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

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*All things are possible, only believe.*

Let us remain standing as we bow our heads for prayer. O mighty God, that brought again Jesus from the dead, we are approaching Thee this afternoon in His Name, knowing this, that You have give us the promise that You would hear. "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." And we come in His Name to ask mercy, and to ask healing, and salvation for those who are hungering and thirsting for such; forgiveness of our trespasses. And praying that Your Spirit will cause many to come to Thee this afternoon, both in this visible audience and in the radio land... [\[Matthew 17:5\]](#), [\[Mark 9:7\]](#), [\[Luke 9:35\]](#)

We thank Thee, heavenly Father for the morning services all around the world, and pray that You'll bless every service and every minister and every church this day, that's preaching the Gospel. Come, Lord Jesus, and receive us into Thyself. And while we're waiting Your coming, help us to be loyal servants. For we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen. May be seated.

L-2 I was enjoying some fellowship this morning with the Armenian people of the--the city, at their church. And to my surprise, there was a lady who could interpret languages that... Last evening I was speaking here and was--the Holy Spirit was speaking, rather, and was calling the people out in the meeting, and telling them of their different afflictions, and their diseases. And sometimes I couldn't make them understand just who it was, and then the Holy Spirit would call their name out; as you've noticed Him doing that. And then they were telling me this morning... Which visions

to me are just like a trance. And they were telling me of a woman that I had called back in--somewhere in the audiences, and had told her that a certain affliction had gripped her. But she was--couldn't understand me because she didn't--she was from a--another country, a Finnish woman. And then the Holy Spirit, to show that He's no respect of person, spoke through here, and called her name, and told her to bless God. Spoke in a language that I didn't know, and called the woman, and give who she was, and something about to--the Lord's blessings upon her, something another, in Finnish language. I don't even know English, let alone Finnish. So it goes to show that God speaks in all the languages and all human beings belong to Him. How wonderful.

L-3 He is doing the exceedingly abundantly. I do not wish to take too much of the time, but just while this is on my mind. I remember, sometime ago, at the Sam Houston Coliseum in--down in Houston, Texas. And we were trying to (had such an overflow crowd), till we were trying to take care of part of them at the Coliseum and part over to Raymond Richey's. Now, I'm sure that the Angelus Temple knows who Raymond Richey is. He was a personal friend through the founder of this church.

L-4 And I would pray over here for a prayer line, then go over to the Coliseum and pray. And one night when my brother was taking me from the prayer line, I heard a little Spanish girl weeping. And she would've been the next in line according to the numbers of the prayer cards I was calling. And she wasn't nothing but a child of fifteen years old, something. Well, my brother started pushing me on, and the man that was supposed to take me. But somehow, something told me, "See that child." I said, "Oh, bring her here." And they brought her over, and she gave her prayer card to the man, and so she came over. And I began to speak to her, and--and she just stood there. I thought she might be deaf and

dumb. But find out, she couldn't speak English. She could not understand one word of English. And so, I asked if there was an interpreter. And they got a man and brought him up for the interpretation.

L-5 Well, I asked her a few questions, and she begin answering me through the interpreter. And then all of a sudden the vision come. And I said, "I see before me a little girl with little plaited hair hanging down her back. She's setting by an old fireplace, eating yellow corn from a cob that's been took from a kettle which hangs over the fireplace. And she's eaten too much of it; she falls violently ill. And she's taken to the bed by her mother, and is throwed into epilepsy." And then the vision left.

And the little girl turned to the interpreter and said in Spanish, "I thought he couldn't speak Spanish."

And the interpreter said, "You spoke English, did you not, Brother Branham?"

I said, "I did."

He said, "Well, she said you spoke Spanish."

I said, "Stop the recorders, all along the row." And they stopped, and we played it back; and every word was English. And then we had her to repeat what I said. And as long as the vision was going on, she heard every word in English.

