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Let's bow our heads just a moment. Heavenly Father, we are grateful to Thee today for this privilege of assembling together one more time, knowing that someday we will assemble for our last time as mortals, and then we'll assemble in a glorified state with Thee; and all the redeemed of all ages shall be assembled.

Oh, our hearts beat high in great anticipation, waiting for that hour to arrive. With that all fears vanish from us. We have nothing to fear, nothing to dread. We look forward to the promise that the eternal God has made us, and we know that it's Truth. That is why we live. We live for that hour, that time, when this mortal will be changed, and we'll be made like Him and there'll be no more sickness, no more sorrow, no more heartaches.

Oh, it'll all be over then. And with joy of heart, we, in faith and courage, look forward to that day. That's why we are gathered here today, Lord: to confess our wrongs and ask for mercy. That's why we face this altar this morning, because we know we're mortal, and there are many mistakes in us, and we're full of fault. But we come to confess our wrongs, and then look to our Heavenly Father with open hearts for the blessings and renewal of strength and faith that He would give us in this hour, since we have assembled here (according to the promise) "in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." For we claim that we have passed from death unto Life by His promise, and are caught up in a heavenly atmosphere, sitting with Him now.

May He teach us this morning the things that He'd have us to know. And give us the Bread of Life that we might be sustained for the future that lies before us. Grant it, Lord. This is our prayer that we ask in Jesus Christ's Name, Amen.

(You may be seated.) Good morning to everyone. It's very good to be assembled here with you again this morning in this heavenly atmosphere of worship - though just a tiny bit late.

We had some really bad calls just a few minutes ago. A boy lay there dying, and, just as sure as I'm standing here, the Lord touched his body and sent him on the road - a boy standing here, who is my cousin's son. They were really Catholic to begin with, but they went to Mass this morning, and something told them to come here, and so - there's a change. So they're coming out to the house to prepare for water baptism.

Then there are just wonderful things that our Lord does all the time. He's just constantly doing things. They came to get in, and they couldn't get in. They said, "There was just no way to get in."

I said, "Well, do you want to talk to me?" And I said, "You just come on up to the-house, and we'll talk that over there."

So I thought (being on my road to New York now, to this meeting coming up) that it would just be so nice (I knew I'd be refreshed) to drop in and help

light my fire from what fire you all have. And we stopped for a day, this morning.

We got in the day before yesterday at noon, and I was going to leave this afternoon, but I think I'll start in the morning early, really early - we might have some snow on the road and things between here and New York. I go through Virginia, through the mountains and also through the Alleghenies, and just through the bottom part then of the Adirondacks. So we begin at the arena there - a new one. They tore the old St. Nicholas arena down, I understand, and they built this new one.

As far as I know, we're getting some of the first nights that it has ever been let out. So we're grateful for that, for the Greater New York Pentecostal people. I think we've got several churches cooperating, and we're expecting a great time.

And we'll be back, the Lord willing, some time next week. And if it be the will of God, why, we hope to get to stop over for Sunday, a week for the Sunday morning service.

And then, I barged right in on our pastor again, as I always do, you see, and I thought maybe if I got in even without asking. And then, there being a nice group here, and I see people from out of town are here, I thought tonight, if the pastor hasn't got anything special, we'd have a little service, just a short one, and maybe pray for the sick. Thank you.

We're hoping to talk on divine healing and pray for the sick tonight, starting early so that we can get out early; and if the pastor will - What? - You usually start at 7.30? Is that right? How about starting at 7.00 tonight, 7.00, and -letting me get on at 7.30?

That will let me out by 8.00 or 8.30, and it will give people time then to go; if that's all right. Everybody laughed when I said "8.00 or 8.30." I hope to be out at that time. Praying for the sick, you know, we never know. So we have had a great time since leaving you in this last autumn, early, and the Lord has blessed us in many great things.

And tonight, if the Lord's willing, I want to tell you of the last visitation I had from God in Colorado a few weeks ago; and that's what I thought I'd bring in now: maybe stimulate faith for a good healing service tonight for the sick and the afflicted.

Now, this morning to get right into the service, something struck my heart about a month ago. Are they taping this? All right. (So that I'll know where if the tape gets out to others.)

I can't say that what I'm going to speak on this morning - I know it's right. The message part will be right, but the thing that I want to do is a question in my mind. It looks so real, and yet, since I came in and since it was revealed to me, I have been so scared that I'd say the wrong thing, and might leave the wrong impression upon people.

I had notes written down on what I was going to say, and I cut part of it out, so that I might not make it too strong. Because, you see, if a person - I love

the Lord God, and the only way I know I love Him, is because I love you; that's the only way that I know.

And yet I don't want to have anything that's revealed to me and then not tell you, if it's to be told to you. And then I'm afraid that if I say something a little too strong, it might hurt somebody, and you know it's a responsibility. You almost just have to get to the platform and then feel led to say what you're going to say. That's all. And then sometimes you might say something, and someone would get another slant to it, and they'd run off on that side. Then somebody would say, "Oh, this is this," see?

But I want you to know that what I'm going to say is just presuming, and the word *presume* means to "venture without authority." So I don't say that this is true, but it's just a little thought that I might drop along to you, that you might weigh it and see what you think about it.

And then, of course, it'll be scriptural, because I wouldn't preach anything, but that the hour is yet. Has this arrived to this hour? And have these things meant that? I pray with all that's within me that it isn't. I pray that it isn't so. It's going to be, but has it come to that time yet? That's what I wonder.

Now, everybody understands thoroughly, that I don't know. Is it this time? If it is, God be merciful to us; but if it isn't that time, it's going to come.

Now, as soon as we can (we've got a great itinerary in front of us, the Lord willing), I've got to go overseas right after Christmas, to Europe and Asia - Europe, especially. And then I come back here, to the United States for a few services. Then I go back down into South Africa. I begin on the second of September in Durban, and go from the second, I think, till about the tenth. Then I have three days to go from there to Johannesburg and begin again. But I think it's the month of April that we start in the Scandinavian countries, in Norway and Sweden, and Finland, and go on to Holland and Switzerland and Germany and through Europe. So be in prayer for US.

We have a few meetings here right after Christmas. By the way, we want to be here through Christmas. The kids want to come home through Christmas. We love Arizona, but you know the thing that we miss and just can't get over, is this church and you people. No matter where we go, what we do, it's just the kids, myself, wife and all. There's just no place like this. That's right. There's just no place.

I've sailed the seven seas, and I've been everywhere, but there's no place that seems hallowed to me like this little spot right here. Just get away from it once if you want, there's just something about here. I've preached all over the world, practically, and I've never at any time, any place, ever felt the Spirit of God between us and things as I do standing right here. This is it.

On the day I laid that cornerstone over there, I said, "Lord God, don't let it fall."

People said, "In two months, it'll be a garage."

I said, "Don't let it fall, Lord. Let it be standing and people in here praising you when Jesus returns." I trust it'll be that way.

Now, let us turn in the Bible, and expect the Lord to give us of His blessings. We want to read some Scriptures. I've got some Scriptures written

down here that I want to refer to, and some notes. And I want to read three places out of the Bible, and I'll give them to you first.

I want to read in Jude 5 and 6. Jude is just one chapter, you know. And then I want to read II Peter 2:4-5. Then I want to read I Peter 3:18-20. And my subject this morning, the Lord willing, is *Souls That Are In Prison Now. Souls That Are In Prison Now*, shut up, for ever condemned. There's no way of being saved. *Souls that have been imprisoned now.*

Now, let's read over in the Book of Jude first. I would like to read it all, but just to save time, because it's 10:30 already, I'm going to begin with the 5th verse. Now Jude was a brother - step-brother of Jesus Christ, as we all know. He was Joseph's son.

*I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.*

He saved them first - brought them out of Egypt, and then had to destroy them, because they didn't continue with their message, you see?

*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

Angels which once stayed in Heaven, and kept not their estate and the way that they were in, fell away and now are in everlasting chains of darkness; kept in this condition until the judgment of the great day, when they'll be judged with all the rest of the unbelievers.

Now, in II Peter, the 2nd chapter beginning with the 4th verse, which will be just a book or two back.

*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;*

*And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly (spared not the angels - put them in chains of darkness and condemned the whole world by the destruction of Noah).*

Now in I Peter, the 3rd chapter and beginning with the 18th verse, we read again. Now, listen closely now.

*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit (put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit):*

*By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; (He preached to these people in prison.)*

*Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*

*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*

*Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*

Let's pray again. Now, Heavenly Father, there's such a line of Scripture here - three witnesses, three places in the Scriptures giving testimony. And Thou hast said in Thy Word, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses let every word be established.

Now, I pray Thee, oh God, that Thou wilt come to the people and interpret this Word, this Message, in the light that it should be in that every man, woman, boy, or girl might understand in the capacity that You have ordained for them to understand. And now, knowing that these three witnesses bear record of Truth, I pray that You will send the Holy Spirit upon us now.

We'll look to Him, Who is our King in our midst this morning, the Lord Jesus Christ, where we are raised now by faith, sitting in these heavenly places in Him. We wait for His Message.

Speak it through us, Lord. Hear it through us, as we ask You to circumcise the lips that speak and the ears that hear, that it might be to the honour and glory of Him, Who is the Scripture. For we ask it in His Name. Amen.

Now, remember the services tonight, the healing service. I don't think it'll be necessary to give out prayer cards, so we'll just pray for the sick. I have something that I want to tell you, and I hope that it'll just bring the congregation into a place where there'll be just all kinds of healing. I know it will be, if we'll just believe it that way.

Now let us take this *Souls now in Prison*, or *Souls that are now in Prison*. Now the soul of man is not the body of man, it's the soul; and the soul is something that's the nature of the spirit; and then when the nature of a man is dead, when He said, "We are dead," the Scripture plainly tells us that we are dead, and our lives are hid in God through Christ, sealed there by the Holy Spirit.

Now, it wasn't that your body died. It wasn't your spirit died. It was the nature of your spirit died, see? The nature, which is the soul. The nature of your soul is God, if you're born again. If it's not, it's of the world.

Anything that begins has to end. So therefore the only way that you can have Eternal Life is to have a life that never did begin. But then your life did begin when you were born. When God breathed the breath of life into your nostrils, and you became a living soul, then you began then. But because of that nature that was in you, by nature you were of the world, alienated from God. You were actually an animal. That's exactly right. Anyone knows that we're mammal.

How many know that? That we're mammal? We are a warmblooded animal, and that is what we are by our earthly creation. But you see, what makes us different from other mammals, is that God put a soul upon us. See?

Now, the other mammals don't have to wear clothes. No other animal has to wear clothes to hide his shame, but we. We're the only ones that do, because we have a, soul. But see, God, in the beginning knew what a man would be like, and He created the earth and brought up all kinds of animals, from the very lowest to the highest; and the highest animal that came forth was man.

And then, the first man was made. He was a spirit man, in the image of God; which God is a Spirit (St. John 4). Now, He is a Spirit, and they that worship Him, worship Him in Spirit and in Truth; and, Thy Word is Truth. Now, we worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. He is a Spirit Being.

Then there was no man to till the soil; and then God formed man out of the dust of the earth. Then He took from his side, a byproduct, a rib, and, from that, separated this man which had a dual nature, which was both feminine and masculine. And he took the feminine out because it was love, and He placed it into a person called Eve, that Adam called Eve, who was his wife.

That's where his love, natural, *phileo* love held him to his wife. That's the way a man should be today, and she back to her husband. The man, the masculine; the woman, the feminine. And then, see, after He'd made man ("in His Own image created He them, male and female"), there was no man to till the soil; and He put him together from the dust of the earth; and so he became, he was, that man.

This human man was mammal. He was animal, but He put this Spirit of God, a Life, into him and made him on the basis that he could make a choice. Now we think we're something. Just remember, what are' we? A clod of earth. That's all. And because, "Dust thou art, to dust thou shalt return."

So when you see this man walking down the street, and he thinks he's somebody (you know) and got a little education and things, you remember, it's a clod of Indiana dust. That's all. And that woman that's all dressed up in shorts and smoking cigarettes and carrying on down the street, twisting as if she owned the whole country, it's a clod of Indiana dust, and that's the way it's turning back. So you're -not very much to begin with, see? That's right. That's what you are. But, that soul that's in there, that soul is what God is working on.

If He can only get that nature of that spirit to agree with Him, then that nature dies. The nature, the love of the world, dies, and the things of the world are dead; because if you love the world or the things of the world, the love of God is not in you.

And a man must be born again, so this nature has to die, and the nature of God comes and lives in you. And God is the only thing there is that never did begin or never can end.

So, therefore, He has partnershiped you (see?), and taken this man, earthly, and this Eternal Spirit, and put them together. Because God reflected Himself back, in that He became a man when He became Christ Jesus, and He was God. God was in Christ, lived in Him, reconciled the world to Himself; and

through that perfect man, each one of us, imperfect, that believes in God and accepted that, becomes a perfection of Him.

