

This Is The Acceptable Year Of The Lord

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Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year
of the Lord.

Isaiah 61:2

² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

1. The Acceptable
Year Is The Year Of
Our
Homecoming-The
Year Of Jubilee

52-0716 - Thou Knowest All Things

37 ...Now is the hour. Now is the time. Now is the accepted hour. This is the acceptable year of the Lord.

Now is when healing is supposed to be. Now is when miracles take place. Now is when Christ is revealing Himself.

Here we are now, not in the future. The devil keeps pushing it off; that's Catholicism. Now is the day. This is the hour. This is the time. This is the place, right now. This is the day.

38 When Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever is revealing Himself, making Himself manifested to the people,

showing signs and wonders, the same thing that happened in the Bible. Search It out, try It out, It's infallible. Oh, my. Here we are.

63-0319 - The Second Seal

214 In the Old Testament, when
a man had been sold to slavery.
There come a year of jubilee,
every fifty years.

Forty-ninth year, and then the
year of jubilee. And when a slave
heard this, and he wanted to go
free,

there is—there isn't nothing that
can keep him from going free.
He can throw down his hoe, and
say, "so-long," go back home.
The trumpet sounded. That's
right.

215 But if he don't want to go,
and he is satisfied with his slave
master, then he is taken into
the—the—the temple, and they
take an awl...

You know what an awl is. And
they press his ear, and put a
hole in his ear. And it's a mark,
that he can never go back. Is
that right?

He has to serve this master for
all time. I don't care how many
more times the jubilee sounds,
whatever happens. He
absolutely has—has sold out his
birthrights, of being free.

216 And when a man turns
down the Gospel Truth, Satan
marks him (where?) at his ear.
He deafens him so he can't hear
the Truth no more, and he's
finished.

He stays with the group that
he's with, if he won't hear the
Truth. No.

217 “You shall know the Truth,
and the Truth shall make you
free.” See, the Truth makes free.

218 God marks His when they come. God marks His by vindicating His promised Word through them. That's exactly, Saint John 14:12.

And another thing, you want to put down, Mark 16. Jesus said, “These signs shall follow them that believe.”

62-1122 - Return And Jubilee

But, brother...Oh, I could hold on this a long time. But let's not do it. Let me give you one good news.

This is the year of jubilee. If
you've got mixed up in that kind
of stuff, let's return. We got an
inheritance.

67 The fathers of Pentecost
fought to win the prize and
sailed through bloody seas. Let's
not walk this flower bed of ease
by joining some organization,
and settling down, and saying,
"Bless God, I'm Pentecost."

Let's get the experience. Let's go back to God. Let's go back to the eagle food. Let's go back to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Let's go back to the Word of God. Let's go back to the fast and pray. Why, the church forgot the street meetings long ago.

The church forgot its long nights of prayer. Why, they can't pray fifteen minutes no more. Oh, my, when it does, it's some little formal thing and half of them fall asleep.

Why, it's a—it's a disgrace.
Chickens trying to eat eagle
food, you can't do it. Won't
digest. That's right. You're not
built for it.

You're not built for the rugged part. Got to be built rugged. And the only way you can ever get that is to be borned again and change your way and come back. Amen. Yes, sir.

68 Yes, sir, it's time to return.

“Return to what, Brother Branham? Return back to the organization I come out of?”

No, return back to your inheritance, the inheritance that our Father left us.

“How did He...What kind of an inheritance did He leave?”

“Wait ye, in the city of Jerusalem until you’re endued with power from on high.”

That’s the inheritance.

Not, “Go, join this one, and go join that one, go join this one.” Wait till the power comes from on high. “How long?” Until. “One day? Two days?” Wait until.

Don't take some little emotion,
some little flusteration; wait
there until you are dead and
buried and borned again anew
in Christ Jesus, and every
pulsation of your life beats out
Jesus Christ,

so you can see the life of Christ reflected right in your—your living, the way you go. Yes, sir, till you can find that power like they had back there in the beginning...

69 Back to a Pentecostal inheritance. Yes, sir. That's your possession. Denomination's not your possession.

Pentecost is your possession.
Not a Pentecostal organization,
your fathers come out of such a
thing.

The Pentecostal experience is
your possession.

Examine ourselves. The
sounding of the Trumpet.

“What kind of a trumpet?” The
Word, God’s Trumpet, the Holy
Ghost in the Word.

54-1003E - Jubilee Year

64 Now in this great Welsh
revival that started, that was a
jubilee time for the Welsh
people. There started, just a
bunch of illiterate people, just
preaching the Gospel.

And the power and the glory of
God begin to fall, until
businessmen would go to work
and sit down at their desk,

and weep like babies, and close
their meet...their business.

Farmers in the field would be
sitting on their plows or
plowing. They would stop their
teams and get out in the field,
rank sinners,

and raise up their hands to God,
and cry out for mercy. People
walking on the roads, and
everywhere. Whistles started to
blowing, and everything else.
There was a revival on.

