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Our Heavenly Father, that is our intention tonight. We have assembled together and only believe, just believe the Lord Jesus. There are those here, tonight, who are sick and afflicted, and we have dedicated our service tonight to the healing of the sick and broken body. Now, as the singer just sang that beautiful hymn, *Then Jesus Came*, may You come on the scene for us tonight, Lord, and heal all that are afflicted, and may there not be a feeble person in our midst tonight. Grant it, Lord, and help us as we look to the Word now to find faith sufficient for this hour. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

[Brother Branham speaks to someone on the platform - Ed.] There's a pair of glasses here, that someone has lost, and been found in the church. If they belong to you, well, they're here on the pulpit.

Now, I know that many are working, and they have to go home early, and so I won't speak very long; and then well have a prayer line to pray for the sick. That gives me an opportunity to catch up with some of the emergencies that have just been in the room, checking just now before coming in, and this afternoon. Some of them, of course, are very, very bad and violent. And I've been making the calls to be praying for the sick, seeing the hand of our Lord Jesus heal the sick and the afflicted; just how wonderful He is!

Now, not too often do we get into these healing services. Usually the Holy Spirit will come around if there's any emergency case, and discern it right quickly, and pick it out and say something about it. Then the rest of them, why, maybe it's nothing too bad, so we just pass it on by. And I thought, seeing we're here twice today, it should be that we dedicate one service for prayer for the sick. I believe in healing the sick. I believe it is a Bible command. We cannot preach that without the full Gospel, without including that.

Now, it's possible - I don't know yet, I haven't called home yet tonight - that next Sunday I'd be through here again. And if you don't hear from us this week, if Billy doesn't let you know (hell know a little later on in the week), then well be here again next Sunday; because that gives you Labour Day, to rest up, or to get home on. See? And so we'll try, the Lord willing. Now, well, I think Billy drops you a card, or tells you through the services somehow. So if he doesn't call you, then I'm coming back this next coming Sunday. Brother Neville, that's if it's all right to come on back? [Brother Neville speaks to Brother Branham -Ed.] Oh, that's fine.

If anybody wants to know, this is little Collins here. And during the time of the Seven Seals, the doctors had said that that little boy with rheumatic fever had to lie on his back and drink through a tube; that was it.

And the father and mother brought him to the home and sat him in the room. We prayed for him. And the Lord Jesus healed him so completely, he went back to school. And the authorities called them in about it. So they called the specialist who was waiting on him, and he couldn't believe such a thing as that. So they brought the boy down for a test, and he was perfectly, normally well. Then Jesus came. The tempter's power was then broken!

You know, it's a strange thing! I was going to ask someone to sing that song tonight. And as I was ministering in in the room there, here it came, someone singing it out here, *Then Jesus Came*. If that wasn't sung, I was going to ask someone *to* sing it before I spoke tonight. So, He works all things right.

Now, many of you will be waiting over till tile morning that have a long distance to go, and I appreciate that effort. Some of you will drive home tonight, and I know it's hard. I get thinking when I see that.

I get spells too, you know: I get moody. I get to a spot to where I get to those spells when I get all overworked, and Satan comes telling me: "Why, nobody cares for you. You really haven't got a friend in the world, see."

And so, remember, I'm not immune to the temptation. See, I've got to overcome that. Then when I look back and see something like this, I put it right back in his face and say, "What about that?" That helps me to overcome. "What about that?"

It's like a certain friend of mine, sitting in the meeting here. There was a kind of clan that doesn't believe in Divine healing, came to this young fellow recently and said to him, "That stuff that they're preaching there about that Divine healing, there's nothing to it."

And this man lives in Kentucky, right near an old woman, who, when we were at Akton Campgrounds, was dying with cancer. And her sister came to the meeting that night with a handkerchief in her purse that she had brought, and the Holy Spirit called out the woman back there (I'd never been in that country before) and told her that she had a handkerchief in her purse that she had brought from home, and her sister was up on a certain ridge there, dying with cancer of the stomach: the doctor's given her up. And I said, "Go put the handkerchief upon the woman, for THUS SAITH THE LORD, 'She shall live.'" And that's the night the neighbours up there thought they had the Salvation Army, when Brother Ben got up there. And that lady was so perfectly healed that she does her own work and the neighbour's work.

So this young man, knowing that, said, "Then explain her case! That settles it. Explain! You know she had cancer. She was here in Louisville and the doctors were performing the operation, and just simply turned and said, 'Sew her up, put her back, for nothing can be done.' And now she's perfectly normal, well." He said, "Explain that." That settled it. See?

You know what the Bible says? "And they could say nothing against it, because the man was standing right in their midst, on whom the miracle

was done." That's where it puts Satan to a shame, doesn't it? The man was standing there that the miracle had been performed on.

Does God raise the dead? Here sits a man, right here, raised from the dead. Does God heal the sick? Oh my, the hands could just go up everywhere. God heals the sick. And we know He's the great I AM, not the great "I was" or "will be"; I AM. I AM, that's "ever-present, everywhere, all the time"; the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

Now, to hurry, let's turn now into the blessed Bible. I want to read a passage that used just to "turn me around" when I read it. And I want to have a prayer line tonight, and pray for everybody that wants to be prayed for.

And now we're going to turn to the 11th chapter of St. Mark. And we're going to begin to read about the 22nd verse of the 11th chapter of St. Mark. And many of you know this Scripture, it's very familiar. It was the Scripture I was thinking about, Brother Russell, when He spoke to me about those squirrels. And that was just the very Scripture I was thinking about. It's always been a puzzle. He said, "If ye say"; not "If I say"; "If you say!"

Now, let us read:

... Jesus answering said unto them, have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Now, **faith is based on forgiveness**, then. And then, as we said this morning, trying to get the church into the place where we could really see apostolic times moving among us, that's what we all hunger for. And it's just lying right at the door. We see it, but we want to see more of it. We want to see such a flow that it'll be a help to us and flow out to others.

Remember, Jesus (as we had in the lesson this morning), He never used His power for Himself, He used it for others. That's what it was sent for. And you think sometimes, "Why would a Man that was so full of power, like Him, ever have to be sick?" Yes, sir. I've read in some book, somewhere, when He raised up that boy, the widow's son from Nain (I believe, *The Prince of the House of David*), that He sat on a rock and groaned with a headache. See? He bore our infirmity. *Bear* means "to carry." See, He bore. And He had all things as we have. He had sickness, He had temptations, He had trouble, just as we have, because He had to be the right kind of a Mediator. So He had to be partaker, the Husbandman of the

fruit, before He would know. We think of the woman at the well and many things (see?), if we look right into the Scripture.

I want to say that I believe every Scripture, and every bit of It, to be true. There are critics today that don't want to believe that. A critic once said that "when Jesus sent those disciples to where that colt was tied, where two ways met, that he prearranged that as to the colt being tied." See, they don't understand that *God* prearranged it.

God told me the other day concerning Brother Dauch here, that I would shake his hand on the street again. That's very strange, I wasn't here that morning; but two minutes longer, or a minute longer, I'd not have met him on the street. But I stepped off the car just in time to shake his hand on the street when he was coming in. He didn't know me; he had his glasses off, he couldn't see me. When he heard my voice, he started crying. What was it? Usually he doesn't do that, but it was an answer to what was told him up there under the oxygen tent, that he would do it.

I said, "You'll also sit in the church again." It was his heart's desire. When we had the Chicago meeting, he wanted to come to that meeting; his heart was for it. I sent him a telegram of greetings for us and his children, told him we were praying that he'd get well right quickly. And a loving brother, who visited him, said that he just wanted to come so badly. But here he sits, tonight, with us. See? That was not prearranged. The same God arranged it. He makes everything work perfectly on the dot.

