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JOHN13:35

1 Morning. Christian greetings. God's peace on you. This is a grand privilege for me this morning to be before this group of ministers to explain for the hope of life that lays within me. Many times coming on to the ... past times coming on the island I have been a speaker for the Full Gospel's Christian Businessmen's Fellowship, International. I was just brought in as a speaker. But I've always thought that a campaign should be conducted under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, because it's my thought and my intention to use the gifts of God according to the way the Bible predicts for us to use them. It is for the uniting together the believers, bring the fellowship of Christians together. I believe that all Christian churches have saints of God in them. I do not believe we should be divided. Neither do I believe it was Christ's plans for us to be divided. We are to be one. Jesus said, "This will all men know you are my disciples, when you have love one for the other."

2 Speaking of divine healing, I do not know how it is on this island; but speaking for the rest of the world that I have traveled, divine healing is needed more for the sick body of Christ than all our sick bodies put together. (Explain that again, brother.) See, the sick body of Christ being separated, you know, in division, the healing of that body is more essential than healing our physical bodies, see. For together we stand, but divided we'll fall. As the song was being sang when I came in—"Onward, Christian Soldiers! We are not divided, All one body are we"—and that's the way we should stand.

3 The ministry that the Lord gave me is very odd, strange, for this day, because we have had two thousand years of intellectual teaching of the Scriptures; but the time is drawing close to the coming of the Lord. The promises of God must be fulfilled. And I would like to try to explain to you ministers who are shepherds of the flock that you might see that it is not something just make believe; it is a promise of God that must be fulfilled. So, I think this a great privilege this morning to have this opportunity to sit

in this place to try to bring to you, in my own simple way, the revelation that was given to me.

ROM11:29

4 I will begin with this: Romans, about the twelfth chapter, it is written: Gifts and callings are without repentance. They are given by God, by his knowledge. Therefore, that's the only way that I can explain this gift.

GEN3:15 GEN15:13 REV13:8

5 If we will notice, the Scripture teaches Jesus was the Son of God slain before the foundation of the world. God by foreknowledge knew all that ever would be. So, therefore, by His great knowledge He could predestinate and foretell things that would come. From the garden of Eden, Jesus was the seed of the woman that was to crush the serpent's head. Moses was born a prophet—not by his own goodness nor by his desire, but by the wisdom of God and the foreknowledge of God. He had told Abraham, his seed, when he sojourned ... sojourned in a strange land....

6 Say, I believe all understand English anyhow. Is there anyone here that cannot understand English? Good. I thought that if some of you... (Put the sentence longer so that I....) Oh, I see.

ISA40:3,4 JER1:5

7 That's right. John the Baptist was seen by Isaiah the prophet 712 years before he was born. John had no way of hisself knowing this. His birth being odd, therefore God knew that he would come. Jeremiah the prophet... God said he knew him before he was ever conceived in his mother's womb and sanctified him and ordained him a prophet to the nations, before he was born. See, gifts and callings are without repentance.

8 My people were not religious. Formally we were Irish, so we were Catholic in the background. But my father and mother went to no church at all. I was born up in a mountain cabin in the mountains of Kentucky. We were very poor. And the morning when I was born, so my mother tells me, she opened a little door. It didn't have glass; it's just like a window, although it was a door. She opened it back ... father did so that she could see me when he put me in her arms. It was early in the morning about five o'clock. The sun had never come up yet. So when they opened up the window, a light in the form of a like a bucket or a pillow come in the window and stood over the little bed where I was born. That is the picture they have in Washington, DC today and all over the world is that same picture.

Now, that astonished my people. They knowed nothing about religion so they didn't know what it was.

9 When I was just about two years old, the first vision I ever remember seeing: I was playing in the backyard with my little brother who could just crawl, and there was a voice come from a bush and said, "You will live near a city called New Albany." I was very much frightened and ran into the house to tell my mother. She didn't know what it meant; but three years later, we moved near a city called New Albany, Indiana.

10 And then at the age of seven, I was packing water from the barn in a little bucket up to the house. It was in the fall of the year, autumn, and I sat down under the tree to rest just a little while with the buckets in my hands. My father was a very heavy drinker. And I heard a wind blowing, and it was real still everywhere; I wondered where that sound was coming from. It was a tall tree I was sitting under. I stepped back to look around to see where that wind was coming from. And about half way up the tree—it was about the size of a barrel—the leaves were going around, around, around, milling in the trees. And a voice came from there said, "Don't you never smoke or drink or defile your body in any way; there will be a work for you to do when you get older." (There'll be a work for you to do.) It scared me. I dropped my little bucket and ran home real quick. I jumped up in my mother's arms, screaming. I said, "There's a man up in that tree." And she was very much excited. She went down around the tree and looked all around to see if there was anybody there. And I was so scared, she called the doctor; and the doctor said, "He's just excited."

11 Then, about two weeks from then, I was playing marbles with my brother, and something come up on me, and I looked down at the river, and I saw a great bridge span the river, and I watched sixteen men drop off it and lose their lives. When it left me, I ran into my mother and I told her. "Oh," she said, "honey, you was dreaming." But I wasn't. But she wrote it down. And twenty-two years from that day the municipal bridge spanned the river at the same place, and sixteen men lost their life on it. It just kept coming all the time like that.

