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

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L-81 You know, you take a tree, a big old tree. I... When I was a boy, I used to go out, and we'd, us boys we'd go out, and had a big old tree we used to set under, a big old beech tree. And the winds would blow; and I'd wonder, looked like that thing, so much in the top looked like it'd blow the--the thing over. But you know, every time wind blows on a tree, it rocks the tree, and it loosens up the roots, so that they can just dig deeper and get a better hold.

And that's the way mockery, laughing, making fun of a Christian, what it does is, persecution shakes the Christian to make him pray more, dig down, get a better hold, so he can stand the storms.

L-82 Now, what if a man's planted in such a thing as by the river, where the springs, nine different springs feeding into him? Oh, my. What a--what a establishment he has. And a man that's planted by the river, the rivers of water (one water, one Spirit)... There are gifts of healing (same Spirit), gifts of prophecy (same Spirit), all the same Spirit but many gifts, one Giver.

Now, David saw him, and he was planted by this Tree. Now, he could not die. Now, notice. Why? He had Life in the roots.

people need strength. Satan is charging at them. And I'm putting the Word of God in their hands right now, in their hearts. We defeat Satan with this Word. Come out of these people in the Name of Jesus Christ. Look at their hands. Look at their faith, God. Satan, you're defeated. Leave them, in Jesus' Name. Come out. I adjure you by the living God.

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me; (You believe it? You believe He loves you? Put your hands up if you...)
... salvation
On Calvary's tree.
I love Him, I love Him, (Oh, praise God.)
Because He first loved me; (What did He do?)
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.
I can, I will, I do believe,
I can (Get away, Satan.), I will, I do believe,
I can, I will, I do believe,
That Jesus heals me now.

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One of them, one of them, I'm so glad that I can say I'm one of them.

L-116 Don't... Are you glad of it? Oh, my. What is it? The Holy Spirit. It's here with you. There it is again. Let's--let's just believe. Take hold of one another's hands. Take a hold; make a contact; hold one another's hands. Just so that you'll know that the Holy Spirit's here.

Now, listen, friends, there's not a person in here that's got any spiritual understanding but what knows now that a little strange feeling's going through you. What is that? That's the Word of God. That's God in the form of Spirit, the Word, the Word, God fortifying you. See? Don't disbelieve now. Believe.

L-117 I seen a man just healed back there with prostate trouble. God bless you, brother. It's all... Diabetes, that lady, forget about it. Go home, you're well. That's just going everywhere all over the building. You believe?

Now, the Bible said... Listen. The same Bible that promises, "The works that I do shall you do also." This is what He did. Well, the same Bible said this, that, "If they... These signs shall follow them that believe; if they lay their hands..." You're all believers. You've got your hands on one another. "If they lay their hands on the sick they shall recover." [John 14:12], [Mark 16:17-18]

L-118 Heavenly Father, we know that Satan is defeated. Our great Chief Captain, Jesus Christ, is present. Here's His Word made manifest. It's made manifest by the Presence of the Holy Ghost. It's the Holy Ghost working in us, the same Holy Ghost who brought us down Pentecostal fire, brought us down Pentecostal tongues, brought us down Pentecostal interpretation, set--that set in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists. And here at this big convention going on, where teachers, evangelists, and gifts are operating everywhere...

We see You, Lord. We know we're at the end-time, and the

Where is the roots--or life of the tree? Stays in the roots. Certainly. Comes up and bears its fruit. All right, watch. His roots had Life in them to bring forth His fruit in seasons. [Psalms 1:3]

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L-82 Jesus promised in the last days the works that He did would it be also. I quoted Hebrews 4:12 awhile ago: "The Word of God (that was Christ) is a discerner of the thoughts of the heart." When He was here on earth, He discerned their thoughts and what was wrong with them in their hearts, and proved it. Surely, if He'd do that for you this afternoon, you couldn't go away from here an unbeliever. Would you be persistent if He'd call you?

