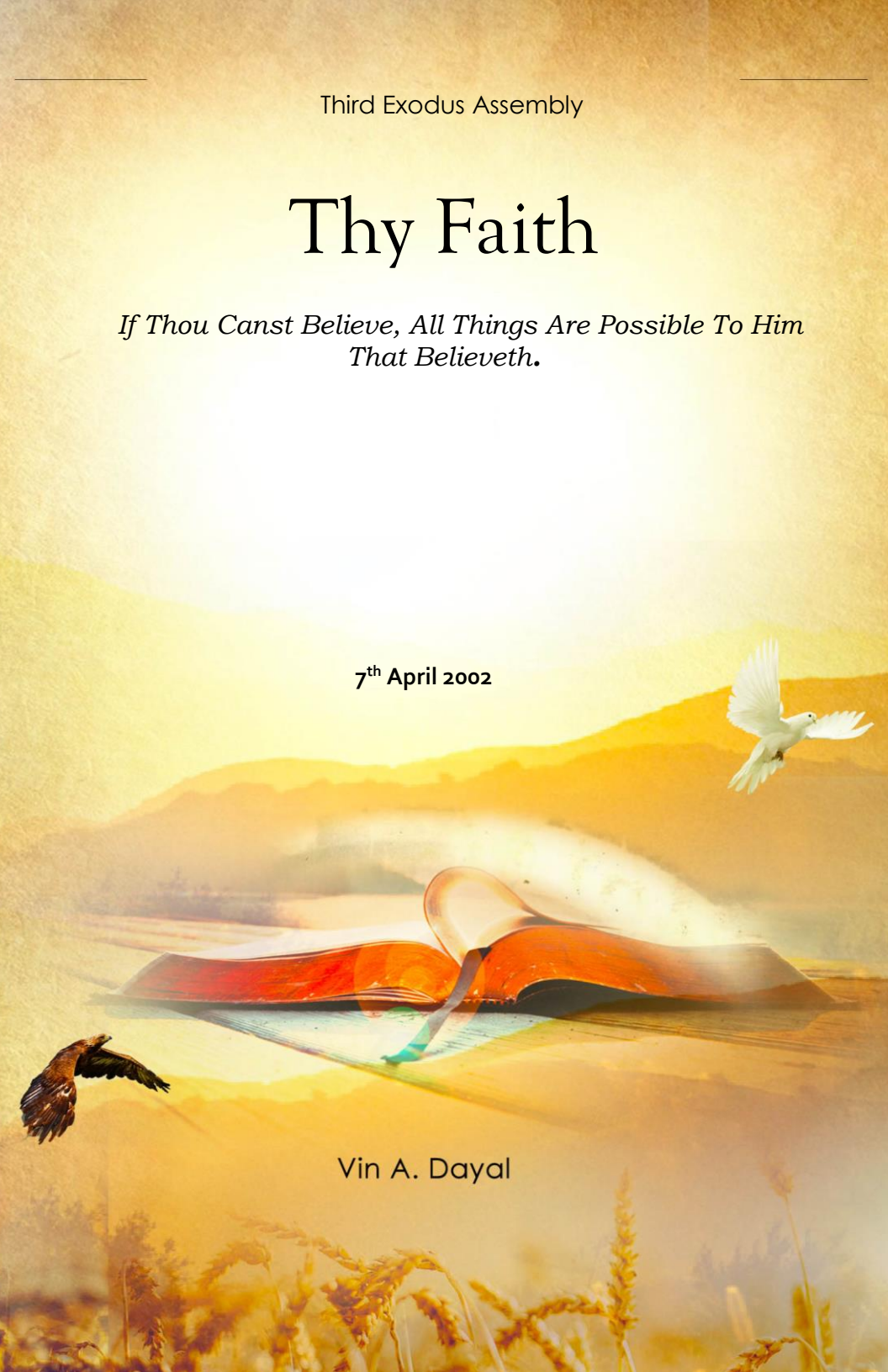

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Oh, let's just bow our hearts and look to Him this morning. What a blessed privilege we have to stand in His great, mighty Presence, knowing that we could come with boldness before the Throne of Grace that we shall obtain mercy and grace to help us in time of need. As we look to Him, I want to encourage you to believe, knowing that He is all-sufficient today.

Our gracious Lord Jesus, we embrace this blessed opportunity to come into Your mighty Presence, knowing Father that this is Your desire, that we will be reconciled back to You, that You purposed in Your heart to slay the enmity, tear down the middle wall of partition, and restore us back to every Divine favor, that we could stand with boldness, and Lord we can stand with confidence, knowing that You love us and that You have made every Divine blessing secure unto us.

We pray dear God, today as we have gathered in Your Presence, coming oh God and offering the fruits of our lips, giving praise and thanks unto You, offering a Sacrifice as a Royal Priesthood, Lord that You have given access into Your great Presence. We believe dear God, that as You have ordained us to come and bring this Sacrifice, that Your Ear is attentive to our approach. Lord, You hear the bells ringing out holy, holy, holy. You see us dressed in the robe of Your righteousness, Lord You hear the confession of faith that comes from our lips.

And dear God as we come, Father, knowing that You will meet with us, that You will supply our every need, that Lord as we would go forth today, we'll leave this place rejoicing, we'll leave this place with that blessed assurance, we'll leave this place with that Divine confidence, Lord that all we desired of You, all that we have need of will be met today, for You said that You shall supply all our needs according to Your riches in Glory.

May faith come by the hearing of Your Word today...substance faith, inspired faith Lord, where we will not be trying to work ourselves up into a faith, where we will not be struggling in the energy of the flesh hoping that we believe, but dear God where You can deposit into our heart that Divine faith Lord, that Divine revelation can drop in, that it will become a settled thing to each and everyone, that Lord Jesus they can take a grip upon Your unfailing Words of promise and go to acting as though it has already happened, giving praise and thanks.

Like Abraham, believing in things that were not as though they were Father, strong in faith, giving praise and glory to God, not staggering through unbelief dear God, because You gave him an Anchor of the soul, You gave him a hope steadfast and sure, oh God You rubbed out every bit of make belief and You tied his soul to an Absolute dear God, Father where he could know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he had those things from You.

Let that be the portion to everyone that is in need, everyone that has come into Your House in anticipation of meeting with You, everyone, oh God, that laid before You Father, preparing themselves to receive from You today. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray that Your blessed Holy Spirit will just move throughout this audience today, and Father You will minister the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ that will bring that deep conviction into every heart that Your promises are 'yea' and 'amen', that it is impossible for God to lie, and

that with God all things are possible. May You grant it, Lord.

We commit ourselves into Your mighty Hands, asking Lord that You'll remember those out in Dominica this morning, in St. Vincent, in Grenada, in Tobago, Father where they are gathered together with us in unity oh God, Father knowing that we are praying for each other, holding them up before You.

Seeing Lord how You blessed us over this last weekend, dear God when we came together, and now they have gone back out to their own respective places. Lord we pray that You will continue to shower down upon them the riches of Your grace dear God, that Lord You'd build upon those Things that You poured out here in our midst.

Lord, we pray that there would be no need that would be brought before You in their midst today, but that You will come down and give witness and confirmation that You have heard and answered. Grant it, dear God.

We commit all things into Your hands asking that You will remember Your children across this land, around the face of this earth Father, in this late Hour when Your people are being lifted up into a higher bracket of faith, when You are showing us how to prepare for this great, rapturing faith dear God, when You are dropping those Things, perfecting what is lacking in our faith. Lord, may You grant it. We give You praise and thanks, for we ask all these mercies and blessings...

May You even save those, Lord, that are savable here today. Bless every one, Father, that is gathered in Your Divine Presence. May the Holy Spirit take everyone under Your Divine consideration, Lord whatever their status, whatever their condition, whatever their need might be, Father You give faith sufficient, that dear God when they leave this place they can say, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the House of the Lord', for surely the Presence of the Lord is in this

place.” May You grant it we ask, in the precious, worthy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, amen and amen.

God richly Bless you. I want to welcome you into His Presence, in the House of God today. I would like to invite your attention to the Book of Romans, and also Hebrews...Romans 10, Hebrews 11, just a verse or two in each place.

I want to welcome all the strangers and also our visitors. We have Bro. Howard Richardson and his dear wife here with us. May God richly bless our precious brother and his dear wife with us today, and just do something special for all of us as we gather here. You know, I am certainly in anticipation that God will be so gracious to us. We have such needy people and you know we are certainly trying to see them rise up into the place where they can receive the things that God has for them. These services are designed to bring that to each individual that is in need.

Over the last weekend when we had the services, I was really blessed to see...hearing even some of the songs that are being written at this time, the expression of faith in those songs, that they are catching that faith and are moving up into these things. I certainly was blessed when I heard Sis. Kim making that expression of faith there, and that is what you want to see. You believe with your heart and you confess with your mouth and you shall never be ashamed. Amen. And to see our people catching these Things, and you are recognizing what God has been trying to get to you in these last three months.

And I trust today...I have a little thought in my heart especially for those that are sick and those that are struggling. You see, when the pressure comes on people they back off. And it does not discourage you and does not disappoint you neither, but makes you realize that you need to really try to get them more into the Presence of God where God can just strip away all their fears and

doubts and uncertainty and get them to really tie to the Word.

And, you know, it's not just to preach a little sermon to you and make you feel good, that God loves you and so on, but also that that would go to work in your heart, that even the very place where that Word is meeting you at this present time in your circumstance, that you could rise up and receive these things.

And I believe with all my heart that God wants to do that for you. He has already done that, but what He desires to do for you now is to see you take Him at His Word and to come into what He has already done for you. See? The work as far as healing you, saving you, that is finished; He cannot do that again. But He is here now to build your faith. That is what He is doing for you in the present tense...now...building your faith to see these things and accept these things, (amen) because that is what is needed.

That is a great thing that is lacking in many hearts that profess this faith. It just seems that they can't hold that without wavering. They waver when the crisis comes to them. They believe it, and they believe it for somebody else, they say, "Brother, I have faith. I believe God is going to heal you." But then the sickness comes in their own life and they can't believe it for themselves; because while they believe it for somebody else, it is not challenging them; they are not in fear of death. So they stand up there and say, "I believe for you, brother". But when it comes to them in their own self, they find out what they talk about that God can do, now you want to make sure that that's yours...that's yours, your personal property.

And so, I have something I have been holding in my heart for about two weeks to preach, and I want to try and speak on it this morning. And I want to take for a thought, "**THY FAITH...THY FAITH.**"

Romans 10:17,

¹⁷ So, then, faith cometh by hearing, ...

From verses 1-16, Paul has been speaking on this righteousness which is by faith, and now he makes his conclusion. That is why he says,

¹⁷ So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Let's all say that together: "So, then, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." What you're going to hear this morning is the Word of God. How many came to hear the Word of God? Well then, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Not knowledge...faith...cometh by hearing.

Hebrews 11, verse 1:

¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, ...

Or things that you are under expectation for...

...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

It is the substance and it is the evidence, "...the evidence of things not seen," and this you receive through hearing the Word. Verse 6:

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: ...

The Bible tells us there are some things that are impossible with God. It's impossible for God to lie. It's impossible for God to fail. It is impossible that God could be pleased without faith. That is also impossible. God cannot be pleased without faith. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

...for he that cometh to God must believe that...

...He was? He will be? ...must believe...must...he that cometh **must** believe that he is. You are coming saying, "Well, I believe God is going to heal me one day. I believe..." Go back to your seat. Go right back to your seat, because

...he that cometh to God must believe that he is...

Brother, I believe God is all that He says right now, as great as He ever was,

...and that he is a rewarder...

Notice, '*...he is...he is*', because He told Moses, "I am that I am"...present tense.

...he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

'Without faith (let's say that)...without faith it is impossible to please him.'

May the Lord bless the reading of the Word. You may have your seats.

So, I'm speaking this morning on, "**THY FAITH,**" and for a little subject: "**If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**"

Now you know since September 11th, 2001, when the world was changed, a definite line of demarcation was drawn and we have entered into a place where we see the moves...the schemes of the enemy. We were told that there was going to be a repeat performance of all diabolical cunning and cruelty. But God rich in mercy opened Seven Seals that we could have our eyes anointed. For what? That we might see, and that we might see even the schemes of the enemy.

Because the Bible said the whole world would be snared; he'll catch them in a trap. But, "*Because thou hast kept the Word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation...*" [Revelation 3:10 -Ed.] Is that right? So we have a definite promise that this scheme is going to catch the whole world, and if it were possible even the Elect would be deceived. But it is not possible for the Elect to be deceived, because God rich in mercy, "I have remembered My promise and *I am come down...*" [Exodus 3:8 -Ed.] Is that right?

So God came down in this Day, opened Seven Seals, and He began to foretell us what the enemy was going to do. Even before we even knew the first step in water baptism, even before we came to justification and sanctification, God was foretelling us what the enemy

would do, because the Message was given for preparation. Is that right? A Prophet standing there, a watchman in the tower, looking off in the distance and seeing the oncoming storms of judgment, and began to pronounce to us, "Judgment is on the way."

Like Moses when he saw judgment moving in, he had to get the people under the blood, (amen) because if they were not placed in position when the plagues struck, they themselves would die. But God always makes a way of escape for His people. Is that right?

And so here we are benefiting from God's grace (amen) and we are trying to stay under the prophetic utterance of the Message. And here we see the Message was designed and intended to show a people how to prepare for rapturing faith. That's why He opened those Seals. "When those Thunders utter their Voices, they will show you..." You will not know until He rips those Seals off the Book. Amen! You will see what His plan is also. You will know what the enemy's plan is but you will see how God raised a standard. Amen. God sent a combat, something to face the challenge of the enemy. Is that right? That's right.

