

The Fifth Seal

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"... in the days of the voice ..." Rev. 10:7

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1 Let's bow our heads now for prayer.

Gracious heavenly Father, the almighty God, who brought again Jesus Christ from the dead and has presented Him to us in this last days in the power of the Holy Spirit, we are grateful for these mighty visitations of the immortal God. And now, Father, we are facing another hour, an hour which might change the eternal destination of many people. And to approach this, Lord, we are insufficient, because it is in the Scriptures that the Lamb took the book and opened the seals.

Oh, Lamb of God, come forward, we pray. We call on You, Lord, the great redeemer. Come forth and show us your plan of redemption that's been hid through the years, breaking this fifth seal for us tonight, Father, and revealing what's beneath that seal for us, that we might go away a better Christian than we are now, might be better fit for the task that lays ahead. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

2 Good evening, friends. I deem this a grand privilege to be here tonight on this great event. I don't know anywhere that I could feel better at, than to be on the work of the King. And now, coming especially on these lessons where we're just waiting.... If He would not reveal it to me, I could not give it to you.

I'm not trying to use any of my own thoughts or anything—just as He will give it. That's right. And I'm sure that if I don't use my own thoughts, and it comes in the way it has, and all through life it's never been wrong, it won't be wrong this time.

3 Now, we're just gloriously ... and very, very thankful for what He has done for us—the great mysterious hand of the living God. What greater thing could be, how much more a privileged people could we be, than to have in our presence the King of kings, Lord of lords?

We would probably blow the whistles, and hoist the flags and lay out the carpets, and everything, for the President of the nation to come to the city. But just think (that would be all right, and it would be an honor to the city), but think, in our little humble tabernacle tonight we're inviting the King of kings, God. And we don't ... He don't desire carpets to be throwed out, and so forth. He desires humble hearts to be laid out, so that He might take these humble hearts and reveal to them the good things that He has in store for all those who love Him.

4 Now, we ask.... Now, we've got a testimony that I would like to give. Now, if I'm mistaken on this.... I just heard it—and I could be that I'm wrong—but I think the people are here that the testimony applies to.

And then.... A few days ago when I was out to my home now, in Arizona, we got a call that said there was a little boy that had rheumatic fever—and that goes to the heart. And he was such a.... His father and mother are such darling precious friends of mine. It was one of our deacons here of the church, Brother Collins. His little boy, little Mikey (Joe's playmate), was suffering with rheumatic fever of the heart. And the doctors had sent him home, put him in the bed, and told the parents not to even let him up, nor raise him up to take a drink of water—take it out of a straw—he was so bad. And the parents, faithful, comes to the tabernacle here and believe.

5 And a few nights ago, not trying to wait.... We'd announced healing services on Sunday, but seeing that we're going to have to answer questions, so then we had to omit the healing service. Then I had a little something that I've been keeping in my inside of my heart. And the mother and father wanted to know if they could bring the child to the room, and they brought the little fellow out there. And the Holy Spirit pronounced him healed.

6 And so, the parents being respective of that, taken the little fellow home and sent him on to school—just sent him on to school. The doctor got a hold of it. So the doctor wasn't very well pleased with such a thing. So he told the mother that the baby should be in bed, of course, and she gave him the story.

And I think the man is a (I understand), is a Christian believer, by a denomination, a Seventh Day Adventist—the doctor is. And so, he said, "Well, you ought.... It's time for the child, for me to examine him." Said, "You ought to at least have him examined."

She said, "Very well." Took the child down, and the doctor examined it by the blood, where the rheumatic fever lays. So I understand that the doctor was so amazed he didn't know what to do. The little boy is perfectly normal, sound and well.

7 Now, is the Collinses here? I might've told that wrong. Is that right, Sister Collins? Yeah. That's little Mikey Collins, just about six, seven years old. And that happened right in the room about three nights ago.

Oh, there had to be somebody in that room besides human beings! It was the great mighty Jehovah, that's right, that comes to honor his Word. And I am so grateful to hear that, see. I know we all are. Not only me, but all are, because what if that was your little boy or my little boy?

8 And remember, giving testimony, just one ... pick out one here and there—it's happening everywhere—but just to let you know that my real ministry is on divine healing. But I'm here for these seals because.... A

little later you'll understand why I had to do this. And so, I'm not a teacher. I'm not a theologian. I just pray for the sick, and I love the Lord.

Now, in this though, that.... Last night we gave a testimony of the little girl.... I've got her name, and Billy's got it here, now, somewhere, of the parents and who they are. And this little girl was in the last stage of leukemia (that's right) just so bad that they could not feed her by the mouth anymore. She had to be ... her blood transfused through the veins. And she was a pretty little thing. She was small for her age, about like this little lady here, I suppose. But she was about this high, very.... They were like most of us. You could tell by the dressed child and the parents that they were very poor, just very poor, and so ... but real reverent. And the Holy Spirit pronounced that child healed.

9 Now, just think of that—with leukemia! That little fellow.... And the blood was so bad they couldn't even feed it through the mouth no more. It had to take ... go to the hospital and take the blood ... the transfusions through the veins. Feed it, I guess, glucose or whatever. I don't know what medical terms does for that disease, but however, it had to be fed that way. And before the child left the place, cried for a hamburger.

And the parents, after they'd heard the Holy Spirit of "thus saith the Lord".... And them strangers—never was around before, but they.... A dandy old couple had just got their seats here for them a few minutes ago, Brother and Sister Kidd had instructed them on what to do and what to listen for. And the child eat its meals on the road home.

10 Two or three days after that in school, and went to the doctor, and the doctor was so amazed! He said, "There's not even one trace of leukemia found in the child."

Now, that's instantaneously, on the mark, the power of Almighty God—to take a bloodstream and cleanse it out right like that, and put the pulsation of new life back in there (because your bloodstream is your life, mortal); and create new cells and clean out the old. And what it is, it is absolutely.... I'd say this: It is a creative act of the almighty God to take a bloodstream that's contaminated with cancer until the little fellow ... yellow and puffed out, and within just a few moments time, a brand new bloodstream.

11 I believe (I'm not going to speak it in his name; I'm going to speak it in my ... as a revelation of my faith), what happened in Sabino Canyon the other day.... I believe that the hour is approaching when missing limbs will be restored, and the glorious power of the Creator.... I believe that if He can make a squirrel appear that has no.... Here if the man or woman has just got a part missing; and that, a complete animal in itself. He is God! I love Him.

12 Well, I get started on them subjects, and we just talk on—and the people around the walls, and standing in the halls and the rooms, and so forth. So I'll get right straight to the message, and I want to say this.... Now, I want to give thanks to Him who is omnipresent. And that today, not knowing one thing about that fifth seal, it came in that same mysterious way this morning, just about an hour before daybreak when I was out in prayer. And today....

I have just sat these last five or six days just in a little room, don't see no one. Just go out and eat my meals with a friend, with some of my friends here. Of course, you know who that friend is —it's Brother and Sister Wood. And you know ... and I went over there and stayed with them. And everybody has been nice. There hasn't been anything ... just simply.... I'm trying to stay right with that message of these seals. It's important. I believe it's the hour of its revealing time—of revelation of it.

13 And now (I want you to be sure now), early, before ... as soon as you can, write out your unknown understanding of these seven seals, if you have them, and lay them on the desk. And maybe Brother Neville or somebody might put a box up here. Here, I see them now. That's good. I'd rather have them tonight that I can maybe study on them awhile for Sunday morning.

14 Now, don't, this time, right at this time, don't make it requests for, say, "Is the evidence of the Holy Ghost this?" See? I'd like to know about what I've taught about, you see, so we can get this one subject, like the church ages, straight, see—because that's what we're dealing with now.

Now, like we were going to pray for the sick and that takes maybe a different prayer. And you're anointed, come in for a different thing, you know. And you're seeking God to find out, "Will there be somebody there tonight, Lord?"

"Yes, it'll be somebody wearing a yellow dress, sitting in the right-hand corner. And when you call her, call her this, and say thus and thus she did, and she has so-and-so." And you go down there and watch, and there she is. There you are, see? It's different, see. This way I'm praying: "Lord Jesus, what is the interpretation of this? Reveal it to me."

15 Now, let's get our swords out again now, the Word. Now, I appreciate Brother Neville's spiritual support, as well as his brotherly love, back here behind me, praying for me and you all out there also.

And now, tonight being Friday night, we'll try to just make it as.... You can't possibly hit all the things, because you could take that ... just one of those seals and stay ... just bring it right through the Scripture, right down. You see, it'd take months and months and months; and you

171 Now, to you that had your hands up: obey the commanding of the Spirit, that would follow the constitution of the Word for repented sinners. Follow it in every act. And the God of heaven reward you for your stand for Him. The Lord bless you.

Tomorrow night bring your pencils and papers now, as you have been. We expect to be here at the same time, at seven-thirty sharp, the Lord willing. And pray for me that God will open the sixth seal to me tomorrow, that I'll be able to bring it to you as He gives it to me. Until then, we sing again, not only to Him, but through praises for Him that died in our stead and redeemed us, "I love Him."

I love Him, I love Him

Because He first loved me

And purchased my salvation

On Calvary's tree.

168 So now when you see the Scriptures so perfectly unfolded.... You see what's been going on down through the ages, the last few years, twenty or thirty years, you see it perfectly a-vindicated. You see the Scripture telling exactly what's happened and what's fixing to happen. Then upon the basis of the faith in the work of Christ, where you're sitting right now and have raised your hand, say, "From this minute on, it's settled. I take Christ now for my Saviour, and I'll live for Him the rest of my life, and I desire God to fill me with the Holy Spirit."

If you haven't been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, the pool will be waiting for you. Let us pray.

169 Lord God, there were some ... great number of hands among the people that went up. And I'm sure that You're the very same Lord Jesus that made the atonement for us many years ago. And by seeing those seals revealed and the great things that's taken place right here in the last few years, I believe with all my heart that the door of mercy is beginning to close, and You're ready to take your journey now to redeem your people.

While there is room and a door open (as it was in the days of Noah), may these precious souls that live in the body of this tabernacle that's going to be dissolved some day, that raised up that mortal hand ... on the inside of them because of their conviction and their profession that they believe, and want to accept your proposition to them for salvation, on this opened ... sealed book that's been opened to us, give to them, tonight, Lord, a robe of the righteousness of Jesus Christ and clothe their soul in that, that they might stand before You in that day which is close at hand, perfect by the blood of Christ.

170 Lord God, if they have not been baptized into the name of Jesus Christ—upon the revelation that You give me concerning it, and seeing that Paul commanded people that had even been baptized by John the Baptist to be rebaptized again in the name of Jesus Christ, in order to receive the Holy Spirit, in Acts 19—I ask that You'll convince them, Lord, of the truth, and may they obey You.

And then, in obedience of their acceptance and obedience to their confession and to the water, may You in return fill them with the Holy Ghost for power of service the rest of their life. I commit them now to You in the name of the sacrificed Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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still wouldn't have it, because the seal itself ties the entire Scripture from Genesis to Revelation—one seal of it.

16 So what I try to do is to keep from getting way off of it. I'll jot down a scripture or a little note here somewhere and keep from ... just keeping on that one thing. I have to watch back because I only ... speaking, I speak by ... I hope it's the right inspiration. And then when I look down to see the ... I begin to speak and I feel myself going off on a subject, I turn around and look back the other way to try to get another scripture to get on that, you see, to kind of lighten it up a little on that side instead of trying to go on with that.

17 And so now we're going to study tonight, by the grace of God, by his help, the fifth seal. It's a short one. It's a little longer than the other. The four horse riders, now, was two verses apiece, and this is three verses in this one. Now, the fifth seal begins in the 6th chapter of Revelation, the 9th verse.

Now, if you happen to be a stranger that hasn't heard these four horse riders.... See, sometimes you just drop back and kind of tap something, and when you do, you're expecting the people to understand it. So if there's a little something that you don't understand, just kind of bear a little bit or get the tape and listen to it, and I'm sure you'll get a blessing from it. I have. I hope that you do.

18 Now, everybody ready from the 9th verse now to the 11th, including the 11th.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou ... judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also ... their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

19 Now, this is rather mysterious. And now, for the sake of the tapes, and clergymen, and teachers that are sitting present.... Now if you have a different view from this, I did too. But I'm just taking it from the inspiration which completely changed my view of it.

