As A Man Thinketh [The Mind As Your Personal World]

Friday's Fellowship, 20th September 2024 Bro. James Maina

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Philippians 2:5

⁵ Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Romans 12:2

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Proverbs 25:28

²⁸ He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Romans 6:16

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Proverbs 4:23

²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:7

7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

James 4:7-8

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

God's Laws And Rules

59-0823 — Palmerworm, Locust, Cankerworm, Caterpillar 36 Now, remember, that, only anything can work as you work in the law of that thing. The cosmic forces can only move according to cosmic law. The planets can only move as they're moved by the law of the planets. The sun can only rise according as the earth turns to the sun.

And that there, is, everything has to work according to the law of its plan. For, God made all things, and made a law for that thing.

And then it's got to turn, and to work, and to operate according to the law of that item. It will not work correctly any other way.

59-1217 — What Was The Holy Ghost Given For? 44 As I said, God will never go outside of His laws to do anything. If you've got an artesian well on this hill, blowing water all over the air,

and on this other hill over here, you've got a crop burning up, you can stand on this hill and holler, "Oh, water, run over here and fill my crop!

Oh, water, get to my crop!" It'll never do it. But if you'll work according to the laws of gravitation, you can water that crop.

45 You've got a sick man laying here, or a sinner laying here, or a man that wants to be right, can't give up drinking, can't give up smoking, can't give up lust and things.

If you'll just work according to the laws of God, let the Holy Spirit come in there, then he's no more his own.

He, he will stop that thing, because the Holy Spirit takes him over. But you've got to work according to the laws of God, the rules of God.

60-0108 — Conference With God

14 I think that Divine healing is something that you must approach reverently, sanely, because it is the work of God.

Now, God can never go against His Own laws and rules, He will always work according to His rules.

60-0729 — What It Takes To Overcome All Unbelief: Our Faith 123 There's an old proverb that's more than a proverb,

"No matter how, who is there first, you have to play the rules of the game, or you'll never win."

If a runner is running around the track, and one takes a shortcut, and cuts through the field, and beats the other one there by a half-hour,

still he will be disqualified at the end of the race. He's got to play it according to the rules of the game, or he's disqualified.

124 And that's the way we have to do, the race of life that we're running now, it has to be played according to God's qualifications, or we'll lose when we get there.

Whether we're President, whether we are the Governor, or a minister, or who, what church we belong to,

or what denomination, the rules of the game has to be kept, we must run it fair, we must play it by the rules; we must preach the Word, we must do it willingly.

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.

63-1229M — There Is A Man Here That Can Turn On The Light 163 You can't go against God's nature. He's got a law, and, to contrary that law, kills your plant.

You've got to go according to God's spoken laws, and His laws is His Word. Any law is a word spoken. And a word is a thought manifested. See? Now we—we know that that's true.

With Head Or Heart?

61-0315 — An Uncertain Sound 101 Here some time ago, it was questioned about Solomon in the Bible, when he said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

Well then, the scientist said, "Looky here, there's no mental faculties in a human heart, Solomon meant his head." Huh!

If he'd have meant head, he'd have said, head, that's it. I—I believe the Bible to be just exactly the way It's wrote. Just, I believe That's God's Word, just, I believe It is God.

God is no better than His Word, you are no better than your word. Your own word is what is going to stand there to judge you at that Day.

102 Now, in Chicago about four years ago, Brother Mattsson-Boze's little girl, Joyce,

is to be married next month, lovely little girl, she's always telling me something, and laughing, just always have a little joke to tell me,

saying about something that—that's a little crack she has to make about something, and she says to me, she said, "Did you hear what was in the paper today?"

And I said—I said, "Now, wait a minute, Joyce, now what—what you going to tell me now? What...?"

103 Said, "No this is not, Brother Branham," said, "I'll bring it to you, show you." Said, "I heard you say about man thinking in his heart."

I read it in the Bible. She said, "Now, today they have found it, and proved it, it's not in the, it's not in no other heart,

but the human heart, it isn't in a animal heart, but there's a little compartment in the heart that science says is the place where the soul abides." So therefore God was right when He said, "As a man thinketh in his heart." See, there is a mental faculty in the heart.

104 Now, when you say, "Well now, I—I—I..." Did you ever...? All of you has had this: times that when you would think,

"Well, I—I don't know whether it could happen or not." And all at once something just tells you, "It's going to happen," regardless of what anybody else says,

you know it's going to happen. We've all had them experiences. That's when your heart is thinking, that's your heart telling you.

105 Now, the mind reasons, but the heart doesn't reason, it just believes it. If I could ever drive that home to one of my audience,

I'd have a real healing service, if I could ever get my audience to see that, that it's not what your head thinks at all.

There's where the devil abides, but he reasons it out, "I-I'm sick, I can't get well. I—I got this," or, "I can't be saved, I-I-I've done too much."

