

Make the Valley Full of Ditches

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1 To pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

May God add His blessings to His Word. I know it's hot; it's hot here. And now, you just stand as much as you want to; make yourself comfortable as you can, while I speak just a few seconds. I'll watch my watch. I'll say at least ten, five to ten minutes and then we'll start the prayer line, start praying for the sick. That'll be just exactly nine o'clock; maybe be through by nine-thirty or quarter till.

Now, this was during the time of Israel's backsliding. They'd got away from God. And then Jo—Judah had a king. Now, the king of Israel was Ahab's son, who had succeeded his father, which was—had married out of the Jewish people, married... Just like today when a Christian boy marries a sinner girl, or a sinner girl, a Christian boy, that—that starts something right then. See? Don't you get married unless you're equally yoked together with believers (You know?) to keep trouble down. See?

Now, when God made men and women in the beginning, He made their—their spirits then. There's someone for you. Just wait. See? All right. Now...

2 But there King Ahab had went down and married this little queen, or little princess, and she was a idolater. He married out of the—out of the covenant. And when he did it, brought trouble into Israel. And she torn down. Boy, she was a spitfire, my, if there ever was one. Maybe a beautiful girl, beautiful woman for all I know.

Say, I don't mean to rub off this to some of the women now, or something another. But I want to ask you something. Now, what you do, that's between you and our Lord. Is that right? That's your own business. But I think... Did you ever notice the first woman that ever used makeup on her face, what happened to her. She was Jezebel. And you know what God did to her? He fed her to the dogs. So, you see, that's dog meat. So... All right. So just...

3 Now, she tired her head, painted her face to go out and meet Jehu. And he threw her out of the window to fulfill Elisha's prophecy, and God fed her to the dogs: just the palms of her hands was left and part of her skull, and so forth. He said, "Give her a burial anyhow."

Well then, her son, Jehoram, which succeeded Ahab, and war come up, and so they made a—an alliance between them. And they called the king of Judah. And his name was Jehoshaphat, which was a righteous man, a wonderful man of God.

And so then when they came up together and they made the alliance... Now there's again: a believer hooking hisself with—yoking hisself up with an unbeliever. May I pass this. And please, I don't want to get a pass my word—my...

4 Here, not long ago... Now, I'm not a politician, neither am I a warmonger; I'm a minister of the Gospel. But here not long ago, everything you seen was Red Russia, Red Russia, we was talking about, until the German and the Second World War broke out, and then them people who did not believe in God, the Communists, the ungodly, we come right around and yoked ourself up with them. Instead of a cross... We—we refused the cross, and now we got a double cross. See? That's right. That's what we got.

You know, if the meetings was longer, I'd like to speak a little on those things, just along on that line. But, anyhow, here we are: yoked ourself. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" There you are. How can you do it? You can't. On the day of Pentecost, what made the Holy Spirit come? They was in one accord, and that's what made the Holy Spirit come. And now, they was—that's way we ought to be now and then the Holy Spirit can come upon us.

5 Well then, these kings, they made a—an alliance among them and they went over to fight Assyrians. And when on their road up, they went (See?), hastily, not consulting the Lord. That's the way you do when you get mixed up with unbelievers. When you claim your healing here and go outside, and somebody say, "Aw, it's nonsense; there's nothing to it. Don't believe that; that's psychology; you're just mentally worked up." Look out. Right there is the biggest danger line you ever hit. You separate yourself from

that person right then; have nothing else to do with them at all; nothing but, "Howdy do." If they want to be led to the Lord, you do so. But keep yourself away from unbelief. See? You can't do it, because every person...

You go into a church... I just wanted to challenge this to the ministers. You go into a church and watch the way that minister behaves hisself, his congregation will do the same thing. It's exactly right. See? You just watch it. Go into a church and watch just the way the pastor teaches and what he does... It's that spirit, the kindred spirit. So let's stay among believers. Let's stay where we belong. Don't get on Satan's ground.

6 You remember... How many remembers old toboggan slides? See? You kept sliding around—laid the toboggan down and slide around and see how close you could come. All at once, gone. It ain't how close you can walk to sin without sinning; it's how far you can stay away from it.

The old Scotchman said, one time when there was a hill had to ascend yonder, he... There's some drivers there said, "I can ascend that hill driving these six head of horses and the coach, and drive within six inches of the rim of that mountain, and go around there at a full gallop; I'm a teamster."

The Scotchman scratched his head, then he said, "I..."

The other one said, "I can ascend it and drive within four inches of the rim, all the way around with my team and never fall off." Said, "Let me take you."

They... Said, "What about you?" to the third man.

He said, "Sir," he said, "I claim to be a good teamster, but I stay just as far over as I can."

