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Let's bow our heads. With our heads bowed and our hearts, I wonder how many would like to be remembered in prayer. Will you just lift up your hand and say, "Lord, remember me, O Lord"? There are lot of requests here - the handkerchiefs lying on the desk

Dear heavenly Father, we are assembled again this evening under this roof, where You have met with us so many times and have expressed Your love to us as we try in our humble ways to express our love and gratitude to You for what You have done for us. And tonight we come again, Lord, as a needy people, for we are ever in need of Thee. And as long as we're here on earth, we know that will be the cry, for we are in a battle, and the battle is raging, and you promised and said how the enemy would be like a roaring lion. He's loose among the people, and we can see it everywhere like a roaring lion devouring what he may, because he knows his time is short. But we have a Father Who cares for His little ones, and to Thee we flee with our requests tonight, Lord. We pray that You'll grant them.

And these handkerchiefs lying here, Father, mean that there's sick people somewhere in the land that are calling and needing Thee and believing on Thee to exercise their faith here to send these handkerchiefs. God grant that every one of them be healed.

We saw Your mighty power, Lord, just a few moments ago, there in that room restore perfect memory to a boy that was lost. We have seen Your great power time after time moving the sickness and revealing the secrets of the heart, and showing the people and setting them straight in order. We thank You, Lord God, because that's beyond any man; that's beyond anything that any of us could know, how You can reveal the very cause, and what did it, and how it is. That's You, Father. We know that the Word searches out the heart, and It's a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. So we thank Thee for this.

And now, Lord, we believe that the people now with their heads bowed are thinking on these things, and it's the Holy Spirit that's speaking to them And grant that each one of their requests may be answered. Save the saveable, Lord, tonight; the lost, may they come in and be saved.

We're so thankful to see that great huge pile of wet clothes there, knowing that the grave has been opened, and the old man's sin has been buried for many of them. I thank thee for it, Father. And may they walk in newness of Life the rest of their days. Through Jesus Christ's Name we ask it. Amen.

The Lord bless you and grant that the request that you had on your heart be answered.

Now, I believe Billy said that Brother Wheeler had a little baby - Was that right? Did I make a mistake there? - to be dedicated. [Brother Neville suggests several babies may be dedicated - Ed.] If you'd like to bring them up

now, I'd be glad if the elders will come forward and lay hands upon the little fellows for the dedicational service, and we'll try to be brief. And we want these little fellows that want to come to the Lord Jesus - whose-parents want to bring their little jewels that God has given them. We always try to make a way for them, because we don't know what tomorrow holds. My mother used to tell me, "Don't put off till tomorrow what can be done today." That's right, because you don't know what tomorrow holds. But we know Who holds tomorrow. That's the main part. We know Who holds tomorrow. [Brother Branham has a dedicational service for several babies - Ed.]

That's onetime my wife envies my job -holding those babies. She loves to hold them. I do too, but I'm always afraid I will break them. They're so, you know, so cute and delicate looking, but you know they're tougher really than what we would be.

Now, I told you I was going to get out - well, I've only got **thirty-five** minutes. I will have to hurry, won't I? Let's see. I don't mean to misjudge anything or say anything wrong, but I'm going to try really harder, because (you know) after we get some way up the road we're not as active as we used to be, you know. The miles sometimes get rough, and two or three services a day. But what does the main part are those visions. Preaching doesn't hurt me. My, I can stand here all day long, and it doesn't bother me, but those visions! And when people are on these interviews, that's what they must have. See? That's what they're here for. It's something that can't be settled just by laying hands on. One has to know the root, the start of it, what causes it, what did it; and then what to do to get out of it. That's what they are here for.

Now, the meetings start the night after tomorrow night - or no, I beg your pardon; it's Wednesday night at Shreveport, Louisiana. And if any of you have friends around there, why tell them to come on over. Life Tabernacle, I think it's where it starts, unless it gets across to the auditorium (if they can get that), which would give them a little more seating room. But they've got the balcony upstairs, the big main floor, and then a floor down below that - I don't know exactly how many they can seat, but if it gets too bad, maybe we can get the auditorium just across from it, which will I don't know how many that seats either. I've had services there, but don't remember. This is an annual convention.

Three years ago I was down there, and we started a revival in the Name of the Lord, and it's never ended since, just constantly going on, just constantly every day; people coming, being saved, baptized, and going on with the Lord like that; ministers and everyone coming right in. As long as it keeps on like that, and I get to stay here, I want to visit them all the time and just put in my few words and go ahead.

Now, that'll begin Wednesday and end Sunday. The Christian Businessmen's breakfast is - I forget the name of that hotel. They'll tell you when you get there. It's a Businessmen's breakfast.

I had a great time there (speaking to you Businessmen here) the last time I were there. The Lord saved a Rabbi out of the city; and oh, I don't know what

all took place; it was a great time in the Lord there, preaching on the *Blood Covenant*. That's what the Jews know about - the blood. Without shedding of blood there's no remission, you see?

Now, let's get right straight to the Word, and I'll do my best to keep my word to you. And now, if the Lord's willing now, the Sunday after Christmas (if you're on your holidays and riding around, and it's not icy and everything), why, drop in! And we're aiming to have a service here the Sunday morning, the Sunday after Christmas. What is the date? 29th? The 29th day, and that's the Sunday after Christmas, the 29th day.

Now, if anything occurs that we can't be here - we don't know about the future, you know - but if anything happens, why, you that live out of town, come in, like the folks from down in Memphis.

I wanted to hear Brother Ungren sing How *Great Thou Art*. Is he here tonight? I always have so many things, and I can't get them all done. God bless you people.

Now, let us turn to the Scriptures, now, for just a little Scripture reading. Where my words fail, This won't. And then God will bless you for staying, just on account of listening to His Word. "Faith cometh by hearing -hearing the Word of God." Is that right? Now, let us turn to St. John the 6th chapter, beginning with the 60th verse, and read to the 7 1st, inclusive - St. John 6: 60.

Now, I was thinking as I was looking out of the window a little while ago and looking at the setting of the sun and seeing how all nature has a law. And when the wintertime comes, the law of nature automatically runs the sap down into the tree roots. It buries itself. As Job said, "Oh, that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave; that Thou wouldest keep me in the secret place until Thy wrath be past." And now, that's it. "If Thou wouldest hide me..."

See, he saw the law of nature for the tree and the life go down into the roots, Brother Way, and there stay until the wrath be past; and then call me and set me a time. See? Nature has a law. There is a law of nature; there's no way at all to get round it. It's a law of nature. And then there is a law of the Spirit. There is also no way of getting round that.

I was speaking to a couple this afternoon and telling them: "You cannot totally annihilate anything." Human beings can't annihilate. They can tear down, but not annihilate. Someone said, "Well, what about taking and burning a piece of paper. Does that annihilate it?" No, sir. It only breaks the chemicals apart through the heat of the fire. The paper goes right back to the gases it was in the beginning. You cannot annihilate. And if the world stood long enough, those same gases and chemicals that were in that paper could come right back and be a piece of paper again. That's exactly so. You cannot annihilate. Exactly.

God then brings back. If there is a resurrection to everything back again and no annihilation, there's a resurrection of the just, and we've got to come back. That's all there is to it; there's no way at all of annihilating it. No matter if you're burnt up, if you're drowned, wherever it takes place, it cannot annihilate.

Just remember that every part of you was here. When God spoke the world into existence, He put your body here right then, and there's nothing can take

it away except God. It's all back into His hands again. See? And He's the One, the Creator is the One Who made the promise; so we're sure that there is Life Eternal. And we have the assurance in our heart now, that now we have Everlasting Life, Eternal Life that cannot die in us now.

All right, St. John 6. Let's begin now with the 6th chapter of St. John, and beginning with the 60th verse:

Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?

When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?

What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, - (that's He) - and they are life - (What did He say? "I am the truth, the Life") - they are spirit, and they are life.

But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

And he said, Therefore said I unto you that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him - (Hard saying, see; they couldn't take it.)

Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. - (My!)

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

Now, if I should call this a subject for tonight (and trying my best to make, that half-hour count), I want to talk on *Three Kinds of Believers*. And I've often made the statement, I thought, "Well, I just believe I'll preach on it one time." This afternoon I thought that. The three are **believers, make-believers, and unbelievers**. Now, that is quite a subject, but as we sit here tonight, these groups are always gathered together. Wherever the people gather: we find those groups, and always have found them, and we probably always will have them until the coming of the Lord.

And I want tonight for us to picture ourselves, as I speak of these three groups, and see which group we are in. Now remember, I'm speaking here, maybe to this church, packed again tonight around the walls and in the corridors; but I'm also speaking to the world around (see?), to all the different parts of the world where these tapes circulate in the ministries of the tape.

Now, I want to speak of the three different types of believers. Now remember, my subject is believers. One of them is a true believer, and the next is a make-believer, and the last is an unbeliever. See?

Now, the first group we'd like to talk about is the **believer**, because I think he ought to be first, since he is the one that truly believes. Now believers like the disciples believe here. We're going to use this Scripture reading for an example.

Now, the first are believers, genuine believers. And faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word of God, the Word of God, which is Christ (see?). Believers.

Now, did you notice this great statement that this believer made? Now, a believer doesn't have to be a smart person in the world's way of being smart. He doesn't have to be an educated person in the way that these people try to say that you have to be, but you do not. Of this man that made this statement, the Bible Itself says that he was both ignorant and unlearned - Peter. He was not really considered an intelligent person.

In Isaiah 35 it says, "There shall be a highway, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness, and the unclean shall not pass over it."

I was talking to one of the deacons this afternoon, and we were talking about the bridges spanning across - this new one. I said, "There are many spans across bodies of water, bayous, today," and I said, "but there's one great span that reaches from earth to Glory. It's called 'The King's Highway.' The unclean shall not pass over it." That's right. It's a road that's built by Christ our Lord - the span that is made from this earth to another Land, and the unclean don't pass over it.