That's why he said that the greatest battle ever fought is now set in an array. The contest is on. The evening lights are shining (hallelujah!) and the Holy Spirit has moved the Bride into position, into a place where we see the moves of the enemy. That's why if you are engaged in warfare this morning and you're fighting as one that's beating the air, you have missed the instructions. You have failed to understand the training. Is that right? But if you knew what you were coming into, why you are called, that you will have to engage in warfare for possession. Is that right?

Did Joshua give them a false expectation and say, "You'll go in and God will give you the promise on your lap?" Did he say that? God said, "Be thou strong and very courageous. Every place that the sole of your feet tread upon, that have I given unto you." Is that right?

So it means to say they were going in there and they knew they had to fight. Is that right? The Bible says, God said, "This day I'll begin to magnify you in the sight of the people, and hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, when you see the Ark in the midst of Jordan." Hallelujah!

God was doing specific things that they would understand He had given them an absolute. He had given them something to tie to because they would come to many dark moments. They would come to many fierce contentions. They would have great obstacles, but they could look at those things and know that God will keep His Word. Amen! "Great is the Lord Who ordained your every trial." Amen!

He put a test there. He put a gate so you can possess the enemy's gate. Is that right? That's what He did. My! He's working His way down into your heart. He is convincing you by His love to give up, to separate, to sacrifice, to surrender all. And as He comes in more and more, measure after measure, you are seeing a Power in your life that can overcome every gate of the enemy. You are seeing a Power in your life.

Who is that Power? What is that Power? It's Jesus in you. "In that day you will know greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. You will know I in you and you in Me." Oh, my!

God says, "I've given you the land, from Lebanon to the river Euphrates, to the going down. Your healing, your salvation, your peace, your deliverance, your husband, your wife, your unsaved children, I have given them to you." Hallelujah! But every inch of ground...

If you have to get that husband, you have to believe in God, otherwise you go pushing a move on a man. If you have to believe in God for that wife, you have to say, "Father, you give me the best thing after salvation." Amen. "I believe the deep is calling, Jesus." Otherwise you will go pushing moves here, there and everywhere.

If you're believing in God for those unsaved children, you will stand there and say, "Father, I take You at Your Word. I hold my token with unwavering faith. As a covenant son, as a covenant daughter, I believe in what You say." Oh thank You, Jesus. Yes, sir! Glory!

Say, "Lord, I'm waiting on my ministry. I've been seeking you; I've been praying. I've been trying to walk in every Word. Send that anointing. Lord confirm that commission so I could step out with confidence that You are here with me." Hallelujah! My! He has given it. He told them what He gave. He tells us every redemptive blessing...

When that Jordan opened up, like when those Seven Seals opened, it was to do what? To bring them into an inheritance. So now they were coming to a place where sin was going to get under their feet. Sickness was going to get under their feet. Kings were going to get under their feet. Principalities and powers were going to get under their feet. Yes, sir!

God told Joshua in Chapter 1, "Every place that the sole of your feet tread upon..." In Chapter 10, Joshua told his church, "You come now and put your foot upon the necks of these kings." Hallelujah! Why? They were fighting for what was already theirs. They were in the land where they had to take it by experience, and the Captain was there giving revelation, instruction, opening up the Mystery, saying, "Judah, your place is there; fight for that. Ephraim, your place is here; fight for that. Manasseh, your place is there; fight for that." Oh, my!

He says, "Manasseh, you're called to raise cattle. Look at all your pasture lands...Philistines upon it, Gergasites upon it. What would you do? Your cattle can't eat stone; your cattle can't eat these things. Your cattle needs that grass. Would you fight for it, Manasseh?

Judah, look the wheat is yours. You are called to grow barley and wheat. You are here. You know how

to till the land; you know how to plant the seed; you know how to raise the crop. What will you do in this barren place? Do you believe that's yours? Are you willing to fight for it?" Hallelujah!

Brother, it's the same way He's telling you, "Healing is yours; deliverance is yours. I have given it to you already. Look at your body, it's going down. Look at that sickness. You can't serve God; it's robbing you of your joy; it's bringing pressure in your home; it's making your life uncomfortable. Would you just sit down or are you willing to fight for it?" Oh, my!

And they could have heard the Word of their Joshua. They could have heard the Word of the Holy Spirit Who was there, Who had brought them out of Egypt, Who had brought them into sanctification, Who had brought them through Jordan, Who had brought them in that land, Who was revealing to them their position. That same One was telling them, "Now fight for that. Charge into the enemy. Take it. God is with you." Oh, my!

They could explain, "Yes, God really gave Abraham that, and we are really Abraham's children, and I was in Abraham's loins, and I was considered in it. When God gave it to Abraham, it was to him and his seed. And when Jesus was dying on the cross, I was in Him paying for sins," and then come there and be afraid to move. After they explain all of that, they then come there and are afraid to move. And that is what you are seeing.

And that is the difference between knowledge and faith. A lot of people could explain that knowledge. A lot of people could explain those Scriptures, but when it's time to act on what you believe, though they hear it and they recognize it to be the Truth, there is still a fear paralyzing many. But this morning, He wants to drop something in your heart if you can receive it, to go into acting and take what He says is yours.

And you see maybe Caleb, but in a hole, in a stronghold, and you say, "Caleb, what are you doing inside here? Four days ago I passed here and you're

inside this little hole here, like you haven't slept a good night yet. You mean that stone is your pillow? You know, I don't see any food; are you fasting here? What is the matter with you? What are you doing that for?"

He says, "From the time God revealed to me what was mine, I'm fighting. You see me, I'm engaged in battle here and I am not moving from here to give the enemy any place to get stronger. Right now I have them cornered, and it's a duel of faith between the enemy and me. It's a duel of faith!

And I've already checked them out; it's the three sons of Anak, and I know what part of the land they are holding down. *This* one is trying to mess up my mind. *This* one is trying to bring fear on me. *This* one is trying to paralyze my acting on the Word, but I have them covered, (amen! hallelujah!) because I am conscious of the enemy's strategy. I'm not ignorant of his devices. I know the Word is mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. I'll take my mountain. I'll take what God tells me is mine." Yes, sir!

And if I see that in the negative, if I see that in the shadow, and I know we're in the Ephesians at the end of the Age under a Joshua commission after the Seven Seals are opened, when we come back to the land of the fathers, and Caleb represents the true believer who followed Joshua, the Holy Spirit, I'm looking to see them engaged in that kind of warfare. I'm looking to hear the confession of their faith. I'm looking to see their attitude and their behaviour reflecting that faith has taken a hold. Oh thank You, Lord. My!

They understood they had to fight for what was already given. They understood that being given didn't mean they had to sit down and God had to come back and give it over. They understood that fighting was acting upon what they believed concerning what God had said. They understood that those principles went together with claiming, obtaining, and being placed, and living in the enjoyment and the benefit of what God

has given, and showing that you are victorious in the battle, (amen!) that you have overcome. And “He that overcometh will inherit all things.” Is that what the Bible says? That’s right. That’s right.

But today, somehow people in this Age of information, in this Age of understanding, leaning on their own understanding, that they figured it out and they have it explained down, brother, so... down to the last dot. Amen.

But where’s that church? Where’s that believer who understands their place, who knows their inheritance, who knows the thoughts of God concerning them, who knows how God brought them in the journey by experience from stage to stage, from junction to junction, until God describes to them, “I want you to have perfect peace, a peace that passeth all understanding. My plan for you is to have the love that passeth all knowledge. I want you to have the confidence that you can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth you. I want you to know that nothing shall separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. I want you to know that greater is He inside of you than he that is in the world. I want you to know that all things are put under your feet.” Oh, my! That’s God’s plan, and God knows He has to perfect the faith.

Like Abraham, he staggered and staggered and staggered, but the time came when God said, “This man needs revelation. A little famine comes and the man is running down to Egypt. Thank God it’s an unconditional covenant. I have to bring him back because I already said that I’m going to give him the promise, so his failures and mistakes wouldn’t keep him out, but I’m sure not going to baby him and pat him all the way. I’ll teach him how to stand up.

I’ll have to bring back the same test in another way to make sure he overcomes it because I’ll have to be satisfied that he’s learning the lessons. I have to be

satisfied he isn't just making a lot of noise but still standing in the same spot. I want to see some movement; I want to see some footprints. I want to see some footprints showing he walked out of that place.

I don't want him standing in the wilderness and talking about "The land is so great, and the land is so wonderful...all these grapes..." and it's only imagination he's talking about. No, no, no, I want him to bring him to that place where he stands in the land and has those things, and he could say, "Such as I have give I unto you. Take some of this. Here is some of this." Amen!

God wants to perfect that faith, and that's why on December 31st the Holy Spirit came and started there. January, February, March; we're in the spring now. He started in the winter and now He's bringing you to the spring, and that faith should be coming up in your heart.

And when I heard those songs on the Easter weekend, I was seeing some sprouts of that faith. I was hearing confession. I was seeing people confessing and then willing to walk into what they confess. It tells me they were seeing something. Hallelujah! And when I began to see that, I said, "Oh God, thank You." Amen!

When faith finds its bedding ground, when the seed of promise finds a place to grow, no circumstances will be considered. Is that right?

And I want to see that in the Church. And I want to see that in the lives of the individuals, and especially in the weak ones that I'm laboring with, in the ones that are sick and are trying to believe God, in the ones that say that they believe but don't realize they only have a mental faith. They say they believe intellectually but when the pressure comes, they back off of their belief. No, no, no, no, no. God has to rub that out. You will always live in disappointment living there. You will always live good until the trials come.

Once the storms take your light out, you're in the outer court where storms and clouds can block out your

light. You have all this knowledge of God and you could talk about the Word, and you could talk about the Church Ages, and you could talk about prayer, and you can talk about all these different things, and you could pray so eloquently, and you could articulate your words, and you could define the things of God, but it is just somebody standing there saying poetry, (amen) because while you're in there your candlestick could go out, and your lamp could get smutty and dark, and your wick could burn down, (amen) and you find that you're still living in a place where your light goes out, and you start to stumble in the dark.

But once you could get past that veil, no storm, no going out of that light...because in there is Eternal Light. It's not cosmic light. It's not artificial light. It's the Eternal Light; it's God Himself, where a man and God are in fellowship, and a man is under the influence...he's robed in the Shekinah Glory.

The testimony is in the Ark, and the Shekinah Glory is over the Mercy Seat, and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, and confession is being made. Hallelujah! And it shows where a man is governed and controlled by the Holy Spirit, (amen) the Quickener, the One Who gives Life to the Word and makes the testimony produce what it says, where the Voice of the Blood speaketh better things.

Oh, God wants to move your soul into those places. He's showing us, and He gave us message after message for the last three months, and then inside of there you see the unconscious people who fail to realize He has to test you on the Word that is being preached. He has to bring up your conditions under the Word so that you can know if you're believing It, or if you're hearing It, or if It is not inspired to you as yet that you can see where you stand. He has to bring specially designed trials in your life.

Did He do that when He led them to the promise? Is He the same yesterday today and forever? Is a type of

the first exodus and the second exodus a type of the third exodus? Is He the unchanging God still working by the same ways, same plan, still the same objective and same purpose? That's right. Then people who are taught of God, people who understand God's ways, people who know they have been called unto a promise in this Hour, people who know the plan for the Age, people who understand God's objective in their midst...

And how could God expect you to understand that if He Himself doesn't come and take the Word and open the Word and show you what He is doing by the Word? And who is sane enough to say that that is what God has been doing? And who is insane to say, "I am sitting down here but I don't know what God is doing and what God wants to do, because if God was showing me from the Word what He wants to do, I will know." Who is that insane? God has even made the one who doesn't have faith confess it (that's right) that you would know He's doing that for you.

And don't think something is going wrong. Nothing is going wrong. Nothing is going wrong in your life. People say something is going wrong when the trial comes; that's going right. 'Great is the Lord who ordained your every trial.' He is helping you discover even your unconscious unbelief. That's right! He is helping you understand you could be still anointed in the second realm.

You look at your body in the first realm and your body is caving in, and you're in the second realm trying to reason, "I might die, and the doctors said *this*, and this one said *that*, and they showed me the X-ray. Who!" And you're in the second realm reasoning, and you're going this way because God is showing you that you're not living in the third realm yet.

God is showing you that you only have a work of sanctification; you need the baptism of the Holy Ghost. But you think church joining and living a moral life is the Holy Ghost. But when those things come in the

mind and that second realm starts to spin out of cater, reasoning, and imagination,, and conscience and guilt, and memory, and all kinds of things coming back to condemn you and you're all haywire and don't know what to do, then you start to realize, "If only I had faith I would say, "Shut up!" and all those things would keep quiet."

But every time you say, "Shut up!" it seems like conscience says, "Boo!" and memory says, "Boo!" and reasoning says, "Boo!" (amen!) And you say, "Oh God, there's a veil before me. If I could only break through that veil of self will and die. Am I willing to pay the price? Am I willing to let God tear this veil away so I can come into a deeper life with God?" And this is where many people...you realize that they're coming along with the crowd but they're not listening to the Word.

Israel traveled following the Pillar of Fire, and before they could follow the Pillar of Fire, there were priests with trumpets. And Moses would reveal to them, "The Pillar of Fire is going to move. Blow the silver trumpets." And they would blow those trumpets, and then the people would rise up and they knew what to do by the sounding of the trumpets. And that's the preaching of the Gospel as the Holy Spirit is leading you into the promise and He's revealing His Thoughts and His will to you by His preached Word. And faith comes by? ...hearing. That's it.