He never let His body see corruption, neither did He leave His soul in hell, but raised Him up on the third day. And He's alive for evermore. And we will have a body like His Own glorious body. That's why we're baptized into His Name, that we might come forth in His Name, in His death, in His resurrection: that we might rise again, testifying to the world that we have new Life, that the old man is dead. We buried that first nature.

That first nature is gone, and now we are the nature of Him. He lives in us, and we don't do our own will, we do His will. We don't think our own thoughts. The mind is what thinks. The mind that was in Christ Jesus is in every believer. There is the soul, and that's what we're speaking of. Now, that's the part that I'm thinking of now, that that's within us, the soul.

Now, if we notice in this, there are many things that happen sometimes: and we wonder why they happen; and we question ourselves, and we question others. But finally, after a while, we find out that, if we're Christians, it all works out just right.

You've seen that, all Christians see that. We wonder why we did it. I wondered sometimes, when I first read the Bible, "Why did God let Abraham, that great man, ever stand there and say that Sarah wasn't his wife?" And how that He let him stand there and lie about that, and the things that he did. And then how did He ever let Abraham leave the Promised Land, which He told him not to leave? Any Jew that leaves the Promised Land is backslidden, because God gave that to them and promised them He'd stay there, and they left it.

So Abraham went down into Gerar. But because of that, Abimelech, that king down there in that Philistine country, fell in love with Sarah and was going to marry her, and was a good man, a righteous man. And (this sounds ridiculous, but to make it real to you), after he'd had his evening bath and put on his pyjamas, and said his prayers and gone to bed, the Lord appeared to him and said, "You're just as good as a dead man," and the man had done nothing. He was absolutely deceived by both Abraham and Sarah. That's right. He said, "You've got another man's wife, and I won't hear your prayer, no matter how much you pray. You're as good as dead. For that man is My prophet."

It's hard to understand that. But if it wasn't that, we wouldn't know what grace was. Why did he go and marry Hagar, after having a lovely wife like Sarah? He didn't want to do it; but Sarah told him, and then the Lord told him, "You listen to what Sarah told you." Why? There had to be an Ishmael that the bondswoman and her child would not be heir with the free woman and her child. Do you see what I mean? All these things are types.

Why did that prophet have to marry a prostitute and have two children by her? That was a sign. Why did one have to lie on his left side for 390 days and then lie so many days on the other side like that? It was a sign. One had to strip off his clothes and walked before Israel. All those things were types and shadows, see? We have to have those things to fill in, and many times things

happen to us that make us wonder why it should be. It's God foreshowing us something.

When I was a little boy (you know my life story), I always believed since I can first remember. One of the first things that I remember - Now you might have told me something yesterday, and I'd forget it by today, but there are some things that happened back in our young days (many of us are that way) that we always remember. And it sounds almost ridiculous to say this, but I remember when I was crawling, with a long dress on. Some of you people my age would remember that babies used to wear really long dresses. And I remember crawling and taking snow off my uncle's feet and eating it, when he came in and was standing by the fireplace.

Then the next thing I remember taking place in my life was a vision, the first one I ever had, which told me I would live a big portion of my life near a city called New Albany. I was a little mountain baby up there, and there was not even a doctor present when I was born; and I've lived around here fifty years, right here, as in the vision.

And then, how I've always known there was God somewhere! And as a little boy He spoke to me, and told me never to smoke or drink or defile my body (that's to run immorally with women and things). I'd always had a dread of it, even as a young man.

And then I was out hunting at one time, which seems to be a second nature to me (to love to hunt). And I was hunting with a boy, Jim Poole, a lovely kid (I think his boy comes to church here, little Jim, a fine family of people, I know the Pooles; Jimmy and I slept together and lived together since we were little boys at school, we're about six months apart in age) and Jimmy let his gun go off and shot me through both legs. He was really close to me with a shotgun, and I was taken to the hospital, and was there, lying there dying. (There was no penicillin, nothing, in those days.) And they had a rubber sheet under me, and I knew that night they were going to operate the next morning. They just took and cleaned off the wound, and big pieces of flesh blew up, and they'd take the scissors and cut them off, and I had to hold a man's hands. And they had Frankie Eich, who just recently committed suicide; and they had to pry my hands loose from his wrists when they got through.

I screamed and cried, holding on like that, and they cutting that part of the leg off. I was fourteen years old, just a boy. And that night I tried to go to sleep, and I woke up and heard that something splashed. And here was blood, nearly a half-a-gallon, I guess, that had come from those veins. And they took an X-ray and said that the shot was lying so close to that artery on either side, that just a little scratch would cut it right in two, and I'd start bleeding. "Well," I thought, "This is the end of me."

I put my hands down like this and raised them up, and the blood was running down my hands; it was my own blood I was lying in. I called - rang the bell. The nurse came, and she just soaked it up with towels, because there was nothing they could do. And the next morning, under those weakened conditions (they didn't give blood transfusions in those days, you know), they operated on me. They gave me ether. (The old ether - I expect you remember,

it's the old anaesthetic.) And being under that ether, I was coming out of the ether after eight hours. They had to give so much, they thought I couldn't wake up. They couldn't get me awake.

I remember Mrs. Roeder stood by me out there in the hospital. I'll never forget that woman; no matter whatever happens, I can never forget her. She was just a young woman then. Her husband was superintendent down here at the car works; and I remember her standing by me with Mrs. Stewart. They were the ones, actually, that paid my hospital bill. We didn't even have food to eat in the house, so how could we pay a hospital bill that was hundreds of dollars?

But she, through her church society and the Ku Klux Klan, paid the hospital bill for me - Masons. I can never forget it. No matter what they do, there's something that stays with me, what they did for me. And they paid the bill to Dr. Reader. He's still living, lives here in Fortville and can tell you the story.

When I came out from under the ether, there was something happened to me there. I've always believed it to be a vision. Because I was so weak, they thought I was dying. She was crying. When I opened my eyes to look, I could hear her talking, and then I went back to sleep. I woke up two or three times.

And then I had a vision. And then about seven months later I had to go and have shotgun wads and greasy hunting clothes taken out of my legs that the Doctor didn't get. I had bloodpoisoning, and both legs just swelled up and doubled back under me, and they wanted to take both legs off at the hips. And I said, "No, just come higher and take it off up here." I just couldn't stand it. And so finally, Dr. Reader and Dr. Peral from Louisville performed the operation, and cut down in there and took it out. And today I've got wonderful legs by the grace of God.

But under the first vision that I had when I came to, and after I went into this trance, I thought I was in hell, just as plain - [A woman is sick. Brother Branham gives direction for her - Ed.] Somebody lay your hands on her and get her to the air. Now whoever is standing there, lay your hands on her. Let's pray.

Dear Lord Jesus, on our sister who is sick this morning, and fainted in the room, may there come Thy grace and strength and power. There are hands laid upon her now, representing You. And the Scripture has said, "These signs shall follow them that believe. If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover." And now, may our sister come out of this sickness, and be made well -for the glory of God. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask it, and commit her to You. Amen.

Now, get her to the air. It's awfully stuffy. I can feel it here, really, really bad. It's just a fainting feeling in here, on the platform. I've felt it four or five times here. As soon as she gets to feeling a little better, bring her to where she can get to the air. That's good. It's just so awfully stuffy, you know. Human beings create, each one of us, so many square feet of sickness. If somebody has some water or something, put some on the sister. She's through all right now.

Maybe you could, open up the doors, or give her just a little bit of air, as much as we possibly can, in some way.

Now, at this time, as I had that vision, I was thinking that I had passed from this life into torment. And seven months later, here at the Clark County Memorial Hospital, I had the second operation. And that time, when I came to, I thought I was standing out in the West. I had another vision, and there was a great golden cross in the skies, and the Glory of the Lord was flowing off from that cross. And I stood with my hands out like this, and that Glory was falling into my chest. And the vision left me.

My father was standing there looking at me when the vision came. I've always felt, and all the people who have known me all these years know that I've always wanted to go west. You know how it is. It's always been something to the West. And an astrologer once told the same thing, that I should go west. When the stars crossed their cycles and so forth, I was born under that sign, and I'd never be a success in the East. I'd have to go west. And last year I went off west to fulfil what a lifetime's desire has been, and did it.

Why is it I'm there? It's the most ridiculous thing, standing out there in the desert, paying 110 dollars a month rent, while here's a house up here, a parsonage, furnished for me, see? But it's following the Lord, that's all I know to do. And you know the visions and what has taken place out there.

Now, in this I want to say - (If our sister feels a little weak, Brother Roy, if you want to get her out and sit her in a room over here where she can get more air or something, that's perfectly all right, because I feel that she'll be all right. She's just faint, sick. And so I tell you, you want to bring her over here where there's air and raise these windows, Brother Roy. If the sister wants to come through, that'll be fine. If she wants to come over here, I want to lay hands on her when she passes by. You all excuse me just a minute.)

Heavenly Father, this Your daughter here sits here this morning; she's come to hear the Message and Satan's trying to beat her from it, but he can't do it, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

You talk about it being stuffy. You ought to get to some of these places overseas, where they just pile them on top of one another, with leprosy and cancer and - oh, my! You can hardly get your breath, you know, and things like that, the people lying in those great big buildings just contaminated with diseases. And you know what leprosy would be! There, lying there with no ears and half their faces eaten off, and no arms, and little pegs for feet, and things like that, lying piled on top of one another; and many of them dying right there, lying out there, from piling on one another, trying to get in somewhere to hear the Message.

And now in this, I'll tell you what happened: In the vision that I had I'll go back, because I brought the two visions in, to show you about one of them. I was to be out West. I've always longed for that.

Now, the purpose of the Message this morning is to post the church in everything that He will let me tell the church, as far as I know, as I go along. And this struck me, so I wanted to post the church. Now, this is to this Tabernacle only, to hear, see? Now in this vision, the first one, here's what took

place: After the vision struck me, and I was so weak because I'd lost all that blood, I thought I was sinking into an endless eternity - many of you have heard me tell this before - I was sinking into an endless eternity.

First, I was going through what seemed like clouds, then through darkness and sinking on down, down, down. And the first thing I knew, I got into the regions of the lost. And in there I screamed, and I looked there, and just everything, there was just no foundation to it. I could never stop falling. For eternity, it looked like, I was going to fall. There was no stopping anywhere.

And then, what a difference it was from the vision I had here not long ago of being in Glory with the people! The contrast! But in this, as I was falling, I screamed for my daddy. Of course, being just a kid, that's what I would do. I screamed for my daddy, and my daddy wasn't there. I screamed for my mother, "Somebody catch me!" and there was no mother there. I was just going. And I screamed then to God; and there was no God there. There was nothing there.

And after a while I heard the most mournful sound that I ever heard; and it was the most awful feeling. There's no way to describe it - even a literal burning fire would be a pleasure by the side of what this was.

Now, those visions have never been wrong. And it was just one of the most horrible feelings I ever had. And I heard a noise, it sounded like some kind of a haunted affair. And I looked at what was coming, and it was women, and you could just see their faces, and they had green stuff under their eyes, and their eyes looked run back in the way the women today paint their eyes. They were run back like that, just their eyes and face, and they were going, "UH, UH, UH, UH." Oh, my! I just screamed out, "Oh, God, have mercy upon me. Have mercy, oh God. Where are You? If You'll only let me go back and live, I promise You to be a good boy." Now, that's the only thing I could say. Now, God knows, and at the Day of Judgment, He'll judge me for that statement. That's what I said, "Lord God, let me go back and I'll promise You I'll be a good boy."

And when I got shot, I had told lies, I had done pretty near everything there was to be done. Only one thing that I could say. (I might as well just clean it out while I'm right here now.) And when I looked down and saw I was half blown in two, almost, I said, "God, have mercy on me. You know I never did commit adultery."

That's the only thing I could say to God. I'd never accepted His pardon and all these things. I just could say, "I never did commit adultery." And then they took me out there, and then in that situation, I cried, "God, be merciful to me. I'll be a good boy, if You'll only let me go back," for I knew there was a God somewhere. And so help me, those weary creatures all around, I'd just been a new arrival. It was the most hideous, horrible, ungodly feeling, in that they looked like great big eyes, with big eyelashes out like that, and run back like a cat, back like this, and green stuff and as if it cankered or something; and they were going: "UH, UH, UH."

Oh, what a feeling! Then in a moment's time, I had come back to natural life again. That thing has bothered me. I've thought, "Oh, let it be that I'll never go to a place like that. No other human being will ever have to go to a place like

that." Seven months later, I had the vision of standing in the West and seeing that gold cross coming down upon me. And I knew that there were the regions of the damned somewhere.

Now, I never noticed it too much until about four weeks ago. I never thought of it in these terms. About four weeks ago, the wife and I went down to Tucson to do some shopping, We went in downstairs and there was a group of sissy-like boys that had their hair ratted (you know, like the women do), and bangs combed down here in front, and these really high trousers on. I reckon they were beatniks, or whatever you call them.

