

It Is I

E-1 Thank you, sir. Good evening, friends. You may be seated.

We most certainly deem this a grand privilege to be here tonight in the service of Christ. We wish to thank all you fine people here in Grande Prairie for this lovely time of fellowship. We shall never forget it. Trusting that if it's God's will that I could get back again sometime to be with you, perhaps with a longer stay. . . Just kind of a fly-by-night that our brother got the information and they made ready right quick for our coming. He did not have time to advertise it. And I've been mostly rude to keep you farmer people up so late at night, knowing your plowing season and things is at hand now. So I'm sorry that I held you up, but I hope that something was said or done that'll last through eternity for you.

I certainly want to thank the pastors, all these fine cooperating pastors here that come in. I'm so glad that you people have pastors like this, that's shepherds over the flock of Christ.

Now, trusting that the meeting, the results will be long lasting with you, that you'll never forget the visit of our Lord. . .

I was sorry to come to you so tired and worn out, but as you know, I was on my way up for a—a little time of fishing and hunting with some friends up at Dawson Creek. And I just been six months on the field without stopping, so I'm really worn out. The meetings hasn't nothing like being what they should've been, because the first vision or two, then I'm just gone. And anyone knows that in the regular meetings sometimes there's thirty or forty of them in a night. And so it's—it's because I've been so tired, not because of your faith.

E-2 Another thing, I think if we had an instruction service to let the people know. Many of them, it's new to them. When the Holy Spirit. . . When you're praying, you be praying and remembering that God's fixing to answer your prayer right then. And as soon as it speaks, you rise. That's. . . Quickly. That's. . . God wants you to move real quick. See? And rise to it.

You notice many times I see the vision over someone and then I'd speak and—and if they don't respond to it, it moves right over to someone else (You see?) and then... It's very timid, the Holy Spirit is. And It'll move... Maybe that person setting there with good faith, believing that would help them a little. It will not heal them. It doesn't heal them, but it—it gives them confidence to know that their prayer touched the High Priest. And sometimes that way they'll—they miss it by not knowing just how to take ahold of it. It's something new. And it's not no more than what your pastor, anyone else who'd pray for you. Because after all, it's just the prayer of faith to save the sick. The pastor has just as much right to pray for you as anyone there is. And if your pastor's not there, a good saintly person in the neighborhood, anyone... 'Cause confess your faults one to the other and pray one for the other, that the Scriptures... I believe in Saint James the 5th chapter...

And it's been marvelous. Many times I wonder sometimes how that so many things happen. But it's just simple prayer. I come up and pray for someone, maybe dying, sarcomas cancer or something, just eaten up. After while along the road some... "You remember me, Brother Branham? I was the one that was so-and-so." Tens of thousands of them world around... So you see, it's just simple faith; it's nothing and anything that we work ourself up to; it's just something that we believe like a child would believe, just like you'd promise your little girl a new dress Saturday, the little boy a overall jacket. See? They expect that. Just simple childlike faith. That's all God wants us to be, because we're just children anyhow.

E-3 And so we—we are happy to have this time of fellowship with you. May God bless you people.

So thankful to see this lovely little new church. It shows there's a thriving congregation that would undertake to build this church like this in these—this little city here and its growing population. I trust that God will be—expand it so they'll have to buy the properties next door and build a—bigger building, and many hundreds of people being saved.

God bless the pastor, and the deacons, and trustees, and all the other associates with us here together. We are not divided; we are one body. We believe that there is one Christ Who saved us all. And so that's how we stand.

And now, perhaps soon I'll be in the foreign lands again. And now, here in America you can just go out, preach, and maybe lay hands on the sick. That's all right. You get by with it. But not when you're on the battlefield. Out there you—you face devils, I—I mean challenging devils, witchdoctors and, oh, what they call holy men, and—and everything that's not afraid to challenge. But I say this, God being my Judge, I've never seen one happen but what God triumphed over it with a great victory, like that, every time, every time.

E-4 We have literature, but I didn't think of bringing it. If you'd want any or anything, just write to us in Indiana, Jeffersonville, Indiana; we'd be glad to send it. And if any time you need a prayer cloth and want to carry it in your Bible, well, just write to me, just Jeffersonville, Indiana. We'll send it no charges. No charges on nothing, we do not charge for anything. Everything's free. Jesus said, "As freely as you receive, freely give." So we . . . No charges on any . . .

We do have books, but they're not mine. They're books that other men has wrote of the ministry. So we have to buy them. And we get a forty percent discount on them. Then we have to haul them to the meetings, and we always place them in the meetings and—and get somebody to sell them. We give a couple of young fellows that goes with us fifty dollars a week to sell the books at the beginning of the meeting. At the end of the meeting . . . We will not sell them on Sunday. And then we got orders, no matter who it is, if the person comes by and wants a book and hasn't got the money, give it to them anyhow. See? And never turn a person down, because it's not to sell the book (See?); it's always to get the message out.

And anyone knows, you brethren who sell books, there's no money in selling books 'less you . . . nothing . . . They won't even pay for themselves. Love offerings is what pays for the books to the people that . . .

E-5 Sometime when I leave on a big campaign they'll give me a love offering. And when I do that, I take it to my church, turn it into the church. And it goes to foreign missions. Out of that they give me enough money to live on: a hundred dollars a week to my family and—and home, and automobile, and expense, and phone calls, and things. 'Course, that doesn't go for the other phone calls; they run hundreds of dollars a month, the phone calls.

And I seen the time that phone calls on long distance alone would average sixty-four long distance and hour. So you can imagine what it is. It's just not just one little place; it's all the way around the world. See? And people laying in there waiting for months, hundreds of them on the waiting list now just for a—a few minutes: come from Africa, India, Asia, everywhere to come in on those private interviews. Now, there's where you stand before God and wait until He speaks and tells just what has to be done. And not one time has He ever failed us. So we're thankful for that, grateful to God.

E-6 Now, I'm going up to Dawson Creek next. And we invite you there. Brother Sothmann came and got me a few moments ago, he and my son, while I was in the room praying for the meeting tonight. And he said they was going to have a breakfast, I believe, on Saturday morning. That's good. And we'd glad for you to come, attend the breakfast, attend the meeting. And then pray for me.

I want to ask this one favor of you before I turn to the Scriptures. You know when the winds are blowing hot and the—the—everything's going contrary and witchdoctors on every hand, and—and devil powers challenging on every hand, wonder if I could just depend on you back over here in Grande Prairie some time each day to whisper a little prayer for me? Will you do that? Will you promise me to do that? Thank you. Thank you. I'll always remember you.

Every time coming through, I'll try to stop and see you. If coming back and forth. And if I do not see you again until we cross the river, I'll see you on the other side over there where. . . And remember, the same Gospel that I teach about tonight, I'll be standing there with It in my hand. Saying, "It was true." And I'm sure our Lord will vindicate that, that It's true.

Not only does He do it then, but He does it now. That. . . He does it now, that is true.

I certainly appreciate you and love you with warm Christian love. If any time I can be a favor to you, call me, or write me. I'll do anything that lays within my power to help you make life a little easier for you, and the rough places a little smoother. Any time I can pray for you or do anything for you, let me know.

E-7 Shall we bow our heads just a moment, as we speak to the Author of this Word.

Lord, the God of creation of the heavens and earth, Who made all things by Christ our Lord, Who sent Him to be the propitiation of our sins, giving us His Word, which is the water of separation, washed by the water, through the Word of separation. That through faith believing if we are separated from our sins, called out, set apart, ordained to the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, the good news: goes all the way from the pulpit Lord, to the little housewife that could testify and tell of the goodness of our blessed Saviour.