65 That's what America needs
tonight. It doesn't need a Billy
Graham, nor it don't need a Oral
Roberts. What it needs, tonight,
is the Holy Spirit moving
amongst the people, claiming
the year of freedom.

That's right. Doesn't need a new organization. Doesn't need a new setup. The only thing it needs is the Holy Spirit to come in convicting power.

You could preach the Gospel till
you turn gray; you could work
signs and wonders till you turn
gray; except God gets out
amongst the people and goes to
moving.

66 Why, when that revival
started, a minister went down
to a place where there was a
culvert that crossed the road.
And he got it...stopped his
horse, and got over this culvert,

and said, “Almighty God, this
city is all polluted down here.”
Said, “Cause every man, woman,
boy or girl, that passes over this
culvert, to fall under conviction
by Your Spirit.”

He went and got a good, faithful warrior, stuck him under that place, to pray. Stay in there, day and night, fasting, praying.

67 He went on into the city, and
asked permission to ask the
blessing at the table, before the
dinner was served. Said, “All
right.”

68 And he stood and said, “Lord
God, cause every man and every
woman that sits at this table, to
come under conviction.”

69 And it was said, and wrote by
papers, that, “Men would pass
over that culvert, and stop their
horses on the road, and start
weeping and crying.”

“Men and women would come
to the table and sit down and
get their food, and push it back,
and would weep and cry and
repent.”

70 That's the kind of revival that
we need tonight, where God
gets out amongst the people.

71 We can start a meeting,
work signs and wonders. I
notice it here. I go out, and
sometimes, in the meeting,
blind see, deaf hear, the people
come around and look, say,
“That’s wonderful.”

When the revival is gone, you
don't hear of them no more.
They're right back out, "Well,
yes, I believe in that."

72 What it needs, tonight, is
not a new preacher. What it
needs is the Holy Spirit, get out
amongst the people, go to
stirring them up, hungering and
thirsting for righteousness'
sake.

“Blessed are they when they
hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they shall be
filled.” Wherever it is, it takes
the Holy Spirit to do it.

73 Now, in these days when
these priests...They'd take the
man out there, and maybe
hoeing in the cornfield;

the master walking down,
whipping him with the whip,
“Hurry up there! Got to hurry up
with this!”

74 But just as soon as that
trumpet sounded, that man
could throw that hoe down, say,
“I won’t hoe with it no more.”
And that taskmaster, that slave
driver, was forbidden to touch
him any more, ’cause he was
free.

Why? He had heard the good news. The jubilee was on. The atonement was made, and all the slaves could go free.

75 I remember, myself, oh, my,
when I heard that good news
come to my heart. As a little old
sinner boy laying here on the
hospital bed, the doctor said,

“You got three more minutes to
live.” I heard a sound from
Heaven, that told me jubilee
year was on.

76 I accepted the Lord Jesus,
turned loose all the shackles of
sin, and said to the devil, “You
can’t do me any more harm,

because I have give my life to
Christ Jesus, and you can't whip
me anymore.” Since then, he's
bluffed me, lots of times. But
he's not been able to touch me
since, because he's just a bluff.

I can hear his whip cracking and
popping, and so forth, but it
don't do no good. Because, he
can't get me, because I belong
to the Lord now. That's right.

65-0219 - This Day This
Scripture Is Fulfilled

38 And I was on my road home, back down to Tucson, that evening. The kids was crying for a sandwich, and I stopped to get a sandwich at a little stand.

And my wife said, “Bill, I never was so nervous in all my life, to see you standing up there fumbling through that Bible.” Said, “Didn’t it make you nervous?”

39 I said, “Nope.” I said, “I knowed it was in there somewhere. They just didn’t have the page in. It’s a misprint.”

40 And she said, “To think, that I got you that Bible! Looked like every eye in there was right upon me.”

41 And I said, “Well, you couldn’t help that. That was a misprint in the Bible.” I said, “They just never put the page in.”

42 Well, I got down and looked at it again, just perfect as it could be; but the 16th chapter ends, portion, the portion of it just about three inches from the bottom, over at the 17th chapter on the other side, does the same thing.

And, being a new Bible, those two pages had perfectly stuck together, and I was reading from the 17th chapter instead of the 16th. “Well,” I said, “that’s all fine. It’s for some cause.”

43 And just as plain as you could hear any voice, a Voice come to me, and said, “He entered into Nazareth, to where He was brought up at; and went into the synagogue, as it was His custom.

And the priest gave Him the Scriptures to read, and He read Isaiah 61. And when He had read the Scriptures, He set down; handed the priest back the Bible, the Book, and sat down.

And all the eyes of the congregation was upon Him. And precious Words proceeded from His mouth. And He said, ‘This day this Scripture is fulfilled.’” “This day this Scripture is fulfilled.”

44 How accurate is the Scripture! If you'll notice this in Isaiah 61:1 to 2, is where our Lord was reading from, Isaiah 61:1 to 2.