A critic once said that "No wonder Jesus could take five loaves and feed five thousand, the loaves were bigger in that day, and He just cut each loaf to feed a thousand."

I give you to understand, a little boy had it in his lunch! A little child carried five loaves of bread that could feed five thousand, and they be filled. And then, what about the twelve basketfuls taken up afterwards? See? Oh, that's just critics, that's all it is. That doesn't change Go& Word. It's just the same, and moves on.

We want to speak now upon faith, and a different type of faith: **Perfect Faith.** That's a great thing. Now, we're told in the Bible, "*Faith cometh by hearing.*" Now, you cannot be saved without faith. And faith is something that you have to believe is there. Really nothing else will declare it's there but faith. Now I'm trying to bring faith to you, so that you can be ready for this prayer line in the next few minutes.

Now, as to faith: "*He that cometh to God must believe that He is.*" And it's impossible to please God without faith. Without faith you cannot please Him. And if you say you believe God, since you have never seen Him, you've got to believe Him by faith. And if you could see Him, it would no longer be faith. See? Anything that the senses declare is no longer faith, it's a scientific fact; see, it's no longer faith. But you have to accept Him by faith. He that comes to God must believe God; and faith comes by hearing the Word of God. See? You must first believe this is God's Word, and you must come to God by the Word. See? Just take the Word, what It says, and know that's right! Everything else contrary to It is not right.

Abraham had to believe just what that Voice told him. And when he was a hundred years old, twenty-five years later, he was stronger in believing It than he was twenty-five years earlier, when It was given to him. See? He believed It. And "he staggered not at the promise of God, knowing that He was able to perform what He had promised." And that's the way; every one must be that way. You must come with an unfailing faith, believing that God made the promise. But now, you have to be in a position to have that faith, and that's what we're going to talk on; see, receiving the faith.

In the Book of Hebrews, the 11th chapter, we are told that:

...*faith is the substance of things hoped for,*...

Now, here's where many people fail to receive their healing, or what they're asking for, because they take faith to be something that it is not. See? They don't believe it. It's imagination. **It is an actual substance.**

Now, listen close! See, it is not what you imagine. It's just as real to you as anything else that any sense of your body will declare. It's just as real as when my eye says, "This is a piece of paper." It's just as real as to say that that is a light. It's just as real as to say, "I feel my coat." It's just as real as to hear that baby talking there, or making its noise. See, it's just as real as music playing. It's just as real as when I taste anything in my mouth. It is that real, only you can't show it to somebody else. You have it alone. Amen! It's yours. Faith is *the* substance; see, not just a myth.

Now, these are really deep lessons. And if I scratch the top of it, then you must dig down into it. See?

Notice, it is something that you possess, not imagination, if you really have it. It's just as real to you as any other thing that could be. It's just as real as your knowing that you're riding in an automobile. It's just as real as your knowing that you're sitting in a church. It's just as real as your hearing my voice. It is a substance, not an imagination, not an emotion; but it's something that you have, and it comes to you by hearing the Word of God (and that only). "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing the Word of God." That puts it back to where your faith is, then, not in some individual. It's not in a man. It's not in an organization. It's not in a group of people. It's in God, because God is the Word. Your faith is in God!

Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God!!!

Then it's according to God, by His Word, not what somebody else did, somebody else said, but by what God's Word says. He said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be true."

Now, if you see somebody else do something by a word, an act of God, a promise of God - and many of them say, "I can do that, too!" (it's an imagination), and when they do, you find them wrecked up out there somewhere. (It's got to be a substance!!!) Now, that is potentially a faith. That is something that would bring you to a faith. It's potentially as if you'd asked me for an oak tree, and I gave you an acorn. Potentially you have an

oak tree, but it hasn't produced itself yet; but when it really brings itself out, it is an oak tree. And you can imagine that God does this. But when it's revealed to you, it's a faith then, a Perfect Faith that cannot fail.

That's the reason those visions are so tremendous to me, because they have been proved right every time. See? And I know that He promised that. And He promised it in His Word, and here He comes and promises it for this day. Therefore, you know where you're standing, when He said so. See, that gives me a faith, because He never does anything contrary to His written Word. See? And if it were contrary to the Word, I couldn't have faith in it. It brings it right back again to the Word (see?), faith in hearing the Word of God. You must hear the Word! God's Word is that all sufficient Word. It's all you have need of, is this Word.

Now, faith is the substance. And in there we found out (in Hebrews) what faith was, and what those did who had faith. See, there are many times that people have faith today, and tomorrow they haven't got it; the next day there's something, and something else. But when God once anchors it, and you see it, there's nothing ever going to make you move from it. You're just poking, reaching, presuming (and presume is to "venture without authority"); you're just trying this, and you're trying this, and going this way, and run here, and run there. You haven't got the Faith yet! **That is not, what we call "Faith".**

I want you to get this now. The Church has got to lift itself in the power of God. How? We are too close to the end, now; and I believe the Church is in a condition where we can teach it things that are a little deeper, and rub some of this make-believe out (see?) and get into something real. See? It's got to be something that you know!

And if you say, "Brother Branham, that isn't the light."

"Yet I know it's the light."

"How do you know it's the light?"

"I'm looking at it."

"Well, how do you know that you couldn't be wrong?"

"My sight has always declared to me that that was light." See?

And that's the reason I believe those visions, because it's always declared to be the truth, because it comes from the Word. Then if He says it, that settles it. Now, when it's declared like that, there's no more guess-work, it's going to be. Then you hear it as "THUS SAITH THE LORD," see, because it's beyond human thinking. It's up into the realms of the Lord's thinking. But you're standing here, just as a branch producing the fruit that's in the Vine. See? **God uses man, and man only. God doesn't use machinery. God doesn't use groups of men. God doesn't use organizations. God uses individuals, always!**

Now, faith is the substance; and by it, we understand, all of those things are done. It's not imagination, it is a substance; especially Perfect Faith. That's what I'm talking on tonight, *getting to Perfect Faith*. It is not imagination.

Now, others have people come and say, "Oh, I've got all faith; oh, I certainly have." Well, what are you standing here for, then? See? See, your very actions prove that you haven't got what you're talking about. See? If you had faith, then what d'you stand in the prayer line for? See? What do you do these things for?

See, if you had Perfect Faith, you'd look right straight to God and believe it, and walk away. You would have no need to come into a prayer line. You'd have no need of these things, because your faith has accomplished it. See? What would be the use of my saying, "I've got to put a shirt on"? I've already got a shirt on!

"How do you know you've got a shirt on?"

"Well, I see it, feel it, and I know it's there." Well, that's just how real it is when Perfect Faith takes a hold. You don't need any more. It's already done; you know it.

"How do you know it?"

"Faith tells me so!" That's it. See? Do you get it now, what I mean, that Perfect Faith?

Now, in other words, I'm venturing out, "Well, I'll go. The Bible says, 'Call the elders, let them anoint with oil, pray over him.' I know, I'll go up." And you say, "Well, I'm going to be healed." See, if you don't watch now, you're going to make yourself just worked up. And then when you pass through, you say, "Oh, I still don't." See, there you are, you didn't have faith!

Your genuine faith will do it right there. Your genuine faith will make it so real to you. Look at that little woman with the blood issue. She said, "If I can only touch the border of His garment, I'll be made well." And as soon as she did it, she said she "felt within herself that her blood issue had stopped." She actually believed it.