We just humbly bow our heads in humiliation, Lord, and thank You to know that we were once alienated from God, without hope, without Christ, without God. And while we were yet sinners, Christ died in our stead to reconcile us back to the great family of God. So we'll—could not be able Lord by human speech to ever express the adoration of our hearts for Thy goodness and mercy to us. But, Father, in our simple, humble, childlike way, receive our thanksgiving, Lord God.

Now, I pray Father, first for Your ministers here, my brethren. O God, I'm so glad to have fellowship with them. It said once in the Bible that "How sweet it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It's like the anointing oil that was on Aaron's beard, that run to the hems of his skirt." How we thank You for that Lord, for brethren of like precious faith, that believes on God. We thank You for their churches. And I pray God that You'll bless their efforts, wherever they are. And may the congregations grow, and the grace of God be with them, Lord. May signs and wonders accompany their ministry, Lord, that'll shake this nation with the power of God. Grant it, Lord.

Send us men out of this wilderness like John the Baptist, who came forth burly and blasting, that prophet, speaking of a Messiah, was coming with His fan in His hand, that would thoroughly purge His floors, and burn the chaff with unquenchable fire.

E-8 Now, Father God, bless this audience tonight. Here sets mothers with their little babies. See, dad's and mothers setting together, and sick people, and needy. I pray God, that the Angel of mercy will sweep over here tonight.

May there not be a feeble person in our midst when this service is closed. May we go to our homes tonight, rejoicing, saying, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us along the way?" Grant it, Lord. For we know You remain the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Bless this people, Father, and if it happens to come to pass that some of us crosses over the river before we see each other again, God, grant that we'll all meet again somewhere over yonder in the great beyond. And there we will fellowship together forever.

How I would like to go home with each one these men and women; visit their homes, be a blessing to me Lord, just set down and read a Scripture, and kneel down at their table, and pray. How gracious it would be. But, Father, the day is way spent, the sun is going down. Eternity is coming in.

Oh, we must battle as long as we can. God, if I never get to do it in this world, may I be able to do it in the world that is to come.

Give us of Thy grace. May the Holy Spirit speak to us tonight through the written Word. Close our mouths to anything that would be wrong. And open our hearts wide to receive It. May the seed fall in good ground, that'll bring forth a hundredfold, for the glory of God. We ask it in the Name of His beloved Child, Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

E-9 I wish to refer to just a—a Scripture tonight. And I was so sorry I kept you late last evening. I was talking and you . . . I just talk too much. So I . . . Thank you, sir. That's awful nice, you . . . A lot of grace, brother. I—I thank you for that. That's very nice, makes me feel good to know that you put an effort forth and it's appreciated. You know what I mean.

Now, what's my cause here? To try to help you, try to make life a little smoother for you. And what good would it do me to come here as an impostor or a hypocrite? I'm not paid to come. I do not ask money. I haven't . . . It's not popularity. I shun that. See?

So a man who tries to be popular cannot be right with God. So it's not that; it's because in my heart I love you. I'm tired and wore out. I'm fixing to go for a little rest for a week or two, 'fore I enter the services again. But my love was, that I just couldn't pass you by without stopping in, saying, "How

are you?" and having a little meeting. And associating with you a little while.

So remember, what I'm telling you is this, that your Lord and my Lord is not dead. He's risen from the dead. And He's with us. He . . . we are His children.

E-10 Now, I . . . In healing if you'll just appropriate the faith and say, "Now, if He's here, then His attitude towards one is His attitude towards all."

Now, maybe someone will have just a little high faith, that'll—can reach in above yours and touch Him, and bring down a—a vision over them. That doesn't mean that that person's the only one can be healed. No. You have . . . God's attitude's just the same to you, but you just can't stand it. It just tears you to pieces. How many understands that? Just raise up your hand.

Jesus said (pardon me) Jesus said, when one woman touched His garment, He said, "I perceive that I have gotten weak. Virtue's gone from Me." So you can realize . . .

E-11 Listen my brother, sister, may be our last time meeting. No one, there's no one in this world will ever know what I went through. That's right. You can't explain it. You can't explain God. And you set in the meeting, not in here, but many times you talk a few minutes to find, here's critics over here. Here's a doubter. Here's one superstitious. Here's one, a—a devil possessed setting there. And all that. You feel that coming against you like a breath.

And then you've got . . . See, there's a godly saint setting there trying to find God. Here's another one is wondering and doubting. Here's a little baby, dying. Here's one that's cross-eyed. Here's a daddy setting here with cancer. God . . . And then all that by the thousands, meeting you at one time. You don't realize how it tears you to pieces. See?

And there . . . And just think, Satan's waiting for one little crooked word, somewhere. That's all. See? And knowing that you're human, you have to completely rely upon Jesus Christ, just completely throw your life to Him.

Now, in the Scriptures of Saint Matthew, the 14th chapter, and the 27th verse. We read this.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of a good cheer, it is I; be not afraid.

Now, I wish to take that for a text. "It Is I." "It Is I," three words.

E-12 And now, I want us tonight, so we can hurry, to attend a testimony meeting. You like testimonies? We all do. And would you not liked to have lived in the days of the apostles, and set down somewhere on a log out by the lakeside, and heard those apostles testify? How many would like to have heard that, just heard them together, those who walked with Jesus?

And surely if they walked with Him and knew Him, they would know how to testify about Him. Don't you believe that? Sure. They would know how. . . His life, they knowed just what He was. And remember, they were not Angels now, they were men that had their ups-and-downs just like we do.

E-13 Many time people thinks when a ministry becomes supernatural, they think that person ought to wear a robe, clothes, and—and touch me not, and you know. When a person acts like that, they're trying to be something that they're not. God uses men, just ordinary men.

When you see a person like that, to me it's a stuffed shirt (See?), somebody trying to be something they're—they're not: "Holier than thou art, not touch me. I. . ." That. . . Oh, God can't use that; you know that.

E-14 So we're. . . God. . . I'll say this one thing: some of the finest old hearts that I ever shook a hand under—beat under an old blue patched shirt (That's right.), real pair of steel gray eyes, look you in the face and say, "Preacher, I believe it." Brother, you can depend on that. Mark it down. Callous from plow handles or something, that's right. . . You don't have to have on a tuxedo coat and your collar turned around to be a Christ-fearing Christian. No. It's not what you wear; it's what you are inside, what makes you, not how smart you are but how much you are on the inside. To us there's none of us any good. If there's any goodness about us, "There's only one good and that's God," Christ said.

E-15 But I'd like to go to a testimony meeting. And just set down and get me a seat and hear the apostles testify. Oh, I've always thought, I'd love to do that. Now, I've always thought I'd like to hear Jesus when He said—stretched forth His loving arms and said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Oh, you know they got so . . . They claim, if a voice has ever spoke (you know it more than I do), a voice, it never dies. It lives on, like radium, goes on, and on, and on, like a pebble dropping in the water. The little waves carry on and on for miles, vibrations till you cannot see them with your natural eye. But they're carrying on and on and on.

And your air . . . When you speak, that's where you get on electronics and the—the radio that air wave, it goes on. It never dies.

E-16 I'd like—thought I'd like to live till science maybe could pick up that voice of His. They claim that someday, if they keep going on, they'll be able to do it, pick up His literal voice, when He said, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and heavy laden, I'll give you rest."

Well, I may not live to that day. Frankly, I don't think the world will stand that long. We're so close to the end time. But I would like to be with you to preach to you awhile on those things. But I've tried to make our little messages just simple in drama, 'cause I'm tired. And then you'd understand it better.

E-17 But I may not live to hear that, but there's one thing I do want to hear and I believe I'll hear it. "It was well done, My good and faithful servant. Enter into the joys of the Lord." That's what I'm expecting to hear someday. I'm sure He won't disappoint me.