He said, "You're the one's going to take me." See? It isn't how close you can go and how much you can play around it; it's how far you can stay away from it. That's the next thing: getting away from it. And don't hook yourself around unbelief.

7 Now, when this meeting's closed, you'll go out somewhere, and somebody say, "Well, I'll tell you. I got that figured out. See? Now, that was a mind reading. That was this, that, or the other." And the devil will rob everything away from you that God has given you. What you do when you got it in your heart, you just keep moving on, saying, "God, give me more. Give me more." And "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness." See? If you even hunger for it, you're blessed just to hunger for it. See? It's a blessing because you've got enough God in you to hunger for righteousness.

8 Now, now listen closely. Then the first thing you know, they found out they didn't fetch a compass. They went out without asking God and they got in trouble. You always get in trouble if you go do something without asking God. That's true. And they said—they said, "Why they... God's brought us out here to die."

There was a righteous man among them, Jehoshaphat, so he said, "Isn't there a prophet somewhere, of the Lord, that we could consult?"

And one said, "Well, I know where there's a little hut setting down here, somewhere, a few miles back," said, "of Elijah. The—He poured water on Elisha's hands and the—the mantle's upon him, and he's a prophet. Maybe we could go ask him." So said, "We'll go down and ask him."

And when he got up in front of the cabin where old Elisha was, why, Elisha walked out, and there was Jehoram, Jezebel's boy, Ahab's son setting there. And he said.

They begin this—tell off, "The Lord has brought us out here and we're starving to death and our cattle's out without water."

He said, "Well, why don't you get to your mother's god? Why don't you get to your daddy's gods? Why'd you come to me?" See? Oh, he talked to him sassy, the prophet did. Said, "Why don't you go to them?" And after he got all stewed up, as it was, then he said, "If it wasn't that I respected the presence of Jehoshaphat, I wouldn't even look at you (See?), or see you." Now, he said, "I respect this renown believer here. Here's a man among you. And Ahab, you had no business doing that, linking yourself up amongst these unbelievers, but for your sake I'm going in to pray." He said, "Bring me a minstrel."

9 You know, someone told me a long—not long ago, said, "Brother Branham, music in

the church is wrong.”

I said, “It is?” I said, “Do you think God changes in nature?”

“No.”

I said, “Then, when the prophet got all stewed up and they said, 'Bring a minstrel,' and when the minstrel begin to play, the hand of the Lord come upon the prophet. And if—if music brought the power of God then, it'll bring the power of God now.” That's just exactly. God's still same God. See? And the prophet... Now, you might not be the prophet, but you could be the minstrel or you can be part of it anyhow, to bring the power of God. And you... and just... .

10 They started to praying. And Elisha got in the Spirit and he saw a vision. Now, he said, when he saw the vision, he said, “Go out yonder in that desert, right where you're at, and go to digging ditches. And the—dig them out. For THUS SAITH THE LORD, you'll not hear any wind, any rain, but there'll be water that'll come from the way of the wilderness.” Why? Where'd that water come from? From that Rock, that Smitten Rock that was in the wilderness. That's right. It was back there somewhere. It might've been covered up, but there was a Smitten Rock in there that Moses smote, coming through the wilderness. And that Smitten Rock still lays yonder too, to be touched tonight: waters of life.

11 And now notice, now, they went without any evidence of having water. The first thing they had to do was prepare a ditch for the water to come in. You get what I mean? My time's up; I'll have to hurry, get this point. Look. The deeper they dug, the more waters they got. Every time they'd dig, maybe you stick your shovel down, you'd hit an old tin can. Throw it out. That's that guy that says, “The days of miracles is passed.” Just kick him out of the way. Dig on. Get down there, and then when you hit another one, he says, “Well, I'll tell you what. I believe these things are—are just simply a psycho work up, mental telepathy, or something.” Kick him out of the way, keep digging. That's right. The deeper you dig, more water you're going to have. Is that right?

So right now just lay aside, saying, “I may get healed tomorrow night. I may get healed tomorrow afternoon in—in—in the service.” Just lay that thing aside and say, “I'm going to get healed right now. This is the time. I'm going to dig a ditch here that when the Holy Spirit falls, my heart's going to fill up, and I'm going to jump up and start running. And I'm going to praise God and I'm going to be healed.” That's all. See? Deeper you dig, the more waters you'll have.

12 And now, they didn't hear any rain. They didn't see any rain, rather. There was no clouds, no wind, no thunder, no lightning, but there was water there. Oh, my. Don't you worry. You get the ditch ready; God will produce the water. You get all the unbelief out of the way, and God will produce the rest of it. If you think you can't walk, rise to your feet and find out; take Jesus at your—at His Word. If you think you can't see, jerk your hands above your eyes and ask God to give you sight, and watch what takes place, and believe it. If you haven't walked in months and say, “I'm too weak to walk,” rise on your feet and see what takes place. Say, “Jesus Christ, I come with a pure heart to You.” Get that ditch ready and watch what takes place. Yes, sir.