See, that's reason, but we are to cast down reasonings. That's right. Casting down our reasonings, we believe with our heart.

106 In the garden of Eden, man was divided in two parts, the devil took his head, and God took his heart.

The devil makes him look at things, and say, "Well, it just can't happen, I can reason it out."

And God took his heart to dwell in his heart to make him believe things that his head don't even know nothing about. That's right. So it's in your heart you think. Down here, that's where the real certain Sound comes from, is from the heart, there's where God talks, and here is where the devil talks from.

So let's cast down what the devil said, and take a certain Sound, and that certain Sound is God talking in our heart, that's true, God's promises.

107 Let's just interview for the next three or four minutes, find some that took His promises, and whether they were realities or not.

They didn't reason about them. God makes you think of things, and do things that's unreasonable to the human head. Did you know that?

108 Here's a little boy setting here in a chair, wheelchair, perhaps, maybe his mama and papa might have brought him,

and he...maybe the doctors done everything for him they can do. See? He said, "It's all over." Well now, if you're going to listen to what he tells you, then it's all over,

but if there's something begins to work down in here, brother, that—that's different then, that's another sound.

109 Now, this sound says, "It's over." But this sound is a certain sound, it'll deny this one. Now, depends on...And this one will try to deny that one, the vice versa.

But depends on which one you listen to.

Like the Indian was that time, that got saved. Said, "How you getting along, Chief?"

110 Said, "Well, since I got saved, there's two dogs in me, and," said, "one is white and one is black, and the white one wants me to do right, and the black one wants me to do wrong."

Said, "They're fighting all the time."

He said, "Well, how do—how do you get along? Which one wins, Chief?"

111 He says, "Depends on which one Chief feeds the most." Well, that's it. If you're going to listen to reason, you'll always have this fellow conquered,

but if you'll listen to the certain Sound, God's Word, working in your heart, you'll conquer this one. Which one do you feed?

58-1005M — Hear His Voice 94 It'll make a different man and woman out of you, if you'll just stand still long enough to hear His Voice, like Samuel did.

Stand still. Don't be excited. If you want something of God, ask Him; then stand still and listen, see what He's going to say about it.

Just open up your heart, say, "What about it, Lord Jesus?" Just stay there. If He doesn't answer the first five hours, then wait another.

If He doesn't answer today, then He'll answer tomorrow. If He doesn't answer this week, He will next week. Stay there till He answers.

95 Hear His Voice speak back, in your heart, and say, "Yes, I'm the Lord that healeth thee."

Then it's all over. You can settle then. See? "I'm the Lord Who forgives all thy sins. Now go and sin no more.

I don't condemn you." Then you can go free. You're all right. But you want to be sure that you heard that Voice speak. Moses heard It. He was a changed man.

63-0120M — The Voice Of God In This Last Days 86 Moses heard the Voice of God. He was full of theology.

He knowed all the in's and out's, but it failed. He heard the Voice of God, Moses was never the same.

87 And no man is never the same. You might hear in your ears the—the Voice speaking, but when you hear in your heart,

the Voice speaking, see, then you're hearing. You do not see with your eye. You look with your eye, you see with your heart.

You see something, say, "I just don't see it," you mean you don't understand it. You do not hear with your ears, you hear with your heart.

Many times your ears hears the true Voice of God, and It falls off of you like water off of a duck's back. But when you really hear, you hear with your heart.

63-0120M — The Voice Of God In This Last Days 89 And this is what He promised for the last days. He'd raise up a people from the Gentiles, and all the promises.

63-0120M — The Voice Of God In This Last Days 110 So you're going to hear the Voice of God some time.

Maybe faintly this morning It speaks in your heart, that you should turn from the way that you're going, turn back to God.

Now, remember, they'll record that Voice that's speaking to your heart, in Heaven. And someday when Jesus does call, and all that's in the grave, all, right and wrong, will rise.

And then this very same Voice will whisper right back to you, "In Phoenix, Arizona, on a certain Sunday morning, when the minister held you so long, speaking on the Voice, I spoke to you;

told you women to let your hair grow out, quit dressing immorally; told you men to quit that lying, smoking;

- told you preachers to turn back to the Word of God." See what I mean? That's right. That still Voice say, "It could
- be right."

60-0518 — Adoption #2 19 But now, on forward. Then did you notice Moses, that great miracle performer that brought down Israel down through the land,

and brought them up to the promised land, but did not place their inheritance to them?

He did not give them their inheritance; he led them up to the land, but Joshua divided the land to the people. Is that right?

And Christ brought the Church up to the place to where their possession was made to them, was given to them, just the Jordan to cross,

but the Holy Spirit is the One Who sets the Church in order. The Joshua of today puts the Church in its order, giving to each one, gifts, places, position.