And they were in there, and everybody was looking at them, and their heads were that big like the women that wear these "waterhead" haircuts, you know; and they were down there. A young woman came by, and she said, "What do you think about that?"

I said, "Then you ought to be ashamed of yourself, if you can think that." I said, "He has just as much right to do it as you do. Neither one of you have a right."

So, I went upstairs, and I sat down. And where I sat, there was an escalator (it was at J.C. Penny's store), and the escalator was bringing the people up. I really turned sick in my stomach seeing those women come up there; young, old, and indifferent, wrinkled-, young, and every way, with little scanty shorts on; their filthy bodies and those sexily dressed women with those great big heads like that. And here they came, and one coming up that escalator was just coming right up like that where I was sitting back in a chair, sitting there with my head down. And I turned and looked. But one of them coming up the steps was talking (Spanish speaking) to another woman (she was a white woman speaking to the Spanish woman). And when I looked, all at once I was changed. There, I'd seen that before.

Her eyes (you know how the women are doing now, painting their eyes, just recently) like a cat, you know, put it up like this, and wearing cat glasses and everything, you know, with eyes up like this. And that green stuff under their eyes. There was that thing that I saw when I was a child. There was the woman just exactly. And I just got numb all over, and I began to look around; and there were those people mumbling, you know, going on about the prices and things in the building.

And she looked like that. I just changed for a moment. And I looked and I thought, "That's what I saw in hell." There they were, that canker. I thought, because they were in hell, "What made them that way?" A greenish blue under their eyes. And here were these women painted with greenish blue, just the way that vision said about forty years ago. (About forty years is what it's been. I'm fifty-four, and I was fourteen.) So it's about forty years ago, and that's the number anyhow of judgment.

Now, I'd seen that and I couldn't speak to my wife when she came. She was over there trying to get Sarah and the kids something, a kind of dress or something for school, and I couldn't even speak to her. She said, "Bill, what's the matter with you?"

I said, "Honey, I'm almost a dead man."

She said, "What's the matter? Are you sick?"

I said, "No. Something's just happened." Now, she doesn't know. She's waiting for this tape to return. I've never said it to anybody. And I thought, "I'll wait," and, as I promised, "bring it to the church first." Bring it to the church, that was my promise. And you'll realize after tonight the reason why I try to keep my promise.

I thought then as I noticed those cankered-looking eyes on those women. There were the Spanish, French, Indian, and White, and all together; but that great big head, you know, bushed up, with those combs, the way it's combed back, way big, and then comes out. You know how they do it, fix it like they do it. And then, those cankered-looking eyes and the eyes with the paint, they run back like a cat's eyes; and they were talking, and there I was again, while standing there in J.C. Penny's store, back in HELL again!

I got so scared, I thought, "Lord, surely I haven't died and You've let me come to this place after all." And there they were, making, just around like that, in that vision as if you could barely hear it with your ears, you know, just the mumble and noise of people, and those women coming up that escalator and walking around there, and that "UH-UH." And there were those green, funny-looking eyes, and they were mournful.

And the wife came up, and I said, "Just leave me alone a minute, Honey. If you don't mind, I want to go home."

She said, "Are you sick?"

I said, "No, just go ahead, Honey, if you've got any shopping to do."

She said, "No, I'm finished."

And I said, "Let me take you by the arm." We walked out.

She said, "What's the matter?"

I said, "Meda, something happened up there." And while I was under that, I thought this, "What day are we living in? Could this be the Third Pull?" Now, I've got some notes here.

We find out that Jesus in His ministry, after He had preached to the people - (now we're going to be really scriptural on this) after Jesus had finished His ministry, His ministry was rejected by the people. (Now, you'll read between the lines. Draw your own conclusion. Remember what I told you at the first.) After He had preached, He came as a Promised One for that day. We all know that. The Scriptures identified Jesus Christ as Messiah. That's right. He was thoroughly, firmly vindicated by God and His Word, that He was Messiah. There's no question! Does anybody question it? (If you do, then you should come to the altar.) Or think He wasn't the Messiah? He was clearly identified as the Messiah.

God identified Him as Peter said, and on the Day of Pentecost when he talked to the Sanhedrin there about four days later, he said, "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by signs and wonders, which God did by Him in the midst, of which we all are witnesses, you have taken by wicked hands and crucified, crucified the Prince of Life which God has raised up, showing forth these things that you see and hear." Christ lived on, of course, still lives today.

Now, after Jesus had clearly come, identified Himself (God identified Him) and He prophesied, after the days of His prophecies, though He was scripturally identified, the people rejected Him. That's right.

And He preached then, after they rejected Him, here to the ones that had had a possibility of being saved. Remember, when He was preaching, there was a possibility of anybody being saved. We don't know who they are (they are predestinated), but He continually preached. But after the days of His preaching, His ministry continued on because the last group He preached to were the souls that were in hell, that could not be forgiven. I clearly read that from the Bible here, from II Peter.

He went and preached to souls that were in prison (which is hell), locked up until the Day of Judgment, because, you see, the Judgment isn't now, and there's no burning hell now. If somebody tells you that a guy is in a burning hell now, that's wrong.

A judge of this earth is just enough never to condemn a man until he's brought to trial. And God will never throw a man into the fiery furnace until first he is condemned by God's Own Law. He rejected mercy, so you see, he first has to have a trial and the trial is the Great White Throne Judgment. But now he's in a place called the prison house.

As I saw the vision of both places, have done by the grace of God (I say this not to be sacrilegious, and if it's wrong, God forgive me), I believe I've been in both places. And I've seen the redeemed and blessed, and I've seen the lost and where they were. That's why I stand as your brother today to warn you to flee from that downward path. Don't you ever take that road.

And you've got everything to live for, that blessed upward way, where the redeemed are enjoying peace, and they can't sin, they can't be sorry. There's nothing. They're perfect. Having seen both places. I know that's an awful statement for a person to make, but God is my Judge, I solemnly believe I've seen both places. I believe that.

And oh, far be it from any person ever entering those regions of the lost. If you were standing with hot wires bored through you, tormented in every way, it'd be not like that devil-torment there is in that place. There could be nothing - the human mind couldn't comprehend what those regions of the lost are. There's no way to explain it. And there's no way to explain what the regions of the blessed are, it's so great! That's so horrible and this is so great. It's from the ridiculous to the sublime.

So, if anybody hears me - And I'm getting to be an old man, I don't know how much longer I've got. I'll soon be fifty-five years old, and I don't know; according to nature I may not have too many years. **I don't know where this tape will go, but let everyone here hearing the tape, or wherever it may go, never go toward that region of the lost! You can't picture hell being that bad! And whatever you do, don't you ever forget this of the Regions of the blessed (I would say this with St. Paul): "Eyes have not seen, ear has not heard, neither could it enter the heart of man, what God has in store for them that love Him!"**

**So stop, if you're listening to the tape, turn the machine off and repent if you're not saved, and get right with God!** I'm saying this by first-hand experience, as I believe in my heart; and I say if the visions have deceived me, God be merciful to me for making a statement like that: but with the sincerity of my heart, knowing that not one of those visions ever failed, I believe that I have been in both places. Far be it from any human being to go on that road downward.

Now, Jesus, after He'd finished His ministry, preached to those souls that were unsaveable, that could not ever be saved. Now, the Bible tells us that. He went and preached to the souls that were in prison, that repented not. When mercy was given to them, they spurned mercy, and now they're waiting for the judgment.

Oh, what a time that must have been! Oh, I wish there was some way I could shake the world with that, to let them see what the reality is. And Jesus said Himself, "As the Father sent Me, so send I you."

And since the Father sent Him to preach to the living, to those who had hope, and then present the same Message to those who had no hope, it seems to be fitting at this time that that will have to be done; because the Spirit of Christ living in us does not change the nature of Him, nor change God's system. He must be the same in every generation. He must be the same. He said, "As the Father sent Me, so send I you."

The ministries must be the same. Inasmuch that He said (I see some of you writing the Scriptures down - St. John 14:12), "*He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also.*" The works, preaching to the lost, healing of the sick, and then to the impossible ever to be saved. The work went on just the same. So has this been - May I put it like this?

The ministry of Jesus Christ reincarnated in His Church in these last days, that's what many of us believe. I believe with you. I believe this. If I didn't believe it, I'd do something else about it, because, after all, it is I who am concerned here. And if the Spirit of God be in you, you're concerned about the people. There's a Scripture that always puzzled me: how that Moses could tell God a better idea than God had, till I found out, that it was the Spirit of Christ in Moses.

God said, "Moses, separate yourself from them. I'll destroy the whole thing and start with you."

He said, "Lord" (He threw himself into the breach), "Take me. Blot out my name."

To these very people that had rebelled, his heart went out to them. See? And it's when a minister has got the people on his heart - how could I feel justified before God and to myself ever to hold anything back from a people that you love better than you love yourself? How could a man take a person into the church by a handshake or some sprinkling or some false baptism or something, and let them lie under the influence of a lie, and know that the Bible lies there and say he loves the person?

Though I have to beg for my living, whatever it is, let me be honest with God and the people to tell them the Truth. Never let me be a deceiver! How can

I deceive those whom I love? Though I have to hurt them, yet I love them. That's the reason you spank your child, namely because you love him; not because you don't like him, because you love him. If he's wrong, he'll get killed if you don't correct him.

Now, so has the ministry been. As it was, so is it today. It has been preached and thoroughly vindicated by the Word of God, that it couldn't be man. It has to be God., It has to be.

Notice! The same spiritual sign that Jesus did has recurred on the earth in the last days. The very same spiritual sign with which He identified Himself as Messiah, has identified Him today; He's still Messiah! The same material sign has appeared on the earth that appeared showing what He was, the same Pillar of Fire that St. Paul saw, the same One. And all that has recurred with the same nature in it, doing the same thing.

Jesus claimed that He did nothing till the Father showed Him, and the Father is the Holy Spirit, we realize that. It's just an office of God. If it isn't, then which one of them is the Father of Jesus Christ? Jesus said God was His Father, and the Bible says the Holy Ghost was His Father. Now, you can't make Him be an illegitimate child; so the Holy Ghost is God. So is Jesus God. So God is Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, which are three offices of one God -three attributes, but the same God. You're a part of God, and I'm a part of God; but I'm not all of God, and neither are you all of God. It's attributes of God upon us, as sons adopted by Jesus Christ; that is, God Himself became flesh to die for us.

Now, the Holy Spirit always showed Him things to come, and He never was wrong. It was always perfect. Is that right? He did not take credit to Himself He gave credit to God. He said, "The Son can do nothing of Himself but what He sees the Father doing." And the Holy Spirit was His Father. Is that right? "*Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost,*" which was His Father, and the Holy Ghost showed Jesus things to come - told Him things that were - and He was the God-Prophet; because the Word of the Lord only comes to the prophet, showing that the Word came in minor form; the prophets wrote what the Lord told them, but He wrote nothing because He was the Word. He was the Word.

Notice, by the same Holy Spirit that lived in Him, He said, "Yet a little while, and the world will see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, because, I will be with you, even in you, to the end of the world. I will come to you," He said. "I and the Father that is in Me will come to you." And He said, "When the Holy Ghost is come upon you, He will reveal these things that I've taught you and will show you things to come." There you are.

Now, we notice that as the Holy Spirit worked in the Church then, so has the Holy Spirit done exactly the same things today, announcing by the Pillar of fire just exactly as at the beginning, the same thing. And seeing this come upon Jesus, John announced it at the River of Jordan. And everything has been proved, even scientific pictures taken of it. It can't be disputed. It was scientifically proved that it was material. It wasn't a mythical thought, it wasn't

psychology. As George J. Lacy said, "The mechanical eye of that camera won't take psychology. The light struck the lens."

What about you, church, who about six or eight months ago heard me standing here saying, "It's THUS SAITH THE LORD, that I'm going to Tucson, Arizona. There'll be a blast and seven Angels will appear." You remember it? God made it so real, that *Look* magazine took the pictures of it. Spiritually it was foreseen. It materialized, just exactly the same.

The seven Angels brought forth the winding up of all the Scriptures, because all the mysteries of the entire Bible lay in the Seven Seals. We know that. That is, the Book is sealed with them. The mystery of the entire Book lies in those Seven Seals that the Lord let us bring, and there are men sitting here today, who were present right there with me when it happened.

*Life* magazine proved the same thing, that it actually happened, because it was God that told it; it was God that stands behind His Word to perform It when He says He will do it! therefore, it's not some man, carnal person like myself, that's among you people. It's the Eternal God!

He uses man, that's true. He does nothing outside of what He does by man. We realize that. That's His agent. That's what He chose. Why, I don't know. He could've made the sun to preach the Gospel: He could make the wind to preach the Gospel. He could cause the wind to do things, but He chose man.

