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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever

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L-1 Thank you, Brother Joseph. Shall we bow our heads just a moment for prayer.

Our heavenly Father, as we come now to the end of the day and to the end of this campaign, we are grateful to Thee for Thy goodness to us. We're unworthy of the things that You do for us. But we bow our hearts in gratitude and adoration to You. And we pray that You'll smile upon us tonight and say, "It was well done."

The healing service is coming up, Lord. A group of people like this, there's many in here that is sick and needy. And I pray, Father, that somehow that You'll heal every one of them tonight. And may there not be a feeble one left in our midst when this service closes.

L-2 May You just spread forth Your great arms, and take them all into Thy bosom, and show unto them, Lord, Thy love. And the sinners that's here, O God, we pray that You'll save every one and call back to the fold those who've strayed away. And we'll bow our heads and give You praise. For we ask it in the Name of Thy dear beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. You can be seated.

L-3 It is always a great pleasure to be in Lane Tech High School in Chicago, Illinois, and with my dear beloved friend, Joseph Boze, Brother Einar Ekberg, Brother Hutchinson, and these other brethren, and with all you dear people. And I--very heartily thanks to all of you for your kindness. It was just...

I was thinking just a few moments ago, "I wished I could put on a list of names of all who had gave me a birthday present." And, why, I--I'd have a sheet of paper like that. And I--and I just want to say this, and surely, you--you understand what I

and we believe You, and we accept You, and we condemn the devil. And we cast him out in the Name of Jesus. And we take liberty now to worship the Lord for our healing and salvation, giving Him all the praise and the glory, through Jesus Christ's Name.

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mean, a heartily, "God bless every one of you."

And I was undoing one of the little packages awhile ago, and a little pair of rompers fell out for my little Joseph. And... I... Well, I--I just... Something in my heart... Did you ever get to a place till you couldn't express that what you want to? See? And the only thing you know to do is say, "God bless you." That's all I--I can say. Thanks a million.

L-4 Now, tonight the closing of this campaign... I am always happy to be with Chicago people. I wish all the Chicago people were just like these that's here in Lane Tech tonight. And I'm sure they are, if they would just get acquainted with the same Jesus that you know. They'd--there would not be... If everybody in Chicago was like the--the people in Lane Tech tonight, I believe that we could just send all the police out on a vacation. You see? 'Lock... Just open up all the jails, and say, "Well, there's no need of fooling with them any more. Scrap them." And we'd have... There would be peace in this valley here for everyone.

Someday it will be that way, friend. And we're looking for that day, that great day when Jesus shall come the second time to receive those who has become His servants. I want to be included in that number at that day. And being that He has loved me and forgave me of my sins, and has given me a little way that I appreciate to help win others to Him...

L-5 Sometime this afternoon I... maybe my... I over estimated, maybe. But maybe twenty people or more accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. Oh, that thrills my heart to see that, just makes me feel so good. And know that according to God's Word, when their hands went up to accept Christ, and I believe it with deep sincerity, every one of them, Jesus brought into His Kingdom today.

He can't take His Word back. He promised He would do it. And He said, "No man can come except My Father draws Him." And if the Father was here drawing them to Jesus, and they come and said, "I now want to accept Him," then there's

nothing left, but they're just accepted; that's all. [\[John 6:44\]](#)

L-6 Now, that brings you to the--into the believers. That includes you now as a Christian believer. And now, I would do this (to give you advice); I wouldn't stop here. I would ask God to give me the Holy Spirit to baptize me into the Church, into the Body of believers by the Holy Ghost and to make me a co-worker in His Kingdom with Him.

And join some good church. Just don't stay away from church; go out to some church and help the fellowship of that church. And that's for all you who've been saved in--in these meetings.

Now, I think Brother Oral Roberts... I was going to announce his meeting, but I think he's closing tonight also. And I don't know whether Brother Freeman is going to close tonight or not. [A brother says, "He starts tonight."--Ed.] He starts tonight; I'm sorry. I'm--don't get the itinerary of these brothers. I... The only thing that I have is just a... I don't have a magazine of my own. Brother Joseph, he's kind enough to let me use his magazine for the--my itinerary and articles to be printed.

L-7 My son, Mr. Wood, and them was telling me, some of them, a few moments ago when we come in the door, they had had some wonderful testimonies of the healing power of our Lord Jesus. To that I am grateful. I think it's worth ever effort. My wife, and babies, and them will smile when I tell them that souls came to the Lord Jesus and people were healed.

We know what it is to suffer. We have sickness in our own family. When one of the little ones gets sick and things, wife and I just takes them into the room, lay them on the bed, put our arms around each other and get down before Father, and say, "Father, You gave us the children now, and we are--we are at our wits end; we don't know what to do. And we ask You if You'll be so kind as to heal them of this sickness that Satan's put on them." He hasn't failed us yet. And I don't

worship Him. You see? He wants to be worshipped. I feel impressed in my heart. He wants you to worship Him now in this song. All right, brother.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today.

He walks with me, and talks with me,

Along life's narrow way,

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart.

You ask me how I know He lives,

He lives within my heart.

Now, just a moment. Does He do that for you, lady? Then your heart trouble's gone. Then move off the platform. Does He do that for you, Christians? Does He live in your heart? Are you sure? If you are, then let's raise our hands to Him while I pray for you, and every one of you be healed. You are already healed.

L-70 I believe I know this man setting by you, Gene. I believe it's the man... Yes... But you're praying for somebody. And the person's got a cancer. That's right. Yeah, I seen them standing. Don't fear; have faith.

Sir, back there, you want to get over that prostate trouble? You believe that Jesus healed you now? If you believe it, God bless you, then you can have it. Amen. Anybody want to be healed, just raise your hands to Him. He's here. He's raised from the dead. Now, do you believe it? Raise up your hands.

Heavenly Father, coming down to the closing of the service, coming down to the spot that where You have done all things well, You've done everything good. You can do nothing else but good things, because You're God. And I pray Thee, heavenly Father, knowing that this great massive crowd of people, thousands setting here, how could we ever get one by one, when I'm nearly ready to faint now.

But Father dear, they have seen Your resurrected power, and they know that You're here. You're not dead no more. You're living. And You're here as a High Priest. And we love You,

know. Is that right, lady? Are we strangers to each other? I don't know you. Now, she's a white girl. How many you white people, if Jesus Christ will reveal what she's standing there for, and tell her what her sickness is, or whatever it is, like He does to the others, will you accept Jesus as your Healer and know? Do it.

L-68 All right. May the Lord grant it. Now, sister, I can... Now, that won't hurt you. There's one thing I can say now, that you're a Christian. And you just recently become a Christian, just have become a Christian. But you are--you're not from this country. You're--you're not an American; you're a Canadian. You come from Canada. And I see you coming in a green car, or I believe, like a Mercury, I believe it is. And you--you are praying for a man that's an alcoholic. It's your father. That's right. And then you've got a little friend that's kind of wears glasses and you're praying for that friend. That is true, sister. **THUS SAITH THE LORD.**

You believe now? You believe you receive what you come for? Come.