And He is the Voice of God speaking through the inner man that Christ has saved, the Holy Spirit. Now do you get that much of it? Now we're getting over into the Book of Ephesians.

Now, the same way, He's positionally placing the Church where they belong. Now, Joshua placed them in the natural land.

Now the Holy Spirit is placing the Church, positionally, in the land, that they, in the position that they belong in, their inheritance.

63-0714M — Why Cry?

Speak!

45 I think any man with a...or woman, boy or girl. And I think, in a intellectual conception of what they think the Word is,

and so forth, never can have a full foundation stand until they have met that Light that brings that Word to a reality.

46 I think no church in its practice, no matter how intellectual and fundamental it might be, that church cannot thrive until the Supernatural is made known among that people, and they see it.

Something that they can talk to, that will talk back to them, that a vindicates this written Word.

Sunday Service, 22nd September 2024 Bro James Maina

The Battle Ground

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle Ever Fought 64 Now, before any battle can be put in array,

they first have to choose a meeting ground, or a place where the battle is to be fought, a selected place.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle Ever Fought 68 When this great battle started on earth, there had to be a mutual meeting place.

There had to be a place selected for the battle to begin, and for the battle to rage. And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind. There is where the battle starts.

The human mind was chosen for the place of the battle, where it was begin, and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head.

Now, they never started it from some organization. They never started it from some mechanical affair.

The grounds never started there. Therefore, that organization can never, never do the work of God,

because the battlegrounds, where you've got to meet your enemy, is in the mind. You've got to make your choice. It meets you.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle

Ever Fought

107 If you've got your senses, see, taste, feel, smell, and hear, they're all right, but don't trust them unless they agree with the Word.

They're all right, but, if they disagree with the Word, don't you listen to them. Now, imaginations, conscience, memories, reasons,

and affections, they're all right if they agree with the Word. But if your affection doesn't agree with the Word, get rid of it.

You'd blow a flue, right quick. See? If your reason disagrees with the Word, get away from it. That's right. The engine...

If your memory, if your imaginations, if your conscience, anything, disagrees with That what's on the inside, get rid of it.

108 What you got then? You've got a solar system. Hallelujah! It's, God set the stars in order and said,

"Hang there till I call you!" They stay there. Nothing's going to move them.

When God can get a man in His hands, till he can get senses, conscience, everything cleaned out, until it stands with God behind it, in the spirit,

there's not a devil in the world can poke a doubt in there. That's right. He come around and say, "You don't feel any better."

109 Your conscience is even gone, to that. The flue is so clear, it shouts, "Hallelujah!" The outlet blows a whistle, "Glory to God!"

It shines out, certainly, just as clean and clear, for the Word of God to work through, the Power of God. See? That's the main thing.

110 There's your battleground. Your battleground is back here at the beginning, back here in the soul, back in your mind that opens.

The—the mind is the gate to the soul, the gate to the spirit, rather. Your mind opens up and accepts the spirit,

or it rejects the spirit. You can have little consciouses, and little feelings, and little sensations, all these things. That has nothing to do with it. That's just little sensations and things. But when it comes to reality, your mind opens it up.

Your mind either accepts it or rejects it. That's it, friends. God, let none of them miss it.

111 See, it's your mind that opens up the door; or closes the door, and listens to your conscience, listens to your memory, listens to your affections.

But when your mind closes itself to these things, and let God, the Spirit of His Word, come in,

It blows the rest of the stuff out. Every doubt is gone. Every fear is gone. Every sensation of doubt is gone. Every feeling is gone.

There's nothing standing there but the Word of God, and Satan cannot battle against That. No, sir. He cannot battle against lt. Now, we know that's true.

62-0311 — The Greatest Battle Ever Fought 399 Now, what did Jesus? Jesus was the Word of God.

He was the Word. He attacked the Word. Glory! I-l'm just getting...just feeling good, to preach now, honest lam.

That's right. Jesus is the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word dwelled, made flesh, and dwelled..." Jesus was the Word. What did He do? He cut him to ribbons.

Oh, my! I'm going to quit. What did Jesus do? He was the Word. So, with the Word, He cut Satan on his wild attack.

He flew in there like a bunch of para-, storm-troopers, or something another like that, flew in on Jesus, the Word, like that.

And Jesus took that Word, and sliced him to pieces. Hallelujah! Sure, sliced him to pieces, defeated him with the Word.

400 See his attack? Watch, listen close, this closing. His attack is what? Disbelieve God's Word, that's his attack.

There, can you see the greatest battle was ever fought? There's only two forces: Satan and God. And what is Satan's weapon against you?

ls to try to get you to
disbelieve your Weapon. He
disarms you. Let's—let's
listen real quiet now. Listen.

If he can get you to disbelieve your Weapon is equivalent, if he gets you to believe that your Weapon is not strong enough, he has disarmed you.

