

Farewell Message For School-Going Children/Youth

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58-1004 - Faith Is Our Victory

25 I think it would pay us all to sit down and wonder why we are here, in the first place. And ever Who was kind enough to bring us here,

we ought to consider and ask Him what He would have us to do, the purpose of us coming, to fulfill what He has purposed for us. But we seem to be just wanting to keep up with the world.

26 Now, the Bible said that we can overcome the world. And how do we do it? Not by keeping up with the fashions of the world. But the Bible said that faith is the victory that overcomes the world.

27 It reminds me of one time that a...I don't like to say this word, but he was just a bum that came to the door. And he said, "Could you give me a—a sandwich?"

28 I said, “Certainly. Would you step in?” And instead of making him a sandwich, I thought I’d fix him something to eat. And fixed him up just about what I could around the place, and sit him down to eat.

And while he was eating, I thought I would speak to him, seeing that he was a—a traveler. And I said, “Where did you come from?”

29 He just shrugged his shoulders a little, and said, “Nowhere.”
I said, “Then where are you going?”

30 And he stopped eating, and looked up at me, and said, “Nowhere.” He looked around and swallowed a big bite, and he said, “Sir, just where my hat’s resting, there is where I rest.” I said, “I see.” I said, “How long have you been doing this?”

31 He said, “Oh, some twenty years, or more.” With no ambitions to—to better hisself!

32 Now, that's just about the attitude of the people. Just what I call "drifters, floaters." And the people who join the church is just about the same. I've often thought of "floating, driftwood."

A driftwood, it just hangs up in any kind of trash. That's just about the way that floaters does in the church or anywhere.

33 Now you take on a stream, like the stream of life, and plenty of driftwood hanging up in every trash pile. And, yet, the boat comes along, made out of wood, too.

But if you notice, the wood is made and shaped out by a master who has built the boat. Not only is it shaped out, but it is guided by a master, and it is pushed by a power.

34 And we're all made out of the same stuff. It just depends on how your ambitions run. Are you willing to let the master Craftman make, out of you, that which He could use, and that which He could control, and that which He could power?

35 If this certain little craft that's been made different, and been craft out by the master's hand, should ever stick into some weeds along in shallow waters, there is a power behind it, a little bolt that the master can turn on, and push it out into the deep waters again.

36 God wants to mold and make us what He wants us to be. But how can we do that, or how can God do that, when we won't ever stand still for Him to do it? We want to be our own master. We want to think our own way of thinking.

The Bride's Revival

The Bride's Revival
Comes After The
Denominational Revivals

Revival Is Not So
Much The Feeling But
The Effect

54-1024 - The Unpardonable Sin

10 Now, a revival doesn't mean bringing in new converts. A revival means to revive them that's already converts. See? Is, a revival, means "to revive," see, "to bring up," "to make life again."

And the church, sometime, we get
just a little slack, and so we're
looking for one of those old time,
like we used to have, long time
ago.

64-0401 - The Identified Christ Of All Ages

1 ..A revival doesn't mean getting
new members. It's reviving that
what we've already got. See? It's
reviving.

I stood, some time ago, and watching the waves on Lake Michigan, seeing, standing out there, after a great revival in Chicago. I seen the—the waves, how they were coming in, just in a great tide, just sweeping in and out.

I thought, you know, it remind me of the song, “Floods of joy over my soul, like the sea billows roll.” And them waves start somewhere, out into the lake or in the ocean.

And as they come, they build up momentum, all the time. Then, finally, they strike the shore; just to go out, to come in again.

And that's the way the waves of God's glory does. It comes in, just like—just like rolls, over and over, back and back, and back and forth, the waves of the joy of God rolls through our souls.

I wonder, “What was the use of that? What is the use of churning the waters up-and-down?”

Nature has a way of taking care of itself.

Just like people, now, when you're in your church with your pastors, when you're having a Sunday school lesson or—or something in your church.

Maybe there's no excitement going on, or—or nothing unusual. But, yet, there's just as much God in your heart as there is when you're jumping up-and-down or shouting.

I thought, “Why do they do it?” Same reason God has, a revival, is the same reason He puts a revival on the ocean, puts a revival in the lake. And the water, churning up-and-down, takes all the trash out of the water, throws it up on the bank.

And I think that's a good thing,
that we have revivals, and kind of
get all the superstitions away from
us, and all the—the—the world
out, churning it out, and throw it
out on the bank, so the waters can
be free of such.

64-0409 - The Identification Of Christ

In All Ages

10 Then I wonder, why is that lake all stirred up? Just the same as we get stirred up in a revival. We churn around. You know what it always does to the lake, though? It cleans it. It washes all the trash out on the bank.