And if I . . . If He does turn me down at the end of the road, I'll still love Him. If He sends me to hell, and I can still love in hell, I'll love Him anyhow. See? Because I deserved to be turned down at the beginning. See, and if I had ten thousand lives to live, and there's nothing after the end of them, if there was—if there's no God, no Christ, I'd still take this Christian way to live, anyhow. To have men and women that I can associate with, it makes life so much different (See?) if you just be a Christian.

E-18 Now, let's break in upon this testimony meeting and listen at the apostles testify.

It must've been about sundown, about this time in the—in the evening, when the big brawny backed fisherman begin to push the boat off of the shore. And I can just see him as he takes the little ship, and his brawny back, pushing, shoving the boat, and as it gets off the shore, gets it off into the water, into the blue Galilee . . .

And then he climbs up over the seats and takes his position by the side of his brother Andrew. And the little oars begin to dip into the water, and they'd make a dip and then wave bye-bye to those on the shore. Because they'd had a great meeting that afternoon, and—and he—they were leaving. And the people loved them. There's something about the love of God in our hearts, that it just kills us to part from one another.

E-19 A real Christian group when they come together, when they have to leave one another at church, I—I've seen them just stand and hug one another and cry. See? I think of Paul kneeling down on the shore and praying, say, "I—I—knew. . . You won't see my face no more." And how it is to separate from one another. . .

We used to sing a song down in the old Baptist church in the south.

Bless be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds,
 Is like to that above.
 When we asunder part,
 It gives us inward pain;
 But we shall still be joined in heart,
 And hope to meet again.

E-20 It must have been that feeling as the little ship moved out into the—into the waters. And they was waving good-bye and all, saying, "Come back. Be with us again, brethren." Seeing the men on the bank, and them wiping the tears from their eyes, and waving to them, "Come back and be with us again," as the little ship moved on out into the waters. . .

And after while, they come out of sight. They couldn't see no more, the dark was settling down. And they would—been pulling. . . In those days they pulled by oar, two men in one seat. And they'd take these oars and keep time as they pulled the little boats. And then if the wind was blowing, they hoist a little sail, and—and helped them along.

E-21 And they were crossing over the Galilee. And after it got—for a little rest period, we'll believe that it must

have been young John, he was the youngest among them and—and rather an enthusiastic little apostle. And so when they pulled their oars out of the water, and someone must have said, “Brethren, let us take a—a little break and rest for a few minutes. And let’s have a little testimony meeting.” That’s the one we want to break in on.

E-22 Young John must’ve said, “Well, today has been the day that settled it forever for me. I have been a believer since I was a baby. I can remember of my precious old mother reading the Bible stories to me, and how she told me that when our people come across out of the lands of Egypt, was brought up into this country that we inherited by God. She used to tell me stories of how great Jehovah was. And how He cared for His people. And how I used to lay and look up into her pretty face, and she’d say to me, ‘John, all beyond the stars yonder, there’s a great God that loves His people. Don’t forget it, my son.’ And then she told me that when God, Jehovah had called His children up out of Egypt, that He provides for those who take a step to walk in His commandments. And they were following Jehovah out of Egypt. And they got out into the desert and they run out of bread. They didn’t have no bread to eat. And Jehovah brought bread down out of the skies and laid it on the ground. And the next morning the only thing they had to do was go pick it up and eat the bread.”

E-23 “And I used to say to my mommy,” he might’ve said. “Mommy, perhaps, God’s got a great bunch of ovens up there in heaven and a whole lot of Angels that work overtime. And they would bake all this bread. And then the Angels would get big baskets, and run down, and lay it all around the camp.”

She said, “No, son. You’re too young to understand. But you see son, Jehovah is a Creator. He just created that bread. He don’t have to have ovens to bake it. He just created that bread. And it fell upon the ground.”

And oh, John might’ve said, “That always stayed with my heart, how that Jehovah could create bread and send it down on the earth already cooked. Brethren, I want to make my confession in this testimony tonight here on this boat, that I know that we’re not following some false prophet. We’re not following some impostor. For when I saw Him today take those little loaves, five loaves and two little fishes, and break

that bread and feed five thousand people, I knowed that was God.”

E-24 “That settled it for me because He did the works of God. Do you remember, brethren, He said once before to us, ‘If I do not the works of My Father, then believe Me not.’ But what did He do brethren?”

I want to ask this congregation, “What—what kind of an atom did He turn loose?” Took those little biscuits and broke five of those and fed five thousand people, not growed wheat and . . . He does it all to . . . Sure. But He bypassed all the routines of nature. Not only did He grow wheat there, He growed bread, not only bread but baked bread already seasoned and ready to eat.

That’s our God. Fishes, why He put every fish in the water. But He took these fishes and broke them, not just raised up another fish out of the water, but broke a fish and went back and took . . . Another piece growed on while He was breaking that one, a fried fish, already seasoned, rolled in cornmeal and fried, ready to eat.”

How did He do it? What kind of an atom would the science say today that He turned loose there?

E-25 And I can hear John say, “Brethren, it was so astounding to me till I—I climbed up behind the rock, and looked, and seen where He was—I could find where He was getting it from. But He just took the bread, and held it out, and broke a piece, and laid it on Andrew’s basket, and reached back, and there was another piece ready when He reached His hand for it. So that proves it to me that He’s God. He’s Jehovah.”

“Only Jehovah of the Old Testament could create bread and here—to feed hungry people. And here that Jehovah is manifested. And I know that that is the Son of God: could only be. He’s associated with God somewhere, because He done the same things God did.”

E-26 It must have been Simon Peter about that time said, “That’s a good testimony, John. May I give my testimony now? You know, brethren, that I was a fisherman. My father before me was a fisherman. And my father was a godly old Pharisee. And do you remember he stayed in the church great deal of the time, and we fished on the river here on the lake.

And my mother, and how I would see her, and dad take Andrew and I of a morning, when we went to get the fish, and kneel down around the side of the table. And how I'd see dad look up and say, 'Jehovah, I need fish today for the market to feed my little children. Will You help me catch a good catch today?'"

E-27 "How that when we'd catch the fish and come into the shore, how that Andrew, and I, and dad, would kneel down by the side of the boat and thank God for the fishes before we took them to the market."

Oh, we need more fathers and mothers like that. "Bring up a child in the way that it should go."

"One day I remember," he might've said, this way that, "we'd had a great catch that day, oh, a tremendous catch. And we pulled our little boat into the shore, and I jumped ashore and tied the—up the boat. And was helping the fish out into the baskets."

E-28 And after we'd prayed, I can see my dad brush back the gray hairs from his face, put his arm around me, and set me up on the boat, said, 'Simon, my little boy, I've raised you to serve God the best of my knowledge.' And he said, 'Simon, I like all true believers, have looked forward for the day that when the Messiah would come. I thought I would see Him in my day. But, Simon, I'm getting old now. And my days are numbered; my steps are getting shorter. I, perhaps, won't see Him, but Simon my son, you are the younger, so perhaps you will see the Messiah that we've looked for for all these years: the hope of Israel.

E-29 Simon, before He comes, there'll be many things that's raised up down through the age and saying they are Messiah's and all these things. And when—by the time, His coming, they'll be all kinds of things raise up. But, Simon, the churches has got off on many tantrums and. . . But I want to tell you, my son; you remember to believe what Moses said, our prophets. That when this Messiah comes, Moses told us, that the Lord our God should raise up a Prophet liken unto Moses. And He would be the One that we were to go to."