13 Then the next morning when they come, when the waters begin to come, about the time the morning sacrifice, there came the waters when everything was laying in order. And the waters begin to pour down through, came—come from the way of the wilderness. And the first thing you know, the enemy saw it, and they rushed in, and they was laying in ambush. They run over their lands, the Israelites did, and they stopped up every well they had; cut down every tree they had; marred every piece of ground.

And brother, if there ever was a time... Listen to me, as I speak in the Name of the Lord. If there ever was a time that the Christian people, who's called by the Name of Jesus' disciples; if there ever was a time that the church who believes in righteousness and the power of God; if there ever was a time you ought to dig a ditch and get a stone of a testimony in your hand and mar up some of these old cold formal wells around here, it's time to do it now. That's right. That's right. All right. Let's get going. That's right. God will spread a vision here tonight. He'll do something for you if you can believe Him. Do you believe Him? All things are possible; only believe. Let's bow our heads.

14 Heavenly Father, the hour is here, the building's warm, but it's time. The time has come. I remember once, our dear Lord, when You looked up and said, "Father, the hour has come." The hour has come for what? O God, the hour has come now for people to believe. The hour has come for falling away of the church. The hour has come that religion would spread the world without salvation; form of godliness, denying the power thereof. The hour has come. The hour has come for Your church to rise. This hour has to come for You're, raise out of the dust and shake herself and come to herself and realize, positionally, that she is the Church of the living God and has rights over every... Every redemptive blessing that You promised to her, they're hers tonight. God, the hour has come. Now, grant, Lord.

And the hour has come now at this hour for to pray for the sick. Almighty God, I pray that You'll send Your Angel tonight, and may He go through this building and heal so many sick people that tomorrow there'll be formal wells stopped up everywhere, testimonies going everywhere, and people a testifying of the glory of God. And let them know that the Church of God is rising, spreading forth her wings for that great flight that's coming. God, may men move away from them wish and hope tonight, until a perfect understanding of God's plan and be healed tonight. Grant it, Father. Hear the prayer of Your servant. I pray in Jesus Christ's Name. Amen.

15 All right, God bless you. Now, if the organist [Blank.spot.on.tape] ...?... hear me.

I want to say one thing. I've got a little girl. I got a boy here that's... God may give me another one; I don't know. That boy's mother's dead. I've been daddy and mother, both, to him. And I love him. He's my only boy I have. And God knows how I love him. I pray that God will make him a man after God's heart. That's what I pray. He's just in this adolescent age, the dangerous time of life. I desire all of you to pray for my boy. And he's a good boy, but he's got a little sister coming along, about six years old. That little sister, if God will just let me live, mother and I, to raise that child in the admiration of God, God's going to use that child. That little thing set in the balcony the other night, and a poor old mother laying here dying with cancer, she was laying back in there somewhere, and I went out to the car. I couldn't get to myself good, and my boy kept saying, "Can you drive, dad?"

I said, "I believe so, sonny." I kept coming along. I felt all right. I was a little weak and trembly. I started off, and I heard her mother trying to hush the little girl, and I said, "What's the matter with Rebekah?" And—and she was trying to tell me something, and I was trying to keep my eye on traffic and things, driving slow along on the right hand side. After a bit, she come put her little arms around me, started crying. She's setting up there in the balcony. And she said, "Daddy," she just had her two little front teeth pulled, and the little naked place there, without her teeth. She was crying, her little heart trembling, she said, "When you said for all that wanted to be prayed for tonight hold up their hand," said, "this poor little old mother was laying back there. She couldn't see you. You couldn't see her, daddy, and she held up her hands, and the people were standing up and you didn't see her, and she was trying to get you to see her hand." Said, "Daddy, something told me, 'if you'd pray for her, Jesus going to heal her.'" That struck on my heart.

16 I went on. I remember before she told me, just exactly where a little polio boy was with a little crutch that walked. "For if I go pray for that little boy, God would heal him." It was so.

And then I, she was setting there, a little high pitched nervous sort of a child. And I thought about it. I said, "Well, honey, daddy prayed for everybody."

Said, "Yes," but honey, "the poor old woman," said, "she couldn't raise up." And said, "She was trying to wave her handkerchief and you couldn't see her, daddy." And she just cried her little self to sleep that night; just laid there and snubbed and cried till she went to sleep.