So that's why we have to have a
revival for; get all the unbelief and
things away from us, so we can see
more clear what God wants for
us. That's what we're anticipating
this time, is a revival among the
people.

Revival Fires Have
Died Down

62-0527 - Questions And Answers

155 But look around! What are they doing? What's the matter with the people? What's happened to the revival? What's happened to Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, the rest of them?

Where is the revival going on? It's
finished! The smoke is done
settled up. The seeds are
sowed. The meeting is over. The
fires are burnt down.

(In the old temple of Rome,
in vesta, when the fires went out
the merchants went home, at the
altars.) Now, we see the revival is
not on. It isn't the enthusiasm.

62-0527 - Questions And Answers

386. Brother Branham, what seems to be wrong in the day when we are living, of being a believer and following the Message and messenger of today, when you cannot seem to pray like you would like to? That's a good question.

66 I believe brother, sister, ever
who asked it, it's a cause of the
conditions of
time. The revival is over. The
revival has lasted some fifteen
years, and never did last before
over about three years.

I believe it's received its last
revival. And I believe that's why
you can't pray and feel in the Spirit
like you used to. It's because the
revival fires has gone out.

65-0822M - Christ Is Revealed In His
Own Word

155So there can't be no
organization left, neither can there
be any further advancement than
what's going right now, for she'll
burn before the day breaks again.

The revival is over, across the nation.

There ain't going to be no more revivals, big sweeping revivals; this nation never receive it.

You might have a intellectual gathering. But, I mean, a Spiritual revival, we've seen all of it. I hope you're catching it. I'm saying it in such a way that—that I hope you get it. See? It's over.

A fine minister said, a while ago,
said, “Brother Branham, if I could
just have the joy of the Lord in my
heart!”

I said, “Son,
the revival is over.” See?

156 Now the stabilizers has been
put on the ship. Great fearful
waves are out here before us; but
we know, just beyond that wave
yonder, we're nearing the shore.
See? We're nearing the shore. Just
stay stabled. Just stay in the Word.
Stay with God.

No matter how you feel, what
anything else; stay right with the
Word. Let—let—let it stay stable,
when you see all these great big
old clouds around us, and storms
coming, and atomic bombs, and
everything else they're talking
about.

But our stabilizer is right straight
in the Word. God said it would be
here; we'll crest every one of them.
Yeah, we'll go right over the top of
them. Yes, indeed! They, they can't
sink us. They can't drown us.

You put us in the grave; we'll come
out again. That's just all there is to
it. There ain't no way in the world
to keep it down there. We'll crest
every one of them, 'cause our
great Chief Captain is calling at the
other side.

62-0318 - The Spoken Word Is The⁴⁹
Original Seed

267 Why then has the revival fires
let up? Now I got to call names. I
won't do it after this 'less God tells
me to. But I've got to call names.
I've got to say things that I don't
want to say, but, in order to make
this clear.

268 You can see now where I'm getting to, the reason I've done what I done. I believe *This* is the Word. And I believe that Christ has a Church, and the Church is the field. We'll get to it, after while. And you've got to get the Word in the field before the Spirit can ever do anything. See?

269 Why then has the revival fires let up? Don't hear very much more of Billy Graham, like great evangelists. Oral Roberts, not burning the country like he used to. My meetings is not even heard of. There's just three. What's the matter?

270 Now we're going to get some real deep teaching. See? I'm going to have to just use it now. And if this tape should fall in the hands of Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, I want you to know, my brethren, that I'm not disregarding you.

I'm taking myself, if you notice, in there, as your fellow brother in the Gospel.

And I think, after this, you'll have a better understanding, brethren, of why I have did what I've done. And I hope that I find grace in the sight of God, and before you, in being honest and truthful to tell you the reason why.

271 Now, Billy Graham, the world was burning here not long ago with Billy Graham. Very seldom hear of it now. He's still going, but what's the matter? Oral Roberts, why, just burning the earth up; dying down. Tommy Osborn.

All them are good, godly men. What's happened? Believing that God called me for a ministry, what's happened to mine? Now here is going to answer some questions. See? What's happened?

272 You say, “Brother Branham,
yours is deadeast of all of
them.” That, that’s true. That is
right.

273 Billy Graham is more heard of than I am, and Billy is more heard of than Oral. Oral is more heard of, in one day, than I am in six months.

Tommy Osborn, Tommy Hicks, any of those godly men, they're more heard of. So, as far as that turn, mine is farther away than all of them. What's happened?