And this is where if you have been listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church, 'He that hath an ear to hear what the Spirit saith.' The Spirit is teaching certain Things. The Spirit is saying certain Things. The Spirit is defining and posting you in certain places. The Spirit is opening the Word and releasing inspiration so that you can know how to deal with the things in this present time that you are faced with.

And you come to the next station, the next junction, and He opens another part of the Word and releases inspiration to deal with that. And to every place that

you come into—when they came to Jericho, the Spirit revealed, “Go around once a day for six days and then seven times on the seventh day.” When they came to Ai, the Spirit said, “Stretch this spear towards this place.” Every place that they had to possess, every stage of progress they had to make, this Intelligence was there to open to them what they needed to do with those things.

And that’s why when you’re hearing the Word, if you know it’s God’s plan to make known to you the things you need to understand in order to overcome the things that you are faced with, you should be saying, “Father, I know in some way in this You are telling me and giving me the answers to my situation. You are giving me the instructions to line up with Your Word. You are showing me the strategy to employ in my warfare. Help me to catch it that way. Don’t let me just hear sentences and statements that can’t seem to come together. Let the Inside Teacher teach me, Lord. And if I don’t have the Inside Teacher, Father I pray that You will give me the Holy Spirit, that You will give me revelation, that the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus Christ will rest upon me, that the eyes of my understanding would be enlightened.”

Because, ‘Trials dark on every hand and you cannot understand all the ways that God will lead you to that blessed promised land. But He guides you with His Eye and we’ll follow till we die, and we will understand it better by and by.’ You are coming in...coming in, and what a great thing it is.

And here we’ve been seeing the Holy Spirit trying to perfect what is lacking in our faith, giving us the principles of how to work with the Word. As I told you, there’s one thing – there is knowledge of the Word, but there is an understanding of the Spirit. And that’s what these messages are designed to do, to give you an understanding of the Spirit, so that you can take the Word now that you have heard, that you can know how

to co-operate and see the Holy Spirit bring that Word into such a place where that Word becomes operative, where *dunamis* could come into the Word. Not an empty confession but something in the heart-substance. Faith is the substance.

That word 'substance' comes from a Greek word that means 'to stand'. It's two words; one is 'to stand'; the other one is 'under'. In other words, 'that which stands under'— a foundation...a foundation. It speaks of a foundation, a basis upon which one can build a hope...one can have expectations.

That word was also a legal term. It was a term that was used in the courts, and it stood for (get this) the whole body of documents bearing on the ownership of one's property, deposited in archives and forming the evidence of ownership...a whole body of documents (in other words, a title deed) deposited in the archives and forming the evidence of ownership.

If you have a house that is legally yours, you have a deed for it, and that deed would be in the archives in the Red House, and you could get a copy of it too, because the highest authority in the land there has the evidence, has the testimony that that is your legal property purchased for you by your father and given to you as a free gift, and you have the evidence of ownership.

How many know in the Book of Jeremiah where they took that title deed, and that title deed was referred to as the evidence. 'He subscribed the evidence...' It was the evidence of purchase. It was the evidence that a possession was purchased. And where did they put that evidence? In an earthen vessel. Is that right?

Faith—in other words, 'faith is the substance of things hoped for.' Faith is the title deed of things hoped for. God deposits faith in the archives of your heart by revelation. You don't have faith until it is revealed to you. Faith comes by hearing. It doesn't come out of you, it comes into you; then it could come out of you.

You receive it from the Word first; it is being deposited. God drops that faith into your heart; then you have it. It is revealed to you. God is depositing this title deed by revelation; this guarantee that you're going to have it; this evidence of ownership that the promises were purchased by Him and given to you as a blessing, as an inheritance.

Did God give them Canaan land? Was that a type of the Holy Spirit? Was every blessing and every promise that they had need of in that land? Is that right? But yet they had to come in now and fight for it because God revealed to them what was theirs. And when God revealed to them what was theirs, then they could fight for it and take it; then they lived in it. Is that right? That's the shadow. Then in substance, that Holy Spirit is that same land.

Then faith comes by what? Hearing, and hearing by the Word. How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall he preach except he be sent? How shall we do the works of God except we believe in him who God has sent? How can we see the benefits until we believe and receive God's gift that He sent to us? It comes right back. That's the plan of God. That's the plan of God.

Now listen. This evidence of ownership is guaranteeing the person the possession of the blessing for which he trusted God. Those who might be sick this morning, they're trusting God for healing. Those who have unsaved children are trusting God for that. Those who want more of the Holy Ghost, they're trusting God for that. Those who want a deeper walk are trusting God for that. Those who want deliverance are trusting God for that. Those who want to know the will of God are trusting God for that.

But you need the guarantee, and when God drops that in there, it's finished. Because now you hold the evidence; now you have the substance. Now you get the twenty-five cents that could buy the loaf of bread. Now you're not just saying, "I'm hungry. I wonder why I'm

hungry?” You don’t have twenty-five cents. You don’t have the purchasing power and then don’t walk towards the bakery. Purchasing power makes you run towards the bakery. Purchasing power makes you start to sing while you’re going to the bakery.

Now, you know why people can’t sing and rejoice not yet having the bread? Because they don’t have the purchasing power. They know they’re hungry. They know the bakery exists. They know if they get the bread the need will be met. They know all that, but there’s no behaviour going toward the bread, because they don’t have the purchasing power.

You know what God can do. You know what the Bible says God can do. You know you’re called. You know how to see your name in the Book. You could explain all of that but your behaviour is still the same, only because what you’re talking about has not yet become substance to you. If it has, explain to me and tell me how it can be without your behaviour?

Explain to me how Abraham could have faith for the baby and don’t buy a crib? Explain to me how Noah could have faith for the rain and don’t build the ark? Explain to me how that could be? Explain to me why the Prophet didn’t tell John Ryan, “You’re healed. Go back to your seat?” But rather, “Go and testify. Go and confess. And whether they laugh at you, testify if you really believe it, if you’re convinced of it; act like it has already happened.”

And I’ll tell you today, that’s why many people can’t come into healing. Right there is a wall so big that they don’t know how to cross, and all their knowledge of the Scripture and all their knowledge of the Message and all their years of serving God is reduced to nothing right there, because the very thing to prove they are a believer there, they can’t exercise their faith; and without faith it’s impossible to please God. Not just to believe in God...I’m not talking about believing in God now, “I believe in God, I believe in God,” not that, but the thing

that you have need of in your life, that you know God already gave and then can't move into it, that is what I'm talking about.

I'll ask you, "Do you believe God can give you the Holy Ghost?"

You'll tell me, "Yes."

I'll ask you, "Could you get it right now?"

Then you start, "Well...ah, I am not ready yet you know; I still have something to die out to."

I'll ask you, "Do you believe if you surrender your heart, you could get it right now?"

Then you'll want to make Him 'I will be' and I'll show you in the Bible 'He is.' And if you don't have the substance of the thing you're looking for, tell me how you have faith. Nothing else is faith except the substance. Did you get that?

If you don't have the evidence, if you don't have the substance, what faith are you talking about? Faith is the substance. Faith is the evidence. If you don't have the substance that is making you walk into that thing and behave like it has happened, you do not have the faith. Concentrate on getting the faith rather than trying to make yourself believe you have the faith and staying in a deceived condition. That's hard, but how many know that's right? You know where it comes down to? It comes to where you're not playing church now.

"The time has come," (the Prophet says in *If God Be With Us...*) *"The time has come to act upon what you know to be the truth. You cannot act with faith until first you know what you are doing. You've got to first know what you are doing before you can have faith to do it."*

Faith is not a blind thing. Faith sees the thing and faith has a hold of the thing even before the eyes can see the thing. Mark 11:24, "When you pray, believe that you have received it and you shall...?" What's the order? What's the order? First believe that you have received it; then you shall have it. That's the order. But

how can you believe that you have received it? Your faith now will have to find—since faith only comes by the Word, the Word will have to show how you have received it already.

How many know that He has already paid the price for healing? How many know that He has already paid the price for salvation? How many know His works are finished? How many know that if He comes in this suit of clothes, He can't heal anybody this morning? How many know that no office gift, no miracle-working gift, Ephesians 4 gift, 1st. Corinthians 12 gift...how many know that no gift has ever healed anybody or ever saved anybody? Gifts only stimulate faith. Gifts only point you to a finished work.

I want to teach my Church something here. You talk about rubbing make believe out. Let's do some of that this morning.

"Someone said to me one time, a noted doctor was talking about a miracle that happened among a sick person. And he said to me, 'Preacher, don't you believe if you told them people to go out and touch a tree or a post, the same thing would take place?' I said, 'No, sir.' I said, 'Because you cannot have faith in touching a tree or post.' Faith is not that loose."

Your eyes tell you there's a monitor standing here. Your sense of sight could make you read that Scripture up there if you're literate. Your sense of sight could tell you that this is a pulpit and not an aquarium. Well, the same way your eyes (your sense of sight by which you make contact in this physical world) can contact and declare these material things and define what it is, then faith is super to that because faith comes by the New Birth, and the New Birth comes by God, and that is perfect. That doesn't fail.

This body will fail because this comes by sex. This is associated with sin and death. Is that right? This comes by a corruptible seed but faith comes by the Incorruptible Seed. Faith comes by the Word of God.

Faith comes by a New Birth, by the Holy Spirit. Is that right? Then your faith should declare the promises as clear, and see it as clearly as your sense of sight will see this. Is that right? Now listen.

So he says, "Faith is not that loose. It has to be based on some noted fact." Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word. That's why the Word tells us first that it is impossible for God to lie. The Word tells you Heaven and earth will pass away but the Word can't pass away. The Word tells us that not one jot or one tittle shall fail, not even a punctuation mark. The Word tells us that the Word is God.

He is first establishing to us what the Word is, because faith comes by that Word. That's why the Prophet says, "If the Angel tells me something different to the Word, I'll believe the Word and not the Angel. But if that's the Angel of the Word, He'll speak the Word; and whenever this Angel comes, He always talks the Word. And when these visions come, they always compare with this Word. That's why I believe them."

He says, "But the vision is secondary; this Word is first." Because it's this Word that has to check the vision; this Word has to check the Angel. "If an angel comes from Heaven and says something different, let him be accursed." There's a lying vision that goes contrary to the Word. Every man with a vision and dream had to come to the Urim and Thummim. Is that right? Then This is first.

So when some of you come, "You can't see a vision for me so I am not sure I will be healed," and the Word is telling you that? Then you don't understand God. You're trying to play tricks. You're trying to look for a cover. You don't understand what the Word is yet. Is that right? Oh, my. Think of that; that's powerful. Then we need to re-examine what this Word really is again.

How many know this is a Title Deed? How many know the Title Deed, when It is revealed, It becomes Spirit and Life? If It is not revealed, It is just letter. But

if the Spirit quickens It, It becomes Life, and that Life influences you. And what do you become? The very manifestation of this Word that is revealed to you. You become the written epistle read of all men. Is that right? In other words, your behaviour concerning what you say is revealed to you will prove whether it is revealed to you or not.

You say, "I believe the Lord is coming soon," and you are not getting ready for His coming? You say, "I believe God is preparing a people right now," and you are not trying to line up with the Word? You say, "I believe if the Lord comes, I am ready to go," and you can't walk in all the Word? These things are a mental confession. If these things are revealed to you, you'll be proving that the Hour is so and proving you are a true believer in that Hour by bearing the fruit of the Word for that Hour. Because if that Word is spoken, there has to be somebody to believe that Word to prove that Hour is here. Is that right?

Did John know he was the forerunner? Did he know that if he was the forerunner, the Messiah must be here? Could he be the forerunner and not say, "The Messiah is standing among you? I might die but somebody else will declare Him, but I am the forerunner." He knew that if he was the forerunner, "I have to introduce Him and if I'm here, He's here. Even if I can't see Him, I know He has to be here." Is that right?

How many want to come into that kind of faith? Just open up your heart this morning because He's ministering an entrance to get you there. He's ministering you in there.

Listen. *"Faith is not that loose, it's got to be based on some noted fact. You've got to know something about what you're having faith in."* Am I having faith in the Rapture? Can I know this is the Hour for it? Can I know it has started? Can I know I am included in it? Can I know how to prepare? Can I look back at

somebody who was raptured, like Enoch or Elijah, and see my experience is like them, even in that Hour? Now watch.

So we first must know, “...before we can have faith in it. So we first must know how and what. What God’s desire is, what God’s plan is and how to approach God by that plan.”

What is God’s desire? What is God’s will concerning my healing? Does God want to heal me or am I to bear this until I die? That uncertainty is what robs people from coming into healing.

How many know the resurrection is a complete Divine healing? How many know—maybe I have to say it in another way for the intellectual people...how many know Divine healing is an earnest of the resurrection? See? When you say it like that, they could relate to it. When you say it the next way, if they don’t have revelation, they don’t know what you’re saying. Divine healing is an earnest of the resurrection. The resurrection is a complete Divine healing. If you don’t have faith for Divine healing, how are you going to have faith for the Rapture? How will you have faith for the resurrection? Because you have to show you have the earnest before you can walk in the fullness.

There are not two atonements; there is only one. How many know the same Word that means ‘save’ and ‘heal’ is the same Word in the Bible? That is why He says, “Thy faith has saved thee. Thy faith has saved thee. Which is easier to say, ‘Thy sins which are many are forgiven’, or, ‘Take up thy bed and walk?’” It’s the same thing, because healing is the physical salvation of the body.