How many sick is in the room? Raise up your hands, with your heads bowed, say, "I want God to remember me in prayer." All around, everywhere? How many knows that I'm a stranger to you? Raise up your hands that know I don't know you. Sure, it's just everywhere. Now, be reverent; pray just a moment. [Hebrews 4:12]

L-83 I'm now believing in what? As Samson did, reach around there and feel those locks. When I was standing here fixing to say, "Let the people just pass by, and get these ministers down here to lay hands on them," something struck me. I saw a vision move over the audience. Then I know them locks are still there. His promise is still here. Now, you pray and see if He isn't the same God. Then if He's here in our midst this afternoon, can't you be persistent with your faith to believe in God? Amen.

Now, just pray; ask God to bless you. Do like that woman that touched the hem of His garment. Look how persistent she was. She thought, "If I can only touch His garment, I'll be made well. I believe. I believe that that Man is the truth. No matter what the priests are saying, I believe that He's that

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Galilean prophet, and I believe it." And she said, "If I can touch His garment, I'll be made well." [Matthew 9:21]

L-84 Now, He's still that same High Priest (the Bible said so) that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmity. If you're real, real sick now, why don't you just by faith break beyond them sound barriers of the world, them sound barriers that say, "There's no such a thing. The days of miracles is past. There's no such a thing." Won't you break beyond that where you can be free and touch His garment? And if He promised in the Bible that we would do the same thing He did, and I've brought the right Message to you that He is the same, then let Him work it. He promised it.

Just like the Syrophenician woman, I'm standing here this afternoon because He promised it. And you set there... He promised it. And don't let no devil or no doubt stand in your way. And He will grant it. He will break right through those barriers and pick you up. You believe it.

If the Lord should speak to me and tell me upon a bunch of strangers something that you know, it'd be a vital evidence, a proof of the Bible that He's here with you. Then could you go home and be persistent, saying, "Praise God." Could you do like that little Syrophenician woman? She knowed she was going back to find that baby all right. Yes, sir. She knew it would be so. You just have faith. Believe now. [Hebrews 4:15], [James 5:14], [Matthew 15:22-28], [Mark 7:25-30]

L-85 I wasn't aiming to do this. I preached on something else. You see? I was going to make an altar call. And when I made the short altar call, then something moved to this. Let's start across... I can't find the--the one place in the--in the building, I got to start from one side. I'll start from my right and go across to the left. Now, have you got time? Say, "Amen." [The congregation says, "Amen"--Ed.] All right, then set quiet just a minute, everyone. Don't move around, just be reverent. See? It--it disturbs (You see?), when you...

Now, somebody up and down in these rows in here

stranger to me. But God knows both of us. You're in trouble; there's a dark shadow over the woman. I don't know her; she's a stranger. The next lady, has her hands up like this, but yes. You believe God can reveal to me what your trouble is? Would you believe me to be His prophet, or His servant? You would? Yours is a nervous condition. That's right. If that's right, raise up your hand. It won't bother you no more now. Your faith has saved you. You are from this country. You're from a place called Fayetteville. That's right. You believe me to be His prophet? You believe God can tell me who you are? Mrs. Harrison, then you can go home be made well. You believe?

L-114 Here sits a lady setting right here looking at me. I'm a stranger to this woman. You a stranger to me, sister? All right. You believe me as His prophet, or His servant? You believe it? If God will reveal to me what's your trouble, will you believe with all your heart? You have lots of things wrong with you. You have high blood pressure for one thing. You have heart trouble for another thing. You're almost in a nervous breakdown for another. And you're praying to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. That is true. If that's right, raise up your handkerchief. You believe God knows you? All right, sir. Mrs. Jackson, all right, go home and be made well.

L-115 You believe it? Here sets a little lady setting up here crying. She's kind of heavy set, got her hair done up like this, and wearing a white dress, setting right up there. I'm a stranger. You're praying for something. That's right. The little lady there, I'm a stranger to you. I don't know you. God knows you. You believe me to be His seer, or His servant? You believe that with all your heart? You want to go back to Charlotte, be made well? Huh? Mrs. Hines? And you're wanting a baby, aren't you? You believe it with all your heart, you can have your baby. All right. You believe with all your heart? How many of you believe?

And if that's You, Father, which I'm sure it is, make Yourself known, so that the people will know these things that I speak, being yet uneducated, yet they're truth. They're Your Word. Grant it, Father. [A prophecy is given--Ed.]

