

The Rightful Christian Abode

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John 14:22-23

²² Judas saith unto him, not
Iscaiot, Lord, how is it that
thou wilt manifest thyself
unto us, and not unto the
world?

²³ Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 15:1-8

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³ Now ye are clean through
the word which I have
spoken unto you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

62-0311 — The Greatest
Battle Ever Fought

36 A devil is almost harmless
unless he can have
something to work in.

He's got...You remember
those devils that were cast
out of Legion? They
had...they want to do more
mischievousness,

so they wanted to go in the
hogs. So, devils must have
something to work in,
somebody to work through.

37 And that's the way God
does, too. He has to have
us. He's depending on us, to
work through us.

64-0401 — The Identified Christ Of All Ages

26 And then, usually, man gets it so twisted up, and the world gets in such a shape,

until He has to send some man, anointed. All ages has been the same. He identifies Himself upon the earth, in man.

God does nothing without man. The Bible said so, you know. See? He always takes man, 'cause it was man He had to use,

and let the man...Put him on free moral agency, knowing that he would fall, in order to display His attributes as a Saviour,

for there was nothing lost.
And, therefore, He chose
man. He could have chose
stars, He could have chose
trees, but He chose man.

27 One time, standing,
looking upon the harvest;
Jesus, He said, “The harvest
is ripe. The labourers are few.

Pray the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers into His
harvest.” And He was the
Lord of the harvest. See?
“You have not because you
ask not.

You ask not because you believe not. Ask abundance, that your joys might be full.”
See? He is depending on you asking, and believing that you receive what you ask for.

62-0603 — The End-Time Evangelism

71 Now, we're in the evening time. And the messengers down through the age...We find out that at the beginning when a messenger was sent,

to—to misconstrue His Word
or to doubt one Word, it was
total annihilation and Eternal
separation from God, to
misconstrue that
messenger's Word.

And the first Messenger
was God Himself. And
the...Every other
messenger has been God
speaking through man,
since, which is God's Word,

for there's no man then for
Him to speak through but
just the one He was talking
to. But since He's made
man and redeemed man,
it's been God speaking
through man.

He uses not the—the
agency of—of any
mechanical device, but the
agency of man, a man
that's surrendered and
consecrated to God.

64-0619 — Perseverant

10 I believe God's children is
scattered out everywhere.
They're—they're all around.

And when I first come over here (of course, you know I was a Baptist), and when I come over here amongst the Pentecostal,

Full Gospel people, enjoying
the experience of the new
birth, and the baptism of the
Holy Spirit, so forth, I
thought,

“That’s what made them Pentecost.” I didn’t know that it was full of—of little denominations of their own, but they got as many as the Baptists has,

so...(You Baptists
understand there's primitive
Baptists, freewill, hardshell,
all other different kind.) So I
come over here.

I thought, “Just, ‘Pentecost’³⁴
means one thing.” I still
believe it. We can’t organize
Pentecost. It’s not an
organization, it’s an
experience. You see? That’s
right.

64-0619 — Perseverant

28 When He looked upon the harvest, He was the Lord of the harvest, and He said, “The harvest is ripe, the laborers are few; pray ye the Lord of the harvest,

that He may send laborers
into His harvest,” making
Himself with man so bound
together that He works only
through the agency of man.

He chose man to work for
Him. He could have chose
the sun to preach the
Gospel, He could have chose
the winds,

or the trees, or the stars. But
He chose man, veils Himself
inside, hides Himself from
the unbeliever, reveals
Himself to who He will.

58-1228 — Why Little Bethlehem?

148 He is here, just His Presence. And the Presence of the Lord was there to heal the sick. The Presence of the Lord is here to heal the sick.

The Presence of the Lord is here to bring conviction to sinners. The Presence of the Lord is in the midst of His people,

and He is God's Bethlehem,
full of Bread and Water. I'm
so glad (aren't you?) that we
have a place to come, to eat
and live forever.

63-1214 — Why Little Bethlehem

88 When It says, “These
signs shall follow them that
believe.”

The creed or denomination
says, “Oh, It isn’t so.” But
the real man who’s born in
Bethlehem, says, “Amen!”

89 “The works that I do shall you do also.” The denomination says, “It’s a bunch of work-up emotion.”