And when she touched Him, to prove that it had stopped, Jesus turned and said, "Who touched me?" That Perfect Faith! And that same Perfect Faith tonight will touch Jesus Christ just as it did then. The woman came with a Perfect Faith for that time.

Now, we see, at first the disciples didn't have this Perfect Faith. They didn't have it, because they'd had Christ, when walking with Him; but then, afterwards, Christ was in them. And so, you see, it's hard then to have this Perfect Faith without the Holy Spirit; It has to bring it, It does. Now, you say, "The disciples didn't have Perfect Faith?" No; for they had an epileptic child there and they were trying to cast this devil out of him, but they couldn't do it.

And the father saw Jesus coming, and he said, "We have brought my son to your disciples, and they could not cure him." See?

And afterwards, the disciples asked Jesus, saying, "Why could not we cure him?"

And Jesus said, "Because of the lack of faith, your unbelief." That's right. "Because of your unbelief."

Now remember, they had the power. Jesus had given them power to heal the sick, to raise the dead, and cast out devils, just a few days before that. They had the power, but not the faith to use the power. Now, there's the Branham Tabernacle! There's the Church, the Bride, today! **The Holy Spirit is here with the power, but you haven't got that faith to move it. See what I mean? It takes faith to move it.**

Here: I've got a shell that I hand-loaded. I know what it'll do by ballistics, like the Word, but I've got to fire the gun. The fire has to get to the powder. The powder's got the power, but it's got to have the fire to light it off. And the same thing, the powder's in the shell, but it needs faith to charge it and throw it out. That's what it takes (see?), Perfect Faith to ignite the power of the Holy Spirit which we have now, since He's come upon us; faith to ignite, to see great things, is to use the faith, something that's presented to you.

With a heart full of joy, you walk into the sick-room, knowing exactly what you're going to say. You walk in there and know what's going to happen, something's already been revealed, and you know it. And you walk in: "In the Name of Jesus Christ, rise up from there. THUS SAITH THE LORD!" There you are; that's Perfect Faith. If there'd be ten million people standing there saying it wouldn't happen, you know it's going to happen anyhow, because you know it. It's going to happen. Regardless of what anybody else says, you're the one that's got the faith.

Could you imagine Joshua calling the elders of Israel together and saying, "Uh, brethren, we are the servants of the Lord, I would like you to ask the Lord if it'd be all right if He'd give us a little more sunlight (see?), and hold the sun a little while"?

No, he had need of it, and without prayer, without anything, he-just commanded the sun! He said, "Stand there! I have a need, and I'm in the service of the Lord. He sent me over here to do this job, and I'm doing the best I know how. And the enemy has rallied, and they're out in here; if I let the sun go down, they'll get together and cause me more trouble. So, stand still!! And, moon, you hang there!" Amen. She hung there for twenty-four hours.

Now, if the world's turning and he holds it up, and the sun stayed in a place and it didn't run, what happened then? Now, you make yourself an infidel, if you speak against this; and then if you don't, you certainly fool with science, because they say, "If the world stopped, it dropped." So now what? And if you say God's Word is not right, then you're an infidel. See? But it happened, that's the main thing. I don't know the mechanics of it, but it happened!

I don't know the mechanics of the Holy Ghost, but I know it fell on me. I can't tell the mechanics of It, but I know the blessings of It. That's all I care to know about, the blessings of the Holy Ghost. And the mechanics, He works that. That's His secret.

This boy could not be healed, yet the disciples had power. Jesus had given them power to heal all manner of sickness, to cast out devils, to

cleanse the lepers, and to raise the dead. He'd given them power, but they didn't have faith to operate the power that they had. And then they questioned Jesus and said, "Well, now, why couldn't we do it?"

Now, remember, they had the Word; and the Word was flesh then. And the Word told them, "I give you power." Amen! "I give you power." And they had the power, but they didn't have faith to operate the Word that was in them. Do you see what I mean? But Jesus had it, He was the Word, and He had faith that what He said would happen. He said, "Oh, bring him here. How long will I suffer you?"

He had faith with His power. How was that? He said, "I can do nothing of Myself." Why? He relied upon what He was; He relied on knowing that He was the Word. And He had faith in God, Who made Him the Word. He was God (the Word), and the Godhead was in Him, and that gave Him faith, because He understood His position. He knew what He was, because the Scripture had said what He was. And here every Scripture tied in, to prove that He was exactly what the Scripture said He would be, and He knew what He was.

Therefore, He relied upon what God had made Him. And if He did that, then can't we rely upon what God made us as believers? "These signs shall follow them that believe!" He had faith in what He was. And if you are a believer, you have faith in what you are: you are a believer! And if you've got faith in God, the Bible says: if our hearts condemn us, then we can't have faith; but if our hearts don't condemn us, then we have faith, confidence towards God. If you want to read that, it's found in I John 3:21. I have the Scripture written down here.

Now notice I John 3:21:

...if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

But as long as you're doing things that are wrong, you can't have confidence towards God; right? So, you see, you'll automatically know that you're wrong. You automatically put yourself back there a sinner, by knowing that you're wrong. But when your heart doesn't condemn you, and you know you are a believer, and there's nothing between you and God, you can ask what you will and know that it'll be given, because it's the Word that's given to you just as it was to those disciples.

Now, the only thing you have to do then, is have faith in what you are. **Have faith in what the Word says you are!** Jesus had faith in the Word of God, that said what He was: "It is written of Me." Didn't David, in the Psalms, and the prophets, and all of them speak of Him? "I am the Bread of Life that cometh from God out of Heaven." Amen! "I am that Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden. I am all these things, I AM THAT I AM." And He knew with that Perfect Faith, that He was the anointed Messiah, that the Spirit of God was upon Him. He said, "Now, I, of Myself, can do nothing; but it's My faith in God." And God was in Him, the Word made manifest. And when the Word of God comes into you, It's made manifest,

or you aren't a believer. See? And a believer is "the faith of God that moves in you."

Do you like that? I like teaching what faith really is.

He knew Who He was. Without a shadow of doubt, He knew He was the Son of God. He knew it, for the Word of God identified Who He was. He said, "If I do not the works of My Father, then don't believe Me; but, if I do, then believe the works, for they are the manifested Word promised." Oh, if you could just wake up to that! Do you get it? You see, the Word Itself identified Him, Who He was. And He said, "Who can condemn Me of sin?" In other words, "Who can show Me that My life and My works don't fulfil exactly what the Messiah should do?" Nobody could say anything; for He was. Then He had faith to believe; and whatever He said, it would happen.

Then He turned around and said, "The works that I do, shall ye do also. A little while, and the world seeth Me no more; yet ye shall, because I'll be with you, even in you. Take no thought what ye shall say, for it's not ye that speak, it's your Father that dwelleth in you; He's the One Who doeth the speaking. And it's not I, it's the Father That dwelleth in Me, He doeth the works." See what I mean?

Now, as identification of a Scripture Christian, these Words were said by Jesus: "These signs shall follow them that believe." Now, how can you call yourself a believer, a people, and deny those Words? How can you call yourself a believer and deny any of this Word? See? You can't do it. You're not a believer, therefore signs can't follow you, because you just accept what you want to believe and leave the rest of it. You don't believe it. But you've got to take the whole thing, and believe it. And when you truly believe (not make-believe, but really believe), then these signs follow them that believe.

Oh, could you compare a Christian today with those Christians of long ago? How those disciples walked in the power of the Spirit, and moved by the Holy Ghost, did it! **Paul was just a prisoner, as I preached the other night, a prisoner to the Word and will of God; he couldn't even move until God moved him. Wouldn't you like to see a Church rise like that? It's going to; it's going back to that. It's got to come. That's right. It's on its road now. I believe it.**

For the Word identified Him Himself, what He was; and the same Word identifies us. See? "If a man loves Me, he keeps My commandments. And if he says he loves Me, and keeps not My commandments (that's all of them), he's a liar, and the Truth's not even in him."

