

The Ongoing Battle To Conquer Our Land Of Promise

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Numbers 13:26-30

²⁶ And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed them the fruit of the land.

²⁷ And they told him, and said,
We came unto the land whither
thou sentest us, and surely it
floweth with milk and honey;
and this is the fruit of it.

²⁸ Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there.

29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan.

³⁰ And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.

60-0911M — As I Was With
Moses, So I Will Be With Thee
57 Oh, I got to stop here on
something just a moment,
won't take me but a minute.

Many people refer the promised land to the Millennium. It is not. The promised land had wars and killings. The Millennium won't have any wars or killings. It referred to the Holy Spirit, the battlegrounds.

58 Justification; they left Egypt. There's three stages of their journey. They left Egypt, under justification, believing the Word. They separated themselves from the Egyptians and come out.

They crossed the Red Sea and killed the things behind them, which was sanctification through the Blood, that kills all human desires of evil; second stage of the journey.

But the third stage was when they crossed Jordan, into the promised land where their inheritance laid. Their inheritance never laid in Egypt, though God blessed them in Egypt.

54-0329 — Redemption By
Power

44 God was bringing His church into the exodus, to bring it out of Egypt, into the promised land. I like that.

They were going over, to possess the land. God gave them the land, and yet it was all fenced in with big, great buildings and fences.

And walls around Jericho, the chariots could run races around it. And just think of that, yet, God said, “I’ve give it to you. It’s yours.” But they had to clean up, clean it up.

45 And that's what God has did today. He has give every one of you, that wants It, the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

But you got to go in, possess it, that's all; fight out the differences, and tear down the walls, and get started in there and get it.

59-0628M — A Deceived Church,
By The World

8 Remember, we are not on a picnic, but we're in a battlefield. Many people just think that when they become a Christian that that's all they need to do,

that that settles it forever, as they are a Christian and everything's going to come easy. Don't never get that in your head. For, I become a Christian to fight, fight the good fight of faith.

I become a Christian, to get in the battle lines. We are Christian soldiers, and we got to be trained and brought up, and know all the techniques of the enemy, to know how to fortify,

to know how to—to fight the fight. And we can only do that as the Holy Spirit will reveal it to us. We cannot take what some other nation tells us when we go to war, some of their ideas.

But we got to take our own ideas, the way the Holy Spirit would direct us, and what ideas He would give us, because He is the Commanding Chief of the army of the Christians.

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

18 I was just talking to a young minister and his wife, in the room, just a few moments ago.

And both of them are nervous just like the rest of the world, rest of the human beings on earth. I said, “Remember, Satan’s got a punch coming at you.”

Don't care who you are,
God...He's got a right for that
one punch. Which had you
rather be, that punch; be blind,
or be an arthritic setting in a
chair, or be nervous? See?

He's got somewhere he can punch you. He's got a right to that open place. Now, that's the spot you got to keep covered all the time. And to see this nervous age that we're living in!

64-0830E — Questions And
Answers #4

30 How can I take a cocklebur and make a grain of wheat out of it? It's impossible for me to do it.

The only way it can be is because inside that cocklebur has been transmitted from a cocklebur wheat...a cocklebur to a germ called “wheat life.”

Then you bury that cocklebur,
and it'll produce a grain of
wheat (that's right. See?),
because there has been a life of
wheat put in the cocklebur. And
the life of the cocklebur has
been taken out;

but the nature of the cocklebur is still sticky (see?), and it will be until this new life has fully been developed out of the ground and raised up again. When it comes forth, then it's no more cocklebur,

but wheat—but wheat. But while it's here on earth and the...in the...out of the earth...And a cocklebur, it's still sticky, but it's got the nature on the inside of it of wheat.

31 And as long as you're in this life, you're going to be sticky and have a carnal nature that's going to bother you as long as you live;

but the inside of you, you're
borned again. And when you're
raised up, you're in the likeness
of Christ and all the sin has
gone from you. See?
That's—that's the thing.

The Courage To Start Over Again

Luke 15:15-24

¹⁵ And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶ And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

¹⁷ And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

¹⁹ And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

²² But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:

²³ And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:

²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

**1. You Were Created
For God's Purpose
And That Can Never
Be Defeated**

58-0406S - I Know My
Redeemer Liveth

20 And we come on such a
morning, to gather hopes, some
new hopes of what we are here
for, and what is the purpose.

And I think that this is a
wonderful time to think on the
hopes that God has given us.

Now we want to draw this, first,
into our mind,

that there is not one thing that
can destroy us until the purpose
of He Who created us has been
fulfilled. There could be nothing.
We are made for a purpose.

21 This church was built here for
a purpose. This foundation was
not dug, and the cornerstone
laid, and the blocks laid into
the—the building,

and the roof and the interior,
was not put here just to see if it
could be done. It was put here
by a purpose, or for a purpose.

22 Your home that you live in, was not just accidentally put there, or somebody just wasting some time. Your home was made for a purpose, to serve a purpose.

23 If you did drive, this morning, here, in your automobile, that automobile was not made just to see if it could be made. The materials was not wasted by man. It was put here for a purpose, and to serve a purpose.

24 The clothing that you wear, was not just to see if somebody could fashion something. It was for a purpose.

25 The food that you eat, was not grown on the earth just to see it grow. It was made to serve a purpose.

26 And God did not have to just make a tree just to be a tree. He made a tree for a purpose.

27 And God did not make you and I, just to see if He could do it. He made us for a purpose. Therefore, there is a purpose of us all being here.

You're not here just to be another human being. You are here because that God made you for some purpose.

You're not here just to eat the food that God grewed. You're not here just to live in the house that—that man made, or to wear the clothing that someone fashioned.

You are here for a specific purpose. No matter how little you are, how big you are, how important you are, or how unimportant you are, you are here to serve a purpose.

28 Just as, my finger is here for a purpose. My nail on my finger is for a purpose. My eye, and every part of our bodies, is to serve a purpose.

And it was not put here just to see what it would look like when it was put here, but it was put here to serve its purpose. It was God's Divine plan to do so.

29 And if we were put here for a purpose, then there is nothing can destroy us until God's purpose is fulfilled. Nothing can harm us until that purpose, that God has put us here for, has been made manifest.