"Why, hear--how hear we every man in our own tongue wherein we were born?" God is still God. Now, when I begin to say words within myself, she didn't understand that at all. But the Holy Spirit speaking English was interpreting it to her in Spanish. God is a good God, as Oral Roberts places it. Certainly is true. [\[Acts 2:1-8\]](#)

L-6 And if we could only grasp that, this afternoon, that His goodness to that little woman (Finnish, or whatever she was) last night, to be sure that her faith would be recognized. He called her in her own language. Wonderful. Now, overseas, many time, we see that happen in the foreign countries. That, I'll be standing, speaking, and It'll turn right back around and

When this old world's so heaped with sin till it's got a headache band around it, staggering like a drunk man coming home at night... Some of these days sin is gone beyond the stars and the moon, and she will burst and fly into eternity. But God will still be on the throne. Amen. Amen. I feel Pentecostal right now. Amen. Old time salvation, the power of God, the Holy Ghost... God is still good. All right, Brother Duffield.

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*He never forsaketh his own;  
His promise is true,  
He will not forget you,  
God is still on the throne.*

How many believes that, raise up your hand? Let's stand while we sing it now, all together; lift up your hands to God as we sing it. All right, again.

*God is still on the throne,  
He never forsaketh his own;  
His promise is true,  
He will not forget you,  
God is still on the throne.*

**L-40** Now, turn around and shake hands with somebody near you. Let's sing it again now as we're--as we're--as we're shaking hands. All you Methodists, and Baptists, and Presbyterian, and Lutherans, and Pentecostals make up with each other; chew each other's chewing gum; just have fellowship; just really have a good time together. All right, sister. Let's sing it again, everybody. We're off the air, I guess. [Brother Branham speaks to Brother Duffield--Ed.]

*God is still on (You believe it? Raise your hand now.)  
He never forsaketh His own;  
His promise is true,  
He will not forget you,  
God is still on the throne.*

**L-41** All believes that say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen"--Ed.] We're off the air now, so you can holler "Amen" real loud. Amen.

*God is still on the throne,  
He never forsaketh His own;  
Though trials distress us,  
And burdens suppress us,  
He never will leave us alone. Amen.*

He's everlasting God; from eternity to eternity He's still God.

use my language and call people, in their names, and everything (just like It does here) in their own native language. That's what I call Pentecost. I--I--I believe it--that's the Holy Spirit.

**L-7** Now, the last few nights we haven't been giving out any prayer cards for a prayer line. So I believe it would be in order tonight to have a prayer line, to pray for the sick. All next week, beginning Tuesday night, we expect to go all through next week. So you come out each night; come praying, bringing somebody with you. The boys will be giving out the prayer cards in about thirty-five minutes, as soon as the service is finished here. And you who want a prayer card, just remain.

Now, they'll bring the prayer cards up here and give them out to anyone who wants them. May the Lord add His blessings to all that we do, for we do it in His Name.

**L-8** Now, to our subject and to our lesson for a few moments. Brother David read the Scriptures, because I had just met an old friend that's setting present this afternoon. About two years ago I was up on the River Of No Return with my good friends, the Christian Business Men. I'm a--love to hunt. And they had a new guide that year, and I kindly fell in love with this man, a young fellow that... and he would... I liked him. There seemed to be something about him that was a little more than a cowpoke. And I had met his wife; she was a waitress at the restaurant, at the place where we were eating, up at North Forks near Salmon River, Idaho. [[I Kings 17:1-16](#)]

**L-9** And on the road back, it happened to be that God let this young fellow become a chum to me, to hunt with me. And I remember getting a good shot one morning at my elk, way across the valleys, and--and got him very humane. And this young fellow was helping me skin him out. And I was noticing him, and I said to him, "Jim, are you a Christian?" And I believe he said he'd belonged to some church or something

another. But there was something about him that seemed honest. That night when we went in, set at the table, I kept watching him. While he was laying on his camp bag, sleeping, I passed by and laid my hand upon him, and asked God to save him.

And today him and his lovely little wife meets me back here in the back; they're both Pentecostal believers, has got the Holy Ghost, setting present now. Prayer changes things, Brother Gillespie. Oh, He's so real. If we'll just pray, and then believe that we get what we ask for.

So, that's why I had Brother duPlessis to read the Word for me, I just had to greet Jim and his wife. God's give them a lovely, little baby since then; we're happy.

**L-10** Now, Brother David was reading out of the book of Kings, of Elijah the great prophet. And it must have been a terrible morning, dry and hot. There hadn't had no rain for three years and six months. It was so dry and hot till the world was ready to blaze into fire. The people were starving in the streets and there was a cry everywhere. All this had been brought on because of the moral decay of the nation. Israel was loved of God. But when they got out of the will of God, the enemy taken them over.