Amen. Hear that? Remember when... The army was coming up one time and the Spirit of God fell upon a man, and told him how to--how to go down there and set in the way, and how they would beat that army. And they did it. I believe it was David, was it, was speaking? Or one of them? And the Spirit fell upon one of the men and told them how to escape. Hear what that said...?... "Seek Me." He is the Word. Stay with the Word. The Word promises this. Now, what am I trying to do? Take God to His Word.

L-112 Now, I don't... I know some of you people here, but you pray. If it comes over any of you people that I know, please, the people that's from Jeffersonville, around that I know, don't pray. Just let it go this time. Let it be people that I don't know. See, you just pray for me. I need you.

Just a moment, quickly He comes. Be reverent. There's a little lady setting right over here to my right, got a handkerchief up to her mouth. We're strangers to one another, I suppose. I don't know you. He knows you. All right. Here's a woman that's in contact with God that I don't know. She don't know me, and I don't know her. But the Holy Spirit knows us both. Now. You was praying for something. If the Holy Spirit will reveal to me what you were praying for, like He did the woman with the blood issue (See?), would you believe you'd be free?

It's a spiritual problem that's bothering you. Isn't that right? If it is, raise up that hand. It won't bother you no more. You believe God knows who you are? Would that help you? Mildred Rose, have faith in God. See, just believe. You're not from here even. You're from South Carolina. That's true. Just have faith, don't doubt. See? [Matthew 9:20-21], [Mark 5:25-28]

L-113 That struck a lady setting right behind her. She also is a

somewhere, you just believe with all your heart and say, "Lord, I truly believe with all that's in me. I believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is here. I believe that God made the promise, and God will do just exactly what He promised."

L-86 The man setting here looking right at me, setting about second person, wearing a brown suit, he's troubled with an eye trouble. I don't know you. You're a stranger to me. You might know me; I don't know you. That's true, isn't it? Someone might say, "The man's wearing glasses." That's not his trouble. It's trouble all right, but he's a man old enough to wear glasses. It's a growth on his eye. That is right. It's on your right eye. That is right. You're a member of the Philadelphian church. That's true. You believe, and that growth will leave your eye.

Now, if that's true, what was said, raise up your hand. What did he touch? That same One that makes you cry and praise God and shout. See? That's it, the same One.

Right straight back behind him, be--that blinding spirit was there. Right back behind him is a woman looking at me. Let's see, about one, two, three, four, setting in there, she's got eye trouble too. If she'll believe with all of her heart, the thing will leave her. That's right.

L-87 The lady setting right back behind there, also with that bladder trouble. Will you believe that God will heal you with the bladder trouble? She's wearing glasses. She's got a pinklooking dress on. That's it. I'm a stranger to you. Is that right, lady? If them things are true, raise up your hands...?... It has left you. Your faith has made you whole. Have faith in God. What about somebody in this aisle in here? Do you believe?

What about somebody in this aisle in here? Do you believe? Just have faith; that's all you have to do.

This lady setting right here with flowers on her hat, setting right back there with arthritis, if you believe with all your heart? Yes. You, lady, yes. Kind of graying hair, with a white dress on. All right, you. Pointed your finger down. It's left you. I'm a stranger to you. I don't know you. But Christ does

know you. That was right, wasn't it?

All right. Have faith in God. You believe Him now?

That man setting way back there, don't you see that Light over him? He's praying for someone; it isn't him. He's praying for some woman. It's his wife. She's got low blood pressure. His name is Mr. Mark. Have faith, sir. I don't know the man. I've never seen him in my life. God knows that's right. If that's so, sir, raise up your hand. Believe with all your heart, it'll be done. [Mark 11:22]

L-88 You believe? What about over in this a way? What about some of you all? Have faith. I see a colored lady setting right down here. It really isn't her. Yes, she's praying for somebody she brought here. She went to a hospital and got somebody. It's the--the man setting on the end. The man really doesn't know what's wrong with him. But if God doesn't heal him he's got to die. You brought him from the hospital here. That's right. Kind of even hurt his mind. That is right. It's true.

And you, that you believe me to be God's prophet. I'm a stranger to you. Is that right? You're just a stranger come in here. All right. If you believe with all your heart, you've got something you want prayed for too. That's a growth. And that growth is on your right leg. If that's right, raise up your hand. Now, believe.

