that happens right then. Not something that's saying, "Jesus is coming soon." We believe that. It's wrote in the book. God don't use vain repetitions. He asks us not to do the same. But it is something definite for somebody in the church for a purpose.

130 What we need is about three months in a tent sitting out here somewhere, with some real apostolic teaching; ministers every afternoon. Get back and get in the right swing; the thing.... We just went haywire. Not because they wanted to, but it's a trend of time. It has to be this way. But it is time we stood still just a minute now.

131 Now, if Christ is raised from the dead, and He has set in His church these things.... I don't believe there is a person in this church that I could look at that I know. How many of you here knows that I am a stranger to you, raise your hand, and knows that I don't know you? All right. I don't.... There is no one before me that I see, not one person that I know. I don't even see the Sothmanns and them tonight. They are somewhere here, but I don't even see them. The only one that I know.... Here is Fred sitting here, and Billy, Gene, Leo over here. That's the only ones that I know in the church.

132 Christ knows every one of you. He knows what's wrong with you. He knew what was wrong with the woman at the well as soon as He talked to her just a few moments. He knew what was wrong with her. He knows what's wrong with you. You believe that?

133 Now, if He would come down tonight in His power, and you go to pray and say, "Lord, I want to touch Your garment." And let at least two or three in this building with faith enough to reach and touch Him, to a place that His sovereign grace would turn back and speak with my lips, and tell you what your trouble is or what you want, as He did when He was here on earth, would you believe He raised from the dead then? The Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established."

134 I'm going to change that tonight. Don't you pray for yourself; you get somebody else on your mind and pray for them. That ought to make it. You ask God for somebody else and not yourself. You ask for someone else and just start praying, saying, "Lord..." somebody else to pray for. And believe with all your heart that God will grant it. And if God will grant it, then if you go out of here still disbelieving, I don't know.... 135 The Bible said, "Go ye and *what* no more?" "*Sin* no more," is right. What is sin? Unbelief. That's exactly right. "Go ye and sin no more, or a worse thing come upon you." Go and disbelieve no more.

136 Now, in reverence before the Holy Spirit, let's just be reverent, a moment. You pray and ask God. You say, "Now Lord, I know that that man standing there is just a man. When he was here not long ago, he was just a boy, but now he has turned to a middle-aged man. He is dying by degree like all of us are, like a candle burning out. Someday his days are over. But I believe that today, that You have people that's pastors, and teachers, and prophets, and evangelists and so forth."

137 Look when Hezekiah was told by the prophet, "You are going to die. Set your house in order." And that king, the greatest man in Israel, turned his face to the wall and wept bitterly, and said, "Lord, I beseech You to consider me. I have walked before You with a perfect heart. Spare me fifteen years." Why didn't God Jehovah, the King of heaven, talk to His king of Israel? He didn't. He talked to His prophet.

138 He said, "Isaiah, you go back and tell him...." There was the king standing right exactly in front of the ... God talking to him, asking for this. God could have talked right back to the king, but He didn't make the king up that way. He had a prophet down there. He spoke to the prophet, said, "Go tell him I heard his prayer and going to spare him for fifteen years."

139 See how God does? He has instruments He works through. Do you believe that? Say, "Amen." Certainly. We are not all alike. We are made up different; our make-ups are different.

140 Now, happens to be that as a preacher, I'm not ... you know I'm not much of a preacher. I'm a spare tire for that. And a poor evangelist. But what it was, God gave me a gift as a baby. The very moment I was born, that same light was hanging over the crib, where I was born. Wasn't nothing I did, nothing my family did; it was by election, God's grace.

141 Now, it's here right now at this platform, that same light, standing.... It's right here now. It's not five feet from where I am standing. And I challenge your faith to pray for God to.... Not that we have to have this, but that it might fulfill the Word of God.

142 Jesus didn't have to heal anybody to prove who He was. Why did He do it? That the Word might be fulfilled. That's what He is doing tonight: That the Word might be fulfilled. "The things that I do shall you, also."

143 Now, pray and believe. If He will do it, God be blessed. Now, I ask you to be just as reverent. Stand still now. Sinner, watch. And be reverent. I don't know that He will; He may. I asked Him to grant this in the name of His Son, the Lord Jesus.

144 First, I want to look this way, to my ... to the East. Just watch and see if the Holy Spirit should speak. If He does, God be praised.

145 Now, I know this is sometimes made light of. Sometime people say, "The Lord reveals to me somebody has got kidney trouble." Certainly there is. A lot of it in here. Who is it? There you are, see. Oh, there is lots of impersonations, but there is a true Holy Spirit. Now, just be reverent and pray.

146 I have no way of knowing you, nothing.... It has to be the revelation of God to make the Word of God true. Now, just reach by faith and say, "Lord Jesus, by faith, I see You standing yonder."

147 Now, don't pray for yourself. I pray that God will not let me see people for themselves. It will be for somebody else. We are just going to double it back tonight. Like He told Abraham He'd give him a son, then told him to go kill him–-his son. Destroy it so he could be father of nations.

148 Now, in Christ's name, be reverent. Now I do see.... You may raise your head and look this a way. I'm looking here at a woman. And she's sitting right over this a way, as I see.... But she's praying for herself. It's a woman.... She's sitting on the end of the seat, right over here. She's got a swelling in her body that she is praying for. That's right. Lady right on the end of the row there. That's right, isn't it lady?

149 Here, maybe you might know this. You are not from this city either, are you? You're from Edmonton, aren't you? If that's right, raise up your hand, see. Well, you're healed anyhow. Your faith touched Him.

150 Have faith. Believe. Here's another lady, sitting next to her. No, it's the second from her. It's a woman... She's praying for somebody else. She's praying for a daughter. And that daughter is not in this city. She's from ... she's from another city. And it is Regina that she is from. And she fell off of something, it look like ... it was a horse. And she hurt her back and neck. And you're praying for her. That is right, raise up your hand, see.