Then I find out, as you see these revealed, it's sticking right back and bringing those church ages and the scriptures right together and tying it up; and that's the reason that I believe that it comes from God.

20 Now, we realize that ... and I'm thinking that sometimes that we depend on what some great teacher might have said about it, see, and that's all right. I don't condemn the teacher, not by no means. I don't condemn anybody; I just condemn sin, unbelief—nobody.

Some people have said, "You condemn organization." No, I don't. I condemn the system of organization, not the people in there—the group of people that makes the organization, you know—but the system they are governed by. That's what I condemn, Catholic and Protestant the same.

21 My, I have ... some of the best friends that I know of are Catholic. Do you realize (and the man may be sitting here tonight, perhaps is) the only way that we got this tabernacle built ... because a Roman Catholic stood on his feet in the court there and went to the front for me—boy, like nobody would do! Right, and they couldn't turn it down. That's right.

They said ... they had it figured out too many people. Said, "Oh, that won't make eighty more in that church!", like that.

"That church is standing there," he said. "I know the pastor," (and all like that) and said, "that church has been there. The rest of you can add to it, then why can't they?" A Roman Catholic, a good friend of mine. Yes, sir.

22 A boy that is a Catholic, a real royal friend of mine, was talking to me. He had a certain hardware store before I left. He said, "Billy, I know you don't believe in our system of religion," he said, "but I'm telling you right now," said, "God has honored your prayers so much for us, I believe if you get in trouble anywhere in the nation," said, "every Catholic in the country would come to you." So, you see.... He said, "Every 'crossback,'" he called it. I'm going to tell it just the way he did.

23 Of course they claim to be that because the early Christians packed crosses on their backs. We know that by history. And they claim to be the early Christians, which they were. But the system has got them off of that path, you see. And them people—a Catholic, or Jew or whatever it is—they are a human being off the same tree that we come from. See? That's right. They are people who love, and eat, and drink, and sleep and ... just like anybody else. So, we must never condemn individuals. No, no one, see?

24 We mustn't condemn individuals, but as a minister, I have to strike that serpent out there that's biting into those people, you see. I don't even.... Me, in myself, I wouldn't do that if it wasn't a commission from God that I'm duty bound to do it, and I must hold that true and faithful.

But if a Catholic, Jew, or whatever he was, come here.... If he was a Mohammedan, Greek, or Orthodox, or whatever he might be, if he come here to be prayed for, I would pray just as sincerely for him as I would for

to us, God having to take his own beloved children and blind their eyes and send them ... because his own justice requires judgment of sin. Think of it! His justice and his holiness requires justice.

A law without a penalty is not law. And his own law, Himself He cannot defy and still remain God. That's the reason God had to become man. He couldn't take a substitute—a son that wasn't ... just an ordinary son to Him or something. God became ... Jesus became both Son and God—the only way He could justly do it. God had to take the penalty Himself. It wouldn't be just to put it upon somebody else, another person. So the person of Jesus was God manifested in the flesh, called Emmanuel. And to do that, and to take a bride, and to save a lost bunch of heathen Gentiles, He had to blind his own children, and then punish them for it, in the flesh, for rejection. But his grace provided robes. But the life ... see what happens? And if He had to do that in order for us to have a chance, how can we spurn that chance in love?

166 If there is in this building, tonight, that person, young or old, that has to this time spurned that opportunity that cost God such a price, and you would like to accept that offer to God tonight, that.... You don't have to, as far as we ever know, to be a martyr, though you may be, but a white robe has been provided for you. And if God knocks at your heart now, why not accept it?

Now, let us bow our heads again. If that person or persons are in here that desires that, or wants to accept it upon the basis of your faith in the shed blood that God had to shed for you.... Suffered beyond anything that any other mortal.... There couldn't have been a mortal being suffer like that), till his own grief separated his water from his blood in his veins. Before He went to Calvary, drops of blood was coming from his body, with such grief and broken heart that what He had to do. But.... Could have refused it, too, but willingly did it for you and I.

167 Can you reject such matchless love? And you see that now, by the opening of these seals, that what you have did, and what God has did for you, and you're ready to surrender your life to God. And if He'll snatch you out of the hands of the antichrist that you're now in, would you accept his offer by just raising your hand to Him, saying, "God, by this, I signify I accept that offer of grace. And, Brother Branham, I desire your prayers that I'll ever remain faithful."

Raise your hand, and I'll pray. God bless you. God bless you. Mean it now. Don't do it unless you mean it. And right where you're sitting, accept it right there. Because remember, you could not have raised your hand unless something told you to do it, and nothing else could have done it but God.

and handled them with my hands. That's right.

162 Notice, watch. Look at Moses, Elijah. After Moses had died and Elijah had been taken into heaven, he stood there on Mount Transfiguration with his senses of speech, hearing, understanding, and talked to Jesus before the crucifixion. Now, what kind of a body did he have?

Look at Samuel. After being dead for about two years, was called back in the cave that night by the witch of Endor, and talked to Saul with language—heard Saul, spoke back, and foreknew things that was going to happen. Still his spirit hadn't changed. He was a prophet.

163 When Elijah's spirit comes upon a man, it will drive him just like Elijah. He'll go to the wilderness. He'll love the wilderness. He'll be a hater of immoral women. He'll be against organization. He'll pull no punches for nobody. That'll be his spirit. It was each time it come, see. Moses will be the same person.

Now. We find out in Revelation 22:8 the same thing. Now. Or to settle it for those who.... Those souls (now watch it) under the altar, of the breaking of this seal that had been slain in the time between the death of Christ and the going up of the church—the Eichmann group and all that, them true Jews with their names on the book—if you'll watch, my brother, according to the Scripture they could talk, cry out, speak, hear, and had all five senses. Not sleeping in the grave, unconscious. They were very much awake, and could talk, speak, hear, or anything else. Is that right? Oh, help us!

164 Two minutes! Amen. I'm sorry I kept you a half hour. No, I oughtn't to say that, see. But look, here is, to the best of my understanding, the best ... and according to the revelation that was given me this morning just before daylight by the Lord Jesus Christ, there is the opened fifth seal to go with the other four. By his grace, He gave it to me, his grace to you and I. We thank Him for it, and with his help, I intend to live closer as I can live, teaching others to do the same thing, until I meet Him with you in glory when all things are over. I love Him for this, and it's the best of my knowledge to it. And I truly believe with all my heart that the true revelation of the revealing of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth seal is now open to us.

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165 Now, quietly, reverently before God, as we've seen this seal opened

my own. That's right. Certainly, because it's a human being. I've prayed for Buddhists and Sikhs, Jains, Mohammedans, and every kind, you see, like that. And I don't ask them no questions. I just pray for them because they're somebody, a human being that wants to get well, and try to make life a little easier along the road for them.

25 Now, we realize that in this, and many of you here.... I know there's at least two or three real scholars sitting here, and they are smart and read out of other men's doctrines on this subject. And I want these brethren to know that I'm not condemning these men. I'm only expressing what the Lord shows me. That's all I know.

Now, we don't want to never think that because ... some little washwoman or little plowboy out there couldn't get a revelation from God, because, you see, God, He actually reveals Himself in simplicity. We had that Sunday to start this off on—how He reveals Himself in his simplicity. That's what makes Him great.

26 Now, let me just ... let me just review that just for a minute. What makes God great is because He can make Himself so simple. That's what makes Him great. God is great, and can make Himself in such a simple form that the wise of this world can't find Him. They just can't find Him, because He makes Himself too simple. Now watch. And this in itself is the mystery of the revelation of Jesus Christ, see, this in itself. There can be nothing greater than God, and you can't make anything as simple as He makes Himself. See, that's what makes Him great.

27 Now, a great man, he just can get a little greater, and maybe stoop down and say, "How do you do?" to you, or something like that; but he can't make himself little. There's just something about him. He's a human. He just can't make himself little, because when he gets to get down too small, then the first thing you know, he's got to refer to what somebody else did, and like that; and then he starts pulling himself back up again, see? But the way up is down in God. Yes.

28 The wise of the world is trying in their wisdom to find Him. They only climb away from Him in doing so, see. The wise of the world.... If you're trying to explain something by some mathematics or something.... Remember, He's even put it in the Bible in Rev... (no, I beg your pardon) Isaiah 35, I believe it is, that even it's so ... it's so simple that even a delinquent person would understand it, or "even a fool shall not err therein."

The wise misses it far by their wisdom, going farther from Him by trying to find Him by wisdom. Now, don't forget that. (That will be taped, see.) The wise, in their wisdom go so far to try to find Him by their wisdom, they miss Him, see. If they could be big enough to be simple

enough, they could find Him—if you are big enough to get simple enough, see.

29 You know that really is the truth. I've went in to people in their offices, and so forth, that were really men, big—kings, see, and potentates, monarchs—and usually them are big men. Then I've went into places where a guy, got a change of clothes, maybe some minister that wanted to argue with me awhile, and you'd think that the world couldn't run without them. And that's just puffed up in the head, see. But a big man, a big man sits down and tries to make you think you're the big man, see. He can humble himself.

30 And you see, God is so great that He can humble Himself to a place that a human being can't climb down that far, that's all. And then they're ... and they're trying to find Him.... Now look, they are trying to find Him by sending the boys to school and getting a bachelor of arts degree. They're trying to find it by a theological terminology of the Bible. And they are trying to find Him by educational programs, and by organizational programs, and by beautifying things. And trying to find.... He's not there at all! You're just fighting the wind, that's all. You're getting away from it.

31 If they could be big enough to be simple enough, they could find Him in that direction, by being simple. But as long as you're going towards wisdom, you're going away from Him. Now, let me get that so you won't miss it. As long as you're trying to find God by wisdom, like it was in the garden of Eden, like it was in the days of Moses, like it was in the days of Noah, like it's been in the days of Christ, in the days of John, in the days of the apostles, and to this day.... When you try to figure it out, and try to find God by wisdom, you're going farther from Him all the time! You're trying to understand it. There's no way of doing it. Just accept it, see. Just believe it. Don't try to understand it.

32 I can't understand why that ... well, a lot of things. There's not many things I do understand or can understand. I can't understand how this young fellow sitting here eats the same food I can, and here he is ... got a full head of hair, and I ain't got any. I don't understand it. They tell me calcium makes it, and I can't keep my fingernails cut off enough and no hair at all to cut off. I don't understand that.

33 As the old saying is (this might kind of change the position in seriousness—but it is seriousness, but I haven't got to the seal yet), how that a black cow can eat green grass, and give white milk, that churns yellow butter. I sure couldn't explain that, because you see each one is a product of the other one, and how did that...? I can't explain it.

I can't explain how two lilies stand, or two flowers of the same breed, and one red and the other one yellow, and one brown and one blue. I

158 Notice this now. Now, if there is no altar of sacrifice in heaven, where is the sacrifice for sin laying, the Lamb? There has to be a place where that slain Lamb, bloody, is laying there, where the blood is.

Now, the incense was the odorous stuff that they burnt, which the Bible says was the prayers of the saints. If there is no sacrifice on the altar, then the prayers cannot be received. It's only by the blood on the sacrificial altar that lets the prayers go through to God.

Brother Smith was wrong. Not disagreeing with him. I think I've made myself clear with brotherly love and respect for his great work, see. But he was wrong.

159 The fifth seal has opened that, see, and many other things, if you caught it, see. I'm waiting for my questions, see. All right.

Now, where was the ark—the slain, wounded, bleeding, bloody Lamb for atonement—for these odorous prayers? Notice, the Bible says, "If this earthly tabernacle of our dwelling be dissolved, we have one already waiting." That's where I seen those saints, see.

160 Watch when a baby.... Excuse me again, sisters, for this plain talk before young women. But look, when a mother has conceived, and that little bunch of muscles is twisting and jumping (you understand), it is a natural body. And just as nature is performing the natural body.... Did you ever notice your wife before the little ones was born? She always, right along last, becomes real kind, sweet. If she hasn't been all of her life, she will be then. Did you ever notice how saintly kind of a feeling....

You notice a mother.... And you see some sinner out there make fun of a mother that's a pregnated woman. I think that's ridiculous. That's life coming to the world. But did you notice around that mother seems to be a sweet feeling? What is it? It's a little spiritual body ... spiritual life waiting to come into that little body as soon as it's born. Now, it's only begotten. But when it's born, it's born. The spiritual body unites with the natural body.