Dear God, I bless this child, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and may she go from here tonight and receive everything that she's asked for. She's just a child, Lord, in her tender faith. May it be greatly rewarded. For we ask it in His Name. Amen. God bless you, sister. Go, rejoicing and believing.

L-69 Now, I want to ask you something. Each one of you people, that believe with all your heart that Jesus Christ raised from the dead... And now before you get disturbing, I want to ask you something. Do you believe now without one shadow of doubt? Is all the doubts gone away? Now, you believe that He lives? Let's just sing one verse that "He lives." Brother Ekberg, or one of you would... Brother here, would you come give us a... "He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today." Will you sing it with me, now?

And raise your hands to Him, that He's here. I want you to

believe He will. We love Him for this.

And then, being that He helps us, we love to tell you about Him. Maybe if you did not know it, He wants to help you. His--His love is free to all. And the Lord grant tonight that each suffering person...

When I stand here at this microphone, each time when I stand and look and see people setting there, and I see them clamoring, "If I could only..." See? And I... Look like I'd have just called some up to pray for. And I think, "Well, what of this? What's this about? Am I trying to help the people?"

L-8 I've often wondered if the old fast line of--we used to have to lay hands on them, if that worked better? I'm trying to get one thing to the people: that is, that me, or any other man to touch doesn't mean so much. What it is, is for your faith to touch Him. That's where it's at.

And I, with a sincere heart, I--I really mean that, I want to see you get help. And--and God knows my heart. I do everything that I know how to do. If I was fixing, the next two seconds to pitch over this platform and be taken to the morgue, I'd try with all my heart to help God's children. 'Cause I love God and I love His children. I can't love God without loving His children. And if I love the children, I'm as a father would be, I'm trying everything I know how to get them to believe on Him for help, to make burdens a little lighter, make life a little sweeter to you. 'Cause it's short. It's not very long we're going to stay here anyhow.

L-9 And what it is, we have to stand it in misery where Satan has bound us down. I like to tell the message, the good news, that Jesus come to liberate you from these things. And to see Him do it for so many, I--well, I can't believe God to be a respect of person. I believe He would do it for all who would believe it. And that's why we're here.

Pray for me. We drive home tonight, probably get home around four, five o'clock in the morning. And I got to be in Louisville at eight, and then, oh, real busy day tomorrow, and

then pack up again tomorrow night and leave for--for Columbia, South Carolina. Then into Spindale, up into Charlotte, and from there up to Anchorage, Alaska, back Indianapolis, Indiana, and then over, perhaps, to Minneapolis in the next service. And so, you'll pray for me, won't you?

L-10 And I'm not sure yet of going overseas on this--after the--June of this year. But if the Lord should call me, and wherever I am and the battle gets heavy... And I have a lot of opposition. I have things that I--I couldn't tell you people. I don't tell nobody. I just keep that to myself. And many times that I stand here sometime, merely with a broken heart, and look over the audience, and see people that I think, "O God, that lovely person, how could they think that in their heart?" See?

And makes me feel bad, but I just keep on anyhow. So when I'm... You'll pray for me, won't you? I'll pray for you. And if I can ever be of any help to you, why, write me a letter. If you need a pray cloth, or call me up for me to pray with you, I'll do it. Never be too sleepy or too tired, but what I'll do my best to help you.

And if you should pass over before we see again, I want an appointment with you to meet you over there someday. By God's grace, I'm on my road. And I... And if you are not tonight, may you make this night your decision time that you will make your choice in Jesus Christ. God bless you.

L-11 Now, in the reading of the Gospel. I was telling Pastor Boze just a few moments ago... And I'm... want to express again outwardly I--my gratitude and appreciations to Pastor Boze. I... You know we are all, we are... We have our ups-and-downs, and there's sometimes that we have our ins-and-outs, as we call it. But Brother Joseph has proven to be my friend in all kinds of weather. And I--I love that all weather friend, don't you? Whether you are right or wrong... And I appreciate Brother Joseph. I--I...

He didn't know I was going to say that, and probably

than It is here at the platform. It's your faith a doing these things, friends. Believe God.

L-66 Now, to you, lady. You're very nervous (That's right.), very nervous. And you get those nervous spells and just comes on you spasmodically like. Been bothering you for some time, hasn't it? Sometimes gets you scared, like you don't want to go places and things. It--it scares you. I see a dark shadow... You started from the house and turned and went back. See? It was a scare. Then you're got a terrible hurting in your body, which is up in your chest part. That's right. You believe that; you know that is the truth.

And then you have got a--an--a lump, or a knot, or a growth. And that growth is on your right arm, covered over. That's right, isn't it? You believe Him now? You--will you accept Him for your healing now? Will the rest of you, my colored friends, accept Him the same time? All right. Come here, sister.

Dear God, Who raised up Jesus from the dead, and has given us the privilege of having fellowship with Him, and His Word, tonight to see the manifestation of His Spirit. And now as You did there, Lord, at--the--the Samaritan woman that day at the well, I pray You'll do likewise for this sister and for all those who are setting near now of her kind. Pray that You'll heal them, Lord, every one right now. I condemn the sickness of their bodies, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

L-67 How could you doubt? You couldn't, could you? Now, just go, be happy. See? I want you just be happy. You see, if you believe it, then you've got to act like you believe it. You see? If you do believe it, you will act like you believe it. Everything will be all right for you. Don't weary. See? Don't weary; just believe with all your heart.

Now, you believe all over--all you colored people believe that Jesus heals you then? Amen. That's fine.

Now, here's just a child. I don't know the child. I never seen her in my life. We're strangers to one another, as far as I

You all lay your hands on each other, there, each... O God, our heavenly Father, we rebuke this evil now, and pray that in Christ's Name that it shall be taken from them each, and they'll be made well, and glorify Thee. Amen.

Don't doubt; just believe. Look this a way and believe; that's all I ask you to do.

L-64 And now, lady, we'll... Sir, Jesus Christ can heal you. If you'll believe that God will take that TB away from you, it'll go. Do you believe it? All right. As you have believed, so will it be to you. Amen.

Now, I believe that God will help you, lady, if you'll only believe. Will you believe with me now? Will every colored person in here believe, if God will... This lady, first, I want to ask you: I don't know you, do I, lady? I've never seen you, know nothing about you, not a thing. If every colored brother, sister, in the room here, that here is one of your sisters standing here, not only your sister, but our sister too, but I mean of your own color. And remember, who helped bear the cross for Jesus? He understands. Now, He, the same Jesus that went up to Golgotha that Simon helped Him pack the cross, He's alive here tonight.

L-65 See, He's just in another world. You don't see Him with your eyes, because... There's television pictures coming through here. You don't even see them. And He's beyond that dimension. But He's here just the same. See?