But in the middle of the 2nd verse of Isaiah 61, He stopped. Where it said, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; to preach the acceptable year,” then He stopped.

Why? The other part, to bring judgment, didn't apply to His first coming, but His second Coming. See, it didn't apply there. How the Scriptures never make a mistake!

They are always perfect. Jesus stopped just where the Scripture stopped, 'cause that was exactly what was to be vindicated in His day, now, in that first coming.

The second Coming He will bring judgment upon the earth; but not then. He was “to preach the acceptable year.”

45 Notice the Messiah standing in the platform, to identify Himself with the Word of promise for that age.

How strange, the Messiah
standing up before the church!
And look at these precious
Words, when He says here, “To
preach the acceptable year.”

46 “The acceptable year,” as we all know, as Bible readers, was “the year of jubilee.” That, when all slaves and prisoners, as they were, been taken, prison; and had to give a son, to pay a debt;

or a daughter, to pay a debt,
[Blank spot on tape—Ed.] and
they were in bondage. No
matter how long they had been
in bondage, or how long they
was supposed to stay there;

when the year come, of the jubilee, when the trumpet sounded, every man could go free if he wanted to go free. [Blank spot on tape.] You're free. You was no more slave.

47 But if you desired to remain a slave, then you had to be taken down to the temple, stood by the temple post, and they took an awl and bored a hole in your ear, and then you had to serve that slave master the rest of your days.

48 What a perfect example it is of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! When It's preached, the acceptable time, and the time of Jubilee; anybody, no matter who you are, what color you are,

what denomination you belong to, how it's far you've stooped in sin, or what's wrong with you; you can go free when you hear the Gospel trumpet sound out. You are free!

49 But if you turn your back upon the Message and refuse to hear It, notice, you were bored in the ear, with an awl. That means, to say, that you have crossed the line between grace and judgment,

and you will never hear the Gospel again. You'll never get any further. You must be a slave to the system you're in, the rest of your days, if you refuse to hear the acceptable year.

50 Now, the other part of it, as I said, didn't need to be answered, because this coming Messiah, a time now, is when He will bring judgment.

51 Now, how could those people ever fail to see Who He was? How did they ever miss it? How could it be, when it was so plainly made known and showed? How could they have ever missed seeing? When He...

52 What a Word! Think of it,
“This day is this Scripture
fulfilled before your eyes.” Who
said it? God Himself, Who is the
interpreter of His Own Word.
“This day is this Scripture
fulfilled.”

The Messiah, Himself, standing⁹⁴
in the presence of the
congregation and reading a
Word out of the Bible,
pertaining to Himself, and then
saying, “Today this Scripture is
fulfilled,” and they still failed to
see It.

53 What a tragedy that that would be, but it's happened. It's happened many times. How could it happen? Of course, like it did in other times, by believing man's interpretation of the Word.

That's what caused it. Those believers in them days, so-called believers, was taking the interpretation of what the priest had said about the Scripture.

Therefore Jesus, not belonging to any of their ranks or their societies, He was excommunicated from their company.

54 And, therefore, they could not identify Him with them, because He was different from them.

The Person of Jesus Christ was so unique that no one should have missed seeing that that was the Son of God, because He was the perfect identification of the Scripture that was wrote of Him.

55 That's the way any Christian is known, when his life identifies the very things that's the Christian is supposed to do.

2. Christ (Anointed) To¹⁰¹
Preach/Declare The
Year; The Bride
(Messiahettes)
Anointed To Accept The
Jubilee

56-0101 - Why Are People So Tossed About?

252 Some people gets the wrong impression of what the anointing is. Did you ever think of that?

When was the greatest
anointing ever give to anyone,
and what did they do when they
had the anointing?

253 The greatest anointing that
was ever give to anyone, was
Jesus Christ. We have the Spirit
by measure. He had It without
measure. And one day He
entered into the temple and
picked up the scroll and read,

said, “The Spirit of God is upon
Me, for He has anointed Me to
preach the acceptable year, to
bind up the broken hearts, to
heal the sick, give sight to the
blind.”

254 And now we would think, if
such anointing was on Him, had
been prophesied eight hundred
years before, that it would
come,

and here He was with that type
of anointing, the full blessing
and anointing of the Lord upon
Him, we would want to run all
over the building, scream and
holler.

255 But the Bible said, “He laid
down the scroll, and sat down,
and precious Words proceeded
from His mouth.”

That's what He done under the
anointing. The anointing is not
emotion. The anointing is
supreme power in control,
knowing exactly what and how.
See?

256 And that's what's here.

Now, you might not be able to
understand it, as you walk here.

You might not be able to get it.

But I challenge your faith to this:

you come and believe what I

have told you, and watch what

happen.

See? You just—just believe
what's been told, and see what
happen. The anointing of the
Lord is in the temple, the
tabernacle, this morning. Amen.

61-0117 - The Messiah

29 You see what Messiah is?

Messiah is the Kingdom of God,
anointed ones, them anointed
with the same Spirit He was
anointed with.