But the real Bethlehem dweller says, “Amen,” because he is satisfied, That’s angel Food.

90 “If ye abide in Me and My Words in you, ask what you will, and it’ll be done for you.” Amen.

91 Oh, the high and prudent will never see it. We hold so much to our traditions of the elders, so much that we have to pack cards and everything else to get in some pulpit.

That ain't it. You can get in
God's pulpit by humbling
yourself. Come into the
House of the Bread of Life,
Jesus Christ,

and live forever in His
Presence, and lifted up in
Heavenly places in Christ
Jesus, feasting on the Word.
That's God's Bethlehem.

92 How many of us is in It
this morning? How many's
willing to forget your
traditions, how many's
willing to forget your creed
that disagrees with the
Word?

Why ain't we got a revival?⁵¹
Why haven't we got these
things going on? What's the
matter with Pentecost? It
organized itself. That's it.
You can't organize
Pentecost.

You can make an organization. But the Pentecost is a blessing, it's the Power of God. And if it's a genuine pentecost, it'll never bypass the Word for a creed.

It'll take the Word. Right,
because it's circumcised
from the world and the
things of the world.

It sits only on the Word of God, and believes It. We're in Bethlehem, candidates for the Kingdom of God.

We're eating God's Eternal
Life Bread. Born, God Bread,
born in Bethlehem, to
become the spiritual Bread
of Life, of Eternal Life, in the
house of God. Oh, my!

Born in Bethlehem, we are,
this morning, when we're
born in Jesus Christ, for He is
God's Bethlehem. Jesus is
God's House of Eternal Life
Bread.

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60-0925 — That Day On
Calvary

118 Now, this is hard, but
it's Truth.

You got to come to that fact,
recognize what Calvary did
for you. We look at it, and
say, “Oh, yes, that’s fine.”
That ain’t it.

If that Son of God had to go to Calvary, for crucifixion, every son that comes must go to a Calvary. He must also have a Calvary. You must have that day of Calvary.

I've got to have that day of
Calvary. That settles the sin
question. Not shake hands
with the preacher; not be
shook into the church;

not come in by letter; not
come in by profession. But
come in by a Birth. He never
gave a letter. He never gave
a profession.

He gave a Birth. That's how we come in. Then, from that, automatically we're living Christian lives.

60-0925 — That Day On Calvary

120 Now, if you're just doing
good things,

and think you can get in, by that, then there wouldn't had to be a day of Calvary. The law provided that.

But, being it taken a day of Calvary, was to bring that in, that we could not be just church members, but be sons and daughters of God.

That's what the day of
Calvary was. That's what it
meant to you, that you
might do, and follow, and
act like Jesus.

121 Now, the river doesn't run up and down, at the same time. The river only runs one way.

And the Spirit of God just
runs one way. It doesn't mix
things with It. Runs the same
way.

60-0925 — That Day On
Calvary

122 Watch Jesus, in closing.

Jesus said, “The works that I
do shall you do also, and
greater than this shall you
do, for I go to My Father.”

123 I'm not saying this
so-much to the church here.
You understand. But these
Messages are taped. Tens of
thousands hear them,
around the world.

124 I'm going to answer that question for the critic, right now. I've often been said...told. They say, "Why, you believe the Bible?"

Jesus said, 'These works that I do shall you do also, and greater than this shall you do, for I go to My Father.'"

60-0925 — That Day On Calvary

127 Now watch. Jesus said.
Watch how He stated it.
“The works that I do,” He’s
doing them right now.

“The works that I’m doing now, healing the sick, raising the dead, opening the eyes of the blind, these works shall you do also.

You'll do these if you believe
in Me. You do these works.
And then a greater than this
shall you do, for I go to My
Father."

60-0925 — That Day On Calvary
129 Now notice. The “greater”
works, was to have the Power
in the Church, not only to heal
the sick by prayer, cast out
devils by prayer,

but to impart Eternal Life to
believers. The Holy Ghost
was coming, and given into
the hands of the Church, to
impart Life. Oh! That's what
Calvary meant.

It took stooped, degraded
men and women, and lifted
them into a place, to be
sons and daughters of God,
to heal the sick and to
impart Eternal Life;

by giving the Holy Ghost to
obedient believers, men
who were once unbelievers,
be made believers, and
impart spiritual, Eternal
Life.