12 Later I become converted. All that He has did, all of the Holy Spirit has done, would make many many books, so I just have to touch the spots now that you'd und... so that you will understand. Then when I was converted, I joined the Baptist church, started preaching the gospel right away. The Lord blessed greatly. And I had my first revival, a two-weeks' revival; five hundred came to the Lord. I take them down at the river to baptize them;

and while there was around ten thousand on the bank watching. . . . It was real dry, no rain for two or three weeks; people were praying for rain. And when I was baptizing the seventeenth convert, I heard a voice said, "Look up." It scared me. I was just a young boy. The girl that I later married was taking pictures on the bank. I heard it again; said, "Look up." And I was afraid to look up. Everyone on the bank was wondering what I was hesitating about. All many peoples up and down the banks of the river, newspaper photographers. And then it said again, "Look up." And I looked up.

13 And as I looked up, here come that light, coming down. People begin fainting, falling. And a voice came that shook all around the place there said, "As John the Baptist was sent to forerun the first coming of Christ, the message that is given you will be a forerunning of the second coming of Christ." Not that *I* would be a forerunner, but the *message* was the forerunning. I, no more than no one else. It's the Christ we're speaking of.

14 Then I. . . . Them visions started coming to me more than ever. Now, that newspaper went on to Associated Press. It went all the way into Canada and all through. We have the clippings of it yet. Said, "A mystic light appears over a local Baptist minister while [baptizing]."

15 And then when those visions begin to come. . . . I guess I've seen tens of thousands, but not one time has it ever been wrong. It's always right. You can go to my country or right to the city where I live, among the officers or mayor of the city, to the ministerial association. Never one time has the vision ever been wrong—just perfect each time. But I was afraid to tell the people.

16 Now here's something I want to ask first: How many in here is Spirit-filled people? Raise up your hand. I can tell you so that you'll understand, surely. The strange thing about it that when I would come near . . . or, I'll say, one night when I was going through a carnival ground (you know, a show) there was a young lady by a tent—a fortuneteller. And my mother had always told me that fortunetellers, spiritualists, was of the devil, and she's right. And this little fortune-teller, a young lady seventeen or eighteen years old, she said, "Say, you; come here." And I walked over to her. She said, "Did you know you were born under a sign?" It scared me.

I said, "I want nothing to do with that." And walked away.

17 Later, I become the state game warden of Indiana, (conservation officer.) And one day, going up on the bus, there was a great crowd, and I

had ... we had to stand up. And I felt a strange feeling. I was always sensitive to spirits, especially when I'd meet one of those people. I'd feel that real funny feeling. I'd begin to feel that, and I looked around and there was a strong woman looking right at me. She said, "I'd like to speak to you."

18 I said, "What do you want?" I never did like women; not you sisters. I mean, He told me not to defile myself and it made me have a complex. And so then.... Because all my associates would be sinners in that day.

19 There's a great story there that I could tell. I'd been offered whisky and immoral, and how the Holy Spirit come down. He said, "Stand back from it." It wasn't me, see; I would have did it. But I was taking care of that gift; it must go forth. One day I started taking my own life, and the gun wouldn't even go off. Then I turned it and shot it. It was God taking care of the gift. Just like Moses, he couldn't run away from it. God will find you. Wherever you are, He'll find you.

So this woman ... I said, "What would you want?"

She said, "Sir, did you know you were born under a sign?" Quickly, that scared me.

I said, "I don't know nothing about that and I don't want to know nothing about it."

She said, "Haven't you never talked to preachers?"

I said, "I have no use for them. I don't go around worrying; that's that." I said, "I don't want to hurt your feelings, but I don't want to hear anything you have to say."

She said, "Sir, that's not a gentleman."

And I turned to her again. I said, "How did you know that?"

20 She said, "When you got on the bus, I seen it." She said, "I work in the White House." She said, "I'm on my way now to Chicago to see my son who is a minister." She said, "I'm an astronomer." She said, "Did you know who ... when God does anything, the first thing He does is declare it in heaven before He declares it on the earth?"

21 I said, "I know nothing about it." And I turned around again. It kind of made me feel bad because there's many people on the bus and me an officer. And so I thought that wasn't gentleman like. So she called me ...

kept calling me, and I turned around again. I said, "What's that got to do with me?"

MATT2:1

22 And she said, "When Jesus Christ was born ... or before He was born, wise men came from the East." She said, "What is a wise man?"

I said, "I have no idea."

23 She said, "They're astronomers that watch the heavens. And before God does anything on earth, He declares it in the heavens." And she said....

I said, "I don't know nothing of it."

She said, "But when God gives a gift, He declares it in the heavens."

I said, "I know nothing about it."

And she said, "You were born under that sign." And she said, "What if I tell you when you were born, would you believe me?"

I said, "Lady, you can't read my mind. I won't believe it."

24 She said, "You were born on April the 6th, 1909, at five o'clock in the morning." She said, "That's when certain stars," she said, "crossed ... or something ... or astronomy...."

And I said, "I don't know nothing about it and care less."

So, she said, "You may pass it by," but said, "if you would respect it, it would shake the world."

I said, "Tell this young sailor here when he was born."

She said, "I couldn't do it."

25 So then I was almost in my place where I was going to get off. My righteous indignation all up. My face all red, shaking, scared; I was glad to get off that bus.

Later on, when I became a minister and I began to.... Them visions was more than ever then. Many things that it said.