151 I am not reading her mind. You stop thinking that. Now, don't think you can hide your life now, because you can't. I catch your thought. Certainly not.

152 That God might be glorified, the little woman sitting next to that one is weeping, because she has got someone she is praying for, too. Isn't that right, lady? You was praying for somebody, also. You believe me to be God's prophet? If God will reveal to me something that you're praying for, will you believe me, then, with all your heart, and believe that Christ raised from the dead and will accept it?

153 I see a man. And you're praying for a man, and that's your husband. That's right. If that's right, raise up your hand. And the man isn't here. The man is working. That's the reason. And the man has a rupture and arthritis. And you are praying for him for that cause. If that's right, raise up your hand.

154 You believe now? There is three of them sitting there. You just have faith in God. "If thou canst believe," the Bible said, "all things are possible to them that believe." If thou canst believe. But that's the first thing you must do. If thou canst believe.

155 The young lady sitting out there, too, praying for her father with that nervous breakdown. You believe that God will heal him, make him well? You can have it if you believe it. Amen.

156 Just bring up somebody in this sections, over this way, believing. Or is that.... That is already three, isn't it? Or four. All right. Let's have another, make five, J-E-S-U-S. Somebody pray, believe with all your heart. Pray for somebody else now. Just see if God is here.

157 Somehow, I see a distance coming. It's a woman. She's sitting right there. You raise your head, people. The woman is sitting right here looking at me. She is praying for a loved one that's not here. And the person is in the west from here. It's in British Columbia. That's right. It's your sister-in-law that you're praying for. And one thing, she's a sinner and so is her husband. That right? You have a prayer card? You don't. All right. You don't need it. If you will believe with all your heart, tell them to accept Christ and she'll get well. Amen. Believe with all your heart.

158 Do you believe now with all your heart? Now, sinner, stop just a minute. Think! What is this? Chase it with the Bible. Compare it with the Scripture. See if it's what Jesus Christ did. Find out if it's right. See if He promised to do it. Now let us stand still just a minute and think. Let's bow our heads a moment.

159 Now, Christ, our heavenly Father, Thou art here. Your words are true regardless if the whole world disbelieve it. You are not obligated after doing such things as this. You are here.

160 How could it be when I am standing here declaring Your name, preaching the Gospel and calling sinners to repentance, and knowing that the great day is a coming, seeing You make the deaf to hear, the blind to see, the lame to walk, doing all, just exactly what You said You would do. You did it at the junction of time when the antediluvian world was destroyed, You did it just then. You sent signs and wonders before Israel, before they was brought out of Egypt. You sent signs and wonders just before the coming of Christ. And now here the coming of it is again and You are sending signs and wonders.

161 May the people think of it. May sinners and lukewarm church members think tonight, deeply and stand still just a moment. And in the integrity of their heart may they accept You just now as their Savior, while they know that they are in the presence of something. O God, let them be the judge, how they judge You. And I pray that they will judge You righteous, and say that it's right and ask mercy for their souls.

162 And while we have our heads bowed, I wonder tonight, would you raise up your hand and say, "Brother Branham, remember me in prayer just now. I now want to believe on the Lord Jesus." God bless you, sister. God bless you, lady. God bless you, lady. And God bless you, sir. God bless you back there. God bless you there, lady, and you, and you, sir, and you in the middle aisle, God bless you. And you.

163 In the right aisle, to my right, raise your hands.... God bless you, sir. You want to accept Christ. God bless you, lady. God bless you, little boy. God bless you, sir. In the balcony of my right, would you raise your hand, somebody that says, "I realize, Brother Branham that just this little old church membership I've got ain't going to do me no good." Why, it won't do no more than get a free funeral for you out here in the graveyard. That's all.

164 But let me tell you something, brother. Except a man be born again, you can't understand; there is no way for you to understand these spiritual things until you are born again.

165 God bless you, sir. That takes a real man to do that. It certainly does. Somebody else say, "I will raise my hand," over in the right balcony here. God bless you, sir. God bless you, sir. That's real men. That's real men. God bless you here, lady. That's right. That takes a real lady to do that. It takes more than just a woman; it takes a lady to admit you're wrong ... to admit it. "He that will cover his sins shall not prosper. He will confess his sins shall have mercy."

166 To the balcony, to my left, now. What about over here? Would some raise their hand there and say, "God be merciful to me. I now accept Christ, and I want to be born again. I want to get rid of this just membership that I've got. I want to be filled with God's Spirit. And I want a real experience with Christ. I ask Him to have mercy on me now, while His presence is here. And I recognize it by signs and wonders that He promised to do. Remember me, Brother Branham, and pray for me. I raise my hand." Will you do it?

167 God bless you, sir. Stand still. God bless you, sir. That's right. Stand still in your heart. God bless you, sir. That's good.... Someone else, stand still. God bless you. Think in your heart.... The man sitting down there at the floor, God bless you, too.

168 Someone anywhere in the rest of the building, man, woman or child, raise your hands ... hasn't raised your hands, say, "Remember me, Brother Branham, in prayer right now. I want to believe on Christ." God bless you back there, mister. I see your hand. That's a real thing. Of course God sees it.

169 What will this.... You say, "Well, if I am more convinced...." This might be the last time that you are permitted to stand still. Before day breaks in the morning, you may have a doctor rush up there, say, "It's too late. Heart attack." They are gone. Oh, how these words would ring in your ears, friend, if you're not a Christian. Won't you now, while you're mentally and in your right mind and able to raise your hand, bring that hand from your side, up to Jehovah God who made you, say, "I am wrong and I confess my sins and ask for mercy, God. In Your divine presence here, I ask for mercy. I'm not raising my hand to Brother Branham. I'm raising my hand to You, Christ. I just want Brother Branham to pray for me, because I know that that Spirit of Christ is here in the room. And seems like it's working through him now, and I want his prayers to my behalf, that I'll be remembered to You, that I won't come into condemnation, but I'll enter into paradise with You." Would you raise your hand?