Peter, this unlearned person standing near, had seen the thoroughly vindicated Word of the day, God having promised that in that day there would be one rise up, who would be a prophet among them. And Simon found it hard to believe, because there had been so many impersonations of it; but when he saw the genuine, unfolded Word of that age and heard Him properly identify him, he was certainly convinced Who He was.

And he was the one who said, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" when it was asked him, when the crowds were separating into believers, and unbelievers, and make-believers. There were all three of them standing right there in that one company of people: believers, make-believers, and unbelievers - found right in this chapter, right here. And because Jesus had spoken the Words the way He had, it separated His congregation; but it had to be done.

He was a great man as long as He healed the sick, but when it came down to the doctrine and the prophecy, that's what separated the chaff from the wheat. See? The chaff only wraps around the wheat; it's not the wheat; it cannot be used. There's nothing in it, no life in it. It's the husk, and it cannot stay with the wheat. It won't be heir with the wheat. And so it's just the grain that we're talking about, the heart of the grain of the wheat.

Now notice, Peter was convinced that that was the Messiah. Now, it doesn't make any difference what all the rest of them say. It didn't make any

difference what the priest said, it didn't matter to Simon Peter what the church said. He was convinced for himself.

Jesus told him in one place when He asked, "Who do men say that I am?"

And some said, "You're a prophet." Some said, "You're one of the old prophets raised up." And, "You're Moses," or "Elias," or some such.

Jesus said, "I asked **you**; what do **you** think?"

And Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

He said, "Blessed art thou, son of Jonas (Simon, the son of Jonas), for flesh and blood never revealed this to you. You never learned it from a book, or from a creed, or from a catechism. My Father, Who is in Heaven, has revealed this to you." There's a genuine believer! - Spiritual revelation of the Word. See?

"Thou art Simon, and upon this rock of the revelation of Who I am, I'll build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." See?

No wonder Simon said, "To whom shall we go?"

Jesus turned and said, "Do you wish to go away also?"

And they said, "Lord, where would we go, for Thou alone hast the Words of Life. You're the only One." For not only did He **have** the Words of Life, He was the Word of Life. He was the Word of Life, and Simon thoroughly recognized this. And when he recognized it, that was what kept his hope, because it was revealed to him that He was that Living Word.

Now, that's a genuine believer, not someone persuaded by some other person, or by some other thing, but when the Holy Spirit has revealed to you the Word Itself, and you see the Word made plain, vindicated; then the Spirit of God comes and gets into that age, with the Word for that age, and makes it manifested.

How could a man have kept from believing Luther, if he'd have known that? Luther was a reformer. The "man spirit" went forth there for reformation; with Wesley, it was the same way. They had to believe it. See, that was the message to the church age; that was exactly what was to happen. That was what was to take place. You had to believe it.

And here we are down to the Laodicean Age, and we're taught in the Laodicean Age that Christ was put out of His church, and was even knocking on the door trying to get back in. So when we see that happening, we know what age we're living in.

And then we're at the closing of the history of the world. The book is now being finished. The last line will be written across it someday, and she will be closed up. Then time shall be no more.

And there's a great drama being set, and angels are standing over the skies, watching. You know what a drama is. The actors are ready. You can see them acting.

You can see the evil one acting. You can see the villain of the play, how he's come on the scene with his cunning to deceive. But you can also see the raptured Church making Herself ready. It's a great scene.

You can see the Presence of God vindicating and making the great drama that's foretold here in this Bible to act itself out. What a time to live in, the

most glorious time! The man of all ages has longed for this time. The prophets of old longed to see this hour, but weren't privileged.

Now, **there** was a believer, because he saw it; he believed it. "We're fully persuaded that Thou art the Christ, the Messiah, the Word of God for this day, and we believe that." See, that was a real believer.

Let's just take up a few more believers right quickly before we go to the next character. Let's take the prophet, Noah. When he, being maybe a farmer -perhaps he was in those days a farmer. But when the scoffers and religionists of that day, the church, had got to a low ebb, God spoke to Noah and told Noah that he was to build an ark. Noah never debated that with God. He believed that it was the Word of God and went to work right quickly, making things ready. That's a real believer.

Don't fuss about it. When you're thoroughly convinced, that's it; just like anyone with any faith anyway. Faith cometh by hearing. If you can stand here, no matter what the doctor says is wrong with you (which man gave you the diagnosis of your case, and probably knows just what he's talking about as far as his instruments and knowledge will permit him to know, and says there is nothing left but death), for you prayed, and standing yonder in the future you can see a well man or woman standing there, that's it. That's just it. You'll walk right into that just as certain as anything, because you believe it. God has spoken it. You know it's so.

Like the little woman coughing up the cancer (see?), there was no doubt in her mind that that was going to happen. The cancer was dead, and it turned loose, and away it went. See? That's it. You believe it.

Like that father that brought his little boy a while ago in there. (He's here in the building somewhere now.) The little boy had had a fall and lost his memory. He couldn't remember anything. Just in a few moments after prayer I asked him his name, and he told me, how old he was; and there he was, just as normal as any boy could be, see? They believed. And when God says anything, it must be that way. And Noah believed God, and Noah was considered a believer. Daniel, when the church was in captivity down in Babylon, believed God. And no matter how much they said, "We'll make a proclamation. They'll have to pray to no other god but to this image out there, this holy man, or whatever it might be." Daniel didn't pay any attention to that. He had heard God, for he was a prophet, and the Word came to him. And when the temple is dedicated it was said, "If any man is in trouble in any country and look this way towards the holy place and pray, then hear Thou from Heaven." And Daniel believed God. He was a genuine believer, and even the lions couldn't eat him. And that's right, see. He was a believer. He had something real and genuine. He was a believer.

David, another believer, a little off scouring of a boy. Daniel didn't take the place with the modern church; neither did Noah take the place with the modern church. Not at all. They were believers in that which God said to be the Truth. No matter what the modern world said, they believed what God said was the Truth. Those are genuine believers.

Just the same as Peter did and the apostles, they believed that He had the Word of Life and was the Word of Life. I believe the same thing today. And every other thing against It is contrary. It's not life, it's death. This alone is the Word of Life, and Christ is the Word. Now David was a ruddy fellows. In the first place, he was probably picked on by his brothers, because he was a little fellow. He wasn't big enough to bear armour. He couldn't go to war, since he was too little and scrawny; and yet, he got out there as a believer. And as he sat back on the desert watching a few dozen sheep that his father had given him to watch over with a slingshot (in a country where there are lions and bears and wolves and so forth), David began to look upon the shady green pastures and knew what it meant to sheep to get down into that shade and lie down out of the heat of the sun. He knew what a good cold drink of water meant, for he said, "As a hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, oh God." See?

He had cried, prayed, and one day the emergency arose. A lion grabbed one of his sheep and took off. He thought, "The God that made me superior to the lion..." And he took the slingshot and knocked the lion down with a little rock in the slingshot. Now, if anybody ever saw a lion, one of those African lions - big woolly necked lions that they had there in Palestine and Asia - he'd know what one of those fellows was. When a great big 300 Magnum will hardly knock him down, he knocked him down with a rock. And when the lion rose up after him, he grabbed him by the beard and killed him.

That's the reason. He knew what he was talking about. He'd had an experience. He had put God to the test about His Word.

And he wasn't afraid of Goliath, because he was uncircumcised; he wasn't a believer at all. And Goliath came out and cursed him in the name of his god. And Goliath was many times larger than he was, a great big fellow with fourteen-inch fingers on him. Now, the fingers would be that long (see?), fourteen-inch fingers, a giant warrior. And the coat of mail that he had on him probably weighed three-hundred pounds or more (see?), and a helmet so great, probably the metal an inch-and-a-half thick. A great big giant like that, walking with a spear as big as a weaver's beam, which is claimed to be around twenty feet. He had a twenty-foot spear in his hand. Now, how could anyone fight such a man? A man like that could just stand and pick up a dozen men and throw them, like that, as each came up. What an opposition! And there he was standing there boasting himself, bragging, when it seems as if the odds were down.

You see, he said, "Let us not shed blood. Let some man come and fight me; and if I win, then you all just serve me, and then if you win, then we'll serve you."

When the devil thinks he's got the odds on you (see?), that's when he likes to make his brag. But he met the wrong man. He met the littlest man in the country, a little, stoop-shouldered, ruddy looking fellow.

He said, "Do you mean to tell me, that the Army of the Living God will stand there and let that uncircumcised Philistine defy the Army of the Living God?"

Why, he was shocked at it. Why? Why? He was a believer. The others were make-believers. See? See, he was a genuine believer.

He said, "If you're afraid, I'll go and fight him." See?

What a challenge for a little guy like that! And so he was a believer, and he did just exactly what he knew God would have him do.

When that uncircumcised Philistine cursed him in the name of his god, he said, "Am I a dog?" (A little, tiny runt of a kid coming out like that!) "Why," he said, "I'll pick you up on the end of my spear, and I'll hang you up there in the tree and let the birds pick your flesh!" Oh my! Oh, what a horrible fellow he was!

David said, "You meet me with a sword and a spear, and with an armour; you meet me in the name of the Philistines, but I meet you without a sword or spear or armour, and I meet you in the Name of the Lord God of Israel!"

There you are. That's a believer. That's his Fortress! That's his Shield! That's his Defence! Amen! That should be the Church's Defence. For any believer, that's his Defence! No matter what takes place, what the world says, or anything else, your Defence is the Lord God of Israel. That's it. "The Name of Jesus Christ is a mighty tower. The righteous run into it and are safe." That's our Defence, Jesus Christ.

Notice, and when it came to pass, we know what happened. David had nowhere to hit but that one little place when he dropped down his cover over his face. The one place to hit was right here in his forehead. And before he could get to within any distance from the giant, God directed the killing stone, and he slew the giant. See? God did it. Now, we notice he was a believer.

Now, another believer was Abraham, and he was a Chaldean of the city of Ur. And he was called upon to believe something that was totally, physically impossible. But he didn't stagger at the promise of God through unbelief (says Romans 4), but was strong, giving praise to God.