26 Then my Baptist brethren, they told me when we met in conferences like this, and I explained it to them, they said to me, "Billy, don't listen to that. That's of the devil. That's the devil trying to get you." Oh, my. Make me shake. I was scared. I don't want nothing to do with the devil.

27 So, one night ... or one afternoon, I was just coming in from work. I was going around the house, taking off my belt ... gun belt, so I could wash my hands for my lunch. I was going back to turn some fish loose [Someone says, "Fish loose?"] for the conservation. Wife had dinner ready; and as I started around the house, all of a sudden here that came again. And I said to my wife, "Go call the office and tell them that I will not be working this afternoon, or I don't know when I'll work again." I said, "Honey, I can't go through life like this. I'm a slave. If them brethren are right, if those brethren are right, the ministers, the devil is trying to take my life. And I'm a minister, pastor of this tabernacle, and then the devil is after me. I've got to get rid of it. And I will never preach again or neither will I ever go to the pulpit until I can get rid of that."

28 So, I went to a little cabin where I fish, way in the wilderness. And I prayed all afternoon, reading this same Bible. And I went.... When it got dark.... Many times I go there and pray for days at a time. And I got down on my knees when it gotten dark and I couldn't read no more, because the little cabin's way back in the mountains. It used to be a trapper's cabin [you know, fur, and things]. Then when I prayed, I prayed quite a long time till about two o'clock in the night, and I'd sit down in a chair something like this; and I had my head down and I felt real strange. And my face was real [unclear word] from crying and I raised up my hand. I said, "Oh Lord, never let that happen again. I love You. Jesus is my Saviour. I love Him. Let no evil to take me over." I said, "How can I help it, Lord? It will take Your power to take it away from me. I want to have nothing to do with the devil. I love Jesus, and Him I want to serve."

29 Just then a light come on the floor. I looked at the light. It begin to spread out. And I looked up above, and here was this light milling around, just about this big around. Kind of a yellowish-green, emerald. And it was like the floor. It grew wider and wider. I heard someone walking, coming up from my side ... to my right side, came a man walking. He had on a white garment, barefooted, kind of dark complected, hair down long, huge man, great big arms folded like this. And he started walking to me. I was so scared, I was biting my finger, biting my finger. I thought I'd went to sleep.

30 Now, you might think that would make you laugh, but you stand in that place once. You'd feel the same way. That was not a vision. Surely I know what a vision is. This was no vision. The man was there—just the same as I'm here—and he was looking at me. Now, getting back to hold

my chair.... Looking back and he looked right down at me and he said, "Do not fear." And as soon as he said that, I knew it was the same voice that had spoke to me since I was a little boy. I never seen him before, but it was his voice. It was deep. And he said, "Do not fear. I have been sent from God to tell you that your peculiar birth and life...."

ISA64:8

31 No one understood me. My ministerial brothers didn't understand me. My father and mother didn't understand me. My girl friend, my boy friends--they don't yet. I don't understand myself. I can't make it out. I don't want to be different. I want to be like someone else. But you can only be what God makes you. He's the potter; we're the clay.

And I listened to him, and he said, "This was all to indicate that you were born to pray for sick people."

32 Well, what did I know about praying for sick people? I was just a local Baptist pastor. And I looked at him again; he was very kind. Seemed like the fear began to leave. And I said "Sir, I am uneducated and I could not do such things as you have asked ... or you have told me to do." Because he has just said that, "You'll go to all the world and you'll be praying for kings, potentates, monarchs." And how could I do that when I had just a grammar school education? See, I have never received the Holy Ghost as yet, a local Baptist pastor. These things were strange to me and I knowed nothing about them. Then I looked up again to speak to him. And I said "Sir, I could not do that."

EX4:9

33 And He said, "As Moses was sent with two gifts to prove to the people to vindicate that he had been sent of God, you are given two gifts."

34 And I said, "Sir, I could not go." Moses had one sign with his hand. (Yeah.)

35 He said, "Now, if you'll do this ... you take your hand and lay it on to the people. Don't think of what you're going to say, and it'll call what they have. Then if you'll be real reverent, humble [That's the reason I don't take money or get anything big.]," he said, "it'll come to pass that you'll know the very secret of the people's heart." And said, "Then, if they won't believe the first sign, they will believe the second. It'll come to pass, if you'll be sincere, it will keep going greater and greater." So, it was strange to me.

36 And I said, "Sir, I am here because that when I go among my brethren, I see those visions; and my ministerial brethren tells me that that's of the devil. And I'm here that God will never let it happen to me again."

37 Quickly, he walked in front of me, asked me to stand up, and I stood up. And he said to me, "Knowest thou not the Scriptures?"

And I said, "The ministers doesn't know ... doesn't agree with this. If this would be of God, why wouldn't they have it?"

He said, "It is the day now for this."

I said, "Why was it that the demon powers of spiritualism knowed it?"

MATT2:1,2 MATT12:24 MARK1:24 MARK3:22 LUKE4:34 LUKE11:15
38 Then he said, "In the days of our Lord..." That's the reason I knew that that wasn't the Lord, because he said, "Our Lord—our Lord." He regarded our Lord as his Lord. He was an angel, a man, a messenger. And he said, "When in the days of our Lord, when the ministers, the priests, were in the temple arguing what kind of clothes they should wear, at the same time the magis, astronomers, was on their way worshipping the Lord Jesus. They knew Him and the clergy didn't know Him. He said it was a devil—the devil—that said, 'We know you who you are: the holy one of God.' But the priest said, 'He is a devil.' The devil said, 'He's the son of God.' The minister said, 'He's a devil.' Then the scare begin to leave me.