You say, "Well, I don't believe all..." Well then, you're just an unbeliever, that's all. If the Bible says so, that makes it right, that settles it Eternally. What the Bible says, is the Truth.

Notice where He said to us, in St. John 15: "If ye abide in Me..." (See, have faith in Him) "If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, then ye shall ask what ye will,..."

Now, see, He knew Who He was; therefore He had faith. Faith could produce when He knew what He was. Now, "If ye abide in Me, and My Words in you," then you know who you are. Ask what you will, and it'll be given to you.

Wouldn't that be wonderful, tonight, if everybody coming in that prayer line could say, "I am a Christian. I have no condemnation. I know that my heart condemns me not. Something tells me that tonight's the end of my suffering."? That's if you believe, you'll go away from here with something. No matter how much you come in emotion, it won't work until that Perfect Faith has manifested and identified itself in you, as a substance. And when it does, then nothing's going to shake you from it.

If you had cancer, and the doctor told you yesterday that you'd be dead before Monday morning (all of your heart, your respiration's gone, the cancer's eaten you up, your bloodstream's become completely cancerous, whatever it is), and Something came with this substance of this genuine faith, that is, Perfect Faith was made a substance in you, you'd laugh in that doctor's face.

You'd be like old Elijah, when he walked up and down before the idol, and said, "Why don't you call a little louder? Maybe he's pursuing." He knew what he was going to do, because God had told him what was going to happen. He said, "Let the god that answers by fire, be God."

They say, "We'll take that proposition." And they poured water upon the altars. They cut themselves, and they did everything, and called, "o Baal! o Baal! Answer!!"

Elijah was just as calm as he could be. He said, "Call a little louder, maybe he's pursuing. Maybe he's doing something else (you see?), he's out somewhere." He just made fun of them, because he knew it was going to happen.

Oh, watch when he got everything in order. He walked out there and said, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel!" He never called him by his name Jacob ("shyster"). He called him Israel ("Prince with God").

"Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of that Prince (Israel), let it be known today that I am Your servant; and I have done this, not at my desire, not by my idea, but at Your command I have done this; it's Your will, You told me what to do. You showed me these things would be here. Now, I've poured the water upon the Altar. I've done all these things according to your command. Now, let it be known!" And when he said that, fire fell from the heavens. He was just as confident it was going to fall, because he had the substance. Why? The Word said so.

Now, this same Bible is the same God's Word. And when you can receive the substance (that's Perfect Faith), this promise that God made is yours.

"How do you feel, Brother Branham, when you stand there and you see people coming with different languages and things? Are you afraid?" No, sir. He said it! I've never been afraid yet, because He told me so, and I believe that it's Truth.

If He told me tonight, to go to the presidential graveyard and raise up George Washington tomorrow morning, I'd invite the whole world: "Come and see it done." I'd say, "Bring every critic you can and stand them around. You're going to see the Glory of God. Set that chair over here where you can sit down and rest a little while; he'll be here in just a moment, as soon as I call."

That day when that little boy in Finland was lying there dead, had been lying there for a half-hour, mashed up, with blood running out of his eyes, nose and ears; his little legs broken up in his little stockings; and his feet out through the end of his stockings, his shoes gone, I looked, and I thought, "That ought to be that boy." I said, "Say, let's look in the back of that Bible, Brother Moore."

We got Brother Lindsay. Brother Moore looked back there: "And it shall come to pass, SAITH THE LORD," (Oh, my!) "there will be a land where there's a lot of evergreen growing. Rocks will be lapped together. A little boy with a cropped hair-cut, little pantywaist buttoned up here, and his stockings pulled up high. Hell have brown eyes, they'll be turned back. He'll be killed in an automobile accident. But you lay your hands upon him, and he'll come back to life."

There it was, written on there. There he lay, amen, just waiting for the Word. I said, "If this boy isn't alive in a couple of minutes from now, then I'm a false prophet; run me out of Finland. But if he is alive, fall on your faces and repent!"

I said, "Death, you can't hold him." I called for his spirit according to the Word of God, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and up he jumped. Right! See? Faith (see?) took a hold. God said so, there it is!

Now, that's God speaking in this day through a vision. But if that vision was contrary to this (the Bible), that would be wrong. This is more than the vision. If any vision's contrary to the Word, leave it alone; it isn't of God. God doesn't contradict His Own Word. So, if this Word told you something, then you can have the same confidence that it's going to happen. If It says, "They shall lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover;" well, brother, if faith, that Perfect Faith, got a hold of that when you passed by in this prayer line, you'd be jumping and shouting when you left here, "It's over! It's over! It's all over, it's finished!" If you had a request in your heart and believed that when that prayer was made for that, it was going to be answered, there isn't anything to be discussed, that's what's going to happen; like the woman with the blood issue.

Jesus had Perfect Faith. He had it, and it came because He was the Word. And you become the Word; you become the Word, as you receive the Word. "If ye abide in Me and My Words in you" (this Word), "then ask what you will, and it'll be done for you."

See? "If ye say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt, but believe in what ye said, then ye shall have what ye said. When ye pray, believe that ye receive what ye ask for, and ye shall have it; it'll be given to

you." Time, space, nothing else, will ever change it. You know it's done. It's already over with.

Now, watch! He said to us, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you" (St. John, here), "you can ask what you will, and it'll be done." Then, recognize your position in the Scripture, as a believer. See, you've got to recognize your position, as He recognized His position.

"Is it not written that Christ shall come, and what Christ would do?" He said to Cleopas and the other disciple that morning, "Isn't it written in the Scriptures that He must suffer and then be killed and be raised the third day?" He said, "Why are you so slow of understanding?"

And they thought, "My, this man speaks a little differently from other men." They came to find out, when they got to the inn, that it was He Himself. See, their eyes were withholden from Him. See, they knew that He kept referring to that Scripture, and they knew it was He.

Now, you must believe what you ask for. If you are a believer, recognize yourself as a believer. Recognize that these things are for you. If there's condemnation in your life, straighten that out first. See? If you've condemnation in your life, you might have Oral Roberts and a dozen more people who have faith to come here and pray over you, and jump up and down, and pour oil on you by the gallon; but, you know, it won't move. That's right.

What falls off from Oral's meetings to that? I catch them in the prayer line. You hear Him say that he was prayed for before.

"A man with dark hair, kind of a big fellow, big jaw." That's Oral Roberts. See? "And that was at a certain city; called a certain, certain thing."

"Yes, that's right." See?

"You were prayed for by such-and-such a man." See, like that. "But here is your trouble." See? "Go make that thing right. Go out there and confess that sin to your husband, to your wife. Go do this thing." It'll never do you any good, no matter, who prayed for you, till you make that right. Condemnation's in your heart, and God will not come into that heart condemned. See? God doesn't dwell in that; you've got to make it right. Then, when you do, you must have faith. If everything's right, you must have faith and believe it. Don't be afraid.

In the Book of Job, it says here, "Job feared." And what he feared, it actually happened. What brought it? His fear. That's what made it happen. His faith would have kept him from it, but his fear brought it to him. He was scared it was going to happen, and it did happen. Now, if he knew it wouldn't happen, it wouldn't happen. Do you see what I mean?

If you're afraid when you come in the prayer line ("Maybe I just haven't got the faith sufficient"), it'll never happen, don't worry. See? But if you know it's going to happen, it'll happen. See? See, it's just a substance of something. Job had a fear that these things would come upon him, and

they did. If you have a fear that your disease won't leave you, it won't. If you have faith that it will, it will.

