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Good evening. It's a privilege to be here tonight and stand in this place.

This morning, I'd been off praying, waiting on the Lord; and coming down the road, I turned on a radio minister, Brother Smith, the coloured brother (did you all hear him this morning, any of you?) up at, I believe, Ohio. Someone was telling me about his preaching and said, "You ought to turn him on."

I said, "I just happened to get him this morning." And he was certainly telling about how that sin was abounding in the world today. And I turned it over to a little further station from that, and came down and heard another. By the time I got down here, I was about ready to see if it wasn't too late to come to church this morning when I got in. So, we're very privileged indeed to be here tonight and to serve in the service of the Lord.

And I was talking about Brother Neville and the message the other day to this little lady, our sister that just left us (we all know who it was, it's Sister Weaver), and thinking about a man here being baptised tonight. I baptised her in this pool when they had to bring her here in a wheel-chair. She was dying with cancer and she just had that night to live; the doctors had given her up, she was going to die the next morning. And I went into her home and tried to speak to her about divine healing, and she just kept repeating, "I'm not worthy that you come under my roof." She said, "I'm not worthy for a minister to be in my house." She said, "I'm a sinner." But she said, "Sir, I don't want to die like this." And so Grace Weber, up here, took me down there. I just came in, tired from the meetings; and there, when I was praying for her and reading the Scriptures to her, she got saved. Then she could hardly raise her hand up, but she wanted to shake hands with every body. Something had happened to her.

And while they were shaking hands, I saw a vision of her going to a chicken coop and coming back. I said, "All right, it's going to be all right now." And that's eighteen years ago. And she's been a jump ahead of that cancer all along. She never died with a cancer; she had a heart attack and that killed her. They had her under oxygen. She died of a heart attack.

And then I was thinking that just at the last, when the people were going out, they sang *Then Jesus Came*. That's exactly what happened, He came and spared her life for those eighteen years. And I thought, how appropriate, that woman probably didn't know she was doing it; but then again, she might have. But just how appropriate it was to have that part there! *Then Jesus Came*.

Now it's a little bit before, as I hope, my great preparation for meetings that I get real nervous. This morning, I was so twisted up, I went up to pray. And I'm home, back here. The family, I had just taken to Arizona, so the kiddies could get to school, and I'm back here just to relax, as it were, and go hunting with Brother Wood and a group of the brethren here for this coming week. We're going down to Kentucky. And I just happened to come in the day that Mrs. Weaver died; and it's just right that I could be here and help Brother Neville at that funeral.

Now I do not try to say too much, you know, about people complaining, because I think one of the most horrible things is to see a man or a woman that's constantly complaining. I've always thought: "God, keep me from it." See, that weakens faith all the time, you know. I know, as we get older, each one of us is going to get something happen and something happen. And I know those little things are going to keep accumulating, as you get older, they're bound to. But I think one of the most horrible things is for Satan to crown some person's life, so that they become a crabbed old man or old woman, you see. I hope that I don't get to that place. I hope that I can bear it, my burdens, and get to a spot where I want my life crowned with the Glory of God: with His longsuffering, gentleness, peace, meekness, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

And one of my main things that's always hurt me through my life has been a nervous condition, that when I get so worn, I get really weary. I get a kind of feeling as if nobody cares for you, you know, and you all have it, too. And I just happen to have a real overdose of it, you know, and it gets really bad sometimes. It's tension, that's what does it. And I get to a spot then that, many times, especially with so many of those visions, you see, it just gets me. I look at a person, I think, "This is a vision. No, no, no, it isn't. Yes! Is it not?" You see? And you just don't realise what a price goes with that. So then, you wonder. Then you get to thinking, "Well, now, what have I done? Here I am, I'm fifty years old and I've done nothing for the Lord; and I'm getting old. And what's the use? Oh, my." Then you just get what we used to call "the blues." Some of you brethren about my age remember what they used to call "having the blues." Pop used to talk about it and I wondered what he meant, but I certainly know now what he meant. So then, you get to feeling that way, which is none of it true; it's just you, you know it. See, you know it, it's just you doing that.

So I was trying to quieten myself a little bit now, and get ready for the big push that I hope is coming soon. And then I've got to go to New York right away, to a meeting up there, a campaign. And then down to Shreveport, then go back to Phoenix, and then come around the southern border of the United States. And then they're making arrangements for overseas now, to begin as soon as we can after the first of the year, maybe in March, April, something like that, when we start in Stockholm or Oslo and go around the world, if we can, on this next tour.

And now I'm home, to rest up a little bit, to get back to myself, as it were, and recuperate. And if the Lord's willing, I'll be back next Sunday, from being down in Kentucky. And if it's all right, pleasing to the Lord and Brother Neville doesn't mind, I'll just try to have the service next Sunday. And if He's just as willing as Brother Neville is, I'll be here. You see? I hope He is. Then I know that soon, if the Lord's willing, I'm going to be gone from you for quite a while.

And there are just little messages, as I pick up a little something on my heart, that I feel I want to express to you (you see?), and we can fellowship around that. Now, I've got quite a few of them, five or six that just came to me in the last few days. And I went for a couple of days squirrel hunting out here. And I get in the woods, and take with me a pencil and paper. See? Now at about the time it gets daylight, I back up against a tree somewhere. If I don't go to sleep, I start praying, then the Lord will give me something. I start writing down little notes on it. You know what I mean; when you get by yourself. Then I come in and write it all off on a tablet of paper. And then when I'm called on, I run out and get my tablet and look through it to see what I can start with, you see? That's what happened just now.

So now, I want, if the Lord be willing, to speak just briefly. I'm trying to cut down those big long messages (you see?), where it takes hours. And the Lord helped me to do a pretty short job of it at Chicago, the last night there (about thirty minutes). And somebody came around and said, "I didn't think it was in you, but you did it!" So it was thirty minutes, instead of about two-and-a-half hours, or three, you know. So maybe I can hurry up tonight and get a little practice in not holding you too long.

God bless you. No matter where I go, there'll never be a place like this Tabernacle here. It's home, sweet home. And I'm in sympathy with the Weaver family, and with this precious coloured brother that died. I prayed with him a little while before he went, and he was a fine character. And he's at home with God now, and it's all over. And you'd have to go anyhow, we all know that. So may the Lord rest their souls in peace, and someday we expect to join in a land yonder, where there's no sickness, sorrow, or death. Until then, let's just do everything we can for the Gospel.