The Greatest Enemy

54-0320 — Faith Cometh By Hearing 26 And he's sending the letter now to the Romans, getting the Church in order.

And he's speaking to them about faith. On the 1st—the 4th chapter of Romans he speaks of Abraham being justified by faith.

Then on the 9th chapter of Romans, he's speaking on the election of God, how God called Isaac, or I beg your pardon, called Esau, Jacob, and ordained them;

or He said, "By election He chose (by His own choosing) chose Jacob instead of Esau." Though Esau being rightly to the birthright,

then He chose Jacob instead of Esau. And then in the—the 10th chapter here, we find him now dividing what faith is.

Now, faith is burly. My, how I like to think of faith: hope, faith, and charity, those three things.

And hope, what a beautiful thing hope is. Little, timid hope, lovely and sweet as she is, yet, she's the greatest enemy faith has.

That's right. The greatest enemy faith's got is hope. 'Cause a person becomes so hopeful till they leave away from faith.

27 Now, hope will agree with the Bible. Hope will say, "It's True." Hope will say, "I believe every bit of It.

I believe that that's the Word of God. And I—I—I believe that God will keep His promise."

Hope believes all of that. But hope then says, "Now, I believe that God will heal, but look at my condition."

Now, faith don't look at that. Faith comes around, "I don't care nothing about conditions. God said so, and it's mine." You see? Faith's burly.

As I once said, "Faith has hair on the chest. When it stands up and pulls its big muscles out, everything else vanishes away."

Just takes—flies away. When faith really takes a hold, nothing else stands.

28 I'm telling you, faith...But you've got to have hope and charity. If you've got real burly faith and no love with it,

you've ruin your influence before the people (if you haven't got love mixed with it). See? You seen people, a real burly,

what we would say (excuse the expression) a bulldog faith, to grab a hold, but is so rough with it. Then you see when you do that,

it doesn't—it hasn't got the kindness here to move with it. So what we need is hope, faith, and charity. Isn't that right?

Hope, faith, and charity, together. God help our church to have it like that, the people, to have that combination.

29 But if you just rely on hope, you hinder faith. Now, hope looks for something, way off.

But faith claims it right now. See? Faith says, "God said so and it's mine." That settles it. See? "I don't care if I'm still crippled, I'm still blind, if I'm still sick, that don't have nothing to do with it. I believe it anyhow.

It's mine right now. God said so and that settles it." See? That's faith. But hope says, "God said so, and I'm expecting to get it, someday."

You see? "I'm expecting, someday." And as long as Satan can put you off to another day, that's as good as he wants.

That's right. You'll never get it. Just believe that you got it right now; it's your personal property.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Is that right? Faith acts now. It's positive. There's no...Oh, my.

I tell you, sickness and everything else, when faith steps in, it's just like a snowball on a hot stove. It just melts away.

Everything goes away from faith. 'Cause faith stands up and takes over rule. When faith speaks, everybody else keeps still. That's right.

61-1119 — Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness 96 God spoke back to him, said, "Paul, My strength is made perfect in your weakness."

61-1119 — Perfect Strength By Perfect Weakness 100 That's when God can use you. That's when He can use any of you.

He can use anybody when we get out of the way. But as long as we got ourselves in the way, then we cannot. All right.

63-0825M — How Can I

Overcome?

72 The thing you have to overcome is yourself, your idea, your thing, and surrender yourself to Him. He overcome for you. He knows the way; we don't.

62-0311 — The Greatest

Battle Ever Fought

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Your mind opens up and accepts the spirit, or it rejects the spirit. You can have little consciouses, and little feelings, and little sensations, all these things. That has nothing to do with it. That's just little sensations and things. But when it comes to reality, your mind opens it up.

Your mind either accepts it or rejects it. That's it, friends. God, let none of them miss it.

111 See, it's your mind that opens up the door; or closes the door, and listens to your conscience, listens to your memory, listens to your affections.

But when your mind closes itself to these things, and let God, the Spirit of His Word, come in, It blows the rest of the stuff out. Every doubt is gone.

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and Satan cannot battle against That. No, sir. He cannot battle against It. Now, we know that's true.

The Still Small Voice

58-1005M — Hear His Voice 80 But listen to His still small Voice. Every one of you people who profess to be Christians, get yourself quiet before Him.

Don't let the washing hinder. Don't let the work hinder. Don't let nothing hinder. Don't let nobody know what you're doing.

Just go before Him. Get up in the woods somewhere. Get out on the side of the road. Go into the secret closet and close the door.

When the kids gets at school, there get down on your knees. You've heard all kinds of voices everywhere,

but just get down and stay there until those voices are silenced and you begin to lift up. It'll change you. It'll make you different, like It did this little Samuel.

It'll do something to you if you'll just do it. Now, It'll make you what you should be. It'll make you the kind of Christian that you ought to be.