God loves His church. But when we get out of the will of God, the enemy takes the church over. And Ahab, who was king of Israel at that time, and to my thinking, the most wicked king Israel ever had, because he married an idolater, Jezebel. She was a sinner and a ungodly person. And instead of being a man of his own house, he gave in to her. And through that they had caused the nation to come to moral decay. They'd went after--brought the nation into idolatry, because that they'd went after her idols. [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#), [\[I Kings 16:31\]](#)

**L-11** It's something similar to today. All the people agreed that it was all right for them to do that, because the government, the king and the queen endorsed it. And they was the most popular people in that nation. And because the

doubt, sometime across the river yonder, when we have both climbed the golden stairs into Your Kingdom, I shall see him there. Because he was certain; he couldn't read Your Word, but You spoke to him by a dream and by his truthful mother. And he was certain that his mother wouldn't lie. And if You had sent him a dream of his mother, he knew that he was sure that he was to get his sight. I believe, Father, that's the reason You gave it to him. He moved from his bed; he went into action; he put his faith to work; and You confirmed his faith by giving him his sight.

There are many setting here, Lord, today. Many out in the radio land that's read the Word and heard the promises, but has never been just sure of it. God, let them be certain today that if God has said, so He has to keep that Word right. And sometimes He lets reaction come just to see what we will do. May every person now, that's both here and in the invisible audience, let them take a hold of Your Word, Your promise, confess their sins and their unbelief, and hold on to that promise until daylight breaks for them. Grant it, Lord. May they be sure and certain that You'll keep Your Promise, every one of them. For we ask it in Jesus' Name and for His Sake. Amen.

**L-39** God bless you. How many's certain God keeps His promise? We used to sing an old song over in the Baptist church, His promise is true; He will not forsake you, God is still on the throne. Did you ever sing it? Let's see your hands all that knows it. Give us a chord, sister.

*God is still on the throne,*

*And He ever remembers His own;*

*His promise is true,*

*He will not forget you,*

*God is still on the throne.*

Wonder, Brother Duffield, if you can help me lead it?

All right, let's sing it.

*God is still on his throne,*

them off." And he said, "I never heard of you in my life, Parson Branham." But said, "last night about nine o'clock I went to bed," he said, "I dreamed I saw my old mammy come up to my bedside. And she said to me, 'Honey, rise up and put on your clothes, and go down to a city called Moahart. And have Brother Branham to pray for you; you're going to get your sight.'"

He says, "Do you believe that, Brother Branham?"

I said, "I believe it with all my heart."

He said, "My old mammy never told me a lie in her life. And I got up and put on my clothes. And my wife helped me to the bus station. And we's went over to the auditorium, and they told us you were here. And we come over here, and been standing here," and it raining as hard as it could rain.

**L-37** I looked at him. I put my arms around him, and I said, "Lord God, I don't know, but somehow he's certain. And I'm certain that you let his old mammy come to him in a dream to tell him that he was going to get his sight. And he's so sure that he's going to get his sight, Lord God, let it be now." And I no more than said that, and he started batting his eyes.

He said, "Thank you, Lawd."

And I said, "Can you see, uncle?"

And he said, "Shore I can see." Said, "I knowed I was going to see."

And his wife said, "Honey, can you really see?"

Said, "Shore, you see that red car setting there?" Said, "Shore I can see."

A great scream went up from everywhere, and the people glorified God. What was it? He was certain that God had spoke to him in that dream. And if God's certain by a dream, how much more certain is He by His Word? Be certain. Hold on to it. God will bring it to pass. Let us pray.

**L-38** Lord, when I think of many of the experiences... I don't know today where that man is; Thou knowest. I may never have the privilege of looking at him again on earth. But no

king and the queen did it, the people thought that it would be all right. Now, that's about the picture of our country today. Many people just follow one another. And they think because that the government has given the booze sellers license to sell whiskey, that it's all right to get drunk. It's wrong.