Speaking of tension, I was praying about it this morning. What would you do if you didn't have tension? Just think of it. Tension is part of living. That kind of encouraged me when I thought that. If you had no tension, you'd be like a rag doll,

you wouldn't have any feelings. There'd be nothing you could work on. Like a husband and wife, when maybe she wants to do something -and they're trying to work together (especially Christians) - and the other one wants something else. And then when you come together you find out what she's done; and she finds out what you've done. See, the tension really brings you closer together. And somebody tells you just to think of the little wife that went under a lot of tension when you weren't so good, or the little husband went under some tension when she wasn't so good. Then, when it's all forgiven, look how you felt about him. See, you've got to have tension. That's all.

And just think, what if you didn't have any feelings, no pains or anything? What if there be no pain at all? You'd have no feelings at all. See? And if you had no feelings, then one of your senses would be gone. See? So, see, everything's just right anyhow. So God, just give us grace to stand up to it. That's the thing. I can just stand up with that grace, and stand there and say, "We know that when this life is over, the Great One's on the other side where we're looking to go to." And now, we remember that in all these things, there's a tension.

Some people in trying to introduce Christianity say that you're free from worry. No, I'm afraid you're not. Or they say that you're free from tension. Oh, no! You add tension when you become a Christian, because you were a kind of a slop, happy-go-lucky, whatever it was out there, not caring what you did.

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

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

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

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

Now, I consulted Him once when it used to bother me so badly, it scared me. And He told me, about eight or ten years ago, "It'll never scare you again." And it never has done. No, sir; don't worry about it. I just feel it, and I know it's there; but I just go on because it doesn't scare me any more. So I'm thankful for that. Now, He could have said, "It won't be any more," just as well as, "You won't be scared any more."

So it's His will that it happened, and I just embrace it and say, "Thank You, Lord, I'll walk that way."

Now, let us bow our heads just a moment for a prayer. Is there a special request for prayer? (I see handkerchiefs are lying here.) Raise your hand. Lord, bless each one of these children.

Our Heavenly Father, as we now approach Thy great majestic Throne of Grace, because we've been asked to come, we're coming upon the bidding of Jesus Christ. And we come with all our cares, and cast them upon Him, because He cares for us. What a great comfort that is, to know that He cares for us. The great God of Heaven, the Creator, cares for us, His creation. We're so glad for that, Lord. What a comfort it is in these times that we're living in, when we seem to be able to draw comfort from nothing but Your Word. Our consolation is Your Promise. And in Your Promise, You told us to make our requests known, and "If you'll ask anything in My Name, I'll do it," and all these great Promises: "Ask and you shall receive." "Say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt, and it'll be moved." With all these promises we can draw from them just what we are asking for.

Hands went up, they need something, Lord. Thou knowest their needs. Supply them, Father. I place my prayer with theirs before Thee, my hand up with theirs. Here, upon this desk, handkerchiefs are lying. Oh, how the people are waiting with faith, gallant faith, Lord. It seems to be just something that You've blessed me with, to be able to pray for sick people. Wherever, anywhere, wherever I go, it's something about praying for the sick. God help, now. I pray with sincerity that You will grant the requests through these handkerchiefs that have been placed here for people that have asked. Let Your mercy be upon them.

Lord, we understand that Sister Hicks has a woman here, that flew all the way in from somewhere distant to be prayed for, a woman with cancer, and she wanted to know if she could get her to get over here. I pray, God, that You'll spare the life of that person. Grant it. My little nephew, Mikie, lying yonder sick and vomiting, with a high fever; he just left the door. Lord, I believe we had the prayer of faith there, that You've stopped it. And I'm grateful to You, feeling the fever going from the boy before he left the room. And thank You for all these things.

Now it falls my lot to speak on Thy Word. Give us Thy Word, Lord. "Thy Word is Truth." Bless our souls and give us the grace that we need, that we might draw from the Promises of God in the Word tonight, to sustain us through the rest of this week. Grant it. Bless our pastor, this gallant soul, his wife, his children, the deacons, the trustees, and every person that comes in or out of this building. Grant it, Father. In the Name of Jesus Christ we ask these blessings. Amen.

Now, I want to read from two places of the writings of the Lord. I want to read first from the Book of the Psalms, the 86th Psalm. And then I want to read from St. Matthew, the 16th chapter, 1 to 3. And I want to read a portion of this Psalm, not all of it, but down about to the 11th verse, which is a little over half of it.

And I want to announce this, to call a text before I preach on it: *The Uniting Time and Sign*. That sounds kind of complicated. *Uniting*, see? *Time*. Uniting time, that's what it is now. And the *Sign* of that uniting time.

In the Psalm, a prayer of David, the 86th Psalm:

Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; for I am holy: o thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, o Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, o Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, o LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. (Oh, isn't that beautiful? Thou wilt answer me!)

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, o Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou has made shall come and worship before thee, o Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

(Listen now!) *Teach me thy way, o Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.* (Unity! see? *Unite my heart to fear thy name.*)

I'm talking now of uniting; and time sign. Now, the 16th chapter of St. Matthew:

The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

The Lord add His gracious blessings to the reading of this Word.

Now, we're talking of this uniting, uniting time; and the sign of the uniting time. See, Jesus was here in this last Scripture reading. He was rebuking the clergy for not being able to discern the time or the sign of the time. Now, that has always been a great thing to the people (see?), to be able to **discern the signs of the times that you're living in**, because God writes it plainly so that nobody could escape it.

Now, ordinarily, I go back and pick up from other ministers, other servants of the Lord in Bible times (like the sign in Noah's time, the sign of Daniel's time and so forth, the different signs), but I want to bypass that tonight to save time. But it's always been God's way, to give them a natural sign of the time, so that everyone would know just what time it is. And these Pharisees should have known their time. They should have known what the time was. He said in another place, "If you had known Me, you would have known My day." See? It's a very great thing, that we understand. See? They were without understanding!

That's what they always referred to the prophets about. They said, "And he had understanding, by visions from the Lord." And the Word of the Lord came to the prophets of old. See, they had understanding through the Word of the Lord, by the prophets. And then the prophets gave a sign, such as one man lay on his side for so long, then turned over and lay on the other side. One man had to strip his clothes off. And oh, there are many things that they did to show the sign of the times that they were living in. And now we know that the God that made the heavens and earth, and so laid out His work that He would describe His time by a sign, that same God lives today. So as we see the time that we're living in, there must be something that somebody's overlooking, somewhere. See? Because God would never let these things happen without giving us a definite sign, that we'd understand.