81 Now let's us go back off of this modern day, until a day that's past. Let's go back to the days of the early times.

And this Voice of God has come to men in all walks of life, in all ages.

No matter if you're a farmer, if you're a shoe cobbler, whatever you may be, God still speaks. If you're a sinner, if you're a prostitute, harlot, if you're a drunkard,

if you are (what?) a local church member, nominal—nominal, whatever you might be, the Voice of God still waits to speak to you.

<u>59-0301E — What Does</u> Thou Here? 94 There's one more thing left. "And, God, take me to a cave where I can find It."

Let's get that still small Voice, that Something that puts the cream in the life.

That Something, that, "Though you speak with tongues of men and Angels, and have not That, you're nothing.

Though you can prophesy and speak with tongues, and show signs and wonders, and work miracles and do great signs,

but, if that little, still small Voice isn't in there, you're nothing," says the Scripture. That's what we're listening for now.

95 We've had the thunders. We've had the fire. We've had the rushing winds and the earthquakes.

But, "God, send us the still small Voice." That's what we need. Listen, brother. We need that still small Voice, a still small Voice that spoke.

96 Jesus. Said, "You couldn't hear His Voice in the street. You didn't hear Him crying." He was our pattern. Look at Him. He was compared, His Spirit, like a dove, gentle.

97 It's great things are quiet things. Did you know that, friends? Listen. The sun, which gives life on the earth, to every living thing,

in botany life, plant life, tree life, whatever more, it brings forth life, the sun does. And it can draw a million gallons of water from the earth,

and make less noise than we can get a bucketful out of a pump. See? It's big things. Quiet things are big things. Did you ever hear the world turning?

Did you ever hear the planets as they pass through the orbits? Do you ever hear one? That's the big things. Did you ever hear the sun rise?

98 Oh, we think we have to have a lot of noise, have to have a brass band, to beat, a lot of jumping up-and-down, or we ain't got a good meeting.

We think everybody has to be on top, they're clapping their hands and things. We think the music has to be going in a rhythm,

and everybody run up-and-down the aisle. We've had that. What good has it done? Where is it at? Where has it got us today?

In a bunch of confusion, a bunch of denominations; broke up, brotherhood ruined. Certainly, it has. It's been the old cankerworm, and palm-worm,

and—and all kinds of bugs from back there in the beginning. And Job saw, or...Joel saw them. "What the palmerworm has left, the cankerworm eat;

and what the cankerworm eat, the grasshopper eaten," and so forth, till we've eat it down to a stump.

99 But the Scripture says, "I will restore, saith the Lord." We're waiting for something.

60-0804 — As The Eagle Stirreth Up Her Nest 121 What's she trying to do? She's trying to teach her babies the sound of her voice.

Hmm! They're going into some perils in a little while, so they got to know the sound of mother's voice.

Oh, I tell you it pays you to listen to the Voice of God, the still small Voice that speaks deep and rich, It attracts the attention of His people.

62-0204 — Communion 127 And it is said also, by our Lord, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him, and all that the Father has given Me will come to Me.

My sheep hear My Voice." A stranger, and if a stranger speaks, a voice that's not scriptural, quickly the sheep will recognize it.

O God! And if it's Your Voice, the Bible, what It says, every sheep will hear It, because It is sheep Food.

They have communed. They know what kind of Food the Father feeds. "Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every Word that proceedeth from the mouth of God." Grant, Lord, that many will see and will understand, and will come to Thee tonight.

<u>64-0315 — Influence</u> 133 And that when...One time, in the Bible, we have an example of that.

There was a—a prophet went back in the cave and...Elijah. And God was trying to attract his attention, to come out.

And there come the fire, and smoke, and—and blusterous winds across the mountains, and thunder, and earthquakes, and shakings, and everything else.

The prophet never even moved. God wasn't even in it. But when that still, small Voice spoke, he covered his face and come forward.

When the still, small Voice of God's Word speaks, not a racket, not our big denominations, not our big something,

but that still, small Voice, of the Word, that's looked over. That should call a man to repentance. God in His Word!

63-0714M — Why Cry?

Speak!

64 Now, though his mother had told him these things, and he knowed this, yet he needed another touch.

The—the teaching was fine, but he needed a personal contact.

65 That's what the world needs today. That's what the church needs today.

That's what everyone needs, that's sons and daughters of God. In order to be that, you need a personal contact, see, Something.

No matter, you know the Word is true, you know It's right; but then when it contacts, and then you see the thing done, then you know you're on the right road.

See? And, watch, it'll always be Scriptural. It'll stand right with the Scripture, 'cause this did.

Your Duty [Something To Do]

52-0713E — God Testifying Of

His Gifts

24 Now. See? Now, things like that, that's a miracle. Now, in a case of healing, here's a cancer, a malignant growth, now it's in there.