Next night she was setting up in the balcony. And I—I didn't know who she was talking about, 'cause the woman was back there. And there was some cot cases and stretchers laying here. And it happened to be that night, the Holy Spirit moved around, caught that woman. She happened to be laying in front, and spoke of her, and told all about her condition, and pronounced her healed with a cancer, in the Name of Jesus Christ. And that was a letter you heard read here at the pulpit last night. She'd went

home, and her doctor and all of them knows, that she's absolutely healed and well. I tell you. Hallelujah, Oh bless God. I don't know what's getting the matter with me, but I love Him with all my heart.

17 All right. Prayer cards... Let's see. Let's begin tonight and start praying for the sick just like we...?... [Blank.spot.on.tape]... ask everyone to stand that had that same disease and be prayed for at the same time. That was... I think the Lord was wonderfully in doing that. Don't you think so? That was wonderful.

And now, I... There it is again. There's somebody's playing around this place here that's just as much an unbeliever as can be. And I hope that sometime I see who you are. I feel your spirit. And if it is, I'm going to call you right out. So you just get that marked right down. See? It'd been here every night since we've had the meeting. And I—I'm just watching to see who it is. I believe it's... It's outside of the audience here. I think it's in the building, but it's outside the audience. And I'm... Just watch. And I pray that God will just show you what you are.

I have refrained from that a lot of times, but I... Peter didn't do it. He told Ananias and Sapphira right where the thing was a laying. That's right. And that hinders a whole lot too.

18 All right, just believe now with all your heart. And every Christian throw your faith right into Jesus Christ now; just say, "Lord, we're pulling right up, anchoring up, tightening up." And many of you here, you... How many's been in meetings before? Let's see your hand. Oh, I think all of you, mostly. You know the operation of the Spirit of God. Now, bring your...

Oh, this is—this is the lady. All right. Now, this lady standing here, I—I don't think I ever seen you. You're a stranger, are you, to me? I don't know you. Now, this lady standing here, there's not a way in the world... God knows. God knows this woman, but if I ever laid eyes on her before, any contact with her before, any way... God understands. See? I don't know nothing about her; she's just a woman that walked up here. Is this your first time in the meeting? Your fir... You been here before? You been here before. What's your—what's your attitude towards what I said? You believe it to be the truth? You believe it to be the truth. And you—you understand that I couldn't heal you if I... There's nothing in me to heal you. But there is a gift here that you couldn't hide your life from me if you had to. See? You can't do that.

19 And in that, it gives the audience there, and you yourself, a knowledge to know that God is here present. Isn't that right? That's perfectly right. All right. Then it only has to come by—by spiritual Divine revelation, the power of God. You believe that? I was checking your spirit (See?), see if you're... I know you're—you're a believer. You're a Christian. There has been sometimes someone try to deceive me like that. You've heard of what's happened. Come up trying to deceive, and they went away afflicted. All right.

Now, I believe you've come with sincerity. But you was strangers. Now, the woman here. Now that you might know... Does anybody out there know this woman? Let's see, anybody in the audience know her, raise your hands, anywhere. I don't see any hands. You must not be from around this part... Are you from around here? No. You're—you're away from here. All right. All right, I have no reason to believe but what you're a truthful woman, being a Christian. I take your word, being a Christian.

20 Now look, audience, if there's... The woman, she may have TB. She may have female trouble. She may... I—I don't know what's wrong with the woman. But if God will come down in His mercy, as I speak to her, and anoint and tell her her condition, or whatever's wrong with her, wouldn't you be willing to accept that I have told you the truth? If—if I—if—if I here... And the woman, now she knows there's nothing—there's nothing that I know about her, nothing at all; we're strangers. And if God will reveal to me what is wrong with her, then that ought to be sufficient as Moses said. He didn't have to heal his hand every time he met a Israelite, throw the stick down and make a snake out of it. He did it once and everybody believed him. Is that right? That's right. Now, God...?... does these things for a vindication.

21 Now, if Jesus Christ and this woman... And as I've... You've heard me what I've said, and she know's whether I'm telling the truth or not. God knows it the same way. And I'm a minister of the Gospel. If God will speak to this woman through me, telling

her what's wrong with her or whatever it—it's the matter, what her cause is, will you out there believe then, that I am telling you the truth, that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever? All right. Now, remember, He may heal her; He may not. I don't know that. I—I only know what I—what I can see.

Now, lady, I want you to stand right around this way, just right this way, so I can get from among those sick people that's there praying and crying and everything else, trying to get in the line. There's been something pulling on me, since you been standing there and that's the reason I've been talking to you so long. And sometime when there's much faith, it's just like a—it's just like this way (See?), just everywhere. And you—when it anoints down, then just everything sets in. It's kindy hard to—hard sometime to understand just what it is.