Now, look this a way, lady. I want every one of you now to receive your healing, if you will, right while... Now, there was a lady up appeared here before me. Just a moment; she's praying somewhere. I'll find her by the grace of God. She touched Him then. That's right. It weakened me. Here she sets, right here, right here. Colon trouble. That's right. Certainly. And your colon is a fallen colon, isn't it, lady? Raise your hand up if that is right. There you are. See? Don't weary; it's over.

Just have faith. Seems like It's moving in the audience more

would've stopped me if I was going to say it. But I would rather give him a--a little rosebud now, then a whole wreath after he's gone. And I appreciate Brother Joseph Boze.

L-12 And his relative, Mrs. Michen Roby, the great work that she's doing in Germany for those poor little children... In Shreveport the other day, when I met her down there, and she was out soliciting and doing everything she could to support them poor little refugees in Germany, and she give me some papers. And I happened to put them in my pocket and at home, you know when you go home how your little kiddies are, they want to search your pocket, "Daddy, did you bring me something?" And no matter what it is, they are expecting something. And they picked up these papers, and I seen little Rebekah in there a reading it. And she come back. She said, "Daddy, did you see these little fellows when you was overseas?" She said, "Maybe I could give them one pair of my shoes."

And I said, "Honey, daddy will just give some of his love offerings and things like that to help it, so that we can send over to help those people."

L-13 You know, Jesus said, "I was needing clothes and you didn't clothe Me. I was hungry and you didn't feed Me." So we want to remember those things. God bless that young lady.

I was thinking today of her as she went down to the broadcast, a nice looking young woman, and--and she's scholarly, educated, one of the best nurses we got in the--the nation, to my opinion. Or I believe that she is a Adlai Stevenson, wasn't it, private nurse or something? [A man says, "Right."--Ed.] And a woman that would sacrifice every thing and go to a country to give her life for the Lord Jesus, that means a whole lot. That has to come from God to do that. And I certainly admire this young lady.

L-14 Now, I want to read two parts of the Scripture, and just

take a few moments, then we'll start the prayer line, 'cause, not to take up your time, and we are in a hurry to get going back, and then pray for some of the sick.

Over in Saint John the 17th chapter and the 1st verse, these lovely words of our Saviour.

These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son... thy Son also may glorify thee.

[John 17:1]

And in Revelations the 1st chapter and the first two or three verses...

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto the saints things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the--this prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. [Revelation 1:1-3]

I would take, if it was, for a text for just a few moments, "The Time Is At Hand."

L-15 You know, this was the revelation that God gave to His aged seer, the last of the prophets of that age, of the original pro--prophets that was with Jesus: John, believed by many theologians to be the John the beloved who leaned on His bosom. And he had been exiled out into the Isle of Patmos for the Word of God's sake. And he was a man who, one time after following the Lord Jesus along, he was a man who wanted to burn down the city, because that they refused to give them some food, said, "Shall we call fire out of heaven?"

you? The little lady setting there in the row, you just... I wouldn't feel that way. No. Just be reverent. See? It's nothing... The thing might come upon you, evil. You believe with all your heart, little lady.

Come. Do you believe the Lord Jesus Christ, lady? I don't know you. He knows you; I don't. This is a very time again, as Jesus and the Samaritan woman being two races. Why then, Jesus said, "No, that there was no difference." God made all men. And our skin colors had nothing to do with it.

But I see you move away from me, lady. Yes, it's somebody else you're praying for: your husband. That's right. He's not here. And he's a... Oh, he's a dope fiend. And you're... I see him; and that's terrible... I will say no more, but you understand. Come, let me have this handkerchief.

L-62 O Jesus, Son of God, I pray for mercy to be granted, Lord, and bless this poor soul that stands here now. And bless that one who is in wait. I pray that the evil will leave, and that the man will be delivered through Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Will you agree with me, lady, upon this, that it shall be done? God bless you. Then you shall have what you've asked for. Go and may God's peace be with you.

How do you do, lady. You believe with all your heart? And I am not able to help you... Now, there was a lady appeared right here, that I... is a white woman. Everybody just... She's setting right here, a gray coat on. Got something in your throat you are studying about, aren't you, sister? Oh, I... it's--it's a lady that I know; I-I didn't know that. Mrs., I forget what your name is, but I know you. That's right. You've contacted God, lady. God bless you. You're scared of cancer. That's right.

L-63 The lady next to you has something wrong with her wrist. You know, His... The Angel of God... The lady setting right behind, with a red tam on, has arthritis. You see what I mean. That's right, isn't it, lady? See there? You see?

evening time, great Light has come. What? The same Light is shining again, the resurrected Lord Jesus as He promised. And You're here tonight. And we thank Thee. And we pray that You'll grant to this dear woman every request that she's asked for, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

Don't fear now, sister. Everything will be all right for you. It turned Light around you; it will be all right. Amen.

Just believe. Now, you don't have to be up here. You just have faith once and really believe it and see whether you do or not. Just believe with all your heart. [\[Matthew 4:16\]](#)

L-60 All right, lady, I suppose you and I being strange to each other, but the Lord Jesus knows both of us. And He knows all about you, and He knows all about me. And He's--He's the God of eternity. And of course, I have no way of knowing how sick you are, or what your sickness is, or even what you're here for. And, but God does. And if He will tell me what's on your heart now, what's on your heart now, will you accept it and believe it with all you--the--that's within you?

Now, you're standing for someone else too. That's right. It's a son too. And it has something wrong with the chest, chest trouble. That's right. And--and it is dark; he's shadowed. He isn't a Christian. That's right. He's a sinner. And you're wanting him saved. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD. Come here, sister.

Our kind heavenly Father, grant to this poor mother tonight the deep desires of her heart as she's standing here, knowing that she's standing in Your Presence, not the Presence of her brother, making her this way. And I pray that You'll grant the request that she asks for, in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen. God bless you, my sister.

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to them that believe. Do you believe? Now, be real reverent.

God bless that poor soul. May His eternal blessings rest upon her. [\[Mark 9:23\]](#)

L-61 What you scared about, sister? A little bit skeptic, aren't

But how that God had changed him since Christ had left the outside of him and come inside. And he was out on the Isle of Patmos, known as the--the lover of the New Testament: John the beloved. And exiled out there for preaching the Word, and he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and God sent an Angel and testified to him the things that was to come. In other words, He laid down the fulfilling of all things that's to be met in the last days is prophesied, and the Book was sealed. Nothing else can be added to It or nothing to be taken away from It. [\[Revelation 1:9\]](#)

L-16 And as we read this marvelous Book of Revelations, there's been... In my home church, I taken once, almost a year and a half to go through It, slowly, each night teaching on just the Book of Revelation and comparing It with the rest of the Bible and the ages and so forth that have passed on.

Now, there's time for all things. That's an old American slogan, and it's true. There's times that when you have to break your ground to plant your crop. There's times that you have to sow your seed; then there's time that you reap your seed. There's times that nations has to begin; there's times that nation has to end.