130 How much greater is it:
To say, “This sick woman
laying here, I can pray a
prayer of faith and she’ll be
healed,”

that's a great thing, that's
what He was doing then;
“but,” said, “greater than
this shall you do;

I'm going to give you
Power, not only to raise him
up for a while, but to give
him Eternal Life, which will
be Eternal, forever."

131 Poor, blind, wretched people, how do you miss that? Don't you see what the "greater" thing is?

That's the greatest thing
could ever happen, was to
impart Eternal Life to people.

What is Eternal Life? The Life that He lived, the Life that was in Him, impart That to others. Can a man do that? A son of God can.

132 Jesus said, “Whose
soever sins you remit, to
them they are remitted;
whose soever sin you
retain, to them they are
retained.”

65-0410 — The Easter Seal
86 Now, the Holy Spirit is
here on earth, looking out
those individuals that God
has ordained to Life in this
age.

And as soon as It finds it, It
does just like It did on Jesus
Christ,

the great super Son of God⁹¹
Who redeemed us all. It
comes down and takes Its
place of abode into the
human life, now, notice,
brought the quickening
power.

Now, that quickening power
that come upon Jesus
quickenened Him to manifest
every promise of the Word
of that day. So does the Holy
Spirit that come upon us in
this day,

if it's not a mockery holy spirit, if it's not the devil mocking the Holy Spirit, but is the real, true Holy Spirit. It'll manifest the promise of this hour.

87 When It fell upon Luther,
It manifested that promise of
that hour. When It fell upon
Wesley, It manifested the
promise of that hour.

When It falls in this day, It
manifests the promise of
this hour. When It fell upon
Moses, It manifested the
promise of that hour.

Fell upon Noah, It manifest
the promise of that hour.
When It fell upon Jesus, It
manifest the promise of that
hour. See?

88 It's the Holy Spirit coming down, to quicken, make alive those people that's foreordained of God to be in the Rapture. Notice. That is, if he is a true eagle,

he will understand the
Message of the hour if he's
a true eagle. Now, the little
eagle probably, in the
barnyard, was eating all
right,

but he—he knowed it wasn't
just exactly right. But then
when he heard the Truth,
then he received this Truth.
Now, in John 14...

60-0925 — That Day On Calvary

85 Now, the first thing I want to say, is, Jesus never lived for Himself. His life was spent for others.

That's, perfectly, Eternal Life.
When you say you go to
church, and you do good
things, that's fine. But when
you live your life to yourself,
you haven't Eternal Life.

Eternal Life, is living for
others. It proved it when It
come in the Lamb of God.
He lived, and had Eternal
Life, because He did not live
for Himself.

He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life, by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.

60-0925 — That Day On Calvary

86 Someone said, “How can you stand, let anybody call you such bad names?”

You don't live for yourself.
You live for others, that you
might redeem that man. You
become sons.

And the trouble of it is, the
church has forgot they
were sons. You're a son.
You're taking Christ's place.
You're a son, so don't live
for yourself. Live for others.

87 “Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother, because he sure is a nice man.” That’s not it.

88 Live for that man who
hates you. Live for that
person who would kill you if
they could. That's what
they done to Him.

They killed Him, and He
died, that He might save
them. That's Eternal Life.

When, you, that's in your
bosom, you're facing Heaven
then.

But you sacrifice your own
things, give them up, like
the sheep gives its wool.
You look on, towards
Calvary.

60-0925 — That Day On

Calvary

89 I hope this helps you to
get in a place.

That's what the tabernacle,
that's what all people, has
got to do, is find out what
you are, and what's the
purpose.

Church, isn't going to church just to play music, sing songs. Church is a place where correction. "Judgment begins at the house of God."

90 “We must reckon ourselves dead, and alive to Christ.” Then, He made the way that we could sacrifice ourselves to His service,

to follow Him. If we follow
Him, we lead the life that
He lived. That's wonderful.

60-0308 — Discernment Of Spirit

11 Now we do have...and I
think it's a good thing for
us, as ministers,

to follow our order, when
we see such things in the
world as we see today. And
we have an order from God,
is for the discerning of
spirits, trying the spirit.

I believe that that is a very great lesson for the church today, is to try the spirit of anything, have discernment of the spirit.