ACTS16:17 ACTS17:6

39 Was not it Paul ... Paul and Silas, when they were at a place preaching, the priest said, "These men turn the world upside down. They're no good." But a little fortuneteller said, "These are men of God that tell us the way of life." Who was right? It's a great deal that way today, and that is true. Then the Bible become a new book; I could see it.

40 Today, we are so intellectual upon our denominational, and so much for our little groups, we pass over what's spiritual. But a devil-possessed person, they're in contact with spirits. Many times they can see it before the intellectual can see it, because he turns away all spiritual things.

MATT13:16 JOHN6:44 JOHN10:5,27

41 I'm not talking of you ministers. Thank God that there's some that can believe and see. Blessed are your eyes; you can see and ears can hear, for God is did this. He said, "No man can come to me unless my Father draws him first. My sheep hear my voice; strangers they will not follow."

42 Now later on.... I will hurry. It just.... Then I was sent out praying for the sick. Have we got time? I will just give you the first thing taken place afterwards. Then I'll hurry. Then ... (you didn't say that) All right.

43 I was called on a sick case about two days later in St. Louis, Missouri. I didn't have a coat to wear. Someone gave me a coat to wear over. And I went over to a man that had a little girl that had St. Vitas dance. St. Louis is the head of Medical Association, and many doctors had been trying to cure this child. She was a daughter of a famous minister. How he ever knowed about this, I don't know yet today. I went to the home. The little girl was like an animal, scratching her face, chewing on her tongue, shaking all over. So I went in, knelt down with many other Christians, offered prayer. Started out and the Holy Spirit said, "Wait here until you have orders." Oh, praise the Lord. Wait here. I'll ask the reverend if he would ... let's go down to his church. We'll go to his church, have prayer, go back to the house. All day passed, all night.

44 The next day I was waiting, and I was sitting in his car; and as I looked across the hood of the car, I saw a vision coming in. I waited to see what He would say. After I had the vision, I got out of the car, went to the house; and I said to the minister, "Sir, I have 'thus saith the Lord.' Bring in your father." And we went to the bed.

45 I said to the lady—the minister's wife—"Two days ago you were down in the city; you bought a little white vessel (or vessel, you know like a bucket). It has never had water in it. It's located in your pantry beneath the sink."

She said, "That is true."

"Go get it; put water in it. Get a white cloth and bring it here and ask nothing. Just do as I say."

46 And I told the minister to stand with me at the foot of the bed. The minister on the right, his father on the left, the mother standing by the side of the child. The little fellow couldn't even make hardly a noise anymore, it was so far gone. I said, "Take the little rag, squeeze the water from it; and when I start with a model prayer, 'Our Father, who art in heaven,' wipe the rag across its face. Don't let your hand leave its face while I get to the middle of prayer, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' let the handkerchief be about the middle of the child. And when I say, 'Amen,' let the hand go across the feet."

47 And we started. That's exactly what I'd seen in the vision. And she started with the rag coming down. And when I said 'Amen,' then when she

took her hand off, I said, "Great God of heaven who met me out there in the cabin, sent His angel to declare this, I speak for that child's life, let the child live."

48 And the little girl jumped up on the floor. I took her by the hand, with the doctor standing in the next room, we walked out of the house, down to the soda fountain and had a malted milk together.

49 Three nights later, the Keel Auditorium that seats 19,000 was packed out. It went from there around the world. Now books could be written, but I ought to bring this closed now.

50 My minister brethren, fellow citizens of the kingdom of God, co-workers together in Christ Jesus, I want to speak to you as believers and as shepherds of the flock. If I have said anything that would give ... would impress you, that would cause you to believe that this was something to make something out of me, please forgive me. I did it not knowing. We're at the end time and Jesus promised these things at the end time.

MATT5:18 MATT24:35 MARK13:31 MARK14:49 LUKE17:28,30 LUKE21:33
51 Now, let me just speak one scripture to you, which studying it to the Scriptures (I have studied to the...), there is many places I could refer to. We know that Jesus said, "All scripture must be fulfilled." That is true. None of it can fail. "Heavens and earth will fail, but my words shall never fail." Listen to this in Luke: "As it was in the days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man (see) at the coming of the son of man." Now let's watch close. (I'll speak a little faster.)

52 Abraham.... There's always three classes of people on earth: believers, make-believers, and unbelievers. Now watch him. As it was in the days of Sodom.... Now there was a unbelieving nation called Sodom--very bad. And they had some believers down there. The church natural: Lot, his people. Now, Abraham represents (means) church spiritual. He had separated himself from the unbelievers and the make-believers. A very beautiful picture of the church today. The word *church* means "the called out." That's what the church is today: a called out.

GEN5:24 GEN18:1-5

53 Now, it come time for the end time. Then there was three men came and met Abraham. Two.... All three of them ... or two of them were angels, but they looked like men, dust on their clothes, dirt on their feet. Abraham said, "Come sit under the oak, wash your feet. I'll bring you a piece of bread, then you may go on." See, Abraham was looking for something. That's what the church, the believer, is today: watching,

watching for something. He knew the time was drawing close. Just like Noah watching Enoch. When Enoch went up... Noah knewed the storm was close.