L-17 And the time that... Every fellow has to come to a time where you make a decision. There's got to be a time where you make your decision of whether you're going to be married or not. Then the decision that you and your girlfriend has to make, whether you are going to live together or get married or not. There's all kinds of decisions to be made in life, and they'll linger long for a certain period, and then a time comes where it's got to be settled. That's the last time; it's got to happen now one way or the other.

And Christian friend, I believe that we're living in the end time, that when all things that was written in the Bible, it's time now for all these things to come to pass. And I believe that the very things that we see happening now, it's just exactly in season with God's Word.

L-18 Now, there was a time when God made the heavens and earth and put men on the earth. And then when man begin to multiply, and wax great in the earth, building cities, and many people begin to be fully populated, wickedness set in among the hearts of the people, and the time came where God had to send judgment. God set a time for that judgment. And then, He also had a preacher of righteousness by the name of Noah, who preached a hundred and twenty years and was turned down by everyone except his own family. Then the time come that what Noah had prophesied through God must come to pass. And the antediluvian destruction taken place and God floated the ark through, preserving Hisself a seed. [\[Genesis 6:3\]](#)

L-19 There was a time when God spoke to Abraham and told him that his seed would sojourn for four hundred years, and be evil entreated in a nation, a heathen nation, but He would bring them out with a mighty hand. [\[Genesis 15:1-16\]](#)

Now, before that could take place which God had said, God had to have this nation ready; He had to have the people ready; and then He had to have a Moses ready to--to go down there. God makes everything work together right, just like cogs coming together.

We see it off, sometime in the distant and wonder, "Could it ever be?" But it always happens just the way God said it would be.

And when the time of the promise drew nigh, there come a pharaoh who did not know Joseph. And then at the time of the persecution and killing of the little children, God sent Moses; a prophet came on the scene. And miracles and signs begin to happen in the age because the time of that age was finished. [\[Exodus 12:40-41\]](#), [\[Acts 7:17\]](#)

L-20 There come a time where the Hebrew children had to make a stand, whether they were going to bow down to a heathen image or whether they were going to keep their faith

that--that settles it. See? Then our religion is not in vain; it's true.

The lady, if the audience can hear me, can hear my voice, she seems to be kind of like dimming, because between her and I stands that Light that's moved in between us. The lady is conscious that something's going on. If that's right, lady, raise up your hand. You're conscious that something's going on. It's the--that Angel of God, Whose picture was taken and is in Washington, is between us now. And He's to... If I can only yield myself to Him, and He will anoint me till the woman's life will come before me, then I will speak it.

L-58 Yes, I see the woman. And she's bothered with a--a nervousness. She's real extremely nervous. I see her going about and kind of holding her hands. She's upset about something; there's something got her disturbed. That is right. And you have a--a growth that you are disturbed about. And that growth is hidden from the naked eye here, because it's your lip, inside. That's right.

And you're very upset. You are--you're... Right on your heart, you are a mother. And you've got a--a child that you're praying for, boy that's... The boy has a condition in his bowels. I think the doctor says that is ulcerate in his bowels. And the boy's unsaved. He isn't a Christian, and you want him prayed for, and you're holding a handkerchief in your hand for that purpose, for me to pray over it. That's THUS SAITH THE LORD.

L-59 Now, sister, you are... Is that true? You believe? Not me, Him. Jesus. Then He's here. Then He's not dead. Then the same One from Galilee is here tonight, right here with you. Come, sister.

Our kind heavenly Father, Who shows mercy to the millions, and in this last days when the Light is breaking forth, the same Jesus that come and brought Light. The Bible says, "They that set in darkness, great Light has come to them." In the Orients in the early days, and those in the west, now, the

you're sick and wanting healing, He'd tell you He did it when He died for you. But now the only thing that He could do, after He's already--already paid the price for your salvation and healing there's nothing more He can do about it, but just you have to accept it, isn't that right? How many ministers is in the building knows that that's Scripturally, let's see, preachers. Just look at the ministers, knows that's right. It, there's nothing we can do, It's already done.

L-57 But He's sent into the church, first what? Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, pastors, is that right? All for the perfecting of the church. Now He might do something here, if He didn't catch you with the Word, He might catch you through prophecy. And then I, myself...?... not very much of a minister because I have not much education, but I have been given a divine gift as a seer that foresees things. And if He'll let me know what you're standing here for, would you accept what it is knowing that I know nothing of you? How many in the audience would believe on Him, just as you would if you were sitting at the same well where He sat with the Samaritan woman? Let's see your hands: would believe the resurrection, that--that real. This ought to settle it. The lady knows herself and she's raised her hand that I know her not, she knows me not, and here we are both together, knowing not each other. But on the platform is the Holy Spirit. [\[I Corinthians 12:28\]](#)

Now Jesus, the way He did it, He talked to the woman at the well just a little while. And then He found out where her trouble was. And when He did, He--He told her. And she said He must be the Me--Messiah, or He must be a prophet, the Messiah when He come He would do it. [\[John 4:1-30\]](#)

Now, if He repeats the same thing tonight, then He is risen from the dead. That's--that's all you have to know. If He's raised from the dead and here with us, that ought to settle it forever on Him. It ought to. Two thousand years, a man died two thousand years ago and is still alive here tonight. And

in the true and living God. The time came when the decision must be made. And they made the right decision and God was with them. [\[Daniel 3:1-19\]](#)

The time came when the prophet Daniel had to make a decision of whether he would fail to pray, he would keep the tradition of the religion of that country, or whether he would go his regular custom, where he had fellowship with God, raise up the windows and pray towards the temple daily. And Daniel had to make his--his decision. And the time finally forced him to a place to where he had to make it. [\[Daniel 6:10\]](#)

L-21 God, when He speaks anything, He forces it to the place. And Daniel had to make a decision. And he went straight to his place of worship, and raised up the windows, and worshipped God. God protected his prophet. God will always do it.

There come a time where there had to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness. Isaiah, eight hundred and twelve years before, had prophesied that there'd be a voice of one crying in the wilderness. How little did the people know it. How little was they expecting it. The ages had went on, and they--and the places, the idea of the supernatural, and the idea of those things that faded from the people's hearts. [\[Daniel 6:10\]](#)

L-22 And all of a sudden, right out of the blue sky, as we say it, there came a fellow out of the wilderness, a burly looking fellow, a preaching repentance and telling the people that the axe was laid to the root of the tree. And every tree that didn't bring forth good fruit was hewed down and cast into the fire.

And he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but there cometh One after me." If the people would have been aware of the prophecy of God, they'd have knowed that John was to prepare the way of the Lord, according to the prophecy.

He said, "I am not he, but there's coming one after me,

Whose shoes I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire. And His fan is in His hand. And He will thoroughly purge His floors and--and gather the wheat into the garner and burn the chaff with unquenchable fire."