170 Another one that has not? Since we've asked the call. God bless you. That's good. Just another before closing. Stand still. God bless you, little boy up there. God be with you, honey boy. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come to Me. Forbid them not, such is the kingdom." Someone else? Just before closing. God bless you, son. Someone else? God bless you, sir back there. That's good. That is fine.

171 If I miss one hand, God won't. He sees it and puts it on.... You say, "Does that make any difference, Brother Branham?" It's the difference between life and death. Jesus said, "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me has everlasting life."

172 These same signs that you see performed right here, they called Jesus a fortune teller, Beelzebub, for doing it. And Jesus said, "Now when you ... you say that about Me, it will be forgiven. But when the Holy Ghost is come and does that, you speak a word against that it will never be forgiven you." Well, how much greater is it now than it was then!

173 We are living in a weak and adulterous generation; to condemn it, to walk away from it, to refuse it, is utterly denying peace and asking for judgment. Not because I am standing here, because it's this building. It's because of Christ's resurrection.

174 All right, I'm going to ask those who held up their hand if you will stand just a moment for prayer. Just raise right to your feet if you are able. That's right. That's right. Be sincere. Every person put up their hand, raise to your feet. That's good. Stand right up to your feet. Every one that's raised up their hand, stand up to your feet for a witness of Christ that you now want to be His servant from this night on.

175 Who knows that before the coming of day light there might be a time.... God bless you (the two), I guess, Indian man and woman there. God bless you. Someone else now? That's right. Stand to your feet. That's right. Stand right on your feet.

176 What am I asking you to stand up for? Jesus said, "He that will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father and the holy angels." Is that right? God promised it.

177 Now, each one that's standing.... And you now who did not raise your hand and you feel now that you should have did it, will you stand to your feet and ask for mercy? Just a few minutes, I believe you are going to see some great, exceeding things done by our Lord tonight in the prayer line.

178 Would you stand now, after seeing His presence here and know that He is here. Look, the Holy Spirit witnesses is here. The scientific world says it's here. The Bible says it's here. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to turn our back on it and walk away? Say, "I'm Presbyterian, I'm a Lutheran, I'm a Pentecostal, I'm as good as anybody else." Oh, brother, that's a selfish thing. If you are not in your heart born again of the Spirit of God, you better be sincere right now. You're in the presence of Christ.

All right. Now to them standing, let's bow our heads for prayer.

179 Blessed Father, by the preaching of the Word, these are standing still. They are standing like the sea stood to watch the works of God. Their emotions is now standing still. Their hearts are open, their ears are listening. Their spirits are reaching out. The enemy has left them. They want to hear a word from You speaking peace down in their hearts. And as I quote Thy Word to them, may the Holy Spirit confirm that Word with peace to every one that's standing to their feet. Grant it, Lord.

180 And as Thou, the great Master of life, said, "He that heareth My words and believeth on Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and shall never come into the judgment, but has passed from death unto life." How sweet these words echo in our ears. How faith can take its stand on the Rock of Ages when the waves of doubt is beating at its feet, and can raise its head to a sky, to the God who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." Faith catches that gleam. And may it be caught in every heart tonight that is standing still, passing now from death unto life.

181 And great, Holy Spirit, who can discern the heart of men, as You promised You would, as You said these signs would be here. And we are in the last days, and the whole world nervous and upset. And mankind are living as if they was going to live here forever, not knowing what minute we will be called to answer at the judgment. What will we do then?

182 And these people has solemnly confessed their wrong and are standing and asking for pardon. God forgive them. And may they find a good spiritual church somewhere in their neighborhood, and be baptized, washing away their sins and calling on the name of the Lord, and be filled with the Holy Spirit, and live peaceful lives on this earth and in Glory, be represented there.

183 And if I never get to see them no more until that day, may they every one be there present, giving God praise, for I ask it in Christ's name. Amen.

184 God bless you now. And as they sit down, somebody near them, shake their hand and give them a hand of fellowship. Those who are raised up to their feet, some of you Christians, say, "God bless you, my Christian friend." Just sit right around, turn around, shake hands with those who stood up for they are your brother and sister in Christ Jesus. God bless you.

185 What a wonderful time. I don't know whether you can feel it or not, but somehow, way down in my soul, peace that passes understanding. Can you feel the Spirit of God? Do you believe it is here, that sweet, soothing, humble Spirit.

Now, I am going to pray for the handkerchiefs.

186 Now, blessed Lord, one day when Israel was crossing the Jordan, the Jordan ... or, the Red Sea, first, the sea got in the way of God. God's children was going to the promised land. And the Red Sea got in the way. One writer said that God looked down through that pillar of fire with angry eyes and the sea got scared, and it rolled back its waves, and Israel passed through to the promised land on dry land through the bottom of the sea.

187 God, tonight as I take these little tokens, these handkerchiefs, that old daddy out there that's blind, sitting in the corner, pecking with his cane, to that mother with that little sick baby, Thou knowest them all. And I pray, heavenly Father, as these little tokens are laid upon them, that the Holy Spirit will look down through the blood of Jesus and may the sickness get scared and move away. And may they pass through that promise of good health that God gave them. For we send these handkerchiefs for that purpose in Jesus' name. Amen.

188 All right. Prayer cards. What did you give them? Huh? I? Where? 1 to 100. All right. Prayer cards I's was give out today. I, like 1. I-1, who has got it. Raise up your hand. Number 1? Number 2, 3....