No matter how much trouble we have, how much heartaches or sorrows that we go through, all of these are reasons, and there's a reason for it.

30 We will take, for instance, Noah, in the Bible. There was a flood that came on, and all the earth was destroyed. The vegetation and everything was destroyed but Noah and the seed that he had taken into the ark.

31 God's purpose can never be defeated. There is nothing can defeat it.

So how happy ought we to be
today, resting upon that
beautiful revelation of the Word
of the living God, that there is
neither things present, nor
things that can come.

There's no sickness, no sorrow,
no death, no perils, nor nothing
can separate us from the
purpose of the living God. What
God has imagined in His mind,

what God has purposed in His
heart, to bring to pass; there is
no demon, there's no power,
there is nothing can ever
separate God's great immortal,
Eternal plan. It must be as God
has said.

2. We Are Bound To Make Mistakes: Our Strength Is In The Courage To Say, I Will Arise And Start Over –Victory Is In How We Bounce Back...

57-0610 - Faith Once Delivered⁶⁹ To The Saints

.....Always something when I think of Mr. Cadle stands out as something he used to say, “We come to make this a better place to live, harder to do rightly,

or harder to do wrong and easier to do right.” Something on that order. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] He used to say it on his broadcast. How I appreciated the ministry of Brother Cadle.

2 I have his book at home,
“When I Come Back,” I believe
the name of it is. “How I Come
Back?”

How in the basement here, he
seen the picture of his mother
laying down there when he just
about lost this tabernacle and
how the courage raised in him
to come back.

I got lots of respects for a man,
when he does make a mistake,
he's got courage enough to rise
and try again. We're all going to
make mistakes. The best makes
mistakes.

But a soldier is not one who will
lay down when he's knocked
down but will raise up again. We
used to sing a little song, "Let
Me Rise And Try Again." And I
like that.

For I have made many mistakes
in my life, as we all have. But I've
always been thankful to God for
grace to let me rise and try
again. I believe the song is
entitled, "Forgive Me, Lord, And
Try Me One More Time."

I think that's it. I'll be Yours, if You'll be mine. If I fall or if I sin, let me rise and try again. Take me back and try me one more time. That's...?...I love that.

3 That's why I'm trusting that
God will do to this great body of
Christ here on earth tonight,
who has...

We all are guilty of—of doing
things wrong, but may we, who
are gathered here tonight, along
with the rest of the great visible
body of Christ here on earth,
may we rise and try again.

I'm trusting that this convention will be one of the most outstanding vents—conventions that this group has had at any time.

Not because that I am with you again this time, but because that I think it's time that the great Church of the living God stood to her feet and shook herself and got ready.

59-1001 - What Went Ye Out⁸¹ To See?

3 But I was told one time, that, over at the Ballard and Ballard's, there was a fellow went over to get him a job, and they asked him to sign his name to the paper.

And when he went to sign his name, he did not have any...an eraser on the end of the pencil.

And the man told him, said,

“You have no eraser.”

He said, “Well, I don’t make any mistakes.”

4 And Mr. Ballard said, “Then I can’t use you. You ain’t going to do nothing.” So that’s about...I think that’s about right. If we don’t make mistakes, we not be doing anything.

But what I like about a person, is that, when you make a mistake, a real soldier is ready to rise and try again. There used to be a little song we sang.

*If I fall or if I fail, (something or
other)*

Let me rise and try again;

Forgive me, Lord,

And try me one more time.

5 I prayed that so much, to God,
till I'm ashamed of myself,
almost. "Let me rise and try
again." Constantly falling, and
each time, why, He's been
merciful to help me to come
back again.

6 Now, if we just look it over,
there isn't an hour through the
day, hardly, but what something
we do that's wrong.

And now there's no little ones or
big ones, they're all big ones
before God. So if Apostle Paul
had to die daily, how much more
will we have to die daily! See?

7 And then, I think, a person
that has done something wrong
and is willing to make it right,
the real Christian attitude is to
forgive that person.

And there is where, I think,
Brother Graham, that the church
people, today, miss it so much;
instead of trying to raise this
person back up again, is to just
keep shoving them farther.

See? As, see, Christ, when we
were the lowest, He stooped
and picked us up, and so that
makes it to where that we
ought to have that kind of a
spirit, too.

8 I just can't call his name;
maybe some of you brethren
can. I been thinking of it since I
come up here. Paul was...He had
caught a runaway slave.

I can't think of what his name was, just now. However, he owed a great debt. And Paul had been so into love with Christ, till he sent word to the master that owned the slave.

He said, “Now he has become a beloved brother. And all that he has done, and all that he owes you, see, put it on my account.”

And I'll pay you when I come
by.” See, Paul had been a
Christian, so long, until he—he
knew what it was to forgive,
what it meant to forgive
somebody.

He had been forgiven, himself.
And I think every Christian,
that's really been forgiven,
knows appreciations of
forgiveness.

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation

9 Now we're not a perfect people. We make our mistakes. We do things that's wrong. But, you see, love covers all of that.

We're willing, when we see our mistakes, to come back and apologize to one another. Yeah, that's—that's warriors. That's—that's really men and women that's gallant.

Any man can go out to the battlefield, that's got nerve enough to walk out there; but when he gets knocked down, then get up and try it again, see.

There used to be a song that a young man and young woman used to sing in the church, “If I fall or if I fail,” see, “if I fall or if I...” I forget how it goes. “Let me rise and try again.”

*Forgive me, Lord, and try me one
more time, (See? See?)
If I fall or if I sin, let me rise and try
again,
Just forgive me, Lord, and try me
one more time.*

60-0911M - As I Was With
Moses, So I Will Be With Thee

26 But we find here that, God,
in spite of all the failure that
Moses had done, He still had His
hand on him.

And He called him to go, do His service, called him to his commission. And what a consolation that must have been to Joshua, when he heard God say, “As I was with Moses, so will I be with you.”

27 Although, if I'm trying, and I fail, God won't leave me. I never have much confidence in anybody that's too afraid to do anything. I would rather be found a failure than too lazy to try.