When Abraham was seventy-five years old and his wife sixty-five years old, they had been living together since they were a young boy and a young girl (this was his half-sister). And they'd lived together without having any children at all. And God told Abraham, "Separate yourself from the unbelievers." (God always calls for some separation.) "Separate yourself from the unbelievers, and walk with Me. I have made you a father of many nations. I've already done it." And Abraham believed it. That's a believer.

"How are you going to do it, Lord?" He never asked that question. God said He'd do it, and that settled it.

The first month passed, and Sarah was still not with child (she was past menopause). "Anything different?"

"Not a thing."

But Abraham still believed it. Twenty-five years later, there was still no difference! But Abraham still believed it! That's a believer. That's not a make-believer; that's a believer. Twenty-five years later Abraham was stronger than he was in the first place. He believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness, because he was a genuine believer.

Now, after a while, I'm going to let you search and see what class you're in.

Now, what did Abraham do? He staggered not at the promise of God, the impossibilities.

What would a man seventy-five years old with a sixty-five-year-old wife do if they went to a doctor, and said, 'Ve want to make arrangements at the hospital; we're going to have a baby" * And then twenty-five years later said, "Doc, are you still holding the hospital open?" See? It makes you act in a funny way. Your decisions are odd to the world. But it's a believer, no matter how strange it seems!

The Bible said that he was fully persuaded that God was able to perform what He said He would do! That ought to be in the achievement of every believer this afternoon! God's able to keep every Word -that He said He'd do! I don't care what the denominations say about the Word: "The days of miracles are past, and all this is telepathy, and all is fortune-telling." It doesn't matter to me what they say! I still believe that that gun is zeroed to the target, and it'll hit the target. And I believe if a believer is zeroed on the Word of God, it'll hit the same thing that the Word of God ever promised. It'll do it again. I'm fully persuaded of that, that when we see we're in this age when It's supposed to be here, **It's supposed to be here!** These things are supposed to take place.

That's the reason I believe that when that Bride is called out and elected and set in the Book of Life, there'll come a sound from Heaven that'll bring such a baptism of the Holy Spirit into that Bride, that'll take Her from the earth in a rapturing grace. God promised it.

I don't care how many scientists and how many astronauts they sign up, and everything else, and how many million miles they can see. I don't care at all about that. **There is a Heaven, and there's a literal Jesus Christ there that'll come in bodily form to receive His Church and His Bride! No matter how old the story seems, it's still the Truth; God said so. That's what believers believe.**

God said, "I am the Lord Who healeth all thy diseases. I am God and I change not." Amen! And God is Word, and if God doesn't change, how's the Word going to change? See? "I am God, and I change not." The Scriptures say that; God said it Himself. And if He cannot change, then He is the Word. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God* (the unchangeable Word!) *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.* Amen! Yes, sir.

God raised up prophets all down through - Moses and Ezekiel, and Jeremiah, and Isaiah, and Elijah - to whom His Word temporarily came; but the full Word was made manifest in this Man Jesus Christ, Who was God, in Whom dwelt the fulness of the godhead bodily. There He was made flesh. I believe that, every word.

Job, another believer. Sometimes believers are put to the test, not sometimes, **every time!** For every son that cometh to God must be chastened, tried, child-trained! Remember the trials, the dusty roads, the hot sun of persecution. But the loyalty of your heart beats that material, till it's ready to go into the mold. God's children are raised up correctly on His Word, for they

are living Examples, and the Word of God is living through them. See? The trial comes to shake you, to bring you to the very bottom, to see where you'll stand. See? Tested, tried - every son that cometh to God.

Job went through the trials and the tests, his children taken, and everything else taken. The church members came, accusing him of being a secret sinner, and tried to say everything against him, but yet he wouldn't listen to any of it. He knew he had met God's requirements. He knew there's no use Satan trying to tempt him! He knew it was the devil! And as long as Satan could make him believe that his sickness was his God doing it, he had Job whipped. But when Job once struck that revelation that it was not God, he realised that he was only going through trials to make him something. It wasn't God doing it; it was Satan doing it!

It's the same thing today. He'll try to tell you these trials and things is your God trying to put punishment upon you. It isn't so. No, sir. It's Satan doing that, and God permitting it to temper you, to make you see if you're tied to this earth-by-earth cares or whether your treasure's in Heaven. For wherever your treasure is, there you are also. Your heart is where your treasures are.

Job was tried, yet he said, "I know my Redeemer liveth; at the last days He'll stand upon the earth. Though after my skin worms destroy my body..." Did you notice? The worms were already in him. Your worms are in you. You're in a sealed-up coffin without any air in it, or however, but the worms are already there. They're right in you, and they're ready to be called to duty any time.

Remember Herod! He cankered right in the street. The worms ate him up right in the street, his own worms. They are right there ready.

"Though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Amen! You cannot annihilate it; though the worms eat it up, it still will come back again. "Whom I shall see for myself, mine eyes shall behold and not another." He said it (Job). Why? He was a believer. In trials he was a believer; in persecution, he was a believer! He was a genuine believer.

Joseph, another believer! He couldn't help being what he was. He was a prophet; God made him a prophet. He didn't want to be different from his brothers, but he was different. God made him what he was. Nobody else could take his place.

Nobody can take your place. No matter how little it is. You say, "I'm just a housewife." Nobody can take your place. God in His great economy has so set the Body of Christ in order, that there's no one can take your place.

How I would like to take Billy Graham's place (any of us ministers), but we can't do it. But just remember, Billy can't take our place. See? We all have a place. Some of us are evangelists, some prophets, some teachers, some pastors; whatever we are - some are housewives, some mechanics, some farmers, whatever it is, God has set you in your place. See?

Joseph was a prophet. He couldn't help it that he could interpret dreams. He couldn't help it that he saw visions. Watch how true he was. No matter if it cost him his fellowship with his brothers, he was true, because he believed those dreams. He believed that the dream that he had prophesied that they

would all bow to him (the sheaves would). It came to pass, because he believed it. He was a genuine believer. (I've got five minutes for ten pages!)

Notice now. Notice a Scripture written out here. Nathanael, he was a believer. Is that right? Nathanael, when he saw what took place, and it worked on him when Jesus told him who he was and said he was an Israelite indeed, and that there was no guile in him; and told him where he was the day before, praying under a fig tree. He saw him and when Philip called him. He was a believer.

There were many standing there that said, "This is the devil spirit. The devil does divine healing." That old devil hasn't died yet today. They believe that the devil does divine healing.

Jesus said, "If Satan can cast out Satan, then his kingdom's divided, and can't stand." See? He can't do it. So Satan cannot cast out Satan.

So Nathanael was a believer. And when he saw the Word made flesh, vindicating that he was a believer, he said, "Rabbi, Thou art the Christ; Thou art the King of Israel." He believed it.

When the woman at the well saw it, she believed it. She was a believer.

And blind Bartimaeus - when a woman came by, everybody was crying, going on, and some of them were saying, "I hear you raised the dead. There's a whole graveyard full of them up here; come up and raise them. Let us see you do it." See, that same devil that said, "If Thou be the Son of God, command these stones to be turned to bread." The same one put a rag around His face, hit Him on the head, passed the stick one to the other, and said, "Now, if you'll tell us who hit you, we'll believe you." Those soldiers (see?), making fun of Him. It looked like the card chip was down on Him, but just remember, God's always on the scene. See? He was right there, ready at any time.

Now, Jesus said, "I could speak to My Father, and straightway He'd send Me twelve legions of Angels." Oh, what would one Angel do? You see, He could send twelve legions just at His command, but He had a job to do. He had something to do. He had to go through with that.

You've got something to do. God's got something for you to do. You may have some heartaches and some troubles; you may have some disappointments, but do we pray to shun them? No, Lord, take me through them, whatever they are. Whatever they are, don't let me escape them. If they're set for me, just give me grace to go through with them. That's all.

Now notice, blind Bartimaeus. He knew that they were told, "This is that prophet of Galilee; He is the Son of David. We believe it." Some of the believers must have told him that. "We believers know that He is that Son of David." And he knew that if He was, He was the Word.

If he knew He was the Word, he knew He could discern the thoughts of the heart. So he cried, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The unbelievers were hollering this and that (the church members). That didn't stop blind Bartimaeus at all. He said, "Oh, Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy upon me!"

Perhaps he couldn't even hear him, but He knew he was crying, and He stopped and turned around. There was a believer. He said, "Thy faith has saved thee." Amen.

He said that to the woman with the blood issue, the same thing. "Thy faith..." Because she said within her heart, "If I can but touch His garment, I'll be made well." "Thy faith has saved thee." See? She was a believer.

That's the same thing that saved William Dauch sitting there, the other day when he had a complete heart failure, heart attack - a man ninety-one years old. "Thy faith has saved thee!" Why? He's a believer.

The Rev. Tom Kidd here, nearly, I suppose, approaching ninety years old (close to it), and when he was seventy-nine years old, they took him to the hospital with a cancer on the prostate. The doctors said he hadn't got a chance, but when we walked in that morning and saw that little patriarch with a shawl over his shoulders sitting there, beating a little cane, he was almost beside himself. He said to the old woman sitting there (he called her 'Grandmother', knew her, one of his members for years). "You look as white as snow." It was beyond his mental thinking. Yet when the power of God struck the room -! He's alive tonight! That was four years ago! A man some eighty years old, and here he sits tonight perfectly sound and well from the cancer! Not a make-believer, a believer! That's it. Believe! He takes God at His Word.

It was just the same as blind Bartimaeus was; blind, but yet he knew that if he could attract the attention of Jesus Christ, he'd get what he wanted.

The woman knew that if she could touch His garment, she'd get what she wanted.

Tom knew, he had faith, that if I'd pray for him he'd get what he wanted.

Isn't that the same faith as when Martha said, "Even now, Lord, whatever You ask God, God will do it for You. My brother is lying yonder dead, four days in the grave, but You just ask God, and God, will do it for You."