161 And then, the Bible teaches that we are now begotten of God. We're begotten of the Holy Spirit that in us is Christ, a son of God being formed in us. And when this earthly body be dissolved, this spiritual body comes from the bowels of the earth, there is another body waiting to receive it. If this earthly tabernacle is dropped, there is another body to receive it. This mortal body puts on immortality. This terrestrial puts on celestial. See what I mean?

There is a natural body that's sinful. But in its making, just like it, is another body that we go to. And I am so grateful to God that I can say, as your pastor and brother, I've seen those people, so help me, in that body,

right.

154 Now notice. But I was just thinking, as this precious, godly brother, John.... (I just thought it would be a good place to inject that, just before closing, see.) If John looked over there, and them was his brethren, see, his brethren that had to suffer a little, then, see, the Lord God permitted me to see my brethren and the saints that were waiting for the coming of the Lord.

Notice. They were not under the altar of sacrifice. Mine wasn't; but these was. They were martyrs, see. Mine wasn't under the martyrs' altar. (Now, I want you to listen real close. Now I'll close, honest, in ten minutes, at ten o'clock, if I just have to cut it off and finish it tomorrow.) They were not my.... The ones that the Lord showed me, the bride—she was not under the martyrs' block (no), the sacrifice altar of the martyrs; but had received white robes by accepting the pardoning grace of the living Word. Christ had give them a white robe.

155 I do not think, by the opening ... I do think, rather, by the opening of this fifth seal.... I believe that it's opened to us. I did it with good conscience, with clear revelation before God, not trying to just make it ... think because I always was against organizations and never would belong to them. But it's opened to me now.

And I do think another thing: by ... the opening of this fifth seal in this day straightens up a doctrine right here that I might speak of, of soul sleeping. Now I realize that there's people in here that does believe that, see, in the soul sleeping. I think this disproves that. They are not sleeping; they are alive. Their bodies are sleeping, but the soul's not in the grave. They are in the presence of God under the altar.

156 Here is where I differ with a precious brother, a teacher. And I know I see some of his people sitting here, and I realize that this is a great teacher. He's a doctor of divinity—Ph., L.L.D., and he's a real good man, too. I think he's gone on at this time, but he was a good man and a good writer. And it's Brother Uriah Smith, the author of "Daniel of Revelation."

157 Now, to you people who are a follower of his teaching, see, I don't ... I'm not just ... don't want to say this arrogantly, but I just ... see.... But Brother Smith, in trying to support, see, in trying to support soul sleeping, there he mentions that the soul sleeps, and there is no altar of sacrifice in heaven; that the only altar spoke of is (that he believes is in heaven) is the altar of incense. But to you dear people.... And not to differ with my brother; I hope to meet him on the other side, see. Not differing with that great teacher, but just to show you how this disproves that, see—it disproves it, the opening of this seal in this last day. It just takes soul sleeping plumb out of the way. They are alive. They're not dead.

don't understand it—the same sun upon them. Where does the color come from? See? I can't explain it; but yet you have to accept it.

34 I just wish that some great theologian would explain to me how this world stands in orbit. I wish you could scientifically throw me a ball in the air, turning, and let it make the second revolution in the same place. You couldn't do it. And yet this is so perfectly timed till they can tell the eclipse of the sun to the minute, twenty years from now. They ain't got a watch or a clock or any piece of machinery that's that perfect. And yet it stands there, and then leaning backwards. What if it straightened up a little bit? You just make yourself silly to try ... you see.

35 So you see, don't try to get wisdom to understand. Just believe what He says; and the more simpler you can get, then there you are—you'll find it. Now, I'm so thankful for that—thankful that He has made Himself simple.

Now, we find in the 6th chapter and the 9th verse, let me start now.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony ... they held:

36 Notice, there is no mention of another beast or a living creature to this announcement of the fifth seal. Now remember, there was on the fourth seal. There was on the first seal, second, third, and fourth, but none here. See? Now, if you notice.... Let's just read back one of the seals. Let's go back to the fourth seal, and at the 7th verse. "And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come ... see." "...when he had opened the third seal, I heard the voice of the third beast say, Come and see." Or "the second beast, Come and see," and the first beast say, "Come and see."

37 But then when we get to the fifth seal, there's no beast. Now just notice. "And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar...." Right quick, see, there's no beast there, and a beast represents power. We know that, see. There's no living creature.

Now, one of those creatures.... We find out in studying the revelation in the churches, that one of them was a lion; and the other one was an ox; and the other one was a man; and the other one was an eagle. We find out in the church ages that those four beasts, meaning four powers, was gathered around the Acts of the Apostles just the way that the tabernacle in the wilderness....

38 You understand it, because I won't take time to go into it now. We drew it out here and showed just exactly. They were watching over this, the Lamb and the Word, to perform the Word —just as they did the ark of

the covenant in the holy place in the wilderness, and so forth.

Now, we even positionally showed by the tribal colors of Israel and by the.... How many heard the "Seven Church Ages"? I guess most have—two-thirds of you. Notice that even the nature of the beast was exactly a tribal emblem, which way the four ... the twelve tribes set four on each side, or three tribes on each side. And the four beasts sat and watched these tribes from all four ways.

39 And when we went and got the gospels, and showed exactly.... When you entered into the ark, they was a-guarding the ark, the covenant. And then we find out that the covenant of the new church, its representation on earth was the Holy Spirit. The blood had sent back to us the Holy Ghost. And the four beasts represented the twelve tribes of Israel as it watched. And finding their natures and taking that same nature and bringing it to each one of those four gospels ... exactly, was exactly the same. One talked to the lion, the other one to the ox, and the other—the four gospels. There it is. The four gospels is the protection of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

40 I just always wondered.... It's stuck with me.... Now, this is about six years, I guess, since I heard a great man say that the Acts of the Apostles was just a framework. I've heard it said many times. But to hear a man with his status as a preacher, and as a teacher that's wrote some of the famous books that the people read everywhere.... And to say that the Acts of the Apostles wasn't actually suitable for teachings of the church, when the Acts of the Apostles was the very foundation of it! Not the framework; the foundation! Because the Bible says that the foundation of God is built upon the doctrine of the apostles (that's right!), Christ, the cornerstone.

And when this fellow stood there and made that remark, I just ... my heart just failed. I thought, "No wonder...." Well, I see now, in the seals. It just wasn't revealed, that's all.

41 So then, there they was, standing there. There was something just saying that. Now notice, they guard. Now, when we got Matthew 28:19 and run that thing down through Matthew (which represented a lion) and coming in there, we found exactly why they baptize in the name of Jesus Christ. And there He was, standing there with that very scripture to guard the sacred trust of the baptism of the name of Jesus Christ. (Well, I'm getting off on the church ages now.)

42 Notice. But here when we come to this fifth seal now, there's no rider goes forth, and there's no beast to announce it. John just ... the Lamb opened it, and John saw it. There was no one there to say, "Now, come look; come see." Notice, no power of the living creature. And on the sixth seal, there is no beast to announce it. And on the seventh seal, there is no

you."

I said, "Praise the Lord." I felt funny. I thought, "What's the matter? I feel funny." I turned around and looked, and on the bed my body was moving. I said, "Oh, I don't have to go back, surely. Don't, don't let me go." But the gospel had to be preached. In just a second I was on the bed again, see, like that.

151 No more than about two months ago, that.... You heard it read in the Businessmen's Voice. It's went all over the world, see. And Brother Norman, in here—I suppose he's in here somewhere tonight—he translated it off there and sent it in pamphlets. It's went everywhere. And ministers wrote in, many of them, and said.... One here that.... I'll tell this one. There's been hundreds of them, of course.

This one man said, "Brother Branham, your vision in the Businessmen's Voice...." And I appreciate Tommy Nichol, although he isn't with the Businessmen anymore. (I don't know why, but he isn't.) But he put it in there just right, where I said.... Right there in that trinitarian magazine he said, "Where Paul baptized in Jesus' name and commanded the people do the same, I've done the same," see. He put it just the way it was.

152 And so then I thought, "My!" And this minister wrote in and said, "Brother Branham, your vision....," which it could have been a vision. Said.... Now, I don't want to say translation. If Paul.... If I was caught up in this first heaven and seen that, what about Paul that was caught plumb up into the third heaven. What that.... He said he couldn't even talk about it, see, when he was caught up. If it was a catch-up, I don't know, I can't say. I couldn't tell you.

But this minister said, "Brother Branham, your vision sounded very scriptural and all right until you talked about a horse being there." He said, "A horse in heaven?" Said.... Now, see that ecclesiastical man-wisdom, mind, see? He said, "Heaven was made for human beings, not horses."

153 Well, I sat down. Billy, my son, here, put the letter right here in the old church office, about three or four months ago. I said, "My precious brother, I'm surprised at your wisdom, but ... and your knowing of the Scripture. I did not say that I was in heaven. I said it was in a place like paradise, because Christ was still above," see. "But," I said, "if it might satisfy you, you turn over to Revelation 19. And when Jesus comes out of the heavens of heaven, He's riding on a white horse, and all the saints with Him are riding on white horses." Right, absolutely. Yes, indeed! And up in that same place, there was one looked like an eagle, and one looked like an ox. Oh my! Where's them horses that come got Elijah? Just goes to show you, see, the human mind just wants something to pick on. That's

earth.”

148 I thought, “My, isn't this wonderful! Oh, my, and I was afraid of it. Why was I afraid of dying, to come to this? Why, this is perfection, plus perfection, plus perfection! Oh, this is wonderful!”

See, we was right under the altar. That was it. We were right under the altar, waiting for the coming, see, when He'd go get the ones that were sleeping—the bodies sleeping in the dust—to raise up again. Come by, raises up—like Jesus come through paradise and brought up Abraham, Isaac and all them, you know, that was waiting in the first resurrection. They entered into the city and appeared to many. Perfectly scriptural. A vision was there. Or whatever it was, it was perfectly scriptural.

And I said, “Well, isn't this wonderful!” And then I thought, “Isn't that wonder...?” And I heard something nicker, like a horse. And I looked, and my little saddle horse that I used to ride, little Prince (I thought so much of him), here he was standing there by me, and put his head over on my shoulder to hug me—like I used to give him sugar, you know. I put my arm around him. I said, “Prince, I knowed you would be here.”

149 I felt something lick my hand—there was my old coon dog. When Mr. Sharp, down here, poisoned him, I swore I'd kill Mr. Sharp for it. I was about fifteen years old. He poisoned him with dog glutton. My daddy caught me with a rifle going down to shoot him, right in the police station. And I said, “I'll kill him.” I said, “Well....” I went over to my dog's grave. I told him, I said, “Fritz, you've been like a companion to me. You've clothed me and sent me to school. And when you got old, I was going to take care of you; now they have killed you.” I said, “I promise you, Fritz, that he won't live.” I said, “I promise you he won't live. I'll catch him on the street sometime, walking. Then I'll run right over him,” see. I said, “I'll get him for you.”

But you know what? I led the man to Christ, baptized him in Jesus' name, and buried him at his death. I got converted about ... a few years after that. I seen things different then. I loved him instead of hating him.

150 So then, but however, there was Fritz standing there, licking me on the hand. And I looked.... I couldn't cry. Nobody could cry. It was all joy. You couldn't be sad, because it was all happiness. You couldn't die, because it was all life, see. You couldn't get old, because it was all youth. It was just perfect. I thought, “Well, isn't this wonderful?” And the millions.... Oh, my! I was right at home, see.

And just then I heard a voice, and it cried out and said, “All that you ever loved....” Reward for my service—I don't need no reward. He said, “All that you ever loved, and all that ever loved you, God has given to

beast to announce it—no powers to announce it, see. No one does it.

On the ... look ... on the.... After the fourth seal, there's no announcement by any beast power from the fifth, sixth, or seventh seal. Not at all.

43 Now notice (I love this), as in the times of the rider of the four horses—the rider, singular, of the four different horses—there was a beast that announced the power. Every time the rider straddled another horse and come forth to ride, another kind of a beast come out and announced it. That's a great mystery. That is the mystery.... Why? ... announcing the mystery.

Why isn't there one here on the fifth seal to announce it? Here it is. According to the revelation that the Lord Jesus gave me today, or this morning early, that is that the mystery of the church ages are already finished at this time. The mystery of the antichrist is revealed at this time. The antichrist took his last ride (and we find him on the pale horse mixed with his many colors), and rides all the way into perdition. (We get it on the trumpets and so forth when we teach that. I'd go into it now, but we'd get plumb off the subject again.)