28 One time it was said that the
Ballard and Ballard Flour
Company hired a man, and he
was going to sign his name,

and the man had no eraser on
the end of his pencil. And Mr.
Ballard said to him, said, “Why
haven’t you got eraser?”

He said, “I don’t make
mistakes.” He said, “Then I can’t
use you. Because, if you make
mistakes, you...You don’t make
mistakes, you won’t do
nothing.” That’s true.

29 God don't hold you
responsible for your mistakes.
He holds you responsible for
your willful sin. "He that sins
wilfully, after he has received
the knowledge of the Truth."

But a man that's going to do something, is going to blunder, he's going to fall. He's going to make mistakes. But if he's really Divinely called, and God in his heart, he'll rise again.

30 Used to be, coming to the church here, years ago, and they may be here this morning, a little man and his wife. They used to sing a song that thrilled me. Goes something like this:

*Forgive me, Lord, and try me one
more time,
I'll be Yours if You'll be mine;
If I fall or if I fail, let me rise and try
again,
Forgive me, Lord, and try me one
more time.*

31 I like that. For, any good
soldier is apt to get wounded or
hurt. But if he's still a soldier,
and got a purpose, and
something to fight for, he'll rise
and try again. And any good
soldier of the Cross will do the
same thing.

3. A New Start Is
Deliverance-Starts
With Right
Diagnosis Of The
Ailment

60-0302 - From That Time

17 I talked to a young woman,
some time ago, who was in the
emergency room.

She was from the psychopathic.
In a great meeting at Flint,
Michigan, and they had, maybe,
thirty cases of insanity in the
room,

and they said, “You could not bring them out in public, because they were in strait jackets, and—and all kinds of conditions.”

And I went into the room, and one man went with me, and when we went in there, there was a beautiful, young woman, looked to be about twenty or twenty-five years old, setting there.

I said, “How do you do?” She said, “How do you do?” And I said, “Well, it’s hard to know which way to start, and some of them out of their minds and screaming.”

And—and people watching them, and...” She said, “If you don’t mind, sir, I’d like for you to start with me.” I said, “With you?” She said, “Yes, sir.” “Why,” I said, “you’re not a patient, are you?”

She said, “Yes, sir, I am.” “Well,” I said, “you seem to have your right mind.” She said, “I wonder.” And she said, “Could you listen to my story just a moment?” I said, “Certainly, madam.”

18 And she started telling me, she said, “I was reared in a good home.” She said, “And my mother taught me not to do wrong, to shun evil, and to embrace the right thing.”

She said, “And I lived that kind of a life for a number of years, and I got mixed up with a young man.” And she said, “It caused a disgrace to me.” And said, “I just started and throwed myself away, and I become a alcoholic.”

Said, “Then they picked me up and sent me to a Catholic institution, called the Good Shepherd’s Home.” Said, “There I was under correction for a number of years, and then they released me.

And as soon as I got out from that, I started drinking again.” And said, “Then I served a year or two in woman’s state prison.” And said, “Then I had changed from Protestant to Catholic.

Then doing this time, I changed back to Protestant again, from the chaplain talking to me.” And said, “I come out and tried again,” but said, “I went right back into it again, into prostitution, drinking.”

And I said, “Your mother?”
“She’s dead.” “Your father?”
“Dead.” And I—I said, “What do
you think they would think
about you now?” She said, “Oh,
if I could only go back again.”

19 I said, “A lovely, young woman like you. Don’t you desire to be married, and have babies like all mothers do, and so forth?”

She said, “I would love to, sir.
But look at me, what could I
offer anyone?” I said, “You’ve
got one thing you could offer.”
She said, “What’s that?”

I said, “Your soul to Jesus
Christ.” She said, “Sir, He
wouldn’t receive it.” I said, “Oh,
yes, He will.” Said, “How do you
know He would? I tried.” I said,
“Yes, you’re just turning pages,
but you really come to Him...”

She said, “What could He do
with me?” I said, “Make a lady
out of you.” Said, “Not me, I’m
too far gone.” I said, “He can
take you back to the time when
you was a virgin, innocent girl.

The Blood of Jesus Christ is
sufficient and powerful to
transform the vilest sinner to a
Blood-washed saint, guiltless
before God.” She said, “I’ve tried
that so many times.”

20 I said, “I want to tell you; I believe your case is never been diagnosed right.” I said, “You don’t want to be like that.” She said, “Certainly not.” Said,

“Just what you mentioned, a while ago, is what I want to be, a mother with husband, with babies, someone to love and someone that loves me. I’d never spoil a man’s life like I am.” I said, “You don’t have to.” I said, “

That...This may sound old
fashion, sister, but it's the truth
nevertheless. It's the devil that's
done that to you. It's the devil
that's got a hold of you, driving
you to things that you don't
want to do."

She looked at me with those
big, dark eyes, and said, “I’ve
always believed that was the
truth.” I said, “Would you kneel
here with me?” She said, “Now,
they tell me I’m—I’m a mental
case.”

I said, “You are.” But I said,
“Jesus Christ restores a right
mind. There’s nothing too great
for Him.” And she said, “Do you
think He would for me?” I said,
“Certainly.”

But we've got to get that devil
out of there, before He
can—where he entered when
you was a young girl. He will go
out and he will go right back to
that place again.”

21 And she got down on her knees, and I asked her to pray. And she prayed for a few moments; she looked over at me,

and she said, “Brother Branham, I now am going to make a new start.” I said, “Sis, it won’t do one bit of good. You’re going just exactly the same road you’ve been over.

It won't work." And she said,
"I—I mean it in my heart." I said,
"I know you do, but that devil's
more stronger than any mental
powers that you could put to
him.

That's the reason I don't
believe in a intellectual
religion. I believe a man's got to
be borned again of the Holy
Spirit. It's got to be deeper than
your thinking, got to be an
experience."

And she said, “What must I do?”

I said, “Just stay right there.”

And we prayed and prayed. I went ahead and prayed with some more people and come back.

She was praying. I come back to her again, and after while I come back, and she was getting deeply in sincerity. In a few moments, she raised up, with tears running down her cheek;

she looked me in the face. She said, “Brother Branham, something’s happened.” I said, “You don’t have to turn no new pages now.”