One said to him one day, “Will
my sons set at the right and left
hand?”

He said, “Can you drink the cup
that I drink? Can you be
baptized with the baptism that
I’m baptized with?”

She said, “Yea.”

And He said, “You will. But the Kingdom, to sit right and left hand is not Mine to give.”

So it showed that we could
drink the same cup of
persecution, be called
Beelzebub or whatever it might
be,

and still be baptized with the
same Spirit He's baptized with.
So if He was called Messiah,
which He was, because He was
anointed with that Holy Spirit...

And any church that's anointed
with the same Holy Spirit is a
Messiahette, a littler, smaller,
god. And someday when this
body is resurrected,

I hope beforehand that God can
get a hold of a bunch of people
that'll manifest His power in
every dimension that it's
supposed to be in.

Messiah, anointed One, a King
to deliver, a King...

You're kings and priests, kings
to bring in, priests to minister
to, a Messiah. His signs was to
follow in all ages, reflecting His
Light, His Presence with His
Kingdom people.

30 Now, don't—you don't have
to die to get this. You have to
spiritually die, but you don't
have to physically die. The inside
is where God gets in to control
you.

And He—as He presses Himself
forward in you, don't let any
root of bitterness, hatred,
malice, strife...That'll—that'll run
Him right back again.

Just get all the meanness, and
the superstitions, and all
the—the unbelief out of you.
And every time you move out a
little unbelief, God steps right in
and takes over. Move out
unbelief...

31 He told Joshua, “Everywhere
the soles of your foot has set,
that I give to you.” And tonight,
as we enter into the Kingdom,
God’s Kingdom, taking out all
the Philistine unbelievers,

and all the Amorites, and the
Amalekites, and whatevermore,
throw it out of us like that, we
take possession. Amen. I like
that.

Say, “Days of miracles is past.”

“You Amorites, get out of me.
I’ve put a footprint there; I’ve
taken over.”

“There’s no such a thing as—as
seeing visions.”

“Get out of there, you
Amalekite. I’m coming over.”

There you are. You're pressing
out. From that little button is
taking over the fibers of you,
spreading out, God working
through you, in you, around you.

32 No wonder Elijah laid his
body upon that dead baby and it
come to life. It was God in that
man. God had took over. He was
anoointed.

Jesus said he was. Every prophet
of God in the Old Testament
was anointed with the Holy
Ghost. They were. Then they
were lesser Lights.

He was the Fullness of God,
being Messiah. They was
Messiahettes then, smaller
Messiahs, for they were
anoointed with the same Spirit
that He was anoointed with, only
He had It in the Fullness.

And every man today that's
received the true baptism of the
Holy Ghost is anointed with the
same Spirit that Jesus of
Nazareth was, that went about
doing good and healing the sick.

Oh, my. That makes me feel
good to know that He lives
today. There's something about
a man. He is a god. He was
made to be a god.

His purpose here on earth was
to be a god, to have a dominion
over everything in the earth. Oh,
my. Now, don't let that stagger
you, 'cause I got some more
Scriptures wrote down here.
See?

3. The Trumpet Calls The Bride Back To Her Inheritance- Her Position

63-0421 - Victory Day

289 Heavenly Father, we are grateful. And I, Lord, am so in debt to You. There's no way that I could ever pay the debt of my sin. I was in a cell one day, 'cause I was born in that cell.

I knowed what—what freedom meant. And the price was so great, I couldn't pay it. But I am so glad that, the day that You visit my cell, I recognized it, that it was the only One that could pardon.

The only way I could ever be free, and have victory, a complete victory, was to accept the pardon that You had signed for me. And today I am free.

290 I'm so happy, Lord. I visit
from prison house to prison
house, from those that are got
marriage scruples, those who
are sick and fevered,

those who are sick and in
prison, those who are sinful and
in prison, those who
flusterations, and doubt, and in
prison.

I'm going from cell to cell, telling them, the Governor is coming right along, pardoning every one, taking every one out.

291 Father, You know the heart of the people here today. May this be a V-day, a complete V-day. May this be a day that when every one, Lord, today, will receive the victory. Grant it, Lord.

62-1122 - Return And Jubilee

26 Now, in a type, or a figure,
we take Israel because it's the
jubilee time and the Church was
given a portion,

which was Christ Himself that was poured out by the Holy Spirit into each heart that would receive It and become sons of God.

Now, Israel was a servant to God, and he...they was given a possession, and this possession was not to be given to anyone else, it was to be to Israel only, Palestine belonged to them.

27 And if we had the time, or,
time would permit us, rather, to
go back and take the birth of
those patriarchs

(When they were born by those women, and, each one when the baby was being borned, and the mother in labor uttered the voice of this patriarch,

positionally placed him, in his place, in Palestine hundreds of years later.) how we can put our confidence in this written Word of God because It's so inspired,

that every phase of It hangs together, and It's drawing a picture for us of what God was, and what God is, and always will be!