[Blank spot on tape.] ... claim to heal. That Baptist preacher kept saying, "Let this healer come forth. Let me see him perform." Now, not nothing against Baptist people; I'm a Baptist myself. But let me ask you something. Doesn't that sound like the devil? "Turn these stones into bread. Bless God, you turn these stones to bread, and I'll believe you." Look at the devil with a rag around His head, hit Him on the head, said, "Prophesy! Tell me who hit you, I'll believe you," see. That's that same devil, see.

190 But the man was just possessed of an evil spirit. And then I said, "I don't claim to heal people." I said, "My language ... my books are published in about seventeen different languages of the world then; they're about thirty-seven different languages now." I said, "Never one time did I ever say I could heal people. No one else can. It's your personal faith in a finished work." How many understands that, raise your hand? It's your...

191 [Blank spot on tape.] ... deprive the people. I would just call the people up, and I just take a vision to each one, comb it down, see if there is anything in their life. And you've been in the meetings. How many has been in the meeting, hear people tell they were sinners and living with somebody else's wife or vice verse, and evil things they'd done and have to clean their life up. How many has been in meetings and heard that? Raise your hand. Well, sure, see. It will bring it right out.

192 And in that, people is even scared to come to the platform, and things like that. Because it never one time failed. Whether it was Africa, India, ever where it was at, it's perfect every time. One time

being discerned, tens of thousands would fall at the feet of Jesus. But here, we have been taught you got to lay hands on the people. And that's what He told me to do: pray for the people. Over there, when it's done once, I just make one massive prayer; they just empty up every wheelchair seat and.... Well, in Durban, South Africa they took seven big cattle trucks full of crutches, and wheelchairs, and things off the ground from one prayer.

193 How many knows F. F. Bosworth? Let's see your hand. Nearly all of you. Godly saint, the old man. He estimated twenty-five thousand outstanding healings with one prayer. And a year later, the Durban paper wrote it up. He said they had brought, I forget how many loads of firearms and watches, and things, from the Songhai tribe, that had been brought back since the meeting. That people, absolutely... their salvation stayed with them.

194 Now, I'm in a mixed audience and I'm talking just a moment for a purpose so I can get this crowd to get through here. I'm going to tell you something. Now listen real close. Now Methodist friends, Baptist friends, Presbyterian friends and Pentecostal friends, you're all my friends. You are God's children. I want to tell you something. Sitting at Africa ... in Africa, there come those women up there, just as nude as the day they were born. Young women, just a little clout hanging in front of them. And they had tags on them, they was Christians. What if they had a tract passed to them?

195 And right while they were standing there, and when that man was healed, standing there, and I said, "Now how many would accept Him?" Fifteen different interpreters it had to go through. Then thirty thousand raised and accepted Christ at one time. They thought it was maybe just for physical healing.

196 Brother Baxter, I believe, your own Canadian boy, a wonderful man of God, he said, "Brother Branham, I believe they meant physical healing." Said, "Take it through again." And we said, "Not physical healing, but accepting Christ as Savior." And when it was said through again, they even broke their little idols on the ground, and everything. And thirty thousand received Christ at one time. You know what?

197 Now, listen. It's a mixed audience and you listen to a doctor. I'm your brother. Those naked women, five minutes before that didn't know they were naked. And as soon as the Holy Spirit struck that bunch, them women folded their arms and walked off the grounds. Now you mean to tell me, in your modern churches, you let your women strip theirselves off out here, half naked, before men, and tell me that's Christianity? It's worse than heathens. Certainly is.

198 A heathen can realize and accept Christ and they'll cover up their nakedness, and you are trying to expose yourself, to be modern. I don't mean to be rude, but, brother, one of these days I'll got to stand before the presence of God and give an account for everything I say. And I'm not going to hold anything back. I'm going to say instead of becoming civilized, we're becoming idiots. That's right. Civilization is broke.

199 How could people.... You mean to tell me you women can walk out here with them little bitty straps around you, and call yourself living in a modern civilized world? When heathens is dressed that way and get right with Christ, try to cover themselves up till they get some clothes on them. Looks like you are going back to heathens instead of coming to civilization. Now, you know that's the truth.

200 And just another little thing; I don't see it in this building, but lot of you women that wears this here paint and, you know, black stuff over your eyes, and everything. You know where that come from? That trait is heathen. That's exactly where it come from. They have had them great big bones in their ears for earrings, and take mud and paint their faces and all over like that. It's a heathen trait. Then we permit it in our churches. Sure, it's all right.

201 "Oh, it ain't what you do *this* way, what you do *that* way." No. I know it ain't. But you get right with Christ one time, and you'll wash your face. Exactly right. You'll put on clothes and act like a lady. And you'll throw that cigar out of your mouth if you are a deacon or something in the church, and act like a Christian, too. Exactly right.

202 I know that is awful harsh, friends, but that's the truth. It takes strong medicine to do you good sometimes. It's exactly right.

203 Now, you are standing in the line. I'm not a healer; I'm your brother. I'm bringing to you a message that Jesus Christ raised from the dead. He's here now. He's present, He's right here at this platform. He's out there where you are. The only thing I can do is a commission to pray and lay hands on you. I'll do that as your brother and a servant of Christ. Would you believe that God will heal you and go off this platform, not looking at any symptoms but believing that you are going to be well, will you promise God to do that? Raise your hands if you will. God bless you. You are bound to see something happen in that line. You just got to. I just feel in my heart tonight, as the servant of God, that something is fixing to happen.

All right. I want you to pray with me as I pray. Now, as you come, to keep me to ... that discernment is trying to stay on me and I want you to tell me what's wrong with you as you come.