The woman's married and got a
family, and a lovely, sweet,
borned again Holy Spirit filled
saint. 'Cause God could take
her back to a place where she
started to do wrong.

That's His goodness, and from that time, she was a changed woman. From the time of a young girl, to at one time she was evil. God taken her back, and from that time she was different.

4. Our Own Courage To¹⁴⁷
Start Afresh; To Walk
In Our Fellow's
Shoes-Becomes A
Stepping Stone To Heal
Others.

Leaving Behind
Footprints On The
Sands Of Time

63-1103 - Go, Wake Jesus

153 Psalm Of Life. Longfellow's poem, A Psalm Of Life. I love it. It tells something. It manifests something.

It's got real something into it,
some meanings. I like
something that's got color in it,
got meaning. Music, poem,
whatever it might be, I love it if
it's real.

Psalm Of Life

Tell me not, in mournful
numbers,

Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that
slumbers,

And things are not what they
seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout
and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are
beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of
battle,

In the bivouac of Life,

Be not like dumb, driven cattle!

Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er
pleasant!

Let the dead Past bury its
dead!

Act, — act in the living Present!

Heart within, and God
o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives
sublime,

And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of
time;

Footprints, that perhaps
another,

Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked
brother,

Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

True Love Served
With Empathy Is A
Healer-a Restorer

63-0825E - Perfect Faith

129 Like a—a young girl...just
happened here in Louisville, not
long ago. A woman, she was
a—she was a...been a Christian
for many years,

but her husband had just...fell in
love, she fell in love with this
man. He had been a Christian, a
couple years. And so they got
married;

they loved and had confidence
in one another, and they got
married. And so the woman said
to the man, said, “Hubby, it
must be hard on you, you’re just
a young Christian.

You've had so much to go
through with." Drinking is what
it was. Said, "You've had so
much to go through with." And
said, "I know you're bound to be
tempted awfully hard."

And said, “I want you to know
one thing now. Now, if you
happen to fall, if you happen
to—to fall into temptation and
is overcome, don’t stay away
from home; you come on back.

You come right here, 'cause
I—I'm going to be right here
waiting for you, and I'm going
to help you pray through again
until you get victory.

I'm going to stay with you,
because when I married you, I
married you because I loved
you. And no matter what you
are, I still love you."

130 Few days after that, he was
eating his lunch with the fellows
down in the boiler room, he was
telling them about it,

said, “Now, how could a man
ever do anything wrong when
somebody loves you like that?”

See?

131 There you are. How—how could you trespass that confidence?

132 And when we were sinners, alienated, without God; in the world, in that muck of mud, as I talked about this morning, God come to us!

God sought you, you never sought God. “No man can come to Me except the Father draws him first.”

And God came down in that muck, what you were, and sought you out and brought you out! That ought to create a Perfect Love. Look what you was, and look what you are.

What did that? Somebody that loves you! Can't you have faith in what He's promised you, then? Real genuine love will create a confidence in His Word.

133 He caught me when I was
nothing. I'm still nothing, but
I'm in His hand. See, He caught
me.

And He loved me when I was
unlovable. He loved you when
you was unlovable, but He
changed you. Just like the
colored sister said, that time in
her testimony,

she said, “I’m—I’m not what I
ought to be, and I’m not what I
want to be, then I’m not what I
used to be!” She knowed she
had come somewhere,
something happened.

And that's the way it is. If God,
when I was an alien from Him,
so loved me till He stooped
down to get me and pick me up,
that gives me confidence that
He wants to use me.

He's got a purpose in doing it.
He seen something in me. He
seen something in you. He had a
reason to save you, look at the
people that's unsaved today.

Look at the millions He could
have took beside you, but He
took you. Amen! No one can
take your place. Amen! You're in
God's economy. No one can do
it. That's His Love to you.

57-0806 - God Projecting His Love

23 The next day, or night, when
I got in there...The platform was
about as wide again as this
entire building across here, the
floor space,

and it was piled full of old coats
and hats, that I might pray over
them hats and things for the
people.

Coming on the platform that
night, about the fourth or fifth
person, I noticed an old
wrinkled-faced man.

And as he come up, he was
blind, and he kept saying
something. The interpreter was
speaking it, “Was he
approaching the man that was
going to pray for him?”

As he kept telling, “Yes.” He
fumbled in his old ragged coat
pocket, brought out a little pair
of beads and begin to say
something over these beads.

I told him; I said, “Put it away,
brother. You don’t have need of
that now.” And he stuck it in his
pocket. And I looked at him; I
begin to think.

25 And the old man, as he stood there I begin to feel sorry for him. I looked at his old ragged coat. I put my shoulders up the side of his to see if my coat would fit him. I looked at his feet:

no shoes on, great callouses on his feet, dusty all the way up as far as you could see, where his ragged trouser leg. My shoe wasn't nothing like big enough for him. And I begin to look, and I thought,

“That poor old man maybe never had a good meal in all of his life.” Oh, the economics of Mexico is very poor. The brick mason gets about eight pesos a day.

And it takes about four days
good hard labor to buy himself a
pair of shoes. That's Pancho
Frank. What does Pedro do,
working for about two pesos
with six or eight children to
raise?

Oh, it's terrible. And I thought,
“After all that, and then
nature...The devil has given him
evil to blind his poor, old,
blinded eyes. How cruel it was
to him.” And I begin to enter
into something;

I can't express it; it was a love of sympathy. And as the old fellow come and laid his head over on my shoulder, and I hugged that old ragged coat, I said, "Merciful God, please help this poor old blind daddy."

If my dad would've lived, he'd have been about that age. Will You help him?" And I heard him hollering, "Gloria Dios."

And the man could see as good as I could. The people begin screaming everywhere. What was it? It was entering into that fellowship of his suffering in his blindness. You must do it.

26 If ever I had a time of success of praying for anyone, is when I could enter into the fellowship with them, feel their infirmities, feel their conditions.

Then something in you goes
down beyond the reasoning and
prays the prayer of faith for the
sick. You've got to feel for a
man.

You've got to sympathize with
him. You've got to be with him
before you can help him. Then
you enter into some sort of a
deepness; it's the love of God.
It's beyond human love.