And many times good women think because that the cigarette companies puts these pictures out on these advertisements: the women smoking cigarettes, and the movie stars, and many of them, and the popular women smoke, that it's all right. That's what's caused our moral decay in this nation. The backbone of any nation is motherhood. Break motherhood, you've broke the back of the nation. And when... I've got a statistics that shows that, I believe it's about eighty percent of cigarette smoking mothers, has to raise their babies on bottles. Because there's so much nicotine in their blood, it will kill the baby before it's eighteen months old. [[I Kings 16:31-34](#)]

**L-12** You talk about a sabotage, that's one of the greatest sabotages the nation's got. And regardless of all of the warnings that the doctors put out, such slogans as "cancer by carload," and all these warnings, the people want to follow one another. Because it's some silly woman, actress of some sort, advertises cigarettes, and--and blows it through her nose, and acts smart... But that's no place, or no thing for a lady to do. It's wrong.

**L-13** I was passing down one of your streets here a few days ago, and I seen in a barroom. It said, "Tables for ladies." I don't mean to be rude, and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. But ladies don't go in places like that. They've never had one in there. [Audience applauds--Ed.] I'd imagine they've never had a customer and never will, because it's no place for ladies. But fine people sometime, see those things and--and see people who are up-and-up (what we call them) go into such places, and they think that's the thing for them to do. "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the

whole duty of man."

**L-14** But you see, the--the king had said this is all right, because his wife thought it was all right. And they'd caused a moral decay. And then, they thought because they were prosperous, no wars and so forth, that that was the sign that God was with them. Prosperity is not always the sign that God is with you. Many times that's deceiving. The rain falls on the just and the unjust. But it's by their fruits they are known. [\[Matthew 5:45\]](#)

And so this nation was really corrupted, and God had sent judgment upon it. All the preachers had bent under the heavy load, because the members of the church had forced them to do things.

I feel sorry for a preacher that's got no more God about him than to let his congregation dict' to him, and get him off in a rut like that. I believe that we need preachers that's men; that's God-fearing, God-sent servants, who's not afraid to call black black and white white. The Gospel's been handled too much now with kid gloves on. We need some old fashion preaching like Billy Sunday, and John the Baptist, and some of them old fashion hell fire and brimstone messages again back to the people. I know it's not popular. So when they got away from that, you see what a condition the nation's got in. So it--it takes that, brother.

**L-15** And all that the pastors had give in, so they let the--they'd had a social Gospel, no doubt. And so, but there was one who didn't give in. There was a little old prophet in the land in that day. He didn't bow down to any of their idols for he knowed that Jehovah was a holy God; and He required holiness, and cleanliness, and decency. For he knowed that Jehovah could not change. And if Jehovah, to bring the children out of Israel, had to cleanse them and sanctify them... And when they walked disorderly according to His commandments, He placed judgment upon them. He knowed that Jehovah was the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I thought, "Where is that coming from?"

And I looked over to my left. Standing over to one side stood a--a Negro man, way out from the white people. He had his little old cap in his hand, hollering, "Mercy, mercy."

And something struck me, "That man wants to talk to me."

And I said to the policeman; I said, "I want to go over and see that man."

"Oh," he said, "Mr. Branham, you can't do that; you'd start trouble here in Arkansas." Said, "You can't do that." He said, "We just can't let you do that."

I said, "But the Holy Spirit's telling me to go."

He said, "Well, Brother Branham, you'll start a race riot."

Said, "All these white people here to be prayed for, and you go over there to that colored man..."

I said, "I can't help what kind of laws you got. I follow a law and that law is a law of the Spirit."

And he said, "Go to that man."

**L-35** And I just pulled loose from him and I went over there. And I heard his wife say, "Be of a good courage, honey, the parson is coming."

And I got over there; I said, "How do you do?"

He had his hands out like this. He said, "Is you..." I'm not saying this disregarding to my colored friends, either here or on the radio. But he had a real southern talk. And he said, "Is dis you, Parson Branham?"

And I said, "Yes, sir, it is."

He put his hands on my face. He said, "You's a younga man than I thought you was," him blind. And he said, "Has you got just a minute, I want to tell you sompin'?"

I said, "Yes, brother. I got as much time as you want to talk."