L-89 That colored lady setting second from her, there with the hat on. That lady's suffering with a nervous condition. As soon as I said that about her, she knowed about it and it raised her faith. If that's right raise up your hand, lady. You believe it?

That white man setting right behind the colored man there, that's got his hands up. He's praying for a friend of his that's got cancer, dying, and the man's not here. And you're praying for him. You started praying as soon as I made that mention. If that's right wave your hand like this. Believe, and you shall have what you've asked for.

L-109 This big garment, Palestinian garment... She pressed through, this little weak woman and touched His garment. She said, "If I can do it..."

And all of them saying, "Rabbi" (prophet, deceiver, whatevermore they was calling Him) in a mixed multitude. So He was going along there and He said, stopped, said, "Who touched Me? Who touched Me? Said, "Somebody touched me."?

Said, "Oh, everybody's touching." Peter rebuked Him, said, "My, a Man of your caliber, and say, 'Who touched Me?'" Said, "But I perceive that I got weak." Virtue went from Him. And He looked over the crowd and He found the little woman, and He said, "Thy faith has saved thee." [Luke 8:44, 48], [Mark 5:27-28], [Mark 5:30, 34]

L-110 Now, the Bible said in the book of Hebrews that Jesus Christ, right now, is a High Priest (That right?) that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities. Is that right? A High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities... How would He act if He's the same yesterday, today, and forever? Act the same way He did then, if He's the same High Priest. The Bible said He's the same. You believe it? Well, then, you can't bypass the Word. The Word said so.

Now, have we... Have you enough faith to touch Him? If you could touch Him, then I'll yield myself to Him, and let Him use me and use you to bring faith to the rest of the audience. That's a challenge, isn't it? You believe it? Do you believe it? Would you--would it strengthen your faith to see the Elohim, not you, not me, but Him? What is it? The Word. What is it? The protection, the armament, the armor of God, the Word of God made manifest in human flesh, your flesh, my flesh, to see the works of God. Amen. I believe it. [Hebrews 4:15], [Hebrews 13:8]

L-111 Heavenly Father, maybe I did wrong. Maybe I made a wrong challenge. If I have, Lord, You forgive me. I didn't mean to do it. But seems like it's something leads me to do it.

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And the Angel, with His back turned, said, "Why did Sarah laugh?" What about it? Is that telepathy? "Why did Sarah laugh?"

Sarah run out and said, "I didn't." 'Cause she was scared. He said, "Yes, you did." [Genesis 17:5, 15, 17], [Genesis 18:9-15]

L-106 She'd have perished right there if it wouldn't have been for Abraham, her husband. She's a part of it. And the church would perish right now, if it wasn't a part of Christ: for its unbelief. Can't do it. He couldn't take Sarah on account of Abraham. He can't take the church on account of Christ. The Blood's still there (See? That's right.), part of it.

L-107 Now, notice. Jesus... And watch what he called this Man. Lot--or lot... Them Angels led Lot out. Watch. Abraham went out to worship by this Angel, and he called Him Elohim. What was it? That Man eat veal chops, a lamb--or, a calf. And He drank milk and eat bread--probably corn meal, made hoe cakes out on the hearth. But Sarah made them. And He eat bread, drink milk from the cow, and eat the cow's calf (That's right), and standing there. Abraham, and Abraham called Him Elohim. He ought to know--he's the one talked to Him. See if that isn't right. Elohim, capital L-o-r-d, same as the beginning.

What was it? Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Lot, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man." Elohim, the Word, in the beginning, will be manifested in human flesh like He was there. Hallelujah. Elohim, not I was; I AM. See? [Luke 17:26-30]

L-108 He's here tonight, same way. You believe it? Really believe it? If somebody in this building that I know not, if the Holy Spirit, if you'll just... How many believes that that woman touched Jesus, not physically, but her faith touched Him? See? What was that? Garment, sure. Blind Bartimaeus, the same thing. See? Her faith stopped Him. I want to preach 'fore I leave, "Then Jesus Stood Still." And now, if the Lord willing. [Luke 8:44], [Mark 5:27-28], [Mark 10:46]

L-90 Can you be persistent? The Holy Spirit's crossed the whole building showing you that He loves you. Do you believe? Are you persistent, perseverant? How many believes for your healing now while His Presence is here? That's Him. You've broke in now. We've got Him in our Presence. Raise up your hands.