44 And we go ... he rides.... That's the reason there's no one there. Now, we know ... written ... cause some reason for something. Now, you remember at the first, beginning, I said, “There can't be nothing without a reason.”

Remember the little drop of ink? Now you've got to find the reason. There was some reason they didn't have to have a beast or a power to announce this seal being broke. And only God can reveal why (that's all), because it's all ... all lays in Him.

45 But the reason that He reveals, as I understand, that it is because the mystery of the book of redemption, as far as the antichrist being revealed.... And at the same time the church is gone, and these things don't even happen in the church age at all. That's right! They're away from the church age. The church absolutely is raptured at this time. The church goes up in the 4th chapter of Revelation, and does not return until it comes back with its King in the 19th chapter. But these seals here are revealing what has been, what is, and what will be, see. And now, what was to be for the church age was revealed by these seals, and now, watch what takes it.

46 The four stages of his rider has been revealed. The four stages of the antichrist riding has been revealed at this time. Therefore, they don't have to have any more. And there was four living creatures of God to announce the rider as they rode.

Four beasts are four powers. Now, we know that beast, by interpretation of the terms of the Bible symbols, means power. Now, let's get that close. The four ... or, beasts in the Bible represent a power among the people. Now, if we find out.... Like in Daniel, when he saw a certain nation rise up, it would be maybe a bear holding a rib in his side—symbol. Then he seen another power raise up—a goat. It represented something. Then he seen another power raise up, and it was a leopard with so many heads. It represented a certain kingdom. Then he saw another one rise up—a great lion with teeth—and stomped the residue. That represented a different power altogether.

One was a kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar in another type of a dream. Daniel saw a vision; Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream. But Daniel interpreted his dream, and was correctly with the vision. Amen! Whew!

47 Oh, if you just know what happened! What happened before we left here? You understand? Why, six straight dreams came, exactly with the vision. A dream interpreted is a vision, because.... A person not maybe being born with the subconscious to be awake when he sees it, then God drops over in his subconscious and speaks to him, which He promised that in dreams in the last days He would visit people, and also in visions.

Now, a vision is when you are wide awake, standing right like this, and certain things are revealed. And you stand and tell them just right about it—see what happened and what's going to be, and so forth. But now, a dream is when you are asleep, and your five senses are inactive, and you're in your subconscious. You're somewhere, because when you come back, you remember where you've been. You remember it all your life, see. So it's your subconscious. Then in order ... see....

48 As Congressman Upshaw used to say, "You can't be something that you haint," and that's just about right, see. And then if you are born a seer.... Now, you see, to do that, those ... both consciences has to be right together; not one here with five senses active, and the other one out here when you're asleep when the five senses are not active. But you see, when both of them (you're born) right together, you don't go to sleep. You just go from one to the other one like that. You don't go to sleep. There's not enough room to go to sleep. And you can't make yourself that way. So gifts and callings are predestinated of God. They are God's gifts and callings, even without repentance, the Bible says. See? They were ordained before the foundation of the world, see.

49 Now, we find out that a beast, of Daniel, it meant that it was a power raising up amongst the people. Or in John's visions here, also, shows that it was power—nations raising up, like the United States appears in Revelation 13 as a lamb. And then, if you want to know a different.... You

voice said, "Didn't you recognize her?"

I said, "No, I didn't recognize her."

He said, "You led her to Christ when she was past ninety." Said, "You know why she thinks so much of you?"

I said, "That pretty girl was past ninety?"

He said, "She can never change no more now. That's the reason she was saying, 'precious brother.'"

I thought, "Oh, my, and I was afraid of this? Why, these people are real." They wasn't going anywhere. They wasn't tired of being there. And I said, "Well, why can't I see Jesus?"

He said, "Well, now, He will come some day, and He'll come to you first. And then you'll be judged." Said, "These people are your converts that you've led."

I said, "You mean by being a leader, that He'll judge me?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "Does every leader have to be judged like that?"

He said, "Yes."

I said, "What about Paul?"

He said, "He'll have to be judged with his."

"Well," I said, "if his group goes in, so will mine, because I've preached exactly the same Word." I said, "Where he baptized in Jesus' name, I did too. I preached...."

And millions screamed out, all at once, said, "We're resting on that."

I thought, "My, if I only knew this before I come here, I'd make people come here. They can't afford to miss this. Why, looky here...."

And then he said, "Some day He'll come, and then.... Now in here we neither eat, drink, nor sleep. We're just all one...."

147 Why, it isn't perfect; it's beyond perfect. It's not sublime; it's beyond sublime. There's no name, you can't think.... There ain't no words in the vocabulary to say it. You've just arrived, that's all. And I thought, well, this would be perfect. "And then, what are we going to do next?"

He said, "Then when Jesus comes, and we're ... and He judges you for your ministry, then we go back to earth and take up bodies." Well, I never thought about it then, but that's exactly the Scripture. Said, "Then we go back to earth and take up bodies. Then we eat. We don't eat here, neither do we sleep." Said, "We eat down there. But we go back to the

I thought, "Now, when she gets here, she'll say, 'Bill.' I know she will. I know she'll say 'Bill' when she gets here." I was watching, and every one of these women come and hugged me and said, "Oh, precious brother, we're so glad to see you."

144 I thought, "Every one of them's dressed just alike, but they had their hair different," you know, red hair and black hair and blond hair. And they was coming by, but they was all young. And when she got to me, I thought, "I'm just going to see what she says." And she looked up at me, and she said, "Oh, our precious brother." She hugged me, and she just went on. Some other woman come and hugged me next.

I heard a noise, and looked over this way and here come a bunch of men, young fellows, all the age of about twenty. They had dark hair and blond hair, and they all had white robes on and barefooted. And they run to me and begin hugging me, hollering, "Precious brother."

I thought ... and I turned back around, and there I was still laying there. And I thought, "Now, this is strange." And just then a voice went to talking to me, and I never did see the voice. It said, "You have been gathered ... you have been gathered to your people." Then some man picked me up and set me way up on a big high thing like this.

I said, "Why did you do that?"

Said, "In earth you was a leader."

145 And I said, "Well, I don't understand this," and that voice talking to me. I never could see the voice. Now, it was just above me, talking to me. I said, "Well, if I have passed on, I want to see Jesus." I said, "He was so ... He was all my life. I want to see Him."

And so, he said, "You can't see Him now. He's still higher," see. It was below the altar yet, see—the sixth place, where man goes, see; not the seventh where God is. Seventh. It must be the sixth, and they were all there and they were passing by, and I said, I... It looked like there were actually millions of them. I never seen ... and when I sat there, these women and men still running by, hugging me, calling me "Brother."

146 I sat there, and then a voice said, "You have been gathered to your people, like Jacob was gathered to his people."

I said, "All these my people? Are all these Branhams?"

He said, "No, they are your converts to Christ."

I looked around, and there was a real pretty woman run up. She looked ... they was all about the same. She threw her arms around me and she said, "Oh, my precious brother." She looked at me.

I thought, "My, she looked like an angel." She passed by, and that

say, "Well, that's talking about national power." It also represents holy power, too—a beast. Did you know that?

Notice, Rebekah.... When the servant of Abraham, Eliezer, when he came to get Rebekah, he mounted her upon a camel—the very camel she watered. And she rode this camel to meet her unseen bridegroom. The very thing she watered was the thing that took her to her future home and husband.

50 And it's the same thing today, see. The very thing that the church is watering—that is the seed, the seed of the Word—it's the very Word that becomes alive and carries us to our unseen bridegroom, see.

And look how perfectly.... Isaac had left the home and was out in the field away from his home when Rebekah saw him. And the church meets Christ in the air, and then He takes her back into the Father's home where the mansions are prepared. Isaac took Rebekah the same way. And notice, it was love at the first sight. Oh, my, she just run to meet him! And that's the way the church will meet Christ in the air and forever be with Him.

51 Now, turn to the Bible. These beasts are powers. Notice. Now, I want you to notice the devil had his four changing-colored beasts to go forth on. He had his four beasts. That was all three of them put into the color of the one and made that one a pale horse—a white horse, red horse, black horse.

And we seen each one of those was a stage of his ministry, a stage of the early church that had formed into a denomination at Nicaea. The original Pentecostal church—upon whom the Holy Ghost was poured out—coming down, took up an antichrist spirit, formed an organization, gave birth to some daughters of organization; changed his power three times, and put them in one, and made a pale horse; and then given a name called Death, and rode him into eternity. Just as plain as it can be.

52 Now notice, he's given this horse, and he's riding it. God has also ... as every time ... now watch! When the antichrist appeared first, what did he appear in? White horse, innocent as he could be, just a doctrine in the church. They wanted fellowship. Your fellowship is with Christ. But they wanted a fellowship. They just couldn't stand it. They wanted to get.... Well, you know, like little cliques will rise up in the church. You know it, you pastors, see. Like they say, "Birds of a feather...."

But if we're borned again brethren, that's not the attitude to take. No.

53 Now, if we see something wrong in our brethren, let us just pray and keep it before God, and love that man until we bring him right into the presence of God. That's the way, really the way to do it.

You know Jesus said.... There will be weeds in there, because Jesus

said there would be, but don't pull them up. You'll take the wheat with it, see. Just let them alone. Let Him do the segregating when the time comes, see. Let it all grow together.

54 Notice, as the beast went out.... The antichrist went out on a beast, his power. Oh, I love this. I just begin to feel religious right now, see, may be the stimulation.

Notice, when the antichrist.... Them revelations in the presence of that ball of fire hanging there in the room! Oh, brother! Although I've seen it since a child, every time it comes near me, it alarms me. It almost puts me in an unconscious condition. You never get used to it. You can't. It's too sacred.

55 Notice, as the antichrist went forth on his beast of ministry, God sent forth a beast to combat it. See? Now watch. Then every time the beast rode on his horse, the antichrist rode on his horse, on his beast, to announce his ministry, God sent his beast, also, in his own mask, to announce his combat to it.

Now, the Scripture says, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against him." And so when the enemy went out as an antichrist, God sent a certain type of power out to meet him. And then when he went out again as a red horse rider—another color, another power, another ministry—God sent another one after him to combat it, to hold his church. Sent the third one; again God sent his third beast to come and announce it. He sent the fourth one; God sent his fourth one. And then the antichrist ended, and the church ages ended, too, at that time. Watch. Now, Oh, I.... This is really good.

56 Now, we see that the devil changing four beasts meant what power the ... was revealed to the ... what power he revealed to the world, and how they ended on this pale death horse. Now, let us look at God's powers of these beasts to combat them.

The first beast of God that He went out to meet the antichrist with, the antichrist spirit when he sent just his teaching.... Now remember, when the antichrist first rode, he was in a teaching ministry. The antichrist rode first in a teaching ministry.

57 Watch the one that went to meet him, the Lion—the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word. When his false teaching went forth, the true Word went to meet him. That's the reason we have an Irenaeus and a Polycarp, and those fellows, St. Martin. When that antichrist was riding with his false teaching, God sent his teaching out, the Word, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, which is the Word made manifest in the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit there to manifest Himself, which is the Word.

men—anything that stands in the making of God, I always admired it. And these were perfect. But no matter how much they would hug me up into their arms—and they were women, you understand—but there could never be no sin. The male glands and the female glands both were gone. Thank the Lord. They were my sisters completely.

I looked and I begin to.... I looked at my hands. I seen they was all so young, and I looked.... I was young, too. And I ... losing my hair as a young man, putting carbolic acid on it (a barber did), and took it all out when I was just a boy.... And it's been always a kind of a thing to me, that I get a cold so quick, because my scalp is still soft, you know. And the roots of the hair is still there, but it was burnt with carbolic acid, and the hair can never grow, see.

I went (my wife), long years ago, and got me a hair piece to wear—a little piece of hair to put on to cover my head up. But I was always ashamed to wear it because it looked like it was something false, and I didn't want nothing false. So I thought, "I'll just put me on a stocking cap." Then I did for awhile. You know what they did? They went to calling me "Bishop" then, and said I wanted to be [unclear word] I just said, "Let her go." So I just suffer out with a bad cold.

And then ... but.... You just raise them windows there, or anything, and let a little air come across like that—boy, I got it.

142 I went to a doctor and asked him what did he think. He said, "Well, see, your pores are open. You're sweating from preaching. That air comes, it puts a cold germ up here in a mucus, it runs down over your throat. The next morning you're hoarse. That's it."