28 Now, we find that when Joshua divided the inheritance to the people, each person was placed positionally, exactly the way these Hebrew mothers named those children,

how they were placed in
Palestine just at their place:
Asher, Gad, and—and Naphtali,
and each one, Judah; every one
just placed in their position.

29 What a—a wonderful picture it gets us, because it's a type of God placing in the Church, Himself, every member, every stone, every place, every Christian, to itself.

Each one of us in our peculiar way has a place in the House of God, like Solomon's temple when it was cut out all over the world,

but when it was brought in
by...to Joppa by, floated in, and
took from there by ox-cart, and
all these odd rocks had their
place when the temple went
together.

30 And I think that God, down through this time has cut out some very odd stones that we might not have understood, but they have their place exactly in the temple, in the building of God.

And Joshua, by inspiration, not by just mathematics, he—he by...inspired by God he lotted each one of those patriarchs in their position, just exactly the way their name belongs.

31 What a—a picture it puts before us of God in His masterwork! No one could have ever done it but God, there's no way of doing it, God alone.

It was to be for-...was to be
their—theirs forever, it was a gift
from God.

God, by His marvelous grace, give these people this land in this position and placed them in it according to His Word and the birth of the people, just perfect, how it clucked right together, and I think it was a type.

32 And now, no one else could take that place, that had to be for Israel alone, just them alone was the only ones that could take this place, and still it, the blessings, on the place.

And if somehow-or-other, during these time, if they lost their inheritance by some means, it might been poverty, it might been some other way that they—

they lost their inheritance where their fathers...One would leave it to his son, he would leave it to his son, it belonged to that tribe, it belonged to that people forever, it was an inheritance.

60-0522E - Adoption #4

72 Oh, “an inheritance.”

Somebody has to leave you something, to inherit it. Is that right? An inheritance! What inheritance do we have? What inheritance did I have?

I didn't have any. But God left me an inheritance when He put my name on the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world.

73 Oh, you say, “Now, wait a minute, brother, Jesus did that when He died for you.” No, He never. Jesus come to purchase that inheritance for me. Read the very next ver-...very next line.

*In whom we also have
obtained apparent...obtained an
inheritance, being predestinated
according to the purpose of him
who worketh all things after the
counsel of his own good will:*

74 God, before the foundation
of the world, as we've took it
down through the lesson, you
people,

how we seen God was self-existent, how that in Him was love. In Him was to be God; there was nothing to worship Him.

In Him was to be a Father; there was...He was by Himself. In Him was to be a Saviour; nothing lost. In Him was to be a Healer. That's the attributes of Him. There was nothing there.

So His Own Self, His Own good¹⁶⁹
counsel produced these
things, that He might through
this one Man, Christ Jesus,
gather it all together again. Oh!
“Eye has not seen, ear has
not...” No wonder it’s a
mysterious thing!

75 Look, “has predestinated us unto this inheritance.” If I’m a right inheritance of something, if God is knocking at my heart and saying,

“William Branham, I called you a long time ago, before the foundation of the world, to preach the Gospel,”

I have an inheritance, an inheritance of Eternal Life. Now, God sent Jesus to make that inheritance real to me, because there was nothing I could do to—to inherit it.

It was blank, it was valid, there's nothing I could do. But in the fulness of time God sent, in His Own good time, Jesus the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

His Blood was shed that I might go to my inheritance. To be what? What inheritance? The sonship, to be a son of God.

54-1003E - Jubilee Year

83 The mark of God is the
baptism of the Holy Spirit,
without a shadow of doubt. I
preached that not long ago,
right here.

By the Holy Spirit's help, and the
Word of God, proved it, that the
seal of God is the baptism of the
Holy Ghost. Ephesians 4:30
says,

“Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you’re sealed until the day of your redemption.”

Without the Holy Spirit, you are not sealed. But the Holy Spirit is God’s Seal.

84 And then, that, all that was
not sealed by the Holy Spirit,
was took on the mark of the
beast. And the mark of the
beast is a mark of apostasy,
which is, rejecting the Holy
Spirit. See what I mean?

85 Then when the year of
jubilee, or the blast comes, that
people are receiving the Holy
Spirit; and you deliberately,
wilfully turn It down,

God has no more, or, not under
any more obligation to ever
speak to you no more. Then
you'll be marked off, all the old
types of the Old Testament,
only types and shadows of the
New.

And to reject Christ, and to turn
Him down, that He's knocked at
your door, you're on a danger
line of being bored to the ear.
“Faith cometh by hearing,
hearing of the Word of God.”

And God will put a blind over
your ears, that you'll never be
able to understand no more.
And you'll do no more than
criticize the Gospel as long as
you live;

and die, and be lost forever.

What a time, while it's jubilee
time, while the doors are open!

Did you realize that this same
baptism of the Holy Spirit...

4. The Trumpet Of Jubilee
Is Calling Us Back To Our
Father (Like The Prodigal
Son, Like Samson- Once
More Lord)

65-1126 - Works Is Faith Expressed

24 I had a dream, the other morning. I don't dream very often, I'm not a dreamer. But I—I dreamed that I seen a man, a young fellow in shackles,

and he was trying to get out,
and—and I said...Somebody told
me, said, “Those are horrible
people, don’t have nothing to
do with them.”