22 But talking to you now, looking at you, and speaking to you. Now, you believe our Lord. And you believe that He is the same today. Now, He promised that in this day that He would be with us in all ages. And He'd be just the same in every age that He was then: "I'll be with you always, even to the end of the world." Was that His commission? Well, if He's our Lord, He could not say anything that was wrong and be our Lord and be God. He couldn't be. Then He absolutely is the same.

Now, when He was here on earth, He didn't claim to heal people. He said, "I can do nothing till My Father shows Me." Is that right? But He could sure... What the Father showed Him, and He called the Pharisees, "hypocrites" and "whited walls," and everything else, why, then He told them all about their sins and things, then He's the same today.

He told the woman at the well, after talking to her awhile... That's why I'm talking to you, till He tells me what is wrong. And you look healthy; you look strong; but God knows; I don't. But He... Now, you are aware right now, that something's taking place, aren't you?

Now, that—friends, I just wish the whole audience could feel that...?... Not by feeling: It isn't feeling, it's a faith. But when that Angel of God moves near, there i... when a person is standing close, they have to feel it. Now, the woman's a Christian. You'd believe her, wouldn't you, if she's a Christian confess... Is it so, lady? Raise you hand that you realize there's something coming in near, coming from this side, moving in. That's right.

23 Now, He's the One Who knows you. I do not. You've had lots of trouble: turning dark all around you. And I know what that means to me, by interpretation of vision, that there's trouble near you somewhere. Yes. It is a tumor. Isn't that right? It's a tumorous condition. Say, that's a... That must... It was—it was at the head. Wasn't that right? Isn't that right? Is that—You've had an operation for it. I see someone, mask over their face, operating. Isn't that true? The—the a tumor at the... Yes, yes. Now, you're—what you're studying about, the physician wants to place a something another back. I see him holding something in his hand and—and you're not willing to do it. You want to accept God as healing you. Is that right? It's broke from me. Was—was those things right? Was it true? Ever—every bit true? Now, you heard me speaking, didn't you? But that wasn't me, sister. That was Someone else. See? It was my voice, but It was Someone else speaking. You believe it. Come here, just a minute.

Father, I pray Thee, in the Name of Your holy Son, Jesus, to this poor woman. Thou knowest all of her conditions and troubles. And I ask for mercy for her. God, as Your servant, a mortal that's got to leave out of this world someday, I ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, as I try to fulfill the commission that was given: "They shall lay their hands on the sick and they shall recover." Almighty God, I beg for this woman's healing; in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now, sister, with all my heart I believe you're blessed of God now. You can go home. Not because I prayed for you, but because you believe. No, ma'am. I don't think... I think it's all over. Now, God bless you. That's all. God bless you. She says she's going to send the written testimony.

24 Now the anointing of the Holy Spirit is on me. See? Now It is. I don't know how long I'm going to stand tonight, because it—that weakened me. But now there isn't a thing but what our heavenly Father could not reveal at this minute, friend. That's exactly true. All right. Bring the—bring the lady on and let her—let her come. All right.

The first thing, I want you to believe with all your heart that God is here present to make known His deeds among the people. You believe now? All right. The woman... There's a deaf spirit moving against me, it's... Let me... No, it's on her. Yeah. You? Deaf, that's what it was. All right, bow your head. I thought I heard her talking but she might've been talking but not hearing. Bow your head, just a minute. Almighty God, great Jehovah Who went down into the fiery furnace... The children of Israel down there in that hot place and moved in and talked to the people. I pray Thee, in Jesus Christ's Name, that You help this poor woman who's standing here. Give mercy unto her, O God, by opening her ears, and giving her hearing tonight. And as it is written in the Bible, that when the deaf spirit went out of a man he could hear. And God, I pray that You'll give faith that this poor woman might be healed tonight. And now, as Your servant, help me, God, to have faith that this woman's ears will be open so I can talk to her.

Now, Thou deaf spirit, you are a devil, a demon, that has entered this woman's ears to stop them up. And I come as a servant of Jesus Christ, as His representative here to His people, to represent Him to the people. And He spoiled principalities; He robbed Satan of all of his powers at Calvary; and He robbed you of your hold on this woman. And I represent Him tonight in a way of prayer. And it is written in the Scripture, as my Lord said to you that day, "It is written... In My Name they shall cast out devils." And I say, in the Name of Jesus Christ, leave the woman. Come out of her.

Hear me? Hear me? Can you hear me now? Say, "Amen." "Amen." Now, I'm just whispering. Now you're healed. Go on your road rejoicing and give God praise. Will you do that? Look. Got a strange belief: you're Orthodox. Will you accept Jesus Christ now as the great Healer? You will? Would you like to receive the baptism of His Spirit? Go, and may God give it to you, woman, in in the Name of Jesus Christ. Every one, reverent. Be real reverent. Believe with all your heart.