And so.... Oh, my, you fellows that's got hair, you don't know how thankful you should be. That is right, see. Well, now, I found out then I'm going to ... one of these days if I don't get my teeth, I'm going to have to have some of them, and so ... or either do without them.

So, if a fellow ... I wouldn't think it would be any more for a man, if he wanted to, to wear a hair piece than it would for a woman to wear one of these mouses or rats, or ever what they put in their hair like that, to make it up, see. But of course if you do, it depends on what you are doing it for, see. It depends on what you're doing it for. And so....

143 But, however, standing there, I felt up, and I had my hair again. My, I was young, and all these young.... I thought, "Well, isn't this strange? Here they are," and they was all run.... And I looked coming, and I seen Hope coming. You know she died at twenty-two. She was still just as pretty as ever. Many of you remember her—they big dark eyes (she was German), her black hair hanging down her back.

I thought, "Now, what's this?" I turned, and I looked back there, and there I was. I looked up this way, and there they come. I bit my finger. I said, "I'm not asleep exactly," but I could feel. I said, "Well, something here's funny." And these women all come running. And I never seen such pretty women. And they all come out to me, and when they run to me.... You know how I've been, kind of.... They call me a woman hater, but I'm not, see. But I just think a good woman is one of the ... is a jewel. But I think one that is no good, as Solomon said, "water in your blood." So I certainly ain't got no use for ill-famed women or smart alecks.

138 And so these women all come and they started throwing their arm around me. Now, that's unusual. You know I wouldn't stand for that. So.... And they were.... Now, I'm going to have to say this in a way ... I'm in a mixed crowd; but they were women. They were women, and they hugged me, each one of them, and said, "Our precious brother." One would hug me, then the other one would hug me.

I was standing there looking. I thought, "Well now, what's this?" I was standing there. I thought, "What's happened?" I looked back down there. I was laying back down there; and here I was standing here. I thought, "Now, that's odd. I don't understand it."—them women hollering, "Oh, our precious brother," and hugging me. Now, they were every bit, in feeling, women.

139 Now forgive me, sisters, as I say this, because ... but you listen to your doctor. And if we ain't ... got clean minds, then we are not Christians. I don't care; I've always lived clean. God knows that. When I was a little boy, the angel of the Lord told me not to defile my body, smoke, or drink, and that's been truth. By the grace of God, I've kept that. When I was a sinner, I didn't run around with women.

And so, but any man that lets a woman hug up into his arms (him being made up of cells of male, and her a female), there's a sensation. I don't care who you are, and don't tell me you're not, if you are a healthy person. But not there, because you don't have any more different cells. You'll never sin there. There was a change. There's no more than just a brotherly love to them women,

140 although in the grace that they looked at.... I think a woman, a nice woman that holds herself right and walks like a lady, she's an example of a jewel on earth. I like anything that's graceful. I think a woman that holds her place and tries to be a lady is a statue of honor. I do believe that. And I think one that isn't, it's just like the Christ and the antichrist, same thing. I like anything that's natural....

141 I like a pretty horse, and he just stands in its statue of a real pretty horse, or anything like that. A pretty mountain, pretty women, pretty

That's the reason the early church had healings and miracles and visions and power, is because it was the living Word in the form of the Lion of the tribe of Juda riding out to combat that. Amen! Now, have you got it? He sends his power, antichrist; God sends his, the Word. Antichrist, false teaching, the true teaching went with it to combat it. Now, that was the first one. Now, this was the first church, apostolic, that went to meet him.

58 Now, the second beast that the antichrist sent out was a red beast, which was ... that he rode on, was to take peace from the earth and war. Now, the second one that went to combat him was the ox beast. The ox means a labor, a beast of burden.

And now, if we could just stop a minute. Let me ... just so you be sure to see this. That kind of might be a little puzzling to you. Let's get Thyatira over here, and watch and see if it isn't a laboring church, you see.

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes are like the flames of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

I know thy works [See? Becoming all works now, see, because that's the one that was riding with them], and charity, and service [See, it's all ju....], and faith, and ... patience, and thy works [again, twice—thy works]; and the last to be more than the first.

59 See, that shows that the Thyatira Age.... After the antichrist got settled down and come into the Thyatira Age, the little church could do nothing but just simply labor. And another thing, the ox is also a beast of sacrifice, see. They give their lives just as freely as they could give them.

In the Dark Ages, a thousand years, there that Catholicism controlled the world, and they just went right in, "yes" or "no." They didn't mind dying. If it was death, that's all right. They went and died anyhow. Why? The very spirit of the age.

60 That's the reason Irenaeus, that's the reason Polycarp, John, Paul, those great mighty men out there combating that thing.... Paul saw it. He said, "I know that after my departing that wolves are going to enter in among you, brethren teaching perverse things, and will draw you away."

Look at that stern, little old apostle standing there, his back beat full of stripes, his eyes watering. But he could see farther than that scope—plainer out yonder than they can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space. He could see plumb into eternity. There he was. And he predicted it and said that's what would take place, and said ... also went on down to the other age to come.

61 Now notice, there he was. Along after him.... St. John lived the longest. And when St. John was trying to take all the sacred epistles,

anointed with the Holy Ghost, and put them together and make the Bible, the Roman empire caught him and put him on the Isle of Patmos. He was out there on the Isle of Patmos for the Word of God's sake. Polycarp was helping him translate it.

I read the other day the letter that Mary, herself, wrote to Polycarp and upbraiding ... not upbraiding him, but commending him for being a gallant man who could teach, and accept the teaching of Jesus Christ of ... who was borned of her from God—Mary's own note that she had wrote to Polycarp.

Polycarp was fed to the lions, you know. No, he was burned. It was too late for them to turn a lion loose in the arena, and so they tore down a bathroom (an old bathhouse there) and put him in the arena and burned him.

62 And on his road coming down, he was walking with his head down. And the Roman centurion said, "You're an old man and well respected. Why don't you denounce that thing?"

He just kept looking towards heaven, and a voice spoke from somewhere (they couldn't understand where), and said, "Polycarp, don't fear. I'm with you."

Why? He was standing with that Word. I wonder.... When they began to pile the boards on him to burn him, there was a heavenly music come down, and the anthems from some angelic somewhere sang the song. He never even one time batted an eye to them. That's gallant men. That's men who can stand.

The martyrs down through the ages there suffered terribly. But what were they? They were under the inspiration, the Spirit of God, the power. And don't forget this, church, and you brethren on tape. I want you to examine this: How could men do anything else besides the power of God that had been released to them?

63 I'm going to set this box up here to represent that. If God sends a certain spirit among them, that's the only thing that they can work by, is the spirit that works among them.

Now, we'll prove to you by the history of the church and by the opening of the seals, and the powers that let loose.... And watch, exactly the church responded to the anointing, and they couldn't do nothing else.

64 Now, the first was that lion that roared, that pure unadulterated Word. The second, in Thyatira, was the ox, and it was a burden—beast of burden, pardon me—and it was also a sacrificial beast. And wasn't that exactly the poor little church of Rome that settled down there to a thousand years of Dark Ages? And anything that didn't profess to be of the

And I thought, "You know, that's right." I thought, "Boy, you know, I ain't very far away. I've got to go pretty soon." I said, "That's a year older than my daddy lived. Well, I've got to move away pretty soon." I thought, "And here I ain't done nothing for God yet. I've always wanted to do something for Him." I thought, "I've got to hurry and do it, if I'm going to do it, and I don't know how I'm going to do it, that's all."

135 I thought, "Man, I hope I live to see Him coming. I don't want to be a spook, a spirit." I was always afraid of a spirit. And I ... you know, that kind of a.... I always thought, like if I'd meet Brother Neville and he'd be a little white cloud moving around, you know, and I'd say, "Hello, Brother Neville."

And he'd say, "Hello, Brother Branham," with some other sense. He couldn't talk, but I'd just know that it was Brother Neville. I'd want to shake his hand like I always do, because that's all I know is human beings, see. I'd want to shake his hand, but he ain't got no hand. It's down there in the grave rotted away. See?

I thought, "My, I hope I don't have to go through that." Now, I wasn't.... I'm going to tell you the truth. I was afraid to die. Not afraid I'd be lost, but I didn't want to be a spirit. I wanted to remain a man. I wanted to wait for the rapture, see. I just wanted to stay like that. I didn't want to be no spirit.

136 So then I was laying there thinking of that, and all at once there was something happened. Now you know, and all of you are acquainted of the visions. And if this was a vision, I never had one like it, and I've had them since I was a little bitty boy. Then all at once something happened, and I felt myself leaving. I thought, "Oh, oh!" I thought, "I've already died, and I'm gone on." See? And I got to a place, and I thought, "I believe I'll look back."

It was just as real, friends, as I'm standing right here. and I turned around to look back, and there I was laying on the bed. I was stretched out, laying by the side of my wife. I thought, "Well, it was probably a heart attack." See? I thought, "Well, I just died instantly," which would be a fine way of going. So I thought, "That's a heart attack. I didn't have to suffer." I looked and I thought, "Well, now that's strange. There I lay right there, and here I stand here."

137 So I turned, and it looked like a great big ... like a great big field-like or something—a great spreading field of bluegrass. And I said, "Well, I wonder what this is." And all of a sudden as I looked, here come thousands times thousands of young women, all in white robes, hair hanging down to their waist, barefooted, and they were running right toward me.

Moses down." Why?

Look at Moses' ministry. Elijah was a prophet to all nations, but Moses was a law-giver to the Jews only. Moses was there ... say ... the reason he come with Elijah....

132 Them Jews say, "Wait, we're still keeping the law here." But here stands Moses himself, and here is Elijah standing with him. See, he comes to the Jews only, see. Moses only got to the Jew. The prophet, Elijah, was to all nations; but Moses become a prophet to the Jews and a law-giver, see. That was his message—the law.

But what was Elijah's message? To bobbed-haired women, denominations (yes, sir), and he really tore them to pieces—painted-up faces. Told them they were going to be fed to the dogs. He just really tore into them.

And then when his spirit come upon John, he stomped right out of the wilderness and done the same thing. Right. Said, "Don't you think that we belong to this or that. God's able of these stones to rise children to Abraham." Walked up the road and said, "And you mean to tell me that you married your own ... brother-in-law?" He said, "It's not lawful for you to do it." Brother! He told them. Sure.

133 Notice, these souls are to wait a little season for the 144... to be martyred. Oh, isn't that ... doesn't that just put the Bible together?

Now my time's exactly up, if I let out a little early but I've got a few more little things to say if you can stand it. I know it's hot, and I'm sweating, but listen. I've just got something to tell you. It's just so good it's just burning right in my heart. I hope you haven't forgotten it, see.

Let me say this in the presence of Him. By his grace He also let me see my people not long ago in white robes. You remember it? You remember the story—not long ago, the Gentile bride. They're there now. They all was in white robes.

134 I'd woke up. I'd been on a meeting. It has been about a year ago or more. I woke up one morning, and I raised up, and I said, "Sweetheart?" to my wife. She didn't move. The kids about ... I had to get up and take them to school, right up here at the old place. Well, I raised up in the bed. You know how you sit up and just lean your head back against the headboard? We got one of the old-fashioned beds. And so I just leaned back like that.

I thought, "Boy, you are already fifty-three. If you're going to do anything for God, you'd better get doing it because you're going to be just too old after awhile."

Roman church was put to death immediately. And they had to labor, go from place to place.

65 You Masons, I'll call your attention. You remember the sign of the cross? You know what I'm talking about. Now, notice. Now, if you notice, that was packing and preserving that Bible. See? And they had to labor among one another. There you are—the ox.

And when it come time (we read it last night), see, when the thing went forth and the sacrifice come and they had to go, He said, "Don't you hurt the wine and oil." What did they do? They willingly walked up there and died.

66 They didn't care, because the spirit of the church in that day was sacrifice, labor. And they walked up just as freely as they could walk, anointed with the true Spirit of God of that age, and died like heroes of sacrifice—thousands time thousands, sixty-eight million of them on the record—ox, sacrifice.

Oh, my! Do you understand it? Okay. All right. Now the sacrifice, it only could labor in that age to combat the great opposition for that one thousand years.

67 Now, the third beast that went out from the devil was this black horse, see. Now, the third beast that went out—power from God to combat him, to combat the powers of the black horse—was a man, cunning, smart with the wisdom of God.