That was His idea that human would speak back to human. It was not Himself, but "The Word of the Lord came to the prophets" (the prophesiers, the preachers). And a prophesier that denies the original Word, how can he be a true prophet? He can't be, because he's denying the Truth of the Word. And then if he doesn't, then this Word Itself is preached by the truthfulness of the Word and by the truthfulness of the Holy Spirit. It'll manifest every promise that It promised. That's how we know whether it's right or not. That's what Jesus said: "If I do not that which is written of Me to do, then don't believe Me."

Now, we see these things. Remember the Seven Seals are finished, and when those seven revealed Truths - one of them He wouldn't permit us to know. How many were here at the Seven Seals? All of you, I reckon. The Seventh Seal, He wouldn't permit it. He stood right there in the room and revealed every one of them, and if I ever preached anything in my life that was inspired, it was that. It ought to be true to you. I stood here and told you it was going to happen, and went right there. And even the scientific research and everything (it was a mystery to the people) proved that it happened right there. And it came right back, and we heard it unfold and make every word exactly right.

What day are we living in? Where are we? And remember, in that Sixth Seal, where all Seven Trumpets sound under that Sixth Seal, when we get to that, you'll see that. All Seven Trumpets take place in that Sixth Seal. The Seventh is always a mystery. Watch that **Seventh**; that's the finish. That is the coming of the Lord. Heaven is quiet, silent. Nobody moved, because Jesus said Himself, "Not even an Angel of Heaven knows when I will return. I don't even

know Myself what time. The Father has reserved that in His mind." God alone knows it, the Spirit. Then I didn't know it.

Then it wasn't revealed when that Seventh Trumpet sounded, or the Seventh Seal was opened; then there was silence in Heaven, see? It wasn't given away, what would take place. But under the Sixth Seal, where these Trumpets sounded (remember under there?), we find out that the Lamb came forth, appeared on the scene. He had left the mercy seat. His work of redemption was finished.

And He came forth and took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne, and time was no longer. And immediately an Angel appeared in the 10th chapter and 7th verse. This Angel came down and swore that time was no longer. But you see, in this Book was what was redeemed; it was the Book of Redemption, and everything that He had redeemed was written in that Book. All that He died for was written in the Book, and He could not leave His mediatorial seat until He had thoroughly redeemed all. And He couldn't redeem them at the cross, because they were predestinated in the Lamb's Book of Life, and He had to stay on there to make intercessions until that last person was finished. Glory!

But one day He rose from there and came forth. Where was the Book? It was still with the abstract Owner, God Almighty. And John looked around, and he wept because there was no man even worthy to look on the Book. And especially, the Seals had to be opened to reveal what the hidden mysteries were. The mysteries were in the Seven Seals.

When these Seven Seals were opened, that opened up the entire Bible. The Seven Mysteries were sealed with Seven Seals. And these Seven Seals, held the entire mystery of it, and it was the Book of Redemption, the New Testament. Not the Old, which only proclaimed for the New Testament. "They cannot be made perfect without us" (Hebrews 11).

Now, the redemption only came when the Redeemer died. And they were potentially under the blood of lambs, not of the Redeemer. They hadn't been redeemed yet, not until the Redeemer came.

Notice. Now, when this Redeemer came, John looked around, and here sat God on the Throne, with the Book in His hand that had been sealed with Seven Seals; the whole plan of redemption was in it, and it had been lost by the human race, by Adam. It went back where? Satan couldn't take it; he just caused man to lose it.

But where did the Book go to then? It didn't belong to the human race; the blessings didn't belong here, the human race had lost them. So it went right on back to its original Owner; that was God. There He sat with it, and He called for some man, somebody, to come and claim it.

John looked around, and there was no man in Heaven, no man on earth, nobody, no Angel, nothing could take the Book or loose the Seals or even look on It. No man was worthy. John said he wept bitterly. Then an Angel came to him and said, "Weep not, John, for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has prevailed, and He's worthy."

And John looked to see a Lion, and what did he find? - a Lamb; and it was a bloody Lamb, a Lamb that had been slain. How long? - since the foundation of the world. The Lamb came forth, walked up to Him that had the Book in His right hand, and received the Book, climbed upon the Throne and sat down. That's it. It was over. When? - when the seals were revealed, when the last one was redeemed, and there was none missing that He came to redeem.. Someone asks, "Why didn't He redeem them forty years ago? Two thousand years ago?"

Their names were on the Book of Life, in that Book. And He had to remain here, because it was God's purpose to redeem them. Their names were put on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. The Lamb was put there with it, to be slain. Here came the Lamb that was slain, came back to make intercession.

Watch Him. There will be a lot of impersonations, a lot of everything else; but there really was somebody going to be saved, for the Church was predestinated. Without spot or wrinkle She's going to be there, and the Lamb died for that purpose. And then when the last name on that Book was redeemed, the Lamb came forth and took the Book. "I'm the one that did it!"

The Angels, the cherubims, the four and twenty elders, the beasts, everything, uncrowned themselves, fell down before the Throne and said, "Worthy art Thou." John said, "Everything in heaven and earth heard me hollering, 'Amen'," screaming, hallelujahs and praises to God.

The scream went up. Why? Their names were in that Book, to be revealed, and the Lamb had revealed it. The Lamb had redeemed them, but He could not come forth until every name was revealed, and that had taken place under the Sixth Seal, before the seventh broke. Then the Lamb came for what He had redeemed. He came to claim what He had redeemed.

He's already got it right here in the Book. He's taken it from His hand. Now, He's coming to receive what He has redeemed; that's His work He has done, He's come to receive it. Oh, what a time! And He's proving it. The Seventh Seal proved it. He came back and took the Book of Redemption.

Notice. It was to be the Seventh Angel's Message that was to reveal the Seven Seals (Revelation 10:7, now you'll find it, see?). And he saw this Angel come down, put his foot on the land and on the sea (that was Christ), with a rainbow over His head. Notice Him, you'll find Him in Revelation 1, again with the rainbow over His head - look upon the jasper and sardius and so forth.

Here He came, put one foot upon the land, one upon the water, raised up His hand, had a rainbow over His head yet; that's a covenant. He was the Covenant Angel, which was Christ, made a little lower than the Angels to suffer. There He came and put His hands up to Heaven and swore by Him that lives for ever and ever (the Eternal One, the Father - God), that time shall be no more when this takes place.

It's run out. It's done; it's finished. And then the Scripture says that at the Message of the Seventh earthly Angel (the messenger on earth, the Seventh and last Church Age; at the beginning of his ministry, when he starts off into the earth, at that time), the mystery of God of these Seven Seals should be

made known by that time. Now, we see where we are. Could it be, friends? Could it be?

Notice. For all that had been redeemed in the Book, He came forth for redemption. All that were to be redeemed were in the Book. They were predestinated before foundation of the world, and He came to redeem them. All He had redeemed were written therein.

I want to ask you a question now. And you people on tape, listen close. Those hideous eyes, that hideous head - could that be why this Message has been so against women of the modern age? Could this be that last angel's Message? What did He say down there at the river about thirty-three years ago? "As John was sent forth" (see?) "to announce the first coming of Christ, your Message will announce the second coming."

It has been around the world, and that's what it's done. Then the coming must be at hand. Watch what happens now. Why? I've scratched my head, I've wallowed on my pillow; I've walked the floor. 'What's the matter with you?'

A few days ago I asked two men I was riding with. I asked Jack Moore once (you know Jack Moore. I'm going to him in Shreveport), "Brother Jack, you've been as close a friend as I've had on earth." And before I asked him, I asked my wife. (If anybody knows anything about me, my bads and all, it's my wife, a dear person.) And I said to her one day, "Honey, as your husband, I'm a minister of the Gospel. I don't want to bring any reproach upon the one that I love. I don't want to hurt you. I wouldn't bring any reproach on you. God forbid that I ever do anything that would harm you, and how much more do you think it would harm God. How much I love Him. You're my wife, He's my Saviour and God. I want to ask you a question. Don't pull any punches, tell me the truth."

I said, "Have I studied so much -" (And I have wondered.) I'm a make-up, funny, odd. I know that. And everybody said, "What kind of a person?" Well see, you can't make yourself. You are what you are by the grace of God.

And I said, "Have I lost my mind just a little bit, you know, and got odd?" I said, "Why am I condemning those women constantly, when I love them?" (They say, I'm a woman-hater, that I just hate women. That's wrong. I love women. I mean as my sisters.)

I'm not going to pat you on the back, seeing you go wrong. I'll tell you that. I love you too much for that. A man that would do that is showing a different kind of love. I love you because I love what you are. You're a helpmate to a son of God, and you're a part of him. And I love you because you were made in the image of man, and man was made in the image of God. So therefore, together, you're one in Christ.

That's why I love you. Any other thing lacks substance, God knows that. All my life (that's right) I love you. Why would I stand up and constantly, when they say, "Tell all the women if they're going to hear Brother Branham preach, to comb their hair differently. Let them put on a hat or something, because he'll start blasting away about short hair; and don't wear any make-up," and so forth.

That's what they did. "Oh, he'll talk about somebody." One brother said, "The people believe you to be a prophet. Why don't you teach the women how to receive great spiritual gifts and things like that, instead of trying to teach them such stuff as that?"

I said, "If they won't learn their ABC's, how will they know algebra?"

Get right first. And the more I preach the worse it gets. Then you say, "Why don't you quit?"

No, sir. There's got to be a Voice, a witness against it. One of the greatest men in the ministry today, laid his hands on me not long ago and said, "I'm going to pray for you, Brother Branham, if you'll let me do it, that God will take that out of your heart and cause you to leave those women alone in these things."

I said, "Do you believe in that, Sir? You're a holiness preacher,

He said, "Certainly I don't believe in it, but that's up to them." I said, "No."

He said, "That's up to the pastors."

I said, "They're not doing it." Somebody's got to do it! The river's got to be crossed. The skin's got to be shucked off. I don't want to do it; God knows I don't want to do it! Many of those women-feed my children, and they'd lay their life down for me almost.

In the grace of God shed abroad by the Holy Ghost, d'you think I could stand still and see that poor person go plunge out yonder into eternity without hope, if I don't scream out against it? Not to be a smart Aleck, but the spirit of this nation, the spirit of the church - not the Spirit of Christ now - the spirit of the church (denominations) has swung these women out into that mess out yonder, and I'm only a voice crying: "GET OUT OF IT! FLEE FROM THAT FILTH!"

Don't let the devil do things like that to you. It's wrong! And you Assemblies of God let the women bob their hair, but forbid them to wear make-up. There's really not a Scripture against make-up, but there is against bobbing your hair. She isn't even fit to pray before God, the Bible says. Her husband has a right to give her a divorce and leave her. She presents herself to the world as an impure woman. The Bible says so.

She dishonours her own husband when she does it. That's exactly what the Bible says. A woman wearing make-up - we find a woman did it in the Bible, only one. It was Jezebel, that's who it was. The only person in the Bible that ever wore make-up was Jezebel, and God immediately fed her to the wild dogs. She's become a disgrace, and even everything that's mean is called Jezebel. You don't have to do that. You don't have to do it. What makes you do it then - the spirit of the devil.

You don't realize it, I know you don't. You're too good a people. You're good. You shake my hand, talk to me, and I love you. That's right. But if I see that, wouldn't I be a hypocrite if I said nothing? Paul said, "I've not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God."

May no woman's blood be upon me at that day, and no man's. I've told you the Truth. I've hated to do it, not because I don't want to do what God tells me

to, but because I love you. I don't want to hurt you. So what am I going to do? But pure divine love will drive you to do it.

Jesus even prayed to dodge the cross. "Is it possible that the cup should pass? Nevertheless, not My will, but Thine."

Am I going to have to be the fellow that says this? Am I going to have to take those precious women that are so nice and everything, and just shuck them to pieces? Am I going to have to do it? Am I going to have to take my minister brothers and stand there and tell them that they love money and the denominations better than they love God? I, to my precious brothers that have put their arms around me? Oh, do I have to do that?

Oh, God, don't let me do it. "But I've not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel." It's genuine love that's driven me to it. Is that why this Message has been this way? It's nowhere else in the world like this, is it? Where is it then? All right. They're afraid, but it's been fearless. Exactly. God is always that way.

All right. Is this why women have been so rebuked by this Message? Not knowing why, because it wasn't revealed. It was shown me, but it didn't come to me till just the other day. Look at that. All right. It certainly fits the ministry.

Now, wait a minute. Was there ever a time that it became a woman's world before? Yes! According to history, in the days of Elijah there was a woman named Jezebel. She got the rulership over the church of God, which, the Bible says, she will do again in the last days - her spirit, through a church, an organisation. And she'll be a whore, and all the other churches with her will be prostitutes, just like she is. Is that right?

Revelation 17 says, "She is a whore and she is the mother of harlots." That can't be men; that's women. And they were all thrown alive into the lake of fire and consumed. Is that true? There you are.