Now here it is the same today, that the clergy don't read it right. It's just like it was then, they didn't think that it was time. They thought that they were living pretty peacefully then, and so they weren't looking for a Messiah. And Jesus has said that His coming would be "as a thief in the night," when the people would be unaware of His coming. But there were some of the virgins that went to meet Him, half of them, who had oil in their lamps and were ready; they were watching for that sign. **And that's whom I'm speaking to tonight (see?), to those who are looking for the sign; now, it's the sign of His coming.**

These signs given by the Lord, are given only to believers. The unbelievers never see them. They go right over the top of them, and they don't see it. And now, it's just as sure as it is that an Angel of God could stand on this platform tonight, just as true as I'm looking at you; and you could be looking at it and I couldn't see it, or I could look at it and you couldn't see it. Now, you know that's Scriptural; that's exactly the Truth. You know Paul fell down, but none of the others could see that Light.

That Light was right there when John stood there before the multitudes, and thousands out on the bank there, clergymen and sages, great men. And John himself bore record of seeing the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down upon Him, and a Voice saying, "This is My beloved Son in Whom I am pleased to dwell." And nobody saw it but John. See? It was just for him.

Did you notice how it worked, the sign for the wise men? They were Hebrews. They weren't really Indian astronomers, they were Hebrews, and were up there in that country studying astronomy, to finish their education. And when they looked towards Jerusalem, knowing that they saw those three stars from each one of their birth-paths, of Ham, Shem, and Japheth, of which race they came from, each, they saw those stars in their birth-path. That was a sign to them, that when those stars were in line, the Messiah was on earth.

Oh, my! No wonder they came, "Where is He? Where is He that's born King of the Jews? We've seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him. Where is He?" They knew that that infant Messiah was lying somewhere, because God gave them a sign of the time, that God and man were uniting together. What a unity, when God united Himself to a human body! The principle, the greatest of all the unitings that ever was done, was when God united with man; and left His great plane of being God and stretched forth His tent and took on humanity, and became one of them through such unity. That did what? That brought peace between God and man for ever; how thankful we are.

Now just think, for every man, and all the astronomers, the people of those days, their clock was the stars. There was a watchman went on top of the tower, and he would get up there and watch. And when he saw a certain star in a certain constellation, as it was passing, he knew what time it was, Remember, in the Scripture: "What time is it watchman?" And the watchman came back and told him what hour it was. See, they kept time by the stars.

Now, Isn't it strange that these stars were exactly in line for three men and nobody else saw it? See? They were; just exactly in line. Now, you can be so in line with the Scripture. See? When those stars became in unity, united themselves together in this constellation, three men were also united at the same time. **And you can be so united with God, in His Word, that these things become realities, and you can see them and know that they are true.** See? The sign of the time! You might look right over top of it, and say, "Ah, nonsense!"

But to you it isn't nonsense. To you, you're united with the Word, and here It is. Then it's absolutely right, Brother Pat, when you see this sign unite with the believer. **And that's whom I'm addressing this to, the believer, for the unbelievers never see it.** And what a rebuke it would be, if He were on earth today, to many of our clergy who cannot read this sign, the signs that we're reading daily here at the Tabernacle, and seeing the things. And others are reading it and seeing the handwriting on the wall, and yet many just ignore it, and don't even see it. It's nothing to them at all; they don't notice it.

Now notice, that in this He pointed out national signs. Now, when they asked Him about this, they wanted signs; and He gave them signs that duly happened. And they wanted to know when would be the end of the world, what would be the sign of the end of the world, what would be the sign of the end. And He pointed them to many places through the Scriptures about **national signs**, about **heavenly signs** in the heavens, and **earthly signs**; He gave them signs, signs, signs, just constantly a sign. And He told them there in one place about a national sign, He said, "When you see the nations (see?) begin to gather around Jerusalem (see?), then know that the time of trouble is at hand; when you see Jerusalem compassed about with armies."

Now, before they could do this, the world had to unite. Titus, this great Roman general, had to unite his armies together and come around, after these Jews had rejected the God-given sign of the time to them. That's the time that Titus united his armies together, and came to take the city. **First there had to be a uniting of God's people (so-called) against the Word of God, before the nation could unite itself against God's people.** See, the uniting, uniting together.

I believe that we're living in a great uniting time. I am taking these red lights down, and flash signals and everything (of the women, how they do; and the men, how they do; and the churches, how they do), showing to this little group, that with all my heart I believe that we are lining up in the line of God's Word in this great prophetic hour, just before the coming of the Lord Jesus. We're uniting together and getting ready.

Now, you see, before Titus united his armies together, Israel united themselves and banded themselves together, that they would not believe Jesus to be the Messiah. They rejected Him, and turned Him out, and crucified Him. And then, when they rejected the salvation that was sent to them, they united themselves together to do it. (Now, hold that in mind: they were uniting themselves together, to reject the Message of the hour!) They had to do that. And then when they did that, the national sign came in.

The nations began to unite themselves together; and Titus brought this great army of Romans and Greeks and compassed the walls of Jerusalem -penned those people in there now - and they starved to death. They ate the bark from the trees. Josephus, the great historian, tells us. And they ate the grass off the ground. They even boiled one another's children and ate them (see?) as if they were mad people. And then, finally, Titus was sitting back upon the hills and around Jerusalem there, and those people in there thought they were doing the will of God, when they saw these armies marching in. They had refused to hear that Great Master, the Lord Jesus, tell them that.

There wasn't one of those Christians caught in there, for they saw the sign and moved. See? They said, "Let them that are on the housetop not come down, or him that's in the field go back to take his coat, but flee into Judaea. And we pray that our flight be not in the winter time nor on the Sabbath" Because, in the winter time, the hills would be full of snow; and on the Sabbath day, the gates would be closed, and they'd be caught in that condition. See? We want to get on that pretty soon about how God does those things, the Lord willing.

Notice now, they prayed that it would not be that way, Jesus told them to pray for that; and they never caught one of them in there. They were gone, because they looked at the sign and they were gone; that's all there was to it.

Oh, how the churches today ought to see the sign of the time that we're living in! Flee as hard as you can to Calvary, for Life; not to some church, but to Jesus Christ. Unite yourself with Him, and not with some organisation or some church creed. Unite with Christ, and be sure that it's He Himself. You can't just take anything, you've got to be positive that it's He. What a time of union!

Now, we find that they rejected the Messiah, then united themselves together, drew themselves into a league, and made a motion among themselves that if any persons received Jesus as a Prophet, they would be excommunicated from the church. You remember the blind boy that Jesus saw with blinded eyes? And the disciples said, "Who sinned? He, or his father and mother?"

And Jesus said, "In this case, neither; but that the works of God might be made known."