[\[John 1:26-27\]](#), [\[Matthew 3:11-12\]](#)

L-23 And then come Jesus of Galilee to Jordan to be baptized of him: just an ordinary looking young Fellow of about thirty years old walked out into the water. All these years since the time of a child, where the Angel sang and the Magis followed the star, and nothing had been said very much about Him. But when He was really to be the Son of God, the anointed Messiah, God gave a sign out of heaven.

John said, "I didn't know Him." But the time had come for Who John had been told by, to vindicate Who the person was... For he said, "He that sent me to baptize as water said, 'Upon Whom thou shall see the Spirit descending and remaining, He's the One that will baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire.'" The time came when that had to come to pass.

The time came for Jesus to go into His ministry, for miracles and signs and wonders to be done. It--time came for the Pharisees to reject Him, the Church to turn Him down. The time came for the crucifixion. The time came for the revelation. The time came for the resurrection. And all these things has time limits. [\[John 1:33\]](#)

L-24 The time came for the woman who had the blood issue had waited all these years to be healed. She had went to the doctors for many years, but her issue kept coming forth. The doctors give her medicine, and nothing would stop it. But the time came when she had said within her heart, "I hear this One, and I believe Him to be the Messiah. If I can only touch His garment, I'll be made ever whit whole."

And if you believe that in your heart, God's obligated then to present that before you, if you believe it.

Now, what if Jesus would have come and she'd looked down to the river that morning, and seen Him get out of the boat,

bless you.

All right. How many we got... I see we got quite a group down there now, have you Brother Wood? All right. While they are lining the rest of them up, for time's sake, we'll pray for the sick.

Now, if the Holy Spirit does anoint, I don't know that He will, I'm going to ask you to do me a favor. Will you just set still for a few moments, look this a way, and pray? I'm awfully tired tonight (See?), awfully tired. And I've just come from one meeting the month after month, and I've got nearly a month more to go before I have one day of rest. See? And I--I--I pray that you'll help me tonight, won't you? Just be seated; keep the kiddies near you; just set still a little bit. They won't let me stay long. [\[Hebrews 4:15\]](#)

L-56 If it can be proven to you that Jesus is alive, then you know every promise He give is right here with you in Jesus. That's right. So now, remember, it's all praises to Jesus Christ the Son of God. Let's say that together. "All praises to Jesus Christ the Son of God."

Now, for His Name's sake, and for His Word's sake, and for His people's sake, I now take this audience under my control in the Name of Jesus Christ. Be reverent and watch this way, please.

All right, sir. Is... Brother Wood, would you... Is this the lady here? All right. Now, as the lady is walking up to me, as far as I know, she's a stranger to me. I don't know her. She's just a little lady standing there, watching, looking at me. She's the first one in the prayer line. She was given a prayer card today, or--or whenever they give them out, and she was just called up here, the first one.

Are we strangers to each other, lady? We don't know each other, and you know I know nothing of you, have no way of knowing nothing of you. But now if Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, then if you were standing here and He were standing here with this suit on that He gave me, now if-if

4, 5? All right, right down here. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and let them gather. [Someone speaks to Brother Branham--Ed.] If you please.

All right. As they go down if Brother Wood, or Brother Boze, or some of them will go down and help, maybe some of them can speak English, or something, and they'll be able to help. Thank you.

And now, if anyone has been here and has seen the blessed heavenly Father, how He gives us of His assurance of His resurrection, and you have to go for the next ten or fifteen minutes, well, if you would--if you'd go now, and just... Be just real quiet and reverent for a few moments while we are praying for the sick, if somebody is in bad condition. And I pray that God will do something.

I believe we got 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, would you come now of prayer card T-11, 12, 13, 14, 15. And now, to all of you that's here, how many's out there that does not have prayer cards, yet you're believing with all your heart that Jesus Christ will heal you, will you raise up your hand, and just pray that God grant it to you? All right.

I--I ask you this, if Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever... Listen Bible students, out there; there's ministers setting there. I want to ask you something.

L-55 Now, since He has resurrected... You said, "Brother Branham, that woman touched His garment when He was in a corporal body." I want to ask you something. Does the Bible in the Book of Hebrews teach that He is the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmity? Is that right? Certainly, the Bible teaches that. How you going to touch Him then with the feeling of your infirmity? Just believe Him. Then He, and as the Holy Spirit, His Divine Agent that's in us, He reveals it back just like He did then. Isn't that perfectly harmony with the Scripture and the way the Script... How many believe that that would be according to the Bible, according to the working of it--Bible? The Lord

tired, weary bunch of men, and she'd have said, "Well, I hear them laughing at Him. Maybe I'd better not go down." Then it'd never happened. But God presented Him. And when God presented Him, she went, and touched, and believed because her time was that time. [\[Matthew 9:21\]](#)

L-25 The time came that, when He had told Nathanael back there, "If I told you where you was at, or what your name was, or so forth and you believed that, you shall... There'll be a time when the--the dead that's in the grave shall hear the Voice of the Son of God and shall come forth." And the time came for that to happen.

And He walked to the grave of Lazarus and there stood the apostles, standing around. And Jesus called a man after being dead four days, back to life again, because He had said so.

Now, friend. The time came for the carrying away of the--the temple. The time came for the re--erecting of the abomination that maketh desolation that's spoken by Daniel. And now, it's went to the siege. The time has come, and passing, where the prophet said, "There'll be a day that it won't be neither dark nor light. It'll be a day... But in the evening time it'll be light." [\[Zechariah 14:7\]](#)

L-26 Now, we'll watch civilization travel from the east. China is supposed to be one of the oldest civilizations we have. And it traveled east going west, civilization has. And now, we've come plumb to the west coast and revolved back around. The sun really rises in the east and sets in the west.

Now, I want to ask you something. If the eastern people... The sun rising in the east certainly shined on the eastern people first. And they received a revival. And that was the Pentecost that had been prophesied for years and years, how God would inaugurate His Church and send out a group of people that would do great signs and wonders. And the time came for Pentecost to come.

They were gathered in the upper room. They wasn't discussing their religion. They were with one accord and one

place. And the time came for the promise of the Father as He said through Joel, "I'll pour out My Spirit in the last days upon all flesh." And the time came. [\[Acts 2:17\]](#)

L-27 And the Bible said, "When the day of Pentecost had fully come, there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were setting. Cloven tongues set upon them like as a fire. They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and begin to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance." Out into the streets they went. And Peter, standing up, begin to preach to them. The time had come, because God had said so.

From that little Church went forth signs and wonders and everything. They laid people in the shadow of a man called Peter, a fisherman who could not even sign his own name. The Bible said, "He was ignorant and unlearned." But they knowed and taken heed that he had been with Jesus. And they laid people in his shadow, and they were healed, because God had prophesied through His prophets that these things would take place. [\[Acts 2:1-4\]](#), [\[Acts 4:13\]](#)

L-28 That was the breaking of the day in the eastern country. Now, he said, the prophet said, "There'll be a day, that it'll not be night or day." It'll just be kind of a gloomy, misty weather. The sun went down. But the sun, yet shining through the clouds, if it's cloudy, we yet walk by sunlight, but not the fullness, brightness of the light.