205 What is your trouble, son? [A man says, "My kidneys and my back."] Your kidneys and back. You believe that Christ will heal you, young man? ["Yes."] What a fine looking, great, strong man like that, and to think the devil would inflict a young fellow like that. You believe the Lord Jesus? ["Yes."] You are a Christian? ["Yes."] Believe that He is going to heal you, then. ["Yes."] Let me have your hand just to contact.

206 Dear God, as I stand with this fine-looking, stout, and great big man here and the devil trying to break this Christian down. Satan you are defeated. The blood of Jesus Christ is sufficient to drive you from this man's body and this prayer of faith I offer as I was commissioned by an Angel to do this. In Jesus Christ's name, leave him and may he be well. Amen.

207 I believe just as sure as we're men standing here, shaking each other's hand, you will be well. Amen. God bless you, brother.

208 All right. What's your trouble, dad? [A man says, "In the kidneys."] In the kidneys. In your throat. [A man speaks to Brother Branham.] Dad, some of them might say, "Well, you're an old man. That don't make any difference. Abraham was seventy-five before God called him. You believe that Christ will make you well? You believe it with all your heart? ["Yeah."]

209 Dear heavenly Father, I look standing here with this man, sitting here with this pair of overalls on. I think of my own daddy, would probably be about this age. O God, I pray that You'll help him. Take from him the evil and make him to be well. Grant it, Lord. Forgive him of every sin and trespass and may from this night on that he'll be made well, in Jesus' name. Amen.

210 Now, you got some habits, that smoking and stuff. You stop that now and go on and live for God, you will get well. Amen. God bless

you. That's hurting your stomach and everything, doing that, swallowing that.

211 You believe God will heal you of your heart trouble and make you.... I already said it. You believe me? All right. You believe that He will do it?

212 O God, our heavenly Father, I pray that You will heal the woman and will make her completely well and take from her all this trouble, in Jesus' name. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go believing, now. The Bible.... What did He tell me? What did the Bible say? "The prayer of faith shall save the sick. They shall lay hands on the sick; they shall recover." Amen. That's His Word.

What's your trouble, sister? Intestine trouble. All right. You believe that God will make you well?

213 O blessed God, as this dear woman stands here, first time meeting her in life, but she has come to this platform to believe on You, to stand before this audience to confess her faith in You. She is bothered with this intestine trouble. Thou knowest her, Lord. And I now curse this disease, as Your servant, that Your presence is here. And ask that it will leave her and may from this hour she begin getting well, and it will all leave her. In Christ's name I pray. Amen. God bless you, mother. Go and may the Lord bless you. All right, sister.

214 You believe that Jesus make you well, honey? Bless your little heart. Are you real weak eyed? You believe Jesus let you get well? I want to tell you something, sweetheart. Did you know Brother Branham, a long time ago, wore great big thick glasses and they had to lead me around, I couldn't see? And one night, Jesus made me well. Now, think of that.

215 Now, you know why He made me well? I got a little girl at home named Sarah. She's just about your size. She was crying the other day when daddy left. She said, "Daddy, you're always leaving. Why don't you stay home with me?" But Jesus knew I must come up here and pray for you, that you would be well, see. And that's what I come for. And you're a sweet little girl, and I believe God is going to make you well. 216 Now, blessed heavenly Father, as I hold this little child to my arm, and I think of my little Sarah and Rebekah at home. But, O God, You said, "He that won't forsake his own and follow after Me is not worthy to be My disciple." Oh, it's such a little thing to do, to think that You did so much for us. And I bless this little child. And, O God, may this bad eyes, may they be normal. May the sight come to them good and may she be well. And before this meeting is over, may she be showing it that she can see good. Grant it, Father. I curse this thing in the name of Jesus Christ, this blindness of her eyes. Amen.

Bless you, sweetheart. Believe you are going to be all right. Do you believe it too, mother? You [unclear words].

217 Your trouble, brother? Hearing. Which ear is it? Both. Just hard of hearing? You read lips, I suppose, then. But you can hear me speaking now. [The man says, "When I'm close; at a distance I can't."] Oh, get away from me, you can't hear me. Will you believe if God will give you your hearing? ["I do."]

218 Heavenly Father, the man stands hearing. The Bible said when the deaf spirit went out of the man, he could hear. I ask it in Christ's name, that You will give him his hearing. He says he can't hear at any distance away. I pray that You will restore him this night and make him well, through Jesus Christ's name, I ask it for the glory of God and curse this deaf spirit. Amen.

219 Now, I believe you are going to be all right, now. Walk over there just a minute. Now, I want you to turn around and look back here at me, just a minute. Can you hear me now? [A brother says, "I can."] Can you hear me now? [Spoken a little softer each time.] Can you hear me now? [Brother says, "I can."] You're well.

It's just that simple. Where is the little girl was prayed for? I want her mother to check her just in a few minutes.

220 What's your trouble, sir? Oh! You believe that God will heal you and He will put this part in your body that would take the place of the capsule? You believe that God would do that? You believe sometime, if we ask God, God will make it so you won't have to take them anymore? Wouldn't that be nice? Doctor say, "Why, you're well. Don't need them anymore." Wouldn't that be wonderful. He would be happy about it, too, I believe.

221 Now, heavenly Father, I pray for this dear man. And I ask that Your Spirit do this which it cannot be done by mankind. Take away this trouble from him and may from this day on, may he begin to get well, and live and be strong and healthy again. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Nothing I can show or nothing, but we'll believe. Will you believe with me? God bless you, brother.

222 Here is a little boy that ... just speech. Let's just bow our heads just a moment, will you? Everybody bow your head. He is a little baby boy. You his father? All right. You believe now, with all your heart.