He said, "Thy brother shall rise again."

And she said, "Yes, Lord, in the last days at the resurrection he'll rise. He's a good boy."

He said, "But I am that Resurrection and that Life!"

"Yes, Lord, I believe that, too."

"Where did you bury him?" That's it. It's over. Yes, sir.

The queen of the South came up to Jerusalem in that generation of unbelievers (that's right) and stood there and believed what she saw to be of God. The Bible says, she'll rise up in the last day with the generation of Jesus' day and condemn it, because she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

Moses was a believer. Though he tried intellectually and tried every scheme he could, it wouldn't work. He tried to take Israel out, knowing he was called to do it. He tried the mathematical way; he tried every way, but it wouldn't work. But then he took God's way. What happened? There was a fire over in a bush up there one day that wouldn't leave. From there the Word

spoke to him and said, "I AM" - not, "I was," or "I will be"- "*I AM!*" And He is still the I AM! He is the Word, the Eternal, the everlasting Word.

Moses did not doubt. The difficulties against him, all nature was against him, everything was against him; but with a crooked stick in his hand he went down there and took over the whole nation, drowned it in the Red Sea out there, and took Israel to the promised land. Why? He believed God. Right! That's the believer. We could stay on that, but now I've stayed my half-hour on the believers. I've got two more classes. We'll hurry through them, because they're not important anyhow. No.

Then secondly, there comes now, the **unbeliever**. Let's speak of the unbeliever next.

What does the unbeliever do? We see the believer what?^ accept the Word: every race, every generation, follow all the way from Noah all the way up. We could take six months of revival right on that right there, bringing up the characters. They believed. The believer doesn't question. The believer believes it, regardless of what it sounds like or what anybody else has got to say about it, how impossible it seems to be. The believer believes it. Believes what? - the Word; **not** the creed, the Word; **not** the denomination, the Word; **not** what somebody else says, what the Word says. Now remember, that is the believer! The believer doesn't question. The believer doesn't say, "How can it be? If I can get it explained." That's the unbeliever. See? For the believer, no matter what it is, if It's the Word, It's the Word. That's true. That's the believer.

Now the unbeliever, we'll take the unbelievers. We find out that they did all right as long as they got patted on the back and were called disciples. As long as they did, everything went fine, they were all right. But when this Prophet that they believed to be a prophet, and knew was, that could heal the sick, and so forth - What did He do? When the real Truth and the rebuke came, contrary to what they believed, they couldn't take the Word. They could take the miracles, and they performed them. They went out and cast out devils, preached the Word, and were still - unbelievers! Matthew 10: He sent them out, two by two, the seventy, and they cast out devils, insomuch that Jesus rejoiced and said, "I saw Satan falling like lightning from Heaven." See? They cast out devils, Judas right along with them (here come the unbelievers), but as soon as Jesus began to say that He was something, that He was the Resurrection, and He was the Life, and "What would you say if you saw the Son of man ascend up back to where He came from?"

"Now, this man, trying to say He came from Heaven. That's too much for us! We can't believe that."

He said, "What is it? The flesh that you're talking about profiteth nothing; it's the Spirit that quickeneth."

There you are. The Spirit quickens the Word. It's a Spirit, not the creed; the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost quickens the Word to you and It becomes alive, and there you are. You see it. By faith you see it. You know it's so, because the Word says so, and the Spirit quickens the Word to you. There you are.

Now, you say, "What with..." And as soon as we do this, we find out the unbelievers; when we say something that they don't agree with, they walk out on you. "I just won't listen to that!" Oh, that's getting so dense in the world today. Start, and just say something; they gather in.

I notice in meetings they'll gather in (great crowds), and you stand up, and start saying something. They'll sit there just watching, just waiting, and as soon as you say, "Now, Jesus Christ identified Himself as Messiah, because He was a prophet," that vessel becomes full and away they go. What are they? - unbelievers!

Now you say, "You're making that up." I'm not! I'm saying just exactly what the Bible says here. They were unbelievers, and they walked out, though they were disciples. It was contrary to what they assumed.

They said, "This saying! Who could believe a thing like that?" See? They were Pharisees and Sadducees that had come out, having joined and gone in with Him, because, see, when the supernatural is displayed, it produces three different types. It did down in Egypt. It produced the unbeliever, the believer, and the make-believer. It did, all three classes. It's written down here. We could just go on through the night explaining how it is. Everywhere you find it, you see those three classes. It is always that way (see?); you find them.

Now watch, these seventy, they walked out because it didn't agree with what they believed to be right. We haven't got any thought coming, it's what He said. You deny your own thinking. You just say what He says: That's really confession. Confession means to say the same think.

If I confess that a certain thing took place, I say the same thing that has taken place. That's what real confession is - and He's the High Priest of our confession (see?) - saying the same thing God said. See, that makes it right, because you are just repeating God's Word.

Now notice, the seventy walked out. What did they do? They went out just because they disagreed. Their wisdom, their church affiliation, was too much. That was too much for them to think that this man standing here, that all the rest of the people believed was born illegitimate, had no right to call Himself God, since he was just a man.

The Pharisees said, "We don't stone you for any good work you do, but we stone you because you, being a man, make yourself God." And the Word said He was God! "His Name shall be called Counciller, Prince of Peace, the mighty God, the everlasting Father." The very Scriptures that they read, the very day that they were singing the Psalm (the 22nd Psalm): "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? All my bones are out of joint. - They stare at me. - Not one bone shall be broken," proved it. The very Psalm that they were repeating in the temple! There hung the Sacrifice screaming the very words that David said a thousand years before, and they were too blind to see it.

And today, the very God that spoke of this age is on the scene doing exactly what He said he would do, and they're too blind to see it! They are unbelievers. They walk out and say, "Oh, I can't believe stuff like that! I never heard of that in my life!" It doesn't make any difference what you hear. The Bible says it would be here. That's His Word.

They never heard of that either, but it was there just the same. See? That's right. They were unbelievers, just like Eve was. She was very religious, of course, but she did not believe the true Word, and she had to make herself a religion, so she made some aprons of fig leaves. See? But it wouldn't work. Religion means a covering.

Cain did the same thing. Cain couldn't believe that that was right. He said, "God is holy; God is pure, and God is beautiful; so I will get me some flowers, and I'll show my reverence to Him. I'll get up before it, and I'll bow down before Him and worship that God. And I'll put flowers on the altar, because, you know, my father and mother ate some apples (some fruit) in the Garden of Eden, and that's the thing that brought me out. And I will go back, because I will make it beautiful." "God just can't turn my big cathedral down. Why, it'll be too big a cathedral. I'll make it so pretty that it will attract God's attention." Satan's the one that dwells in beauty. That's exactly what the Scriptures say.

That's a reason a pretty woman is sometimes a bait for Satan. If he can just get a hold of her, he can twist more men into hell than he could with all the bar-rooms in the country. That's right. See? Or some great handsome man that wouldn't stand up in the trueness of manhood. See? Again, he can swing those women to the devil, and send, them to hell. Yes, sir.

Notice, Satan dwells in beauty. What did he try to do in the beginning? -make a more beautiful kingdom than Michael's was. He moved over in the north, and took one-third of the angels with him. See, whose son was that that had that nature in him? Satan's son. Certainly it was.

Now, he built the altar, and he knelt down and worshipped. He went through everything that Abel did. But Abel knew that it wasn't that. He knew it was blood that took them out. He knew that that was it; it was the sex blood. So he took a little animal, and offered it upon a rock, and chopped it's neck.

Notice Cain! God told him, "Why don't you worship like your brother? And you'll do all right. You'll do well if you'll do that." But no, he knew too much about it. See? He rejected the original vindicated Word. If that isn't his children today! See?

Now look, of Abel God had testified - the Bible says, Hebrews, the 11th chapter - God testifying of His gift that he was righteous. God vindicated his offering; God made proof that that was what He accepted; that was His Word, His plan; and He told Cain and said, "Do the same thing, and live." But do you think he would forfeit his idea? No, sir. He was an unbeliever. He walked right out. That's right. Nimrod did the same thing. They were unbelievers, did not believe.

Nebuchadnezzar did the same thing. Though having Daniel as his god (called him Belteshezzar, which was the name of his god), he saw Daniel do the great works of God, and so knew Belteshazzar or Daniel as a god. So he made an image to him and put it up out there, and made everybody worship it, and so forth.

See, the Gentile kingdom came in with forcing the worship of an image of a holy man. And the Gentile kingdom goes out with the forcing of the worship of the image of a holy man. See? The same way. And there was a handwriting on

the wall in an unknown tongue at the beginning of the Gentile kingdom, that no one could read but that prophet, and there's a handwriting on the wall today (that's right) - Ichabod - that the glory of God has departed from those things. And the handwriting's on the wall and can be read by the spiritual mind that believes in spiritual things, that's been born of the Spirit of God.

Old Belshazzar goes out and gets these vessels of the Lord to drink wine from. Why? He was an unbeliever. He thought he was a believer. But he was an unbeliever. See, that's it. He disbelieved the Word.

Ahab, he was an unbeliever, though he acted as if he wasn't. No, no; he was amongst the believers, but he was an unbeliever. What did he do? He married an idolatrous woman, and brought idolatry right into Israel. He was an unbeliever; we know that.

They deny the whole of the Word of God to be true. The unbeliever, remember, he's a hypocrite. And he acts like that. He says he believes it, but he denies it. He says, "Well, so much of it is right," but if all of it isn't right, then that makes him an unbeliever. You've got to believe every tittle and every jot, and everything that's said in there. It's got to be true. If it isn't true, if you say, "Now, I don't believe that," well then, you're an unbeliever.

There's a man said to me once, a minister, "I don't care, Mr. Branham, how many people you could produce that you say were healed, I wouldn't believe it."

I said, "Certainly not; you can't believe it. You're an unbeliever; it wasn't for you. It's only for the believers." You've got to believe it. See? And they do not believe it. So when you see a person in that class, well did Paul speak of them, saying that they'd be heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power of the Word. "From such turn away."