And remember, there were things that the father and mother could not say. They said, "We know this is our son, but we don't know how he was healed." Because the Jews had said that any person that confessed Him to be the Prophet would be excommunicated.

But, you see, the work of God was to show that this boy didn't belong to that group. And he said, "Now, it's a strange thing to me that you don't know where this Man came from, and yet He gave me eyesight." See? Now he could say it. See, that was the works of God. He had been healed and made well, and he could tell it because he had no strings tying him to them from anywhere. He was the one the works were done on, and he certainly saw for his first time in his life.

Now, the Jews united themselves against Jesus and against His Messiahship, and His Messianic Message. We see the same thing happening now, just the same thing. Communism is uniting to destroy the church; but the only way that it can be destroyed is after the church has united itself too, in the Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, to deny and to destroy the Message, the Word! They have turned down the Word, the churches have! They cannot accept It, because It's against their denominational creeds; no matter how many Pillars of Fire would hang in the midst of the people, or how many things would be foretold and happen, and all the great signs would be manifested that He promised for the last day; they cannot do it!

Therefore, they are uniting themselves now, and your pastor here and many can tell you from their reading, that they are the ecumenical movement of the world. And there's a Lutheran minister over it. And that if a disaster would happen in this neighbourhood here, and we are not united with that ecumenical movement, then our church can no more be a church, and they can use it for a storeroom. Or if one of the brothers would see somebody dying or hurt, and try to minister to him any Spiritual blessing, we could be shot for it; that's exactly right. We can be given ten years in the federal prison for ministering anything, because we're not a member of this ecumenical movement. Don't you see the Mark of the Beast? See?

Now, we see this uniting time coming. See? Now, watch! And then the church has united itself against the Message; and when it does that, the nations are uniting themselves in Communism to destroy the church again; it's just exactly what happened in the first place. See? It repeats itself right back again.

Israel had to turn down the Message first. And when they turned down the Message, then the military, the national life of other nations united itself together. They came in and destroyed the church. **And today, they have turned down the Message of the Lord Jesus. They've turned it down. And now, the time is come to where Communism is uniting the world together against the church.** See, it has to be that way. Now, it's hard to say that.

It was hard for those Jews to believe. They said, "Now come, brethren, we see that our God is with us, and so we'll go into the Temple. And now we will pray, and let holy father So-and-so lead in prayer. Close the gate!" And Titus took his stand, and stood right there for about a year or more (see?), right on guard, and starved them right out. Not one of them could even get outside the city; and they died, starved. And when he went in there and tore the walls down, the blood burst out and ran like rivers down there where he slaughtered everything that was in there.

Now, the Angel of the Lord prophesied that, back in the Old Testament, and told that that would happen. And those ministers who were clergy, who were supposed to be posted on that and tell the people that; instead of that, when Jesus stood among them, they didn't even know Him, and tried to make His miraculous ministry some kind of a rabbit's foot: "Do us a trick, let us see how it's done! Show us a sign." See? And He said so many things, and yet they couldn't see it. See? And then when they rejected Him as their Messiah of that day, they rejected the Message for that day.

They failed to see the sign of that day. And the sign of the Bible's prophecy was made before them, and they said, "Let's go in now!" They were holy men. You couldn't lay your finger on their life. They couldn't be otherwise and then be a priest. A priest would be killed, he would be stoned to death for any little thing. So he had to live a clean, holy life. He could not do it, because he was stoned for just anything. And now they were great men, and holy men in the sight of the people, and yet they went in and said, "Now, we've got God, the God Who's been with us all through the ages. We will go into His Holy Temple." That was God's Holy Temple! But, you see, He had been turned down in His Holy Temple! See? "We'll go into the House of the Lord. Now all of you Hebrews know that we are the chosen race, we are here. And God is our God; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He's with us. He will deliver us from those uncircumcised Philistines out there (as it were), those Romans and Greeks. He'll deliver us from them. Let's go into the House of the Lord!"

That sounds good; but what had they done? The Builder of the House was in there, in the form of a lowly Galilean carpenter, and they turned Him down; although God had vindicated Him as being His Messenger of the hour and of rank; and they turned the Message down. So all the praying, all the sincerity, all their sacrifices didn't mean anything to God. They had done it! And God let this great army unite to destroy it.

And we see today the churches through the denominations and so forth turning down the Word of God. They don't want you to tell them about these things, although science can prove it by pictures and everything else, yet still they want nothing to do with It. So communism is forming to destroy it, just exactly like Titus did, and the Bible says it would. Exactly!

Now, you see in what time we're living? The uniting time. When we see these things being united, oh, why do we fail to see those things? You can look in here in the Scripture and see where He promised what He would do. Now, we see it coming to pass. We see in the church what He promised to do; we see it coming to pass. We see the nations uniting together. We see the 'isms' uniting together. We see the churches uniting together. **It's uniting time.** It's the hour of uniting. That's the spirit of the age, "We've got to unite." Everything you talk about has got to be organized; even the government will receive it.

You know, I'm a citizen of the United States, yet if you'd give me a cheque for five dollars I wouldn't dare to put my name on it. See? See, I couldn't do it. See, it's a uniting time. It all has to go through some union of some sort, and that union is the very thing that brings the Mark of the Beast. See? It's a uniting time, and it's working right on up into that. You can see it plainly with your eyes, if you'd look at it. It's a uniting time, when everything is uniting together.

The Jews united themselves against Jesus as their Messiah. Therefore, we see what happened. We see the same thing now, communism uniting to destroy the church, after the church has united in the World Council of Churches and is trying to destroy the Message, the Word of God. They tried to get rid of It. The only thing they can do is draw themselves into a council; because they had separated, a little group here, the Methodists, and Baptists, and Lutherans, and Presbyterians, Church of Christ, and so forth like that. They can't do anything, because this one will be against that one, that one against the other one, since their doctrine is just as different as the east is from the west. See, they can't do it. But once they come together, under one big head, they've got it. They've got it then.

That's where the Catholics are so in unity. The majority is the Roman Catholic; the Greek and other Catholics are not as many as the Roman Catholics. Now they unite together, and that's the reason they stand together. No matter what takes place, that pope is the head of everything. See? And no matter what anybody else says, "He's the infallible; he's a vicar of Christ, that's all; he's next to God; he has the jurisdiction over hell, Heaven, and purgatory." See? So there isn't a thing that can be done in that case, whatever he says, that's what has to go.

Now, the Protestants are making themselves a head just like that. **The Bible says there** was an image made like a beast. What is an image? It's something like it, made like it. There it is, the same thing. What is it? By uniting themselves together; and this is the spirit of the age, uniting.