"And Simon, whatever you do, always remember, no matter how anything looks, remember, the Messiah will be a Prophet; for it's according to the Scriptures. Don't be carried away, Simon, with foolish things and strange doctrine. But

stay with the Scripture, my son. Because Moses our leader, that we know God sent Moses, and Moses said, 'The Messiah will be a Prophet.' And the sign of the Messiah now, we haven't had a prophet for hundreds of years. But one day there will be One raise on the scene that'll be a Prophet. And that'll be the Messiah, 'cause we're waiting for that day."

E-30 And he might have said, "And, brethren..." put his arms around Andrew, and said, "Andrew, you remember when you went to hear John preach, speaking of a Messiah? Well, I thought it was one of these errors that they all have. There's this and that and I never paid much attention to you, Andrew."

But one day when you finally persuaded me to go see this Fellow that was—been introduced as the Messiah, and when I went to see Him, brethren, when I walked up into the face of this Man, and Andrew going up along the hill said, 'That's Him. You see the One?'"

"'Why He don't look no different than any other man,' I said to Andrew."

E-31 But he said, 'Just a minute, let's move through the crowds. He's fixing to speak just in a moment. And everybody will be breathless while He is speaking.' And we moved through the crowd. And Andrew had been... seen John introduce Him and... So then, I moved up close, and I thought, 'I'm—I'm going to see—get a good look at Him. And I'm going to hear what He says, see if He is with the Scriptures.'

"So I moved up close that day. When He got ready to speak, and I thought, 'Now, I'll just see what Andrew's been talking about.' And when He—before He opened His mouth to say anything, His eyes fastened upon me. And He looked at me and said, 'Your name is Simon and you are the son of Jonas.' Oh brethren, that—that fixed it for me."

"Not only did He know who I was, He knowed that godly old daddy of mine that had warned me and told me what the Messiah would be. Therefore, I knowed that that was God's Prophet, the Messiah that was raised up. That finished the testimony for me."

E-32 Must have been Philip about that time, that raised up and said, "Now, Brother Nathanael, I'm going to tell this on us now in the testimony meeting here out on the

ocean.” Wouldn’t you have loved to have been standing, listening at it, setting up on the brail of the boat, listening at them?

And Philip might’ve said, “Well, I was standing there, Simon, when I saw Him do that, or heard Him. And I seen the expression on your face. You just fell right at His feet. And I thought, ‘Surely that big burly man Simon, would just droop his shoulders down.’ And He told you your name would be a ‘little stone’ after this.”

E-33 “And I knowed that would be a good fitting name for you, because you were solid. When you believed anything, you believed it. And then I thought, ‘How would He ever knowed that?’ So I’d read the Scriptures too. So I knew my good friend setting up here at the end of the boat, which is Nathanael, so I took around the mountain to find him.”

“And I found him under a tree praying. And when he finished his prayer and had gotten up, why I said, ‘Come, see Who we have found, Jesus, the Son of Joseph, that’s the Messiah.’ ‘Oh now,’ he said, ‘could there be anything good come out of Nazareth?’”

“And I told him, ‘Come, see.’”

E-34 “And you remember along the road the . . . our conversation? And as soon as I brought Nathanael into the Presence of our Lord, He said, ‘Behold an Israelite, in whom there is no guile.’ And I’ll tell you; I’m going to stop my testimony now. Now, Nathanael, you finish it.”

“Well,” said Nathanael, “I . . . All the doubt was taken out of me. But it . . . I was astonished as soon I seen the Man, the first time I’d ever seen Him, till He tell me that I was an Israelite and no guile. How would the Man ever know me, when I never laid eyes on Him in my life until I come to His meeting? And I thought I would question, and I was so enthused to think, ‘Could the news be true or—or was I just dreaming a dream?’”

E-35 So I said, ‘Rabbi (or Reverend, Teacher, whatever you wish to call it), when did You ever know me? Why, You have never seen me in Your life. And how would You know that I was an honest just man, no guile?’ He said, ‘Why before Philip called you, I saw you when you were under the tree.’”

“Brethren, I knowed then that was the Prophet that we’d been looking for all these years. And I confessed Him publicly before my priest and all the rest of them, knowing that I’d be excommunicated from the church for saying such a thing or taking a stand. But it made no difference to me. I knowed the Scripture said that’s the kind of a Man it would be.

So I stayed with what the Scripture said, ’cause Moses . . . We were taught to believe Moses and the prophets. And they said that this Messiah would be a Prophet, and we haven’t seen anything of it for hundreds of years. And here it was right with us. And I—I know the Man did not know me. So it settled it for me.”

E-36 And about that time Andrew must’ve raised up and said, “Brethren, I would like to say another thing. Do you remember the day that He said He was going down to Jericho?”

“Yes.”

“And He had need go by Samaria. And we all wondered, ‘Why’s He going up around Samaria, instead of going down to Jericho?’ But He had need to go by the Samaritans. And you know we didn’t have any dealing with them at all.”

E-37 “But He stopped. And we thought maybe He just wanted to show His face in Samaria. So He set at the well, and He sent us in to get some food. And when we come back, you remember what we seen? We were embarrassed. Our Lord was talking to a woman of ill fame a beautiful young woman. But she was a bad woman. She was standing out there with the marking of a bad woman, coming to the well at that time of day. And He was talking to her. Do you remember what He said?”

He said, “We hid behind the bush to listen and see what He was saying, see what our Lord would say to this ill famed woman, and said—He said, ‘Woman, bring Me a drink.’”

She said, “It’s not customary for You Jews to ask us Samaritans such things. We have no dealings with each other.”

He said, “But if you knew who you were talking to, you’d ask Me for a drink.”

And she said, “You have nothing to draw with.”

“And our Lord said, ‘Go, get your husband and come here.’”

She said, “I do not have a husband.”

E-38 “Do you remember, brethren, how we felt? Uh, oh. Now, He slipped up. He’s made a mistake. ‘I do not have a husband.’ Then we heard His Words.”

‘Thou has said well, for you’ve had five husbands, and the one you live with now is not your husband.’ And then do you remember that Samaritan woman, of the city of Sychar there, what she said?

‘Sir, I perceive that Thou art a prophet. Now, we Samaritans know that there is coming the anointed One, called the Christ, the Messiah. And when . . . We know what His sign will be. That will be His sign. He will be a Prophet. When He comes, He will show us these things. But Who art Thou? You must be one of His servants.

He said, “I’m He.”

E-39 “Oh, how we seen the expression on that woman’s face. When she set down her water bucket and ran into the city and begin to scream, ‘Come see a Man that’s told me all the things of my life.’”

Now, she . . . He never told her all the things. He just . . . She was just so happy. He just told her the one thing. But if He knowed that one things, He knowed all things. See? “Come, see a Man Who’s told me the things that’s in my life. Isn’t this the very sign of the Messiah? And He’s setting right out there on the well.”

And they brought the man out. And the Bible says that the whole city believed on Jesus because that He told that woman that thing.

E-40 Must’ve been Matthew the scribe, taking down this testimony, so I could read it to you tonight. See? He said, “Could I speak next brethren?”

“Oh, yes, Matthew. Go ahead, speak.”

“Do you remember the morning that we were going into Jericho? And Rebekah, our sister down there in Jericho, she was the wife of Zacchaeus. And he was a businessman, a tax collector in the city. And he was a rich man. And you know Rebekah believed on our Lord.”

“And she had prayed, and she had prayed for her husband to become a Christian. But of course, he was one of the big payers in the church. And—and he played golf with the priests (you know, understand what I mean); he—he had his social affairs. And they all went out together and—and they had their big times together. So it was hard for him to pull away from his membership. And therefore, you know that he—anybody that follows our Lord is excommunicated from the churches right now. See? They have nothing to do with them.”