Lady, you setting there with them crutches laying under there, what are you using them for? Throw the things away, or let them lay there, and go on and go home. Jesus Christ makes you well. You believe it? I'm just watching things happen to you.

Are you believing? Put your hands over on one another. Just put your hands on one another now, every one of you. Now, when you get ready to leave, get out of there. Get out of your chairs, everything else. Just believe.

Can't you break through that barrier of unbelief? How-how dense can we get to be, friends? Can't you see that Jesus Christ is right here now? Has done more for us in this meeting than He recorded in the Bible that He ever done? Do you believe?

Lord, I believe, Lord, I believe, All things are possible, Lord, I believe; (Oh, something's happened) O Lord, I believe, O Lord, I believe, All things are possible, Lord, I believe.

L-91 Whether she's here or not, I don't know. There's a woman praying. It's a pastor's wife. She's got a kidney condition. Her name is Mrs. Miguel. Believe with all your heart and you can go home and be made well.

Lord, I believe... (Don't worry about that church condition. It's going to clear up also.)

Lord, I believe, (Oh, people)

All things are possible, (Do you believe now? Are you persistent? Stand up.) I believe.

O Lord, I believe, O Lord, I believe,

All things are possible, O Lord, I believe.

I love Him, I (How many claim your healing now? Raise up your hands, saying, "The thing's going to leave me. I've got the faith right now. It's left me. I believe it.")

He first loved me And purchased my salvation On Calvary's tree.

L-92 Truly, from the bottom of your heart, do you believe just like that little Greek woman did? "Lord, I'm in Your Presence. I receive Your Word of promise into my heart. And just as that woman believed that her daughter would be well, I believe that I am well and every request that I've made, it's mine now." Do you believe it? Raise your hand, say, "God, I give you my hand of promise; I believe it with all my heart. And from this hour on, I'm going to be persistent as I can be. I'm healed. By His stripes and His promise, my faith takes a hold of God's Word and I am healed." Do you believe it? [James 5:14], [Matthew 15:22-28], [Mark 7:25-30]

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, O Saviour, Divine; Now, hear me while I pray, Take all my sin away, Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

L-93 Let's bow our heads. From the depths of your heart, from the innermost being that you know anything about, the very soul that controls you... You who raised your hand awhile ago, when I asked for that altar call and you wanted Christ to come into you, to make you a real persistent know-so Christian, do you now believe that you possess what you asked for? If you do, raise up your hand to God. All over the building look at the hands. My.

Every one that was sick, and without any hesitation (like the

sins vexed his righteous soul each day. [Luke 17:26-30], [II Peter 2:8]

L-104 One day, just before the end time, Abraham, the elected church, was called out. It didn't go in Sodom; it was out of Sodom. Now, watch the three classes of people, always. There's always a believer, a make-believer, and a unbeliever amongst the people. That's Abraham, Lot, and the Sodomites. Now, watch. Each had a message. There was three Angels came to Abraham, the church elected. Two of them went down in Sodom and brought out Lot and his wife and daughters. She turned around. Sodomites burned.

Two of them--a modern Billy Graham and an Oral Roberts, his messages went down into Sodom, preaching the Word, blinding them with the Word. To disbelieve the Word, you are blind. The preaching of the Gospel blinds the unbeliever. And that's what Billy Graham and those great evangelists are doing. Blinding. [Genesis 19:15]

L-105 But there was One that stayed with Abraham, the elect. He gave him a sign. You remember, he had been Abram a day before that or two. And Sarah had been S-a-r-r-a. But now it's A-b-r-a-h-a-m and S-a-r-a-h. See? So this One setting there, the speaker, He said, "Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah: Princess?"

Said, "She's in the tent." And the tent was behind the Angel. He said, "Abraham," now remember, Sarah was ninety and Abraham a hundred--ninety-nine, He said, "I'm going to visit you." (I, personal pronoun there.) "I'm going to visit you according to the time of life, the promise that I told you." In other words, Sarah's going to bring this baby.