The body is subject to sickness; the soul is subject to sin. You came with a fallen nature; you came in a fallen body. In that atonement, He was wounded for your transgressions, and by His stripes you were healed. Transgression – for your soul; healing – for your body; both are in that atonement.

Then, you find out some people say, “I’m saved. I’m sure I’m saved.” Well just watch how your soul came into salvation, until you experienced the reality of it, until you had the evidence of it, until you knew you were not the same person. The disease that was in your soul is no longer there. The symptoms of your sickness and your unconverted nature are no longer there. At one time it used to be there. You used to drink, smoke, curse, gamble, steal, lie, love the world and every different thing. It’s not there in your life any more; it went somewhere. Something happened to you inside there to free it from that condition.

Well then, now in your body you see tumors, and cancer, and tuberculosis, and diabetes, and different things inside your body. Well, if your body could come through the same way your soul went through, the same salvation you get in your soul, you’ll get in your body. How could somebody come through salvation of their soul and not come through the atonement? Is that possible? Could somebody be a Christian and get saved without coming through the Cross?

Is healing in that Cross? ‘By His stripes you were healed?’ Then if God has already healed you, how could there be a question about if it’s God’s will for you to be healed? Your theology doesn’t dovetail with the Bible. You say, “Well, I have to bear this, you know.” That’s your confession, and you can’t live above your confession. You live what you confess.

I have a message coming on that after this one, to show the power of your confession. What your confession is, there’s where you live. When you say you have it, you have it. Where you say you are, there you are. You say, “But I’m seeing that there;” it’s because you’re watching that and you’re not watching the Word. For you to get what the Word says, you have to line up your thoughts with the Word. If you’re not in harmony with the Word, the Word can’t work for you.

A lot of people fail to realize the necessity of lining up their thoughts with God's Thoughts as the requirement to come into the blessing that they are seeking from God. Are you getting that? Everything that you are seeking from God, God has a Word concerning that.

In other words, you cannot have faith for anything from God if you don't see God promised that to you in the Word. Because what will be the basis of your faith? 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word.' Then you have to find it in the Word to have faith in it. Is that right? You have to find it in the Word.

That's why faith is a revelation of the will of God. When the Word is revealed to you, you know, "God already gave me that and I'm living outside of my privilege? I claim it as mine! I'm going to act as if it has already happened!" What am I doing? I'm understanding how to come into agreement and line up with the Word.

I believe that I have received, so I shall have. I already have the title deed for it. My faith declares it visible. My faith doesn't look to the physical; my faith looks to the unseen, and my faith sees God already gave it to me. And because my faith has seized hold on that, my faith appropriated that, my faith has taken a hold of that and refuses to let it go, then I can believe in things that are not seen with the eye.

Why? Because I have the deed for the house. I haven't seen the house yet, but I have the deed right here – official, authentic, notarized deed, with the government seal and everything, describing the property even before I see the property. That seal can't be on it...it can't be vindicated and proven (amen) if a property doesn't exist. Anything that God says in this Word, exists. Once it's said in this Bible, it exists. Hallelujah! My!

We're talking about real faith here now. We want to see people rise up and begin to walk in what God has given them. Faith is not that loose. We must know what God's desire is, what God's plan is, and how to approach God by that plan. 'He that cometh to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.' I can't come to God haphazardly, hoping, saying, "Father if it is Your will, You'll heal me this morning, Lord Jesus?" I'm praying wrong. I am not lining up with the Word. I am doubting what God says. I'm expressing ignorance concerning the finished work of Jesus Christ.

I need to get my thoughts filtered. I need to get my thinking lined up with God's Word, because confession means to say the same thing. God's Word says one thing and I am saying another thing, so I am conflicting with God's Word, and two can't walk together unless they agree. Is that right? Then we can walk up boldly to the Throne of Grace and plead what the plan has promised us. My! What a great thing!

In a message *Ministry Explained*, [1950-0711 -Ed.] he says now

²⁰ First, we must be sure that it is—that it's the will of God to heal. We ought to take some time on that in the meetings, which the managers probably will, upon the will of God to heal, how Jesus died to heal, how the commission was given first to heal.

The first thing He said when He sent out disciples, "Heal the sick; cleanse the lepers; raise the dead. Fr—freely as you receive, freely give." That was His first commission, Matthew 10. And Mark 16, the last commission, He said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; ...

Not baptize and believe; believe and baptize. "And these signs shall follow them that believe." Why? All the world. "In My Name they shall cast out devils. They shall speak with new tongues. They shall take up

serpents and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not harm them. And if they lay hands on the sick, they shall recover.”

He says the first thing we ought to know is, is it God's will to heal? He says, “Well, go to the Word.” His first commission, his last commission, both were to heal. Then he says, “What's the matter, we Christians get too weak when it comes to the showdown.” We wonder if it is God's will. “Well, I don't know if it is God's will. My mother had *this*; I inherited this. My father had the same thing; I inherited that.”

He said, “You have that abstract title deed. You stop that curse from going any further, because all in Adam died but all in Christ live. When you came out of the first Adam and you came into the second Adam, you're in a new Family. You are not in the family with the curse. You are not in the family with the fall. You are a part of a New Creation that has no sickness, has no fear, has no death, has no torment. You are more than conquerors in this Family!” That's right!

I want you this morning, you who have sickness in your body that's robbing you of your health, first you have to recognize that your health is part of your inheritance. You have to know that God—above all things you have to prosper in your health. You have to know God did a work to heal you and that you are already healed, but you don't know it; you don't see it yet.

Many of you, you don't see it yet. All you see is your symptoms. All you see is what the doctor says. All you hear is what the doctor says. But when you see what God says, then you come between two trees. The doctor is one tree and God is one tree. You come before the Message of the Hour and you come before the science of this world, and you have those two trees. And you stand right there to choose which you will serve.

The Prophet says surgery makes you lose your organs. You lose your organs by surgery. When you

don't have enough faith, he says you go to the surgeon and he cuts it away, because you don't have enough faith, because it is not revealed to you. So he cuts it out. You keep on living but you lost the battle of faith. You lost the battle of faith and you have an organ less. And then you still have to come back and trust God to heal the place after the doctor took away the organ.

And at least you know your condition – you don't have faith. You're alive in your body but in your soul you're very weak. And if you don't have faith for Divine healing, you still need faith to go in the Rapture. So you have to face the facts. And without faith it is impossible to please God.

And if you are satisfied by coming to church, and wearing church clothes, and going through church rituals, and that satisfies you, and you don't possess that conquering faith, that overcoming faith, you are not living by the faith of the Son of God, then it shows that you're satisfied with the wrong thing; because you are taking 'coming to church' as 'pleasing God', when God said without faith it is impossible to please Him. That's His Own faith. That's His Own faith. Is that right? That is why He could say, "Father, I do those things that please You always. Father, I know You hear Me always."

How many know the Bride is faith of His faith, virtue of His virtue, life of His Life, spirit of His Spirit? Then to be in the Bride class, if you are part of Him and can't show you are part of Him by the life that you live, then you are in the church class. You are part of the natural church – a sanctified life, not a Holy Ghost-filled Life, because the Holy Ghost is the Title Deed. Is that right?

The Holy Ghost makes you a seed of Abraham. Is that right? By one Spirit we are all baptized in Christ, and they that are in Christ become Abraham's seed and heirs of the promises. And Abraham's faith called things that were not as though they were, and you walk in the steps of that same faith of your father Abraham. You live by the faith of the Son of God. He walked right

into a new body. Is that right? Exactly right. Now listen. Let me move on a little bit.

So this great faith we are talking about here...Luke chapter 5, I want to read something there to show—knowing the will of God concerning this faith. And I want you to believe. I'm trying to show this morning, it is God's will for you. There is no question about whether it is God's will, and if you know it's God's will, that should bring peace. And if the devil has held you for years in uncertainty, may the revelation of God's will today rid you of your uncertainty, because as long as you have uncertainty you cannot come into healing.

Before anybody could have a steadfast faith for the healing of their body or soul, they must first be rid of all uncertainty, all double-mindedness concerning God's will in this matter. 'A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways, and let not that man ask God for anything for he shall receive nothing from the Lord.' Be certain of God's faithfulness. We had messages on those two things. We are going a little deeper in it here this morning. Watch.

Luke 5, verse 12:

¹² ...it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold, a man full of leprosy, who, seeing Jesus, fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

¹³ And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will. Be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

¹⁴ And he charged him, Tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

Now watch this here. This is very beautiful. The leper didn't have faith that the Lord would do it. He said, "If You will...I don't know if it's Your will, but if You will, You can make me clean." In other words, "I know You

have power to heal me, and I know You have power to cleanse me, but I don't know if You will do it for me. Would You do it for me?"

How many knew when David and they stood facing Goliath, Saul knew that God *could* destroy Goliath, but David knew that God *would* do it. A lot of you believe this morning God could heal, God could save, God could deliver, God could supply needs. You believe God could do it. Anybody asks you, you say, "Yes, God created a ram for Abraham. God opened the Red Sea. God rained down manna. God gave Elijah strength in a cake for forty days. I believe God can do all these miraculous things." But you don't know if God would do it. That's the difference. When it is not revealed to you, you say, "Well, I believe God could do it." But that's not faith. That's not faith, because faith is the substance; you already got a grip on the thing.

So this leper says...he didn't have faith that the Lord would heal him, though he knew that He could do it: "If thou will, Thou can make me clean." But look at Jesus; Jesus corrected Him. He was questioning whether it was the Lord's will to heal him. And the Lord is saying, "I will. That's what I came for. That is My purpose." What was He doing? He was correcting his attitude of approach to the Word.

You don't come wondering if God will do it. You come knowing He promised; He has already done it. And if you lack faith, you ask God to help your faith to come into the place to receive what He already has given. But watch, He corrects him by saying, "I will." And when He revealed it was His will to heal him, it raised the man's faith up...it lifted the man's faith up, so now the man could receive what he had need of.

The faith that takes a hold of the promise, the faith that seizes a hold of the promise and brings you into the blessing is not a faith that says, "If God can do it...", it's a faith that knows that God will do it. You're getting that? Too many people have that attitude. Because

faith... Catch this. I know some of you intellectual ones are still wrestling with that. Let me go a little further to blow some of the flues out of your mind.

Faith is a revelation of the will of God. You can't have faith until the will of God is revealed to you. When the Lord said, "I will," then the will of the Lord in the matter was revealed to the man. Then the man had faith to come into the blessing. He was correcting the man's attitude: "You don't come wondering if I will, I will."

A lot of people behave as if they have to persuade God, to get God to do for them what they deserve, because it's as if God is standing there uninterested. That is not the Bible. The Bible is, "While you were yet sinners, He died for you." The Bible says while you were yet sinners, in an ungodly condition, He paid the price for you and made it secure for you, and came back by the Holy Spirit to quicken you who are dead to recognize what He has done for you, to make you live in the blessing He has made available to you. That's the Bible.

That's why many times people who think they deserve something because they're living a good life – "Well, I have no sin in my life. Well, I'm praising God; I please God. I know God ought to give me *this*." And they think that they deserve to receive it; they don't get it. The Prophet says that is why when Jesus came, many of those righteous Pharisees couldn't get healed when Gentiles and sinners were getting healed.

And when Jesus couldn't find faith in Israel, He found it in a Gentile who said, "I am not worthy that You should come under my roof." Because those people thought in their righteousness they deserved to get it. But faith is not based on that. You can't do anything to merit God's free gift.

He said, "That's why in the prayer line I found out that God doesn't respect anybody's church, because I saw Pentecostals missing their healing and I saw Catholics getting it." And he was learning because he wasn't doing the healing. He could only lift the faith

when God in the form of the Angel was revealing to him the needs of the people, to help lift the faith of the people.

He says, "Because the Angel doesn't heal and I don't heal. Jesus already healed," he says, "but the Angel reveals to me what you're sick with, and if there is something to hinder you from coming to your healing, to tell you what it is, and if there is sin in your life and something for you to make right to get you to line up with God, He tells me what it is, and that helps you line up to come in and receive what Jesus Christ gave, because the gift is only stimulating your faith to build your faith to the spot to receive what is already given."

He said many times people come with hope instead of faith, and then he had to use the gift to help them come into faith. He said ninety percent who came in the prayer line did not have faith, because they were not taught faith; they did not know what faith was. And let me tell you, it hasn't reduced to much further than that. That is why you find a lot of Message people are sick and walking around and cannot come into healing, because they still don't understand the approach to come into it.

And in this warfare, Satan, apart from false anointed ones messing up people's minds with false teaching, he's bombarding churches with sicknesses in their body. Because Satan in this greatest battle ever fought, and his devils, anoint people with unbelief and anoint them with sickness. But God...Michael's Angels anoint them to cast out devils, and cast away sickness, and anoint the people with faith.

It's a battle going on in the churches, but of course people don't see that that's the battle. People don't realize, just like how he came and afflicted Job with illnesses and took away his health, Satan can do that. And in this warfare, when God is proving a church is coming to rapturing faith, he says, "Go at them." And when Satan comes, he comes at the body. Then he gets

at the spirit. And brother, some are as sick in their spirit as they're sick in their body. Some are so melancholy, some are so depressed, some are so guilty, some are so full of condemnation, some are so bound with fear, and some are so confused in their mind as to what is right and what the will of God is.

And you could imagine when a person's soul and spirit is in that condition, and then Satan starts to afflict them with sickness in their body, well, they get in the fast lane to the graveyard. Why? Because as a Christian they think then, "Well, maybe God is not ready to heal me as yet." The Eternal God has to get ready? What is His unreadiness? All of a sudden somebody gets spiritual to make himself ready but makes God not ready. That kind of thinking has paralyzed the faith of so many people; that kind of thinking that has no basis in the Bible.