GEN18:6-8

54 And when Abraham set them down, he went around to the tent and said, "Sarah, knead some bread, make some cakes on the hearth." He went out and got a calf and had it slain. And he come back out, brought the meat—meat, bread and milk, and set it before them. They eat.

55 Could you imagine? One of them was God! Now, I know you might disagree with that. I'd like to ask you, brothers: Did not Abraham call Him "Elohim?" That's the Almighty God. Someone said to me not long ago when I was speaking that, he said, "Brother Branham, do you believe that that was God?"

I said, "Yes, sir, the Bible said so."

He said, "How did God come in that flesh?"

56 The human body is made of sixteen elements of the earth; that's petroleum, cosmic light, calcium, and... God the Creator just grabbed a handful of it, breathed into it, and said, "Come here, Gabriel. Step into it." Got another one, "Come here, Michael." And grabbed a handful, stepped into it Himself. He's a creator; He can do anything He wants to.

57 My wife said to me the other day, "Billy,"—I got a haircut here not some time ago and a barber put carbolic acid on my hair and it all come out—and she said, "Billy, you're almost bald-headed."

"But," I said, "I haven't lost a one of them."

She said, "Where are they at?"

58 I said, "You tell me where they was before I got them." They was nothing—just petroleum and cosmic light—and then they were mine; and wherever they was before I got them, they're there waiting for me.

MATT10:30 LUKE12:7 JOHN6:37,39

59 Jesus said, "...hairs of your head is numbered. I'll raise them up the last days. All the Father has given me will come to me and I'll raise them up at the last day." I'm so glad that we know a God—though I drown in this ocean, though my body rots away, yet my God knows every element that's in here. He'll speak someday and I'll appear. That's what He did there.

GEN18:16 GEN19:1,11

60 He was standing there. He eat the flesh of the calf, drank the mild from the cow, eat bread. Then the two preachers, they were angels, modern Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, see, preachers. They had a message for the world. So they looked towards Sodom. They went down there. Not much miracles done, but they blinded the people. Preaching the Gospel does blind the people. That's what the Bible says.

GEN18:9

61 Let's look at this one that was sent to the church called-out: the elect, Abraham's church. He said to Abraham—now remember, he was a stranger—"Abraham, where is your wife, Sarah?" How did He know he had a wife? How did He know her name was Sarah? Now watch what the Scripture says.

GEN18:9

62 The Scripture says, "She is in the tent behind you.

GEN18:10

63 And He said, "I'll not keep a secret from Abraham. I'm going to visit you according to the time of life."

GEN18:12

64 And Sarah, she smiled in herself, say, "Me being old and my lord, Abraham, being old too, have pleasures together again?"

GEN18:13

65 Now the Angel, this man, was in flesh, He said, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she laugh?"

LUKE17:28,30

66 Jesus said, "As it was in the days of No... in days of Sodom, so shall it be at the coming of the son of man."

MATT24:37 LUKE17:26,27

67 The gospel will be preached to the intellects with a modern Billy Graham and so forth, but the church spiritual will receive a messenger, the angel of the Lord, and will do the same thing as it was before Sodom. Why? The world's to burn this time. Sodom burned. When he referred to Noah, did you notice what He said? As it was there: eating, drinking, marrying—the morals of the world....

LUKE5:22

68 But here was a spiritual sign to the world. Watch when Jesus came. How, did he make Hisself known to be Messiah? He could discern the thoughts of their hearts. Now men and brethren, isn't that true? Isn't that the scripture?

MATT12:24,25 JOHN1:42,48 JOHN4:16

69 How did.... When He told Peter, Simon, "Your name is Simon and your father is Jonas." They were looking for the Scriptures to be fulfilled: that when the Messiah come, He'd be a God-prophet. Now, the Jews had got away from that spiritual part, like too many of us has done today. They were looking for a great one to come, oh, riding down out of the heavens to rule all the world, and they failed to see it. Nathanael was seen under the tree fifteen miles away by Jesus. When they called Jesus "Beelzebub," they never said it with their lips; the Bible said, "He perceived their thoughts," knowing their thoughts. He told the woman at the well, "Go get your husband, come here."

JOHN4:17

70 Said, "I have none."

JOHN4:18

71 Said, "You've had five."

JOHN4:19,25

72 Now, she didn't call Him a devil. She said, "Sir, we—the Samaritans—we know ... we know that when the Messiah cometh, He'll do these things [see, she was trained right], so you must by His prophet."

JOHN4:26

73 He said, "I am He."

JOHN4:29

74 Watch her message to the city. "Come see a man that's told me the things that I've done. Isn't this the sign of the prophet? Isn't this the sign of the Messiah? Isn't this the very Messiah?" You understand?

MATT28:20 JOHN14:19 HEB13:8

75 Jesus said [break in tape] "...will know me no more ... will see me no more, but ye shall see me for I [I is a personal pronoun] I'll be with you, even in you to the end of the world." The Bible said, "He's the same yesterday, today and forever."

EX3:2,14 JOHN8:58

76 Now just one more moment. Now listen real close. All of us know that the angel that appeared to Moses was Christ. It was the angel of the covenant. You believe that? The angel of the covenant. He followed Israel in a pillar of fire. And then when Jesus was on earth, He said before.... They told Him they was angry with Him because He said He had saw Abraham's day. Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." That was that same pillar of fire that was in the bush: I AM.