We pray for you, do all that we can; others pray for you. Now, usually in the case, when this happens...Now, what takes place?

Not so much as a cancer growing. The doctor, he can cut it out; that's all right. If he can cut it out and get the roots out of him, okay, that's fine.

That's his duty to do that. That's what he's trained for. That's what our schools are for, for doctors;

that's what our hospitals are for. That's what—that's what God give us that tree of knowledge for, to do something to help somebody.

52-0713E — God Testifying Of His 57 <u>Gifts</u> 25 If your arm's broke, it's—it's your duty to go to the doctor, and let him set that arm, then ask God to heal it. See? That's—that's right. But now wait.

What if that cancer, he can't cut it out? What if the roots is scattered out like this? Then there's only one thing left, that's that's God,

the Almighty...They have no medicine that would poison that germ, as yet. God will help them to find something, is my prayer.

But now, in the case of Divine healing, what happens? The life, not the cancer, the body, the life of that cancer, which was the inside of that germ,

the life that started developing in the first place, is rebuked, and brought out by Jesus Christ, and took away from you.

The body's still... Say for instance, like this lady setting here, what if she was a cancer on the earth,

and I wanted to get rid of her in the way of Divine healing? I'd just call her life out of her, her body would fall down.

Well, her body's still here, just the same as it is now. You see? But what's happened to the lady? She's dead. All right. Just give her enough time.

52-0713E — God Testifying Of His Gifts

26 Now, the first thing that a happens to a patient, usually they feel good, right away. They go to feeling good.

"Thank the Lord. Well, Brother Branham, I—I wasn't able to eat for a long time. I can eat anything now."

Now, be careful just a moment. Now, in a ordinary in the procedure, and many know this, they'll get like that for about seventy-two hours, 'cause anybody in here...

How many hunters is in here? Let's see your hands, that's hunted wild game, let's see your hands. All right.

Did you ever kill a deer today, tell the boys how much it weighed? Be careful when you put him on the scale in the morning,

he isn't going to weigh that much. Is that right? If there's a butcher here, if there's a undertaker here, will know the same thing.

52-0713E — God Testifying Of His Gifts

27 Our human body...They'll take the artificial eye, or false teeth out, because the body will shrink for the first seventy-two hours.

it'll start

shrinking—shrinking away.

And then after it lays so long, then it starts swelling again, it's deteriorating, swelling up.

And like the little animal laying out on the road, he's killed. Let him lay there in the sun about seventy-two hours,

why he's heavier then than he was in the beginning. He weighs more. A human body weighs more after it starts deteriorating, it swells up.

Any animal does, any body, any human flesh, or other flesh, it begins to deteriorate, and it swells up. 28 Now, nine times out of ten, if the patient isn't instructed on what to do, right there they lose out. See?

They say, "Well, I feel so good. I just feel so wonderful."

And then about—after about seventy-two hours, they get a sick spell.

They start getting sick. They say, "Oh, I've lost my healing. Oh, I thought Brother Branham told me, 'In the Name of the Lord...?.."

That's the best sign in the world that you're healed. See? The thing's dead; it's swelling up. What if a lump of flesh as big as my hand, was on the inside of you,

and it was, this as plain, where it was rottening in you? The heart stream has to pack off the impurities and—and any infectional sore, fever...?...

You know that. Then it's got...Your blood and stream has to purify your body; that's what it's for. God put it that there for that purpose.

And then the people say, "I've lost my healing." Why, brother or sister, that's when you've got your healing.

But you go along, just sadly and—and for…"Well, Lord, You—You didn't treat me right," something like that.

52-0713E — God Testifying Of His Gifts 29 The faith that taken away unbelief, will resurrect it again. When you take your stand for Jesus Christ,

stay there and die by it. What God says is the truth, and don't you fear what...Satan hasn't got anything to do about it.

Don't argue with him; don't fuss with him. Just ignore him and walk away. If you fuss with him, he will keep you fussing day and night. See?

"Well," he will say, "You know you're not healed." You'll say, "Well, now, look, Satan, I want to tell you something." Don't say it.

Just say, "Get away, I don't want to hear nothing about you." And walk on, and say, "Thank You, Lord." Go on. See? Don't pay any attention to it.

53-0513 — God's Provided

Way

43 Look, I will prove it to you it's of Satan. When Satan met Jesus, he said, "If Thou be the Son of God, You can do miracles now.

You're a Divine healer, You're all...?...Make these stones bread and I will believe You." Is that right? See the fatherhood of that spirit is?

Took Him up on the temple, said, "Now, look. It's written in the Scripture here," like they point Mark 16 to us today,

"it's written in the Scripture here, 'He give the Angels charge over Thee, lest any time they dash thy foot, they bear up.'