Faith is the title deed; it's the foundation upon which a hope is built. Faith is the guarantee, the evidence of the things not seen. You have the substance, and the substance is the very evidence. The title deed is the evidence that the house belongs to you. You have it.

That kind of thinking, there is no Bible for it. Somehow, people in their minds, these opinions and these ideas are formulated, and they live by them. It is better if they smoke cigarettes, because you know what the Prophet called that? He says Satan punched a hole in your filter and the poisoned nicotine of unbelief is coming through your filter and you're drawing death into your soul. Because instead of you getting deceived by a false doctrine with some false preacher, you invent your own false doctrine and are deceiving your own self.

How many know the Bible says that people will deceive themselves? Well, a false preacher comes with a false doctrine and deceives a people, but some people invent their own false doctrine. They have their own private interpretation; and how many know the Bible says the Word is of no private interpretation? They have

their own well-worked out explanation; they have their own educated guess concerning the matter. Their thoughts don't line up with the Thoughts of God. Our thoughts and God's Thoughts must be lined up.

The man says, "If thou will." He says, "I will. What do you mean, 'If thou will?'" You see if you can't read the Bible right, you read that and you don't know what you're reading. It sounds good but Jesus is correcting the man's attitude.

You know, he came humbly – "Lord, if You will." He glared at him, "If I will, what? I will. You're trying to make Me without compassion? You're trying to make Me insensitive? You're trying to make Me untouched by the feelings of your infirmities? You're trying to make Me hard and calloused standing here seeing you suffering and can't reach out to help you? You're trying to make Me misunderstand Who I am and what authority I have? You're trying to make Me love one day and don't have love the next day? Is there another healer beside Me?"

He's the only Healer there was. See? Our thoughts and God's Thoughts must be lined up, and must be in harmony. There must be agreement between you and God's Word when you come approaching God for anything.

Listen to this quote from *Enticing Spirits*. [55-0724]

⁴⁵I am positive sure, this morning, if men and women could only get into the position of where their soul, their thinking, their attitude, will be perfect in the sight of God, that would be one of the most powerful churches that ever existed.

Where is this powerful Church going to come from? Start to get lined up in your thoughts, in your thinking, in your desires, in your attitude, a Word that could find where your unbelief lays; a Word that could start to rub your make belief out; a Word that could start to bring your mind into agreement with God's Mind; a Word that could begin to unveil to you what God's will is, that you

can begin to have faith; because you cannot have faith for anything if you don't know the will of God concerning that thing. Faith begins when the will of God is revealed. Until the will of God is revealed, there is no faith. Oh, my! I'm just in my opening stages here, still. Let me try to move on quickly.

He talked about the lie detector now.

⁴⁶ Watch just a few moments on the physical.

He's explaining about this thinking, and how the church has to come to that place, and you think about your circumstance. I'm speaking to you. We're working here in this line. I'm trying to wean you from things and bring you up to a place where you can begin to walk and claim those things. Like we were talking about Caleb, fighting to take what is yours, what is already given to you.

⁴⁶ ...Now, we are, have, many times, have for years, we got what you call a "lie detector." You can put it on your wrist, set it across their—their head, and you can get in there and try your best to make a lie sound like the truth, and it'll register negative every time, because the human was not made to lie. Lying is a deceitful, hard thing, evil thing. I'd rather have a drunkard with me, any day, than a liar...your body wasn't made to lie. No matter how sinful you are, you're still a fallen son of God. The most sinful person in this city today, God didn't intend for you to be sinful. He wanted you to be a son or daughter of His. You're made up in His Own makeup. But sin has caused you to do that. And no matter how much you try to impersonate and try to make a lie seem right, they got a scientific instrument that proves that it's wrong. You can tell it with all the innocence you want to, but it'll still register negative; ..."

If you could do that naturally: "Well, I was not there that day. I did not see the man get shot." And you cry, "Boo-hoo, boo-hoo. Your Honor, I really was not there. They're trying to accuse me. I was not there." That lie detector will say, "You are a dirty liar." Everybody may

be crying with you in the Courthouse, but put you on that machine, it will say that you are a dirty liar, because it's not registering off of the first conscience, it is registering off the subconscious.

Well, if that is going to expose you about a natural thing, not even a natural thing you could get away with, you mean to say you could get away from the devil, bluffing the devil that you believe in God's promise, saying, "I believe it," and down in here saying, "but I am not sure it will work on me." You think you will get away with it? Let me tell you, there is nothing like, "God will bring you into the promise even though you're in that condition." God will have to rub that make belief out; God will have to perfect that faith and then bring you into it.

Satan will make you feel, "Well, God will understand. I'm trying hard to believe." No, no, no. You're trying hard to believe with intellectual faith. God will root that thing out and give you His faith, and your faith will confess it and act like it and walk into it. Then why don't people come to a real examination of what patched up thing they're holding on to, and just throw it away and get something real from God?

That's why God told the Prophet, "You have to be more sincere." You see, sometimes you hear *sincerity* and you're thinking about sin...immorality. He says you hear about *confession*, saying the same thing; half of the time you're thinking about immorality. He says the Word is not talking about that. The Word is talking about you lining up with God's Word and saying what God's Word says, but it shows you Armenians...legalists, the only failure for God is to get into immorality, when sin is unbelief, and unbelief is the demon's power. That's the power of the enemy – unbelief. As long as he makes you doubt, you're finished. Listen.

...because there's a subconscious down in a human being, and that subconscious knows what's truth. And

no matter what you are saying out here, that subconsciousness knows that it's a lie, and it'll register off the subconsciousness.

⁴⁷ Therefore, if a man or a woman could ever get their thoughts, and their testimony and their lives so lined up with God...

Jesus was lining up the man's thoughts with His Thoughts: "Your thought is, 'If I will', and My thought is, 'I will'. We can't work with you saying 'If I will' and I'm saying 'I will'. So I'm going to reveal to you, 'I will'. Get your 'If I will' out of the way because there is no 'if' with Me. 'If' is like 'I don't want to do it but you might convince Me to do it. I've already done it.'

You're not getting Me to do something for you. I know your needs and I know what you have need of, and I made provision for you in life's journey. I am all seven compound redemptive Names. From the cradle to the grave, I am everything you need in life's journey. You're not coming here hoping that "I kind of, as an afterthought, make an inclusion in the plan for you because I didn't think about you and what your need will be." That is not the God of the Bible. No, no, no. Everything for you was already planned before you came here.

Are we getting somewhere? You stay locked in now. Stay locked in here. It's a war against unbelief because you know what happens when that devil starts to get exposed. Some of you sit down there and you start to get unconscious, and you start to waver, and when the devil realizes that he's getting exposed and his power and hold on you is being broken, you know what he does? He comes and condemns you and says, "Yes, that is you. That is you."

He had you so all the time, you know, controlling you. Now that God is exposing him to deliver you, he tries to tell you, "Yes, that is you!"

You say, "That's me what? That's you, Satan. Get out of my life! You're exposed this morning! You get

under my feet!” Say, “You had me believing a lie all the time. You had me doubting and uncertain all the time; you had me double-minded. Get out of my life!” And you say, “Father, I thank You. Your Light is bright. You are shining in those places. You’re exposing that evil.” That’s right! Yes, sir.

47...If the man and woman could ever get lined up, (Oh God, line us up) where with the freedom from their heart, with faith from the innermost!

48 Many people come to the altar to be prayed for, they have intellectual faith. They confess their sins and join a church, by intellectual faith. They believe it in their—their mind. They believe it because they’ve heard it. They believe it because they know it’s the best policy. But that’s not what God looks at. He don’t look at your intellectual faith.

49 He looks on the heart, where on the inside God...And when it comes from the heart, all things are possible then. Your confession meets up with your life. Your life speaks as loud as your confession does.

He says, you go to confessing it, God will bring your body and make your body obey your confession. You get that? You start to confess it, God will make your body obey your confession.

John Ryan said, “Praise the Lord, I’m healed! Extra, extra, read all about it, praise the Lord I’m healed! Extra, extra, read all about it! Praise the Lord, I’m healed!” and the body came subject to his confession. Abraham said, “I will have the baby anyhow. I’ll have the baby. God said it, I believe it, and I’m preparing for it,” and God made the body subject to the confession. That’s right!

50...when your confession says one thing, and your life lives another, there is something wrong somewhere. That’s because you’ve got an intellectual faith, and not a faith from your heart. And that shows that outside, here, is a knowledge of God; but inside, here, is a demon a doubting.

Outside here is a knowledge of God. “Oh, the Prophet says... I was reading this today...’ Oh, I tell you...sounds like I was rapping, eh? I thought so too; that is why I stopped. I was going for the next one. I tell you!)...says

“I believe in Divine healing but it’s not for me.” See? Ah, it could be so, but I don’t believe it.” Get it? Outside, you say “yes”; inside, your conscience says “no.” He says, “That same scientific thing (that lie detector) would prove that that wasn’t the right, ...”

Put that lie detector on Christians today, “Oh, I believe.” They’re saying it out here; it’s sounding good, influential, but it will say they are lying because their soul is questioning it.

Let me open it a little more for you. Let’s go to Mark 9. Watch how the Lord had to correct the attitude of approach to the people who were coming to Him, knowing He was the Word, expecting to receive a blessing from Him, but not coming in agreement with Him. Their thoughts weren’t lined up with His Thoughts. But if our thoughts could be so lined up, we will be the most powerful Church there is. Mark 9, verse 14...this was right after the Mount Transfiguration experience. Verse 14, Mark 9:

¹⁴ And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

¹⁵ And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him, saluted him.

¹⁶ And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them?

¹⁷ And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

¹⁸ And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him;

and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away. And I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out, and they could not.

My! This man knew the condition of his boy. He had a dumb spirit. He had more than a dumb spirit, because a dumb spirit doesn't throw you into fire and water. He was epileptic too; he was going into fits and convulsions. But watch something. He says, "But I brought him to Your disciples and they couldn't cast them out. I thought Your church had power, but Your church has no power. I'm disappointed. My desire is unfulfilled."

¹⁹ He answereth him and saith, O faithless generation, (look at the response from the Lord)...O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

²⁰ And they brought him unto him; and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him, and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

The boy had one of his hardest attacks when they brought him in the Presence of the Word.

And He asked his father (the boy foaming and wallowing on the ground), the Lord looks at the father and says, "How long ago since this came onto him?"

He said, "Of a child."

You see, the Lord had no vision as yet so He was asking the father the question. He didn't know. He had to know the history of the case. He was not going to try to deal with something without knowing the history, so He was going back in the history: "How long has this been happening to the boy?"

²¹ And oftimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him; but if thou canst do anything...

Huh? You're approaching the Word? 'He that cometh to God must first believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.' You don't come to God and ask, "God, could You do anything for me?" That's an insult. That's unbelief. Because you have to believe He can do it before you can even come in faith. Because without faith it is impossible to please Him, and if you're coming without faith, He can't do anything for you if you don't believe, because it is your faith.

I have not gotten to the substance of my message as yet – **Thy Faith**. I'm building on it here for you. See? The first man says, "If thou will..." This one is saying, "If thou canst do anything..."

How many of you is that leper, and how many of you is this man here? And how many of you need your attitude corrected like theirs? And how many of you need to become conscious that your thoughts are not lined up with God's Thoughts, and you and God are not in agreement? Yet you're coming to Him with a need. You're conscious of your need. You could explain your need. "From his youth this boy has this, and oftimes he goes in the water and he falls in the fire..."

You could describe your situation. "When the headaches come, it's like a migraine...my head wants to burst. Sometimes I roll on the floor. Sometimes I drink orange peel. Sometimes I drink garlic. At one time I went and jogged early in the morning. One time I started doing push ups. I'm thinking of joining the gym. I'm thinking of doing *this* over here." And you could describe your situation.

"And I have an X-ray, and the doctor told me *this* over here, and this other doctor, you know, he told me I am ready for surgery. And *this* other one said, 'No, no, no. You don't need that.' The bushman says I need some bush medicine." That has nothing to do with God. All of that has nothing to do with God. That is just you taken up with yourself and your own condition, and you

learn to describe and articulate and define all your circumstances in minute detail. That still has nothing to do with God, because you explaining your circumstances means nothing.

Do you believe He has done it? Are you willing to line up your thoughts with His Thoughts? Are you willing to look away from your symptoms and come into agreement with Him? Because this is what is important in coming to receive the blessing; not you explaining your circumstances.

He was talking with the man to contact the spirit of the man, to see the case, because He was not trying to work in the energy of the flesh because He understood that healing and these things were governed by laws. That's why when you don't have people who can work with the Word, you get everybody wanting to run and do all kinds of things without even discerning.

I'll show you just now here, how many gifts were in operation right there. He had the wisdom to find the history of the case. Then knowledge came and showed Him it's not just one spirit, but more than one spirit the boy had. Then he had discerning of spirits to know this kind doesn't go except by prayer and fasting. Then He had to correct the man's attitude. Then He went into prayer and fasting, how it took that for certain kinds of spirits, and He knew which kind too.

That's why sometimes somebody looks at a situation and they don't realize how many things are involved in the situation, and they just have excitement and are just worked up thinking they're going to do something, and fail to understand there are laws that govern this, and you have to work with the Word, and the person has to get the faith because you can't do it if they don't have faith.

And if it is for them and they don't have faith, then you now have to concentrate on building their faith to get them into the condition to receive it. Even though you know it's for them and they will get it but don't have

the faith, you have to build their faith to get it. When are we going to grow up? God wants us to grow up as a people. God wants us to grow up and know the Word and know Him. Watch.