274 “Brother Branham, you saying that, that you telling us here now that you actually believe the Word and everything, well, what’s happened to you then? What taken place?” That’s what we want to know. That’s what we want to know.

275 Now, put her down in your mind now. Pull down the umbrella and shake the rain off, and open up your heart just a minute and listen.

276 Remember, the Bible said in Genesis, the 1st chapter we read, to base our thought for the day, is, “Every seed after its kind.” It’ll have to bring forth after its kind. That’s right.

Every seed will have to bring.
Remember, the earth is full of seeds,
and the rain makes it bring forth
after its kind.

277 I believe it is near the harvest
time. Don't you believe
it? [Congregation says,
"Amen."—Ed.] You all agree with
that. ["Amen."] We are near the
harvest time. Now, the seeds has
been planted.

That's what's the matter with it.
The seeds has been planted. Oh!
O God! I wish you could see what
passed before me then.

278 The seeds has been
planted. Remember, there's a
planting time, then a harvest time.
They know they said so. All right.

279 Now, there has been three different kinds of seeds planted. A denominational, Billy Graham, he was the head planter. Oral Roberts, for the Pentecostals. Pentecostal seed has been planted; I'm talking about organization now.

And, then, the Word has been planted. Now you'll have to understand, folks. I ain't saying this no more unless God tells me. I want you to get this good and clear. Three seeds has been planted.

280 That's the reason, the
planting, it's about over. See? It's
all over. Seeds must be planted
before the Rain falls. That
right? [Congregation says,
"Amen."—Ed.] Or, otherwise, the
Spirit.

Now you're going to disagree
there, but hold on just a minute.
See? Seeds must be planted; and
then the Rain falls, to water the
Seed. Is that right? ["Amen."] Now
I want...

Malachi 4 Spearheaded
The Revival All Around
The World

62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus

42 Now, I believe with all my heart
that the Lord has helped me and
has used me to spearhead a great
revival, one of the greatest that's
ever struck the world since the
early days, across the world.

We know that. That's right. It was
all gone at that time, and—and He
met me down there on the
river and told me that the Message
that I had would forerun the
second Coming of Christ.

58-1001 - Lifting Him Up Out Of History

13 It's on the eve of this little
gathering together here in this
little memorial place, in
commemorations of the first
revival we held here.

And the great, mighty works that
Thou did show us by Thy great
powerful hand. From here has
swept forth a revival to every
nation. And around the world,
tonight, revival fires are burning
on the hills,

and men and women are being
healed of their sickness and
diseases, and are coming to be
acquainted with the true and living
God. O Lord God, pour out Your
Spirit upon us tonight, Lord, in
great measures.

63-0120M - The Voice Of God In This
Last Days

17 And that *this*, this morning,
brings back memories, memories
of a revival that was just
starting, with the Holy Spirit that
had come down in the form of a
big Light, like a Pillar of Fire,

and It spoke that the Message
should sweep the earth. And now
today that is history. The Message
has caught fire through great men,
after seeing It, like Oral Roberts
and Tommy Osborn, and Tommy
Hicks and many others.

And through the efforts that we
have put forth together, we see
the Message has set revival fires in
every nation under Heaven, of the
pentecostal Message. To this we
give thanks and praise to Thee, O
Mighty God.

62-0908 - Present Stage Of My
Ministry

117 Many of my brethren, they're
having great popularity today
amongst their denominational
brethren. You just speak one name,
boy, and it's just like fire,
anywhere, that's right, you say this
certain name of this person.

And, after all, when the Lord spoke
to me down on the river that day,
it spearheaded that revival around
the world, from there come every
one of those great evangelists.

118 They went right back with their brethren, see, those denominations in which they come out of. They come out here and hold this meeting, mixed up with the denominations, they go right back into them again.

They got a lot of favor, big names on radio, papers, and everything. Everybody speaks well of them.

119 But all men has forsaken me
because I've took a true Word, and
stood by the Word. I've stayed
right here to what He said to me,
preached the Word, not a
denominational
philosophy. "Preach the Word,"
that was my commission, "stay
with the Word."

And, brethren, who is listening to
this on tape, I was a great guy
when I come among you, just
healing the sick, speaking of
visions and showing things.

But when I went to tell you the
Truth about the Word, what did
you turn your back on me for? Do
you realize it's just fulfilling what
the Scripture said? Yes, it does that
way. Now I can hardly get in a
place.

GOD ALLOWED THE
DENOMINATIONAL REVIVALS TO
COME IN ORDER TO DRAW THE
SHUCK AWAY FROM THE WHEAT

Genesis 25:1-6

1 Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Keturah.

2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah.

³ And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

⁴ And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah.

⁵ And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.

⁶ But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country.