Jump down off of here, and then when you get to the ground, just bear Yourself back up, like that." See, give Him Scripture.

Jesus turned around to him, said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God." That's right. "It is also written." That's right. He put the Scriptures right back to him.

God has a provided way. If the doctor...Sure it's your duty to go to your doctor. It's your duty to do whatever you can for yourself. But look, brother.

When you get to a place where the doctor can't help you, you've got a right to call on God. That's exactly right. And you believe it.

44 And God has a provided way, and that provided way tonight, is what? Not your Brother Branham, Brother Reed, or any other minister, it's Jesus Christ the Son of God,

Who healed you nineteen hundred years ago. And we're only pointing to it. Brother Reed, as a minister, is pointing to it by the Word.

God gave a Divine gift in the Church that points to it, and says, "It's Jesus Christ." Then you believe Jesus Christ, friends. And Jesus Christ has already...

Listen, Scripturally, here it is. Christ has healed every sick person in this room right now. That is in the Scripture.

"He was wounded for our transgression and with His stripes we were healed," past tense. The only thing in the world you can do is look and believe. Look and live.

That's not pointing towards the Pentecostal church, or the Baptist church, or any other church. It's pointing towards Jesus Christ. Look and live.

56-0826 — Divine Love 73 See, it's something that happens. When you get to the end of your road,

when you get to where you can't move, then the Power of God will move in, by sovereign grace, the thing that you see.

74 You take a little kid, a little baby, that has little tantrums, spasms, and they'll scream, and kick, and holler.

And the first thing you know, they'll hold their breath. And you'll see a mother grab it, and pull it,

and throw it up in the air, blow in its face. Let it alone. There has never been, in all medical history, one ever died like that.

They won't die. He's just having a tantrum. He's trying to get sympathy. He's trying to get some humoring, and it's just a temper spell.

And after he gets his temper spell, to a place, he's held his breath, where he can't go no farther, then nature sets in,

and he relaxes and starts breathing again. All your picking up, and screaming, just make...hollering, and blowing in his face, makes him worse.

75 That's the way it is, after we travel from church to church, from pillar to post, from healing service to healing service.

Brother, take love and go forward, 'cause you're at the end of the road. God will project sovereign grace when you come to the end of the road.

When love has met its fill, God is obligated then. When you've come to your end, and man's met their end, then grace takes over. It's God's nature to do so.

59-0417 — Jehovah-Jireh 58 You are sick. Your duty is to go to your doctor. If your doctor cannot help you, then God has a Sacrifice provided.

If you're an alcoholic, you've went to the 's-Anonymous, and you probably tried to get cured that way.

If you're cigarette smoker, you probably taken "Notobac," and everything that you can think of, and still you crave them things. You've come to the end of the road. With that, with them unclean habits, you can't be of God. And if you've done everything that you can do,

and still you see that it doesn't work, then Jehovah has a provided Sacrifice. He's Jehovah-jireh, the Sacrifice to take you away from your sins.

You say, "Brother Branham, I've sought for the Holy Spirit. I've did this." You never do that. The Holy Spirit seeks you. You don't seek the Holy Spirit, It's seeking

It's just your surrender to It. That's what does it. "Brother Branham, I've sought Divine healing." Divine healing was purchased at Calvary.

You don't seek Divine healing; the Divine healer seeks you—God. That's why you're here tonight. He's trying to get into your heart.

- 60-0711 The Door Inside
- The Door
- 9 So, l've always had a little slogan that I always give to people is: Do three things in life.

First thing is do right, that's your duty to God; think right, that's your duty to yourself; and you're bound to come out right.

That's exactly right. You do right, and then think right, and as long as you are going right, you can't be going wrong.

60-0711 — The Door Inside

The Door 10 When my boy, Billy, at about fourteen years old, before I sent him down to the Bible school, he was in the common school,

and did not have a very good background, and all the children, girls, boys smoking and carrying on. And one day I come into the house and set down,

and Billy was staying with his grandmother, and while the Presence of the Lord was near, there was a vision, l seen my boy with a cigarette in his hand;

that liked to killed me. So, after a while, his bicycle stopped out front, and he came in, said, "Hello, Dad," run, threw his arms around me. I took him in my hands, and I said, "Billy, when did you

start this?"

He said "What, Daddy?" I said, "Smoking." He said, "I don't..." I said, "Don't tell me. You do smoke, Billy."

11 And he started crying. I couldn't keep from it, I went out to the bathroom, I set down out there, and I cried like a baby. I thought, "His mother in Glory,

and last thing she said to me, 'Take care of Billy.' And here I've tried to put the example before him, and to see him do a thing like that!" It almost killed me.

12 So I took him out on the walk, I said, "Son, you're coming away from there right now. I'm going to send you to Bible school, no matter how lonesome you get."

And so I said, "I want you to stretch out your arms like this."