Notice, they deny the whole of the Word, but in every form they're religious. They are unbelievers in the true Word, though It be vindicated. All through every age God vindicated the Word of these people I've talked about (Noah, and on down through Moses, and all the prophets, and forth). God spoke through the supernatural, and vindicated the Word, and yet the unbelievers walk right out on it.

And here are these disciples standing there (the seventy) watching Jesus do the things that He did and knew the Scripture, He telling them that that was the age that they were due to take place. And then when He said something (the Son of man) - What would you say when He began telling them about the breaking of bread, and so forth, and went ahead telling them about great spiritual things?

But they said, "Oh, this is a hard saying."

He said, "What are you going to say then if you see the Son of man ascend up into Heaven where He came from? Is it the flesh or is it the Spirit that quickeneth?" See? And then they moved away.

"Aw, I can't believe that." See? They walked right out on the Word. They won't even stay to see what takes place. That is the unbeliever. Then what did they do then?

We find out that these people, these believers (so-called) believed in forms of religion, but failed to see the identified Truth of the Word of God, because It was against what they believed. See, it doesn't make any difference what you believe, how loyal you are, or how religious you are; that doesn't have one thing to do with it. Sincerity - why that doesn't have anything to do with it. I've seen people so sincere. I've seen heathens burn their children, feed them to the crocodiles (mothers with their babies). That's more than a Christian would do. See? Sincerely they believe, sincerely, but they're sincerely wrong.

People say, "Well, this church has stood-"

You're sincerely wrong if it's contrary to the Word.

"Well, now look, I don't believe in such things-"

Well, the Bible said it was so, though. See?

"I don't believe that we have to do this."

I don't care what you think you don't have to do; God said it must be done. "These signs shall follow them." How far? - to all the world. To whom? - to every creature. See? It shall be, it's going to be. **And this Message of the hour that we're now enjoying, the Presence of God, the latter day, the evening time when the lights are shining, and the things are being opened up, and the Word vindicated and proved to be the Truth, is both prophesied and comes to pass, and is proved scientifically and everything that It is Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and for ever. And a man walks out on that? He's an unbeliever. He's beyond hope. He's numbered by the power of Satan, so there is no hope for him. He's beyond hope.**

Now, that is what? The believer; now the unbeliever. Now the third class we're speaking about is a **make-believer**. That's the boy! - the make-believer. Now remember, in there stood all three.

Now, we find out they do just exactly like their father does. There were Peter and the rest of the apostles - believers. There were the seventy-unbelievers. And there was Judas hung right on; he was a make-believer. What do they do?

This is the kind that holds on until they can find something-a fault in it. They're looking all the time to find a loop-hole, to see how it's done, see if it's a trick, if it's a gimmick. They're waiting to be sold out. They're looking for that. The unbeliever - he doesn't even wait around. He's condemned it and walked out. The believer, no matter what happens, he believes it anyhow, for It's the Word! There are your three classes. The old unbeliever will walk out at the first thing that's said he doesn't like about it. Brother, he's going to show his colours right then; he's an unbeliever.

John said, "They went out from us, because they weren't of us in the beginning. They started with us." "Oh, you did run well, what hindered you?" See it? They went out because they weren't of us. When they saw the Word perfectly moving on, why, they wanted to get some kind of gimmick they could work. See? But the real believers don't question anything. It's written in the Word, and they believe It, and just go on. That's it. Always it's written. If it isn't written, why, you just stay away from it, no matter what happens. It's got to be

written. See? And they see that written Word and they believe It. And they see God moving in His Word, see the hour, the Message, the time, and they walk with it as I said this morning.

How old Pilate must have walked the floor at night with his worried conscience, trying to clean himself. No doubt he called through the night, saying, "I've washed my hands all night, and I still can't understand." See? "They're not clean. I can never go to meet Him; I've got blood on my hands." Oh my! See? Don't ever be guilty of that. See? It's on your hands; there's only one way you can get it off, that's accept It. That's right. Become part of It. That's what It was shed for.

Now, the make-believer hangs around and acts just as pious as he can, but down in his heart he's trying to find out how you do it. Oh, if the country isn't full of that class of hypocrites! That's a Judas. That's exactly. He hangs around, becomes part of the group. He was the treasurer. See? He stands around; he's always got his hand out for money. You can tell that one thing; he's always fishing for money, and got his hand out for it, and he is a make-believer. He acts like a believer, but down in his heart he's not. You remember, he wasn't fooling Jesus.

After the seventy left, and the believers made their stand, He turned around to the believers and said, "There's still something in you," for He said, "I've chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil." Jesus knew from the beginning. Why? He was the Word. He knew the secret of the heart - **how hard it was! Stop a minute, think deep, long, straight. How hard it must have been on Him, walking right there, and a man calling him, "Brother," yet knowing all the time that he was a deceiver that was going to try to upset Him, and sell Him for thirty pieces of silver. How hard it was to hold it in His bosom, and His friend walking along there. He even said, "Friend (He called Judas His friend), have not I been with you all this time?" Knowing in His heart, and couldn't say it. He knew' from the beginning who it was that would betray Him.**

There's that make-believer that's just waiting. He'll sing out there, "Oh, I believe this, and I believe this, and I believe this, but oh, you know, I heard somebody say such-and-such." Trying to eaves-drop, just with long ears. A real believer doesn't hear anything but the Word. That's all. He watches the Word. He isn't looking for any loop-holes; he isn't looking for any gimmicks. He believes God, and that settles it, and he just keeps going on. See? There's the believer.

The unbeliever fills up in a minute, and he can't stay to listen for ten minutes to the Message; he's got to get up and walk out. It's against his creed, and he just won't have any more to do with it; so he goes out. Then the make-believer hangs right on - that's Judas, see? That's the deceiver. That's a rascal (if I have to say such a word). Judas, he hangs around.

This is the time to be wary. Sometime these make-believers are very popular with the people (that's right). See? Some of them are mighty men, educated with a doctor's degree, big pay, everything; some of them are great

men, shrewd, just like sons of Satan would be. Look how Satan came right up there and agreed with every bit of that Word. He was just waiting to find that weak spot in Eve where he could show his power to deceive her, to betray her! That was Satan, and here Satan was in the form of Judas in that age. That was Satan in the first age. What was he? - agreeing with the Word up to just one little thing. He was just trying to find a place where he would discover a weakness, and that's exactly what the Judas does right now. He'll come right along with the meeting, and watch until he can find that little spot. "Oh, there it is, that's it!" See? "Oh, that's the way it's done!" See? That's just exactly right.

Many of you remember up there that night when that man came out on to the platform. He thought that there was mental telepathy in the reading of the prayer cards. And how he thought he had it right then, Brother, he was sure he had it! He came around, belonged to a church that doesn't believe in the Gospel, the Full Gospel. And he came up on the platform. I was tired, and they were fixing to take me away. That was at Windsor, Ontario. And there I had come right across from the United States there, right across from Detroit to Windsor, in the big auditorium. And this man came up there with a grey suit on, and a red tie, an intelligent-looking man, smart as a tack. He came to the platform, and walked up. And I said, "Well, just let me have your hand." I said, "I'm tired. I've seen so many visions. Let me have your hand." And I never noticed the man, he put his hand over on mine. And I said, "Sir, there's nothing wrong with you. Go on your way."

He said, "Oh, there is too."

I said, "Let me see then." I told him, "No, sir, there's not one sign. No, Sir, you're a healthy man."

He said, "Take a look at my prayer card."

I said, "I don't care what you have put on your prayer card." I said, "I don't have anything to do with the prayer card" (not thinking, you see: I was tired and worn out). But the grace of God, you see, was still there, you remember. If He sends you, it's His obligation to take care of you. It isn't mine. It's He; He sent It. I'm just supposed to stand on what's the Truth.

When Moses threw his stick down, and it turned into a serpent, and the magicians did the same thing, what could Moses do, but stand there and wait for the grace of God? That's all. The same thing. He followed out the commandments, and you know what happened, don't you?

This man said, "Well," he said, "there is; look at my prayer card."

I said, "Well, you might've had a lot of faith, and might've done it." Not thinking, you see, not even paying attention. Then he unbuttons his coat, and pushed out his chest.

He said, "There you are!" to the audience.

And I thought, "What's going on here?"

Looked around, he said, "There you are! See the gimmick?" (That's your Judas! A religious man, a preacher of a great denomination!) He said, "There you are. I had so much faith now. He's got so weak he can't read the telepathy. (See?) It doesn't come to him any more." And there, he says, "It's not that my

faith was so great. I put that on the prayer card, and now he can't catch it, you see. That's the gimmick!"

I thought, "What's going on?" Then the grace of God came down.

I said, "Sir, why has the devil put it in your heart to try to deceive God?" (A modern Judas!) I said, "You are a Church of Christ preacher. You belong to the Church of Christ over in the United States. And that man sitting up there with that blue suit on, and your wife, and his wife sitting there, you sat at a table last night that had a green thing over it, a spread like this; and you agreed that this was telepathy, and you were coming tonight..."

That man raised up. He said, "That's the honest truth. God have mercy on me."

I said, "Sir, you put T.B. and cancer on that card, and now you have them. It's yours now."

And he grabbed me by the trouser leg; he said, "I didn't..."

I said, "I can't help you now. You go right ahead. That's between you and God. You wrote your doom right on your card." And that got him. That was all of it.

See, make-believers, deceivers, trying to find some fault with God and His Word! They are the Judases. They're the ones. You see how Judas came out? See how that fellow came out? That's the way the make-believers appear. See? Make-believers! Oh, highly educated. Sometimes a great show-down comes between the Word and their creed; and when it does, they sell out to their denominations just exactly like their forerunner did, Judas. Judas sold out to his denomination, sold Jesus, the Word to his denomination and betrayed Jesus Christ after he claimed to be a part of it.