65-0725M - The Anointed Ones At The End Time

147 Notice, they did the same
miracles. But, notice, they
impersonated after the true Word
had been anointed, by the true one
that God had sent; followed,
secondarily.

I wonder if we could think for a
minute. Taking the people by the
hand, not long ago, about twenty
years ago, and a sign showed.

Boy, there was more signs all over
things, and everybody...One has
got it in his right hand; one has got
it in his left hand; the other
one smells it. See, all kinds
of...And I wonder...

God won't let me tell you at this
time what was really the truth, but
one day you're going to find
out. That was just to make their
folly manifested. That wasn't right,
at the beginning. I'll tell you, one
day, if the Lord permits.

148 Notice, they did the same miracles, but they didn't...Notice, they didn't do it till after the original Word went forth, first. That's the way Satan done in the garden of Eden. That's the way he done all time.

Who prophesied first? Moses. Who
come on the scene first, Moses or
Balaam? Moses. Who come on the
scene first, Jeremiah or Hananiah?
You see what I
mean? [Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

149 Notice, they copied. Carnal impersonators, sincere, thinking they were “doing God a service,” as David did, last week, but carnal impersonation. I’m just waiting a minute.

I want you to think between these places. If I don't say it, surely the Holy Spirit will reveal it, especially to the Elected. See?

65-0429B - The Seed Shall Not Be
Heir With The Shuck

44 Now, Ishmael could not be heir with Isaac, because one was slightly doubted, just slightly doubted. It was a child, it was still the seed of Abraham, but not God's perfect way for it; Ishmael.

Now I could spend much time here, but I'm hoping the Holy Spirit will convey this to you in the real way that it should be. Now if they...

45 If Ishmael and Isaac could not be heir together because the original plan of God was substituted into a—a permissive plan of God, a permissive way that God did bless, neither can the spiritual Church today be heir with the denominational.

The denominationals, God blessed
them, like He did Ishmael, but the
Spiritual will not be heir with the
others.

That's right. There will be, coming
out of the church denomination
(church so-called, church
natural), will come a Bride of
Christ, the Elected.

46 Now there, what troubles me at this hour, is knowing that we see all these denominations pulling into this what we know to be the...what you call the latter rain, or, the pouring out of the Spirit.

Do you realize that Jesus said, that,
“When that come to pass, it would
be the end”?

When, the foolish virgin and the
wise virgin was not heirs together.

For when...The foolish virgin, she
was a virgin, just lacking Oil. But
when she come to buy Oil, it was
at that time that the Bridegroom
came. And she was left out, while
she was trying to buy Oil.

You understand? [Congregation
says, “Amen.”—Ed.] I want that to
soak in, real good. Now, surely I
won’t have to move that subject
any further. Now, neither can the
Spiritual and the natural be heirs
together.

47 That's why the Rapture, the
Bride, the wise virgin, the called-out,
the foreordained, the elected!

59-0412E - What Hearest Thou,
Elijah?

26 I just wonder, that if we haven't
listened too much to rushing
mighty winds, and fire, and blood,
and everything else, and have
failed to hear that still small Voice.

Wonder if we've looked so much
to gifts that we can't see the Giver.

You know, America is prone for
noise. That's the reason
rock-and-roll is so popular, and all
these other lots of noises.

Now, we've had rushing mighty winds; we've had great shakings; but where has God been in all of it? Elijah said He was not in it. What did we do with rushing winds? What have we done with all kinds of sensations? Where has it got us?

Denominated so tight that we won't give fellowship one to the other. What have we done by it? Is the church better off? Is it unified by rushing winds? No, sir. It's only unified when them people will hear that still small Voice of God.

That's where we're failing, friends.
When God appears on the sign
with something, and proves
Himself to be God; instead of
going after the noise, let's go after
the One that made the noise. We
forget the Giver.

27 Paul said, “Though I speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not love, it profits me nothing. Though I can have faith to move mountains, and have not love, it profits me nothing.”

See, we're so prone to go after the gift instead of the Giver. When you see signs and wonders take place, don't notice the signs so much, but look what's behind it.

It's that still small Voice that speaks.

That's the reason we can't have revivals in America, is because people go after gifts instead of the Giver. That's what's the matter with the world tonight.

Oh, we got if you want great crowds and audiences, you have to have a real classical Hollywood outfit with a lot of show. American people want entertainment. They don't want the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So therefore, the radio and the television will give them more entertainment than the church can do it, and they stay home. All that comes out is the elect of God that's still hungering, and thirsting, and calling, and crying for the real thing of God.