JOHN16:28 ACTS9:1-4

77 Now, He said (Jesus), "I come from God and I return to God." Do you believe that? Scripture says that? After His death, burial and resurrection, persecution set upon the church. Paul, on his road to Damascus, with orders in his pocket to arrest all the Pentecostal people; and on his road down a light smote him, and he fell to the ground, and he looked up, and the pillar of fire was before him—a great light—saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

ACTS9:5

78 He said, "Who are you?"

ACTS9:5 ACTS22:3

79 And you'll bear me record. Smart Paul was a powerful intellectual preacher, sat under Gamaliel, a mighty man; but that isn't what counts. He looked at this angel, this light, this pillar of fire. "Who are you, Lord?"

JOHN16:28 ACTS9:5

80 Said, "I'm Jesus." He had returned back to God. "I came from God; I go to God."

81 Now I want to ask you: If you went out here to take fruit off of a orange tree.... The orange tree will bear oranges. Papaya tree will bear papayas. Why? The life that's in that tree will bring forth the fruit just like the life that's in it. Is that right? Now, let us look.

82 This angel of the Lord, they took the picture of it many, many times; and it hangs in Washington, DC, under a copyright and the religious hall of arts as the only ... as the only supernatural being was ever photographed.

83 At Houston, Texas (Houston, Texas) one of my Baptist brethren raised up and wanted to debate with me about divine healing. I just ignored it. God never sent me to fuss—pray for his children. And then the next day, he put a big piece in the paper and he said, "It shows what he's made out of; he's afraid to face the Word." Dr. Bosworth, which was one of my associates, eighty years old then; many of you have heard of Dr. Bosworth, a very godly man. He come put his arm around me and he said, "Brother Branham, would you stand for that?"

JER5:21 MATT13:13 JOHN6:37,44

84 I said, "Brother Bosworth, no matter what you would do, Jesus said, 'No man can come to me until my Father draws him first. And all my Father has given me will come to me.' Did not they say in the Scripture they could not believe, they had eyes, couldn't see; ears and couldn't hear, though Jesus had done many miracles. I'm sure you understand."

And he said, "But, Brother Branham, we are obligated to the public as men of honor, as ministers, to defend that Word."

I said, "You may be obligated; I'm obligated to God to carry a commission."

He said, "Would you let me do it?"

I said, "It would only make an argument."

He said, "Please let me do it." I looked at him—eighty years old. He reminded me of Caleb to go up to take the city.

I said, "If you promise me that you won't argue."

He said, "I promise."

85 Oh, my! That's just what the paper wanted—great big head lines: "Ecclesiastical fur will fly." So, then the next day they set the debate in the Sam Houston Coliseum. Thirty thousand people gathered. Listen; we may be divided today, but listen to this: One of these days we'll be one. God will see to that, if Communism, if something has to force us together. The churches was at one another's throats there—the different churches. Though, when that come in the paper, we had everything in common then. Them that believed in divine healing—train loads come in, planes flew in; they come from everywhere. Why? A principle. What we all believed in was standing at stake.

86 That night I would not go down. I stayed in the hotel. All at once something said, "Go down." I put on my overcoat. Four policemen, because we was having great meetings, they got in front of me and back of me. And I walked in, with my coat up, way up in balcony thirty. And while I was sitting up there, all the ministers—about five hundred all around.

And then the Dr. Best, which was the debater, he said, "Let Mr. Bosworth have first."

87 Mr. Bosworth said, he said, "I have six hundred statements concerning Christ's attitude towards the sick. I will place these to Mr. Best. If he can take one of them and disprove it by the Word of God, I'll turn the debate to him." He wouldn't do it. He said, "Then, I'll ask Mr. Best, the Baptist preacher, I'll ask him one question. If he will answer me, 'yes' or 'no,' just say 'yes' or 'no,' then I'll turn the rest of it over to him."

Mr. Best said, "Ask on." The moderator give him relief.

88 He said, "Was the redemptive names of Jehovah, the seven compound redemptive names of Jehovah, applied to Jesus, yes or no? That settled it. [Now did they get that? You get that? Let me get ... He wants to get it again so they'd be sure. I don't know who's here.] "Was the redemptive names, that the seven compound redemptive names of Jehovah, applied to Jesus, yes or no? Say, 'yes' or 'no.'"

89 He couldn't say it. If he had said "yes," He was Jehovah-jireh, the Lord's provided sacrifice. And if He was Jehovah-jireh then, He's also Jehovah-rapha. (I want these ministers tested. You understand what I mean? Jehovah-jireh) Jehovah-jireh Jehovah-rapha. One. Okay. Now if he said that He wasn't Jehovah-jireh, if He wasn't Jehovah-jireh, then He also.... If He wasn't ... if He was Jehovah-jireh, then He had to be Jehovah-rapha; you can't separate them. See, you can't separate them. So, if He isn't Jehovah our healer, He isn't Jehovah our Saviour. That settled it. He couldn't answer it. They could not answer. [A brother in the audience assists the interpreter in explaining Brother Branham's comments.] You get it? All right. Now, you see, He could not deny one and accept the other, because they are inseparable. So, He's still Jehovah the Saviour, then He was the Son of God. And if He is, then He's Jehovah the healer, the same yesterday, today, and forever.