You ask any medical doctor. The first thing he'll try to get you to do, is to have confidence in the medicine he's giving you. If you haven't got any confidence in it, you'd better leave it alone. See? Sure! What is it then? It's faith that does the healing; it's faith that does it all the time.

Peter, he was doing all right till he got scared. The Word told him, he could walk on the water. He was scared at first, he thought it was a ghost; and he said, "Lord, if it be You, bid me come to You on the water."

Jesus said, "Come on." Now, that's just the same as James 5:14, the same as Mark 16; it's the same God that said, "Come on." And so he started walking. He did all right, got down out of the ship, started walking on the water.

There was a storm on the sea, you know, great, white-cap waves, bigger than these hills around here, the foam breaking on top of them; terrific, maybe fifteen, twenty feet of foam, the white-caps breaking. And that was a terrific thing for him to ask, "If it be You, Lord,..." See, He looked like a shadow or a spirit. Peter said, "If it's You, bid me come to You on the water."

Jesus said, "Come on."

And he stepped down. He said, "It's the Lord, I'll just walk." But when he got his eyes on the waves, he got scared. What came into his mind? The first thing, "I'm going to walk, because the Word said for me to walk." And the next thing, he looked at his symptoms; he looked out there and saw how big those waves were, and he got scared; and when he did, down he went. See? What he feared, happened! What he believed, happened! When he believed he could walk, he walked; when he believed. When he got scared in his belief, then his substance left him. See? He still professed his faith, but he didn't have the substance. The substance would have gone right over the top of that white-cap and gone right on to him (see?) if he had had the Perfect Faith. See? But he didn't have it. He thought he did. He did at first, he was willing to venture right out. "Why, the Lord told me to do it, it's got to happen." So he just stepped right out of the boat and took off. He never thought about the waves, how contrary they were. He never had that in his mind.

Now, when you get to thinking, "Well, now wait. And, you know, I've been sick so long, I..." Stop! You might as well go back to the boat. See? See? But when you quit thinking about that,...

"Abraham considered not his own body, now dead, neither the deadness of Sarah's womb." He didn't think about that, didn't even consider it. It wasn't even brought to the understanding. He didn't even consider it at all; he just considered what God said, and he went on. As long as Peter did that, he walked.

But Jesus lived in a world that no one knew about, He was an odd person. He lived in a world of Perfect Faith in the Perfect God, in which He was. If we lived in the Perfect Faith of a Christian, according to what we

are, we'd be a mystic to the world; the people wouldn't understand you. You'd walk in the Spirit. What the Spirit said, you would do. What He forbad, you'd not do. Then the people would begin to say you were a mystic person to them.

That's the way it is with all believers, they're mystics. The people don't understand, because they live in a world to themselves. Jesus lived in a world that nobody else could touch. The disciples couldn't understand Him. When He spoke to them, they said it. They said, "Why, You talk in riddles! We don't understand this. How can this be?" See, they weren't in the world that He lived in. See, they couldn't understand Him, nobody could understand Him.

And so, when a man lives by faith and walks by faith - I mean substance faith - he is isolated from the entire world and becomes a new creature in Christ. There, now you're getting into Bride material. See? You're getting into a rapturing condition, now. That means for each one of us (not just the pastor, deacons, trustees, now), that means for the laity. Every individual walks in a world with God alone. You're baptized into this Kingdom, and there's nobody in there but you and God. See? He gives the orders, and you carry them out. Whatever He says, there's not a shadow of doubt anywhere, you walk right on. If the Lord says something, there's nobody in the world can talk you out of it, you go right on just the same. Now you're coming into Perfect Faith, perfect perfection that cannot fail. That faith never fails. Yes, He was a mystic to them with His Perfect Faith; and so is it now with those who have Perfect Faith, they are mystics to others.

We are taught to resist the devil, and he will flee from us. Now, to resist is just simply to "turn him down"; just resist him, that is just walk away. God said a certain thing; no matter what the devil's trying to tell you, you don't even listen to him. Your ears are deaf to anything else but what the Spirit says. See? "To him that hath an ear" (that listen, see?), "let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;" he's the one that's got the listening post, that catches what the Spirit says to the churches. See?

What if Satan says, "Well, you just can't..." That doesn't have anything to do with it. "Well, if you teach that, the denomination will put you out." That doesn't have anything to do with it, you go right on just the same.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." You know, in the Bible, it's always constantly saying that. "To him that has faith. He that has an ear to hear, let him hear." See? "He that has wisdom, let him count the number of the beast." All these different things. "He that has, let him tell it to the rest of them, that they might have."

And that's by faith, the faith we're talking about now, faith that you've got to have, that Perfect Faith; that Faith that says, "Yes!" There's nothing to which you say "No," when God says, "Yes." See? When He says "Yes," it's "Yes!" And nothing else can ever take It from you.

With His Perfect Faith, He was very strange. And the devil didn't stay around Him very long. We had it in the lesson this morning. When he came with that great big bluster of intellectual conception, he blustered up against Jesus there when he came, and he found out he'd hit a ten-thousand volt line: it threw him right back again. Yes sir. And Jesus said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone!" That is when Satan got a shock then.

He come a little softer the next time, when he said, "Now, you're a great man, you can put yourself up here and be somebody."

Jesus said, "Get behind Me, Satan." Oh, my, what he met! And, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." See, He proved Himself to Satan that He was the Lord God. "For it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

Now, if Satan didn't know that that was the Lord God, he'd have said "Wait a minute, you're not that Person." But he knew better than to say that to Jesus.

He knew what ground to stand on. He said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." And that's Who He was. And Satan knew better than to say that, because Jesus' works had already proved that He was the Lord God.

Now notice, Perfect Faith is a master of all circumstances. Perfect Faith masters all circumstances. No matter what it is, It masters it. Now, just watch! When you believe anything, do anything, and you've got faith in what you're doing; no matter what the circumstance is, that doesn't have one thing to do with it. See, it masters that circumstance. If it's in a room of sickness, and the Lord's revealed that this certain thing's going to happen, you just speak it and continue on.

"Oh, does the...?" Just don't ask any questions. It's already over, just keep going. See? It masters all circumstances. "Well, if you do this, So-and-so's going to do that." You see, it's already got it mastered. See?

Faith believes that God will work it out. "I don't know how He's going to do it, but He'll do it anyhow." See? It masters all circumstances.

And Faith and Love are relations, because you can't have Faith unless you've Love, because your Faith is in a God Who is the very essence of Love. Faith and Love work together.

Sure, just like a young couple. You take a young man and a young woman, and they fall in love with one another. And as they go along and begin to know one another more, their hearts just begin to beat as one. See? They're not husband and wife yet, but their love binds them together, and they have confidence in one another. Now, if they really love one another (really love), and you know that this girl loves you and she knows that you love her, you've got confidence if you've got faith in one another; if you haven't, you'd better not marry. See?

Notice, you've got to have faith. And if you separate them and put one in the extreme south and one in the extreme north, there's still that love that beats for one another, no matter where they are. They're just as true to one another as they can be, because they love one another. And if you love

the Lord, and are not just trying to dodge hell, but you love the Lord, then you have faith in God; see, if you love Him.