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492 Why, they made these healing
campaigns like a bunch of
nonsense. Certainly, they have. It's
become to a place where,
intelligent people, they look
around and they wonder what it's
all about.

There, God don't want those
things. Healing don't have to be in
campaigns. Healing should be in
every local church, all
these gifts operating.

But don't go to seed on
those gifts. Don't pay any
attention to the gift. If God wants
to use you for something, He will
do it. But, look after the Giver.

493 Martin Luther, once after speaking in tongues, he was asked why he didn't preach it, he said, "If I preached that, my people will go after the gift instead of the Giver." That's right.

494 Moody, one time, speaking, and begin, when he was preaching so under inspiration, he spoke in tongues. He said, “God, forgive me for muttering foolish words.”
Certainly. See?

And they had those things. We believe those things, but they must be put in their place. And they must not be set as evidences.

Bro Branham Spoke The
End Of Denominational
Revivals And The
Ushering In Of The
Bride's Revival

62-0527 - Questions And Answers
152 Now, we know that we're
facing something. I know it; you
know it. I—I—I don't know which
way to turn. You remember about
four years ago, in Chicago one day,

the Spirit of the Lord came upon
me and I said, “This is it! And
the revival is over, and America
has turned down her
opportunity.” It’s on tape. “And
there won’t be no more. Her last
opportunity she’s turned down.”

153 I want you to watch. Does anybody know what day that was on the tape? We've got it. Leo and Gene's got it. I heard it here not long ago. Boze put it in his paper. And so just watch what's happened since then, see, the revival has stopped.

- 9 - The Laodicean Church Age

Yes, the land is full of carnal impersonators. In that last day they will try to imitate that prophet-messenger. The seven sons of Sceva tried to imitate Paul.

Simon the sorcerer tried to imitate Peter. Their impersonations will be carnal. They won't be able to produce what the true prophet produces.

When he says
the revival is over they will go
around claiming a great
revelation that what the people
have is exactly right and God is
going to do bigger and more
wonderful things amongst the
people. And the people will fall for
it.

63-0320 - The Third Seal

182 Now that's what's the reason
today, that, the—the revivals that
we're supposed to have, we have
denominational revivals. We
haven't had a real stirring. No, no,
no. No, sir.

Don't think we got revivals. We
haven't. Oh, they've got millions
and millions and millions of church
members, but not a revival
nowhere. No. No.

183 The—the Bride hasn't had a revival yet. See? There's been no revival there, no manifestation of God to stir the Bride yet. See?

We're looking for it now. It'll take
those seven unknown Thunders
back there, to wake Her up again,
see. Yeah. He'll send it. He
promised it. Now watch.

184 Now, she was—she was dead.

The Bride's Revival Is Secret

65-0218 - The Seed Is Not Heir With
The Shuck

132 Just as Sarah tried to bring the promise of the supernatural by—by a hand-picked Hagar, so has the church, trying to bring a revival.

Our great evangelists across the countries today, “A revival in our time! A revival in our time! All you Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, all get together.”

How can you have a revival of fresh Manna on an old, dead, vultured food? How can you have it, revival in our time?

The revival will be so small they'll never know it ever happened.

133 Pentecostals said, “Oh, there is going to be a great thing happen.” It’s happening, and they don’t know it. See, that’s it. See? Yes, sir. “For where the Carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered,” just as sure as the world. See?

That's what It said. What is the
Carcass? The Word. He is the
Word, the Carcass, Christ! "Christ
in you," the same yesterday, today,
and forever. How true It is!

64-0726M - Recognizing Your Day
And Its Message

82 Everywhere now, there's no revival. Everybody is complaining, ministers crying. I was reading one of the—the outstanding papers that comes here to the church, a very fine paper.

And I know the editor, and I know the people. And they are godly people, very fine, Brother and Sister Moore, of the *Herald of His Coming*.

One of the finest papers on the field, *Herald of His Coming*. But they hardly will print anything unless it's about, "Fast, pray! Fast, pray! Sound a trumpet! Get..." How many reads it? You know.

You see it all the time, “Fast, pray! Fast, pray!” It’s all you hear. “Fast, pray! We’re going to have a great breaking of the day! There is a great thing going to happen! All of you, pray, pray, pray! We’re not too late yet!”

83 Why do they do that? Why do they do that? They want a great awakening. They're crying, believing that there will be awakening. They're good people. Why is it?

What have they
done? They have not recognized t
he awakening of the Bride. See? By
being a Christian, they feel the pull
of the hour, but they haven't
recognized what's been done.

That's what's making them feel
that way. They know something is
supposed to happen, but, see,
they're looking for it way off in the
future, to come, when it's already
happened right by you.