25 Now, I—I'm stranger to you, I believe, sir. Is that right? I—I am a stranger. I—I—I do not know you. And only God knows you; I do not. That's right. And I... The only way that I'll have of knowing you...

Just a moment. That second lady, setting in there, that's got high blood pressure, setting right there in that row, if you want to, you can stand up: Christ just healed you just then. Rise up. That's right. That's right. That's fine, thank you. And the lady setting right in front of you, she had the same thing. Isn't that right? There the gray headed lady setting right there in front of you, she had the same thing. Yes, ma'am. That's right, you both can stand up. You're healed of that high blood pressure you had. I seen a—a line, something like a mercury running up like that, and it kept holding by both of them women. Over the top of this man I see it running up and the Holy Spirit said to me, "Now's the time for their healing." God bless you. Go home. Jehovah God be with you.

26 Isn't He wonderful? Have faith. All right. Do you believe me to be His prophet, sir? [Blank.spot.on.tape-]...?... Water's running on the road, or something like that. Isn't that right? Is that true? Sir? Is... That's right. Just what they can't understand, here it is: it's caused from a nervous condition. It's putting forth water in your lungs. That's a demon power that a doctor would never find in the world. And he cannot do nothing for it. If he had something he could lay his hands on, he could work. I do not disregard the doctor. He's a man; God sent him here to help. But he's working by knowledge; this is the Holy Spirit. See? That is a remedy; this is a cure. See? Do you believe me? You accept Him as your Healer, believing that them nerves will quieten and them lungs will go away and dry up and be a normal lung? You believe that? Come forward then to be blessed.

Almighty God, Creator of heavens and earth, Who made the lungs in this man. As You said to Moses who said, "I cannot speak well." You said, "Who made man's mouth?" Thou did put words in this man's mouth. You did make his body. And Lord God, who am I to say, knowing maybe this has come to this hour. "All things work to good of—for the good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose." I pray, God, with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, just now, that You'll let Your healing grace come upon this man; and may this condition leave his lungs and may we have his testimony back that others will be able to see this and see what God has done. And may he give his testimony that they can't find a trace of it. And while speaking with the doctor he'll happily say, "I trusted the Lord Jesus, doctor, and He's done this for me."

Grant it, God, that there might be a testimony to the doctor, which we know that they believe, that Thou art the Great Physician; they only work under You and Your supervision. God, bless our brother and heal him; in Jesus' Name. Amen. That's right. I believe, my brother, with all my heart, your relief is at hand. God bless you.

27 O God, have pity on the sick and the needy. How that He would—His mercy endureth.

Howdy do, sir? All right. Now, I am a stranger to you. Is that right, sir? I—I—I don't know you; I... You're a stranger to me, so I just... As far as I know, I've never seen you. I—if I have I—I don't—I'm not acquainted with you. Or... But the... There is Someone Who knows us both. Isn't that right, sir? He knows us both. And—and you've come here tonight to be healed or whatever is wrong. And there's no way at all for me to know anything in the world about you only less God would reveal it in some way. You believe that? You—you do? And—and the... Will you, with sincerity of heart, do you believe that what you have heard about Jesus Christ being the Son of God is the truth? You do. And do you believe that what the claim that I have made concerning His—being His prophet by a vision to this end, I was born... Do you believe that's the truth? You believe it, even though I would not say a thing what is wrong with you or nothing, but just pray for you and pass on, you'd believe it anyhow, wouldn't you?

28 Maybe He might be able to explain. Yes, sir. As soon as the Holy Spirit, which you're—are sure that there's something near... You're not accustomed to this feeling. You're a—a—a nervous person. Say, I see you coming from a distance. You've come from somewhere here. Isn't that right? You're not—you're—you've—you've come from some other place, coming here. You was away and come here. Somebody has brought you here or told you to come here. And you've not... You have... You're here to be delivered of a—something that's—you do. Isn't that right? It's something that's ruining your life and wrecking your life. Is that right? Which is drinking. You're an alcoholic. And somebody has told you—and if I'm not mistaken, you was north and come south, coming here. Is that right? You accept Him as your Saviour now? Believe that from this hour He's the only Thing that can take this thing away from you? All right. You now accept Him as your Saviour. You now believe that He is the Son of God, that He died at Calvary to take away your sin. And you don't want to do that: you're only ruining yourself, sending yourself to a devil's hell and a sinner's grave, and—and you don't want it to be that way. And it's got you all nervous and shook up. Is that right? Now, you accept Him as your Saviour. And now, do you believe then, if I'll ask God that that devil will leave you?