“And so. . . And we—we was asked by our sister Rebekah to pray for Zacchaeus, her husband, that he would receive our Lord.”

E-41 And do you remember when we stood on the corner and told Zacchaeus, ‘Zacchaeus, you are a Bible reader. What seekest thou? What sayest thou of Messiah?’ Rebekah’s testimony is true. He is the Prophet that the Lord our God was going to raise up in these days. ‘Oh, but Rabbi Lavinski tells me that he’s a false prophet. He’s a—he’s a Beelzebub. He’s—he’s possessed with a fortunetelling spirit. I won’t believe it,’ walks away.”

“And you remember Rebekah’s testimony that day? How she—she said when Zacchaeus got up early that morning, and she’d prayed all night long that Zacchaeus would get to see Jesus when He came into the city.”

E-42 Now, women, that’s the way to get your husband won to God. It takes some praying, holding on. All night she prayed. And the next morning, she knew that Jesus was going to visit the city that day. So she—she, all night she had prayed that Zacchaeus would see some kind of a miracle, that Jesus would perform, that would change her husband’s heart.

And you know, we’re taught this, friends, the prayer of faith will do great things. All things are possible to them that believe.

And then Matthew might’ve said, “And brethren, you remember that morning when we met Rebekah? She said, ‘I prayed all night. And this morning about daylight, well, Zacchaeus got up early, put on his best robe and groomed his beard, you know. ’Cause he was an important man. So put on

his best clothes, you know. And I said, 'Where are you going, darling?'

"Oh, just for a morning stroll." That was unusual you know, because he didn't get up that early.

E-43 So Rebekah got down in the floor and said, 'Thank You, Lord. I know You're dealing with him. See? Because he's been so grouchy the last few days. See?'" (That's usually when He's on the road. See?) "'Oh, he's cut me off to everything. But I know that You'll lead him somehow right around to where Jesus is.'"

"Well, now you remember we took a . . . And she stayed home to pray. So you remember what Zacchaeus told us after the story? He said all down in his heart, all night long he had dreamed of seeing God dealing with him."

And the next morning when he got up, he went out and went down to the corner of the gate of the south side of the city, to which He was to appear. And when he got there, by daylight the Galileans had piled all over the gates to wait for Him.

E-44 "Well, he was a little man, so, he—he was small in statue. And he said, 'I'm too little to ever get in a bunch like that. I'd never see Him. But I'm going to give Him a piece of my mind when I see Him. I'll tell Him he's a false prophet. He's no seer.'"

So he happened to think, 'You know, I . . . if He comes in here, I won't see Him. But I know He's going over to Lavinski's, over there for dinner, my competitor. So I'll—I'll tell you what, I'll go up here and I know He will pass by Hallelujah Avenue, where it goes down Glory Street. And (He usually passes that way, you know) so I'll go up there and stand up there. And when He passes by, I'll see Him.'"

E-45 Well, got up there and he was groomed all up. Said, "I'll stand right here. And when He comes up, I'm going to say, 'Rabbi, I've slapped my wife out of the bed a many night because of You. I want You to leave her alone. I want her back in church with the ladies' sewing circles and all that. (See?) Why, I'm a disgraced businessman in this city, because she's been hanging after a bunch of fanatics, bunch of holy roll . . . or you know, people like you. (See?) So I'm a—I—I—I want You to get out of the country.' I'll tell Him. Boy, and

everybody will know I'm the—I'm a—I'm some fellow. I got some brains." See?

E-46 And he was standing on the corner, just happened to think, "Well, do you know what? That crowd will follow Him. (That's right. They will.) Wherever He goes, they'll go too. You know what? I'm so little, when they get up here, they just might tramp over the top of me. So there's only . . . I don't know how to do it."

So he looked and there was a sycamore tree standing there. Thought, "Well, you know what? I believe I'll get up in that. And when I get up there . . . Now, what am I doing all this for? So I . . . but if I get up there, I'll see Him when He comes by. And I'll preach Him a sermon from the top of this tree."

So he looked around, and he was too short to reach the limb. You know? But he was determined he was going to see Him. If you're determined, God will fix a way for you to see Him all right. See? You just be determined. See?

E-47 "And so he looked around and he happened to think, 'Well, what is it? Well, the garbage collector hadn't come by yet this morning.' And the garbage pail was setting over there. So he goes over to get the garbage pail and it was too heavy. 'Well, nothing else around. But I want to see Him.'"

Oh, you'll do strange things when you want to see Him. You do things you don't think you would do, embarrassing things.

"So he puts his arm around the garbage pail. Here he comes now. And just about that time, here come two or three businessmen around the corner, his competitors. Then he's caught in a trap.

Maybe some of you are in the same shape tonight. You're caught amongst this holy-rollers. So there you are. You might as well just take it. See?

E-48 "So there they was. He had the pail in his arms. And his little face got red. But he didn't care. He's going to see Him anyhow.

That's the way. Now, Zacchaeus, now, you're getting right. Takes it over and sets it down by the tree. And shinnies up the . . ." I don't mean to say that. We call it in America "shinny up the tree." You know, it's get up on the tree and climb up it.

E-49 “And he got up there. Got him...Set down where two limbs come together, like this, set down across those limbs.” That’s a good place to set down awhile, where two ways meets, yours and God’s. Think it over a little bit.

You’re going to die one of these days. You’ve got to meet the God Who wrote this Word. You’ve got to give it an answer one of these days. So I hope that there’s many Zacchaeuses here tonight, will set on that cross place tonight, make up your mind.

What a pitiful looking sight he was. Setting up there picking the splinters out of him and garbage all over his new suit. And...But he was determined to see Jesus. See? He wanted to see Him.

E-50 So he begin to think, “You know, what’s making me do this? You know, Rebekah told me that that guy was a prophet, that He could see. Now, I don’t believe that. There’s no such a thing in this day. My priest told me there’s no prophets of this day. Prophets was hundreds of years ago, way back in Moses’ time, but there’s no prophets today. So you know, what I believe? Before—before I give Him a piece of my mind, I believe I’ll just cover myself up, so He can’t see me.” So he got all the limbs, and pulled them all around him, and camouflaged himself so nobody could see him.

E-51 So he left him one big leaf like this, like a door. He could raise it down and look out. And he set there wondering, “Now, He will never know I’m up here. ‘Cause He can’t see me up in this tree. And I’ll just see how much Prophet He is.” And every once in a while, he’d hear some noise.

You know, usually where Jesus is, there’s a lot of noise. I don’t why, but it’s usually that way. See? “And so he pulled the leaf down, looked out over the leaf. Nobody coming.

After while, he heard a noise. He looked down. And the streets was beginning to crowd full of people. He peeped under the leaf, you know, watching, looking around to see. After while, a great big strong man come around the corner, the street standing full. “I’m very sorry this morning, friends, would you step back and give our Master room? He is...He’s very weary and tired. He’s been up much through the night. He’s been healing the sick yesterday. And things has been done. Would you please step back?”

E-52 “That must be who Rebekah said was Simon Peter. He looks like a big brawny looking fellow.”

“Would you stand . . .”

“Here comes some more man by. ‘We are very sorry. But give our Master room, will you? Because He’s very tired this morning.’”

“Well, I thought, ‘Now, He will never see me setting here.’ And so after while, I looked over on the corner, and there stood a—a friend of mine with a sick baby, that I’d just been down there and talked to him. And the doctor that eats at my same restaurant, that I and the priest eats at. Told that man that baby would die at any time, and its fever was so high. And here they are wrapped up in a blanket, standing out there to see this fanatic come around.”