223 Blessed Savior, this little chap standing here, and what would it be to be like this? And maybe the little fellow is too little to have any conception of knowing what real faith would be, but just as papa would promise him a little suit or something, he would look forward to getting it. And maybe.... We pray that he's looking forward right now for this healing of his speech. And the Bible said, when the dumb spirit left the man, he could speak.

224 And Thou art God. And we pray that You will ... not as we ask signs; no, Lord. We believe Your Word. We seen You stand here, You know the secret of every heart, and right at this minute, You could reveal anything to people in here, because Thou art a revealer of the secrets of hearts of men. Daniel claimed that. And the Bible claims it. And we know that it's true.

225 Thou knowest the secret of the heart. Ten or eleven years ago You let me tell this same audience that that would come to pass and they are living here today to see it come to pass. That's enough for us, Lord. We believe.

And now, just that it might be said that the little boy, who is so small he can't have faith, hardly, for himself, let the speech come clear to him now, Lord, that he can speak. I ask in Christ's name.

Now, with every head bowed. Everyone in prayer. Want to take the little lad.... What's his name? Philip.

227 Philip, one time a man named Philip went and got a man named Nathanael. And he brought him. If Jesus could heal you, maybe you

could get some other little boy, if you could talk to him. I want you to say what I say, Philip. Now I want you to believe now, honey.

228 Say, I [Boy repeats after Brother Branham: "I"] love ["Love"] Jesus ["Jesus"]. Now say it out loud. I ["I"] love ["love"] Jesus ["Jesus"]. All right. Raise your head. Philip, say, I ["I"] love ["love"] Jesus ["Jesus"]. Praise ["Praise"] God ["God"]. Amen. It's over, brother.

Let's say, "Praise the Lord," everyone, for His goodness and mercy.

Your trouble? Step up here. Your stomach bad. All right.

229 Blessed heavenly Father, we thank Thee that the curse can be moved in a moment. Thou art Christ, the omnipotent, omnipresent God. Take this stomach trouble from this our brother, who stands confessing that he is sick and believes in You. He walked before this audience to confess his faith. May he be healed, I ask in Jesus' name. Amen. God bless you, my brother.

230 All right. All right, brother. What do you want God to do for you? Cancerous. Well, it's a black thing. But Christ is the healer. Now, look; don't look at cancer, look at what God said. God said, "I am the Lord who heals all your diseases."

231 Now, blessed Lord, we look away tonight from cancer. We look away from any symptoms. We look to You, Lord. Jonah in the belly of the whale said, "Once more will I look to Your holy temple." And now, once more we look to Christ, laying hands upon this sick man and cursing this demon called cancer, and asking for his life to be spared, through Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

God bless you, brother. I believe that you will be well. Do you believe it, too? God bless you. Then, you can have what you ask for.

233 You believe that Christ will make you well, brother? Now look. Did you see what He does here in the meeting? You know that has to come from some supernatural power. It ain't in man to do that. No. You got a murmur in your heart, flutter. Acts worse when you're laying down than when you're standing up, see. That's right. See, it's right here before me. I see you laying on a bed trying to hold yourself, like this, is the reason I said that. Now that's right, see. He's present. 234 Now, He can tell me what's your trouble, and all ... look at you here a moment, it would just go right on. But the thing of it is, I can't heal because He has already done it. It's to make you believe that He has done it and is here now, wanting to heal you. Oh, isn't it wonderful? "These signs shall follow them that believe; if they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." That's what He said.

235 Blessed Lord, Thou art no respecter of persons. I pray that You will heal this man from the heart trouble and let him get well, and may it not bother him no more, from this night henceforth; in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. God bless you, my dear brother. Make you well.

All right, sir. I see you have the palsy. You believe that Christ will heal you? You accept Him as your healer?

236 Dear heavenly Father, I pray for this dear man. He is shaking now, with a palsy. And we know that only You can do this. And I pray that You will grant it, and may his faith look right away now, into the heavens, and believe You, and may he get well. Come back showing us that he is well and normal; in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Now, believe with all your heart? All right, sir. Go and receive your healing.

237 All right. My! Little crippled boy? All right. Look at here, sonny, just a moment. The little boy has cerebral palsy. Now, I want you to bow your heads while I pray for this little lad.

238 Blessed heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus, I pray for this poor little boy. Without vision, without looking back into his life, I just ask for You to be merciful, and grant, Lord, that this little boy will start to walking by himself and will be made well. Oh, may each hour his people see that he's getting better, and may he get completely well. We ask in Christ's name. Amen.

239 Now, I'm going to ask you to bow your heads just a little bit. I am going to check with the little boy just so.... Is his parents here, maybe his folks or someone who.... His mother standing down here? All right. Now, I just want to check with you.... Now, everybody with your head bowed, but the mother.

Now, sonny boy, do you believe that Jesus is going to let you get well. I want you to walk with Brother Branham. Just make your foot

yourself, step right out like this with your foot. That's it. That's a boy. Amen. Now, audience, you can raise your head. Now, come on, walk with me. There he is. Let's all praise the Lord! Praise the Lord. He will be all right.

Let's just raise our hands and give God praise.

241 Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight, for Jesus the Son of God, who heals the sick. And we don't ask for miracles, Lord, but You are so good to show us that You are here, through signs and wonders of the living God. And we thank Thee with all of our hearts. And we show our appreciation the best that we know how, in giving Thee praise.

Oh, receive us, Lord Jesus, and bless us. And we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

242 All right. Your trouble, my brother. Heart trouble. Are you a Indian? I thought so. I was seeing you sitting down there. Well, I could say lots now. But did you know God gave you this country, your people? My country, you got a raw deal. Little pension. I picked up some of them from Canada the other day, in Maine. I realize you don't get enough money. You have to work, make your living. That's political, the nations, but there is somebody here now who loves you, who will give you the right kind of a deal. That's your Saviour, Christ.