**L-36** He said, "I's been a Christian since I was a little boy. And my old mammy," said, "she's been gone for years..." And said, "I's been blind now for several years. I got cataracts on my eyes. The doctor man said he couldn't take them off. They done wrapped around the optical nerve, and he couldn't take

just a handful of meal and a spoonful of oil, that I've already prepared; I've dressed it, got it ready. And I'm taking these two sticks to make a little cake for my son and I. And we're going to eat it and die." [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#)

**L-32** See, now, here comes a great lesson. But Elijah said, "Bake me one first." Oh, what is it there? What lesson do we learn? "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

"Bake me one first."

And she looked. She said, "I wonder who that is? There's something about the man that seems to be different."

And he said, "Make me one first and bring it."

And she started in to do what he said. Then she heard that comforting Word that always comforts, "For THUS SAITH THE LORD the barrel will not be empty nor the cruse run dry, until the day that God sends rain on the earth." [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#), [\[I Kings 17:8-16\]](#)

**L-33** What was it? That very dark, crucial moment come, but God's always on the scene. If you're sure that it's God, if you repented of your sins, if you've met God's requirement, then be sure that God will keep His promise. Whew. If men and women could only realize that. God's obligated to His promise. And if you've met His requirements, if you confessed your sins, and you've made your wrongs right, and you've done everything God has required, then hold onto God. You've got to see daylight; He's got to bring it through. Just be certain that it's God, and He will take care of the rest of it if you're sure that it's God.

**L-34** Sometime ago, I was over at a little city in Arkansas. About fifteen years ago, not quite that long, I'd say twelve years ago. They have a terrible segregation in Arkansas. And I'd been into a little church, and the policeman helped me in and out. And I was coming out of the church, and I could hear someone saying, "Mercy, mercy."

Therefore, he would not give in. Oh, Jezebel hated him, and all of her company hated him. But God loved him and respected him, because he never let down on the Word of God. He stayed with It.

God give us more Elijahs in this cruel evil day of corruption that we're living in, that's not a scared to preach what's the truth, what the Bible says. "Without holiness, no man shall see the Lord." You must be cleansed from your sins by the Blood of the Lord Jesus. [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#)

**L-16** Now, there was a woman in the land; neither one of these people know each other. But she must have been an honorable woman. She must've been the type of woman that Elijah was a man, because God chose that woman out of all the women that there was in Israel to entertain His prophet. And He would've never chose an immoral woman to entertain His prophet.

And this woman was a widow woman. The drought was in the land. And she'd started out, after the death of her husband... She had a little baby to raise. And she was struggling to try to make a living for the little fellow. And finally the bread begin to cease. And it come to a place one day, when she went in to look at her little fellow, and she seen his little sleeves out, torn. She might've looked at herself in a mirror, and seen that how she'd left the table with something on it for the baby. And her own cheekbones was sticking out, and her little, frail-looking arms. She didn't mind it for herself, but the little boy... She was trying--she didn't want to see him die. [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#)

**L-17** So finally, one day she went to the meal barrel and there was just one handful of meal left. She goes over to the cruse to see how much oil, and just about a good tablespoonful. That stood between her and death. I suppose that night there was an all night prayer meeting. Isn't it strange how God lets us get right down to the end of the road? No doubt but she checked up. Said, "Lord God (something like this), I've served

You. I've done all that I know how to do. I've met Your requirements. And here I've got one handful of meal and a spoonful of oil between death for my child and myself." All night long she must've prayed.

And when the little fellow would wake up, turn over, and say, "Mama, would you go back to the cupboard and see if there's just a little bit of that bread left?" She'd go back, cry a little, and then she would come back and give him a little water to drink. For she knew she could--just had this little bit, and it had to maybe make the next day. And the little fellow maybe couldn't sleep good because of hungry. [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#)

**L-18** I've been through those places. No doubt but what there's many here been through those places. I seen my mother leave the table of a morning, set back in the house and cry, when she'd--what we had on the table was some stale bread. And she'd pour some coffee over it and some sugar over the top of it for us kiddies, and go back in the room and weep, said, "I'm not hungry," when she was hungry, and us trying to go to school like that.