And she laughed in the tent. See, she was old. She said, "Me have pleasure with my lord?"--Abraham, her husband. And said, "He's old too." Why, she... they was... As husband and wife maybe they hadn't been husband and wife for twenty years. See? They was that old, past. Said, "Me?" And she laughed.

the river of waters: one river, the Holy Spirit; all these waters flowing into it, gifts, spiritual gifts, flowing into it. Its leaves can't wither. It'll bring forth its fruit. Is that right? Remember, it'll bring forth its fruit in its season. That perfect tree, Christ, came. And when He came, what happened? They cut Him down and put Him on... (Maybe I miss... Here I done something. Here, Ben, I think, right here, brother. I...)

They cut Him down, hung Him on a Roman tree. But He raised up again. That's right. He's here today. That's right. When He was here on earth, He stood, looked out upon the audience. A little woman passed by one day when He was going through a crowd of people. They said, the--the doctors of that day, the philosophers and--and the priests said, "He's a telepathist. He's Beelzebub, a fortuneteller." They still live, the spirit does. But the Spirit of God still lives too. See? He's coming for His Bride. "The works that I do shall you also." [Zechariah 14:7], [Hebrews 13:8], [Psalms 1:3], [John 14:12]

L-103 How many people in here's sick that don't know me, and know that I don't know nothing about you? Raise up your hands. All around everywhere, just everywhere. If this comes to a person from Jeffersonville or somebody that I know, forget it. Get away from it. Hold your hand up and say, "No." Get away.

I haven't had... I just feel His presence. I know He's here. Listen. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be in the coming of the Son of man," See? What was it? A time like in Sodom. Look at perversion, like it was in Sodom, the sin of Sodom. Look at this nation. Look at other nations. I was reading a newspaper here some time ago in Los Angeles. It's increased forty percent in the last year: Sodomite. Why? Women has exposed themself and such, till the natural source of man's been changed: Sodomite. "Was in the days of Sodom..." Look. When Lot, the righteous man, and his family was down there, He become mayor of the city, or set in the gate and was a judge, great intellectual. But the

Ethiopian, or not the Ethiopian woman but the Syrophenician woman, that believed with all of her heart that she'd find her daughter well, and she did), believe that the disease, or the trouble, whatever was wrong with you, that in the Presence of Christ this afternoon as He's blessed us by coming in here with us, you believe that you have faith in His promised Word of His being together with us; and "ask what you will it shall be given"; and you've asked, and you see His sign. You truly believe that it's not some creed, some hoax, some denominational, some soothsayer, or some fortuneteller, but you believe it's your Saviour Jesus Christ, working in you and giving you faith to believe it, raise your hand and say, "I accept it, and I believe it with all my heart." [James 5:14], [Matthew 15:22-28], [Mark 7:25-30]

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayer;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

Until I see you, God make you persistent. Take His Word as a torch, and the Sword in your hand, and let faith yield It out yonder to cut every darkness away from you until you see Jesus in the fullness of His blessing. God bless you.

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L-92 In Memphis one day... You've heard me tell it, I guess. I

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just thought of it. I was coming, singing that little song. The airplane had stopped. A storm come up the night before. And I was coming from over at--at Dallas, Texas, and it stopped at Memphis. Storm brought it down. They put me up in the big hotel, told me next morning they'd call me, seven o'clock. And I was going to mail some mail real early, about five o'clock. I didn't sleep too much. And on the road down the Holy Spirit said, "Turn and go back the other way."

I walked a little farther, and there was some reels and guns and things setting in a shop, a big old Irish cop standing there. I walked over to this reels, and looking up and down, I thought, "He's quit looking at me." I said, "Lord, was that You?" Don't you believe sons of God are led by the Spirit of God? Said, "Turn and go back the other way." I just started and went back. And I went across, went way down in south Memphis there, got amongst where the colored people live. And I was going along there, thought, "My," looked at my watch, "It's time for the plane to leave." Something just kept saying, "Go on, on." The sun was up big, you know.

L-93 I was going along there, and directly I looked, and hanging out over a little gate... And there stood a typical colored sister, looked like one of these Aunt Jemimas, her big fat cheeks hanging there. Tears was running down her cheeks; she said, "Good morning, parson."