Just as certain as I am standing here, I believe He is going to heal you of this heart trouble.

243 Blessed Jesus, as I hold this native of Canada by the hand, the real Canadian, the one that You gave the land to. And I pray for him, dear God. And he's our brother. And he's here with one of the most dangerous diseases there is: heart trouble. But he's a Christian and he believes You. And I ask with all my heart that You will heal him and take away this heart trouble. May it never bother him from this hour on. I curse this enemy of his body, called heart trouble. In Christ's name, may it leave him and go into outer darkness and never bother him again. Amen.

Bless you, my brother. I believe it will be over now.

Your trouble, sister? You believe that Christ will heal you?

244 Blessed God, this dear woman standing here, believing with all of her heart that You will heal her and make her well. I ask that this

pressure drop in her blood, and may she be made well and live a normal life from now on. Grant it, Father, in Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

God bless you.

Your [unclear words] in your feet. You believe, mother, that God will make you well?

245 Blessed Saviour, I hold my hand upon the hand of this dear woman. And her legs and feet are giving away. But may tonight she lean over on the everlasting arms. And may the God of heaven, who sent Christ and died in our stead, that was wounded for our transgressions and with His stripes we were healed, may it be applied to her case tonight as I pray this prayer of faith; in Jesus' name. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Not with any excitement or anything, but I believe that you are going to be well. Amen. Is that your husband?

247 What's your trouble? Asthmatic. Makes you breathe and cough. You believe that He will make you well? Your spirit feels that you are a Christian. So, you believe Him with all your heart and you'll get well.

248 Dear heavenly Father, as I hold this little Canadian Indian by the hand, I pray that You will heal her. God Almighty, who raised up Christ from the dead, grant to her the healing. There is no medicine for this. The doctors can't even find nothing, not even a remedy. But Lord, we are not coming tonight to a remedy; we are coming to a cure: Christ, the Son of God. Cursed be this asthma on the woman, and may she be made well; in Jesus' name. Amen.

God bless you, sister. Now, go and be made well in Christ's name.

249 Of course, we can see the woman is blind. I was just preaching a while ago about blind Bartimaeus. Mother, you believe that Christ will heal you? I can only pray; Christ does the healing, we know that. Let's bow our heads just a moment.

250 As I look at her gentle, kind looking old motherly face, God only knows what she has gone through. I looked down at this poor, little, wrinkled hand. No doubt it's patted little babies on the cheek,

and washed clothes for them. No one knows the sorrow that has passed over her brow, but Christ alone.

251 But, as a mother and as a woman, I'm asking Christ to do something. O blessed God, who made heavens and earth, cursed be the blindness on this woman's eyes. And may she this night be healed, and may that spirit of blindness that's on her eyes begin to move back, and may sight begin to break into her eyes this very hour.

252 Blessed Father, Your humble, unprofitable servant prays this prayer of faith to the best of my knowledge for this gentle, sweetlooking little woman standing here. Now I ask for sight in her eyes in Christ's name.

253 Now, keep your head bowed just a moment. I am not asking that this has to be done for sign, but I am asking if Christ will just do a little something here to encourage her. A blind person always seems to be so, oh, so tore up or something. They are sitting in a dark world.

254 Now, everybody be just silently and in prayer with your heads bowed. Now, do you have your eyes over the lids ... the lids over your eyeballs? Now, hold that way just a moment. And now, I want you to look directly at me, in Christ's name. Can you see me? [A lady says, "Yes, I think I can."] You can see me. Wonderful! Touch my nose. Well, bless the Lord! Open your eyes, everybody. She can see! The Lord has healed her! Just touch my nose. Oh, oh, oh. Amen.

255 Let's say, "Praise the Lord" everybody. [Unclear words]. [The sister says, "Yes, I can see the lights."] All count them, just go count them down and show me. Just go along with your fingers and saying ... like pointing to them, so they can... ["The lights?"] Yes, uh-huh. ["There, and there, and there, and there."]

Let's say, "Praise the Lord!" Amen.

256 What happened? God bless you, mother. Go right off the platform rejoicing. Watch, she is walking by herself! Let's say, "Praise the Lord!" Everybody. Let's bow our heads now and thank Him.

257 Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight. Thou does restore sight to the blind. And now, Lord, we realize that this little woman... May these eyes continually, as that spirit left, and sight begin to peep into her eyes again, it elated her, Lord. It made her happy. It makes us happy. I pray that it will continue to grow, her sight in her eyes, until she's perfectly normal again. I ask in Jesus' name and thank You for what You have done. Amen.

258 Let me explain something to you, see. Being blind, the blind spirit turned loose of those ... of those sight, the vision. And when the spirit left....

259 Look here. Watch here. What if a transparent band was around my hand, cutting off the circulation? Now, you don't have to take my fingers off. Now, what does a doctor do? He operates on anything that he can see or feel. That's the only senses he can work with: what he can see, what he can feel.

260 Now, if it's blind, those nerves went dead in the eye. Now, what happened when the nerves went dead? They didn't go dead all over the body. What in that little boys ears, a while ago? That was deaf. What about in the vocal chords of the mute that couldn't speak? They say it went dead. They can't see what to operate on. There is nothing there to operate. They say the nerve went dead. Well, why didn't it die all over the body? Why did it just die there?

261 Now, what it is? The Bible said that it's a blind spirit. How many knows that? The Bible said, "It's a deaf spirit, a dumb spirit." Is that right? Why, the spirit has cut off the circulation.

262 Now, remove that (course it will be sore a little bit), but circulation starts back. If nature is not hindered, it will work perfect. The devil hinders nature. And when it does, there it is. Then move the cause, the cure is sure. Is that right?