And then we've come through two thousand years almost of that kind of a condition, where we've had fine churches, organizations. Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostals, all different kinds of churches has come up during this time. And they've had enough faith to believe that Jesus was the Son of God, enough Light to look at the Bible and know that He died for our sins. [\[Zechariah 4:6\]](#)

L-29 But what has happened? The people has said, "But the days of miracles has passed." Why? They didn't have the

the sign of Messiah today.

Nathanael, a very staunch man...?... You might think that woman was a Samaritan, but what about a Hebrew? What about Nicodemus, the teacher? He said, "We know that You're a prophet come from God, or a Teacher, because no man could do what You do, except God be with Him."

And said, "I don't do nothing till the Father shows Me."

It was His visions from God that did it. See, the flesh cannot glory; it's the supernatural.

And when Nathanael came, a very staunch man, Jesus recognized him to be a staunch Christian, or a believer. He said, "Behold, an Israelite in whom there's no guile."

He said, "When did You know me, Rabbi?"

He said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the tree."

He said, "You're the Son of God."

He recognized that was the sign of the Son of God. That's what He was to do. And now, today, He is the same. [\[John 3:1-2\]](#), [\[John 1:47-49\]](#)

L-53 Now, I want to ask you something. If He will come now among His people here, and do the same things that He did then, how many will believe on Him with all your heart, raise your hands? Ever who you are, new or old? God bless you.

Father, Thou sees their hands. We know that they're Your children, they believe You. And now, I humbly submit myself unto Thee, that Thou will manifest Thyself, and show to this audience tonight, that the time is at hand. And that's why these things are doing, the Holy Spirit's come into the earth in the great fullness of It's being, to gather up the children from the four corners of the earth to get ready for the rapture. We ask this for God's glory, and for the fulfilling of His Word, for it's in Jesus Christ's Name we pray. Amen.

L-54 All right. You with the prayer cards now, beginning with number 1, just line up over on this side, about the first five of you, don't--so you won't come altogether... Who's got 1, 2, 3,

doeth the Son likewise."

He never claimed that He did anything at all in the way of healing the sick, or anything, until the Father showed Him by a vision first. How many know that to be the Scripture, would you just raise your hand? That's fine. [\[John 10:37-38\]](#), [\[John 5:30\]](#)

L-51 Now, Jesus was possessed with the--had the power of the Holy Ghost in Him, that He could... The people could be standing in the audience and He could turn around and talk to them, like the woman that touched His garment. And He knew the hearts of the people, is that right? He knew the hearts of the people as God would reveal it; just as God showed Him, He knew it.

And He went to a woman in the... The woman one time come to Him to give Him a drink of water, or He asked her for a drink, rather, Saint John 4th chapter. And when He asked for a drink, why, she told Him that the race condition was bad and wasn't customary for Jews to ask Samaritans. And He said, "But if you knew Who you were talking to, you would ask Me for a drink. I would bring you water you don't come here to draw." And she said... Went on the conversation. After while when He found where her trouble was, He said, "Go, get your husband."

She said, "I don't have any husband."

Said, "That's right. You have got five."

She said, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet." (Now, this is for the newcomers.) Said, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. We know that when the Messiah cometh..." (Do you believe Jesus was Messiah? Yes, certainly, Son of God.) "We know that when the Messiah cometh, He will do this. He will tell us these things. But Who are You?"

He said, "I'm He that speaks to you." [\[John 5:19\]](#), [\[John 4:10, 16-26\]](#)

L-52 That was the sign of the Messiah. If that was sign of Messiah in that day, and He's the same today, it's got to be

Light on it. They couldn't see it, because God said they couldn't see it. And they could not see it.

But the prophet said in the evening time the sun will shine: "It'll be Light in the evening time." [\[Zechariah 14:7\]](#)

L-30 And now, here in America, the extreme western country, the greatest of the western civilizations, that I believe with all my heart, is now there is breaking forth an old fashion Holy Ghost revival just like it was in the beginning, with the same type of ministry, same signs and wonders, the same Divine healing, the same reaction on the people, just like it was in the beginning. For it's the same sun that rose in the east is setting in the west, and the time has come for these things to be fulfilled.

And I believe that that's exactly the reason you are seeing things go on the way they are today. It has happened a time. Look, when was there ever in the history, you people who are historians, when was there ever a time that a universal revival started since the day of Pentecost, of the phenomenal of Divine healing, and the powers of the Holy Ghost, the gifts of the Spirit? When did it ever happen?

L-31 Oh, every time they've had a revival in a little place, healings would take place or something like that, just in a little group of people. When the Methodists, when they had a revival, they had Divine healing. And the Baptists used to have some Divine healing, and many of the others, we find out, that had some signs.

But if you'll look, friends, this great universal revival, the fires are burning on every hill of every nation in the world. That's right. Great signs and wonders in Korea, down there God raised up some little people down there after that Korean War when they were struggling and having a hard time to make a living, and God has raised up prophets, and signs and wonders, and a revival that just swept through Korea, of an old fashion, apostolic revival of men and women who didn't even know the Bible.

"God is able of these stones," said John, "to rise children unto Abraham." [\[Matthew 3:9\]](#)

L-32 We are at the end time. And that's where we are standing today, a universal revival. It's the sign of the coming of the Lord Jesus. He will come, and He cannot come until the Gospel's been preached into every nation, and--and they have at least, not every nation received it, but every nation has heard it. When this Gospel has been preached to every kindred tongue and nation, then the end shall be.

I was so amazed to go way into the dark jungles, and back into the places of the lands where heathen sacrifice would be made. And kill a goat and spread the blood over the people, and all the carrying on you ever heard to idols, and find missionaries back there, not--not Pentecostal (Pentecostal too), but Presbyterian, and Baptist, and Christian. And they had received the Holy Ghost and was doing signs and wonders in the midst of the people.

And I said, "Are you a Pentecostal?"

Said, "No, brother, I belong to the Christian church."

And I said, "You mean the Campbellite church?"

"Yes," Said, "Our people wouldn't... In America they'd never receive it. But we have found God."

L-33 What is it? The time has come. Amen. Yes, the time has arrived that God is raised on the scene. The old formal church ages is gone. And the time that God is doing a new thing, and He's not only doing it here, He's swept it around the world, everywhere. Way up into Iceland, into the Eskimos, out into the Indian tribes, way down in South India, Delhi, and in there, and down in there, we find signs and wonders. Ministers half starved out there in the those jungles a working, and preaching, and praying...

Not long ago I talked to a famous man. He said, "I'd like to show you something on the communist line." Went down into a little place and setting in there, he said, "I'll show you where they are worshipping." And I'll tell you, it looked like a

L-49 Now, I pray that you can stay just a little longer to fellowship around His blessing. Now, you who believe Him and know Him and has read the Bible, I... My contention is this, that Jesus has risen from the dead. How many Christians now believe that with all their heart? Let's see your hands up. Oh, that's wonderful. Christ has risen from the dead.