Uniting together now, trying to destroy the Message. How did they destroy It? How could they destroy the Word of God? They can make it of non-effect, non-effective, by taking traditions as they did back there in the beginning, and making the Word of God of no effect. See, they've, "Ah, that _" "Really, after all -" You see where this infidel woman that's trying to -(I forgot what her name is now; if I could Just call it. I'm trying to think of so many.)

I was thinking of this Miss Nations the other day; I wish we had another one like that to rise up. She was the one that went in the bar-rooms and tore out the whisky, and threw out the signs, and everything like that. Why doesn't some woman rise up today like that, and go out here and tear down some of these naked pictures of these women of her own race, and things like that? You see, we don't have it any more.

Now, as for this woman, an infidel, she said that "the Bible, it's unconstitutional to read it in public schools," and things like that.

Have you noticed again, they're trying to say now, and great students of the Scripture, that "much of the prophecy that was prophesied in the Bible was absolutely wrong, and never did come to pass." And you've heard of that and read it. And they were trying to say everything. You see, they're trying to destroy the effect of that Word. If they can only destroy and substitute for It a creed or something that man has, that in their eyes seems to be better than the Word, then they destroy It with their traditions. And that's how they're trying to destroy the Word of God, by denominational politics.

Now, each church has its own politics. The Church of Christ has its, the Christian church has its, and the Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians, they all have their different politics. Now, they're getting away from that because they're separated. See, they couldn't have done it before, they've got to do it now. See, this is the **uniting time**; and now they're all putting it together and pooling it up, and see what they come out with. My, that's baking a loaf of bread out of horse meat, and garbage out of the can, and whatever more they had together; and if you wad it together, and throw some rotten potatoes and things together, see what you come out with. I certainly don't want any of it. No, sir! That's what they're doing. See, they're taking people who believe that Jesus was a myth, a church that believes that Jesus was a myth; of the others, some believe He was a prophet.

One says, "The days of miracles are past."

The other says, "There might be such a thing."

And all at the same time; but the Bible says, "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" See? Now, that's the kind of a unity they have. And to have some great holy father to put above it, and there you've got an image to the Beast, just exactly what the Bible says. Now they've got a Lutheran minister, the head of it. Well, we see it's uniting time. It's the same thing now, communism and everything uniting together; in the world, and in the church and so forth, uniting together.

Watch nature. Oh, my! If you'll just watch nature, it does the same thing. **Nature is God's calendar of signs.** Did you know that? Jesus told them to watch nature. The sea would be roaring (see?), and there'd be different things, and earthquakes in divers places, national strife, signs in the **heaven**, signs on the **earth**, everywhere there'd be signs of this coming time.

Watch the **clouds**. Before the clouds can bring up a rain storm, you know how it's done? Several little clouds get together to make one big cloud. This one's got a little gust of wind blowing it, this other one's got a little gust of wind blowing it, and they all blow together, and then they get to a hurricane. See? They unite before they can have the storm; they have to.

Watch **ducks** and **geese** unite themselves together before they leave their country. See? They unite together. You can see them flying from this pond to that pond, from here to over there, all of them getting together. They're uniting, getting ready for their take-off. See, that's nature, and God created nature, and nature works by the plan of God. It's a law, an unwritten law of God, that nature works according to His law.

It's just like speaking at a funeral service; of the sap that goes down into the grave, to the bottom of the tree root, to lie there until the resurrection in the spring. It's a law of God. There's no intelligence that can make that sap go down there; you couldn't drain it out, you couldn't milk it out. There's no way of doing it any better than God does it. God's got the perfect way. So when the leaf drops off, then He sends the sap down into the grave and hides it. As Job said, "Hide me in

the grave until Thy wrath be past." See? It goes down there because it's a law of nature, before the frost. Look at the leaves now beginning to fall. Why? It's a law of nature.

Ducks will get together, every one of them, and rally round a leader. In there they'll know somehow (I don't know how they do it), they'll know that that certain little drake is a leader. And they all get together and rally round that little fellow, and rise right up into the air. And though he's never been off that pond, he'll go just as straight to Louisiana or Texas as he can go, to the rice field. See, **before they take to their flight, to leave their home where they've been born that year, they unite together. Amen! There you are. They're rallying round their leader.**

The trouble with man is, that he doesn't know his leader. Yes, sir. They'll rally round a denomination, they'll rally round a bishop or a man, but they won't rally around the Leader (the Holy Spirit and the Word). See? They say, "Oh, well, I'm afraid I'll get a little fanatical." "I'm afraid I'll get off on the wrong foot." Oh, there you are! What if the little duck said, "I just don't like the way he keeps his feathers. I don't believe I'll follow him." He'll freeze to death. You'll be caught, if you don't take up there with the flight as it goes. It unites itself together, and nature does that.

Geese unite themselves together, rally themselves around their leader-, they do the same thing.

Did you ever notice bees swarming? Bees will unite themselves together before they swarm, right around their queen. That's right. And where she goes, away they go too. Yes! What do they do? They unite before they swarm. Exactly; every example is nature!

Fish unite themselves together before the spring run. Out in the ocean, you can find them, those big what we call "humpies," or salmon. When they gather there, before that run comes in, you'll see them by the tens of thousands, out in the sea, coming around and around; they're in salt water, but they're actually freshwater fish. And here they come right up into that fresh water, to go up for the spawning season. They go up there and spawn about every four years, and die as soon as they spawn. And they know they're going there to die, and you couldn't stop them with anything. They'll jump fish ladders and everything else, getting up there, knowing they're going to their death. But the law of nature drives them, knowing that they go up there to spawn in the old haunts, and die. And the young ones come out, and something unites them together then, and out into the ocean they go. It's uniting! It's a law. You just can't beat God's law.

Nations are breaking, for the time now that we see is when they're supposed to do this. We're in the process of national disturbance. We see the nations are breaking relationship. Year by year, we find this nation being swallowed up in communism, that one being swallowed up in communism. And right here in our own nation, it's honeycombed with communism, and it will take over! See, it'll do it, there's no way of stopping it. Why? For the same reason that you couldn't stop Titus. The people have rejected God and His Word. Yes, sir; so they're going to do it, and we see it right in process.

I will usually take couple of hours; I've already been about thirty minutes, right now. See? But to get all this in, I'm just pushing. You study it when you get home.

Notice, they're uniting right now. You say, "Brother Branham, is that true?" They're coming to the Battle of Armageddon, it's exactly what they will do. See? And they're uniting for that right now. That's why we've got the U.N. and everything we have. The Western World's uniting against the Eastern World, communism and so forth, it's all uniting together. The churches are uniting together. Everything seems to be uniting. They're uniting, uniting themselves together, we see that.