Ministers sometimes claim to be servants of Christ, and when the Word is thoroughly identified and vindicated for that day, that it is the Message of the hour, they'll sell out their popularity to their denomination just exactly like Judas did - betray Jesus to the Pharisees and the Sadducees. That spirit doesn't die. See there! That's among the believers, make-believers and unbelievers. See? That's just exactly right. Judas came right down and sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, and many men will do it today for a meal ticket or an extra hundred dollars a week. Right! They'll deny the God that's standing in the midst of them that brought their Life in accordance with the full Word.

And they'll say, "Oh, those days of miracles are past!" or "God doesn't need such a thing as that today." See? "Oh, I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God"; "Hail Mary, mother of God, blessed art thou amongst women." All these other things they'll say and more. .

Some of them say, "I believe in the Apostles' Creed. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in the holy Roman Catholic Church," and all these things.

Tell me when an apostle ever had a creed like that. If the apostles had one creed, it's written in Acts 2: 38! "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost!" If there's any creed to them, that was it. They had no creed. It was the Word. That is true. It still remains the same.

That's the prescription for the cure of the disease of sin. "And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins" (see?) "and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

But they sell out like Judas. That's the make-believer. Some of them are highly talented people (these make-believers). Watch that fellow! That's the shrewd guy.

This little guy that fills up quick and jumps up and runs out at every little phrase that he doesn't like, you pay no attention to him. He's just an unbeliever to begin with. But when you see that fellow (the make-believer) hanging on (see?), that's the Judas. That's the one.

Like great talents - I'm going to call names here (which I really shouldn't do), but I'm going to call them anyhow, so that you'll know - like, Elvis Presley, Red Foley, Ernie Ford, Pat Boone. Elvis Presley, a Pentecostal; Pat Boone, a Church of Christ; Red Foley, a deacon in the Church of Christ. Now I think Ernest Ford is a Methodist. And all those people with those talents! They're deceiving the world! What do they get out of it? Judas got thirty pieces of silver; Elvis - a fleet of Cadillacs, and 150 million dollars, or a million dollars on records and things like that; Pat Boone and the rest of them. I don't care what church they belong to and everything else, it's hypocrisy. It's a make-believe. It's a front, and their lives prove that it isn't right. Certainly.

Then there are those with the talents that are great organizers, having worldly wisdom. They preach the Gospel - claim to. They're smart men, intellectuals. Listen. A man that's trained in that field is not a preacher; he's a lecturer. That's what's the trouble' today. We have lectures.

Jesus never said, "Go and train to do this." He said, "Go and preach the Gospel, and these signs shall follow the preaching." See, see? Let's not learn to make a lecturer who can stand and just (my!) put in those flowery things that make you feel as if you're sitting right in the presence of an archangel. That isn't it. "Having forms of godliness," see? That's a lecturer, not the Holy Spirit in action.

Some little fellow that wouldn't know his A-B-C's might come down with the power of faith with the Word and make the Holy Spirit do things that that men know nothing about and even deny it. See? There you are. Great people. Yes, sir!

Then there are organizers. They're prosperous, successful, smart in worldly wisdom, just exactly like Satan was to Eve, that little helpless woman. He came right to her and tried to sell her the idea that she would be wiser than what she was. And that's what she was looking for. Instead of staying right with what the Word said, he wanted to sell her the idea she'd be wiser, and she bought his product. And they still do the same thing today! The wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. Yes, sir!

Oh, my! It's just the same thing that the Pharisees sold out to and did. See? In spite of the wisdom that the knew, they denied the whole Word of God, when It had been properly proven and vindicated to them. They still tried to find something and thought it was a gimmick. They were not settled in their mind. They couldn't believe it. You could tell them anything and they were

back again. And today you can't get it soaked in, you see? And watch them; they're watching for just a loop-hole, that's all they want. That's what! If it hadn't been for the grace of God, all my loop-holes had been exposed if I had any. See? It's the grace of God, because there are no loop-holes in the Word of God. It's straight Gospel.

I've always said to anybody, if you see me teach or do anything that's not exactly with the Word of God, you come and tell me. Here's the thing that covers the loop-holes that you're trying to find. Just put your eyes on that, and you'll see no loop-holes, because there are no loop-holes.

Now remember, Judas thought he'd found one. That fellow thought he'd found one. Many times they think they find it, but it proves out that it's not. They are the make-believers, hypocrites. **They're ninety-five per cent on the Word - so was Eve. Even ninety-nine and nine-tenths, but it was that one-tenth that caused all the death and sorrow.** That's the one thing that condemns the organizations and things, because they don't take the whole Word of God. They are make-believers. We find that it's always been so. They deny the true vindicated Word. These are always found in each generation. We find them just as we go along, and they are also very religious. Now, I'm about to close right now, because I have taken another half-hour.

Jesus, we find out that He has warned us against these last days and this kind of people, that they'd be so much like the real thing that they would, absolutely would, deceive the very Elected ones if possible. Who are they? They are the Judases, the people that go so far. Look, they even cry, shout, claim to cast out devils, everything; and then turn back around and deny the Word! Exactly. They have a form of godliness. Look where Judas came! Judas' spirit climbed into the Gospel up to the place of Pentecost. But when it came to the time for his baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ, and these other things that go with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, he walked out. He showed his colours. And that spirit can live in those denominations till it gets right to that Truth, then it drops right back, like the spirit that's on them that foreran their coming, just as John foreran Jesus' coming. Now you say, "Jesus said they'd be so close."

Now the Elected, that's the kind that have had their names on the Book from the foundation of the world and believe all the Word of Life. That's the Elected group.

Now, watch these people. Now, I say this with reverence and respect with godly love (if I don't, I need an altar call myself). Notice, Jesus said they would deceive the very Elected if possible. Now, they wouldn't be Methodists; they wouldn't be Baptists. We know they're unbelievers to begin with, but it's Pentecostal organizations that formed into that denomination, drew their lines without the Word, and drew a line and placed their own organisation, and fenced out the Word. They would deceive the very Elected, they're so perfectly alike! Say, they cry, they shout, they jump up and down, they claim healing services! So did Judas, and so did all the rest of them. When they went out, they'd come back rejoicing and everything, and they even had their names

written in the Lamb's Book of Life. But remember, the Bride doesn't come up in that group. She goes in the Rapture.

At the Judgment, the Judgment was set, and the books were opened - the wicked - and another book, which is the Book of Life, it also was open. And there was the Bride there to judge. See? Another book was open which was the Book of Life. That's the sheep on one side and the goats on the other. See, the people that died back yonder never had the opportunity. There will be the ones that'll be separated.

But now notice - "Deceive the very Elected." Watch that group! That's that group that follows right along - "Yes, Brother. Hallelujah! Yes! Glory to God!" **And right down in your heart you see what they're working on you for - to have you in church. Why? To draw a crowd to bleed them of every bit of money they can get out of them. D'you think I don't know that? They might not think I know it, but I know it. Jesus knew from the beginning who was the deceiver!** See, see? But what did He do? - He waited till that time. That's what we must always do. Wait till that time. Don't move in yourself, wait till that minute.

"Having a form" - and will go right along; that's that deceiving group. Watch that deceiver; that group there - not the believer, not the unbeliever,, but that make-believer. Oh my! What are they doing? Just weeding along until they think they can find something; pulling every penny that they can out of the people (see?), then piling all up in these great big organizations (which you're absolutely against, and they know it). See, they know it. It doesn't make any difference what you say. They've always warned their people before you come. "Don't listen to it."

One man had the audacity to stand there in Ohio Oust when Brother Kidd was healed), and come out there on the platform to say, "Now Brother Branham is a prophet, there's no doubt at all when he's under the anointing; but now, when the anointing is off of him, don't you believe his teaching, because it's wrong."

And he didn't know that while I was sitting in my room the Lord revealed it to me; and I walked right down there (and many of you were there), and I said, "Why would a man say a thing like that when the Word -" Now see, I never said I was a prophet, he said it! And the *word prophet (seer)* is from the Old Testament. Now the English version of *prophet* means a preacher. But the Old Testament *seer* was a man who had the divine interpretation of the Word, and that was proven by the Word coming to him and his foreseeing things. That was what it meant. And a man saying that a man is a prophet and then saying his teaching is wrong! If that isn't a money-working scheme, what is? The hour is close at hand when that thing will be exposed in front of them, but that's the kind - that make believer - that pat you on the back and call you "brother," just like Judas. But remember, He knew from the beginning; and He still knows.

Remember, all those listening to this tape, too. That's right. You're in one of those classes. That's exactly right. Now we're going to close.

That's true of every person that's here present, of every person that listens to this tape - and even though some day I'll have to leave

this world, these tapes will still live. That's right. See? And you're in one of these classes. You've got to be in one of them! It's exactly so. You can't escape it; you're in one of these classes.

Go out! Identify yourself with a Bible character that believed, where you believed the Word when It was vindicated, as I proved it tonight, that it was a vindicated Word. It's always, always, contrary to the popular belief. If you had lived in the days of Noah (now let me say), what side would you have been on? - the church side or Noah's side, the prophet? See? If you'd lived in the days of Moses, would you have believed Moses' message after It had been proven and vindicated by God? Or would you have gone with Korah and Dathan and their group and said, "You're not the holy man; other people can do these things that you do, too"? See? You'd have to be one, and you are tonight.

Or, would you have held with Daniel or with the church that was down there at Nebuchadnezzar's party they were giving? See? Would you have been outside, or would you have been down at the noisy ceremony, the big thing they were having?

Would you have been with Elijah, that man standing alone called an old crank, a man out his mind - standing upon the top of the hill, his head shining up there in the sun, with a crooked stick in his hand, and the birds feeding him? Some crank! Or would you be with the priests and all of them down there with Jezebel, and the rest of those modern-dressed women? - and Elijah standing up there rebuking them as hard as he could. What part would you have taken your wife to? Just think; just picture yourself tonight!