29 What I'm's thinking about... There's been somebody's healed, and I believe I see her setting up there, a—a little alcoholic was healed here not long ago, setting right up there in the meeting somewhere. If I turned around and felt... Is that right? If it is, stand up, lady. Or, there's somewhere... That's right, exactly. You was setting there praying for that man. That's right, isn't it, lady? I'm not reading your mind, but I seen you setting there. Haven't you been healed on this platform of the same thing? Your spirits happened to get lined together. Say, somebody else you're praying for. Isn't that your dad setting near you there? Is that right? Is that right? He's hard of hearing, isn't he? Lay your hand over on him. You accept Jesus as your Saviour too, dad? All right, go home, both of you, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, my brother. Go home. It sent my daddy to a grave, brother. Go home tonight and never drink another drop and you're going to be all right. Let us say, "Praise be to Almighty God Who made the heavens and the earth."

Sir, join yourself with some good full Gospel church now. Live for Christ the rest of your days. God will use you. Not only you, but He'll cause others that like you to come out and walk in this lovely light and someday, meet me yonder where—where we shake hands yonder at the other side. You'll remember; I'll call to your attention on the platform tonight, where God delivered you of the drinking habit, where you accepted Him as your Saviour. Oh, my, people, why don't you believe our Lord Jesus Christ? Be reverent.

30 Howdy do? I seen you flash before me, but with those glasses on, but it seemed like... Or, no, that's all right. It was a—a—a younger woman that was standing there first, I... Was no one else on the platform. Now, that's strange. A young red-headed woman was standing right here. May the Lord God of heaven show it to me. There she

sets right up there in the balcony, and the girl is wiping her eyes, and there's something wrong with her eyes. Is that right, young lady? If it is, stand up. The red-headed girl, standing there by that... All right, young lady, you were going blind. I seen you stand here, and I seen the glasses on the woman; I seen it was something wrong with your eyes. Do you believe me to be His prophet now? You accept Jesus as your Healer? Go home and be well in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Do you believe me, as God's prophet? If there's anything wrong with you, God will reveal it to me. You believe that? With all your heart? Yes, lady. You know what I'm fixing to say right now, 'cause you're thinking about it. Not because you're thinking about it, but you're here to be delivered from something. Isn't that right? You're all nervous and shook up. Isn't that right? And it's caused from a very bad habit, a habit that's a—one of the lowest habits that women ever taken up: smoking cigarettes. Is that right? Is it right? Do you believe me to be His prophet? You accept Him as your Saviour: deliver from this? You prayed to Him now, through God the Father, through Jesus Christ's Name. He forgive you of every sin, and you'll throw cigarettes down and never touch them again the rest of your life? God bless you, my sister. Go home and may the Lord Jesus deliver you. I curse this habit of tobacco in the Name of Jesus Christ. Go, go home now and be a Christian the rest of your days.

Let's say, "Thanks be to God."

You can say, "You can do it and be a Christian if you want to." But the Holy Spirit said, "Don't do it." Now, you want to brand me a fanatic, you brand Him the fanatic; I only speak as He speaks.

31 Come, lady. I ain't going to be able to stand much longer. No. It's getting awful hard. No. You believe me to be God's prophet? You believe that God sent me to—to—to pray for you? No way in the world that I have of having any connection with you. I don't know you, never seen you in my life. You're just a stranger to me. Is that right? You believe now if I'd—if God will let me know what is wrong with you, that you will accept Jesus as your Healer? You will, with all your heart? All right You've tried everything that could be thought of to get rid of it. But you got a stomach trouble. Is that right? And it's an ulcer, and it's laying right in the pit of the stomach, that whatever you eat burns, hurts you, and you have sour stomach, upset, acid if you eat. Is that right? Exactly. All right. Almighty God, Author of Life, I now curse this stomach trouble; in the Name of Jesus Christ, may it come out of her and leave her. God bless you, sister. Now, go on and eat anything you want to. God bless you.

Now, lady, while sitting there, wondering, and that woman was healed with stomach trouble, you were healed with the same thing. You had stomach trouble too. That's what you was healed of. All right, you can go now and eat if you want to. Do whatever you want to do...?...