Also, while all this uniting of the nations, these signs, national signs we see out here in the world, earthquakes in divers places, different things uniting, bringing the world together bringing the people together, all of the churches together, all these things, while all these unitings have been going on, there is another uniting going on. Amen! That's what I want to point out to you now.

God is uniting His Bride. She's coming together from the east and the west, from the north and south. There's a uniting time, and that's going on right now. What's She uniting for? The Rapture! Amen! God's getting Her ready. Yes sir, She's uniting! What's She uniting with? With the Word! "For the heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never pass away." She's uniting Herself with THUS SAITH THE LORD, regardless of what any denomination or anybody else says. She's uniting Herself. She's getting ready. Why? She is the Bride. That's right. And She's united Herself with Her Bridegroom (see?), and the Bridegroom is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

And the Church and the Bride and the Word are so becoming one, that the very Word Itself is working out the work of the Bridegroom. Amen! You see it? A uniting! It's no longer, "Join the church"; not more of this, but flee from everything and get tied to Jesus Christ. See? It's the uniting time: God, uniting His Bride together, bringing Her back, just exactly; uniting the Words of His promise.

I Thessalonians, 4th chapter: this 4th chapter says, the saints that are asleep in the dust of the earth will awake. And then we will unite with them (the living ones with the ones that have been dead) before we even get up there, because the Bride will be complete when She gets there. The ones that are living, that have united themselves with the Word, and those that are gone already, did that; and It all comes together, to make one great union by the uniting before going up there. Amen!

Communism has to rise, and these other things have to rise, and the church has to unite itself out yonder in the nations out there for the World Council of Churches; and the Bride has to unite Herself under the Word of God. In order to do that, God has sent down a Heavenly sign and things, that prove to the Church, that there is a Nation. Amen.

God! Uniting time! Yes, sir. Oh, my! Now, re member now, there is a uniting of the Word (uniting back again), bringing back "the Faith that was once delivered to the saints." Bringing back! That could only be done in this day. The only time it could be done is right now. God never tackled it anywhere else; they went off on a denominational spree, because it's time for the uniting of men and women of every race, every colour, every creed, everything under Christ by the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and back to the Word.

It's uniting time for the Church! Oh, my! Uniting every Word that has been scattered all abroad by these organisations, ever since when at Nicaea, Rome, they organised the first church. And they've organised Luther, organised Wesley, they've organised all the rest of the churches. And doing that, they had to adopt a creed, and then when God sent something else, they could not receive it. Therefore, it was not possible until now. And God promised, in the last days, that "the Faith of the fathers would be restored back to the Bride again," that it would be this way; and it couldn't be at any other time but this time. Look what a sign has been sent from Heaven, a Pillar of Fire hanging among us, with signs and wonders of the Lord Jesus Christ. And while He speaks to us, It never falls to be perfectly on the dot. Amen! Then we see where we're standing. It's uniting time!

We see nations uniting, we see the world uniting, we see communism uniting, we see the churches uniting; and we see God uniting Himself with His Bride, until He and the Church are the same (like the family, together). Right! Uniting themselves together! God uniting! Why? Never before, since the early church age, was the Pillar of Fire ever among the people. Never before, since the early church age, did they ever see the things that we are seeing today. And this was only made possible when God opened the Seven Seals and gave us a sign by It, and sent seven Angels down out of Heaven; and came to bring back that Word scattered in those denominations, and tie it back into the Word of God again, to bring down His Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, "If ye abide in Me and My Word abide in you, then ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you." It's the uniting of the Bride back with the Word, which is God. The Church and the Word, not the Church and the creed, the Church and the Word, the Bride and the Word united together. Oh, my! What a Restoration! Restoring back of what? The Faith of the original pentecostal fathers (see?) that had been scattered by Luther's group. Not Luther himself, not Luther, not Wesley, not those great founders. But after their going away, there was a church raised up, and what they did with that then! They made an organisation out of it. They accepted creeds and so forth, and away they went. And look at them today, now they've come into that World Council of Churches. Now, you see!

But in the last days, we see things happening now that have never happened before. See, it's God's sign, and all this uniting is the time sign. Now, we want to look at that carefully and be really sure that we grasp it. They leave the true Word for denominations, accepting creeds and opinions of different men instead of taking the Word.

Revelation 10 speaks of "the seventh angel's Message." Now remember, that's right at the Seven Trumpets, and there are seven angels blowing Seven Trumpets. That's what we're coming to next. But remember, very, very specifically It says, "the angel's voice" - not the seventh angel's trumpet, but the seventh angel's Message. See, not the Trumpet angel, the Message angel! See, the Trumpet angel only sounded a trumpet, that seventh angel. The Trumpet angel was this. But in the days of the **Voice** of the seventh angel (see, his Message) the mystery of God is finished. See, that's the church-age Message. And this time he (the Message angel, not the Trumpet angel) would cause "the mystery of God" that's written in the Word to be finished.

Now look, what a day we're living in! Look at those Seals, how that drew that scattered Word of God that Luther and all the rest of those great reformers that went forth started to draw together. Now it's come right back and it's been shown in the Bible where they would be; every man right to his spot, what he would do and what would happen to the church, and all those things he would leave off. And then, in the last days, when we knew nothing about it, it was foretold to us about a certain thing happening; and even the newspapers and so on picked it up. And the Lord comes right down and reveals it and ties the mysteries together. Amen! Brother, that's sublime to me! That, to me, lines the Word up. I don't care what - or I do care - what people say and think, that's right. But to me it's the Truth of the Bible.

Like the wise men, coming down from Babylon, they screamed, "Where is He, that is born King of the Jews? He's on earth, right now. We've got to find Him." That's right. And I believe He's so close to coming that I can say, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh! I hear the midnight cry!" Hallelujah! We're right at the time of the end. Oh, my, the hour we're living in! Notice! See?

What a day! What a time we're living in! This great mystery of God is being finished and is bringing in the Godhead, showing what It is, how these little 'isms' went off and somebody made Him this, and somebody made Him that. But the Angel of the Lord came down and picked up all their 'isms,' and pulled out that Truth out of it, and presented It. And there It is, Just as perfect as It can be, there's no other way you could go. There It is, that's what He is. See, the serpent's seed and all these different things that have been so mysterious among the people are now revealed. See? What is it? This is the sign to what? Uniting!