I said, "Good morning." I said, "Auntie, how did you know I was a parson?" Now, down in the south that's what a minister's called. I said, "How'd you know I was a parson?" She said, "Aw, I knew you was." Said, "There's one thing I just missed." Said, "You was supposed to have on a little gray suit, and a little hat put on the side of your head," said, "but where's that briefcase you had?" I'd just set it down.

I said, "Left in the hotel."

She said, "I knowed you was coming."

I said, "My name's Branham. Did you know?"

Said, "No, sir, Parson Branham, I don't know you." She said,

to go back. I was about two and a half hours late. And I said, "Drive me on over to the cab station." No from cab--not cab station, but airport. I said, "I've got to catch a plane when I can." Now, it was back there right after the war and you couldn't hardly get a plane. When I walked in, got inside, said, "Last call, Louisville, Kentucky." [John 4:16], [Mark 5:27], [Matthew 9:20]

L-101 What was it? God, for the faith of that woman that maybe didn't know her ABC's... Yet she knowed her ABC's: Always Believe Christ. See? For that woman, poor, illiterate woman, hardly knowed where the next meal was coming from. But her sincerity to the God that she loved could ground that plane, and hold that plane until the prayer of faith was prayed over her boy; and could take a man and move him so I couldn't go up in the plane; the Spirit of God turning you around. No matter how you try to go, it turns you back. You get God in you, brother, you can't walk that other road; something turns you around. Held that plane there for that... That's the same God that's in this building tonight. You believe it? Put on the full armor of God. You believe Him?

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Oh, how I love Jesus,

Because He first loved me.

How many Christians in here, raise your hands. Then say this.

I'll never forsake Him,

I'll never forsake Him,

I'll never forsake Him,

Because He first loved me.

[Brother Branham begins to hum "Oh, how I love Jesus."--Ed.]

L-102 It shall be Light in the evening time: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever. The Bride tree it come up at Pentecost. There's a tree that David saw. It's planted by

A little while... About a year after that I was going through to Phoenix. I come on a train. You know how sandwiches are on train; they're so high, and little bitty things. So we pulled into Memphis, and I jumped off, get me a sack full of hamburgers to last me till I got about to Phoenix. And so... We'd be that day and that night. And I could get them there for about fifteen cents apiece, you know. And was I go get me a sack full of hamburgers... And I went to get me... Run down like that. And I heard somebody or another, "Hello there, Parson Branham." I looked right over, a little redcap standing over there. I said, "Hello, there. How are you, brother?" Kept on going.

He said, "Wait a minute." Said, "Don't you know me?"

And I said, "No, I don't believe I do, brother."

He said, "You 'member one time," said, "you come down to my house," and said, "my mama was standing out at that gate waiting down over here, or something?"

I said, "You're not that boy?"

Said, "Yes, I am." He said, "I--I not... I's healed." Said, "Thethe--the doctor done said I's well." And said, "Not only that, but I'm saved now."

L-100 What is it? Listen, friends. God works on both ends of the line. That same God Who could say to that woman, that Shunammite, the same God Who could speak and say to that woman at the well, "Go, get your husband." That same woman could touch His garment to turn Him around in that midst of that people; He's God.

Let me show you something. I have... I've noticed some colored people back there in the back, I believe, and two, three brethren setting here. I don't say this now. See?.. But look, any grace of God (not to the potentates and monarchs), but to a poor, illiterate colored woman living in a little haunt down there, the grace of God that could hold that plane down there...

And listen, after I left that house I went out and caught a cab

"But did you ever hear in the Bible about that Shunammite woman?"

I said, "Yes."

Said, "You know, she--she had a baby. She was too old to have a baby, and yet she had one." And said that "Elijah, that prophet, went and told her about that baby 'cause she was kind to this prophet."

I said, "Yes, I know the story very well, auntie." [II Kings 4:12], [II Kings 4:13-18]

L-94 She said, "Well, I is that kind of woman." And she said, "I prayed to the Lord, me and my husband, to give us a child. I said I'd raise him like she did." And said, "He gave us a fine boy." And said, "But my boy took the wrong road." Said, "He got out amongst sinners and so forth, and went the way of the sin." And said, "He's laying in there dying. He's caught a venereal disease." And said, "He's in there dying." And said, "We didn't know it, we Christians here." And said, "It went so long till it turned into syphilitic." And said, "He's a--he's dying."