25 And I seen this young fellow getting out of his shackel so I just let him alone. I thought, "I'll just see what he does." So when he got out, he was a nice fellow. And I seen others trying to get out.

26 Now, this is only a dream.
And I walked over this way and I
seen a—a brother, Roy Borders,
a very good friend of mine, lives
in California.

Looked like there's something wrong, his eyes was half closed, and great big...maybe cancer or something over his eyes.

And I...someone was trying to pull me away from him. I screamed, “Brother Borders! In the Name of the Lord Jesus, snap out of that!”

27 And he just barely could speak, saying, “Brother Branham, it’ll have to take something more than this. I just can’t grasp it, Brother Branham. I just can’t grasp it.”

28 I said, “O Brother Borders.” I
love him.

29 And someone pulled me away, and I looked, and it was a lady standing over here that I, when I was a little boy, I—I used to haul groceries from the grocery store to the peoples.

And her name was Mrs. Fenton,
she lives in Jeffersonville yet, a
personal friend to the wife and I.

30 And she said, “Brother
Branham, deliver us from this.”
Said, “This is a house of hell.”
And said, “You’ve been
misunderstood.” And said,
“These...And you—you
misunderstood these people,
too.”

Said, “These are fine people, but...” And I looked over there, and like a great big cellar, or—or big walls, down beneath a great big cave;

and great iron bars, eight or ten inches thick. And people, out of their mind, twisted arms and legs, beating their head like that. And she was crying, saying, “Deliver the people, Brother Branham.”

Said—said, “Help us, we’re in trouble.” She herself, I know her, she belongs to the...I believe the church of Christ, or the Christian church, called Church of the Brethren. So she...

31 I looked around, and I said, “I wished I could.” And go on, looking around; and I...my little, bitty body and—and them great, big iron bars; and those poor people in there.

And you couldn't get to them, them iron bars was setting close together. And I looked, and they were beating their head like they were out of their mind.

32 And I seen some lights flickering around in there. And I looked up, and there stood the Lord Jesus with a—a—a lights of rainbow around Him.

He was looking right straight to me, said, “Deliver those people.”
And He went away.

33 And I thought, “Well, how could I deliver them? I—I haven’t got strength enough in my arms to break those bars.”

34 So I said, “House of hell, give way to the Name of Jesus Christ.”

35 And all the creaking and popping, and—and rocks rolling, and—and bars falling; and people running, screaming, “Delivered!” and screaming at the top of their voice, and was all delivered.

36 And I was screaming then,
“Brother Roy Borders, where are
you? Where are you? God is
delivering His people!

54-1003E - Jubilee Year

72 What it needs, tonight, is not a new preacher. What it needs is the Holy Spirit, get out amongst the people, go to stirring them up, hungering and thirsting for righteousness' sake.

“Blessed are they when they hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Wherever it is, it takes the Holy Spirit to do it.

73 Now, in these days when
these priests...They'd take the
man out there, and maybe
hoeing in the cornfield;

the master walking down,
whipping him with the whip,
“Hurry up there! Got to hurry up
with this!”

74 But just as soon as that trumpet sounded, that man could throw that hoe down, say, “I won’t hoe with it no more.” And that taskmaster, that slave driver, was forbidden to touch him any more, ’cause he was free.

Why? He had heard the good news. The jubilee was on. The atonement was made, and all the slaves could go free.

75 I remember, myself, oh, my, when I heard that good news come to my heart. As a little old sinner boy laying here on the hospital bed, the doctor said,

“You got three more minutes to live.” I heard a sound from Heaven, that told me jubilee year was on.

76 I accepted the Lord Jesus,
turned loose all the shackles of
sin, and said to the devil, “You
can’t do me any more harm,
because I have give my life to
Christ Jesus,

and you can't whip me anymore." Since then, he's bluffed me, lots of times. But he's not been able to touch me since, because he's just a bluff.

I can hear his whip cracking and popping, and so forth, but it don't do no good. Because, he can't get me, because I belong to the Lord now. That's right.

77 Now we notice this fellow, after he was free to go, he was, go back to his home, go back to his loved ones, go back to his wife and children. He was free. He didn't have to be a slave no more.

78 But here is the tragedy. If that man did not desire to go back, and he wanted to remain there, then this master walked up to him, said, “You desire to still be my slave?” “Yes.”

Then they took him down to the temple, told it before the people, as a public testimony, put his ear up against the post, and put a awl, and marked him in the ear. Then he could never be free.

He had to be a servant as long as he lived. He must continue to serve this slave driver, as long as he lived, if he wilfully rejected his calling and opportunity to be free.

63-0630E - Is Your Life Worthy²²² Of The Gospel?