It's like a young woman (this happened here in Louisville not long ago); she had been a Christian for many years. But her husband just fell in love with her, and she fell in love with this man. He had been a Christian a couple years. And so they got married; they loved and had confidence in one another, and they got married. And so the woman said to the man, "Hubby, it must be hard on you, you're just a young Christian. You've had so much to go through" (he was drinking, that's what it was). She said, "You've had so much to go through with. I know you're bound to be tempted awfully hard. I want you to know one thing now. Now, if you happen to fall into temptation and are overcome, don't stay away from home; you come back. You come right here, because I'm going to be right here waiting for you, and I'm going to help you to pray through again until you get the victory. I'm going to stay with you, because when I married you, I married you because I loved you. And no matter what you are, I still love you."

A few days after that, he was eating his lunch with the fellows down in the boiler room, and he was telling them about it. He said, "Now, how could a man ever do anything wrong when somebody loves you like that?" See?

There you are. How could you trespass against that confidence?

And when we were sinners, alienated, without God, in the world, in that muck of mud, as I talked about this morning, God came to us! God sought you, you never sought God. "No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first." And God came down in that muck, where you were, and sought you out and brought you out! That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you were, and look what you are. What did that? Somebody that loved you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.

He caught me when I was nothing. I'm still nothing, but I'm in His hand. See, he caught me. And he loved me when I was unlovable. He loved you when you were unlovable, but He changed you. It's just as the coloured sister said, that time in her testimony. She said, "I'm not what I ought to be, and I'm not what I want to be, but I'm not what I used to be!" She knew she had come somewhere, something had happened. And that's the way it is. If God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me that He stooped down to grab me and pick me up, that gives me confidence that He wants to use me. He's got a purpose in doing it. He saw something in me. He saw something in you. He had a reason to save you. Look at the people that are unsaved today. Look at the millions He could have taken instead of you, but He took you. Amen! No one can take your place. Amen! You're in God's economy. No one can do it. That's His Love to you.

Then, won't your love reach right back to Him? And then there's a love affair. No matter what the situation is, its circumstances are governed by this Love that creates Faith: that God loves you and you love God; and you

love one another, and that brings the Faith. All right. Then it can't keep from bringing out just exactly what God promised it would do.

Now, watch! Perfect Faith is pure, just as pure as love is. See? Now, when you love somebody, and you love your husband or you love your wife, there's no use anybody telling you don't do it, because you do it, and you know you do it.

Now, if I were to ask you, "How can you prove you do it?"

"Oh, I prove it by the way I live towards him" (see?), "I'm a true, honest wife. I'm a loyal, honest husband, and that proves to me that I love my wife; or I love my husband." See, your life proves what you are, the same thing Christianity does. See? It is your faith, you have confidence in one another, it's pure. And there's something real, that you can't show to somebody else; yet you've got it, and your actions prove it.

And when you've got pure, unadulterated Faith, like your love is to your companion, then you prove it by the way you act. You are not complaining any more, you know it's done, and you just walk along. No matter what the things look like, what anybody else says, you know what's happened. You know that it's finished; just as well as you know you love your husband, equally well you know you've got faith. See, love and faith have to go together. They're kinsfolk. **Love produces Faith.**

When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him by a Perfect Faith in a Perfect Word, as Jesus did. The Word of God is perfect. We're to have Perfect Faith in this Perfect Word, and resist Satan.

Now, let's hurry, just as quickly as we can.

By His Faith in His Word He conquers, and we can conquer anything: death, hell, and the grave. We know that God is God, that by Perfect Faith in God's Perfect Word, He conquered everything that He came into contact with. Even death could not stand in His Presence. Sickness could not stand in His Presence. Flowing from Him were like rivers of virtue, going out constantly, virtue going from His garment. These people, lying in the shadows, just put their finger on His garment and were healed. When that woman did that, then everybody wanted to touch His garment, because they saw that there was virtue going from Him constantly, flowing like rivers. There He was, walking, walking in the world with Perfect Faith, because He was the Word.

And now, "If ye abide in Me" (through Him, He brought the Word to you), "and My Words abide in you," then walk in the same kind of a way, virtue is flowing from you, the rivers of God's fountains of blessing are just flowing out to the people. See what I mean? And you're not bluffing it, you're not imagining it. It's actually taking place, and you see it. If you're just imagining it, that doesn't do any good; but if it's really there, it really happens.

Now notice! See, by It, He stood and said, "If you destroy this Body (this Temple), I'll raise It up again in three days." Why? He was just as satisfied He'd do that, because the Scriptures said that He would do it (the Messiah): "I'll not leave His soul in hell, neither will I suffer My Holy One

to see corruption." A prophet, whom the Word came to, said that would happen, and He knew He was that Person.

And Jesus Himself said, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." You also must have that same perfect confidence that "when hands are laid on me, I shall recover," because He said so.

He said, "You destroy this Temple, and I'll raise It up," because He knew He was the Messiah. "I'll not suffer My Holy One to see corruption"; He knew He was the Holy One. "Neither will I leave His soul in hell"; He didn't. He knew He'd do it. He had confidence that He was there to conquer both death and hell, and said, "Destroy It, if you wish to, and I'll raise It back again in three days." Oh, my! "I have power to lay My life down, and I have power to take it up again"; He knew Who He was.

You're a Christian. You have a right to any redemptive blessing for which Jesus died for you. It's all yours! It's already paid for, you just have to believe it. Not imagine it; but believe it, and know that it's yours, and that you can possess it. Oh, that's the conquering Faith: *know!*

He knew it would happen in advance. He could predict that it would happen, because He knew it would happen; and whatever He predicted came to pass. Now, watch! Whatever He said, God honoured what He said. Think of that! Whatever Jesus said, God brought it to pass. So, He knew His Words were God's Words. Now, look! That same Scripture comes right back to us again, "If ye say to this mountain..." Oh, my! I'm letting that soak in just a little, you see, because we're going to have a prayer line. We'll dismiss the congregation, the ones that have to go, and pray for the sick.

Look! He knew that He pleased God. He knew that there was no blemish on His life. God had already testified that. "This is my beloved Son in Whom I'm well pleased, hear Him! This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell," at the day of His baptism. "I'm pleased to make My abode in here, there's no condemnation in Him at all."

Now, the same God comes to you, and is pleased to dwell in you, pleased to honour your word, what your decision is. What was Joshua's decision? "Stand still, sun!" And it stood there. Amen! Sure! What was Moses' decision? He held his stick over the Red Sea like that, then called for it to open! And it opened! See, it's whatever you ask. "And if you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt" (see, in your heart), "but believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you said." That puts you back in the Word. Now, that's not skimmed milk. It puts you back. I know it's going to jump over the top of you here (you see?), because It can't anchor; but real, genuine faith catches that, right now.

I've seen it, friend. Here's this Bible lying open before me. I've seen it happen, and I know it's the Truth. I know, God in Heaven knows, that I might not live through to finish this message, but I know that it happened. I've seen it myself. I'm a witness of that Word being fulfilled, and I know It is the Truth: say it, and stand there and see the Creator bring a living creature into existence, right in the presence of your eyes; keep shaking your head and wonder; and then look around and see Him bring another

one, just exactly like it, because you said so; and come over here and say, "There'll be another one there," and look, and there it is! Now, that's the truth.

Oh, where should we be? There's Perfect Faith. No vision, "Just speak the Word," though you never saw a squirrel. He just said this Scripture, what it was, and "Speak it, and don't doubt it; but what you say, it'll be there." And I took God at His Word, and it was there. That's right. And friend, as your pastor, that's just as powerful as it was when Joshua stopped the sun; because the sun was already there, the elements were moving, and He stopped the movement. But this, He brought something there that wasn't there, He created!! I'm so glad to be acquainted with the God that can take this dust of the earth, someday that I don't see, and call me back to life again after I've been planted in the grave. Oh, my! There it is:

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,

You say it and don't doubt, but believe what you've said, and you shall have what you've said. See, believe that it'll happen!