I do not think that we should ever, by any means, ever try to judge a person by the denomination they belong to, or by the group that they are assembled with,

whether they be Methodist,
Baptist, Presbyterian,
Pentecostal, or—or whatever
they are. We should never
judge the man by the
denomination that he
belongs to.

We should always judge him by the spirit he has, see, the spirit. Whether he's latter rain or former rain or inner,

outer rain, or no rain, or whatever it might be, we should never judge him by that, but, by his spirit. We are to discern spirits.

Watch what the man has in
mind, what he has...what
he's trying to achieve. If the
man, by a gift, no matter
how great the gift is...

60-0308 — Discernment Of ¹²⁴ Spirit

12 Now I want to get this to the Church this morning, which, in the different denominations you are still the Church of the living God, together.

And this is the thing I want to get to you, see, that we are really not divided. We are the stones that's cut in different forms, all to the glory of God.

60-0308 — Discernment Of¹²⁶ Spirit

13 Now, there is so much in the day that we live in, pertaining to “gifts.” So many people judge people by gifts that they have.

Well, I believe that these things are gifts. I believe that what we see take place is gifts, and they are God-given gifts.

But, we, if we do not use them in the right way that God intended them to be used, then we can do more harm with the gifts than we could if we did not have the gifts.

The other night I made a statement at the pulpit, saying this, that I would rather see brotherly love existing among the church,

if we didn't have one case of healing or anything else. See, we must know what these things are for.

60-0308 — Discernment Of¹³¹ Spirit

14 Now, if a man comes and he has a great gift, no matter if he belongs to our denomination or another denomination,

don't judge him by what denomination he come from, how he dresses, but what you want to see is what he's trying to do with that gift. What purpose he has.

If he's trying to take his influence and build himself a great name out of it, I'd have discernment of spirit enough to know that's wrong.

No matter how great a teacher he is, how powerful he is, how intellectual he is, or how his gift operates,

if he isn't trying to achieve something for the benefit of the Body of Christ, your own spiritual discernment would tell you that that's wrong.

No matter how accurate,
how perfect, how it is, it's
wrong if it isn't used for the
Body of Jesus Christ.

60-0308 — Discernment Of Spirit

15 To achieve something,
maybe he's got a great gift that
he could draw people together
with a great intellectual or a
spiritual power,

that he could draw people together, and maybe he's trying to take that gift and make himself famous so that he'll have a big name,

so that other brethren will
look up to him as some big
person. Then that's wrong.
Maybe he's trying to—

to edify a certain thing here
that he wants everybody
else to get out of the
picture and let him and his
group be the picture. That's
still wrong, see.

60-0308 — Discernment Of Spirit

16 But if he has a gift of God and he's trying to edify the Body of Christ, then I don't care what he belongs to. You're not discerning the man,

you're discerning the spirit,
the life that's in the man.

And that's what God told us
to do. Not one time was we
ever commissioned to
discern the—the man's
group.

But we was constrained and
commanded by God to
discern the spirit in the man,
what he's trying to do,

what the spirit in his life is trying to lead him to. And then if we can find out that he's trying to lead the people (not to break them up, but to bring them together)

and to bring the Church of the living God, not all to one denomination, but to an understanding, a fellowship,

a unity of spirit. Then if he is former rain or latter rain, or whatever it is, his spirit and his purpose is right. And the spirit that's in him,

no matter what move he belongs to, the Spirit that's in him is trying to point the people to Calvary, away from himself or away from anything else,

but his only achievement he
has is to point them to
Calvary. He doesn't care
whether he's even knowed
or not. He doesn't care
whether even his own
movement...

which is fine, see, it's good, if he is a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or a Roman Catholic, or whatever he wants to be by denomination.

17 But what is he trying to do, the purpose of his heart that he's trying to get? Then you can see what's in the man's life, whether his motives is for his—his denomination,

whether it's for hisself,
whether it's for worldly fame,
whether it's for big names,
to say, "I predicted that,
come just exactly to pass."

Now, you see that's wrong right there, to begin with. But if he's trying to use what God's give him, as a teacher, as a prophet, as a seer...

60-0308 — Discernment Of¹⁵³ Spirit

18 A New Testament prophet is a preacher. We all know that. Just any minister that's a preacher is a prophet,

a New Testament prophet, if he's prophesying, preaching, not to try to edify himself to make a big name, or to edify his organization.