E-53 “After while, the little father run out in front of Him, and fell down, and said, ‘Would You have mercy on my baby?’ And He just touched the blanket. The little girl got to jumping and running, going away.”

And when he looked down, there was something about this Man Jesus, that when he saw Him, he changed his mind. He didn’t feel like giving Him a bawling out. If you ever look straight into the Scriptures and see Jesus, what He is, you won’t criticize Him no more.

He didn’t want to bawl Him out, but he pulled the little leaf down and begin to watch Him come on. He had His head down, walking steady. The Bible said there’s no beauty we should desire Him. So He probably was a little stoop-shouldered Fellow, walking along the streets.

E-54 And when He got right under where he was at, He stopped. And here he was looking over this leaf. He looked up, said, “Zacchaeus, come down. I’m going home with you for dinner today.”

Not only knew he was in the tree, but knew who he was. “Zacchaeus, come down. Make haste, come down right away. Rebekah’s waiting for us.”

“You remember how He . . .”

“Oh, yes,” all of them said, “I remember that. Yes, sir. We remember that testimony, what Zacchaeus said up there that day at dinner. How he was ashamed and he said, ‘Lord, if I’ve done anything wrong, I’ll make it right. I know that Thou art

the Messiah. Sure, I'm satisfied. When You called my name, me setting up there in that tree."

"Oh, yes."

E-55 "And say, when we went out of the gates, you remember that old blind Bartimaeus, that was out there on the other side there? You remember his testimony brethren?"

"Yes, I remember it."

"He was setting there dreaming of the days that when he could see when he used to be able to run around on and pick little flowers along on the Judaeen hill."

[Blank spot on tape—Ed.] for the devil. He said, "I do nothing till the Father [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] . . . ? . . . what I see the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." How many knows that's Scripture, Saint John the 5th chapter?

E-56 When Jesus passed through the pool of Bethesda and healed one man, left the multitudes, thousands laying there: Lame, blind, halt, withered. He went to man that maybe had a prostate trouble; maybe he had TB. It was retarded; he'd had it thirty-eight years. Why didn't He heal those that was crippled and blind? Passed right among every one of them and went over to this fellow.

Now, remember the Bible said Jesus knew that he had been in this condition. See? And He said, "Will thou be made well?"

Said, "I have no one to put me in the water."

He said, "Take up your bed."

Said, "Somebody can beat me." He could walk. Said somebody outruns him, gets down there first, get in the water when the angel troubled the water.

Said, "Take up your bed and go into your house."

E-57 And He was questioned. If He did that in this city tonight, He'd be questioned. Watch the devil say, "We got a man selling pencils down here on the streets, blind. Let these Divine healers heal him." See? See, that devil? The same one said, "If Thou be the Son of God, perform a miracle before me. Turn this bread in—this rocks into bread. I'll believe you."

The same devil, when they had Him in the courts, put a rag around His head, and a bunch of drunken soldiers hit Him

on the head with a stick, said, "If you're a prophet, tell us who hit you. We'll believe you." See? God don't clown.

E-58 Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself; but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise." There you are. There's the real servant of God. "I can do nothing in Myself but what I see," (not hear, see). Then Jesus never done one thing until God showed Him by a vision what to do, or He told something wrong in Saint John 5:19.

"Verily, verily (that's absolutely, absolutely), I say unto you, the Son can do nothing in Himself." That was the Son, the—the body that God dwelt in. "The Son can do nothing in Himself; but I what I see, see the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise. The Father worketh and I worketh hitherto." In other words, "Father shows Me what to do, and I just act it out as a drama."

E-59 Now, blind Bartimaeus said there, said, "Who is passing by?"

"Oh," they said, "Shut up," shoved him over. And there, finally a kind little woman, a servant of Christ. . . All servants of Christ are kind. You believe that? They like to show courtesy to those who are needy: helps the blind across the street, bring them to the meeting. Do things kind. When the neighbor's sick, go help them, never expect money. Do good to others. All Christ's servants are like that. They like to help those who are run down and tramped over.

This poor old blind man, pushed over there, and all of them hollering. . . One saying, "Hail, hail, there the King, the Prophet, the Galilean Prophet. Hail to Him."

The others saying, "Away with that impostor."

Others saying, "Come raise the dead, you hypocrite. Plenty of them laying up here on the hill. Come up here and raise one of our men. We had a godly priest to die last week. Come, raise him if you're the Son of God."

E-60 Jesus never opened His mouth, just kept walking on. All the. . . He was going to Calvary, right then, going up to Jerusalem. The burden of the world was upon Him. Every man that ever died, every sin that was ever committed was laid upon Him. And He knowed He was going to death.

I can hear Bartimaeus say, "Who passes by?" Nobody would tell him.

Directly, this kind little woman said, "Sir, let me help you up, kind sir."

"Oh, you're a nice, lady. Who are you?" He told . . .

She told, "I am the servant of the Christ."

"The what?"

"The Christ. Are you a—you are a Jew?"

"Yes."

"Have you not read in the Scriptures where the Messiah was coming?"

"Oh, the Son of David?"

"Yes. What a kind of a man will He be?"

"Oh, He will be a Prophet," said blind Bartimaeus. "He will be a Prophet."

"That's Him that's just passed by."

"O Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me."

Some of them said, "Shut up. How could He hear that?"

E-61 Go to Jericho one time and see where he was setting and where Jesus was at: about three hundred yards, thousands of people saying, "Hail to the Prophet."

Others saying, "Away with the hypocrite." Overripe food thrown at Him and everything like that . . ."Out of our town." See? And others blessing Him, and some cursing Him, same thing today, same thing . . .

Some say, "It's true. It's of God."

The other one says, "It's a devil." There you are. See? God takes His man but never His Spirit. The devil takes his man but never the spirit, just go, lives on in somebody else, just keeps coming back, like the Holy Spirit. See?

Now, they both live today. They both live in Grande Prairie. You know that. Sure they are. Both spirits, that wherever men are gathered together, you find both spirits.

E-62 Here they was. And now, there . . . Jesus could not have heard him literally, too much noise. But blind Bartimaeus must have said this, "I know then that that's that Messiah that I knowed would come. And I know that He's a

Prophet.” So he must’ve fell on his knees and said, “Jehovah, Jehovah.” See, it compares with the rest of the Scripture.

The woman that touched His garment. . . He’s a High Priest tonight, that you can touch His garment. “Jehovah, I’m blind. I have no money for an operation, and they couldn’t do me no good anyhow. Jehovah. That’s the Son of David and He’s passing me by. Have mercy.” His faith stopped Him, the faith of a blind beggar, an insignificant person.

E-63 Not his cry, He couldn’t have heard it: too much, one saying this and the other one saying something else. But his faith stopped Him. ‘Cause Jesus said so. And remember, with the sins of the world on Him, going to Jerusalem, the faith of one beggar stopped Him in His tracks.

Wished I had a few days, I’d like to preach to you one night, just on preaching: “And Jesus stood still.” The sun stood still. One of these days time will stand still. But Jesus stood still, said, “Thy faith has saved thee.”

“And you remember what blind Bartimaeus said? He said that that was the Son of God. ‘That Man was a Prophet. My faith was strong enough to stop Him. And I asked Him for my sight and He said, “Thy faith has saved thee.” I stood looking. The crowds went on down the road. I said it has to be so. It has to be so. I know it’s so. And after while I begin to see a shadow. I begin to notice. And there was my hands. And I run down the road rejoicing.’”

“Oh, sure.”

E-64 Oh, what a testimony meeting they were having. No doubt they were weeping and shouting and jumping up and down in the boat, hollering, “Glory to God. Praise God, brethren. We know we are right. We know that He is the Messiah.”