60 And then if a man did not go out, if there was some excuse that he could give, that he didn't want to return to his land, then he had to be marked in the ear,

with an awl, by the post in the temple. And then no matter how many jubilees come along, that man was sold out. He could never no more come back as a citizen in Israel, no more. What did he do?

He rejected his invitation. He didn't have to pay nothing. The debt of his slavery was over. His family was free. He could go right back to his homeland and get his own possession.

But if he refused to do it, then he wasn't lotted no more with Israel, and his possession was give to another.

61 Now, the same thing in the natural applies to the spiritual. That, if we, as inheritants of Eternal Life,

and we hear the Gospel and know that It's true, and we reject It, and refuse to do it or to listen to It, we take on the mark of the beast.

5. The Holy Ghost Had Been
Bound/Walled In By
Denominational Rivers But Is
Released By The Evening Time
Message As Our
Emancipator...There Will A
People That Will Receive Him

64-0719M - The Feast Of The Trumpets

241 “All Scriptures is given by inspiration,” and cannot be broken.

242 The big fifty days has
passed over. The pentecostal
feast has passed over, seven
sabbaths; until the trumpets, a
type of the Seventh Church Age.
Remember, remember,

the...under the Sixth Trumpet,
the Jew...Are you listening?

[Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.] Under the Sixth
Trumpet, the—the Pentecostals
reject the Bible;

the—the lukewarm, not only
Pentecostals, all the rest. The
church world rejects Christ and
He is put on the outside. And in
the same Trumpet...And the
same Seal, rather, when It was
opened,

to show Jesus on the outside of
the church, trying to get back
in; at the same time, the
Trumpet sound for the Jews, and
the Jews recognize the
Atonement. Glory! Hallelujah!
Oh, my!

243 The Holy Spirit has been
bound by these denominational
rivers, for almost two thousand
years, but is to be loosed in the
evening time, by the
evening-time Message.

The Holy Spirit back in the
Church again; Christ, Himself,
revealed in human flesh, in the
evening time. He said. He
promised it.

244 There was three stages of
it, as I said. The martyrs, age of
the martyr, for it; and then the
stage of the reformers; and now
the calling-out time.

245 When finished, at
Laodicean Age, according to
Revelation 10, the mystery of all
the Bible would be knowed to
the Bride. Is that right?
[Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

Revelation 10. Listen close now.
Uh-huh. Bride, called out by the
Word; Christ Himself calling out
the Bride, making plain Hebrews
13:8,

that He's "the same yesterday,
today, and forever," does the
same, is the same. "He that
believeth on Me, the works that
I do shall he do also." See? Luke
22...

Or, Luke 17:30, and also
Malachi 4, Hebrews 4:12, all
these Scriptures that's
promised, this is to be between
the Sixth and the Seventh Seal,
and the Sixth and the Seventh
Trumpet.

246 Pentecost feast finishes at
the period of the Seventh
Trumpet, for the next is the
Coming of...

Seventh Seal, for the next is the
mystery of the Coming of
Christ, and, also, the Trumpet is
sound for the Jews.

Their Sixth Trumpet is sound,
and, when it does, it makes
known to them the revealed
Son of God; one-half hour of
space.

Remember, all Trumpets sound
on this Sixth Seal. The Sixth Seal
finishes the mystery, under the
Sixth Seal, just before the
Seventh is opened.

62-1216 - The Falling Apart Of The
World

154 You're crying for a messiah
here at Christmas time. Uh-huh.
What did they get? They—they
wanted it. They want to take it
over.

The world today wants to take over. The church wants to take over, each denomination. But look what God gave them! They wanted a military genius. They wanted a—a scientific genius,

but God give them a Lamb, a
Baby. What a contrast! You
think they'd accept that crying
Child? But that's what they
needed. God gives you
according to your needs.

Certainly. They...He got...They
got a Baby when they was
wanting a general; but they got
a Baby, meek, lowly. God knew
their needs, though.

155 He never came to be a
national or a church politician.
And if Messiah would come
today, He would not be a
national or a church politician.
And if we cry for such a person,
God will send us deliverance,

but we got to receive It in the
way that He sends It. They
didn't do it, they didn't want It
that way. The church cries
today, "O Heavenly Father, will
You please send Jesus to us?

Will You please?” And when the
Holy Spirit begins to move in,
“Oh, that’s...We don’t want
that.” See? Well, you be, “Oh,
oh, we won’t have this man rule
over us.

Oh, I don't want to hear That.
No. My...I couldn't accept That,
my denomination won't believe
That.” Then you don't want a
Messiah, you don't want the
anointing.

If God sent a Messiah, He'd be
exactly Word by Word of the
Bible, exactly what He was at
the first time. The cry of the
world, when we see politicians
and everything else pinching out
the very Life of the church,

and we cry, and God sent it to
us, then we'd refuse it. "That's
right, we wouldn't want it. No, if
it didn't cope with our—our
denominational beliefs, we
couldn't receive it."

See? Oh, don't you see what
real Christmas...The people
don't want it. They don't want
God's way of sending it. They're
looking for something, but they
don't want it.