Notice. When that Jezebel rose on the scene, there was a man rose up against her. God brought a man, we don't even know where he came from. He had no background of ministry; he never was a priest or anything. He came forth an old rugged woodsman by the name of Elijah, and he laid the axe to the root of the tree; and they hated him. Not only that, but his whole congregation hated him. And one time he thought he stood alone.

God said, "No, I've got 7,000 here who are still right with you."

That was that elected group. See? It's always that group. And He said, "Don't fear, Elijah. I know you think you're run out because the denominations run you up there on top of the hill; but I've got 7,000 that believe the same thing that you're preaching. I've got them."

Then after his day, Rome took over, and that became a time of a woman's world again. All the fashions of the women, how they came out in their bonnets and things! And God raised up another man, with the same Spirit on him - the Spirit of Elijah. Is that right?

He said, "The axe is laid to the root of the trees."

There was a little old feisty woman in there that had left her husband and married his brother Herod. Her name was Herodia. She had had a daughter by Herod's brother, Herodia had. And then she taught her to dance, and she

became a real strip-tease dancer, after her mother. And she thought she could marry four or five times and do anything she wanted to. And here came Herod out. (They were all Jews now, remember, they were church people.)

Here came Herod out and his church to hear this prophet, the man that the people believed was a prophet. He walked right straight up to both their faces, and said, "It's not lawful for you to have her." And did that make her blow up!

Now, some ordinary man would've said, "How do you do, Herodia? We're certainly glad to have you in our congregation today." But not John!

Jesus said, "Whom did you go to see, when ye went out to see John? Did you go to see one that was all dressed up like a priest?"

No, that kind kisses the baby and buries the dead.

He said, "What did you go to see? A reed that's shaken by any wind?"

They say, "Come over here, John. We'll pay you more if you preach to us, and we're the biggest organization."

Not John. No, they never went to see that. But Jesus said, "What did you go to see then, when you went to hear and see John? A prophet?" And He said, "Yes! And I say to you, more than a prophet. If you can receive it, this is he of whom the prophet spoke as coming. 'I'll send my messenger before my face, and he'll prepare the way for the Lord'."

He was the messenger of the Covenant. He said, "There's not been a man born of a woman as great as he is." That's the kind of a man that God raised up for that day, Elijah, a backwoodsman. John, the same thing. See? The Spirit of Elijah was upon John. And when it comes a woman's day again, that Spirit will rise again; before the coming of the Lord, when the earth will be burnt and the righteous will walk out upon the ashes of the wicked, who will be ashes under their feet. He promised it again for these days.

Notice, the Holy Spirit promised that. It's fitting to the time that we're living in. There must be someone rise up. That's got to come. For it's THUS SAITH THE LORD (Malachi, the 4th chapter).

That's exactly what He said would be the sign just before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. "I'll send you Elijah." And what will he do? -turn the hearts of the children back to the doctrine of the fathers. Back to the Bible. From all these denominational difference; come back to the Bible - back to God, that's what He would do.

Notice, what a great time we're living in. Those prophets rebuked those modern women in their days, and they both paid for it by their lives. History proves that each one of those times was a woman's world, when women controlled it. Look about you today. We'll have one as President one of these days, it looks like it could happen right now. Actually she is President. He's just a figurehead.

Here not long ago, in one of the other nations, she was getting so much praise and everything from all the people, that the President himself said, "I'm her husband." The President of the United States! She sets the fashions and women follow it; just as Jezebel did.

You've heard my sermon on *Jezebel Religion*. You know about it. Do you see where we are now? You see what happened a week or two ago here in the

city? The Faith Lutheran minister invited the Catholic priest of the Sacred Heart to come up and preach for him, and he did; and the Faith Lutheran minister went down to the Catholic priest and preached for him.

The Council of Churches is meeting over there now in Rome. When this circular letter was sent by my good friend, David DuPlessis, I sat there and cried to him about it in Fourteen Mile Creek not long ago, since he was not realizing he swung the church right into Babylon, with everybody saying, "Oh, all the churches are going to be one now."

Yes, I know that. That is just exactly what was written in my "Book of Prophecy" in 1933, saying that would take place. Why, don't you realize that's Satan, uniting them together! The Bible says that. Just after a bit - just a little while, as soon as they become one, then the interdenominational churches are finished. There will be your Mark of the Beast, right? See? I haven't got time to go into this.

It's nearly a quarter to 12 o'clock. I want to finish this up. Get this point. I'm just laying these Scriptures in here so that YOU can see the possibility of where we are. Now, we'll close in just a few minutes.

Now, notice just what took place. The prophets rebuked those women in those days and were called "woman-haters." That's right. History proves it was so. Now wait just a minute. You, that's writing down Scriptures, you want to put down I Timothy 5:6. The Bible says, "The woman that lives in worldly pleasures" (It can't be the pleasures of God, so it'd have to be) "is dead while she is living."

That's what the prophet said (St. Paul). The woman that lives in this worldly condition is dead while she is living. If she rejects mercy, she can cross the separating line where there's no Place for her any more. Then where is she with her painted eyes and cut hair? She's across the line with no way to come back, and there's got to be a ministry preaching to her. But remember, at that time it's all over. It's done - just a haunting!

There'll be a ministry that will show great wonders (Joel said so), but there'll be no time for redemption. It's all over. The Lamb's taken His Book, and His redeeming is over. As Jesus first preached and was rejected and then went and haunted those that were in there - preached to them that were in prison and could not repent, for they had no time for salvation.

That same ministry will have to repeat again. What if that could be the Third Pull? - to the eternally lost. What if it is, then? I hope it's not. What if it is? Think of it, just a minute now. "at if it is? God forbid, I've got children. But it certainly looks pretty close here.

Why did that vision come when I was a kid? Why didn't I ever think of it before? Why did that trance come there in the room the other day and say, "Here it is?" It's right in the midst of the souls that are lost. And Jesus preached to them, witnessed; but they never repented. And the more I preach the worse they get! There's no repentance. No place for it.

The Lamb took His Book when the Seven Seals were just ready to be opened - the Six Seals, rather. Remember, He hid the Seventh Seal from us. He

wouldn't reveal it. The Angel stood day by day telling it, but then he wouldn't do it on that. John said, "There was silence in Heaven."

No one knew. It was the coming of the Lord. "Oh," you say, "it can't be."

I hope it isn't. Let's go just a little further here. I've got something written down.

All right. Remember, "She that liveth in worldly pleasure" (in the things of the world, acting like it - she could go to church and act like a saint, that doesn't have one thing to do with it) "is dead while she's living."

Look what the denominations have done for her. They've made her a handler of the Holy Word, which is contrary to the Bible. They've made her a preacher. It's forbidden by the Scriptures. They even make her now become ruler, mayor, governor, everything in the country, and a minister in the house of God, when she's guilty of every sin that was ever committed. She's the cause of it. I'm not speaking of rights. She's guilty.

She's the one that caused every baby to be born blind. She's the one that caused every grave to be dug. She's the one that caused sin, sickness, sorrow. An ambulance can't ring unless a woman caused it. No crying can be done, no sin, no death, no sorrow, no suffering, except a woman caused it. And God forbids her to go into the pulpit to preach, but yet they do it.

Denominations, do you see what it's all about? She's a goddess. How the devil is at work! Why, the Catholic people make them women gods - pray to them! That's right. Goddess Mary, and so forth. I see where in the Ecumenical Council they said that it would come to pass that they would pray a little bit more to Jesus if it would help the Protestants to come in. Oh, that sugar-coated-unchangeable! It's still the same old devil.

The Bible says that he causes all to receive a mark upon their forehead that didn't have their name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. It's the PREDESTINATED Church that I'm talking to not those out there. No, sir. Out of every group, He's pulled His predestinated. That's what He's coming for, in every age. And there she stands. There she is.

She will preach the Word, handle the Word, become a goddess, and the cause of every sin. The Bible said, "I suffer not a woman to teach, or usurp any authority." She should be in obedience, as also saith the law. She can't do it. But they make her a ruler of the land, mayor, governor; soon she'll be President. Certainly. There you are. That's the way it goes. And people do that, because they don't rare about this Word. They'll never see it.

Look at those Jews standing there - scholars, fine men. And Jesus said, "You're of your father, the devil."

What if I brought it into a trial right now before you. Let's just try it a minute (and God forgive me for taking sides against Him), but just to show you something. What if you say, "Well, glory to God, I spoke in tongues! Hallelujah! I know I got it. Bless God. Yes!"

Uh huh, you did? Remember those people of Israel! The Bible says after He had called the people out and saved them out of Egypt, He destroyed them because they didn't follow the Message. They ate manna from heaven. They ate manna that God rained on the lie earth for them to eat, and stood in the

presence of the messenger, and saw the Pillar of Fire, and heard the Voice of God, and saw it confirmed. Then because they wanted to believe Korah- "There can be more holy men. There can be this, that, or the other. We've got to be holy, too. We've got to do all this. All the people are holy."

God said, "Separate yourselves. Get away from there."

Moses said, "All that are on the Lord's side, come with me," and I to just opened up the earth and swallowed them up. See? They were cre good people, too. Certainly they were. They were fine people. Yes, sir! But that didn't do it. "Not all that say, Lord, Lord, but the one that doeth the will of My Father."

It's not he that starts, it's he that finishes. There are no short cuts. You're disqualified at the end of the race. There are no short cuts. You must come just the way the Scripture says. If it says, "Repent, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost," there's no short cut (shaking hands and joining a denomination), you come that way. Except you die to yourself and be born of the Spirit of God, you're lost. That's all. There are no short cuts. You say, "Oh, I belong to church." I know. That's good. "My mother was a good woman." I don't doubt that, but this is you I'm talking to. You've got to come that way, because there's no short cut. You're disqualified at the judgment. You come the one way. There's only one way, and Christ is that Way. Christ is the Word that lives in you that verifies everything that He promised in its season. Do you get that? All right.

Notice, now, some say, "These people are good." Certainly? I don't say they're not good people. I don't say St. Cecilia and all those were not good women; so was my mother, but I certainly don't pray to her. Certainly not! I've seen lots of good people, but they're not goddesses - they're women. There's only one Mediator between God and man.

Why, why would a man, a man of the Pentecostal world - that circular letter that Brother DuPlessis, our precious brother, issued -? Maybe some of you have got it. He sat in the Ecumenical Council, by the side of the Pope, and said it was very spiritual. That's discernment of spirit, isn't it? "Oh, the Spirit of the Lord was there!" Very spiritual.

There you are! Why? Because it's an opportunity to unite the Protestants and that together, which has been fought for for years, and the Bible has stood for and told us that that would come. And one of our greatest leaders comes right in, and says, "That's right, what we do." And the whole Protestant church is falling for it!

And, just exactly, if you'll look up there that THUS SAITH THE LORD, you'll see that first the Word said it, then the Spirit of the Lord, in 1933, told all these other things about the nations going to war and how the machines would be and everything like that, saying that's exactly what would happen at the end. And here it is. It's never failed. And here we see it shaping up.

You remember my sermon on *Jezebel Religion* not long ago? You remember Elijah coming down the road that morning to tell them that? I preached on that. And how I predicted then that the time would come when this Ecumenical Council would finally become the Mark of the Beast, because it would unite with the Beast. It's doing it. In my age, I've lived to see it, and hear

the Protestants, by the millions, fall for it. Why? That's what they're looking for. They're blind!

Jesus told those Pharisees, "You blind leaders of the blind." "If the blind lead the blind," He said, "Won't they both fall into the ditch?" And that's where they fall. How could I ever believe that a man that stood with me and talked with me could ever sit and make a remark like that? See. It's hid from the wise and prudent, and revealed to babes (such as will learn).

I know someday that's going to cost me my life. That's right. It's going to, but here the Truth is being made known.

The first one to die  
For this Holy Ghost plan,  
Was John the Baptist (but he didn't shirk),  
He died like a man.  
Then came the Lord Jesus,  
They crucified Him;  
He preached that the Spirit  
Would save man from sin. (Is that right?)

Then they stoned Stephen,  
He preached against sin.  
He made them so angry;  
They dashed his head in.  
But he died in the Spirit,  
He gave up the Ghost;  
And went to join the others,  
That Life giving host.

There's Peter and Paul  
And John the Divine.  
They gave up their lives  
So the Gospel could shine. (What did they do?)  
They mingled their blood  
With the prophets of old,  
So the true Word of God  
Would honest be told.

Souls under the altar  
Were crying, "How long  
For the Lord to punish  
All that have done wrong?"  
But there are going to be more  
That'll give their life's blood (yes, that's right)  
For this Holy Ghost Gospel,  
And it's crimson flood.

It keeps dripping with blood. (Yes! It'll do it some day, but I'm waiting for that hour when it's finished.)

Some sister just had a dream. She sent it to me. She said, "I saw them: that church fixed the way." They're going to kill me, secretly. Sometime when I'm getting out of my car and going in, it'll be fired, but she said, "Then the Spirit said, 'Not at this time, but it'll come later'."