Now, if He has risen from the dead, He said, "The things that I do shall you also. More than this will you do, for I go to My Father." If Christ was here tonight in the--in the corporal body as He was when He come to make a offering for sin with His own Blood, if He was here then--or now, He could only be right here. But being that He's here in the form of the Holy Ghost, He's spread all over the world, everywhere. He covers... Well, just like the water covers the sea, He's everywhere. And He's omnipresent; we know that. And He's omnipotent too.

And now, if He's here, and His Spirit is here, It'll have to act in His people the same as It did when He was here, or He said something wrong. I believe that He's here. [\[John 14:12\]](#)

L-50 Now, maybe to you newcomers that's never seen the Holy Spirit moving in the manner that He has give us the way to work with by foreseeing, and doing the things that... Now, to you newcomers, let me say this: Jesus never claimed to be a healer. He just said, "It's not Me that doeth the works; it's My Father that dwelleth in Me." We know that, don't we? And Jesus, when He was questioned about passing by a whole lot of crippled, and blind, and halt, and lame people, He said in Saint John 5:19, when He passed through the--the--gate to the--the pool, and all those people were laying there... And He had saw a vision of the Father, told Him where a man was laying. And He went hunting him through the people till He found him, picked him out, and healed him, and went on.

And the Jews questioned Him in the 19th verse. Listen what He said. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing in himself, but what he sees the Father doing: that

him first." Then You did that. And now, Father, upon the basis of Your Word, I say their sins are forgiven them. They're Your children, because Your Word says so. And it's...
[\[John 5:24\]](#), [\[John 6:44\]](#)

L-47 And way in the millions of years to come, someday when the atomic age is at hand now, the cobalt bomb is created and the whole world can be annihilated in twenty-four hours or less... And now, Father, someday this old world will rock around; our bones will be bleached in the sands, and the tombstones turned over, but we'll be with Thee, safely on the other side.

How glad I am, Lord. How happy I am to know, just to know that these children that Thou has given will come to You. "All that the Father has give Me will come, and none of them is lost." This was the night; this was the time. So I pray, Father, that You'll take them into Thy loving arms now, and speak peace to their soul. And immediately after the healing service, may they come forward here, gather around the altar, and give Thee praise. For we ask it in Christ's Name. Amen. [\[John 6:39\]](#)

L-48 Don't you just feel better? Just be honest; and don't you feel real better now? The Holy Spirit just seems to just clean out all the doubt and the dross of the heart, just makes us...?...

Now, friends, we're going to pray for the sick. We won't be long, just a few moments. Now, Brother Wood, where's he at? I don't even know what numbers he give out today...?... T? T-1 to 100? Okay, brother.

All right. Now, just in... Is there any newcomers here that never was in one of our services before, raise up your hand, will you? Oh, my. Just look. I'm so thankful for you. Up in the balcony, is there any up there, the first time--first time? Well, thank you. So glad to have you tonight with us, and fellowshiping with us around His Word.

groundhog hole where they were going down. And when we went into that place, there were people down there praying with their hands up, and screaming, and shouting, and over the place...

And I said, "My, all these Pentecostals?"

L-34 Said, "There isn't a Pentecostal among them. They are Presbyterians, and Baptists, and Methodists, and Lutherans, and them that's hungered. They have been strained so hard, till they have been pressed in, till they've got a touch of God and they're hungry. And God's filled their hearts with the baptism of the Holy Ghost."

Pentecostal people, we organize, I call myself one of you, same as I do a Baptist. We've organized ourself and isolated ourself, but the time has come when God's broke those barriers down. And He will do it Himself, if you--we ministers won't take it to Him.

The time has come. And it's at hand now. The time has come for God Jehovah to rise on the scene and show Himself. He always does it just at the junctions of time. And that time is now. The Light's a shining.

L-35 It's time now for me to stop preaching. It's time for me to pray for the sick. It's time that God will fulfill His Word. Jesus said, "The things that I do will you do also, even more than this, for I go unto My Father." It's time for God to prove that this Word is truth. Not only a mythical story, not like Buddha where they produce psychology... The Buddhas, the Mau Maus and ever other kind, they have a psychology with it. But there's not another religion under the skies that can produce the signs and wonders of a resurrected Jesus Christ, except the Holy Ghost Itself working in the people. [\[John 14:12\]](#)

L-36 Our denominations here... The other day I read a letter from a sister who was with Billy Graham and them down in--in Saipan, Brother Moore's daughter. Their picture was together in the paper where they had a interview. And as

soon... Mrs. Moore said, or Mrs. Price it is now, said when they went in there, here they had a missionary place there, and they begin to talk. And Brother Osborn was there and said, "Now, I had a little talk with them," and he said, "Brother Branham was... When I was having a meeting and I seen the Angel of the Lord perform something there that night, and some people from a famous church, the Christian church, went around to Mrs. Moore and said, 'We are on our way now to America to find Brother Branham to bring him back to Saipan.'"

Said, "Our church... Sure, we wrote to them and told them what had broke out down here." Said, "We're having a real revival." Said, "We're praying for the sick, signs and wonders," and said, "the Holy Ghost is falling upon our people. They're speaking with tongues and showing great signs and wonders all over the place here." And said, "We're having a real revival."

L-37 The time has come when God has broke the denomination lines and shed forth His Holy Ghost upon the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and all, and whosoever will have a humble, contrite heart.

The separating time has come. There's a plumb line. God... You'll meet one side of the line or the other. You're that way tonight, friends, on one side of the line. The time has come that when you sick people, many of you has come here tonight to be healed; the time has come for your healing. I say to you, that there's not enough men in this world that could come together and do anything towards Divine healing for you. And there's only one healing and that's Divine healing, no other healing at all.

Doctors don't heal; they don't claim to heal. They set bones and sew up places, but they don't put calcium and knit the bone together, and neither do they build tissue and--and heal--heal the arm that's cut, or whatever it is. They only sew it up, and keep it, clean while God heals it. That's right. They're

quick." See? My, what would I say? What if that day them bony hands would reach to me, say, "Oh, preacher, I was just about ready to put up my hand, but--but, well..." See, I want to be sure. Then that blood's required on me. I want to be clear of it.

I want you be my brother, want you be my sister. I'm not offering you something to hurt you. I'm giving you something, offering you the Lord Jesus, the One Who gives you peace, life, feeds you, keeps you here on earth, and has done all these good things for you, and longs to do greater things for you.

God bless you, sister. God bless you, brother. Yes, that's good; that's right. God bless you way back there. That's good. God be praised forever. Would there be someone in the pit down here, the orchestra pit, would say, "God, be merciful to me. I don't know You." If there is, just put up your hand. God be merciful.