90 Oh, he become angry—the Baptist minister—and he kept jumping up-and-down. And he said, "Let me up there." And he preached on the resurrection. He didn't believe the miracles that Jesus performed. He put it off in the millennium. And he preached a Campbellite sermon. I'm a Baptist; I know what Baptists believe. But he was in such a fix, he couldn't get out of it. There was nothing to be said. Then he kept saying.... He walked over to a minister and smacked him with his hand in his mouth, and they had to pull him off the minister. And then when they did that, they was afraid of a riot, so then the police moved up. And then he said this, "Let me see that healer perform. Bring forth the healer; let me see him do it."

91 Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Branham don't claim to heal people." He said—Brother Bosworth had spotted me—he said, "I know he's here, but he wouldn't argue with people." But he said, "If he wants to come and dismiss the audience, all right." Said.... Because Mr. Best had already lost the debate; the moderators had taken the debate from him a hundred percent and given it over to Mr. Bosworth. He couldn't answer his questions. And these were men were not interested in no one ... no certain religion. They were swore under oath. So, then I said to them....

My brother Howard was sitting near me, and my wife. My brother, Howard, and my wife. And so I started to raise up, and Howard, my brother, he said, "Sit down."

I said, "I'm sitting down."

92 In just a moment I heard something—just like those leaves that day in that tree—making a noise going "whew," like that. And I looked up and He was there. Said, "Stand on your feet." God's great in battle. You should see Him. You ought to see Him in Africa, India, wherever He's challenged to a showdown; see Him drop and paralyze them witch doctors stand and couldn't move. He's God.

So I got up, and my wife said to my brother, "Look at his face. Let him alone."

93 Many ushers put a line all the way down; the poor people, mothers, their little babies trying to touch you, killed, hurt. I have children too. They thought maybe that would help them. I come to the platform; I walked over to Mr. Best, shook his hand. I said, "How do you do, Mr. Best.

He said, "Mr. Branham, as a man, I admire you. But as doctrine, I don't believe you're right."

MATT4:3 MATT26:67,68 MATT27:40 MARK15:30 LUKE4:3 LUKE22:64
94 I said, "That's just the way I feel, too." So then I said, "I'm surprised, Brother Best, that you would make a remark that you did when you said 'Let the healer come forth and perform, let him do something, let me see it.'" I said, "Brother Best, don't you understand that's the same spirit was on the Pharisees? 'If thou be the Son of God, come down off the cross.' They put a rag around His head, around His face, Jesus, and hit Him on the head with a stick, and said, 'If you be a prophet, tell us who hit you.' Don't you see, Brother Best, that's the spirit of the devil. It's a devil that said to Jesus, 'If thou be the Son of God, make bread out of these stones; perform a miracle and I'll believe you.' God don't do things like that. He doesn't mind the devil." And I said, "You're trying to take the only hope."

And He said, "Baptists don't believe such stuff as that." Said, "There's only one class of people that believe that, and that's a bunch of holy rollers."

95 I said, "Dr. Best, I beg your pardon; I'm a Baptist myself." And I said, "I would like to show you something." I said, "There's at least three hundred Baptist ministers, pastors of this city. I'm going to ask that people in this city, members of them Baptist churches, can show by a doctor's statement

that they've been healed by Jesus Christ in these last eight days that I've been here, and can come here to this platform bringing their doctor to prove their healing, stand on your feet." And three hundred stood up. I said, "It isn't the people; it's blind leaders." I said, "Sir...." He said.... I said, "Sir, I cannot heal people." I said, "Do you believe your ministry's inspired?"

And he said, "Yes."

96 I said, "This is inspired." I said, "I do not heal people, but if what my ... if what I have said is in question about the Holy Spirit, Him being the healer," I said, "I will not be able to come against you. You're just out of college and smart, and I have no education; but I have Someone that's confirming what I say." I said, "If my word's in question, then," I said, "it's God's Word in question. I'm just saying what He promised; then God will take care of his own Word." And about that time here He come, circling down. People begin fainting.

97 And they won't let them take pictures while in prayer. And Mr. Best had hired a photographer to take six pictures of him. Now here's the remark he made, "I'm going over there and take that old man, old man Bosworth, and I'm going to skin him and take his hide and tack it on my study door for a commemoration of divine healing in this day." Now right there showed the man wasn't right in his heart. And just before the meeting he turned to Mr. Bosworth like this, and he took his fist and put it under his nose. Said, "Now take my picture." And he took his hands like this and said, "Now take my picture." And they got six of those pictures to show his debate in his magazine. Brother Bosworth just stood humbly, let him take the pictures.

98 Then when this angel came down, that photographer had that great machine set, and he shot the picture. And when it come down, people screaming, I said, "I will have to speak no more; He speaks in my place." I went out. The policeman helped me to the car.

99 The photographers taking the pictures and went over.... One of them was a Jew, the other was a Catholic—the two photographers working for the Douglas Studios in Houston, Texas; and they are a member of the association. And they went into the studios, and they said, "We better get these glossies out for Mr. Best, for he wants them tomorrow."

100 The Jew, Mr. Aris, went upstairs and laid down, and the other man went in and put the pictures in the acid. Come back, was smoking a

cigarette, and he began to think. He said, "You know, if that man was only Catholic, he could be true." Said, "Maybe he is." Said, "Because his parents behind [my people before me], were Catholic, and that man could've been right. But he can't be right; he'd be a Protestant." He goes in—and the day before, he'd wrote an awful article in the paper about me—and then he went in and pulled the pictures out of the acid—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—none of them took. God wouldn't permit a picture to be taken of him shaking his fist under that sainted old man's face. And he pulled out the seventh, and there was the angel on the picture. He had a heart attack and fell.