So is it today; you can take all your dead theology you want to, I’ll take the living Christ. Amen. For me and my house, we’ll serve God.

So I like an experience, a Urim Thummim, a Word of God made flesh and dwelt among us. That’s me.

E-65 That testimony meeting. . . About that time, we begin to notice, the devil must’ve looked up across the Galilean hill, and said, “Oh, there they are, out there having a testimony meeting, but they’ve gone off without Him. He’s not

with them now. So if He's not with them now, now's my time to get them."

My precious brothers, that's what he could say again. The churches are going off without Him. They're going off on a great denominational spree, our Pentecostal brethren are, trying to get more members in—in than this one, or more members than that one, having great programs going on, great things, trying to compare with the other churches. We're not to do that. Let's stay with Jesus.

E-66 The devil says, "Now, I'll sink them. I've got them gone off without him." And that's just what he's trying to do now. So he begin to blow his poison breath. "Whew." The old sea went into a nervous prostration. Here the waves begin to jump and to flip and to . . . Said, "I'll sink them now," standing, glittering eyes on every wave, and the lightning a flashing, and the thunders a roaring. Said, "We'll get them now. Because we've got them out here without him." And that's what the devil's done to the church today, gone off without Jesus on a great big denominational spree. And the first thing you know, other kind of things of the world and trying to compare with the world. . . . We can't compare with the world.

E-67 Don't go over on the world's ground to get the people in. We've got something they haven't got. Hallelujah. We got Jesus. They got glamor. How can we compare with them with glamour. The Gospel is not a glare; it's a glow. Sure, and you can't glow it. It gets in you and glows itself. Amen. Yes.

That's what we're trying to do, get on some kind of a tantrum to get more than the Baptists, or more than the Methodists, and how to make our churches look like theirs, and our denomination to equal theirs. And oh, nonsense. Let's go back to Christ. Let's get back to the old fashion prayer meetings, back to the godly nights of tears and crying before God, until we see the living God moving among us, prayer meetings breaking out, and people coming under conviction. Back to that. He's caught us off on a tantrum too.

E-68 Now, what happened? All hopes was gone. The oars broke. The sail went down. But you know, I don't want to leave you setting out there. We don't want to stay there. But

you know, it's just like Jesus. The Frenchmen calls Him, 'Jesu.' It's just like 'Jesu.' He won't leave you.

You know what He done? He knowed they was going to get in trouble. He knew they was going—something was going to happen out there. And He knowed something was going to happen to us. He is God. He knowed the end from the beginning.

You know what He done? He climbed the highest hill there was in Palestine. Farther up you go, the farther you can see. So He climbed up to the top of the highest hill so He could watch them. When they got in trouble and needed Him, He could be a very present help in the time of trouble.

E-69 And, brother, when they crucified Him at Calvary, the world thought they had Him. Death thought they had Him. Hell thought it had Him. The devil thought he had Him. But He broke every seal. Not only climbed through Calvary, but beyond every moon and star, He sets at the right hand of the Majesty tonight. And His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. Don't you?

He sees our trouble, our flusterations, everything whirling this a way, and some of them kind of say, "Well, I just don't believe it." And the other one saying this a way. Sickness, cancer, diseases, all kinds of things, setting in amongst Christians, getting off acting and worldly and everything. Just let the whip come in; that's all.

E-70 But remember, He's setting up high, watching you, seeing what you're going to do. Right in the darkest of the hour, when all hope was gone for a revival, here He come walking on the sea. Here He come walking down along on the sea.

You know what? Those disciples is just about like a lot of people today. That was the only help they could ever get, the only thing that could help them, and they were afraid of it. They said, "He looks like a spook. He must be a fortuneteller. It must be a telepathy." They were afraid of it.

And that's what it is today. People don't know what to do about it. He's walking right among us again (Amen.), walking among us in the trouble, when atomic bombs and everything's hanging everywhere. But right in this dark hour, when the churches is all confused and tore apart in denominational differences, Jesus comes walking right among us.

And the people say, “I don’t know. I don’t know now. It didn’t come to our organization. We have to watch.” You see? But what was the words?

“It is I. Be not afraid.”

E-71 So tonight, Grande Prairie, I’m your brother. He is your Lord. But that’s Him a moving among you. You Pentecostal people, does not the Bible say . . . Did not Paul say, “If you all speak with tongues, and there come in one among you who is unlearned, there’s no interpretation to it, will he not say you’re mad? But if one is a prophet and reveal the secret of the heart, then they’ll all fall down, say, ‘Truly, God is among you.’”

I’m not an outcast; I am your brother. If Jesus could speak with an audible voice tonight, you’d hear Him say the same thing, “Don’t be afraid. It is I. Be not afraid.” It’s the same God, same Spirit. “A little while and the world won’t see Me no more, yet you’ll see Me (the believer), for I’ll be with you, even in you to the end of the world. The works that I do shall you also.” He prophesied in this last days in the evening time, that same thing would take place, that we been through it this week.

E-72 As it was in the days of Sodom . . . That’s . . . What was . . . Not in Noah, now, remember He explained that by Sodom. And this is the time of Sodom, when the world’s going to be burned, not drowned, burned. It’s going to be burned. And this sign was to return, not an ark, but a—a God dwelling in the flesh of His people in His church.

Jesus said, “At that day, you will know that I’m in the Father, the Father in Me and I in you and you in Me.”

It’s God in you. All that God was He poured into Christ; and all Christ was He poured into the church. So it’s God above us, God with us, and God in us. No wonder we are commissioned to baptize using Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. It’s not three different Gods: three offices of one God. See? God above us in the Father, God in—with us in the Son, cleansing His way, condescending, coming down, making a way for me; to get back. And bring His people back to manifested sons of God, like they had them in the garden of Eden. The whole world’s a-groaning and waiting for that hour for the manifestation of the sons of God.

He has no voice tonight but our voice. He has no hands but our hands. He has your hands; that whose hands it is. He said, "I am the Vine; you are the branches." I hope that you'll listen to this poor voice tonight, and the little still voice of the Spirit that can speak in your heart, and hear Him say, "It's I; be not afraid." Will you believe? Let's bow our heads.

E-73 Lord Jesus, the hours are growing late and dark. I don't know just what time You might come. I believe that You've reached Your great hand out and stopped time, just held a little while. Science said a few years ago, it was three minutes until midnight. You said in Your own Word, when you see these things begin to come to pass, Israel restoring, the fig tree putting forth it's bud. . . Israel is a nation now. The six point star of David, the oldest flag in the world, t hasn't flown for twenty-five hundred years, waves over in Israel tonight. Israel restoring: she's got her own money, her own army. . . She's a nation. Thousands returning, saying, "Where is that Messiah?" What a opportunity now we have.

Said, "Let us see him do the signs of a prophet. If we could see him do the signs of the prophets, then we'll know that's Messiah, that He was Messiah. He promised it." O God, as the Gentiles are getting their last call, may they hear the voice of God, tonight, say, "It' is I, be not afraid." Lord, I'm tired. I'm so tired I can hardly stand here. I pray that You'll do something special for us tonight. Grant, Lord. Do something just the way You did it. Pick up the testimony here after nineteen hundred years. Let these apostles and disciples of this churches tonight, might go away from here with the same kind of testimony, they could say tomorrow, "We know that our Lord is risen from the dead and He saved us from sin. He gave us the Holy Spirit. He used our lips to speak words that we not—don't know what we're talking about. We've seen Him speak through our brother in the Spirit of prophecy to bring the last sign that was promised to the church." We believe now, Lord. Help us now to get our sleeves rolled up, as it were to say. Help us to dig into it. May every Christian in every neighborhood. . . Grant it, Lord.