And he did, he said, "What's the matter?"

13 I said, "This is left and this is right. Now, you cannot be going both ways the same time.

You're in the shape of a cross." And I said, "As long as you're going right, you may think you're going wrong,

but you've got to come out right. You can't go east and west at the same time; you can't be doing right and wrong at the same time."

14 Sometimes people are going wrong, thinking they're doing right, but it'll wind up wrong.

So always think right, do right, and you'll come out right, you just got to. That's exactly.

Do right, that's your duty to God; think right, know that you've got to come out right; and you will come out right.

64-0304 — Sirs, We Would See Jesus 11 And, now, healing is of God alone. God alone has purchased for us our healing.

It's up to us to do everything that we can, in our life, and in every way that God has give us, for our healing, but it's God that heals.

If God calls you to go Home, tonight, there isn't enough medicine in the world will keep you here. There is nothing going to keep you here. And if

He determines you to stay on the earth, no matter how many physicians says you're going tonight, you're not going. So it's just all up to God.

64-0830E — Questions And

Answers #4

389. When a person realizes he has an inferior complex, or some sort of complex, how may he overcome this?

So, should it be if he was the only child caused this in his early youth?

71 Take exactly the opposite. If you're always wanting your way, and that one little brat that wants to always have everything your way,

turn right back around and give everything you got the other way. If you're selfish and you want to hold everything,

then start giving away what you got. See? Do whatever...Just go the vice versa. That's the way to overcome anything, is an antidote.

62-0612 — Behold, A Greater

Than Solomon Is Here

63 And then it was tried in court, because there was his name, said that—that he pardoned the man, and the man was shot,

so when it was tried in federal court, here was the decision of the federal court: "A pardon is not a pardon, unless it be accepted as a pardon."

So that's the way God's Word is. It's the Word of God to all those who will accept It as the Word of God, if It's not, well then, It isn't.

61-1231E — If God Be With Us, Then Where Is All The Miracles? 242 Martha, at the grave. She had met the Word of God. She believed It. Before she could see the miracle of God,

she had to believe the Word of God and act upon It. She said, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother had not die."

243 He said, "Martha, I am the resurrection and Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.

And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die. Believest thou this?" She said, "Yea, Lord." There you are, acting! "I believe."

- "What do you believe, Martha?" "That Thou art the Christ that was to come into the world."
- Said, "Where you buried him?"

244 Got down there at the grave, and there He was standing there. (Said, "I want to see if she really believes that I am the Word.") Said, "Take away the stone."

245 She went to acting on the Word! She had to, to see death turned to life.

246 And the only way you'll ever be able to see death turned to life, is take His Word and act upon It!

247 If you're a sinner, take His Word and act upon It, then you'll see the miracle of God. You become a miracle of God.

248 If you are sick, take the Word of God! Doctor says, "You're going to die." Take the Word of God and act upon It, that will bring new life. Oh, my!

62-0121E — The Marriage Of The Lamb

53 And, that, we know that there is going to be a Bride, and there's going to be a wedding supper served in the skies.

That's just as sure to be, as God is, because it's His Word. And we know that those that are going to make up that Bride is going to be His Church,

and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle.

And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, It said, "She has made herself ready."

54 So many says, "If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I'll serve Him."

55 But that's up to you. See. you got to do something, too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things." They that overcome.

You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? "She has made Herself ready." I like that Word.

56 You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end,

and then saying, "Blessed is he that overcometh." You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through.

But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

57 Abraham was promised a child, but he must maintain this promise for twenty-five years,

the ups-and-downs that he had, and temptations, in those twenty-five years. But he held to the word of the promise.

58 And Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it. "Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon, that have I given you,"

God said to Joshua. It was all there. The land was there, and God gave it to them, but they must fight for it.

59 The same way it is about Divine healing. God has got the power to heal you, if you've got the courage to accept it, but you'll fight every inch of the way.

60 God has got amazing grace to save you, and He will do it, but you'll fight every inch of your way.

61 I been behind the pulpit, going on thirty-one years, and every inch of that has been a fight, constantly. It certainly has.

62 "But we must fight if we must reign." So we find out that the Bride has to make Herself ready.

"Be willing to lay aside every weight that does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that's set before us."

We must lay them aside, ourself. We can't say, "God, You come, lay them aside for us." We got to do that, ourselves.

63 Now, I like to think of weddings. I've had the privilege of marrying quite a few people. And I think, when I bring a young man and a young woman down to the altar,

and see them come down through the church; and she, pretty with her wedding garments on, and the veil over her face and hanging down;

and the bridegroom, straight, dressed beautiful; and young and full of vigor, as they walk down there in their very best of life,

and take that marriage vow, I think there is something sweet about it. There is something sacred,

because that it reminds me that there will be another great wedding someday, when Christ's Bride will come walking down the corridors of Glory.