From A Bank
President...To A Drunk
On The Street For Lack
Of Love

59-1231 - And From That Time

45 Now, I suppose there's
practically all of us here, tonight,
could call to member,
remembrance of certain things
that taken place at certain time.

From that time, something
changed. Such-and-such a thing,
it happened at that time. And
from that time on, it was
different. And it's a good thing
that we can.

And some of those memories, of
things that we think of, is
worthy things that changed.
And there's some things that is
not so worthy of thinking of.

46 For instance, if the woman of an ill-fame, that she said, “There was a time that I was a good, righteous, moral girl.

And on a certain night, or a certain place, a certain thing happened.” And since that time, she’s been on the wrong road.

Her life has been marred with sin, and blackness and darkness, and only judgment waits her. But she can remember, from that certain time, it happened when she took the wrong road.

47 The—the drunk man, tonight,
on the streets, that trying to
drink his sorrows away. You
might pick him up.

Like I was down on the bowery
here, some time ago, in New
York, the great center of the
drunken people. I was walking
with a certain minister. And
there laid a man, oh, just plenty
of men,

harmless, helpless, laying there
with the front of their clothes all
wet, and—and their beards all
over their faces, and just in a
terrible condition. And they
were perfectly harmless.

48 And this minister said, “Pick
that one up, and just ask him.”

49 And I went over to this man
which was laying with one foot
across a bumper of a car, and
his head laying down on the
street, and where that he had
been unable to—to—to go at
times, of to the rest rooms.

Oh, he was just in a terrible
condition. And I took a hold of
him, and I said, “Can you
speak?” And he wouldn’t make
me no answer.

50 So the minister got down. He
knowed more about how to deal
with him. And he asked him,
“Who are you?”

51 And finally he got him roused
up enough, till he would say, “If
you’ll buy me a drink!” And
come to find out, he could point
his finger to the bank that he
used to be president of.

52 “Well,” he said, “we are
preachers. Could you tell me
what took place?” “If you’ll
promise me a drink!”

53 Well, we couldn't do that. I
said, "I couldn't add sorrow to
your sorrows. I want to help
you."

54 All his story. He come home,
one night, and there was a,
what he called, a “Dear John”
letter on the—the table.

Then, his wife had left him. And
had...He loved her. And she had
taken his children. And he was
divorced, and she had run away
with another man.

And he said, “I didn’t know what to do, to shoot my brains out, or what to do. So I—I went down to the saloon.” And from that time, there he was. That’s all over the world.

63 For instance, the young married couple. There was a certain time that they got married. And they—they put their vows together. And they pledged, one to another, their loyalty.

And they said, that, “We will love, honor and cherish each other, as long as we both live.”
But there come a time that something happened.

64 All these things,
there—there's a time when
something happens. And maybe
all their vows, and all the
leagues of nations, and so forth,
maybe had good intention,

but they all come to an end. All become crumbling, beneath the—the—the feet of man. With all the good intentions we could have, but all must come to an end.

65 But there is a time that
where man can come to
something that's Eternal. That's
when, a man, the time man
meets God. That's when
something happens that's
Eternal.

66 We do our mistakes. And we
make our vows on New Year's
night, to only break them the
next day. We turn new pages,
and we assign vows.

And we go to priests and...We
don't, but Catholics do. And
make confessions, and sign
pledges, and we come to the
altar and turn new pages, but all
in vain.

For, the next time somebody
crosses our path or something,
that old temper will fly right
back again. Every time that we
get into trouble or something,
it'll happen again.

67 But there is a place where a man can come, to a time, that will change him forever, for Eternal.

“He that will come to Me, I will
in no wise cast out,” said Jesus.
A man can come to God, and his
whole Eternal destination is
changed.

And a man can meet God, and
he can never be the same
anymore. You can't meet God
and ever remain the same
person you was.

If you turn away from Him, you'll
be a worst person than you ever
were. If you receive Him, you
got Eternal Life, and He'll raise
you up at the last day, by His
promise.

62-0211 - Oneness

33 We know we make mistakes,
but you mustn't look at that.
It's not your mistakes, because
you're always going to have
them.

But, you see, it's following His Rules, following what He said do.

Stumble and falling doesn't have one thing to do with It. A real true servant, if he'll stumble, he'll get up again.

If he wobbles, God pulls him
right back in the path, as long as
he's in the path of duty. But if
he's off of the path of duty,
God's not obligated to him.

But as long as he's in the path
of duty, God's obligated to him,
knowing that he's just a man or
a woman. He's obligated to that
person as long as they're in the
path of duty.

5. To Share Grace, Our
Own Make-Up Must Be
Grace- We Only Give
What We Have.

The Lord's
Prayer-Forgive Our
Trespasses As We
Forgive

60-0805 - Lamb And Dove

56 ...Here not long ago, I was holding a meeting in the city; I walked into a place.

We'd been eating across the street in a little Dunkard restaurant. It was up somewhere in Ohio. Honey, you remember where it was at? I forget. It was somewhere up in Ohio, there; we

was in a big armory building. It was packed out, and thousands of people. They kept me out in the country, 'cause there's was so many down there knowed where I was living.

And it...Went out in the country
and we'd eating across, a little
Dunkard Restaurant, very nice
clean, little ladies, walking
around there so nice and
everything.

And so then, Sunday, they closed up and went to church. And I hadn't eat for two days, so I had to preach that afternoon.

57 And I went across to a modern little restaurant across the street, or across the road where the highways cross, and went over there, and when I walked in there it was disgracefully.

Standing, playing a slot machine, was a—a officer, police officer, about my age. You know, he's married, with his arm immorally around a woman, playing a slot machine, and gambling's illegal in Ohio.

There you are. I looked back across there, and there set a—some of these pretended Elvis Presleys, with these, like a duck setting on the back of their head,

and—and all that kind of nonsense, hoodlums with their trousers pulled down like this, and setting there with a young girl in their arms. I just couldn't say it in a mixed audience.