101 Two or three days later ... in agony was flown to Washington DC that night at eleven o'clock and brought back. And George J. Lacy, the head of the FBI on finger printing documents, was flown there to take a test of this picture, to see if it was something had been painted on there, a double exposure, or something wrong. After three days, he called us in. There was about two hundred people, writers of magazines, different papers, and he stood up and he said, "Who's name is Branham?"

I said, "Mine."

Said, "Come here." He's kind of red-headed, hairy face. And he said, "Stand here."

I said, "Yes, sir."

102 He said, "Mr. Branham, I've been one of your critics. I said that that was psychology. But, listen, Reverend Branham, the mechanical eye of that camera won't take psychology. The light struck the lens." He said, "You're going to..." He said, "The light struck the lens." He said, "Some day this picture will be sold off the ten-cent stores." But said, "Not while you're living, because God wouldn't permit that. But," said, "after you're gone, the church will realize the day that they passed through." Said, "It's always been that way." He said, "Myself, I'm Catholic." He said, "But I remember it's a history of Joan of Arc, how that she saw visions and my church burned her to a stake as a witch; but after she was dead a long time, we found out that she was a saint, and it was too late." He said, "It was the same thing down through the scriptures." He said, "Some day you will die."

I said, "Praise God, I'm ready."

He said, "Forgive me for being your critic." And he handed me the negative.

I said, "It's not mine; it belongs to the studio."

103 He said, "Mr. Branham, that negative is worth tens of thousands of dollars." Said, "It's the only time that a supernatural being was ever scientifically photographed."

104 Now, I said, "I will not take it. Upon your statement, if Jesus loved me enough to come down and have His picture taken with me for the first time in all the world's history, who am I to sell His picture to make money from it? But in the copyright, so that no one can sell it without your statement."

He said, "I'll gladly write my statement." And he wrote it. He signed it. The Douglas Studio's taken it.

105 Brethren and sisters, we're men and women, got to die; but the Spirit of God that's among us is the same God that met Moses in the wilderness, was in Jesus Christ on the earth, because the life of it proves it's the same Spirit that's doing the same thing. It's a promise of Christ. Oh, there's no place to stop.

106 Look, there was two ... there's only three nationalities of people in the world ... three classes. Listen close now and I will close. Ham, Shem, and Japheth: the whole human race this side of the flood came from them. You believe that? The countries we lived in changed our colors—black, white, brown, yellow, whatever color; that has nothing to do with it. We come from them three children. That's Jew, Gentile, and Samaritan.

MATT16:19 ACTS8:5,17 ACTS10:44

107 Did you notice Peter had the key to the kingdom? On the day of Pentecost he opened it to the Jews. Philip which, to the Samaritans, the Holy Ghost come unto them. He went up and got Peter, laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came. At the house of Cornelius, the Gentiles... Peter, while he yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on them. And from there it went, the three people, three races.

JOHN1:42,48

108 There was the Samaritans ... you know by history, they were half Jew and Gentile. Now when the Samaritans and the Jews was looking for a Messiah, not the Gentile; we were heathens—not looking; we wasn't looking for any Messiah. But when He come at the close of their dispensation, see how He made Himself known? "You are Simon; your father is Jonas"—perceiving their thoughts. "Philip.... Nathanael, I saw you when you were under the tree."

JOHN1:49

“Thou art the Son of God.”

MATT12:24 MARK3:22 LUKE11:15

The big Jew, priest, “He’s a fortune-teller.”

MATT12:32 MARK3:28,29 LUKE12:10 JOHN4:4

109 Jesus said, “I’ll forgive you for that; you speak against the Son of man. But over in the age of the Gentiles when the Holy Ghost comes, to do the same thing—one word against it—will never be forgiven in this world or the world to come. Don’t you see the rejecting of Christ? That’s the reason that an atomic bomb’s waiting yonder, waiting to destroy the world. They’re rejecting Christ. Just like the Jews did. Now look. When He went to the Samaritans, He said, “I have need to go by Samaria.” Why? They were looking for a Messiah. He manifested Himself the same way to the Samaritans that He did to the Jews. They believed Him.

ZECH14:7

110 Now, the prophet said, “There will be a day that it will neither be night or day, but in the evening it shall be light.” The sun shined on the Eastern people. (It rises on the people.) Then geographically it crosses the earth. The same sun that rises in the East sets in the west. The Eastern people saw it, believed it, some condemned it in the East—the Jews. Civilization has moved westward. Now the East and West is together. We’ve had a day, a day like this: dismal. A little light, enough to make an organization, put your name on a book, and to believe Christ as your Saviour. There’s been that much light. But the prophet said, “In the evening it shall be light,”—the same son, the same Holy Spirit, that come into Christ and done the same thing that you see doing now.

HEB13:8

111 People, brethren, search the Scriptures, search your history; it’s never been, from that day until this day. We’re in the evening time. The coming of the Lord is at hand. And God is revealing to the Gentiles that He’s Messiah, the Omega, the same. He’s got the same nature, He’s doing the same works, prove that He’s the same. They didn’t kill Him, they put Him in the grave. He rose again and He lives forevermore. Not the I was, the I AM. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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