David, in the Psalms, spoke of Him. And with it, He took His power and He ministered to others. He did not keep it to Himself above, but He ministered to others by it; He also saved others, even to the uttermost, and He can do the same thing now. And He promised the same faith to the believers, in His Word, as in John 14:12, He said so in Mark 16; and also in Mark 11:23, which we just read.

Now, watch! He has appeared to us in the same form that He did to them in the Old Testament, and in the same form as He did in the New Testament; and has shown by the same Word the same Christ. And I declare to you that Christ is the Holy Ghost. The word Christ means "the anointed one;" just a person that's anointed, that is the Christ, the Anointed One. How many know that's true? (that's good). The Anointed One - there would be a man that would be anointed. Anointed with what? The Bible said in Acts 2, that Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God, anointed with the Holy Ghost, went about doing great works and things (see?) that God manifested. That proved that He was in this man.

And now, we became anointed with that same Spirit, anointed messiahs, messiahs of the last day, to shine forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to show that He is not dead, but in the form of the Holy Ghost He's in His people, moving among His Bride, with a love affair to Her, pouring out into Her Himself. They are becoming one for the Wedding Supper; and the same signs, promised by the same God, in the same Word, are making His same manifestation.

There's nothing left for us to do but believe it, and believing it is the *substance*, and that creates a Perfect Faith. Just think how numb *we* are; just think of that for just a minute.

Now, let's see:

Has He done all things well? Has He ever told us anything, except what happened just exactly the way He said it? Hasn't He performed, and hasn't the great Pillar of Fire been among us and done just exactly as He promised to do? Haven't we seen it? Hasn't science taken it, after it's been predicted that it would happen, go right there and even be in the papers and magazines? They carried it right back and showed it, when it was told you months before it happened. Hasn't He done just exactly the way *HE* did in the Old Testament, and the New Testament? And It's just exactly the same One! The same Holy Spirit comes, and is a discerner; and the Word of God, which is quicker and sharper than a two edged sword, is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Isn't that right? Isn't that the same God, and that the same One? It's not a stranger off somewhere else, He's here, does this to create a Perfect Faith. I feel Him. I know He's here now. I know that His Spirit is here. I know that He knows all things. Amen! And I know He wants to do something. He's been doing something to create this perfection of faith in the people.

Are we going to walk into Eternity, as it was in the days of Noah, when just eight souls were saved? Are we going to come like Lot, with three out of Sodom? Are we going to come as in the days of John the Baptist, with six believers? Let us believe, for His works are perfect! They're manifested daily and perfectly before us, showing that He is the Word, the Word! Hebrews, the 4th chapter, says:

...the sword of God is ... sharper than any two-edged sword, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Think of that! The Word of God is that, a discerner of the intents of the heart. For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The Word made flesh! Hallelujah! The Word operating in human flesh, by physical signs, by material signs, by Scriptural signs, perfectly, to bring to you a Perfect Faith for a perfect rapture.

Why can't we look at -It? It's not a mystery. The devil has put everything in the world before you, trying to keep you from believing It. He'll oppose it in a meeting and try to throw everything he can in front of you. Shake it away from you! The Bible says, "Rise and shake yourself." Pinch yourself.

If the Spirit is here, He knows you. You've got one thing to do, and that's to believe it, to accept it. He knows you. Do you believe that? He knows what's in you, He knows what you are, He knows what your desire is, He knows what you have need of.

Jim, do you believe He knows about that baby? You took his fever before you left, a hundred and five. Do you believe He'll heal it? Come on

today, say, "It'll leave it." I just looked over there and saw them before they left home, what they did. Now, that's true.

Mrs. Little, do you believe God would give you victory over that diabetes? There's a woman sitting beside you, she doesn't know you, but the Spirit's upon her. What she's worried about is a little child. She's got a child that has to have an operation for an eye or something. She's from Chicago. "Quicker, more powerful, than a two-edged sword; a discerner." What is it? The Word! Do you believe that? Certainly.

There's a lady sitting right in the next row there; you just had an eye operation, and didn't do too well. But you believe it, you'll get all right. Do you believe it? All right, you're healed. You should be thinking about that.

Mrs. Peckenpough, it isn't for you, it's for this grandson sitting here. You're praying about him, but you believe that God will make him well? Do you believe God can tell me what's wrong with him? The doctors don't know; no. That's right. Swelling lungs. That's right. He's got a blood condition. Correct! You're kind of confused about whether you're going to let him go to school or not. "Quicker, more powerful, than a two-edged sword."

I see a woman losing her food. She's somewhere; let me get her face somewhere. Yes, sitting back there. Her name's Mrs. Lewellen. She believes with all her heart. That stomach trouble will leave you. Amen!

Here's a lady sitting right across from her, looking at me right now, sitting on the end; she's wearing glasses. She's got arthritis. It's in your left hand; it was, it isn't now. Just if you believe!

What about that little baby, right back there? It comes from Ohio; it's got cancer in the eye. Do you believe God will heal it? He'll do it, if you believe it. Akron, Ohio! D'you believe now that God will make it well? And He'll do it. What is It? "More powerful, quicker than any..."

Here sits a lady here. Something struck her, she's got a trouble in her shoulder. That's right. Is that right? All right, believe it, and it'll leave. See? "The Word of God is a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart."

Now, there are no prayer cards in this building. There's nobody to give out any prayer cards. We don't use them here, that's just to keep order. Do you want to be prayed for? How many want to be prayed for while the Word is manifested through flesh? Let this row here get up and come down this way, right down this aisle here first; right in here, you that want to be prayed for. Then, after that, I want this aisle here to come down behind them. Then after they're through, let this aisle over here come.

"Quicker, more powerful,..." Could a two-edged sword do that? No, sir! But the Word of God can do it. Why? It is the Word of God. Now, you believe that?

The Great Physician! Where's that Sister from Tennessee, Sister Ungren or Downing? *The Great Physician now is near.*

I'll never forget that, in Fort Wayne that night when that little Amish girl, or Dunkard, was sitting there, playing that, The Great Physician now is near, hearing that little boy was healed, she jumped up; the Holy Ghost fell on her, her pretty hair fell down across her shoulders, and the piano never missed a key. "*The great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus.*" Supernatural power was moving those piano keys, playing *The Great Physician now is near.*

Look, you believe? You ought to? Now remember, when you pass. Now, if you don't believe it, don't come, you sit down. Say, "I'm a son who believes it. I'm coming to believe it."

The Bible said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover." That's exactly light. Now, that's under conditions, "if you believe it." Now, I proved it to you, I believe it. You see? He manifests His Word, to show that it is His Word, a Scripture fulfilment, to prove that it is. Now, you believe it when you pass by. Will you do it? And then when I lay hands upon you, that's exactly what the Bible said to do.

You have got anointing oil here, Brother Neville? Get that, and come over this other side. Let this fulfil the Scripture. Get over on this side here, and anoint every person as they pass by, and we'll pray now. So that I'll be sure, that I'll get the prayer of faith for every one of you, let's have everybody put your hands on one another that are believers. Just reach over, and cross your hands on each other. This is where we're going to find out something in a few minutes.

I figure, it rests on how advanced my church, this little flock, in what we believe, is, how they're ready to take the Sword and walk out in the front line and say, "I challenge you, Satan. I challenge you! You can't make me disbelieve any more." What are these things done for? So that people will believe! It's the Word. It's that which shows that I am preaching to you the Truth, the Word; the Word made flesh, made flesh in you; the Word made Life in you, made Life in me. See?