32 You believe, down that line, with all your heart, with all your soul? How many down there believes? Right down in that line, you believe with all your heart, with all your soul? Look. You've never got down into this prayer line. You're just standing there. That the audience might know that God has sent me to be His prophet, I want you to... Reverend Cox, to go along and surrender those prayer cards, take the prayer cards up. I want you to look this a way to me. I want you to believe with all your heart, every one of you. I'm going to ask you something. And now, you look this a way, every one. Do you solemnly believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

33 You're half laying. That's all right, sir. Just... Say, by the way, you... Stand out there, that's all right, let your hat lay there. Put it in your hand. Walk up this way a little bit. Walk this way just a little bit. Look here to me just a minute. Do you believe me to be God's prophet? You do. I have no way at all of knowing nothing wrong with you. I do not know you. I never seen you in my life. But you're hungering and thirsting after God. Say, aren't you a Catholic by faith? Haven't you belonged to the Catholic church? Is that right, raise up your hand? I see you with them prayer beads. And you've—you've been going to another kind of a church. And that's some kind of a—I believe it's a Christian Science church, or something. Some kind of a reader or something was setting before you, and they told you that you was hoaxed, or something another wrong with you; that something had happen to you. But in your heart, you belong to the Catholic church. And will you accept Jesus tonight as your Healer? If you will, raise your hands way high. Put

your hands way up, if you'll believe Jesus as your Healer. There's a rebound on this here and he can't hear me. The vision's broke from me. That's right. All right. Let me take this over here by him. The things that I told you are true, and you know they are, sir. Your life has been a misery to you, because Satan has tried to do this to you. There's nothing wrong. God has mercy on you. And now, He's revealed to me your life... [Blank. spot.on.tape] God will make you well. You believe Him now? You're healed. God bless you...?... caused from...?... on and be healed. Almighty God...?... I ask You to heal this man. O God, take every sin away. Make him...?... I pray. And I pray that You bless and heal him; in the Name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen. You are welcome, sir. Go on your road now and sin no more. Be good. God bless you.

34 Have faith in God. Believe with all your heart. God will make you well. You believe that? That lady setting there with diabetes could be healed, setting there, if she wants to... Just have to have faith in God.

All at once it's becoming black. Now, just a minute. Just a minute. I can't seem to see you no more, sister, it's all blurry out there. You believe? Everybody? How about these people in here on the cots. Aren't you just tired of laying there? Sure you are. Folks, I—I wish I could stay a little longer, but this is three weeks straight meeting, and I—I'm just about to go down. I—I must go aside, just a few minutes for rest. Let's bow our heads, everywhere.

Every one of you, repeat this prayer after me. Do you believe that—that I know our Lord? I know the Words that defeat Satan. I'll say this and you repeat it. [The congregation repeats each phrase] Almighty God, Creator of heavens and earth, Author of Everlasting Life, Giver of every good gift, send Your mercies upon me tonight. I believe truly, God the Father, Almighty, Jesus Christ His Son, and the Holy Spirit. I believe in the church, that in this church God has set some: prophets, teachers, evangelists. Almighty God, I now believe that I am in the Presence of that Church. And I now accept the message of Divine healing to myself. From this night hence I shall trust You. I am going to believe that You healed me now; for I accept my healing in Your finished work at Calvary. In the Name of Jesus Christ I receive it.

35 Reverent now. It's in your—it's in your mouth, your confession now. Just stand over this side a minute. Let me pray for you now. If God has give me power to break devils up on this platform, to set the neurotics free, to make the dope fiends and dope addicts and cancers leave, surely I speak that which is truth. You've confessed Jesus as your Healer...?... You believe with all your heart now. And then, all the strength that I have, I'll go forward to charge and challenge this darkness that hangs just above you.

36 O God, my Father, Who separated me from my mother's womb and called me for this purpose, ordaining this, that I bring this message to the people, before the foundation of the world, that they might know that Thou art the only true God, and Jesus Christ Thy Son. And as I stand here, Lord, tonight, around eighteen straight nights, being led here by the Holy Spirit, O Father of Spirit, hear my prayer. Hear my prayer as I call to You as my physical body is weakening and my strength is sappening from me. And there are those here, hundreds of them, who are in need of healing. God, I know that You've sent Jesus Christ to die and to be wounded for our transgressions and with His stripes we were healed. O Lord, I believe that. I believe these people are reaching forward through that mist yonder, on beyond that little dark spell, over that cloud, just beyond that star yonder, until their prayers are climbing now around the throne of God. And then, Lord, as Your prophet, standing between the living and the dead, anointed by the Holy Spirit, I go forward to challenge any spirit of doubt that would be here, that the children of God might be healed.

37 Now, Satan, you who are hanging around here with a question mark across the Word of God, you're literally disposed tonight. You're exposed. God has revealed you, told you right out who you are and what you are; and you are a liar and the father of a lie. And as the church of God, as one of the members of that church, as borned again by the Holy Spirit and by being called in this world to be a prophet, and these people have confessed Jesus Christ as their Healer; and as interceding as a priest standing between the living and dead, I say, "In the Name of Jesus Christ, I break your powers." And leave this building; in the Name of Jesus Christ, turn every one of them loose. Come out of them. Satan, leave them.

Now, you on the cots and in the stretchers, on the chairs, rise up, you that's sick and afflicted. There they are, walking up. The crippled and afflicted, go and heal. Stand up.



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