Verse 22:

²² And oftimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, (see? another 'if' again) have compassion on us, and help us.

²³ Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, ...

The Lord glared at him and rebuked him sharply, because he came saying, "If Thou canst do anything." He said unto him, "If thou canst believe."

...all things are possible to him that believeth.

²⁴ And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, ...

You see? First he comes, "I brought him to the disciples and the disciples couldn't cast him out. Could You do anything?" He got one rebuke it cracked him up and he started to cry, and when he cried, here's what he cried out for,

...Lord, I believe; help thou my unbelief.

Because he realized, "It's not I who comes saying, 'If you can do anything,' I have to believe. I have the wrong approach, and that is why the disciples couldn't even do anything for the boy, because I'm thinking it's magic. 'Lay your magic hands on him,' and I have no faith for my child." Because you stand there and you don't even know that no man ever healed anybody. Nobody's prayer ever healed anybody.

The Prophet says the Angel said, "If you are sincere when you pray, then not even cancer will stand before you." He says, "That doesn't mean it is my prayer healing them. I have to help build their faith." That's

why, "After your first gift," He says, "I'll give you another one to help build faith."

The first one will tell them, "It's a germ disease you have – tuberculosis. You have *this*." He says, "Yes, that is true." Then there might be sin in their life now, but that sign isn't picking up sin. "You lived with a man's wife, that is why this came." That sign is not picking up that. He says, "If it is not that, I have to see it by a vision now. So I see a vision. I say, 'You were with a blonde-headed man in a car one time...in the war.'" See? Because now that devil there is bringing the nervous condition.

Do you know God exposed sin in the Bible, in the Old Testament, to deliver people? How many know God revealed Ahab's and Jezebel's sin to Elijah? How many know God revealed David's sin to Nathan, David's and Bathsheba's sin? How many know God revealed Jehoshaphat's sin to the prophet? He said, "You love what God hates."

How many know God revealed to Jehu, the son of Hanani, God revealed to him the sin of Jeroboam? He said, "You are Jeroboam's wife." The man was blind, sitting down there. He said, "You are Jeroboam's wife who came in here tiptoeing, and dressed up so nobody could make you out." The man sat down there blind, you know, yet the prophet was seeing with another eye. He said, "Go and tell Jeroboam this child is going to die; prepare for the funeral." Is that right?

He said, "People come to be healed many times and fail to realize that the same God they're expecting to heal them knows their sins...knows their secret sins." He said, "Don't come, otherwise He'll call it out on the platform." He said, "And if you know you have something, go and make that right first, because you can't come with sin to get healing, because you don't understand the approach and the basis for it."

I'm trying to show you...what thought am I on? Your thoughts and God's Thoughts have to line up. For you

to make a confession, you and God have to say the same thing. Well, before you and God could say the same thing...it's not just repeating; you and God have to think the same thing. Because a word is a thought expressed, and when you start to think God's Thoughts about the thing, then it is no longer the carnal mind which is enmity with God. It is now God's will being revealed to you. You become subject to the revealed Word. Are you getting me? Now watch as we go further here. Watch this.

So the Lord rebukes him to correct his attitude. He says, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." And straightway the father of the child cried out because now he recognizes his sin. He recognizes, "It's not the disciples can't cast them out, or if the Lord can do anything, it's me - Lord, help my unbelief. It is me having the wrong approach; it is me having the wrong understanding of how I am approaching the Word."

Well, He is still the same yesterday, today and forever, and if you are approaching Him for healing, deliverance, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, Divine revelation or any blessing in the atonement He promised you this morning, if there is something in your life lacking that you have need of and you are looking unto Him to meet it, what is your approach, what is the attitude of your approach?

Are you lining up with Him? Are you coming on the basis upon which those things are given, expecting to receive it and confessing what He says, or are you coming saying, "Well, I don't know if it is Your will, and maybe if You could do it for me Lord, I will really appreciate that." And in your mind you're trying to make yourself sound sincere, but in your word and your confession, you're unscriptural. That is sincerity but without truth. You could be sincere and sincerely wrong.

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, (up there the man said it's a dumb spirit) I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

²⁶ And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him; and he was like one dead; in-somuch that many said, He is dead.

The hardest attack the boy got, he got worse when he came before the Lord there until they thought he was dead. Everybody thought he was dead. Such an attack! He went into the worst fit he ever went into. And that's where many times people, when they're coming for something, they're coming and they stand up there unconscious, and that devil that is about to be exposed and cast out, that devil has to recognize authority.

The Prophet said he saw a man trying to stomp his foot and cast out that devil, "Satan, come out!" He said you don't have to do that. He said because when Jesus came walking to the devil, the devil was screaming and saying, "Don't cast us into the deep; let us go in the swine. Please, please, let us go in the swine." He didn't have to stomp His foot and do anything. He said devils recognize authority.

He said when they went to the sons of Sceva, they said, "Who are you all? We know Jesus and we know Paul. Who are you all? Where are your credentials to cast us out? You have power over us?" And the demons attacked them. Is that right? They recognize authority. They recognize authority.

²⁹ And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

What's that? Discerning of spirits...discerning of spirits. "This kind doesn't come forth by nothing, except by prayer and fasting." How many people want to run

down a deaf spirit and a dumb spirit, “I cast you out in Jesus’ Name. Lord, let Your mighty power come down. You opened the Seven Seals. I’m a Son of God in the Bride Age. I believe the Seven Thunders. Lord, I know my place in Christ.” They’re wasting their time; no discerning of spirits.

You must have discerning of spirits; that is one of the gifts, 1st. Corinthians 12; knowledge to know, to reveal things that the natural mind can’t tell you. Wisdom to know that this man doesn’t have faith. Instead of feeling sorry for this man, getting worked up in the flesh and trying to work on his sorrow, in a spirit of sympathy and emotion because I get pulled into his current, I need to see his condition, see that his faith is down there but his faith needs to get up here. I have to correct his attitude and build his faith up here to take a hold of this, so when he and I are in agreement, then he could receive the blessing that he came for.

It’s not a guessing thing. Faith is a key. Faith is a key. You have the key and you know that key opens that door; and you pull the key out, you turn it, and you have access to a blessing that is there. If you have to get anything that God promised, there are laws that govern it.

You could scream and shout, “Oh electricity, light up this place.” It wouldn’t light. But if you work by the laws of electricity, you’ll get the place to light up. Is that right? That’s what we’re talking about. The prayer of faith. See?

Notice, He prayed and cast that demon out. Because the prayer of faith is not to come before the Word is planted, it’s to come after the Word is planted.

Some people want, “Brother, you know, I’m sick. I have a tumor, and the doctor told me...”

You say, “Father, I pray in Jesus’ Name. I rebuke this devil.”

Hmm! Uh! No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no! No! You’re acting as though your faith is going to heal the

person. It might make that demon leave in the service, and they walk out there and it comes right back on them. How many know that when an unclean spirit leaves a person, it walks in dry places and comes back. How many know that when a demon is cast out of you, you have to live for God? In order to keep that healing, you have to live for God. “Go and sin no more lest a worse thing happens to you.” You’re going back to that same life (he says); you can guarantee you’re going to get worse. That devil is coming right back. Is that the Bible? Did Jesus teach that?

And tell me, can you have the authority to say, “...and enter into him no more!” and yet you don’t know if he’s going to go and live for the Lord? Could you have authority to tell the devil, “Enter into him no more,” and yet he is going back into the world? You see how there’s a lot of zeal around the place? You see how a lot of people’s enthusiasm is around the place and there is no revelation of the spirit world, no revelation of the laws of God?

You see how there are a lot of carnival police, a lot of people are masquerading? Take care you don’t get run over by a truck. You are not a real policeman. You stand up in front a truck and put up your hand there, if you are not sent by the state, authorized, take care you don’t get run over by a dump truck, flatten you like a ‘Sad Sack’ on that highway. They’ll shovel you off when that thing passes over you.

The Prophet said, the disciples had power but they had no faith to operate the power, and the Word had to make their unconscious unbelief conscious to them, even from discerning what kind of spirit the boy had. He went straight to the disciples and discerned their spirit too. Is that right? They said, “Lord, why couldn’t we cast them out?” He said, “Because of your unbelief.” He discerned something in them that they couldn’t see themselves, His Church and the case He was dealing

with, both of them right there; they needed greater faith. So watch.

Firstly, unbelief had to be removed. The man was coming, “If Thou canst do anything...” From the time he made that confession, the Lord knows, “I have to deal with this unbelief here. I have to correct that man’s attitude before we go to the next step.” You understand what I’m saying?

And I want you brothers and elders and ministers here, I want you to listen to me closely. That’s why sometimes in dealing with things, people put pressure on other people and get them to hurry, and then sometimes men want to go on their feelings and do not have a Word inspired to them to do something. Then they and the person both need to be put to sit down and be instructed. Because if you can’t see whether a person has faith, and not sufficient faith, and know where they’re lacking in faith, and know what they need to build up their faith and correct their attitude, then how equipped are you to deal with what confronts you? You’re probing with the wrong key. You have to know what you’re dealing with. My!

So before anybody could have faith, real steadfast faith, they must be rid of all uncertainty and all double-mindedness concerning what God has promised you. You must first know what you’re having faith in, he says, and that what you are seeking from God, God has promised that to you, because that’s the beginning of faith. Faith is when God’s will concerning a promise He has made in His Word is revealed to you, and you know, “God paid for that on Calvary for me. I am in need of it. He has already made it available and He told me I could approach Him. I can come with boldness before the Throne of Grace. I shall obtain mercy. I shall find grace to help me in time of need. He’s the High Priest that can be touched by the feeling of my infirmities.”

And then if I believe with my heart, I will confess with my mouth. My confession will say exactly what God

said and that means I go to acting, because faith without works is dead. If I say I believe it and can't act like it is finished, I don't believe it. It shows faith is only intellectual; it hasn't really taken a hold. Is that right? My!

Quickly! Oh, My! My time is gone but I have to get something here. I want to hit this and close. It would be in vain if I tried to... Let me get to Luke 8 quickly, because I want to show you, Jesus was showing the need to be lined up with the Word...**"Thy Faith."**

No man's gift has ever healed anybody. Today you see so many people with a false concept. They are ignorant of the basis upon which they are to receive the blessing. So many need to be taught in order to even keep their very healing. You come to the service, you feel good, I pray for you, you feel good for two days; on the third day it comes right back on you. What happened? Were you healed? Sure you were healed. You only experienced it temporarily...momentarily, I should say.

Because you didn't know how to keep it. You went right back among unbelievers, and they started to talk *this* and talk *that*, and talk *that*, and they say, "Well girl, you don't know. You'd better be careful. Remember so *and so* died one time, and girl, I tell you..."

And many times that is in church, too. Most times it's people right in church, because they sit down there wanting to exert their influence and don't know the Bible. And they're anointing somebody with their fear, because they are insensitive to the person's real need not knowing they can help that person by encouraging them to keep praising God and believing God. Sometimes the person's own memory is not going in places but the devil is anointing them to anoint the person's memory, and the Prophet says you get back among unbelievers and that spirit of unbelief is all around you, it comes right back on you the same way.

Just like Peter walking on the water, and then starts to listen to the voice of this big wave, see this thing over here, watch this over here, this one screaming out in the boat, “Oh God, he will sink!” And with no encouragement, the next thing he goes right back down, because they don’t understand what they’re dealing with. They don’t understand what they’re dealing with.

Let me show this here. I’m going to close with this. I know I kept you long enough already. I hardly even preached half of my message, but since December 31st. I’m in this channel; you know that. And this is what I’m working on to help you. Every individual, whatever your need is, you can come into it by the grace of God.

Luke 8, verse 4:

⁴And when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spoke by a parable:

⁵A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

⁶And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

Watch it; one, the fowls devoured it; the other one, it lacked moisture.

⁷And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

The next thing, it got choked by thorns.

⁸And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bore fruit an hundredfold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

⁹And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

¹⁰And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God:

...

What is this He's speaking? The Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. He is not talking about agriculture. He's talking about Mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven. Because in Mark 4:13, He said, "Know ye not this parable? How then will you know all parables?" Because this parable is the foundation of all other parables of the Mystery of the Kingdom.

Catch this. This is the preaching of the Word. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word. What is the preaching of the Word? The sower sowing the seed. Watch.

¹¹ ...the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

¹² Those by the wayside are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Could you imagine (physical salvation – your healing; spiritual salvation – your soul)...could you imagine that after this Word goes forth this morning, somebody comes and picks that out of you. You know what's going to happen? You'll go right back to where you were before this Word was spoken. Exactly right! You can sit here and see it so clear, see where you are making your mistakes, see where the devil had you bound, see where you needed to line up, see where you were double-minded, see where your approach was the wrong approach, see these things, and if somebody takes that away from you, you are finished. You're right back where you were.

Look.

¹³ They on the rock are they, which, when they hear,

(He's talking about people who are hearing the preaching)

...when they hear, receive the Word with joy; ...

Like everybody here this morning, oh, clapping, enthused when they see the Thoughts in the Bible,

when they see it come under the inspiration, It stimulates them while they're there. But we're still in the service; the service is not done yet. When you go back home, all the church members are away from you now. When you get back on the job tomorrow, you're back in the midst of the unbelievers. When you get back, maybe with some critics, and they start their conversation that is not watering that seed but they're emptying their unbelief on the seed, then what is going to happen? Think.