God forbid that I compromise on anything. I know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. We're living in a horrible day. Sin has done this. Yes, they stoned Stephen. They had John's head cut off - that woman did. I don't know how we'll give ours, but it'll be some day. I

All right. Notice. In St. John (if you want to know that Scripture on that), St. John 6:49, is where they ate manna, and Jesus said, "And they're every one dead!" You say, "Well, my sister, I saw this woman dance in the Spirit."

Oh, yes. Uh huh. I've seen them do that. "I've seen her speak in tongues. I've seen her -."

Yes. Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day and say, 'I've done all these things.' They ate manna in the wilderness," Jesus said, "And they're every one eternally separated." They're dead. That's eternally gone. They perished right there in the wilderness.

You remember Hebrews, the 6th chapter: ones that once knew the Truth and refused to walk in It? There was no more repentance for them. See, a borderline believer! When the Truth is presented to a person for the last time and they refuse to receive it (according to the Book of Hebrews, see? -they will on occasion), there's not even one thing in the world that can ever save them.

They're finished. There's no repentance, no redemption, there's nothing left for them. They're eternally separated. The Bible says so. They are looking for the fearful fire and indignation which shall devour the adversary. And when the Truth of the Gospel has been proved, thoroughly vindicated, and they then turn around and walk from it, they're finished. That's all. It's awful, but I have to tell it.

Remember the angels which kept not their first estate, but were left there in that prison-house in darkness where the world is walking today, in that same prison, there's no repentance.

Do you remember a few years ago, when I came down from Chicago, I said, "Either America will receive it this year, or she won't receive it at all."? See where she's gone! Now, I wonder if it could be the Third Pull! I don't like to. Jesus spoke of this kind of hypocrisy (if you want to put that down, it's Matthew 23:7). I've got here, "Read that;" but you can see, "You blind Pharisees..." (verse 16).

Have you got just a couple of minutes? Let's just turn to that, because I said, "Read it." There was something there that I want to read. I'll maybe cut something else out, but let's just get this, just a minute. Matthew 23, and we're going to begin at the 27th verse. Just listen now. You read the whole thing when you go home, if you will. Just a few more minutes. Now, watch here! Matthew 23, beginning at the 27th verse:

*Woe unto you, scribes ... (now, remember these are holy men He's talking to) Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye are like unto whited sepulchres (they're dead people), which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness (hypocrisies and envies and strife on the inside of them; outside, "I'm Dr. so-and-so").*

*Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men (look at the Ecumenical Council and the Pentecostals sitting there), but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (What is iniquity? Something you actually know is right and you won't do it. Now, watch what generation He puts this on!)*

*Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous. (See? "Oh, the prophets.")*

*And say, if we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. (We would have believed the Word of the Lord if we'd lived back there. Watch.)*

*Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.*

*Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. (That's just what's taking place. Now, watch what He says here.)*

*Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

How can you do it? Now He's talking to ministers. That's right - holy men. How can you, knowing the Bible predicts and tells those people not to do that, yet stand and compromise for a few lousy stinking dollars? Or for some popularity and to have somebody pat you on the back and call you "Doctor?"

How can you say you love those people? I'm preaching on tape, too. How can you say you love those people, and let a thing like that take place? You Pharisees, you blind, you serpents, you generation of vipers! How are you going to escape the damnation of hell? How can a man today, who knows that these things are wrong, stand there to hold his congregation, to make his denomination grow, and fail to tell women and men? How are you going to escape the wrath of hell when it was made for you? How are you going to do it? Listen, listen here! What is it going to be?

*Wherefore (34th verse), behold, I send unto you prophets (I will - in the future. There are your Pharisees coming back again), and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city.*

He predicted he would send them prophets with the Word of the Lord, and what would they do? - the same thing their fathers did, because that's what they are. Spirits don't die. Men that are possessed of them die, but spirits don't die. He said, "You're the children, you're the ones." And just notice how these things are:

How that St. Paul stood there (Do you believe he was a prophet?) and condemned women that bobbed their hair, condemned their organizations; and announced that every man that wasn't baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ must come and be baptized over again. That's right.

Today they compromise and sweeten it around. They don't know anything different, though. It's pitiful. If the hour is over, I might say this (see?): They were blind, predestinated to be blind. God be merciful. They couldn't see it. Jesus said, "You're blind. You blind scribes and Pharisees. You hypocrites. You read the same Word that they all of them had read, and here you come and condemn Me. And I'm exactly what the Word said that I would be in this day. I was to be the Messenger of this day. I'm the Messiah," He said in so many words: "I'm the Messiah, and have I failed to prove it? If I haven't done what was written of Me, then condemn Me. And you blind Pharisees lead your people right off into a thing like that!" He said, "Well, the blind lead the blind."

You say, "Oh, if we had lived back in the time of St. Paul, I would've taken sides with St. Paul."

You hypocrites! Why don't you take sides with his doctrine? You would've done the same thing then that you do now, for you're the children of your fathers, your organizational fathers: Pharisees, Sadducees, and self-righteous. That's it. And I tell you in that hour that we live in, I wonder if this could be the Third Pull! Just a minute now. Jesus said, "This kind receives greater damnation."

Isn't it awful? There was a great American one time. When the enemy was about to take this country, a man in the midnight hour jumped up on a horse and rode down the road, screaming, "The enemy's coming!" It was Paul Revere. I'm an American too, and I'm riding this midnight hour, not saying "He's coming," but "He's here." He isn't coming, He's already here. He has conquered. I'm afraid it's over. He's finished conquering at this midnight hour!

Remember, the seven Angels at Tucson, what the Message was - the finishing of the Mystery of God. Immediately after that, coming down the range - (you all have heard about the mountains). Notice, Brother Fred got some pictures of it, and Brother Tom, and I got some pictures, some movies. (We'll show them to you here some day, and show you just where it was.)

You all know the story. Watch the three peaks. He said, "There's your First, Second, and Third Pull."

And Brother Fred got an outstanding picture of it. He and Sister Martha passed - the clouds had come up from the moisture of the ground and had hidden all the rest of them, and it's just showing the Three Pulls: one here, one here, and one there. The seven Watch!

The first three; three is perfection. That's when the ministry went forth. The Second Pull was the discernment of spirits of prophecy. First was the healing of the sick; the second was the prophecy that went forth, that knew the secrets of the thoughts, when the Word Itself was made manifest. That was grace. But remember, the seventh is the finish. Could this be the finishing pull? It's all over. Could it be? Think of it now. Just think where you are. Seven is always the finish. Three Pulls!

Jesus' ministry consisted of Three Pulls. Did you know that? Notice. Be sincere if you ever were in your life now, for a few minutes. His First Pull was healing the sick. He became a very popular man. Everybody believed Him, it seemed. Is that right? When He went forth healing the sick, everybody wanted Him in their church, but one day He turned around and started prophesying, for He was the Word. And He was the Prophet that Moses spoke of.

And when He went to tell them, and told them how they were living and the things they were doing, He became very unpopular. That was His Second Pull. I wonder if it has typed right back again! Just think a minute. Could it be? The First, healing everybody. The second, oh, it could be Jesus Only, it could be Beelzebub. That's the same thing they did there.

The same spirits live in the same kind of people, condemned people that could never be saved, because they were condemned beforehand, like Judas Iscariot, born the son of perdition. You say, "Judas?"

Certainly. Remember, he was very religious. But he couldn't go all the way with the Message. He could take part of it, but the rest of it he couldn't stomach. They can take healing and things like that, but when it comes to God speaking squirrels into existence, that's too deep for them. "It can't be." That was Judas. His spirit can live right up to that spot. He can't go after that.

They could take Moses all right when he opened the Red Sea and so forth like that. But when it came down to telling them all that they were not to do this, that, or the other, they said, "He makes himself a God over us." They couldn't accept that, Korah and the rest; they had to have an organization; so God just swallowed them up.

Jesus' ministry, when He was healing the sick, He was so wonderful. "That young Prophet of Galilee. Why, He makes the blind to see. He's even raised the dead. We've got three cases of it. He actually raised the dead." But one day He turned around; He said, "You generation of vipers. You make the outside of the platter clean. You appear to be holy, but the inside you're nothing but a brood of snakes."

Oh, when that prophecy went forth, condemning that organization, then things changed. They turned against Him. That's right. And finally, by rejecting Him, they crucified Him. But you can't kill the ministry, it lives on. You can put the messenger to sleep, but you can't kill the Message. That's right. It lived on.

And notice, when the Third Pull of His ministry came. The First was healing the sick, the Second was rebuking their organizations and prophesying what they had done, what they were, and what was coming. What is, what will come; what was, what is and will come. That's what He did. Is that right? But His Third Pull was when He preached to the lost that couldn't be saved any

more. They were down there where those big painted eyes were. He preached to the souls in hell, that did not accept mercy, but were eternally separated from the presence of God. Yet they had to recognize what He was, because God made Him go there. I wonder if His ministry climbs out the same way in the last days. As it was, "As the Father sent Me, so send I you. The works that I do shall you do also."

The lost could never be saved; they had rejected mercy. That was His Third Pull. Now is there any question? His First Pull, He healed the sick. Is that right? His Second Ministry, He was prophesying. His Third Ministry was preaching to the eternally I lost. The three mountains, and so forth - the lost, eternally.

Consider Noah's ministry. All ministries did the same. Noah preached. That is exactly right. He went into the ark, and when he went into the ark, there were seven days during which nothing happened. His testimony preached to the doomed. Then there were Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus referred to both events as: "Before the coming of the Son of man, so shall it be as in the days of Noah, and as in the days of Sodom."

He referred to Noah. Noah had Three Pulls, and his third was to the lost after the door was shut. For God let him sit right there where nobody could enter or go out. They were inside. On the seventh mountain, the highest mountain, that's where He settled the ark. Is that right?

In the days of Sodom, the First Pull was righteous Lot. The Bible says, "The sins of Sodom vexed his righteous soul daily," how those women acted and did. Remember, "as it was in the days of Noah..." What were they doing? Eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage - women. See? Women. What was in the days of Sodom? Women, and the first messenger was Lot. They laughed him to scorn.

Then He sent another messenger, two of them, and they went down (that was His Second Pull for Sodom), but look at that one that went last! There had been more and more mercy, but it was all over then - all over at that time. That third Messenger that went down there, the Third Pull, what was He? What kind of a ministry did He have? He sat with the elected, and told them what was taking place behind Him. Is that right? But when He stepped off into Sodom, He wanted to find some righteous ones. Even Abraham was crying, "If you could find fifty righteous on down to ten righteous."

God said, "Yes, if I find ten righteous."

Let me tell you something, Sister, just a minute. You might be old-fashioned, but you've got something these sex queens haven't got. You've got something that she can never have. You might be old-fashioned in your dressing, and dress up like a lady. They might say, "Look at that old holy roller." Don't you worry. She's got something that that little old sex queen, that's got all the world looking at her out there, hasn't got. She can never have it. She's lost eternally. She's doomed. See?

You've got morals, you've got virtue. She's got nothing. She's got a bait that traps the lost souls into hell. The blind walk into it. You've got something. You know you might not be even on a church book, but it might be your righteous

life that's holding the wrath of God from the world today. The world won't believe it. You women that's called holy rollers, you little men that don't hardly know anything, but are crying to God day and night for the sins of the country,, you might be the ones that are holding off the wrath. "If I can find ten, I'll spare it." If I find ten!

"As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be." Do you see what I mean? Not, "If I can find ten Methodists;" "If I can find ten Baptist;" "If I can find ten Pentecostals;" "If I can find ten athletes;" "If I can find ten senators;" "If I can find ten ministers;" but, **"If I can find ten righteous!"**

There's One righteous - that's Christ. If Christ is living in one of those ten, "I'll spare it." But that last messenger preached to the doomed. He went down there. The Scripture doesn't say what happened, but the fire fell the next morning. Right! That was after He'd performed those signs, immediately after He performed His prophecy ministry, "Why did Sarah laugh?"

She said, "I didn't."

He said, "Yes, you did."

Now, immediately after that, He went down into Sodom. He never found them, so the fire fell. He found Lot and his two daughters. They had to get out of there right now. They went out. He went down there. Remember, He was on His road down. He had sent messengers before Him, but He went down Himself, to find out if all this thing was so, and He found it full of what? -painted faced women. The Message to the doomed.

What did they do? Laughed at it. What do they do today? - the same thing. "I belong to the Assemblies." "I belong to the Oneness." "I danced in the Spirit. Glory to God, I spoke in tongues." Go ahead. "I'll cut my hair if I want to." "I'll do this." "I'll say this." "I don't have to be baptized in Jesus' Name, I don't care what they say. Paul's an old woman-hater anyhow." All right. Go ahead.

One of these days, if you haven't already, you'll cross that line! You'll never desire any more to do what's right. Did you hear what I said? Brother, Sister, do you realize what's been said? You'll cross that line, and you'll never want to do it. You'll still hear the Gospel, to be sure, but you'll never accept it. You can't accept it. But the Gospel will be preached to the doomed, those that are eternally lost, that can't get saved any more. You're already in that spot, and don't know it. You think you're living in pleasure, and are dead while you're alive.