**L-19** And the woman as she seen those--that crucial hour coming, no doubt she checked up and said, "Lord, I've done all that I know how to do." When you've done everything that you know how to do, and met every requirement that God has required, that's where faith takes a hold. That's where faith comes in. If you've met every requirement that God required you to do, then sometimes God tests your faith, to see what kind of a reaction you'll have on your action. Oh, He's good at that. It's just lets--it just proves whether you really believe what you think you believe. You know He does that many times. [\[I Kings 17:1-16\]](#)

**L-20** One morning there was some Hebrew children was going to be burnt up. And they knew that they had done God's will. And they said, "We're not afraid of the king's commandments. Our God is able to deliver us from this fiery furnace.

all night long, pushing it in; the fire was in the middle. If you notice, the two sticks represented the cross: self-sacrifice. [\[I Kings 17:8-16\]](#)

**L-30** Now, she'd mix the Word and the--the Spirit together and was ready to put it to the fire. And she goes to pick up these sticks. And, perhaps, she just got the last one in her hand and was starting back in the house and she looked at the gate. There was a gentle-looking, old man, perhaps, bald-headed and whiskers hanging down, standing, leaning across the gate. He said, "Would you fetch me just a little drink of water?"

She looked at him and thought, "Well, I've got just about a--a half a gallon in the house. But the poor old fellow looks so thirsty. I'll be willing to divide with him." And she might've said, "Yes, kind sir. I will get you a little of the water, because the springs have dried up and everything. All waters had dried up." And she started in to get the water, and he knowed... [\[I Kings 17:8-16\]](#)

**L-31** You see. God answers on both ends of the line. About two hours before that, the brook had dried up on top of the mountain where Elijah was. He said, "Elijah, go down to the city and keep walking until you find a woman with two sticks in her hand. She's going to feed you." God does things real. "I've sent you down there and she's going to feed you. She hasn't got nothing in the house, but I'm going to feed you." And he walked down the street till he seen that woman packing those two sticks, and that must be her. So he had to catch her attention. He said, "Would you fetch me a little water?"

And she said, "I will."

And as she turned and started, he said, "And just bring me a little morsel of bread in your hand." Elijah seeing that vision already knowed what the conditions was.

And she said, "As the Lord liveth..." Elijah knew she was a Christian then, a believer. "As the Lord liveth, I've only got

down in the row of corn and said, "Lord, if you don't give me the Holy Ghost, when you come back you'll find a pile of bones laying here." Then he received it. Be certain it's God, then hold on to it.

**L-28** She was certain she'd walked upright before God. And God proved it by inviting His prophet to live with her. See? God confirms things. So the morning was breaking; the birds was beginning to sing as dawn begin to break. She looked at the little fellow again and she patted him. She knelt down and said, "Lord God, he will be getting up in a few minutes. I'll go and prepare the last thing I got and give it to him. And then I'll take him in my arms and we'll die together." So she went and got the handful of meal.

Now, meal, was a meal offering, which means "Christ the Word." And when they ground the meal offering in the days of the Bible, they used a certain burr that ground every little bit of meal just exactly the same. There was no difference in it. Well, that types this. The same means "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." When God ground His Life out of Him at Calvary, He gave it to the church that He'd be the same yesterday, today, and forever. [[Hebrews 13:8](#)], [[I Kings 17:8-16](#)]

**L-29** Then she goes and gets the oil. The oil represents the Spirit. That's we--why we anoint with oil, it represents the Spirit. And she put the Sp--the oil and the meal together and begin to prepare it. And when the Spirit and the Word gets together, something's going to take place. She was at the end. So she got the Word and the Spirit and begin to mix it together. Now, it's ready for baking. She goes out in the yard to pick up two sticks. Did you notice the Bible said, "Two sticks?"

Now, in the old days... Jimmy, I guess we've done it many times ourself. You take two sticks and cross them and you put the fire right in the middle. And as the sticks burn, you push them in, if you're camping out at night. It keeps the fire going

Nevertheless, we'll not bow to his image." Now, God was going to give them a test to see what their reaction to their action would be. And He let them walk right straight to the fiery furnace before He ever moved. But when all of God's requirements has been met, and you're certain of God, that God will do it, stand still then, and God will do it. [[Daniel 3:1-30](#)]

If you set in these meetings, and you seen the Lord God move out over the audience, healing the sick and afflicted, and yet, you seem to still have your disease... And when I ask for them to put hands on each other, and you've made your wrongs right before Him; you've accepted Him, and you've been baptized in Christian faith, and your heart's clean before Him, then sometime when God delays His answer He's only wanting to see what you'll react by. Just be sure that you believe that it's God and then hold on to it. Don't you move.