...and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

They hear it and they have great joy. They have joy, but they have no root. It is stimulating their thinking, so they get enthused. While the Word is being preached, believers are praising God, saying "Amen" to the Word; it's an atmosphere of faith there. Oh, my. They feel light and they could float; but they have no root. They're being stimulated in their thoughts. It brings a joy to them, a blessing to them. My! The devil gets exposed there.

For a while they believe, but there is no temptation yet. Then now, in a time of temptation, they fall away...a time of temptation, they fall away. Why? Because in temptation you'd better have root. You'd better be rooted and grounded. It'd better be sown and kept sown. I'm going to get to that, how to keep it sown.

¹⁴ And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

They hear it but they go right back to the same life. Fruit can't come forth. They believe it while they're in church but they don't come to their healing; they don't come to their deliverance; they don't come to the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Why? They're in an

atmosphere of pleasure and cares and all these things are choking it, so they can't bring forth any fruit to perfection.

Now Jesus was talking about people who were listening to His preaching. He was talking about people, while He had that Word, to bring forth a Church that would write a Book of Acts. He was planting for that. A Church was to follow His ministry and continue His work, just like the Son of man in this day was planting for a Super Race, a Super Church. But where are they? Where are they? Some of them don't even have faith for healing.

But watch,

*¹⁵ But that on the good ground are they,
which in an honest...*

You see what it starts with...*honest*. "Lord, I realize I don't have faith. Lord, help my unbelief. I come saying, 'If Thou will.' I start to realize the problem is me, not You. (See?) I start to realize my thoughts weren't lining up with Yours. Lord, line me up. I start to realize I have a confession *here* but I have a demon of doubting down *here*."

...honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, ...

In other words, nothing can choke it and kill it. It doesn't have a little root that doesn't really go down, and no fowl of the air can take it out. They guard it. Two fowls of the air come to pick it out, I say, "You see that conversation, you all could talk that. Excuse me. God bless you. I'm not going to stay around that unbelief. You're trying to rob me. You don't even realize that it's the devil anointing you to rob me of what God did for me.

I'm trying to testify to the Glory of God, and the devil is trying to tell you I'm on self. And I'm glorifying Him because God makes it real in my heart. God told me that I have the title deed and right away I realize you are not lining up with what I'm talking about. I'll talk to

you another day.” What are they doing? They are keeping the Word that was sown.

You go down here and somebody wants to offer you this and offer you that, and offer you that. You say, “Right now my whole focus and my whole objective is what God is doing for me right now, because I understand what God is doing in my life, in my home, in the church, and that is my focus. And I see this is my season, and I’m going to come into this. Other things can wait; God will give me a time to get those things. I don’t have to run after that right now. I am willing to sacrifice those things for the Word’s sake right now.”

You’re holding it to keep it watered because you begin to understand how to work with the Word. How many are understanding me? Okay, how many now are willing to walk in there? That’s right! That’s the attitude God wants. We’re finishing up, so let us take this thought. They

...keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Abraham...it took him twenty-five *years*, not twenty-five *days*. Well, a person says, “It’s twenty-five days I’m going through this.” Abraham waited twenty-five years. See? You’re a hothouse plant. Amidst all the attacks they held that seed Word of promise, and they watered it.

Now He says, “Some, they take it out of their heart lest they should believe and be saved.” See? The devil robs them of the basis of their faith. The basis of your faith is what God says. You could never ever get it by trying to work outside of what God says. The God Who is going to give it, is going to give it by showing you in the Word where He gave it; and you hold on to that and that brings you to it. You get that? That will bring you to it.

My word has no virtue. Some brother’s word has no virtue. God’s Word has the virtue, because when we speak God’s Word, that’s not my word, that’s God’s

Word. That's what you work with. Healing is not in my word; healing is in God's Word. Now if you don't keep the seed in your heart, how are you going to get the crop? We're closing.

I'm making a point here. If you don't keep the seed in your heart, how are you going to get the crop? Every Word is a promise. Every Word is a seed; every promise is a seed that God sows. He says this is evening Light and the evening Message is sowing evening time seeds, the evening time promises. And the sower went forth in this Age sowing the precious seed. Because what type of seed you plant is what type of crop you're going to get.

You want healing? He says, let a man go into the Word, find the inspiration on healing, find the Word for healing, bring it and plant it, people will get healed. You want to see a man get saved? Go into the Word, find the inspiration for that, take it out, plant it and if it could find the right heart, it will bring forth salvation and Life. That's right! You want to see a church be changed and go in the Rapture? Go in the Word, find those things, plant those promises and it will bring forth. It will reproduce itself and bring forth its kind in that person's life; they'll go into rapturing faith. Is that right? That's how it's done. You have to fight...

Henry Ford wanted a motorcar. Well, he had to find the materials to make a motorcar in the earth. He worked by the laws of mechanics and he brought forth a motorcar Age. Then the Wright brothers found the materials in the earth to make an aeroplane, and they went into an aeroplane Age.

The Prophet found the materials in the Word for an adoption Age and brought in an adoption Age. Luther found the materials for an Age of justification and got a church justified. He couldn't justify a church without finding a message on justification. Wesley couldn't sanctify the church without finding a message on sanctification. The Pentecostals couldn't have

restoration of the gifts without finding a message on restoration of the gifts. Is that right? They had to find the seed first and plant it, and the people had to hold it and walk into it and then see it manifested in their lives. Is that right?

And before this church could have something greater than you have right now as the Word begins to open up these things to you these last three months here and challenge you. It's a challenge to this church. It's a challenge to every individual that is a part of this Assembly, that you have to walk in what the Word says. It doesn't leave space to sympathize with It. It doesn't leave space to say, "I joined this church. I like this church. I like the singing, I like the atmosphere." The Word is talking about something way beyond that. Now watch.

So Jesus is showing, He says, "These followed my meetings, but then they ended back up with the Sadducees. When you talk to them, they have nothing that I preached inside of them." He says, "I showed them how to come to their healing. I showed them how to come to their deliverance. I showed them how to have love. I showed them forgiveness. I showed them how to pray; I'm still hearing the old prayer. I showed them how to give; I'm still seeing the old way. I showed them how to love and forgive and how to come into the Kingdom; I'm still seeing the old attitude. Nothing I sowed is coming up."

He says, "Then I see the others. They came along but they never understood the price of separation. So they come like Lot, and they look there in Sodom, and the glamour of Sodom paralyzes their faith, and they go back down to the soft way of the world. They come like Gehazi who could tell all the stories about the prophet but couldn't walk in the atmosphere the prophet was in because they lived in that humanistic realm where money and riches and all these things here have a grip on them. So the cares of this life choke the seed, and

the most they could do is tell stories about the prophet. See?

But he says, “Look at Joseph. They persecuted him, they lied on him, they falsely accused him and they threw him in prison; but he held that vision. He came out of it; he came into a place of authority. He came out of that prison. They couldn’t kill him inside of there. He was born to overcome.”

Look at Elisha; he [Elijah -Ed.] said, “Stay at Gilgal; stay at Jericho...stay here.” But he was determined to cross Jordan and get a double portion of that blessing. Is that right? Look at Abraham; they laughed at him, they ridiculed him, they persecuted him, they tried to destroy his faith but he believed in hope against hope. He held that Word there and he defied all the authorities of man, because he knew God spoke to him. Is that right?

Look at Moses. Look at Joshua and Caleb. Look what they went through to see the promise for their Age. They heard Moses speaking these things and they watched Dathan; they watched Korah; they watched all these movements rise up – who ran after Korah here, who ran after this one here, who went after Abiram; who went by a golden calf dancing; who thought this was a move of God; who went after Balaam. And those fellows stayed watching Moses all the time. Nothing could deviate them. Is that right? And they came in and walked and did exactly what the prophet did. Is that right? That’s right. They brought forth fruit to perfection. They manifested those promises.

Are you different? You have it inside you this morning. You have it inside of you this morning. My!

Seed is powerless until it is planted. How many heard that? Seed is powerless until it is planted. Through that seed, that one grain of corn could grow enough corn to feed the whole world and cover Trinidad from Cedros to the North Coast, from Carenage to Guayaguayare with corn – one grain of corn; it’s powerless until it is planted.

Though there's faith inside of you to walk out of every sickness, to defy every devil, put everything under your feet, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, unless you take in that Word in your heart and hold that and water it inside of there, it's powerless. You will only read about somebody else who did it in the Bible, and your faith, when you're talking about God, is what He was and not what He is.

It is impossible for a farmer to have faith for a harvest unless he was sure that the seed was planted. You get that? Could Jesus tell them to go in the upper room and tarry if He didn't believe His Word was planted in them? Now catch this deep here now. Don't get intellectual on me now.

Jesus told them, "Go in the upper room." What if they had no seed inside of them? Why did He open their understanding? Why did He deal with their weak faith and correct their faith? When they said, "I will go back fishing," and said, "We thought He was risen," why did He come and rebuke them and shake that thing away from them and upbraid them for the hardness of their heart? Why? Because they had to have seed in them if they were going to the upper room, otherwise He would have had no crop.

Because all the congregation, the seven thousand who were following Him, had already gone back. Fowls of the air took it; thorns and thistles choked it; He said, "They came for bread and fish only," and He ended up with that little group there. But He knew they had the Word inside them. Is that right?

He prayed, "Father, these who have received My Word..." Is that right? He knew they had received that Word. "You have given them to Me. My sheep hear My Voice." Peter said, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the Words of Eternal Life." He knew the Word was planted inside of them. He knew they were not just following because He had a charismatic personality or because He gave them a position in the church. He

knew they followed Him because they knew Who He was by the Bible.

I hope you're not following this because it gives you a position in the church. I hope you're not following it because of some personality that kind of influences you; it looks kind of powerful and you like to be around it. I hope you're listening closely to what comes out of my mouth, that every time I speak, you know it's in that Bible there; it's that Word coming forth. And not just hearing It but you take It into your heart and know, "Father, that's Your Truth." Because freedom is connected to knowing Truth – "You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free."

It's impossible for a farmer to have faith for a harvest if he is not sure that the seed was planted. If I know I have planted seed here, and I know there are people in my church who don't believe what I'm preaching, I'm just congregating people and trying to work myself up in the flesh.

That's why I was listening to them in the praise service there, and they began to testify and make confession of the faith that they began to see, and are willing to walk into, and confess. I listened to the song Sunday morning, "It's under the Blood. When the devil comes, tell him it's under the Blood." I said, "Lord, they're catching it...they're catching it. The Word is falling. There are some there that will walk into this." Because before you can have faith to receive God's promises, you must first be certain that the Word—and what is the Word? The seed of promise that has been sown in your heart.

Could you look for healing if the revelation of healing is not in your heart? Could you look for salvation and be sure you're saved if that revelation is not in your heart? Every day you will be praying, "Lord, I want to make it. Lord, I hope I make it. Lord, don't leave me behind." Why? You'll never live in it until it's revealed to you what it is and you come in the right way; because

you'll have a false expectation looking for something to come out of your life when it was not sown in your life.

Faith comes by hearing. It comes into you. It is deposited in the archives. The title deed is deposited in the archives, and you have the substance, you have the evidence that you own the thing. That's the basis, because you know God has to keep that Word. God cannot—if God doesn't keep that Word, He's not God. He has to keep that Word.

Now watch. The only way that seed can bring forth (Jesus teaching in Luke 8), it has to be kept sown. He's saying there's a possibility of that seed not remaining when it's planted. And when it's planted, you will not get what it is supposed to bring forth if the conditions are not according to what is required for it to grow. It's not just to say, "I heard It and I believe It."

A lot of people sit down in church and say, "Brother, I believe in healing. I believe Jesus died for me; by His stripes I am healed." And you learn to quote the few Scriptures that pertain to the subject. No, no, no. Keep It, water It, until It brings forth what It is supposed to bring forth.

If It is not bringing forth what It is supposed to bring forth in your life, then it means to say, go back and check. Is something choking it? Is it a care that needs to be weeded out? Is it a pleasure? Is it something there that when you should be praying and watering that, it's taking up your time and energy and has you out of focus? Is it something conflicting on the inside? Is it some leaven in there that has to get purged out?

How many people are looking for promises, received the seed of promise but don't even know if they still have It, don't even know if It is choked, or can't remember when last they watered It because It lacks moisture. How many know they have to do something with It?

Their thoughts are not lined up with God's Thoughts. No wonder they have knowledge and not faith, because the only way that Word could bring forth, It has to be

kept. Jesus said It must be kept in good ground. It will bring forth fruit to perfection. You'll come out completely whole, not halfway healed. You'll come out delivered. You'll come out without fear. You'll come out without doubt. You'll come out without any circumstance bothering your faith. You'll come to a place triumphant.

I want you, while you hear me closing up here, I want you to say, "Lord, I believe It in my heart. Lord, I receive It. Lord, You are teaching me how to work and water It. I'm going to put water on this planted Word."

Now think on this. A farmer has no real promise that when he plants a seed he's going to get a crop. You know that? He believes in the law of nature. He understands that if this seed has life, and he puts it in that ground and he waters it, and that sunlight hits it, it is going to bring forth. He is doing that with an understanding of a law of nature, and he invests and goes into big business and promises the market he'll supply their demand, to provide food to feed so much because he has confidence in that law.

What about you who have a Divine promise of God that the seed will bring forth? When you plant That and you hold That and you water That, God will give you a hundredfold. You have a promise from God.

Now that farmer so believes in that law, he plants; and two days pass and he says, "I wonder if that thing is growing, boy? Something tells me...maybe that seed has no life, you know; maybe it is not growing. Maybe a stone is on top of it because it should've come up already." He's impatient. So he goes and he digs it up and he checks it out and he puts it back in.

And two days pass, and somebody says, "I thought the other day you were saying you went and you got prayed for and the seed was planted. Are you feeling better yet?"