Listen. All those who rejected the Message of the hour before being doomed - the Gospel was preached to the doomed first, before they went, without mercy.

Noah was shut up; it was a testimony. God shut the door, after his Third Pull. After the Third Pull of Sodom, the doors were shut. There was no more mercy. The ten couldn't be found. And the lost heard the Gospel preached, they that could not be saved. It's been that way in every age. Every age rejects the Message before judgment. Have they done it again? How about that appearing of that Pillar of Fire down yonder on the river? And that appearing alone in the Message, criticizing the women, and throwing the places where it should be, and rebuking those ministers who take the place with a denomination instead

of staying with the Word, when God has thoroughly vindicated that it's He, and not some poor ignorant unlearned thing like a man. It's God! And have we now come to the spot that the Third Pull would return again to those lost eternally?

Was that what that vision was given me for as a little boy out yonder? And I went West, and there was the golden Cross of the Gospel shining down declaring the sign from Heaven just exactly. Remember, the Cross was panoramic, built like a pyramid also. Could it be that it's the head part where it's ended and started and here comes up to the headship, like the pyramid came up through Luther, Wesley, Pentecost, and the others to the capping of the stone? Could it be that? If that's it, where are we?

This might - (I hope it isn't, but it's going to be). Just remember those ministries always dovetail just the same with the other. It has to come; God doesn't change. Think of it. Bite your conscience with your spiritual teeth, and find out where we are. What if it is, and you're still the way you are. Then you just might as well walk - You're finished. For them that are outside, after the Book is taken by the Lamb, and the Sixth Seal is revealed and all the seals, it's over. It could be. I hope it isn't; but, it could be.

All right. Now, is that why this Third Pull has lingered so long? You notice the First Pull and the Second Pull went from one to the other. I predicted, you remember, when I first started about the First; and I said, "There'll come a time that I'll even know the secrets of the heart." How many remember? All of you remember that in my meetings around. And one night I'd just walked into Regina, up there, and walked on to the platform, Brother Baxter was there (several thousand people), and a man walked up on to the platform, and there it was! And from then it's been the same.

But it's been years since I've come off the field, four - about five years since I came off. What is it? What's done this? Is that why it was like it was in the beginning in Genesis? God is long-suffering. Remember, when He made the world, on the seventh day he made nothing. He rested. God was long-suffering in that sixth year, not willing that any should perish, but that all might come to repentance. God was long-suffering.

Again also in Genesis 15:16 (if you want to put it down), He told Abraham, over in that land of the Amorites, - they were Gentiles now - "I can't take you in there right now, because the iniquity of the Amorites (the Gentiles) is not filled up yet, but I will judge them. I'll come in that fourth generation, and then I'll judge that nation with a rod of iron."

Is that right? It has been so long that God has shown long-suffering. The ministry constantly, through tapes and everything else, has combed across the world to see if there's one more; but maybe that last one came in just recently. Has it been the iniquity that's been so long? If Jesus is the same, which He is (Hebrews 13:8), His Message must be the same (I'm about to close); His action must be the same.

Are not the First and Second Pull without question? Is there a question in your mind about the First and Second Pull? Did it come to pass just as He said? Then why question the Third? Why would you question it? The first two were identified by the Scriptures. I've proved to you this morning that the

Third is identified by the Scriptures too. Look upon the world and see just where it is. Look how they have rejected the Truth, and how it's been properly identified - the prophecy part. Now, where are we? Oh God, be merciful. That makes my heart bleed on the inside. What about it? Where are we?

Remember those seven peaks up there (they could tell you). There's not another peak beyond that, and it's on the Continental Divide. It goes right into the deserts from there on - eternity sets in. Seven peaks, right on the Continental Divide. That's right between right and wrong. And at the end of that, the Third Pull was the last peak of the range. Is that right?

All right. Noah went in, then for seven days nothing happened. After seven days the judgment came. Listen now, in closing. If only in Noah's time they had recognized that sign, the world in that day - as God proves here by the reading of the Scriptures a while ago - because He destroyed those people, but not without mercy.

Mercy was sent to them by a prophet. They wouldn't believe 'em. God's merciful, He sent mercy, but they wouldn't receive it. He always sends mercy first. What if they had known that sign was the end-time sign? And when they saw all at once, salvation escaped them. The first thing they knew, the door was closed. There was only one person knew that sign, that was Noah and his group. They were the only ones who knew. When that door swung shut, Noah knew it. Noah knew that was the finish. He knew it. That's right. If they only knew the sign! Oh, if they in Sodom had only known that sign!

When they saw this one coming (Lot) that had been up there with Abraham, if they had only known that that modern Billy Graham of that day who went down there, he and Oral Roberts, and preached that message to those blinded people, if they had only known those old righteous Baptists and Methodists back there had been a sign to them of that day, when their sins vexed Lot's very soul.

Now, what did the Methodists and Baptists turn into? - as Lot did, the same thing. But the righteous out of there came out. Certainly! What if it was as when Billy Graham went down "holding up for a decision," they chewing chewing-gum, punching one another and laughing, with bobbed hair, painted-up faces, and not even making a bit of move about it. "If I come back the next day," Billy said, "I've got 30,000. If I come back in a year, I haven't got 30!" But they say, "Oh, I made a decision. I ain't going to hell, I'm going to Heaven."

See? They're wading right on in sin. And then, the Gospel being preached in power and signs and wonders, with the Pillar of Fire over it, and everything going on just exactly, and predicted. But they say, "A bunch of holy rollers! It's mental telepathy. Some kind of a witch spirit, a devil. That's all it is. Don't you believe it. It's not in our organization. We don't have anything to do with that."

If they'd only known the sign, if they'd only known! Jesus said, "If you'd only -known your day, Jerusalem, if you could only recognize, but now you're left on your own. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft I would have gathered you, as a hen would her brood, from the judgment that is to come; but you didn't know your day. You that stoned the prophets and killed the righteous, if you'd

only know your day! If you had only known, and had been up on your Scriptures and known that My coming was a sign of your end! Now, you're blind. Now, you've been rebuked. Your time is over." And it was. That's right. If they'd only known the time.

Look, when Jesus made that declaration, the world went right on. See? The world went right on normally. Why? For they knew not their hour. The world went right on when Noah went into the ark, the world moved right on. The scoffers, in that day, they still had sex parties. They still ate, drank, married, did the things they do today; just exactly, normally. "Ah, that old holy roller closed the door. Did you ever hear such a thing? You know what he says? We're all going to be drowned. Nonsense. Where's the water?"

There were scoffers in the days of Noah. "So shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." All right. Noah knew the sign. The same thing was in the days of Lot, the same thing in the days of Jesus; so is it today. They'll scoff for the last time, the same as at Sodom. They never knew when those Messengers were standing there with the Message from God. They only laughed at them and tried to pervert them to their own sinful acts. Is that right? "Come and join us; be one of us." Is that right? "Come in and join us; be one of us. You'll be one of the boys. Come on. Join us."

They never knew their sign. They didn't know it when that Message was going on. They couldn't see it, that the fire and wrath and judgment of God was coming. A fire blazing with brimstone was kindling in the skies. They couldn't see it. The messengers could. Lot knew it, too. He knew it was there. Certainly. It was the same as it is today, just the same thing. Wrath is kindling; atomic bombs are hanging. Everything's at the end. It's the same now.

Look, people. Listen. You say, "Brother Branham, oh, what about it all?" Did you know, people can go right on preaching the gospel as they always did (what they call the gospel), when it could be over? They did in the days of Noah. They did in the days of Lot. They did in the days of Jesus. Is that right? Even the Jews, after Jesus told them of the wrath - "You're done; you're finished. There's no more. You're finished."

They said, "Oh, that holy roller. What school did he come from? Where did he come from?"

Remember, He was ready then for His Third Pull. That's right. He said, "How oft would I have gathered you."

The angel made his last call, the messenger, who ever he was: God, represented in human flesh, made the last sign, performed the last duty. It was all over then.

Noah preached his last sermon. The door closed behind him. That was all. They laughed at it, and made fun of it. Think! The people can go right on preaching. The Ecumenical Council can join up with the Catholic church, just as they promised to do. All the organizations can come on. But the Mark of the Beast is already there. They've taken in that. See? And they say, "Oh, hallelujah, bless God. There were so many got saved last night." They did?

"They danced in the Spirit, they spoke in tongues." That doesn't mean one thing.

"Oh, they're meek and gentle and humble. Yes, sir. They've got the fruit of the Spirit."

That's no sign. Not a bit. Let me give you the fruit of the Spirit between Jesus and the Pharisees: See which one had the fruit of the Spirit. What if I stood, as I started to say a while ago, against Christ now for a minute? God forgive me for saying the same (see?), but just to show you something.

What if I came to you and said, "Say, you congregation, who is your friend? Who shows the fruit of the Spirit? Your kind old priest. Who comes to you in the hospital when you're sick? Your gentle old priest. That's right. Who is it that always lends you some money when you're up against it, in a tight place? You members of his congregation, don't you go to your kind old priest, and he lends you money?"

"Who is it that's always loving and kind and showing the fruit of the Spirit? Your kind old priest. Who is it that's studied for years and years in the synagogues down here where his great-great-great-great-great grandfather came from? All the way down. Who is it that studied and worked hard and got doctor's degrees and PhD's and LLD's to know this Word, and stand here and deliver it to you every Sunday morning in his congregation? Your kind old priest."

"Who is this renegade called 'Jesus'? What school did He come from? What school is He out of? What is His fellowship card? What organization does He belong to? What does He do when you all have a family argument? Who comes to you? Your kind old priest. And you have an argument against your neighbour over here, and your kind old priest comes and helps you make it up. He says, 'You all are children of God. You shouldn't do that.'"

"What does this Jesus of Nazareth do? - tears the thing up. What does He do? - lambast your organization. What does He do? - calls your priest 'a blind leader of the blind.' He called him 'a snake in the grass.' He took the sacrifices that God ordained and kicked the tables over and threw the money-changers out, and looked upon them with anger. Did you ever see your priest look like that? Now where's the fruit of the Spirit?"

Not by speaking in tongues, not by dancing in the Spirit, not by joining a church, not by fruit of the Spirit (Christian Science can outclass any of you on that, and yet deny Jesus Christ was divine), not that, but it's by the Word living. There it is. If they had only looked, He was Messiah. He was the Living Word made manifest. And a man that's got the Spirit of God in him, or woman, lives; that Word lives right out in them. That's the heartbeat of the predestinated. For the Word of the Lord comes to them, and they are the Word to the people, written Epistles read of all men. Is that right? Could the Third Pull be on?

Tape people, you that are listening to this tape, I wish you could look at this congregation at this time. I hope you're feeling the same way. What if it is so? Look at the Scriptures piled in here. Could it be? Is the Third Pull to preach to the eternally doomed who have rejected the message of salvation? "Well," you say, "the church is continuing."

Yes, they will. They'll go right on just the same. But remember, all this time, Noah was in the Ark! The Bride is sealed in with Christ! The last member has been redeemed. The Sixth Seal has produced itself. The Seventh Seal brings Him back to earth. The Lamb came and took the Book out of the right hand of Him and sat down, and claimed what He owned, what He had redeemed, is that right? It's always been that Third Pull.

Three is perfection. The ministry came to its perfection when it reproduced Christ again in the natural amongst human beings, as was predicted: ("As it was in the days of Lot.") Oh, think, people can go right on preaching, thinking they're getting saved, believing they're doing right, believing their organizations are growing. To be sure. And there's not even a ray of hope! And if that vision was that, and it's been so hard against women, we've come to that hour. The door's closed, all hope gone. Already the Book is in His hand. Think of it.

Let me tell you this, just before closing now. (I'm closing.) It was told about, in Ireland. Facing the waters, there was a great reef that goes down along the side of the bank, and upon this a great hill. And there was a man walking along there one day, just when it was time for the tide to come in. And there was a nobleman who lived on the hill that knew these tides. He knew the time of day that the tide was supposed to come. He knew what time the tide set in. But that fellow didn't care about the time, he was one of these "know-it-alls."

He had his own idea. He was an athletic man, a smart, intelligent fellow; but he just didn't know the time of the tide. He didn't know the country. He didn't know the time the sign was right, when the moon had dropped its back from the earth.

And when God ever drops His Spirit from the earth, brother, she's gone. It's all over. If that moon would ever move out of its place, the waters would cover the earth like it was when God started it in Genesis 1. But the moon set there; and when it just even turns its head, the tide starts running in. This wise old man who lived there in the presence of it knew what time that was. That fellow didn't know. He never studied it. He didn't care about it. And this wise old man ran out and said, "My good man, durst thou not to go any further! Turn back quickly. There's a wall. You can't get up the wall. You'll perish. The signs are on, the time when the tide will gush in all at once, and you cannot return. Don't go any further."