**L-21** If you've been prayed for, hands laid on you by believers, the Bible said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." That's God's requirement, and God requires you to believe His Word. [[Mark 16:17-18](#)]

Job, God let the devil test Job once. When Job went out and made a burnt offering for his children, they'd had a party, so Job knowed in his days what teen-agers was like, what they were made up of, that mind that can't get settled. And so, Job said, "Perhaps, what if my children did sin; I'll offer a burnt offering for him anyhow." And when he was standing pat on that offering... That's what God required, a burnt offering. That's all He required: to confess and make a burnt offering. And Job knowed he did that. And then the devil was turned loose on him. And he begin to kill his children, destroy his goods. And he had some of his church members come to him and said, "You are a secret sinner. You've got something in your heart that you haven't confessed, Job."

But Job knowed that he hadn't done it. He was sure that he had met God's requirements and he stood pat on it. That's it.

He knowed he'd confessed his sins, called for God to try him, search him and see if there was anything wrong. See? God was just waiting to see what Job would do, because Satan said, "I'll make him curse You to Your face."

But God said, "There's none like him in the earth; he won't do it." God had confidence in him. [\[Job 1:1-22\]](#)

**L-22** And maybe if your healings a lingered a little bit, God's got confidence in you that you'll hold on. If you believe that the Holy Spirit, the signs and wonders that He promised is being done here, then accept it and hold on to it, God's requirement. "I'm the Lord Who heals all thy diseases."

**L-23** When you receive the Holy Spirit, get borned again, and the devil begins to tempt you, "Oh, you're wearing the same clothes; you look like you used to." But you are sure that something happened inside of you; God changed your life. Don't make any difference what the devil said, just get away from it, because you're sure that it's God. Amen. "Amen" means, "So be it."

**L-24** I'm sure the Holy Spirit is here now. I'm sure of it. And I know that what we ask, we will receive it. It might not come just right now, but it's got to come. God's promise is true. We ask Him for anything; we don't doubt; we believe that what we ask for we get; because we met God's requirements, given our life to Him, surrendered our will to Him. Our lives, our soul, all that we are we have surrendered to God. Then our heart condemns us not; we can have what we ask for. "If ye abide in me and My word in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." That's His promise. Just be sure that you know God, and know that that's His promise.

Someone said to me, many times, rather, said, "Aren't you afraid, Brother Branham, when you go there at nighttime, that maybe that Angel of the Lord might leave you sometime?"

I said, "I'm sure He won't. Because He promised me He

wouldn't do it. And I've got faith in God to believe that He will meet that requirement." [\[John 15:4-7\]](#)

**L-25** That night at Portland, when that maniac run out on the platform to kill me... You've read the story. You better be sure of it then. But I was sure that I wasn't trying to speak of myself, when he called me a snake-in-the-grass, and spit in my face, and said, "Tonight I'm going to knock you all the way out into that audience." I just stood still. He weighed two-fifty or more, and I weighed one hundred and twenty-eight, had to look up to him, those great, big, giantly arms, and his teeth set, and his eyes, his fist drawed back, running towards me.

And the Spirit of God said, "Because you've challenged the Spirit of God, tonight you'll fall over my feet." That was God; that wasn't me.

So he said, "I'll show you whose feet I'll fall over." And he drew his fist back to hit me.

And when he did, I said, "Satan, come out of the man." And he fell and pinned my feet to the floor till the policeman had to roll him off of my feet.

**L-26** Just be sure it's God, and then hold on to it. Stay with it. When God says anything, He has to keep His Word. Be certain that it's God. Take God's Word. If God whispers to your heart, "I'm the Lord that healeth thee," stay with it. That's God's promise. God promises to give the Holy Spirit; stay with it until It comes.

**L-27** I was reading old, Uncle Buddy Robinson's book here, sometime ago. And he was plowing corn, he said, with his old mule, Alec. And he got mad at Alec that morning because she was tramping down the corn. And he bit her on the ears, and she run off and looked at him. And he said, "Alec, I'm ashamed that I bit you." Said, "Looky here, me preaching sanctification with a-teeth full of mule hair." He said, "What a disgrace." And then he got ashamed of himself. And he got