L-46 All right. We're going to pray for these just now. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for these. Now, Thou hast give us the promise that if we ask, Father, anything in the Name of Jesus His Son, He would do it. And I am quoting Your Word, Lord. And if You spoke Your Word back before the foundation of the world, and at that very moment when You spoke It, Your son was slain. And He was the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, yet it taken thousands of years for it to materialize. How great is Your Word.

And here's Your Word, Lord. You said in Your Word, "He that heareth My Word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath Eternal Life, shall never come into punishment, or judgment, but pass from death to Life." Jesus, You said it.

And You said that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those which believe. And I--I have preached the Word. And these people's raised their hands that they believe and accept.

And You said, "No man can come except My Father draws

you ought to have done. That's what I wanted you to do." God bless you, lady. Now, you feel better about it, don't you? Certainly you do. You've done the right thing.

L-44 Say, "what does that mean, Brother Branham?" It means that you've answered a call to God knocking at your heart (That's it.), knocking at your heart, not willing that no one should perish, all might come to repentance.

Could I get some up in the balcony there, surely... Among you young people up there, would you just tonight make your decision?

I was thinking today, yesterday being my birthday, and thinking of... Just seem like it hasn't been no time ago, I was just a boy. And here I am already forty-seven. How can it be? Passes so quick. Only thing I look back, I become a minister when I was about twenty years old. And now, I--I'm just sorry I didn't become a minister when I was five years old. That's the only regret that I have, that I--I just didn't preach the Word quicker. He knocked at my heart and I put it off. Oh, it just haunts me.

I think many people back there that died during that time, maybe I could've brought some souls to Christ. I'll never, all through ever... No matter how many millions years passes, there's just never another opportunity. This is the opportunity now. Won't you just slip up your hand to Him? [\[III Peter 3:9\]](#)

L-45 Is there someone here who hasn't not raised their hand yet, feels now, that Christ wants you to be His servant? What a privilege it is. God bless you, my brother. I see you. And surely God knows and sees you. Someone else, just put up your hand? Just waiting a little longer now. I know the time is squeezing right by, but we are...?... souls. Just think, just one more soul, what would it mean?

What if the Angels of God would meet me in a vision after I start down the row and say, "Why didn't you hold that altar a little longer? I was speaking to a heart, and you closed it too

God's servants to do so, just like the man that makes soap to wash your hands with, the same thing.

L-38 Now, the man that makes an automobile to give you transportation, or an airplane, it's just the goodness of God. But God is the Giver of every good thing, and only healing can come through Almighty God. Yes, sir.

I'd like to see the man that if I'd break my arm, I'd lay out to him and say, "Doctor, heal my arm right quick. I got to continue on my message." Why, he'd think I was crazy. Certainly. He can't do it. He'd say, "I'll set your arm."

"Well, I thought you could heal. If you can heal me, heal me. I want to be healed." He can't.

The only thing he can do is say, "Sir, I can set your arm and get it in place. Almighty God has to do the rest." That's right. He might take appendix out, or pull a tooth out, but he'd never heal the place it come from. That's right. It takes God. God builds tissue. God is the only Healer.

And the time has come that you, my friends... Many of you has went to fine doctors here in the city, which Chicago is noted for its fine doctors. And I am so happy for them and for every clinic and for every hospital. But let me tell you, every time you hear a siren ring and every time you pass a graveyard, every time you see a gray hair, remember that's God warning you that someday you've got to meet Him. You're not here to stay all the time. And I'm happy about it. Aren't you? Certainly.

L-39 The time has come now for us to realize these things. The time has come when God's breaking the boundaries down. And the time has come that the devil is rising up like a-a wild lion, going about roaring, doing everything he can. But the great battle is being set.

I wonder what it would be tonight, if we could climb above the heavens of heaven and look at this great drama as it's getting set together now, fixing to come to pass, of God and the devil coming to a showdown. I'm so glad that I'm on the

winning side. I'm so glad that I follow the Lamb. Because it said, "The Lamb overcame them, for He was King of kings and Lord of lords."

The time has come now for you to make a decision tonight, what side you'll be on. And I trust God that you'll make the decision that you'll follow the Lamb. [\[Revelation 17:14\]](#)

L-40 Shall we pray. Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight, because this is the time. Tomorrow may be too late for many people here. It may be too late for some that's setting here sick and may die; they may be sinners and not know You. And it may be too late in the morning. And just think, they'll never have another chance as long as eternity rolls on. This may be the last time that You'll give a call to their heart.

O God, in tender mercy, not willing that any should perish, but would all come to repentance... I pray Thee, heavenly Father, that just now, that You'll speak to hearts in here about their eternal destination and where they shall spend it. Oh, may it come to pass, Lord, that every heart that You touch will raise their hands and make a decision now, and say, "This is my time. And I now come to the Lord Jesus."

L-41 And while we have our heads bowed, and if the organist would give us a note, a chord on the organ... I wonder while we are sitting in your seats where you are, if you feel that just at this time that something has struck to your heart, that it's a time for you to make a decision, "From this night on, God, I'll raise my hand to You. I'll serve You." Will you raise your hand to God, let Him see your hand, as you put up your hand? God bless you, and you, and you. Yes, the Lord bless you, and you, all over. Yeah, twenty hands or more is go up. All right, up in the balcony, someone up there say, "This is my time." My beloved friend, I may never see you again in this earth. This may be our last time to see each other. But when I meet you yonder, the--the message that I preached tonight will witness that I've told the truth. Jesus Christ,

Who's here in the building now, will witness in ten minutes from now that I've told the truth. That's right.

L-42 We don't have... We are... One thing sure: Jesus is not dead. Buddha, their god died almost two thousand, three thousand years ago; about twenty-five hundred years ago Buddha died. Mohammed has been dead; Mohammed has been dead for practically two thousand years. He's in the grave. Every other god or--or--or founder of these religions has gone on. But there's only One that's raised from the dead and can be proven that He's raised from the dead.

The time has come for a showdown. The time has come where either God is right or God is wrong. So we know that God is right. So you people who's been faithful along the line and believe in the resurrection without even seeing Jesus and His great and mighty works, you have the privilege now to know that you've made the right decision. And how much more will you know it when He comes the second time.

L-43 But you made the right decision. And to you here tonight, men and women, boys and girls, and whoever you are, if you haven't made this decision, put up your hand right now to Christ, will you, and say, "Christ, I lift my hands to You and by this I want to accept You. And I know I've been wrong in life, but I now surrender all my will to Your will. And from this night henceforth, I will serve You the rest of my days. I pledge that as I raise my hand."

God bless you, young lady. That's fine. Someone else, raise your hand? God bless you. Someone else, is it... God bless you. God bless you, my colored brother. God bless you, my brother, there. God bless you over here. Back there, yes, my brother. God bless you, my sister. God bless you, my brother. I see you back there, down here, sister, see your hand. Oh, my, hands everywhere...

Oh, I want to... Put your hands up; if it's on your heart put it up right now and just see what it does for you. Just see when you raise it down hand if something don't say, "That's what