You know, a man is smarter than any of the beasts, see. He's smarter because he can outwit him, mostly. He's cunning, shrewd. See, the age from the Dark Age now, coming out from the dark age down to this other side when this black horse was riding, when they charged for their sacrifices and everything they done, and money was just.... Oh, you know how it was.

68 Now, the next thing went out to combat that was the beast with the face of a man: smart, educated, shrewd, fine, anointed with that spirit of that day. Notice it? Now, he went to combat him with the cunningness of God's wisdom with him. That was the age of the Reformation—Martin Luther, John Wesley, and so forth. See, it was the Reformation—Zwingli, and oh, who all? Knox, Calvin, and who all, see, went out. It was a cunningness.

69 Now, you watch. Exactly from the Dark Age, from the Reformation, this a-way, watch. It was the shrewdness of man. (If you drop your windows just a little bit ... I believe people getting kind of a little warm maybe in there. If you just pull the windows down just a little bit 'cause it.... I know if me standing here preaching getting hot, I know you're

bound to be, out there.) Now notice. It was the shrewdness of man. Now, do you understand?

That third beast that Satan sent out, he became shrewd, too. Watch, "A measure of wheat for a penny, three measures of barley for a penny," see. Oh, my! See, the money-making scheme? The shrewdness to get the gold of the world and the wealth brought into it—that's exactly fulfilled. That's what ... began to charge for prayers and for ... and made a place called purgatory, pray their ancestors out; and you had to will your deeds and everything, your property. The church and the state was the same, and the church taken your property over.

70 And don't you see some of these evangelists this day still have that same anointing on them? making old people give up their pensions, and deeding their homes over, and certain things. Why, brother.... I don't want to get on that, see. But now ... I'll stay right with this. I look back to see where I'm going. Now, notice. Them men, it's up to them. That's up to them. That don't have one thing to do with me. I'm just responsible for this here.

71 Now notice. The beast come to combat it, now, was man. We all know that this beast of man, this power of man in his intellectual, recognized that that kosher that Martin Luther had in his hand when he was climbing those steps.... They said, "This is the blood of Jesus Christ. This is the body of Jesus Christ."

And Luther threw it down and said, "It's bread and wine! It's not the body of Christ, because it's been exalted and sitting at the right hand of God, making intercession." See?—wisdom, man.

72 And when John Wesley come along, after Zwingli had come in, and Calvin.... And he got the church to a place on security until they didn't want more revivals. "Whatever is going to be is going to be," that was all. And they just lived any kind of lives. The Lutheran Church is so twisted and the Anglican Church, oh, my! The whole country become corrupt, just like it is now. The churches have twisted.... When King Henry VIII come into England, after bloody Mary, and all these things taken place.... And then the church was so full of violence and corruption, many claiming Christianity and living with four or five wives, or doing anything they wanted to do, and carrying on in filth.

John Wesley, studying the Scripture and watching it, it was revealed to him that the blood of Jesus Christ sanctifies the believer, and they shouldn't.... Then what did he do? He come out with another reformation. He saved the world in his day, like Luther did. See? What was it? That man, beast power, going out.

to be.

No one knows, even to ... Satan didn't even know—disputed it with the archangel. That's right. He couldn't understand what happened to Moses. "I see him trembling over there, and looking out over the land and looking back to the children and so forth. I see him trembling. But he stepped up on the rock, and that was the last time I saw him."

That's the Rock. That's the Rock. Let me stand on that Rock to the end of my road. Yes, sir! My colored brother used to come up here and sing a little song:

If I could, I surely would

Stand on that Rock where Moses stood.

Yes, sir. Oh, that's the Rock I want to stand on, too. By faith I stand there.

130 But remember, Elijah, he just got tired, for he had a lot of work ahead of him. So he was pretty well worn out, and God just sent him a ride home. That's right. Sent a chariot. Is that right? Took him up. He never died, because He kept him alive. He had future work for him. Let him anoint a man, too, see—come forth in his spirit. But they must taste death. Now Revelation, the 11th chapter. Let's go ... I'm right here anyhow, let's just hit it. Revelation 11. Watch and see if they're not both killed. Yes, sir, they both have to taste death. Yes, sir. After their ministry is finished, they taste death. Revelation 11, and let's start at 7:

And when they ... have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit ... makes war against them,

Oh, my! He can't stand them! Holy rollers are back again, see. All right.

... out of the bottomless pit, makes war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. [But watch what happens. They are perfectly typed now.]

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of that great city, ... spiritually ... called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified [Jerusalem].

131 Now, they have to face death, don't they? That's right. After their ministry is finished. Why? The seventh angel's ministry, the seventh angel's ministry—Elijah's ministry to the seventh angel—not ... why don't ... why could not, rather, I'm trying to say, the seventh angel's ministry, then, be by Moses if he's immortal, same as it could be by Elijah? Why don't ... why didn't God just send ... said, "Elijah, you've done worked so hard and everything, all these different places, I believe I'll just send

faith of the fathers ... of the children back to the fathers." See, "back to the fathers."

126 Now, let me show you the difference of the ministry. If he comes to return the faith of the children back to the fathers, he would deny Christ. He would go back to the law. Is that right? The fathers kept the law. Do you get it?

Notice. When Elijah, when he comes to fulfill his ministry in Malachi 4, see, as Malachi 4, Elijah was by himself. But when he come to minister to the Jews of Revelation 11, he has Moses with him. So there's no confusion, not a bit. Get it? When Elijah comes of Malachi 4, he's by himself. Elijah will (not Elijah and Moses), Elijah will arrive.

127 But the same inspiration that said Elijah will come for the last part of the church age to restore the faith of the children back to the original faith of the fathers, apostolic faith—which were supposed to go back, and the antichrist has got them all pulled out.... To restore back, as all the rest of the scriptures has blended together, see, he comes by himself. See? But when he comes to the church, the Bible ... comes to the 144,000, the Bible plainly states that both he.... There's two of them. Not one of them; two of them.

128 And his first ministry couldn't take the Jews and put them back to the law, because he comes preaching Christ to the 144,000 (Amen!), that Messiah that was cut off. Amen! That's it! So don't have it confused. It's not confusing. The scriptures don't lie, not a bit. Glory! Oh, when I seen that light I just....

I said, "Thank you, Lord," when I was watching it take place out there—seen that Elijah walk out there for that first age by himself. Then he was by himself. Then when I seen him come again, way on over somewhere else, there was two of them there. I said, "There it is. That does it, Lord. Amen! I see it now." Hallelujah! It might have been a little confusing to somebody, but He told me to mention it. So I did.

Notice, these men are kept alive by God from their original ministry for future service, they served it so well, see. Just think, that spirit of Elijah ministers five times; Moses, two. Watch, kept alive for further service. They were neither one of them dead, now. Don't you believe that. They were both seen alive, talking to Jesus on Mount Transfiguration. But remember, they must die.

129 Now, Moses actually died, but he arose because he's a perfect type of Christ, see. Nobody ever knowed where he was buried. The angels come and took him, see. He had angel pallbearers. Why? No mortal man could pack him where he was going. He just went through an act, that's all. He had angels as pallbearers, because they took him where he was supposed

73 He gave man wisdom of understanding that the thing is wrong. That isn't the blood of Jesus Christ; that isn't the body of Jesus Christ. That represents the body, see.

That's the ... still great fuss between Catholic and Protestant, now. That's the only thing they can't get together on right now. Everything else they can get together on but that. These ... them councils are having.... Notice, now. But they couldn't get together on that, see. The wine is the blood, and says it's the literal blood; that the priest has the power to change this bread to the literal body of Christ.

That's what the little tabernacle is, in the church, you know. That's the reason they make signs and any kind of a pagan offering as they go by, you know, and bow theirself and tip their hats and so forth. That is not to the building. It's to that kosher that's in the tabernacle.

74 Notice how Satan shrewdly pulled that.

But see, at that time, upon man's being, see, God put a spirit of wisdom upon man to understand that's wrong. Now, that was to combat the third beast, that had got the church so corrupt (that he was riding) that it was terrible—the reformer. What did they do in the reformers' age? They brought the church from its pagan ceremonies of idolatry back to God again. That's what the beast went forth (that cunningness of man, the rider) to do it.

75 Now. But read now verse 3 ... Revelation 3 and 2 just a minute. I've got it marked down here for some reason. Now, this just comes in now, the Lutheran Age and the reformers' age (Revelation 3 and 2). What they did, they organized. As soon as Luther got his church started on, they organized it. All right, the same thing Wesley did, same thing Pentecost did, just exactly—organized it. And what did they do? They take up the same system that they come out of, see.

Now watch this Revelation ... speaking to this Sardis church. To the angel of the churches, the first verse, of course, see.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain [that is the Word that you've been taught], things which remain, that are ready to die [She's right then ready to start back in an organization just like the Catholic church you came out of, see.]: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

76 There you go. There it goes right back again. Don't you see why organizational systems is wrong? Who started it? Did God? Did the apostles? The Roman Catholic Church did it.

Now, just let any historian say different. It's not there. They are ... they say they're the mother church, and they are. But they organized the

thing and put a system with man's head to it. We didn't take one man like they did; we taken a whole council of men and put them together. Then you've really got a confusion. That's right. How can a council, anyhow...?

It's just like we think democracy is right. I believe it is, too, but it will never work right. It can't. With a bunch of Rickys around here to run it, how in the world are you going to get it right? You can't. Notice, the real thing was a godly king.

77 Notice, the beast.... The third beast, now, was the cunningness of a man. He represented the reformers that went forth from the idol of pagan ... said, "This is the bread; this is the wine." See, the antichrist has still got something symbolizes Christianity. He's got to, because he's against, you see. And then if he's got to be against something.... Now, if he comes around and says, "Well, I'm a Buddha." Oh, that doesn't got nothing at all to do ... that's just a heathen to begin with. But the antichrist is cunning. He's got all kinds of things that represents Christianity there, only he got it off on the other side, something against the original doctrine of it. See, that's what makes him antichrist, see.

So the reformers, when the beast went forth in the form of a man to combat that.... Now, don't forget this, class. Don't forget it! Remember it all the days of your life. These beasts are correct; it's "thus saith the Lord," see.

78 Notice, idolatry brought the.... The man beast went forth with the power of God by wisdom that God gave him, and brought the church from idolatry back to God. But in the ... we find out in that same church age, when they started to denominate—to do the same thing that they did in the beginning, that Rome did—now, she's going to make daughters to that church. And what does He say? Said, "Now, I haven't found you perfect, and you've got to strengthen that little strength you got left."

Now, listen to Him warn them in Revelation again (3:3). Let's get.... Well, I believe I got it just a few minutes ago.

Remember ... how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. [In other words, remember, that you come out of such a corruption as that, see. And look here:] If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come unto thee as a thief [my!], and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

79 On down, He's going to remove the candlestick. So, that's it. What is it? The light of the church. And she went right into the same organizational system of pagan darkness that she come out of, and there she remains today: honest-hearted people thinking that that's the truth, just the same as the Catholics are. And Protestants laugh at the Catholic, when it's six of

there he stood in his prophet robe. Not only that, but he was still a prophet.

He said, "Why did you call me out of my rest, seeing you've become an enemy to God?" He said, "By this time tomorrow night you're going to fall in the battle, and this time tomorrow night you'll be with me." That's exactly what happened.

123 See, not only.... He was still a prophet. And these fellows are still prophets. Now, we're going to get a little deep in that just in a few minutes.

Oh, my, how I love that Word! No wonder "man shall not live by bread alone ... every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." These two prophets are Moses and Elijah according to their works being repatterned again. That has always been their ministry. Now notice, just as they did ... that didn't change them.

Remember, these guys never died. Watch this here. Now, don't confuse.... Before we get away from this, don't confuse Elijah's fifth-time ministry with his fourth-time ministry. I've been telling you, the Gentile church is looking for Elijah. Right. And here he is over here with the Jews. Remember, he can't come four. That's the enemy's number. It has to be five.

124 The first time he come he was Elijah, himself. The next time he come he was Elisha. The next time he come he was what? John the Baptist. The next time he comes is for the seventh angel. And the fifth time he comes, he's with Moses over yonder. Yes, sir! Don't confuse him.

Five, if you know your numerals of the Bible, five is the number of laboring grace, and that's what He's done. Now watch, if you want to know where it is. Was Jesus a labor of grace? J-e-s-u-s—five; l-a-b-o-r (is that right?)—labor for love for you. And if you get to Him, how do you come? By what? F-a-i-t-h, in l-a-b-o-r. Is that right? Labor is the number of grace. All right, to the believer....