And then he says, "But...I wonder if that really happened, boy?" And he digs it up.

And he goes back to the doctor to get this opinion, goes to this one over here, goes to this person's old wives' fable, goes on this one's fear, goes to this one who is a tormentor, a word of encouragement never comes out of their mouth, and that person has no discernment of spirit – "This is a pessimist, and I am hanging around a lot of pessimists." If you can hold that Word in your heart...because seed is powerless unless it is planted.

Every sick person, every unsaved person, every person that needs the Holy Spirit, every person looking for total deliverance, every person who's looking for a refilling, every person looking to live in the promises that God has given, every person that wants to really walk in the fullness of God's revealed will, to see every hindrance, every paralysis, every bit of impotence in their life moved back, if that person this morning can know it is God's will and they could come and line up with God's Thoughts and let the Mind that was in Christ be in them, and let their own thoughts and their ideas move back (as I tried to show you from a couple places in the Word), then you know that the seed is planted; because the seed is not fully planted until it is known.

How could you know you're going to be healed or you're going to be saved or you're going to come into this blessing that you're looking for, that you are trusting God for, when you don't know if you have the right understanding or the right approach, or that you're meeting God's requirement and know the basis upon which you are coming, that God had dropped that Thing in your heart and you are holding It? How can you know that that seed is really planted? And after you know It, you must believe It, that that's God's Word.

Like I explained to you this morning...you know it. Then after you hear It and you know that's the Bible (I quoted the Scripture, I showed you, I lined it up for you), you believe It, but you still have not received It yet. Then you have to take That and make That personally yours.

And then now you have to go and start to act on That; then you know It is planted.

Because if you're not acting upon It, if you're not watering It, then what is the evidence that you have really received It and It is planted in you? And then how can you have expectation looking for the promise, the manifestation of what you received in seed form without watering It, so that the power of Its potential could be let loose in your life. It must remain planted. It must be kept watered if that Thing is to bring forth.

Let us stand to our feet. The Prophet says in a message called *Believest Thou This?* [1950-0115 -Ed.] he said,

Jesus said the Word of God is a seed that a sower sowed, and every Word of God, every promise of God, will bring forth of its own kind. What does the farmer do? He sows the wheat. Well, look for the harvest. The next morning, what if he goes out there and uncovers it and says, 'Why, it isn't sprouting. There's nothing to it. So I ain't going to have no wheat.' Well, if he isn't going to have any wheat...If he keeps digging it up looking at it, he'll never have any wheat. You just sow it and let it alone. There it is. It's up to God to bring forth. It's up to God to send the rain. And it's you to accept God on His Word. And it's up to God to bring His word to pass. No man's worth any more than his word and God is not worth a bit more than what His word is. And I say this with a challenge of faith, that every promise of God will be brought to pass if you take the right mental attitude towards it. That's right. Look at it. Believe it."

In a Message called *God Revealing Himself To His People* [1950-0813e -Ed.]:

...Just what I was trying to do to the woman, was get her in the right mental attitude; she wouldn't have to be prayed for.

'If I could get that woman in the right mental attitude', if I could get this woman of faith here, this church, this Third Exodus Assembly woman, into the

right mental attitude, you wouldn't even have to come here to be prayed for. You take that Word into your heart and you begin to line up your thoughts with God's Thoughts, line up your desire with His desire, begin to work together with His Word, come on the basis that He has given It, knowing that it is His will to do it, that there is no uncertainty about that.

Faith can begin to take a hold when faith knows that it is God's will. You have a basis for faith. You have something to tie to now. You have something that is unshakable; you have a foundation. You have the substance that will take you to the very thing that you are expecting to receive from Him.

The Word is a Seed...that a Sower sowed in the ground. And every seed will bring forth of its kind. If you need salvation, the Seed's here. If you need healing, here's the Seed in the Word. The Word of God is a Seed. Put it in your heart. Don't dig it up every morning to see if it's sprouted, put it in there and leave it there. It's God's business to bring forth the harvest. You just leave it there; water it by faith and praise every day thanking God for it.

Go to acting like it is already done. Matthew 8:13, He tells the centurion, *"Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."*

'...as thou hast believed, go thy way.' Jesus never claimed to heal anybody. How many know that? "It's not I that doeth the works, but it's My Father that dwelleth in Me that doeth the works." If Jesus never claimed to do it, which man can claim he has power to heal? Jesus never claimed it Himself. And no man has the power to heal anybody. Healing lies in you who are coming to be prayed for. It is your faith that brings your healing to you. He corrected the man. He said, "I will; can you believe?" The other man says, "Lord, if Thou canst do anything..." He says, "If thou canst believe."

Matthew 9:21-22, the woman who touched His garment said, "If I touch it, I shall be made whole." Jesus turned about, and when He saw her, He said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole." He didn't say, "I healed you," He said, "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

He says, "Notice, God didn't show Jesus; but that is being sensitive to the Spirit. He knew He felt weak; He knew virtue left Him; so He was looking around to see where the pull of faith came from." ***2:55:08p.57

The two blind men came, they said, "Lord, open our eyes. Give us our sight."

He said, "Do you believe I can do this?" He said, "According to your faith, be it unto you."

Mathew 15:27-28, the Syrophenician woman...

²⁷ And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.

Mark 2:4-5,

⁴ And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

When He saw their faith...

Mark 10:51-52,

⁵¹ ...The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

⁵² And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, ...

Luke 7, verses 48 to 50, the woman who washed His feet with her tears.

48 ...he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; ...

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Luke 8:49-50,

49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue’s house (Jairus), saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.

50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.

Luke 17:17-19,

17 And Jesus answering (with the ten lepers) said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole.

Acts 14: 8-10, Paul preaching:

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother’s womb, who never had walked.

9 The same heard Paul speak; who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

He perceived he had faith to be healed. Every time in the Bible somebody was healed, it wasn’t Jesus doing it; it was their faith... “Thy faith...thy faith...thy faith...thy faith...!” No gift has ever healed anybody.

Gifts and callings are to stimulate faith by declaring that God is present; by instructing you, by teaching you the approach, by building up your faith in a promise, by giving you something to rest on and that you can tie to, and by showing you things in your life that can hinder you from coming to the blessing. That's what gifts are for in the Church, by preaching, by discernment, by a word of knowledge, by prophecy, to help build your faith to receive what is already done.

So many people, they go to the preacher, "Brother, pray for me, you know..." They think he has magic or he has a special prayer. Oh, my. And then some poor preachers really believe they have that magic prayer, and that special shake, and that special squeeze. So they try to squeeze the person on their head, or they try to give them a certain shake, or they try to do something; and so many people's minds are messed up.

The only way you'll ever receive anything from God, it has to be revealed to you, otherwise you don't have faith to receive it. Many people have a mental faith; they believe that God *could* do it but real faith knows that God *would* do it, when it's quickened to you, it's been made personal to you – "Thy faith... If thou canst believe, all things are possible."

Nowhere Jesus said He ever healed anybody. They came to the Prophet. He said, "So many ministers come to me, they say, 'Bro. Branham, would you lay hands on me that I'll get the gift of healing too?'"

He said, "You'll have a poor gift, because these things are foreordained of God. I can't give that. God has set in the church..." He says, "And gifts of healing don't mean power to heal, because healing is a finished work – 'By His stripes you were healed.'" Every promise is already finished. Salvation and healing are already done.

But Seven Thunders, you know what it does? Gives us faith. It opens up the Word. It reveals the Mysteries. It turns our hearts back to the faith of the fathers. It lines up our thinking with God's Word; it brings us into

agreement. It ties us to the Absolute, gives us a foundation, a title deed, the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, and you know it's settled in your heart.

I trust today that in this simple way, this broken up way, trying to bring that to your heart. My poor brother and sister, take these things, listen to it again, chew it over. Open your Bible when you get quiet. Apply it into your life as the blood on the lintel, on the two side posts in the right places, to bring the covenant into effect, to shut death on the outside and to bring you into peace and fellowship with God on the inside, to give you the assurance in this dark Hour that we live.

And you will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that, just like He told them, "From Lebanon to the river Euphrates to the going down, to all the things of your body, all the things of your spirit, all the things of your soul, I have given unto you. But now be strong and of good courage. Let Me lead you. Let Me give you the strategy. Let Me teach you how to fight the enemy. Let Me teach you how to make it your personal possession so that you can live in it."

That is what He was doing in Ephesians...in Joshua. He was bringing them to fight, and take, and live, and make personal what God had given by promise. And when the Ark was in the midst of Jordan, that was Christ on the Cross destroying the power of death to bring them into an inheritance that they were to live in. Is that right?

And that's exactly what the New Testament teaches. It's yours, my brother and my sister. This is not psychology. You have the original Gospel without any psychology that brought to you to a place, to your heart, made personal to you, that you can come in to live in the enjoyment and the benefit of what God has given on Calvary, what He has made available through the opening of the Seven Seals, what He has restored our hearts back to, tearing away the veils of tradition,

historical veils, denominational veils, to live in the realities, the unfailing realities of the living God again.

Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. Oh, how we thank Him. And I want you, right where you stand...you stand where you were sitting, and where you were sitting, you were believing. And while you were hearing the Word, you were mixing it with faith, and you have come this morning to hear and know that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

And now that the Word has gone forth, the seed is planted into your heart; and you focus as an individual on the things in your life. You say, "Lord, for the past three months You've been speaking to me. Lord, Your desire, Your objective is that I would not have any more hindrances. The places that held me paralyzed, the places that kept me back, the places that I am struggling with Lord, You're putting the key in my hands. You're giving me authority over these things by giving me revelation concerning it, that I could come into these things.

And I'm like that woman. I heard the Word of the Prophet. I'm mixing the meal and the oil. I'm bringing the two sticks. I'm agreeing with the Word. I'm not trying to evade. I'm lining up with what is said. I am willing to come to self-sacrifice. I'm laying aside my thoughts. I'm expecting to see what has been spoken by the mouth of Your Prophet. Lord, I'm believing and receiving Your gift that You sent to me.

I believe in the Angel of God. I believe in the angel of the Age. I believe in the angel of the church. This is Your Word, Father. You sent It to me. And as I stand in Your Presence today, I'm acknowledging I'm in Your Presence. Lord, I believe. I believe with all my heart and all my soul. I believe. Thank You, Jesus. Blessed be Your wonderful Name, oh God.

We rejoice in Your mighty Presence today. We thank You for Your Quickening power. We thank You for the revelation of Your Word. We thank You Lord, for these

Divinely-revealed Mystery Truths. We thank You for the Holy Spirit giving unction and utterance to declare the true sayings of God. We thank You, dear God, that You know our needs. You understand our struggles. You see our hindrances and, dear God, You are showing us how to overcome these things, Father, and how to fight this battle.

You are giving us a strategy. You are showing us the tactics of the enemy. Lord God, You are making us strong in this warfare that we might endure hardness, that we might fight a good warfare. You are making Your Word mighty that we can pull down every stronghold, because You are determined to bring us into every Divine blessing – all that You have spoken, all that You have promised, Father. We are receiving these things today; we are claiming it, Lord.

We believe with our hearts and we confess with our mouths. You said we shall never be ashamed, oh God. Like Hattie Wright we say, “That’s nothing but the Truth.” Oh Jesus, make it real, Lord. May, Lord, Your Holy Spirit Lord, plant that deep down on the inside because we know that once faith finds its bedding ground, no circumstances shall be considered.

Abraham considered not his own body now dead but he was strong in faith giving praise and glory unto God. Those symptoms couldn’t paralyze his faith. Lord, move us up into that sphere today, Father. Oh God, may You grant it, Lord. May You grant it today. Help that young man; help that young woman, Lord. Oh God, help that sick person today, Father. Help that one, Father, who has struggled.

Lord, whom the enemy has beaten down, who he has kept in mind battles, Lord who he has lied to, who he has seduced oh God and made to feel that, Lord, it is not Your will, and he held them double-minded and uncertain Lord, but You are making them certain of God, certain of Your faithfulness. Now they can stand

fast and hold their profession, their confession of the faith without wavering.

Let them see today, Father, the power in true confession, Lord the need to confess these things, to say the same thing Lord, to walk in it, to create that atmosphere. May You grant it, oh God. I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Lord, those who are tired of living underprivileged, those, oh God, who have been beaten down every time they tried to rise up. May today they rise up and begin to tell that devil, "Boo," oh God, and boo him out of existence and not be intimidated and not be tormented and not be held down. Almighty God, may You grant it Father. Give them courage.

Like You told Joshua "Only be thou strong and be thou courageous." Oh, thank You Jesus. They can fight the fight of faith and not give in or buckle under the enemy; not to roll over and die but to stand. After having done all to stand...stand.

Oh God, not to fight as one that beateth the air but learn how to take the Sword of the Spirit, and the shield of faith, and go forth and wage a good warfare, until they cut their way through to every Divine blessing. Until, Lord, we see a church, oh God, that knows You're alive in their midst, in their own lives, who know that you are confirming that the faith of God moves in them. That's the believer, (hallelujah!) that the very confession and their life can be the same.

May You grant it, Lord. May You grant it today, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Father, we give You praise and thanks. We ask all these mercies, Lord, we ask these blessings in Thy precious Name.

Be strong in the Lord, in the power of His might. Through your union with Him, draw all your strength. Put on the armour He has given you. Oh, my. Let's just worship Him in that song and be determined. Amen. Hallelujah. You love Him? You appreciate His Word? He is victorious.

(Congregation joins in singing the song, “Be strong in the Lord.” [*Songs That Live*, #519 –Ed.]