And the man turned around, laughed at him and said, "Go take care of your own business. I know what I can do and what I can't." And the tide caught him.

It may be later than we think. See, it'll catch you. Don't go any further. Don't you do it, people. If you've always believed in me as being God's servant, take my word this morning, if you ever did. It might already be too late. So much Scripture shows it that way. Now, remember, I don't say that it is. I don't know; but just look. And I've left out about ten pages here, that I was afraid to tell you. Mrs. Wood is a record of that, and Mr. Wood. When I went down this

morning to see them, I said, "I can't tell them. I can't. I'll just put in this much Scripture and leave it with them, because it's going to be taped."

It's going to people that'll laugh at this Message. It's all right. It'll be past turning back one of these days. Go on. Just be a church member. Cut off your hair; paint your face. Go on and take Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, if you want to. Make it three gods and be a heathen. Go on. Stick to your organization. Do so, if you want to. Say, "I danced in the Spirit. I spoke with tongues. I've got it."

I've seen devils do the same thing. I've seen witches speak in tongues and interpret it and write in unknown tongues and interpret it; who'd drank blood out of a human skull, and called on the devil, danced in the spirit. The Mohammedans dance in the spirit like that, until they can take splinters and run it under their fingers, and take a lance and run it up through their face like that, and pull it out and not even a drop of blood will come out of it. The Indians will walk on fire, barefooted, three feet deep, and three or four feet across; blow, wave coals till they're white hot, and never get a scorch on their feet. And they deny there is such a person as Jesus Christ.

No, no, friends. It's the Word that tells it. The people and the Word have got to be one. Jesus and the Word were the same; He was the Word. And when Jesus lives in a human being, that makes Him and the Word the same. Your life tells what you are.

Now, just look at yourself in God's looking glass and say, "how do I look this morning?" while we pray.

[There is a speaking in tongues and an interpretation by persons in the audience - Ed.]

I've wandered far away from God,  
Now I'm coming home (pray if you ever did pray);  
Open wide Thine arms of love,  
Lord, I'm coming home.

Coming home, coming home...

While you continue singing, I want to ask you something. Is there a spot in your heart that seems to be darkened by sin? If it is, now is the time to get rid of it, right now, if there is mercy left. This, I hope, isn't so. I hope it isn't there. But doesn't it look like it could be?

Did you listen to what the Holy Spirit said in the midst of the people, after I got through? It's a Voice unto you. And if you've got any darkness on your life, won't you come right here around the altar now, while we continue to sing? Right now, if there's a spot, don't put it off any longer. I'm hoping and trusting that this is not so, but it will be one of these days, and it might be today.

Now Lord, I'm coming...

With the breath of your nostrils right around you - If the tape people could only see what's going on out here now, people just crowding over one another, crying, coming from everywhere! Could it be that vision, when I was a little boy? Is it the hour? Is this the time when those weary-looking, gloomy women appear, hell being created right here on earth?

Altars and aisles and everything are filled now. If you can't get around the altar and aisles anywhere amongst these hundreds here, just stand up if you can and say, "I want to stand and pray, just so that the people might know."

Or kneel, or whatever you want to. Oh, my! Now, you can hardly see anyone sitting down, and people standing everywhere. May I say this: God forbid, God forbid that what I've said is now. May everybody understand it. God forbid, I've got children who are not in. I've got two daughters and a son. I've got brothers. I've got my people, that are not in. God forbid that grace has left us, that all this will only be pretending.

Is there grace left, Lord? Let me be wrong on this, Lord. Let it be wrong at this time, so that people still can be saved. Grant it, Lord. I pray and commit this audience to You now, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Everybody pray now, as though asking, "What if it were?" Now, I don't know that it is, but what if it were? You pray in your way. Just pray the way you want to pray. Just what if this were the Truth. What would we do, friends? What would we do? What's going to happen? Now pray, everybody. Just pray the way you want to. Just cry right out to God in your own way. Oh, God!

Open wide Thine arms of love,  
Oh Lord, I'm coming home.

Lord, I intended to do it a long time ago. Have I waited too long, Lord? Is it over? Oh God, open Your arms of love and receive me. There's something in my heart begging for it, Lord. Open once more. If my name is on the Lamb's Book, speak to me now, Lord. Let me receive it right now. Please do, God!

Coming home, coming home,  
Never (I'll never, any more, Lord) more to roam,  
Open wide Thine arms of love,  
Oh Lord, I'm coming home.

The Bible says that when they recognize Jesus, each one will weep as if their only son had been killed.

You outside, you in your cars listening by short-wave radio; you that are standing around the building, many of you, just lean your head against the building and say, "Lord God, be merciful to me." Be deadly sincere, friends. Think what time we're living in. Where are we?

Lord, I'm coming home.  
Coming home, coming home...

Lord Jesus, I've done the best that I know how. I've done all that I know how. Grant it, Lord, that the mercy doors are still open, for these hundreds, literally hundreds, seeking Thee at this time. Take away every sinful blot, Lord, and take them in today. I plead with all my heart, as we see, not only as somebody talking, but the Scripture Itself bringing us to this hour.

And that vision when I was a little boy, seeing those people in that condition, and I think hell itself - mercy blotted out from the earth. And now hell itself is here. And the people, Lord, are in this hideous condition. Almighty God, on this elected Church, I pray, God, that You'll pour out Your blessings, that the people might receive a ministry of testimony such as Lot had, such as Noah had, such as Jesus had, to the eternally lost; that is if it be that they themselves are sealed into the Kingdom of God, and giving witness to Jesus Christ, as being the same yesterday, today, and for ever. Grant it, Lord. May You receive our petitions as we plead in Jesus' Name.

Just pray the way ay you want to pray now. Don't be in a hurry! Don't be in a hurry! What if you're the last name to go on the Book?

...I'm coming home.  
Coming home, coming home...

The pastor's going to pray with you now while you're praying. [Brother Neville prays - Ed.]

...Lord, I pray that You'll save Becky, and Sarah, and Joseph, and them too, Lord. Don't let this happen to my children, Lord. Don't let it happen to my brothers, my friends. Grant it, Lord. We don't know. We don't know, but we're seeing something, Lord. Is it a shaking sign right now before us? Grant it, Lord. Draw us all close to You, quickly, Lord. We love You, and we need You. Let it be, Father.

May the Holy Spirit give us comfort in our hearts now. We pray that we might be witnesses to You in this hour, for we know this has got to happen. It's been predicted through the ages, and we must face it that we're at the end-time when we see those signs appearing.

We know and have been told for many years now, that this thing shall take place. Now, we see it right at our door, when the great mighty wrath of God will be moving through the streets, taking out the uncircumcised. Where there was no blood on the door, the Death Angel visited. And they go right on living, but dead while they're living: without mercy, without God, and can never be saved.

God, how we thank You for these who are saved. What a great blessing it is to our hearts to be on the inside now, under the Blood, while that last Angel passes through the land, taking out the ones that are out from under the Blood. They died without mercy.

That was Moses' last pull. First, as a young man talking to Israel; second, he went down to deliver them; third, it was the last message. Miracles had been done. Moses was on his road to the Promised Land with the redeemed. Oh God, be merciful, I pray in Jesus' Name.

Now, I'd like to ask this: You who are praying; you who feel that you have mercy and feel that you're in the Kingdom of God; you feel that you've been anchored somehow or other; that in Christ you have faith to believe that you are a Christian, that you are born again; and you know that you're a Christian, and without doubt. I wish you would all stand up, you that believe that, that mercy has been extended to you now, and you are a Christian, and you believe that the Blood is applied to your heart, and that you're forgiven of every sin.

This was a very hard thing to speak to you people. I'm so thankful, seeing the people stand up from everywhere. And, I don't know that this thing is true, but it's got to be that way some time. It's got to come to that, and it could be now. And either way, the world will carry right on. People will still come to the altar; they'll still cry out, but it won't do any good. It'll be gone. It'll be over. There won't be any more mercy. Remember that. "And the sanctuary become smoky." "He that's filthy is filthy still, he that's righteous is righteous still, and he that's holy is holy still."

There's no more mercy. When the Lamb takes the Book, that's it. That's all of it, and it looks a whole lot like it could be now. Maybe we have another day. Maybe today is that day. Maybe tomorrow is the last. Maybe tonight is the last night. Maybe this is the last year. I don't know, friends. I'm telling you. I don't know. It'll never be told, but when God takes that last name and redeems it from that Book of Life, that's all of it.

See, there can't be any more, anyhow. There can't be. That's all. It's finished. How many know it's the Truth? It's the Truth. And I see this congregation that I've preached to and warned all these years, and see the result of a message like this that I brought in this amateur form - and just remember, I say it so that you will understand it - amateur form. Some more things could've almost just shaken you up to pieces, but I omitted it. I felt to do it, because I'm not sure, and if I'm not sure where I'm treading, I'll tread easily (see?), just telling you.

Listen. Aren't you happy? Could there be anything greater that you could think of that you've done in your life? What if it's over now? What if it's all done? "Oh," you say, "Brother Branham, maybe..."

Yes, I know. They could go right on. They did each time. I've explained that and proved it by the Scripture. The world continued rolling right on, but it was done. The foolishness of preaching saves the lost. It's foolishness to man, but it's the wisdom of God. God is a Spirit. He works in spiritual ways. His wonders to perform wondrous ways. But we are human; we are finite. We don't know. We just look upon what we can see, but something within us -.

When you walk out of that room here, if you never in your life had seen daylight, you'd know that you had passed from this room here into sunlight or something. It would be warm, you could feel it. If there was no sight in your body to declare it, you'd know.

There would be no way to see the green trees, to see the nature, if you didn't have sight and never had had it. But you would know you were in the presence of something; your feeling would tell you that. You'll know that! If I

would try to tell you, "It's the sun, it shines. It shows things." See? You'd know that it was there because you could feel it with your feelings. Is that right?

Now, we know that Christ is here. See? Maybe you don't see Him with your eyes. Maybe you don't, but through vision, I tell you, He's here. We feel It. We know there's something here that our senses don't declare. It's a Spirit that declares it, that Christ is here. I feel that He has redeemed us. I feel that our names are on His Book. I believe that we've been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb. I love you, and I know you love one another.

Oh, Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

We should always feel that way to one another, see? We must. We must feel that way toward one another (see?), because as we love one another, we love God. Can you hate your brother whom you have seen, and say you love God Whom you have not seen? We must love each other. Greater love has no man than He that laid down His life for His enemies, that they might become His friends.

Oh, do you know that song, *Blest Be The Tie That Binds*? Isn't it wonderful? *Blest be the tie that binds*. Would you give us a chord on that, Sister? Just let it play a minute. What if it's over? What if the Third Pull, coming up now, is to preach to the lost? What if all the types are going to show forth now? And we're in! And we're in! Wouldn't that be wonderful? What a fellowship!

Oh, Blest be the tie that binds (Here's what does it)  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

What was that? Fellowship of kindred minds. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done. See, we try to make God a mascot boy, an errand boy or something. "God do this, do that."

Jesus said, "Pray, 'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven'."

Then Heaven is brought down to us, and we are brought up to Heaven. And we're sitting in heavenly places now, in Christ Jesus. We all believe that Message to be the Truth: that Jesus Christ, the Son of God redeemed us. Let's close our eyes now, and raise our hands while we sing it.

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

Now, not one smile. This is not smiling time. With the depth of sincerity, while that song is playing, let's shake hands with somebody by us und say, "God bless you, Christian," with sincerity. God, bless you, brother Neville. Now, let's raise our hands up to Him.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.

Now, let us bow our heads. And together, not knowing what the future holds at this moment - not knowing whether it's over. I don't know. I can't say. I can't say. I don't know. But in the face of what facts that we have revealed this morning, let us pray the prayer that the Lord told us to, even if it is: Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done. Let us do it together.

Our Father Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done  
In earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom,  
The power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

Now, with our hearts bowed - the Bible says they sang a hymn and went out. Remember, when they did that in the Scriptures, it was because they had crucified the ministry of our Lord's Second Pull, and the Third Pull was ready to enter. A few hours after that, He descended into hell and preached to the lost that had rejected their mercy.

[Brother Branham speaks to the pianist - Ed.]

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

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my Guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrows, tears away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

The Lord bless you and make His sun and grace to shine upon you, and the Lord give you Eternal Life, and be with you here inn this world, and the world that is to come hereafter. In Life Eternal, may you serve Him all through the aeons of time that are to come.

If this is the time, and we have arrived at that place, I am not ashamed of what I have preached. And if each minister has to stand with his congregation and be judged (as I saw in the vision); I'm thankful for the Gospel that I've preached, because it's the same Gospel that Paul and others preached.

I am happy for you. I am happy that you have received Christ as your Saviour. Love Him and pray, and I'll see you this afternoon, the Lord willing, at 7 o'clock here at the church. God bless you. You're dismissed.