Notice, the first Elijah, that was him. The second was Elisha. The third was John. The fourth was the seventh angel, or the last messenger to the church, according to Malachi 4 and Revelation 10:7. Now, the fifth time, he is a messenger to the Jews, to the 144,000, to the Jews after the church is gone.

125 I just feel a little funny, see. Look. If some think.... I want you to get this now. If some still think that Malachi 4, to restore the people, is the same thing he's going to do down there to the Jews, and think it's all the same, let me straighten that out for you just a minute. See, it will be a little bit confusing, because you remember in Malachi 4, it says "return the

118 But during this time, why, see what happens is the Gentile bride is selected in the seven church ages and goes up. And when it does that way, all these Jews that's martyred along there, because of blindness (laying under the altar), God comes over and says, "You see what it was? Now, I'll give each one of you a robe."

They said, "How long, Lord? Are we going in now?"

He said, "No, no, no, no. Your fellow men, the Jews, have got to suffer a little bit, yet. They've got to be martyred like you was martyred. The beast has got to get them when he breaks his covenant."

119 Now, notice. And now notice once.... Now, just remember, these prophets are to prophesy according to Revelation 11 (you raised your hands you had read it, see) and they were given power. And we're going to find out who they are just in a minute, the Lord willing. Now notice who these prophets are. And now the Bible tells it here. Sure it does. Sure, see. Now notice, in the middle of this three and a half weeks now, that they are prophesying down here....

And the Revelation here, said they prophesy a thousand, three hundred, and two score days.

120 Now, the regular Jewish calendar, the regular time of God's calendar is exactly thirty days in a month. The Roman calendar is what mixed it up. The regular calendar is thirty days in a month.

Now, if you want to take thirty days.... And add three and a half years to it, and see ... thirty days, then see what you got. One thousand, two hundred, and three score days. One thousand, two hundred, and three score days (sixty days)—exactly three and one half years. Now, you see, there's no mistake to that. There it is. It just fits together like a dovetail coming together. Notice. The two prophets preached for three and a half years to the Jews. In that it called out the 144,000.

121 And then, notice, these two prophets are exactly Moses and Elijah. Now look. Look. Their ... look at their ministry. Now watch what these prophets do. They have power to smite the earth with a plague as oft as they will. Who did it? Moses. They have power to shut the heavens, and it rained not in the day of their ministry. Who closed the heavens for three and a half years? There they are. That's them.

122 See, it's ... the man, when he dies, he doesn't change his status. He doesn't change his make-up, see. Look, when ... before ... when Saul had backslid and there was no prophets in the land, he couldn't understand what to do. He was up against it. He was going to battle. He went to the witch of Endor. Now, with just the blood of bulls and goats, she could do this. And she called up the spirit of Samuel. And when Samuel come up,

one and half a dozen of the other—exactly, according to the Word. Man's wisdom.

80 Now, notice. Oh, how I love this! Listen to Him now warn them. Now, do you perfectly agree, every one of you (now, if you don't, write me a question) that those beasts are exactly identified in each age as the Bible has identified them here? That's exactly what they done. Their history shows what they done. We look right here and see what they done. And here, them beasts.... I never knew that before. I was just sitting there, and I could just see it moving up there just the same as you're looking at me. And it's got to be right, because it's right here with the Bible. So how are you going to do anything else but say it's right?

81 Notice. Now, the fourth beast that was sent forth to combat the antichrist in this last beast.... Are you ready? The last beast that was sent forth, or the last power, to combat the antichrist—who was against the teaching of God, the antichrist—was an eagle. See? The fourth living beast was an eagle. Now, you that study the ages, study the Scriptures, it was an eagle. And in the Bible, the last age was an eagle age, and God likens the eagle to his prophets, see. Now watch. The last age, the eagle age—a revealer of the true Word. See?

Before God moves to action, like He did in the days of Noah, He sent forth an eagle. When He brought Israel, and Pharaoh's army was ready to go, he sent an eagle. Every time He sends an eagle at the last end of it. And here He sends an eagle again. That's exactly with the Word, so how can you make it anything else? He sends an eagle.

82 Why? A revealer of the truth that's been falling all through the age. So how in the world could the ox, or the man, or whatever beast was riding...? How could it ever be revealed until the eagle has come? They had their place. They were godly-sent beasts, just the same as anybody else was.

The lion, that was the original. There's where the antichrist come up in combat. Then he raised up another power; He sent a power to meet it. Then he raised up another power, and He sent another power to meet it. Then the last power, He brings down the eagle to restore the children back to the original faith again of the fathers—the eagle age. Then did you notice? There's no more beasts. That's all of it. That's the end.

83 Now, if you will take now Revelation 10:1-7 (I've been referring to it), remember, in the last messenger's age, see, what was to happen? All of the mysteries of God would be revealed—the eagle.

Now, you see the four beasts that rode? That was perfectly right. Do you believe that? And now here is each age, or each power, that rode

behind it, and there is the scripture that shows what the enemy's rider did. That's been revealed in these seals. And also, it's been revealed now that each beast power that God sent out to combat it hits exactly on the dot, up to the eagle time.

84 Now, if this is the last time, there'll come an eagle. That's right. And to that...

Now, remember, now, in the days that the lion came, the original Word, about one-hundredth of them listened to the lion. In the days that the ox came, it was just a teeny little drop of them listened to the ox message. In the days that the man come he worked among men, you see, so he was shrewd. He got a little group out, and what did they do? Satan seen that, so he just sends them right back and marries them into it. And remember, when the eagle finally comes, it'll be one-hundredth of one percent that will listen. It's the eagle age.

85 Remember, it's all these other riders.... And then even Jesus predicted if He didn't hasten his coming there wouldn't be any flesh at all saved for the rapture. Is that the Scripture? You see where we're at then, don't you, brethren, sisters? You see where we're at? God, I'm so glad. I don't know what to do.

It's not just me standing up here to talk. I'm in here, too. I'm among you. It's me. I've got family. I've got brothers and sisters that I love. And the God of heaven kind enough to come down and reveal that thing by his own ... by visions that's been proved for thirty years is the truth. We're here. We have arrived. Scientific search has proved it, the vindication of the Word has proved it, and we're here! And this revelation comes from God, and it's the truth.

86 Have you caught anything? I was just wondering if you was. I might not have to tell you then, Sunday. Notice, notice.... Wonderful! Now, notice now. And then according to the time that God was going to deliver the antediluvian world, He sent the eagle. And the time He was going to deliver Israel, sent the eagle. Do you believe that the time, even on John, on the Isle of Patmos, this message was so perfect that He couldn't trust it with an angel?

You know, an angel is a messenger. But do you know the messenger was a prophet? Do you believe that? Let's prove it. Revelation 22—let's see if it was an eagle. Sure, he was an angel—he was a messenger. But it was a prophet that revealed this whole book of Revelation to him. Revelation the 22nd chapter and the 19th verse. I believe that's right if I've got it written down here: 22:19. I may be wrong. No, 22:9. That's what it is. I was looking at it, 22:9. That's right. Oh, yes, here.

114 I think that's one of the things that holding this nation together, because they have always respected the Jew, give him a place. You honor the Jew, and God will honor you. Now, there's a bunch of Jews that's renegades, just like there are Gentiles the same way. But the real Jew, God put his name on the book before the foundation of the world, and here he was murdered down in this time. And remember....

Think of it now, how perfect this is. Right after them millions of slaughtered Jews, innocent people, by the nations of the world.... Here the Scripture says, right in this time, that they are each one under the altar, realized what's happened, and they are given white robes.

115 And they said, "Can we go back to the kingdom right now?" The Jewish kingdom is to be set on the earth, you know. John said the kingdom on the earth, see, to be set.... Now this is the kingdom of the Gospel, you see; but the kingdom of the Jews will be preached by these two prophets. So notice the kingdom of the earth here. The kingdom of heaven is preached by the Jews ... I mean to the Gentiles; the kingdom here on the earth is to be set up in the millennium ... after the millennium to the Jews. Now notice. Notice this now. Here, while they are preaching, see.... Before these prophets ever rise on the scene, these Jews that had to die under Eichmann and them, is ... each one of them that's predestinated is given, by grace, a white robe. Amen. Each one of them is given a white robe. Notice. Now, what happened? As soon as that takes place....

116 I'm watching that clock back there, and I know we're getting late. But I don't want to.... See, I'm noticing them poor fellows standing there. God help you, brethren. I hope each one of you is given a white robe that day too. Standing, changing back and forth with legs hurting, and some of you worked all day. I know what that is. And look here.... And some of the poor little old women standing. I notice some of these men give women their seats, and somebody else give some poor little mother with a baby.... And I see all that, and I'm sure He does. Notice, but I don't want to keep you too long. If I can just get you to see the message, that's all I want you to do, see.

117 Now notice. These Jews.... I have to do this in order to let you see the revelation of this seal, see what it is, these souls under the altar and who they are.

Now notice. In the time of Daniel, now, the second half of the seventieth week.... Now remember, Messiah was to be cut off in the midst. That's the middle. Well, what's half of seven? Three and a half. How long did Christ preach? Right. But there was determined yet to the people what? Another three and a half years.

And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet ... a little season, [see? watch], a little season, until their fellow-servants [See? Now, what is it? The prophets now are preaching to Israel.] until thy fellow-servants also and thy brethren, that should be killed [see, the ones that are predestinated to be done—to be killed] as they were, should be fulfilled.

111 See, in other words, it's predestinated to them. It's the scriptures that they have to do it. "Just rest for a little while. Now, you've got your robes, and you're going home. Just sit there a little while." See, wait just a little. Now notice. "Thy brethren ... thy brethren had to yet be killed," which means the 144,000 yet to be called in the tribulation—144,000 is called.

I wish we had time. We might get it tomorrow night, if the Lord willing, just before we get in on another seal, see. Also.... Now watch. They have to be martyred by the antichrist—we just come through it, notice—in his last ride, when he breaks that covenant with them Jews down there, and there she goes, see. These Jews, 144,000, is to be called out by the two witnesses of Revelation 11.

112 Now, you remember, they was to prophesy. You've read that. How many's read that? Sure, we all are acquainted with reading the scripture. And they prophesy, these two witnesses prophesy in the time of Daniel's second half of the seventy weeks. That is the last three and a half years.

Remember how we took Daniel's seventy weeks? I said we would need it when we got in here. I didn't know why, but something told me we'd need it, and here we are, see. Notice, in the time of Daniel....

Now, remember, Daniel was told that the Messiah would come (the prince, the Messiah, rather), and He would prophesy. Israel still had seventy weeks left, and in the midst of the seventy weeks the Messiah would be cut off, and the daily sacrifice taken away. Is that right? But there was still three and a half weeks determined. In this block He takes the Gentile bride. Now, she goes up. And when she goes up two prophets arrive to Israel, see.

113 And those souls that's been martyred now down through there, real true Jews down through there, that had their name on the book, that lived the right life, and done the right thing, lived Judaism to the dot, they were martyred by Eichmann and many others. Honest people, millions of them down there—and them Germans shot them to death, and murdered them, and killed them, and hung them on fences, and burned them up and cremated them and everything else—that bloodless ... blood-hearted hungry Hitler, and Stalin and Mussolini, and all them people that hated them Jews.

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets,...

Watch what John seen here:

... I John saw these things, and heard them [Now he's closing it. This is the last chapter.] And when I ... heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

[And he then (the angel), see] Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: [No true prophet would be worshipped, or messenger of any kind.]

Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them that keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

87 See? Now, the book was so important that it is the Word of God. Now watch! And when the Word of God is brought forth, it's got to be brought by the prophet, because that's who the Word of God comes to.

I was expecting to get a question on that in this box here. I thought I'd just beat them to it, see. I just feel there is one in there so.... I just thought I'd get to it, see. Every word of God is brought.... The Bible doesn't change its system at all. See, it's the same thing. It's got to come to this seer that we're expecting to arrive. Now, notice: Revelation 10:1-7. Now, let's read the 9th verse again.

88 Now, we get, we.... Now, before we go to that verse, I want to ask you something. Do you see perfectly, before we leave these seals...? Now remember, there is no more powers goes out after that eagle—no more. Every time the antichrist sent forth something, God sent a power. The antichrist sent another power; God sent something to combat it. Then he sent another power; God sent something to combat it. See? Then when He got down to the eagle, that was his Word, back like it was in the first place.