The Great Physician! All right, let us bow our heads now.

Lord Jesus, the Great Physician now is near, You are the Physician. I have preached Your Word, and Your Word has declared that You are here; that You are the same yesterday, today, and for ever; that You cannot fail. You never failed us, Lord. And now, for each one of these that have their hands on each other, may the blessings of God rest upon them. And as we come prayerfully, and as we anoint them with oil, the pastor and I, and pass them through this line, may each one pass through here with faith to believe it, to know that the very God of Heaven stands present. May each one shake themselves. May they only this one time see, Lord? Just let it soak down, Lord, this one time. Open their eyes, Lord, that they can see what is going on, and not be blind, staggering, but see the reality of the Presence of a resurrected Jesus Christ. Grant it, Lord, through Jesus' Name. Amen.

I charge you in the Name of Jesus Christ, that you come not in this line unless you feel that you've got that Perfect Faith, because otherwise you're only taking their time, somebody else's time. Don't you do it! And as long as I've preached to you, have I ever said one thing to you but what it happened? Exactly! The Lord did that. He did it not for me, I believe. He did it for you, that you might believe that what I'm telling you is the Truth. Now if you believe it, it'll be all right, and you'll get well. When you come by here, drop your unbelief right in a spiritual pocket down here. You won't see it, but it's there. When that oil touches you, drop your unbelief right there. Deposit that and walk away with Perfect Faith that you're well. Will you do it? The Lord bless you, then.

All right, I'm going to ask for somebody who can lead songs. Where is that great preacher, Brother Capps? Is he in the line? What's that? Come here, Brother Capps, and stand there and sing for the congregation while we all pray, *The Great Physician now is near* Each one should be singing now, with your heart. Don't just sing and say, "I'm going to sing." The great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus; He speaks the drooping heart to cheer, the sympathizing Jesus. Oh, oh, oh my!

All hear God! Be on your toes! Be alert! Yes, the great Physician now is here, the sympathizing Jesus. He proves that He's here! I am believing it. Amen.

All right, let those who have a family come forward. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands on this brother.

[Brother Branham prays for the sick individually - Ed.]

Is that all of them?

Now, let's bow our head now:

The Great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph's song,
Sweetest Name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus.

Know ye what I have done to you? You've called me your pastor; and you say well, for so I am. If I, your pastor, have been identified by Jesus Christ, that I do His work, then believe my Word. By acting this act of faith, by laying hands upon you, I have condemned the diseases and afflictions that were bothering you. Believe that. So shall you have your request, regardless of what it is, for all things are possible to them that believe. And when ye pray, believe that you receive what you asked for. And I truly

believe that I receive it, and in my heart I accept your healing for every one, I accept it, that it's done. I believe it, I believe it with all that's in me. Also, with my hands upon these handkerchiefs lying here, (I've been watching it close), I believe that they'll produce just exactly what the people requested. I believe it.

This is coming into that Third Pull! I'm believing it. Now I want to ask you a sincere question, you that passed through the prayer line. Can you actually believe, and feel now, that there is something happened in you since you've had hands laid on you? Right; raise your hand. There you are? This is what we've waited for. This is just starting to bloom now. See? I did this for a purpose. I'm working out something. It's taking this charge of faith and going right back to begin and come in (see?), to raise faith as it were into a bracket where you've never noticed it that way before. Not just a faith, but Perfect Faith, built up in here. And watch a perfect God, with a perfect heart, keep a perfect promise, by His perfect Word, which is sharper than a two-edged sword and a discerner of the thoughts of the heart. And what? **We're coming now to the perfection, because the people have to come to this for the Rapture. That's what's holding it away right now, is waiting for that Church to come into that Perfect Rapturing Faith. I'm looking for it. It means a lot of shaking down for me, it means a lot for you, but together we'll make it by the Grace of God. Amen.**

The Great Physician now is near,

The sympathizing Jesus. (Lord Jesus, we pray for our dear brother, precious Lord. May Your Holy Ghost ever make this pastor well; and keep him, healthy and strong, on his journey till You call him. In Jesus' Name. I'm claiming it, Lord. I love him. Both of us are claiming it, and we both have faith. We're believing it now.)

The sweetest carol ever sung,
O Jesus, blessed Jesus.

Don't you love Him? Just think: right here now, already begun, is a work in your body, of your healing, because He promised it would happen. And now (see?), did you catch what I was saying tonight? Have you got the riddle of it? See, "If ye say to this mountain, and don't doubt, but believe that which you have said," now watch it. In less than five minutes' time, every hand went up that a work had begun in them right now. Oh, my! There He is. That did it! What is it? The Presence of the Great Physician.

Oh, let's raise our hands to God and sing it again:

The Great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer,
Oh, hear the voice of Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph song,

Sweetest Name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung,
O Jesus, blessed Jesus.

Let's just stand still a minute. Let's just worship Him in our heart. Think of it: God, He's here. He's here. Who? The One Who identified Himself as being the Word? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us"... "the same yesterday, today, and for ever." ... "The Word is sharper than a two-edged sword, even a discerner of the thoughts and the intents..." (what you've come here for, what your purpose is in being here, whoever you are); It identified Jesus Christ to be Messiah, and today It identifies Him as being the same Messiah, yesterday, today, and for ever.

The Great Physician, Who is here, Who said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." And "If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart,..." but can believe that He can create squirrels, that have no way at all, or nothing there to believe; it's my own faith that goes and does that, my faith in what He challenged me to ask. He challenged me to ask it. And I received His challenge in obedience to His Word. I asked it, and they appeared! God in Heaven knows that's true. Can He also heal the sick? He can lift me with a faith up this way, even for the people, even if they can't climb to that bracket. See? If they can't do it, He can use my faith. He can lift me to that place, and I'm climbing for you. I'm believing for you. I'm speaking for you.

I'm your brother, standing as your brother, an intercessor, trying my best to hold you before God. And I'm standing here right before the White Throne now, and pointing my finger to that bloody sacrifice there, and speaking through His Name that it's done. It has to happen, and it has to happen. You know it's happened. I know it's happened, so do you know it's happened, and it's so! That's right. Amen.

... est carol ever sung,
O Jesus, blessed Jesus.

Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest Name on mortal tongue;
Sweetest carol ever sung,
Jesus, blessed Jesus.

And the devils were subject unto us in Thy Name, the sweetest Name on mortal tongue. That raises the dead, that heals the sick, that cleanses the leper, that casts out devils, that makes Christians. There's not another Name under Heaven. I live in It, am baptized in It, believe It, worship in It. Oh, let me become part of It. Let me lose my own self, and find it, Lord, in Thee, that Name called Jesus Christ, the anointed Messiah, that I might

press my way through the mud of unbelief to reflect the beauty of Jesus Christ: the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

God bless you now. When you get back here next Sunday, give a testimony on how you were healed, what happened this week. Watch and see what happens. It's over! "How do you know?"

He told me to say it, and I said it. It's over now, it's over. It's over. I believe it. Now, the pastor, Brother Neville.

Just a moment. [A message is given in another tongue and an interpretation from the congregation - Ed.] Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Let's raise our hand and worship Him a minute. [The congregation worships - Ed.] Now, as a believer, did you notice the length in how much of the message was spoken; and the rhythm it was spoken in, and watch the interpretation turn back to the same? That's it. Watch what it was, exactly with the Message; and confirming that the thing was the Truth, that He had already performed what He promised you He would do. Watch the way that came forth, and watch the way this was interpreted. Watch how long this one spoke, and watch how many words that one said. It agreed just exactly.

The Lord bless you, till I see you again.