And said, "The doctor come and said that they couldn't do nothing for him. His blood was four-plus and they'd give him Salvarsan, 606, and mercury, and everything, but it didn't do no good. And it was--it was too far advanced: done eat holes in his heart." And said. "He's dying." And she said, "I just couldn't, parson, stand to see my baby die."

L-95 Said, "His father went on to work this morning." And said, "All night long I was up, and I prayed. I said, 'Lord God,' said, 'You're the same God was back in the days of Elijah.' And said, 'Now, I--I--I is the kind of a woman she was, and You give me my baby here.' And said, 'He's took the wrong road, Lord. But I've washed over boards and tried to serve You, and went to Your church, and listened to Your parsons.' And said, 'I--I tried and done everything I was told to do.'" She said, "'I don't want to see my baby die like that.'" She said, "'If...' And I said, 'Lord, what can I do?'"

And said, "I fell asleep, and I dreamed I seen you coming down the street. And when I woke up He said, 'Go out there and stand by the gate.'" And her back was still wet. She had a man's shirt tied around her head. And as I looked down there, I looked at her, I thought. "My."

She said, "Won't you come in?"

L-96 Oh, my. I opened that old gate back, a little old plow point hanging there for a gate weight. You know what they are. And then went on the inside. I been in kings' palaces, you know, but never was I any more welcome then I was in that little colored house that morning, little old floor, and that little old iron bedstead there, poor. But laying on the bed was a great big, fine-looking boy. Looked to be about a hundred and ninety pounds, just strong, husky. And he had the sheet in his hand, or the little thing over him, going, "Uh, uh, uh."

I said, "Good morning, sir."

"Oh," she said, "parson, he hasn't knowed nothing for three or four days." Said, "He--he thinks that--he thinks he's out in the ocean or some big place." Said, "He--he talked about it being dark. And he's in a boat, and he can't find his way back." And said, "That's what breaks my heart." Said, "If I could just hear him say he was saved."

I said, "Auntie, I pray for the sick."

L-97 She wasn't interested in that. She wanted to see that boy saved. That's what she wanted to see, that boy saved. She knew she would see him again on the other side then. She said, "Now, he's took the wrong road. Won't you pray for him?"

I said, "Well, let's pray." I said, "Well, let's pray."

So we got down, and I said, "Auntie, you pray first." Oh, my. When that dear old saint went to praying, you... It wasn't something new with her. She talked to Him like she'd talked to Him before. Yes, she did. I just felt chills run all over me like that. I thought, "O God, how did You ever lead me down

here like this?" I thought, "O God, You're so wonderful."

I'd watch her, and I raised up, and watched her. And she'd, tears running down. She said, "Lord, here I am." Said, "I prayed, and You give me a dream and said this parson was coming. And waited right there." I believe God works on both ends of the line. That's...?... Said, "I waited right here till he come." And said, "Now, here he is." Said, "Lord, if I could just hear my baby say 'I--I'm saved,'" said, "it'll be all right." And she prayed, and then she stopped praying, said, "Amen." She said, "Would you pray, parson?"

I said, "Yes ma'am, sister." I put my hands over on his feet, cold.

L-98 She raised over and wiped the tears off her cheeks, like that. She kissed him on the cheek. No matter if he was in disgrace, she said, "Mama's baby." Now, see, that--that... No matter what he was, it's still her baby. See? No matter... See, that's it. You think of a mother's love. Now, but God said, "A mother might forget her baby, but I can't forget you." See? "Your name's engraved on the palms of my hands." He loves you, don't worry. If you're taking His Word, just keep on.

She knelt back down. And I put my hands on his feet. He kept saying, "Uh, uh, it's dark in here." Said, "Uh, uh, dark in here. Oh, mama."

I said, "Can't you talk to him?"

Said, "No, he don't know where he's at." Said, "He's just been going like that for days." [Isaiah 49:15-16]

L-99 And I said, "Heavenly Father, I don't understand that why that plane come down. Now, I'm too late. I won't catch it. And here You had me come down this way. And this sister standing out here, this little humble house. I come here just to... I don't know why I'm here, Lord. I just kept on following..."

He said, "Oh, mama. Oh, mama."

And I said, I listened a little bit, she said, "Yes, honey."

Said, "Mama, it's getting light in the room."