58 I looked setting over to the right; there set a elderly woman, old enough to be my grandmother almost, setting there with purple stuff on her lips,

and her toenails painted the same, with a little pair of these little immoral clothes, and the poor old thing, her hide hanging down like this on her arms,

and setting there with little blue spots on her face like this, where she'd painted them, with hair that was colored blue. And I looked, and I thought, "Oh, my."

And two old men setting there,
and it summertime, one of them
with a big army overcoat on, a
scarf hanging down like this,
setting there with that poor
lady, and beer setting around
there, drinking.

And one of them looked up to
the other, and said, “You think
the rain will hurt the rhubarb?”

And they excused themselves
and went to the rest room. And I
stood there;

I said, “God, You in Your
holiness, how could You ever
stand to look at that, when it
kills me to look at it?” I said,
“Why, don’t You strike the thing
off the earth? Don’t let it here
no longer.”

I said, “My little Sarah and
Rebekah there, had to be raised
up in such as that,” I said, “God
strike it from the earth; You’re
holy, how can You do it?”
Something said to me, “Get
behind the door.”

59 I went back behind the door and stood there. I waited a little bit; a vision come: I saw a world turning. And around the world was a mist; that looked like blood, spraying around.

And I looked in there, and there I was doing things wrong. Every time I'd do something wrong, my sins would start before God, and God would slay me for it, but Jesus was standing there like a bumper.

He caught it. I'd see the tears run down His cheeks, and I'd do something else bad, His Blood would hold it, keep it from—from touching me, from killing me.

God would kill me. Eat...“The day you eat thereof, the day you die.” And I looked at it. And in the vision I went up to Him, I said, “Lord, I’m ashamed of myself.”

There laid my book laying there
with all kinds of evil wrote on it.
I said, “Will You forgive me,
Lord, that I put You in that
condition? Did my sins 'cause
You to have to die for me?”

Oh, Lamb, please forgive me for my sins. I won't do that no more." He reached back, tapped His hand like this, and wrote across the book with His own Blood,

“Pardoned,” throwed it over behind Him. Then He did, He opened up a new book. I said, “Thank you, Lord; I’ll do anything You tell me to do. I love You, Lord Jesus.”

60 He said, “Now, I freely forgive
you for all that you’ve done.”
And then He turned, and I seen
the woman. Said, “But you
wanted to strike her off the face
of the earth.”

Oh, I felt about that big. I said,
“Forgive me, Lord.” When the
vision left me, I walked out to
the little table where she was at,
and I said,

“How do you do?” And she
looked up; she was half-drunk.
She hiccupped a couple of
times, said, “Oh, hello.”
And—and I said, “May I set
down?” She said, “Thank you, I
have company.”

I said, “I didn’t mean it in that way. I’d just like to say a word to you.” And she said, “Say on.” And I set down; I said, “How long you been leading this life?” She looked over at me, and poor old thing, and I—I thought,

“My, no matter how—what’s
she’s went through...” And I told
her what had happened. I said,
“You pardon me.” She said, “Are
you that minister down here,

Mr. Branham, that's in...?" I said,
"I am." She reached over and
got a hold of my hand,
trembling, commenced to
crying; she said, "Sir," she said,
"my husband was a preacher."

She said, “After his death...I
have two girls; they’re Sunday
school teachers, both of them.
And she told me the story, what
happened, the way she was
leading. She said, “I’m past
hope.”

I said, “No, you’re not. No,
you’re not.” She said, “I—I want
to straighten up.” But she said,
“I have no place to start.” I said,
“What, right now. God’s
showing me behind the door,

that vision there, me wanting to
strike you off. And He said, 'He
forgive me, and I want to
condemn you.' Lady, forgive
me." There she took a hold of
my hand. I led her right out
there, them little old shorts on,

right in the middle of the—that
floor like that, and knelt down,
and we had a real prayer
meeting there. When I got
through, people were crying,
walking around there.

61 I tell you, brethren,
sometimes we have to speak
against sin; it's not to hurt the
person; it's to bring them to
recognize, bring them to a spot
to recognize. Like our Lord, we
don't mean to hurt or be bad;

God knows that. That
wouldn't—that—never that
being my soul, but it's to try to
get people to recognize what's
going on, what's happening.

See? And I do this so that we'll
forsake all unbelief, and the
things of the world, and come
back, and be a real sweet,
humble Christian and live for
Him.

60-0522M - Adoption #3

2 I, my, I just can't see nothing else but the grace of God. That's my makeup. I always did believe in grace.

I'm just grace all over, that's all.
It isn't I—I...even in my life,
when I was a boy, I couldn't see
nothing, just grace, grace.

They say, “I—I’ll...You scratch my back and I’ll scratch yours.”

Well, it’s an awful expression.

But I don’t care whether you scratch mine or not, if yours needs scratching, I’ll scratch you anyhow.

See, grace. Yes, sir. See, grace works by love. If you need it! Regardless if you never done nothing for me, I—I don't have one thing to do with you, if you need it I'll do it anyhow. Grace! Because that you need it!

60-0522M - Adoption #3

43 I needed saving. There was nothing could save me. There was nothing I could do about myself, I could no more save myself than nothing.

But I needed saving, because I believed in a God. And God sent His Son, made in the likeness of sinful flesh, to suffer in my place,

and I was saved, by grace alone
was I saved. Not one thing could
I do, or you do, to save yourself.
And those who He foreknew
before the foundation of the
world...

6. Always Remember The Nature Of Our Father

65-1031M - Power Of Transformation

10 And with as many as a hundred and twenty people here together, you are bound to—to find things sometimes, the enemy will sweep in among you,

and through your minds,
and—and start this, that. Just
stop when he does it. Think
back, think of this morning,
think of the times when you're
sitting together in Heavenly
places in Christ Jesus.

11 Some of you are plumbers
and some are carpenters and
some this, that, and the other.
You rub arms with the world
each day, when you're out
there.

283
But when you see those things,
and great temptations rise, just
remember these little, sacred
places where you're sitting
together, with the only thing
that lasts. Your jobs will fail, one
of these days. Your health will
fail.

Even your life, here on earth, will
fail. But then That won't fail.
And if He is the center of all
things, then let's keep our
minds on the center Post, what
has drawed us to this.