In the days of Jesus, would you have stood with this boy that had no credentials? He had no denominational affiliations. They said, "What school did you come from? We don't have you on our records here. How did you get this wisdom? How did you ever learn if we didn't teach you these things? What school did you come through? Are you Methodist, Presbyterian, or Baptist?" He was none of it. That's right. He was the Word. That's exactly right, brother. Or would you have taken sides with the Pharisees of the modern beliefs, with the humble old priest that seemed to be so gentle and nice, and with the organization that stood up since the Nicaean Council, or since Luther organized it? What group would you have been in? What group would you have stood with? Would you have stood with the Word when you saw It vindicated and proved to you that It was the Message of the day, or would you have taken the church stand? Now, just picture yourself tonight!

Would you have stood with the apostles, when they saw Jesus and all these mysterious things, when He slammed down on those preachers? He told them, "You are a nest of snakes" - those honest old preachers that had studied that Word? He said, "You're nothing but a den of thieves, and you're full of dead men's bones! You're nothing but whited walls." See? "You generation of vipers." Would you have stood with a hot-headed fellow like that, who stood there and rebuked, and tore down, and said, "Which one of you can accuse Me of sin? If I do not what the Father says-?"

They said, "Don't listen; that man has got an evil spirit on him. He's crazy; he's mad. He's got the spirit of a devil on him." See? "Now, how does he do

that? That's a fortune-teller's spirit. What is he? His mother had him before she and her husband were married. " See, see? "What school did he come through? We don't even have one record of his ever going to our grammar school." And yet, when He was twelve years old He astounded and confounded the priests with the Word of God. "What school did he come out of?" The School of Above. "When you see the Son of man ascending up to where He came from –" See? That was His School.

But would you have stood with the apostles to a man like that, when the show-down came? Or would you actually have walked off with the seventy and said, "Well, we'll go back to our church if that's the way you're going to teach, saying that you're the Son of man, when, after all, who are you? What are you? A man such as I am; I eat with you! You're trying to say you're something. I've watched you; I've seen your weakness; I've seen you cry; I've seen you do this, that or the other; I've seen you go into the wilderness with us and everything else like that. Now you're just a man, and say you come down from Heaven. That's too much for me." Would you have walked up with them? Or would you have walked out with the seventy? Or would you have walked on with the apostles and Christ?

When Saint Martin tried to retain the baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ in the church, when he still tried to hold to signs and wonders and things, and the Catholic church condemned the man and wouldn't even recognize him at all, and cast him out, would you have taken the side of the Catholic creed, or would you have stood with Saint Martin when he refused to put up all these kinds of images of dead people and worship them, worship those images and so forth?

When he refused the dogmas that were being added, he said, "Let the Word be Truth!" And God vindicated him with great signs and wonders, and what he foretold happened. And everything that he did, he walked in the Spirit of God and proved it, and there wasn't one of those priests or anybody could do anything about it. Would you have taken his side and gone with Saint Martin, or would you have gone with the Catholic creed?

Now, the Word of God or the church dogma is before you. Can you take and accept what the dogmas of the church say, or do you take what the Word says? Remember, in all ages it has been as it is right now. **There's always a popular belief among the people, and it's always been just a little bit contrary to the real Word. Remember, it's never been just right out to deny it. Oh no! The antichrist doesn't deny the Word. Certainly not. He says he believes It, but just not all of It the way It is written here. See, see?**

Satan spoke to Eve. Eve believed all the Word, except just that little bit that he told her. They take just all of it except just a little bit. It might be go to the baptismal pool; it might be something else. You've got to take it every bit exactly the way it is here (see?), just the way it says here. It might cause you to do some first works over again, but it's just what the Word says.

This has been Satan's trick since he worked it first on Eve: just to disbelieve a little bit of the Word, which always separates these three classes of

people. The Word separates these people. In every age it's been that way! In every age that ever has been, it's been that way. When God sends something on the scene it clearly identifies It (His Word), then there are those that follow that claim to be believers, and they are. There are those that wouldn't turn back. They believe the Word; as long as you stay with the Word, they believe it. But when it comes a little contrary (no matter how much God identifies it) to what they believe, they say, "Well, I don't know about that." That's the unbeliever.

Or do you follow along just to see whether you can get a chance to say, "A-ha-a-a, there you are!" (Judas, - to stab somebody in the back as he did. "I knew it would come out sooner or later! There you are!" That's the make-believer! Every bit of it; we see it in the Bible.

Once a little boy down here in Kentucky was raised high up in the mountains, and he had never been where there was a looking glass. He had a little piece tacked up on a tree, but he had never seen himself. He came here to-Louisville, it was told, to stay with his mother's sister, and she lived in one of the nice old-fashioned homes. When he went into one of the bedrooms, it had a door that had a mirror all the way up and down the door. See? And when the little fellow started to run through the house, he stopped. Little Johnny saw a little Johnny. See? Then he scratched his head and little Johnny in the mirror scratched his head. He laughed, and little Johnny in the mirror laughed. He jumped up and down, and little Johnny jumped up and down in the mirror. See? He walked up really close. He thought it was a little boy he could play with, so he walked up. Directly he pecked on the glass, he turned around and his parents were watching him. He said, "Mamma, that's me."

Now, you look in this one (the Bible); which is you? Which one of these little Johnny's are you impersonating?. Which one is you? See? You're one of them. That's one of them; one that would turn back, the first flaw he found (that you called a flaw). See? Test it with the Word and see if it's right. If the Word proves all things (see?), prove all things by the Word. The Word says do so. Yes, sir. "Hold fast that which is good." That's exactly what It says.

Now, look in the mirror of God's Word in the other ages and see which group of these three that you'd be identified with. Now just think, if you'd lived in the days of Noah, if you'd lived in the days of Moses, if you'd lived in the days of Jesus or one of them, whatever it is, just think what group you would be identified with. Think of it tonight.

Then your present group. **Now, just think now. This is deep now. And don't run over the top of it. Your present state right now proves to you what group you'd have been with back there. Now, you're your own judge. It proves what you are.**

Reverend, minister, what group would you have been with when Jesus made that statement that was hard to believe? He did it after He'd been thoroughly identified that he was the Word. See? And yet that statement - you never heard of anything like that! The Son of man. What would you say if He "ascended up into Heaven where He came from."

And you said, "Well, I know where he was born! I know his papa; I know his mama! And here he says he's going to ascend up to where he came from!" That would have been a little too much for you, wouldn't it, sir? -just a little bit too much for you; you couldn't have stomached that? Maybe it's the 'same thing today. Then look in the glass of God's Word and see where you stand. Oh, deceiver of men! Don't you ever do that.

Look you're one of these classes. **And your present state right now, the present state of mind that you here in this visible audience manifest, and you that'll be in the invisible audience of this tape, your present state of mind after listening to this tape proves to you what class you're in.** It tells you exactly where you are: whether you are a believer in the Word and will stay with It; whether you'd walk out, or shut that tape off. See? That tells what you did. You didn't want to listen to it and turned it off and said, "I don't want to listen to that." That's that unbeliever. See? You won't stop to test it and see if it's the Truth or not. See?

Or are you just hanging around and trying to find some fault with it? Then you know where you are, too. It tells you. God help us to believe It and stand on It, and be loyal to It, and obey the Word, for he is the Word. You believe that? Let us pray.

Dear heavenly Father, how hard it is at times to say these things, and know that perhaps tens of thousands of people will hear this over the tape as they go out across the country and around the world. But, dear Lord, it is true; it's so true. I pray, Lord, first clean my heart. Oh Lord, test me; try me. Just look down upon me, Lord. I'm weak; I'm tired; I'm worn out. My throat is husky; my lips are parched like this. And my body is wearing out and getting old. And it won't be too many more times, Lord, maybe not too many more turns of the sun till I'll be going. And now, check me now, Father, and if there's something I'm doing wrong and don't know it, You just reveal it to me, Lord. You show me. I'm ready now to make it all right.

I look at myself over there in the glass of God's Word. Where do I stand? Do I see my image reflecting Jesus Christ? Is that the person I see in the glass? Do I see one of the believers of the Old Testament, or one of the believers of the New Testament? Do I see a make-believer? Do I see myself as an unbeliever, that wouldn't stand and listen to the Word, and would take the denominational idea instead?

Do I see myself hanging around trying to find a little loop-hole? Lord, if it's so, just cleanse me, Lord. Let my heart be clean and pure, because this is my life, Lord. I want it right. There's no use of just half-way doing it, if there's a way to make it really done. I want it fixed right, Father. Not only that, but I'd be leading men wrong and women wrong, and the people that I love and love me. Then I'd be wrong.

And Father, if there be anything, if I thought tonight that any denominational church was right, or the Council of Churches was right, if the majority of the people were right, Lord God, help me to be man enough and Christian enough to admit my wrong and stand here and send these people to where I think that would be right. Cleanse me; let me look and see.

But when it comes to those things, Lord, as far as I can see it, having those forms and denying the Word, you can tell it to them and yet they say, "Well, it doesn't make any difference. God doesn't expect that." Lord, I believe that You are the same Jesus; You're the same God that You ever were. You're still God and you change not. I believe that this Bible is your Word, and I believe that You and Your Word are the same. And I pray God, that You'll give us of your Holy Spirit to quicken the word and give us the Quickening Power, that someday, when life is over and You're finished with us, that we'll be quickened and-ascend up into Heaven where we were in the thoughts of God before the foundation of the world. God, grant it. Forgive our sins, Father.

If there be men or women here that stand in any other class than true believers in the word, God cleanse their hearts. If there are any listening in to the tape, or will be listening in, I pray for the cleansing of their hearts, that You'll cleanse them, Lord. I don't want to see them lost. God, I pray that You'll help us to understand that one wrong won't right another wrong. There's only one way to do it, and that's to get both wrongs out of the way and get right. And I pray, Father, that You'll grant that to us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With our heads bowed, our hearts bowed, now I want you to stop just a few minutes. When I saw the vision of hell as a little boy, the horrors of it - then I may be wrong in this. That might have just been a premonition; it might, I don't know; it seems I was somewhere. It was so natural. And then not long ago I saw the realms of the blessed. When I was in the realms of the lost, I screamed, "Oh, God, don't ever let a person come here!" You can't, there's no tongue can describe to you what the horrors of it are. There's no way for me to tell you. If you believe that there is a burning hell, full of fire and brimstone, that would be a cool shady green pasture compared with the sight of what the horrors of this lost condition were and the misery that is associated with that place.