What did He say in Malachi 4? **He shall restore!** Restore back the original pentecostal Faith, back to the people with the same pentecostal Message, the same pentecostal sign, the same pentecostal evidence, the same God, the same Power, the same Pillar of Fire that struck Paul down on the road, down to Damascus. It's amongst us today, doing the same things He did in that day, uniting!

We see the nations uniting, we see the world uniting, we see the churches uniting. We see the Bride uniting, uniting with the Word. Why? The Word is God. And the Bridegroom (being the Word), and the Bride (being the hearer of the Word), come together in a union. They unite as in a wedding. See, they're getting ready for a wedding, and they become one. The Word becomes you, you become the Word. Jesus said, "At That day, ye shall know" (what?) "that all that the Father is, I am; and all that I am, you are; and all that you are, I am. In that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, and the Father in Me, I in you, and you in Me." See? At **"that day."** What day? THIS DAY! See, find out the great hidden mysteries of God being revealed. Oh, how I like that!

Oh, watch how science and the Word could not compare, as they do today. They couldn't do it before. It's just now that they can do it.

Notice, He said "heavenly signs, heavenly signs!" Science has signs, and there are national signs; now they have great signs in the sky today, they have astronauts and everything. But what do these astronauts do to the world of science? They bring the people fear. Not one knows what time they could send up something like that and just drop those bombs, and we'd be no more. See? Now those are the signs that they've got, fearful sights in heaven. See? They've got them, atomic missiles and everything, all kinds of signs.

You see where they signed this treaty the other day, that they are not going to explode any more bombs out over; but now they're going under water and down in the ground, testing them just the same. See? They sign a treaty, "We won't do this, if you say you won't do it (but we'll go back over home and do it this way; oh, ah, we know you're doing it the same way over there)." See? There just isn't a thing, there's just no trust among them, there's nothing. See? And everyone's scared of the other one. That's a fearful sign.

Science and men and nations have produced a fearful sign in the skies. That's exactly right. Now they're fearing one another. See now, they've got a sign in the heaven too, a fearful sign, a man as an astronaut; he might have an atomic missile, and could drop it and destroy the whole nation, get up in a satellite and stand out there. There isn't anything keeping them from doing it. They can certainly do it any time they want to. They can turn her into dust if they want to in fifteen minutes from now. And what can one do? The other one is similarly placed, too. So, you see that they've got a sign, but that kind of sign makes them scared.

They're uniting together, putting their powers together. The free world is putting its power together. The communists are putting their power together with Russia. Everybody! But each one's scared of the other one. See, it's a fearful sign. That's right. They are national signs, see?

But the Church has received a Heavenly Sign: a heavenly Astronaut! Amen! Jesus Christ, in the form of a Pillar of Fire; He was that in the Old Testament; He was that when He met Saul on the road down there to Damascus; and the same Jesus is here today! And what does It do? Does It bring fear? It brings love. That's uniting one with the other. Amen! It gives feeling for one another. It brings the Love of God, oh, uniting us and bringing us (the Body of Christ) into unity as a Bride. That's what it's doing now, this great union that God is causing.

They're uniting themselves, one group here to fight the other one, one group over there to fight the other one. Here the church is standing between them. You watch what happens: it'll unite with them. That's exactly right. But, now, we find that that brings fear and perplexity.

But the Church (the Bride) is united by one God, under one Spirit (the Spirit of God), in one holy Union of God, to be one holy Bride to the Lord. That's right, all are brought together, the unity of the Body. The Body is waiting as a Bride. As it is the Bride, we call ourselves the Bride. For at the uniting time of the Bride, the Church is coming so closely together. **It should create such a love among us that we could hardly be away from one another.** That's right. You don't

have to beg people to pray, you don't have to beg them to worship God, you don't have to beg them to do what's right. They're just so in love with Him, that there's nothing else.

What would you think about a little girl, a really pretty little maiden, that's going to marry some handsome young man that she's just madly in love with? It means more to her than her own life, and she knows right away that they're going to get married. As that wedding day approaches, that little girl, I'm telling you, is all "on the go." See? She's just making everything ready; she surrenders completely to him. That's right. Everything that pleases him, that's just what she wants to do. Well, that should be the way of the Church today, that our life should be so hid in God through Christ, sealed in there by the Holy Spirit!

The thing I've been teaching you here, is telling you these signs and different things that are happening. I haven't got time to teach more now; but will do so in another message, the Lord willing. But there's one little thing yet lacking in the Church. We want to get to that, and I'm right on the edge of it now. See? We want to get to that. You've got to do it. If you don't do it, it's just final. You must do it. For look, the uniting time is at hand, for God is getting the Church together to be in a Rapture to go to the Wedding for the Great Union, when God and man will unite for Eternity, when creatures of time unite with the Eternal.

It was once done in the form of the Son of man on earth, and He had to give His Life to bring about a power, to unite the other man with this same Power, for the Bride of Jesus Christ. And now the Church is uniting Itself to form the Body of Christ. It's got Itself free, cut away from every little fetter, getting Itself ready, getting together, a union among them, oh, a love and joy, and the Holy Spirit moving among them. Oh, my, what a time!

As we see the ducks getting ready, the geese getting ready, the bees getting ready, the clouds getting ready for rain, we see everything, how it unites itself together for its great push. We see the United Nations, or the nations together, uniting themselves in communism. We see them uniting themselves over here in the Western World. We see the churches uniting themselves together all these others. So it's absolutely impossible, in no other time could it be this way. It couldn't have been this way twenty years ago. It couldn't have been this way ten years ago, it has to be right now. See, because these 'isms' and things hadn't come to this place then.

Now wake up! Shake yourself right quickly and look out here where we are now! Where are we? Like the wise men, we're right in line with His Word, and the Light of the Lord is shining upon our path. Glory be to God in the Highest. And Glory be to God Who gave us Jesus Christ, Whom we love, and has brought us to this place. We are His people, bought with the price of His Blood.

Oh, my! When the uniting time comes, we're looking as though we're united with one another in the bonds of His Spirit. Can it be His Spirit? Certainly it's His Spirit. What is It? It's His Word, and that is the Spirit of the Word. And when that Spirit of Promise comes upon you and vindicates and shows Itself right here, is It the same Spirit? It was the One that was with Moses in the wilderness! It was the One that was upon Jesus Christ! He's the One that met Saul on his road to Damascus! He's the same yesterday, today, and for ever! And He does the same thing!

And we see the nations together, we see the church is heading together, we see communism together, we see the 'isms' uniting, we see all these things; and now we see the Bride uniting with the Word. Oh, my! It's time that the saints shall arise to unite with those that are living, to go and unite with Jesus Christ for Eternity.