59-0802 - Without Money Or Without Price

120 I owe Him my life. You owe Him your life. You owe Him your life, to serve Him; not to give it, to walk about and brag about your church denomination;

not to go about and criticize others; but to try to serve and to save others, and to bring them to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

121 The prodigal son. In closing, I might say this. When he had wasted all his living, the father's living, with riotous living, and when he was returning home...

He was laying in a pig pen, and he come to himself. And he said, “How many hired servants, my father has got, that has enough to spare, and here I am dying, for want.”

What if he tried to say,
“Wonder if I’ve got some money
I could pay dad back (what I
spent in running) with?” But he
knowed the nature of his father,
and he said, “I will arise and go
to my father.”

122 The father never said, “Wait a minute, son! Are you bringing my money back?” No. He never charged him for his sins.

He was glad that he was coming back. He was glad that he had come to himself, because he was his son. He was his own child. He was glad he was on his road home.

Now, he didn't endorse his sin, but he was glad when he come to himself and said, "I have sinned before my God, and before my father. I will arise and go to him."

123 And when he saw him, far off, he ran to him and kissed him. And he said, “Kill the fattened calf,” without money. “Bring the best robe,” without money.

“Bring the ring,” without money, “put it upon his finger. Let us eat, drink, and be merry, for this my son was lost and is now found. He was dead, and he is alive again. Let us be happy about it.”

124 May I say this, friends, to close. The only thing that satisfies, the only real things there is, the only good things there is, cannot be bought with money.

They are free gifts of God, by Jesus Christ: salvation of the soul; joy. Come and eat, and be satisfied. Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread?

and your labour for that which satisfies not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat...that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in the fatness.

Incline your ears, and come to me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I'll make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

125 All things that are lasting,
all things that are good, all
things that are pleasant, all
things that are Eternal, are free,
and cost you nothing.

At the ending of the writing of this Book, it said, “Whosoever will, let him come and drink from the Waters of the fountains of Life, freely,”

without money, without price.
Why do you spend your money
for that which satisfieth not,
and let the real things that does
satisfy, free, go unpreserved by
yourself?

157 Is there one here tonight,
who is a Christian, who is a man
or a person of God, but you've
been dilatory in the way, you
have not done as God has told
you. You've been up and down.

You've listened to things you
should not have listened. You've
done things that you ought not
have done, and you want God to
forgive you. And you want a
new start from tonight on.

You will make your decision for
God right now, and say, “I’ll do
it”? Will you raise your hand?
God bless you. God bless you,
you, you, you. Oh, that’s fine. All
right.

158 Anybody else put up your hand? I want you to raise your hand. That's your making, of God. God sees your hand. Y

ou say, “What good does that
do?” Oh, raise your right hand
one time, to God, and find out
what it does.

Raise your right hand, in the
courts, swear a lie, and see what
happens to you, you'll be caught
by it. Raise your hand to God
and make an oath,

and then watch if the Holy Spirit
don't catch you by it. When God
is at your heart's door, you
make your decision. [Brother
Branham knocks on the pulpit
twenty-one times—Ed.]

159 You're at Kadesh-barnea.
Yonder lays every blessing that
God promised you. Yonder lays
an old-fashion revival.

There lays joy, peace,
longsuffering, goodness,
gentleness, meekness, patience,
laying before you, and you don't
possess it. It's yours. God has
promised it to you. Do you want
it?

160 Is there a family here, about
to be broke up? You argue and
fuss with one another, and you
know you oughtn't to do it.
You're ashamed, the way you
act around your wife, or your
husband, and you want God,

tonight, by His grace, to give
you grace to overcome, to put
your arm around he or she, and
say, “Honey, by the grace of
God, from tonight on, our
decision, ‘I’ll live for God.’” Raise
your hand.

Is there a family? Everyone with
your head bowed now. Just raise
your hand. [Blank spot on
tape—Ed.] I'm so thankful that
there's not. But if there is, God
knows how to take care of all
things.

50-0813E — God Revealing
Himself To His People

66 Now, look. There was some lepers set at the gate one time, of Samaria, when the Syrians had it besieged.

Do you remember the story in the Bible? They said, “Why do we set here until we die? If we go in the city, we die; they’re starving.

If we—if we set here, we die. If we go down to the camp of the Syrians, if they kill us, we just die, 'cause we're go—going to die anyhow. Well, if they save us, we live.” Isn't that right?

And by that mere little shadow of faith, they moved towards the camp of the enemy, and God rewarded them. Now, when He saved them, that saved the whole, oh, all Israel.

Isn't that right?

Now, you're not asked tonight to go to the camp of the enemy. You're asked to come to the house of Father, where He's expecting you to come for your healing.

Well, why do you set here till you die? Let's do something about it. Let's believe God. Let's go out, face it with God's Spirit upon us.

The Promise Is To The Overcomers

Friday Fellowship, 9th February 2023

Bro. Jack Kiraka

1. The Land Of The Holy
Ghost Is Heavenly
Places In Christ...It's Joy
Unspeakable

60-0515E — Adoption #1

91 ...That same Holy Ghost is here tonight, same Spirit of God, ministering to us the same spiritual blessings.

...blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places...

92 Oh, let's stop just one more minute here. "In Heavenly places." Now, just not out anywhere, but in Heavenly places. We are assembled in "Heavenly,"

it means that the position of the believer. That, if I'm prayed up, you're prayed up, or the church is prayed up, and we're ready for the Message,

and we have assembled ourselves together as saints, called out, baptized with the Holy Ghost, filled with God's blessings, called, elected, set together in Heavenly places now, we are Heavenlies in our souls.

Our spirits has brought us into a Heavenly atmosphere. Oh, brother! There you are, a Heavenly atmosphere! Oh, what could happen tonight,

what could happen tonight if we would be sitting here in a Heavenly atmosphere, and the Holy Spirit moving over every heart that's been regenerated and become a new creature in Christ Jesus?

All sins under the Blood, in perfect worship, with our hands up to God and our hearts lifted, setting in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, worshipping together in the Heavenly places.

93 Did you ever set in one? Oh, I have set till I would weep for joy and say, “God, never let me leave here.” Just Heavenly places in Christ Jesus!