156 Now, God sent them, in the
day that they were crying, not a
military genius, not a great
general coming down with
buckle and armor,

and with a supernatural sword
or spear that he could yield and
run Rome and Greek and the
rest of them into the sea and
drown them again.

He didn't send them something
like that, though He said He did
do it one time in Moses, but
they needed it then.

But He sent them a Saviour and
they didn't want It. They
thought there was...they were
saved. See? That's the way with
the churches today.

Finds at this Christmas time
with all the tinsel of Christmas,
the Santa Claus lights, the
pagan traits and things dropped
into both Catholic and
Protestant churches, and just as
corrupt as it can be.

And God sends them a Saviour.
What? Back to the Word. The
Holy Spirit, God's Messiah, His
Anointed, to anoint His church
and send it back to the Word.

Do you think they want It? No,
sir. They won't have It. They'll
turning her down just like they
always do.

157 He sends a Saviour, but
what does He send a Saviour for
then? Want to drop a little
something here that'll help you.

There is a predestinated people
that's going to receive It. There
was when He come the first
time, there will be when He
comes the second time.

No matter what the church
world's got to think about it,
some...He don't send It in vain.
Somebody will receive It. There's
somebody's going to get It,
that's all;

but not the political world or the
political church, or whatever it
is. But when you cry out and
God sends It, somebody's going
to—going to receive It. That's
right.

6. This Is The
Acceptable Year- Don't
Put Off To Tomorrow
The Things You Could
Do Today

61-1015E - Respects

12 But some time ago, it was said down in the...Oh, many years back, when they had slavery.

And there was an—an old colored man who was...used to have old church singings, country singings.

They'd get together and they'd minister among the slaves, and preach, you know, and they'd have meeting. And one night there was an old fellow over there got saved.

And when he got saved, he knowed he was free then. So he begin to tell the other slaves, the next morning, on the plantation, he said, "I'm free."

13 So his boss come over and pulled him in, he said, “Now, looky here, Sam.” Said, “What’s this I hear you’re telling amongst the slaves, that you’re free?”

14 He said, “Yes, boss.” Said,
“That’s true.” Said, “At a
meeting last night, I was set free
from the law of sin and death.”
That’s it. That’s it.

15 The law of sin and death, I was set free from it. You were once bound there, you see, but now you're free from that. See?

As I said this morning, death only abides in sin. Sin and death is the same, see. But when you're away from sin, you're away from death;

but while you're in sin, you're in death. See? And therefore when you are free from the law of sin and death, you're a new creature in Christ Jesus, and then you're free.

16 And his boss said to him,
said, “Sam, do you really mean
that?”

17 He said, “Yes, sir.” And said, “The Lord called me last night to talk to my people, and speak to them, that they can be free from the law of sin and death.

Though we're slaves, yet we can be free from the law of sin and death.”

He said, “Sam, do you really mean that?”

18 He said, “Boss, I don’t know what you’re going to do with me after I say this, but I—I’s telling you, I’s a free man.” He said, “I’m free from the law of sin and death.”

19 And he said, “Sam, I’m a Christian, too, you know. And because that you have...God has made you free from sin and death, and you’re a Christian, and you feel you want to tell your brethren about it,

I'm going down this morning and set you free, and sign the proclamation. And you can be a free man, not bound by anybody, to preach the Gospel to your brethren.”

60-0522E - Adoption #4

1 ...Course, now, tonight we...After the service, we'll pray for the sick again, tonight. We always want to do that, baptize anybody at any time.

How many remembers when I
used to walk the power lines?
Well, I've walked right through
the power lines, many times,
had to walk thirty miles a day
through the wilderness.

I had two hundred and eighty
miles of line to walk. I would go
down through there, shirt in my
hands, and, oh, so tired,

walking through them jungles,
and green briars cutting. Meet
some old farmer and sit down
under a tree and talk to him
about being baptized in the
Name of the Lord Jesus.

He would say, “Well, I’ve always
wanted to be baptized.”

I said, “It ain’t very far to the
creek.” And he would say...

And I've took a many of them
right down there and baptized
them in the Name of Jesus. Take
right on down the line, just as
hard as I could go.

That's right. Many time in my
old working clothes, baptize
one, come right down off of a
pole. Set up there working
across the pole;

I was a lineman, too, working
across the pole, with a man,
talking to him about the Lord.
He'd say, "Why, Billy, one of
these days I'll come up to your
church and be baptized."

2 I'd say, "Why do you want to wait till then for? We're right by the river, there's plenty of water right there." Catch them right now. That's right. That's the time. Philip said...

3 The eunuch said to Philip,
“Here’s water, what does hinder
us?” That’s right. Nothing. If
you’re ready, that’s the time.

Don't let the devil get a chance
to wedge something in there.
Don't put off for tomorrow the
things that you could do today.
Tomorrow might not come for
you.

I remember one time I did that,
learned, taught me a lesson. I
put off something that I should
have done one day, and the next
day was too late.