E-74 And may every sick person that's here, every spirit of the devil that's caught these Christians, may these Christians be in such unity and one accord till there'll not be a feeble person among us tonight, when the service is over.

Grant it, Lord. Show Yourself alive tonight, Lord. As I leave this city, Your Spirit will not leave; It'll stay here until It brings back the body of our Lord Jesus.

Bless my brethren, Lord. Bless my sisters and these young men and women at the crossroads of life. May they make their decision tonight to serve You. Grant it.

May all sick people realize and know from their heart that the Scriptures has predicted this hour, and this hour has arrived at Grande Prairie, which we, as Your ministers all agree that we're in the last days and these things should be.

Now, Father, won't You move on the scene for a few moments and prove that You're here. I've given a testimony of You. Now, Lord, You come testify that I've told the truth and we'll believe You, Lord, with all of our heart. And every person in here will be healed, saved, for the glory of God. We ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

E-75 I told my son I'd be finished tonight, at nine thirty and it's ten minutes till ten now. You're... I just talk so long.

Ah...Where's he at? I forgot...Brother Fred, did—did—does he give out the—the...?... B prayer card? I told him to come down and give out prayer cards. I didn't know whether they did it or not and...I was in prayer when they come after me tonight and—and I didn't think to ask them. But he give out prayer card...How many—how many's out?...Well, how many—what letters? What was you give out first? Where... A-30. Where did we start at the other night? 1? All right, let's take some B's. Just get a few up here. We're going to pray for every one of them. See? Let's start in the B's now, 'cause the ones, probably, was here to see it before. The B's are the new ones. How many did you get in the line that night? Thirteen, fourteen. Oh, let's take fifteen out of the B's tonight. Let's see. Let's start so men...Let's see: eighty-five—eighty-five, ninety, ninety-five...Let's start from 85. Who has prayer card B-85, raise up your hand. A man back...There's two hands up here. B-85, is that yours, sir? Come here. B-86, who has prayer card B-86? This lady here? Would you stand right over here. 87, B-87, would you raise your hand, please, so we know who you are? 87, is it? What say? Eighty-five. This is 86, here, I think. 87...That's nine. 86, prayer card B-86. You have...

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E-76 He'd act the same as they did then, if He's the same High Priest. Isn't that right? Now you believe. Every one of you now, be real reverent. Don't move around, just believe.

Now, oh, brethren, now hear me . . . ? . . . This is it. Now if anybody's got a doubt that this is not God, then you come here and take my place. Come here and go down this prayer line. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you. Got a better way of doing it, let me know. Yeah, I'd certainly be thankful.

E-77 Now, every one of these people in this prayer line, as far as I know, I do not know you; you're Canadians up here, and I'm from down in the States. And if I do not know you, each one of you in this prayer line, raise up your hands if I do not know you. Every one. How many out in the audience knows that I do not know you, raise up your hand—know nothing about you? Everybody, as far as I can see.

I know Brother Evans' two daughters, setting right here on this seat here, and outside of that, that's the only ones that I can see that I know. Yes, here's Sister Evans and Brother and Sister Dauch, right here, right here. Yes. All right.

Now just be real reverent. Now, you've heard me testify from the Scripture and take apostolic testimony meeting. If there's apostles testifying, and course I—that was a drama. But exactly, everything I said was Scriptural. Do you believe that? Well, it was Scripture, put in the form of a drama. Now, if He is just a historical God, then He died and it's all over. And we can . . .

E-78 Or, you people up here in the north, you know that you cannot . . . A man cannot get warm by a painted fire. If a man was freezing to death and you took him over and show him a great picture of a big fine red fire that burned one time, he can not get warm by a painted fire. Neither can we be saved by a historical God. We cannot add the joy of a Pentecostal fire unless it's the same fire today. We cannot—we cannot serve a historical God, and what good is He to you; the God of—that was in Christ, if He isn't the same God today that He promised to be? That's Scriptural, friends. Now, shake yourself just a little bit. Don't be emotional, but just wake yourself up for a second. It's exact, the truth.

Then where we are, with my hands before God, my Bible here, that you're strangers to me. In this prayer line, I don't

know one of them, never seen them in my life. The only reason they're standing here, somebody come down, and the boy, had a bunch of cards and mixed them up and give somebody a prayer card. And we come down tonight, and just said, "Well, I'll call from a certain number." We call from some other number. You don't even have to have a number, don't even have to have a prayer card; just set there and say, "God, I believe that the Bible is right, and I believe that You're the High Priest. And I believe we're living in the last days. And this man doesn't know me, and I'm sick. Let him tell me what's wrong with me. Let him—let—let him speak to me like He did the woman, and find out what takes place." If He doesn't do it, then I'm an impostor and the Bible tells a lie, and that's impossible for the Bible to tell a lie. I could be an impostor, but it's impossible for the Bible to tell a lie. But if the Bible backs up what I said, then I'm not an impostor; I'm a witness of His resurrection and you can be the same.

E-79 Now, isn't this glorious? Find out. Where's another religion in the world? Go get your Buddhas and Mohammedans. Let's see if He's alive. But our Christ is alive. Go get the creed. See if it will work. It doesn't. It won't bring salvation; it won't bring the supernatural. If God Almighty... If the Holy Spirit would come right now and reveal one thing, just one thing, that would be as great a miracle as could happen. Exactly right, because it's supernatural. Who can figure that out? Who could figure out how that a—a man—two people not knowing each other, never met in life, and yet a Spirit come down and reveals the very things that they're doing, and thinking, and what they have done, and what they will do, and never fail? It's got to be God. It can't be nothing else. So, you see, I swear it, and know it, And you know it, that man can not do those things; it takes God. So if He proves it one time that it's truth, then you all ought to rejoice and be happy. And remember, it's to you also. Will you do it? Will you accept this Jesus that I've been telling you about, as your Healer, if He'll do it? God grant.

E-80 Now, heavenly Father, that's as far as I can go, Lord. I can only say what the Word says. It takes You to perform the Word. Here's Your servants, the ministers, godly men. Here's godly women, servants, setting everywhere, sick and afflicted. If You were standing here with this suit on that You gave me, You could do no more for them. If they come up

and said, "Lord, will You heal me?" Why, You'd say, "My child, I did that nineteen hundred years ago when I was striped for your healing. Believest thou this?" They'd say, "Yea, Lord, but how do I know it's You?" Then You'd show that You was the Christ. You could show them, do something that—that would prove to them that You was the Christ; not with nail scars in Your hands, because anyone could impersonate that. But the supernatural is to go down into that person's life and know what they're doing and what they're here for. Then we know it's Your Spirit: You, great Vine, moving in Your branches. Let it be so tonight again, Lord. Honor Your Word. Forgive us of our sin as we have forgive those who have sinned against us. Give us sweetness of spirit and may the Holy Spirit now come right quickly and confirm the Word, that every person in here might know that the Son of God is not dead but is risen from the dead and is alive after nineteen hundred years, and alive forevermore, through Jesus Christ's Name, I ask it. Amen. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

E-81 Now, just keep your attention. Just pray and . . . All right. Is a . . . That's the man? All right. Now, I want you each one, everybody be alert. Be alert. And be praying, saying, "Lord, I'm suffering with such-and-such. Let Brother Branham just turn to me. I know he don't know me, don't know what's wrong with me; but if You'll just speak to him, I know I've touched You. Now, you could touch me all night and be like touching that desk; there'd be nothing to it. See? But you just touch Him, one time, see what happens. See? Your faith touch him.

Now, here's a man that happens to be . . . If I can get somebody up here before me first. You see? 'Cause after speaking, and so forth, a—then I . . .