94 Blessing us with what?
Divine healing, foreknowledge,
revelation, visions, powers,
tongues, interpretations,
wisdom, knowledge, all the
Heavenly blessings,

and joy unspeakable and full of
Glory, every heart filled with the
Spirit, walking together, setting
together in Heavenly places, not
one evil thought among us,

not one cigarette smoked, not
one short dress, not one this,
that or the other, not one evil
thought, nobody got anything
against one another, everybody
speaking in love and harmony,

everybody with one accord in one place, “then suddenly there come from Heaven a sound like a rushing mighty wind.” There you are, “Has blessed us with all spiritual blessings.”

95 Then the Holy Spirit might fall upon somebody, and say, “THUS SAITH THE LORD. Go to a certain place and do a certain thing.” Watch it happen just like that.

[Brother Branham snaps his fingers—Ed.] See? “THUS SAITH THE LORD. Do a certain thing at a certain place.” Watch it happen like that. [Brother Branham snaps his fingers.]

96 “Blessed us together in all
Heavenly blessings in Heavenly
places.” Watch!

2. The Bride-Church
Once In The Land Of
Promise Has Certain
Claims Entitled To Her.

62-0422 - The Restoration Of
The Bride Tree

88 Enforce! Then, we are
the...have the privilege to
enforce, upon Satan, the claims
that God give us.

For, God has a law, and His Word is a law, and God in this Word made certain claims to the Church.

Therefore, we have a right to force these claims upon Satan, and say, “Give it back,” and he has to do it. Because, we can take God’s Agent, the Holy Spirit, go right down on our knees,

and say, “It’s THUS SAITH THE LORD.” He’s got to give it up, that’s all, ’cause the Holy Spirit is there to make him do it. The law of the land is to enforce. It’s by the land, for the land.

89 But the law of the Spirit of God is to force Satan to give up that which he has unrightfully, deceitfully taken from God.

Souls of men, he took from God;
souls of women, children.
Sickness of the body, he placed
upon people.

Where, God made them in His image, to be like Him, and the Church is given the rightful legal rights, by the Bible, to take the Holy Spirit and enforce this upon him.

3. The Promise Is To The
Overcomers- Them That
Endure To The End
....Stay Put In The Land..

58-1228 - Why Little Bethlehem?

60 And we are...find out that, years later, after that Naomi had left the country and gone over to sojourn with the Moabites, and when they had, evilly, had mistreated her.

And she had got out of fellowship with the rest of the believers, and associated herself in a backslidden condition, in another land, among another people.

In otherwise, she had left the true believing Church, to go out into the world for a little while, to join some social church, who believed in just anything would be all right. In there, she lost her husband.

61 And it don't have to be every time in physical death. You might lose him in a spiritual death, or lose your wife. Better stay on good grounds.

You had better stay where you know you're covered by the Blood, regardless of what the rest of them looks like, how big they are, how fine of spires they have on their churches, or how the big bells ring.

You better stay where the Blood covers the sins of the people. You might lose one another. And, above all, you might lose the Lord Jesus, and be barred out.

62 And we find out, then, that after her sons was gone, she lost both of them, and she returned back because there was no revival spirit in the city, at the time.

63 Oh, how I would love to rest here for a few minutes. How I'd like to pick it up right here and show you! Regardless of how many of the churches gone back, stay under the Blood. That's the place to abide.

In or out, up or down, thick or thin, wherever it may be, stay under the Blood. But, Naomi, she thought it would be better to go over and join another group, because they were having troubles.

Spiritual bread—bread wasn't there. And, but God will restore it back, "I will restore, saith the Lord." Stay in the field where It comes from.

60-1002 - The Kinsman

Redeemer

55 And any time that a believer gets off of his God-given ground! Many times, in politics, this election coming up and so forth, a good man can be a good man,

and he'll wander off of those grounds. Like a certain minister I know, run to be mayor of the city. And when he did, got off of his ministerial ground, and Satan overtook him.

56 If any Christian gets off of those grounds. “Well, I’ll just go down, tonight, set with the boys in the pool room, awhile. I’ll do no harm.

I'll just take one little drink.”
You're off your grounds. Come
back. You're only setting your
course for trouble.

57 “Oh, all the rest the girls
smoke. I’ll just try one.” You’re
off your grounds. Don’t do that.
Stay in the homelands.

Don't, "Well, everybody over here, they call me, 'Old fogy.' They call me, 'Old-fashion.'" Stay there, anyhow. That's your place. Stay in Christ.

58 Naomi, because of the
famine, wandered out from the
lands and went into Moab,
finding bread.

She didn't have to do that,
because the rest of them stayed
in Judaea, Bethlehem.

Bethlehem means, the Bethel,
“house of God,” house of
praises. And they stayed there.

59 And she wandered away with her husband. And her two sons married Moabite girls. But if God has ordained something to be done, it'll happen anyhow.

That's the reason I certainly believe in predestination, God's foreknowledge of things.

59-1108 - Possessing The
Enemy's Gates

32 Was only a few years later
when the trials come, and the
church got all shook up,

as is so easy for a congregation of people to do when something just don't seem to happen the way that it's supposed to be. God makes it that way.

God brings tensions into the church, “Every son that cometh to God must be tried, and proven, and tested.” He lets sickness strikes you. He lets diseases come on you, to test you and to prove you,

to show the world that you're truly the Seed of Abraham. He permits it by His Own will. He permits disasters. He permits the friends to turn against you.

He permits all these things, and turns the devil loose, to tempt you. And he'll do all but take your life. He could throw you on a bed of affliction. He could turn your neighbors against you.

He could turn the church against you. He can do most anything, and it's God's will for him to do it. We are taught that it is more precious than gold, to us.

4. In The Land Of The
Holy Ghost, Our
Greatest Enemy – Is
The Self

61-1119 - Perfect Strength By
Perfect Weakness

99 I've often said, "The greatest enemy I got is William Branham." He's the one that gets in God's way.

He's the one that gets lazy. He's the one that gets to a place sometimes where he thinks he can do something about it, and, when he does, that shoves God right out of the picture.

But when I can get rid of that guy, when I can get to a place that he is out of the way, then God can come over and do things that William Branham knows nothing about.