May God help us, every one, to unite with Christ tonight, when we surrender everything that we are, everything that we have (our whole soul, body, and mind) to Jesus Christ and look for the time of that uniting:

When the trumpet of God shall sound,
and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks eternal, bright and fair;
When the dead in Christ shall rise and gather over on the other shore (yonder with the Bride that's alive, to be caught up together).

Look at the uniting! Look at God uniting the Church with His Word, the Word with the Church, that they both become the same, say this, and it'll happen, do this, and it'll happen. "This is it; it is I before you, it is I proving it; it is I Who am with you."

We find that now the time comes when the Trumpet sounds, and those sleeping saints back there that could not be made perfect without us (there's many of those Hebrew brethren), when they come together, they unite with the living ones. The Church is uniting with the Word, then the Church and the Word united together, having become one, the dead saints with the living saints uniting together to be one; and all going together to unite with Christ yonder, for the Wedding Supper of the Lamb.

It's uniting time, and the signs are flying everywhere. The signs are in the nations, the signs are in communism, the signs are in the Western World, the signs are in the Council of Churches. And the Sign is here tonight under the office of the Holy Spirit, with the Word of God confirming it and making it the Truth. Amen! Uniting time! The sign of the Uniting Time!

Let's bow our heads:

Lord Jesus, my poor heart jumps for joy, as I see the possibilities (for me, a middle-aged man), the possibilities of my seeing You come in this generation, to be alive and stand here and see when that Trumpet sounds: "He that's filthy, is filthy still. He that's righteous, is righteous still. He that's holy, is holy still." O Lord God!

And to think of ourselves standing when (in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, when the world won't know what's going on), all of a sudden, you'll see appear before you, your loved ones that have gone on and have come to unite with you again. And we'll be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye; and be caught up together to meet our Lord in the air, and then unite with Him, to be there for ever, and never to have to be out of His Presence again.

What a great thing it is today, Lord, to know that now we are united with one Spirit. One Spirit, the Holy Spirit, has got the Word in His grip, and comes in us. And what a great thing it is, what a privilege to cut loose from all the world, to unite ourselves to Jesus Christ. And to think that some day, in a physical form, with a body like His own glorious body, we will sit down at the table at the Wedding Supper and there be united and wed in marriage to Him; to live as Bride and Bridegroom through all times that are to come, through a ceaseless Eternity.

Lord God, may this not be just a mystical thought to the people, but may it become such a reality that such hunger and thirst will set into the people that they'll be reading their newspapers, listening to the radio and the news, and seeing it's uniting time. The signs are flashing.

Lord God, we spoke of the women, what they have done in the last days; what the church would do in the last days; and what the Church Ages would be, and what the Seals would be, and all these other things. And we see that it's as it was in the days of Noah. We see that it's as it was in the days of Sodom and Lot, when the Angel of God made Himself known in human flesh, that ate the flesh of a cow and drank the milk from the cow, and ate bread; and stood there and could tell what was going on behind Him. And Jesus said the same thing will take place at the coming of the Son of man.

Lord God, we saw the pyramid, how we built it up there, and saw how we added these things to it; and find that we're at the end time, waiting for the Chief Cornerstone. Glory to God! We pray, Lord, that You'll wake people up, 'quickly now, and gather us together, with godly love and respect to Jesus Christ and to each other.

If there be some here tonight that don't have that hope resting within them, will you raise your hand to God and say, "Lord God, unite me with You, unite me with You"? God bless you, Brother. God bless you, and you, you; yes. "Unite me with You, Lord." Yes! Oh, my!

Nations are breaking, Israel's awakening,

Look at Israel over there, united together. People of Israel, from all over the world, have come to unite themselves; and now they are a nation. They are a united nation, with their own flag, own money, own army, everything; if they ever were, they are now. Israel's uniting, Rome's uniting, the church is uniting. And the Bride is uniting, amen; and there's the coming of that Great Union. What is it? It's all moving up to that Sign, that main capital SIGN, Jesus and His Bride uniting as one.

Father, God, grant these blessings that I ask for these people, and may we be united to You in heart and in spirit as they raise their hands, desiring that. Lord God, cleanse us and make us Yours; grant it, Lord. That's all we know and can do, is to ask. And then You said if we asked it and believed it, we should receive it; I'm looking for it, Lord. I thank You in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree (amen; oh, my!).

(After the singing, Brother Branham recites the following Ed.)

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!
I hear the midnight cry!
We'll go up with a shout, if we all hold out,
And meet Him in the sky.

Watch and pray, my brother,
Lest someone takes your crown,
For the lukewarm and backslider
Won't wear the marriage gown. (That's right.)

Let's get ready for this midnight cry. It's coming in an hour when you think not. There'll be a cry, not amongst the unbelieving world (it'll be a secret), but the believers, who are looking for this. You see the stars coming into line? See? What did it produce? Just exactly as it did the first time. See, here we are, the signs are coming.

We see the signs appearing of His blessed coming,
Lo, behold the fig leaves now becoming green;
The gospel of the kingdom has gone to every nation;
And we're near, the end can be seen.
Then gladly, away, we'll herald the message of His blessed appearing.

Is that right? Oh, herald the Message of His blessed appearing! That's what we've got to do. Tell everybody, "Get ready, prepare to meet God." Amen! I love Him. Oh, how I love Him! Now, let's stand up on our feet now. As we bid good-bye to one another, reach around and shake hands with somebody, and say:

Until we meet! (shake hands, now) till we meet!
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet! ... (Remember, you might have a call! Our next meeting might be at His feet!)
O God be with you till we meet again!

Now, just think, before we meet again, before we meet Sunday morning, or Wednesday night, it might be that the first thing you know, somebody's missing. This one's missing, and I they're gone. Oh, to think of your husband missing, or your wife missing, and John's wife missing, and over here the kids are missing. It's all happened (what took place?), then you're left behind!

Oh, what a weeping and wailing
when the lost are told of their fate,
They cried to the rocks and the mountains
(Like Israel, on going back into the city, to the Temple),
They prayed but their prayers were too late. (They rejected the Message.)

Oh, brother, don't ever do that. Whatever you do, stand gallant to the cause! Yes, sir! -
Now, until we meet, we'll do this:

Take the name of Jesus with you,
As a shield from every care;
When temptations round you gather (what do you do?),
Breathe that holy name in prayer.

Precious name, o how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, o how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Let us bow our heads now, as we hum:

At the name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him,
When our journey is complete (it's going to be, some day!).

O precious name, O how sweet!
(Till we meet again, God be with you),
Hope of earth and joy of heaven;
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.