89 Now watch. Isn't the prophet that we're looking to come, some man anointed with the Spirit like Elijah? It won't be Elijah, of course, but it'll be a man like that will come down. And his very ministry is to send, to restore back to this fallen people, through these denominational twists, back to the original faith of the fathers.

Now, if that don't tie that Bible together, I don't know what does. I can't say no more about it, because that's it ... just arrived. That's the truth. You take anything from there, you twist it, see. So it's just got to be that way.

90 Now notice. Now, in the 9th verse, "souls under the altar." Now, here's where I'm going to get some real disagreement. But just watch just

a minute here, see. I thought that, too, but it didn't come that way. I've always thought that these souls under the altar were the martyrs of the early church, and I'm sure that Dr. Elias Smith and every one of them says it is, see. But ... I thought so myself. But when the Holy Spirit showed the vision to it, it wasn't. It isn't the souls.

91 Now, you say, "Well, I don't know about that." Well, now, just a minute. We'll find out. These are not the souls of the bride church, not at all. We thought that was the bride church waiting there, souls under the altar, you see, crying, "How long, Lord? How long?" Let me read it again now, so we'll get it right.

And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

92 See, the Word of God and the testimony which they held.... Now, don't move from there. Just a minute, see.

And they cried ... how long Lord, How long, O ... holy and true, dost thou ... judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

And white robes were given to every one of them; and it was said to them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and ... brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

93 Now, for they, at this time, if you notice, this fifth seal being opened, see, the church is gone. It just can't be the souls under ... the early church. Now, please, if you ever did, give this attention now, because this is a great controversy. So I want you to listen real close now, if you've got your papers and things to write with. Now, I want you to notice.

Now, these cannot be them souls because the souls of the righteous martyred, and the righteous people, the church, the bride, has done been took up, so they wouldn't be under the altar. They would be in glory with the bride. Now watch, for they are gone in the rapture in the 4th chapter of Revelation. They were taken up.

Now, who are these souls? That's the next thing. Who are they then if they are not the early church? This is Israel that's to be saved as a nation, all of them that are predestinated. That's Israel. That's Israel itself.

You say, "Oh, wait a minute." You say, "They can't...."

94 Oh yes, they are to be saved. Here let's settle it. I've got four or five scriptures. I'll take one. Let's take Romans, just a minute, to find out if they are. Let's take the book of Romans and go to the 11th chapter of Romans, and we'll find out. Let's just read it and then we'll have it by

the.... See, and foretypes it and everything.

108 Now do you see who these souls are? They're not the martyred saints. They'd done gone. That's right. Notice, they were ... they've done gone, see. So these are given robes, each one of them. And now I want you to notice. But now God's grace stoops to them. Jesus gives them each a white robe, like Joseph did his grace to his brethren.

Now watch. Though they had tried to rid Joseph also.... But his grace reached right down to them, see. "Oh, pshaw! That's all right. You didn't mean to do that. But see, that was God doing that, see. God let you all do that so you could run me out, and bring me down here so I could save lives for people, these Gentiles here, where I got my wife from. I wouldn't've had no wife if I would've stayed back up there. And I love my wife, and she's got me these children, here." And said, "Now I'm coming to get you all. You all are going to have it good, too. I'm going to bring you down here and we're all going to live together as one big family." He said, "One thing I want to ask you. Is my old father still living?"

109 Watch him, what he did to little Benjamin, which is a type of the 144,000, as we'll get later. See what he did? He just ran right quick to Benjamin, fell on his neck and started hugging him—his little brother that had been born into the family after he had been gone, by his mother (the first church, the orthodox church), the 144,000 that was born in his absence, while he was away to get his Gentile bride. Oh, my! Don't that just do something to you? So, you see who they are? There you are.

110 Notice, now. Though they had tried to get rid of Joseph, his grace reached to them. Though they had tried to get rid of Jesus, He still comes right back around because they were blind, and gives each one a white robe. He's going to take them on home anyhow. It doesn't make Him a bit of difference because He has done said, "I'll save them all anyhow."

Now, verse 10. Notice, they asked for revenge, see. Now, if that had been the bride, it would have been like Stephen: "Father, forgive them," you know, see. But these are Jews that's just come in, see. They asked for revenge.

Notice, again ... see? Again He said.... Notice, it's not ... He said, "It's thy brethren," the Jews. Now, they wanted revenge.

They said, "Oh, we want you to revenge us down there."

He said, "Just a little while now, just a little while, for...." (Let me read it here. It's in the 10th verse.)

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

souls. Watch what he calls them.

They cried, "Lord, how long?" Watch!

"Just a little while longer." (Let's get that as we go down right through the scripture.)

105 They realized they had murdered their Messiah, see. And they didn't know it, but then they realized. They got murdered back to pay for it, for doing the wrong. And now, look what a thing they had to do. See, they was guilty of murder, so they got murdered, see. They cried out, "His blood be on us!" That's right. And they were blinded.

Now, if they hadn't have been blinded, God would have said, "Let them alone. They are not worthy." But being that they was blinded by God, his grace reached down to them—amen! Talk about amazing grace!—and give each one of them a robe, because all Israel will be saved. Everyone has his name written. That's right.

106 Jesus give them robes, like Joseph did to his brethren—a type. Look, when Joseph stood there, and when he finally.... He made himself known there by the altar, his own altar in his palace, his throne. He said, "Everybody leave me." His wife was over in the palace, where the bride will be. And he said to them, he said, "Don't you know me?" Here he's speaking Hebrew now. "I'm your brother, Joseph." Oh, my!

They said, "Now, oh, you're going to get us."

He said, "Wait a minute. Wait a minute. God did that for a purpose—had you to throw me out in order to save life." Glory! There you are exactly. He said, "Don't be angry with yourselves." You remember Joseph said that? Said, "Don't be angry with yourself. Everything is all right now. It's all over. God sent me here ahead of you."

You know, the Bible said they'll say to Him when they see Him coming, said, "Say, You're the Messiah, we know. But what about them scars?"

He said, "Oh, I got them in the house of my friends."

107 Friends? And when they realize it, them that's left, the 144,000, the Bible said that they'll separate one house from the other one, and take days just to cry, and wail, and walk up and down the floor, saying, "How did we do it? How did we do it? Why, we crucified our own Messiah!" They cried like a home would for its only begotten son. "How did we do it?"

Them Jews, they're the most religious people in the world. God's chose them, but He blinded them to take us, and we turn it down! What is the judgment of the Gentile church? There you are, see. Blinded purposely by God, so that He could get us, the bride, for Jesus—take them out of

ourselves. Romans the 11th chapter, the 25th and 26th verses. Now, listen at Paul here. And Paul said if anyone else, even an angel, preached any other gospel what he was to be? Cursed. Watch.

For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of the mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits [there you are]; the blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulfilling ... fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

95 The last Gentile bride to be brought in for the bride: the blindness come to Israel for that purpose.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion a Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Right? Now, they are Israel that's under this altar. Watch. Israel was blinded for the very purpose of us being saved. Do you believe that? Now, who blinded them? God. God blinded his own children.

96 No wonder Jesus, standing there at the cross.... And them Jews howling for his blood (that was his own kids), and He was the Scripture. He was, Himself, the Word. And here He, knowing that those people would've gladly received Him, and that's the reason He blinded them so they wouldn't recognize Him. He come in such a humble way and blinded them to it that they wouldn't receive it, see. The Scripture said they would do it; and He blinded ... was blinded. Jesus pitied them, even so much that He said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing." They were blind. Paul said they were blinded for a cause, for us.

97 Notice now, I want you to watch this real close. They were given robes. They didn't have them. They were given robes—white robes, each one of them. Now, the saints now have ... already have one. They get it here. But there they were given robes; and the saints already had theirs and gone on. See? See, they had not a chance because they were blinded by God, their own Father, so that the grace of God could be fulfilled, so the bride could be took from the Gentiles. Is that right?

98 Let me show you a beautiful type here in Joseph—Joseph, the spirit man, the eagle. He was born among his brothers, just like the real church is among the other, and he could interpret dreams and see visions, and the rest of them hated him. His father loved him. Notice. Then he was ousted by his brethren—not by his father—out by his brethren, and was sold for almost thirty pieces of silver; thrown into a ditch and supposed to be dead, taken up and set at the right hand of Pharaoh. And because he was ousted by his brethren, see, he was given a Gentile bride.

[Blank spot] ... from the youngest to the oldest, to cross the blessing from the Jew back ... from the Jew to the Gentile. See? Crossed his hands

to the younger son, which is the younger church to come in. The mother church stood in the sun. She brought forth this baby. And notice, to get him, Israel crossed his hands in the type. And Joseph.... Them same children was a Gentile mother. The bride of Israel back there, become crossed from the old orthodox over to the Christian way by the Holy Spirit that crossed Israel's hands. He said, "God has crossed my hands." He had nothing to do with it.

99 Notice. Then Joseph, rejected by his own brethren, his own people, took a Gentile bride. Just exactly what Jesus done—rejected by the Jews, took a Gentile bride. Now, let us read something here. I've got a scripture wrote down, Acts 15. And oh, this is just kind of ... it's what ... we're supposed to teach it anyhow. Now, I believe I have this right, I believe, Acts 15:14. All right. I hope this is right now. All right. "Simeon hath declared how God...." Let's start at the 13th verse.

And after they had held their peace, James answered,...

100 Now, you see what had happened, they had went to the Gentiles, see, and the fuss was on, because they were Jews, see.

And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

Simeon [that's Simon Peter] hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

See? My wife's name was Broy. When I took her she was a Branham, see. Jesus takes his church, or his bride out of the Gentiles. It's the scripture, typed—just like Joseph was.

101 Now, notice this. Now, these souls under the altar, these souls, understanding now, that are under the altar, why they were martyred by sinful men like Eichmann, see. They are holding right on (millions of them), but they remain Jews. Now, remember. What was it? They were killed for the Word of God's sake, not for the testimony of Christ. Do you understand that? But remember, the church come in—also the martyrs of the church—was for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. How many know that here? All right.

Now, but these didn't have the testimony of Jesus Christ "...for the Word of God and for the testimony which they held." That's Jews! And Hitler hated them. So did Eichmann, so did Stalin, and all the rest of the world. But they stayed true to what they believed, and they killed them because they were Jews.

Did you know Martin Luther kind of had that same idea, too? That's the truth. He said, "All Jews should be taken out. They're antichrist." See? But he was just under another dispensation, and didn't see it, didn't see

the Word. Now the Word of truth comes forth.

102 How are you going to ever blind out Israel? You can't do it. Oh, how could that prophet stand up there that day and say, "You look like a unicorn, Israel," when they was trying to show him the worst parts of it. He said, "Why," he said, "whoever blesses you will be blessed, and whoever curses you will be cursed." That's right. Oh, my! How are you going to do it?

One time they thought God would forget. When the prophet seen that dark thing coming for the Jews, that man standing there, and the Word of God pours in him, he said, "O Lord, are you going to forsake your people?"

He said, "What's that laying there by you?"

He said, "A measuring stick."

He said, "How high is it to heaven? Measure it. How deep is the sea?"

He said, "I can't."

He said, "Never can I ... neither can I ever forget Israel." No, sir! He ain't going to forget her. He had to blind his own child (now, think of that!), blind his own child to give us a chance, and we turn it down. Now, don't that make you feel about so little that you could crawl under a concrete block with a ten-gallon hat on and never touch it? That's pretty small. Oh, my!

103 Yes, they held for the Word of God. They were Jews. They had their law and they stayed with it. Do you remember last night, now? They stayed with that. And they were Jews, and they had the law, and the law was the Word of God. They stayed right by it. That's right. And for the testimony they held, they were martyred. And here were souls under the altar after the church had been gone.

104 Now watch. They had in their blindness martyred their Messiah, and now they were reaping for it. They realized it. They recognized it after it was gone on. They seen then, when they come before the altar of God. But now the grace of God is to them.

Now watch. Now they could not, by no means, be saints, because they would already be robed. But here they are now, just souls under the altar for the Word of God and the testimony they held for being God's people, the Jews. But now watch. The grace of God comes to them, and Jesus gives them each one a white robe —watch! plumb over after the church has gone—because they were loyal to their cause and they were blinded, and they didn't know it. They didn't know it. They were playing exactly the part that God had ordained for them to play. And here, John looked over and sees souls under the altar. Now watch. He sees those