And if I tried to speak to you of things that were beyond a human's understanding, I still couldn't describe the place of the blessed: how peaceful, never to die, never to be old, never to be sick, always to be young, always to be healthy, never to die - Eternal Life, in the blessedness of youth, and no sin or anything else. Oh, there's just no way to describe it!

Even Saint Paul said, "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard; nor hath it even entered the heart of man..." You can't even understand it! There's no way to explain. "... what God hath for them in store that love Him."

And now, as this is surely true, both here and among the invisible audience, we are pictured here tonight in one of these classes. Either we are genuine believers - Test it with the Word. If the Word says a certain thing and the church says something different, what would you take? Look in the glass of God's Word and see which class you're standing in. And if you're not tonight (both here and in the invisible audience) - if you're not with that believing class, could I offer just a word of prayer for you now, that you would come into that believing class? And would you signify the same by God with your head bowed, your heart bowed, your eyes closed, and before God? Sometimes

people are just a little bit afraid, you know, to raise up their hand, afraid their neighbour will see which they oughtn't to be. They should be willing to stand up and say, "I'm wrong. I'm wrong."

"He that covers his sin shall not prosper, but he that will confess his sin will have mercy." See? What is sin? - unbelief! Unbelief in what? - the Word.

Now, if you're not in that class, there are things that are in the Bible that you just simply, in your intellect, can't see! You just can't. You know the Bible says so, but you just can't understand It. And yet you want to. You say, "God, let me have the understanding. I'll obey You." Would you raise your hand and say, "Remember me as we pray?" God bless you. God bless you. That's good. See? Really just think of it. "Is there something in the Bible that I just don't know? I'm afraid I'm going to find myself in one of the other categories. Maybe I'm going to find myself with the seventy. There are just some things that are too hard for me to understand, how that God would do these things. How He and how Jesus could be the same. How these things are I don't understand it. I want to understand it; I want to believe it, and God help my unbelief. I want to be part of it; I want to be a partaker of the Word. I want It in me."

"If ye abide in Me and My Word abides in you, then ask what you will" (St. John 15). We know that's true. Look. "If ye abide (not in and out, in and out), but if ye abide in Me (and He is the Word) and It abides in you, then just ask what you will and it shall be given you." Ye shall have it.

"He that receiveth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent me hath already passed from death unto Life." But can you receive the Word first? Can you receive the Word? All the Word? All of Christ? Christ is the anointed Word. He is the Word, anointed. Christ means the Anointed One, the anointed Word for that day made manifest, the Saviour, the Redeemer. That's when He was to come, and He was that anointed person to take that place. [Brother Branham knocks several times on the pulpit - Ed.]

Now, the Holy Spirit in the last days is to shine forth the Evening Light, restoring back the faith that's been trampled on down through time by the denominations; condemning the denominations and coming back to the original faith, the original Bible faith, the original Bible, believing every Word of It, not adding to it and making It say this and say that. Just say it the way it's said. And you want to believe it that way. Are there any that never raised their hands and would like to raise their hands and say, "God, remember me"?

God bless you, lady. God bless you, young man. God bless you. Fine! God bless you, little fellow. God bless you, my sister. God bless you, sister, over to my right. Bless 'less you in the back. And God bless you, young man, and you, sister, over here. You, brother, over on this other side. The Lord bless you. God bless you at the back.

"Just remember me, Lord."

Now remember, you're not holding up your hand to me, but to Him.

Right straight behind me, the Lord sees your hand. Even if I miss it, He sees it. He knows your heart; He knows what's pulsating there. He knows your objective; He knows what your motive is to that objective.

God bless you, brother. Someone else? "I want to believe all the Word." God bless you. God bless you. "Help me, Lord, help me." The Lord sees your hand. Yes, sir. That's it. "There are things that I can't understand. I don't want to be an unbeliever. Though I don't understand it, I want to believe it anyhow. I'm ready to say, 'Lord God, here I am. I want to believe. Help my unbelief.'" God be with you. God bless you. Many, many hands are up, and still going up.

You say, "Brother Branham, does that help?" Put your hand up once with a real, right objective and find out how you feel about it. You testify that there is a little something in your life, you know. There's a little something you don't want to be there, but it is there anyhow. You wonder how it could be done. And Lord, forbid that I would be a Judas. Forbid that I'd follow along in a Message just maybe trying to think that someday some little flaw will show up. Oh God, not I. Let me stay right with Thy Word. See? Or maybe I'd be an unbeliever that just simply thinks, "Well, why don't the rest of them say so?" See? I don't want to be like that either. I want to be a believer. I see God's Word of the hour. I see God in It. And "Lord, make me part of that Word; make me part of it. I want to be part of It." The Lord bless you.

Now, let us pray, and each of you pray for yourself. And I'm going to pray for you. You know, one day we're going. We're not going to be together here, maybe, for a while. Some of us will be taken. And we won't be together. There are many of us here; we're some of us getting old; some of us, we don't know, may even die young. We die at any age. We've got to be separated, and this thing's got to be settled. And you just can't get there haphazardly; you've got to come while you're in your right mind.

You say, "Well, just before I die, if I can see it." No, don't do that. You might not even be in your right mind then. You might be killed before you get home in an accident. You might die of a heart attack. We don't know what's going to happen; only God holds that. I trust not. I'm watching people on the outside even holding their hands in the windows. See? Yes, God bless you. "I want to be right. I want to be right." And now, let's make it right now.

Right now, you can settle it for once if from your bottom of your heart, you'll sincerely say, "Lord Jesus, no matter what it is, or what anyone else says, Your Word will be first in my life. I want It in my life. You are the Word. The Bible says so, and I believe that the Bible is the Word of God; and I know the creeds and the dogmas that have been injected into it have made It a load of hypocrisy. Lord, cleanse me from such stuff as that and let me be wholly Thine. I raise my hands to You; I raise my heart to You, my voice to You, my prayer to You. God be merciful to me." And my hands are up too. Lord, cleanse me, oh Lord, from all unbelief.

Though He may not give me the power to walk like Enoch and not to have to die, but just take an afternoon's walk and go home with Him; but God, I do believe that it will happen, because I know there's to be a Rapture in the last days, and the work's to be cut short. Father, so says our calendar, thirty-six more years and the work will be over, and You'll have to come sometime within that time or there'll be no flesh saved. And then we're told by the chronologists, and the people who search such things that we are absolutely advanced many,

many years on from that, many years on up. They tell us by the calendars that we're way up further than that. Maybe there are only fifteen or twenty years left. I don't know, Father. But I know, even according to our calendar, we're almost there.

I see where there cannot be any hope left, Lord. There is coming a time of trouble. If they ever start turning those bombs loose on each other, Lord, there'll be no battle front. They will destroy one another. Lord, it's hanging there, and yet the Bible says the whole heavens and earth will be on fire. God, I see the hour appearing.

I think of the assassination of the President, and then see that other evil men came in, without letting the man have a trial, and shot him down in cold-blooded murder. Oh God, one's as guilty as the other. They have no right to do that. Evil in our own nation, that's supposed to be a Christian nation! What a poor example we are, Lord, of Christians. Forgive us, Lord, our sins. Help us, oh God, especially Your Church - us who are baptized into that mystical Body of Christ. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth," You said. "And as the Son of man ascended up, so shall His body ascend up; and He is the Head, His Church is the Body." Oh God, it's the head that guides the Body. Let the Headship of the Word guide the Body of Christ. And may I be part of that Body, Lord.

I pray for these who raised their hands, all that are present, and all that be on the tapes. Lord God, I pray sincerely, take them in, Lord. You look at their hearts. You know what they are. But as Your servant I intercede for the people, Lord. I love them. I love them and I'm only trying to do this, because I feel Your commission is for me to do it. So Father, here I am, doing the best I can. Forgive my feeble mistakes, Lord. I pray that You will grant to me strength, and I'll be able to make it plainer to the people.

Now, be with us here in the tabernacle, tonight. Look down upon these, Lord, those who raised their hands in the tabernacle. Search me, oh Lord, and try me. If there be any wrong in me, cleanse me, Father. Grant it. Cleanse this church. Cleanse us all, Lord, that the Word will be made flesh among us and be made known to the world in this day. Grant it, Father. For I commit this with myself, and this text, and with this audience, and with Thy Word and Thy promise for the salvation of our souls, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Grant it, Lord. May the power of God come upon us and anoint us, all the way from the Pastor to the janitor, and every person that's present. May the Holy Ghost come and take It's place in our hearts and take every promise of God and reveal to us that Thy Word is true. Through Jesus' Name I pray.

And while we have our heads bowed, I just want the organist, if she will, to give us a chord on this song, "I can hear my Saviour calling. Where He leads me I will follow; where He, leads me I will follow."

... my Saviour calling, (what is He? the Word.)

I can hear my Saviour calling,
I can hear my Saviour calling, (Now, deny your dogmas and things.)

"Take thy cross and follow -" (he that will not take up his cross, and follow Me, the Word, is not worthy to be My disciple.)

Where He leads me - (Back to the Bible, where He'll lead you.) - will follow, Where He leads me I will follow,

Where He leads me I will follow, I'll - (if it's to the pool in His Name, if it's to the altar to get rid of my shame) - all the way.

[Brother Branham begins to hum - Ed.]

- Him through the judgment (That's it, right now. What side are you on? What do you see of your reflection in the Bible, God's looking glass? If I'm being judged now by the Word?)

- I'll go with - (I'll go with the Word no matter what it cost. I'm going through the judgments of God, if I have to take one of the places, make me a believer. Right with the Word.)

- with Him, with Him all the way.

For where He leads me I will - (Now think it over, real close, now.)

Where He leads me I will follow,
Where He leads me I will follow.