263 Now, when the blind spirit went out, she could see, that's all. If she will keep believing.... Now, in about twenty-four hours, she will be seeing better all the time. Then, about seventy-two hours, she may go totally blind again. Then, after that, if she'll just keep on believing, then it will start coming back, and be normal again. Or, if she just believes, don't doubt, but have faith.

All right. Your trouble? You believe that God will heal you?

264 Blessed heavenly Father, I pray that You will heal this woman and make her well. Take away this bladder condition and heal her. You can make the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak, and the blind to see, the crippled to walk. Why You're God! You know the discernment of the heart. And, "I am the Lord who heals all your diseases." And they know that this Spirit now, that the moving here, is not mental telepathy nor fortune teller; they know it's the Christ who heals. And we pray that You will heal her, in Jesus' name. Amen.

God bless you, sister.

265 What you want Jesus to heal you with? Which ear is it? Do you believe He will give you hearing in it? If you will believe it, He will do it. I'm trying to stop and line now for miracles; oughtn't to do that, you see. Woman is deaf in her left ear. How long has it been since you heard out of your left ear? Forty years since she has heard out of her left ear. How many believes God can put the hearing back in that ear?

All right. Just bow your heads just a moment. Now, be real reverent if you will, just a moment.

266 Now, blessed heavenly Father, I only understand now why that You are doing this, but I ask You once more. This woman here is suffering with arthritis; she is deaf in her left ear. For forty years that ear has been deaf. Thou art Christ. I pray that You will heal her, Lord. And we don't ask for a miracle. But could we find favor, Lord, that the people might know this: when You were here on earth, they seen You as You discerned the thoughts of the people and they know and believe that You ... or, they thought, rather, that You were an evil spirit. And they called the Holy Spirit in You an unclean thing. And You said that was blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

267 But after You were crucified, and the blood was shed, and now He has come to do His work under the shed blood, we know blasphemy of that is unpardonable. And we pray, God, that if any of us has any thoughts evil, that You will forgive us for it. We don't want to be found in that condition at Your coming, Lord, or when You call us from the earth.

268 But that the people might know that this Spirit, who can know the secret of the heart, also is the Christ who heals. And we know that the devil has no power to heal, and cannot heal. For God said, "I am the Lord who heals all thy diseases." So, Satan cannot heal. 269 Neither could Jambres and Jannes take away the ... make the healing. They could bring the diseases because it was of the devil, but they couldn't take it away. And Moses and Aaron was the only one who could heal, could cure by God. They could take the plague away, and take the curse away. But the magicians could bring the curse, but not take it away. God is the only healer.

270 And now I pray that You will grant these things. And I believe You are granting them tonight, that the people might know that this is not a telepathy; it's You permitting it to be done for Your glory.

I ask for hearing in this ear, in the name of Jesus Christ.

271 Now, with your heads bowed. This ear, this is the one that's deaf. All right. Can you hear me now? [A sister says, "Yes."] Can you hear me now? ["Yes."] All right, you may raise your head. Now watch here. I take my thumb, the wide of my thumb, place it on the lady's ear, press it in. Do you hear me, lady? ["Yes."] Say, "Amen." ["Amen."] I love the Lord. ["I love the Lord."]

It's all right. Your arthritis gone, too? You are well. Let's say, "Praise the Lord!"

272 Now, what has God been permitting us tonight? The deaf, the dumb, the speech, the sight, the crippled. What's He doing it for? You see, the Pharisee's knew ... or, they believed because He could discern their thoughts, they said, "He is Beelzebub." But they couldn't understand how He could heal. That's it. For, there is no healing outside of God. How many knows that?

273 Let me say tonight this in a moment before going with the prayer line further: There is no other healing in the world but divine healing. And I ask any doctor to prove that there is any other healing besides divine healing.

274 People hollering, "A gift, divine healing." There is no other healing but divine healing. What if you break your arm? What does the doctor do, heal it? He sets it; God heals it. He can an obstruction. What if you got a tumor? He can cut it out, but who does the healing? Show me a medicine that will develop cells and you could pour it in a pan and make a man out of it.

275 God is the only One can heal. No hospital, no doctor, there never was anything that healed but God. Because God alone is a

Creator. And God is the only One who can create and develop cells and calcium, and knit bones, and heal the body. How many knows that to be true?

276 So, don't be against hospitals, don't be against doctors. They are just doing a part, moving obstructions and things like that. But God is the only One can heal, because the devil can't create. How many knows the devil can't create? He can only pervert what is created. Is that right?

277 What is unrighteousness? It's righteousness perverted. Here! You're a mixed audience and I'm talking plain to you tonight. But I feel to do this. For instance, you married men, you live with your wife if that's your wife. That's all right. That's what God said do. But another woman, another man, is absolutely sin and you will go to hell for doing it. What is it? It's the same act, but it's perverted, see.

278 What is unrighteousness? It's righteousness perverted. What is a lie? Is a truth misrepresented, see. That's right. So, who can heal? God alone! No medicine, there is not one medicine that can heal. There is none that claims to heal. It only kills germs and things like that, while God does the healing, because God is the only One who can create that back.

279 You say, "What about penicillin, Brother Branham?" They give you a shot of penicillin for the flu. All right. Here's what it is. Perhaps your house gets full of rats. And you go put out some rat poison, and you kill all the rats. That don't patch the holes. It only kills the rats. And that's what penicillin does: it kills the rats that's inside of you, and God has to heal the part that's tore down by the rats. God is the healer. Sure.

280 It's not nothing way away. It's just right here with us. It's God. Amen. I feel real religious tonight, somehow. I just feel real good. I'm so glad to see our Lord helping His people.

All right, my sister. What do you want the Lord to heal you of? All right. You believe He will heal you?

Blessed Father....