Which, he should be in an organization. Here I am without one, but yet preaching you should be.

That's right. Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post,

but have somewhere that
you go to church and you
call it your church,
somewhere you pay your
tithes, and somewhere that
you help support the Cause.
Take your choice,

but then don't never
disfellowship the other man
because he don't belong
with your group. See?
Discern his spirit and see if
he's got the same purpose
in heart,

then you got fellowship one
with another. You're
working for one great Cause.
That's the cause of Christ. I
think that that is absolutely
true.

61-0428 — Getting In The Spirit

119 And that's what we've
tried to do for two thousand
years.

And Pentecostal people,
you're doing the same thing,
trying to pick Him up by
organization.

You'll never do it, separate yourself from other brothers, you got to come back, and we got to be one, I don't care if the man's wrong.

If he's wrong and sincere in
his heart, and you're right
in your belief and—and
you're wrong in acting the
way you're acting,

I'd rather be in his place
than be in yours. That's
right. I'd rather be wrong in
my doctrine, and right in
my heart, God will respect
it more.

61-0428 — Getting In The Spirit
120 So if a man is wrong,
what of it? Help him, he needs
help, love him. If you can't
love your enemy the same as
you love those who love you,

you're no better off than
the publicans. Right. That's
what the church has failed
to get. I hope you get it
tonight,

I hope you see what I'm
talking about. It's back to
love, redeeming love, all the
other things are fine, but
we got to come back to
fellowship with one
another.

60-0925 — That Day On
Calvary

141 Have your day at
Calvary, God will have His
way with you.

Let me quote that again.
Have your day at Calvary,
God will have His way with
you.

60-0925 — That Day On
Calvary

156 What is “crucified with
Christ”? Is to live for others.
What kind of others?

Those who hate you, those
who wouldn't like you, those
who'd make fun of you: live
for them; be with them; love
them;

“pray for those who
despitefully use you, say all
manner of evil falsely, for My
Name’s sake. They
persecuted the prophets
which was before you.”

157 I thought the message
would probably help the
church this morning, that
you would see that we need
a Calvary, we need a
crucifixion.

61-0428 — Getting In The Spirit

84 We realize now, that our great organizations, they're all right, the organization, as long as it keeps God in it,

as long as it has the fruit of
the Spirit in it, as long as it's
loving and kind, and willing
to fellowship and help the
next brother, no matter
how,

what he believes, if he's a
brother and God give him
the Holy Ghost. God gives
those the Holy Ghost who
obeys Him, that's right.

85 So if you've got the Holy Ghost, the Methodists has got the Holy Ghost, the Baptists has got the Holy Ghost, the Presbyterians got the Holy Ghost, the Oneness has got the Holy Ghost,

the Church of God's got the Holy Ghost, well, what are you fussing about? Let's get together, let's move on, that's—that's what we need.

See, it isn't the organization,
it's the system in that
organization that pulls away;
that's the devil that does
that.

51-0413 — The Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me

26 But someday, you're
going to have to...You
remember, there's young
people setting here.

Someday those
denominational barriers, and
ideas that fanatics has got
out there, and scooped
around, and separated the
people, will be taken away;

and God will bring His Church together and take It home. Just as certain as anything in the world. That's...They're going to come;

that's prophecy. Remember that. I spoke that in the Name of the Lord. Now, you can put that down upon the book. Now, that was true.

I didn't know I was saying,
going to say that. Now,
that's right. That's how God
will bring His Church
together. You can depend on
that.

And as long as you argue
and fuss with one another,
you're in the kindergarten.
God will just keep you
there, till you learn enough
to get out of it.

That's all. Amen. Well, praise the Lord. All right. That's right. Get out. Have faith. Step out on the Word of God. Jesus said, "They..."

The disciples come, said,
“We seen one casting out
devils and we forbid him.”
There starts your
denomination again.

Said, “Forbid him not.”
Amen. Be one with him;
that’s all. Go join up. If they
won’t join up, don’t forbid
him; go on. That’s the way
to do.

61-0425B — The Godhead Explained

253 He said, “You know what we’re going to do?” Said, “We’re drawing a little ring, and drawing you right out of our circle.”

254 “Then,” I said, “I’m
going to draw another one,
and draw you right back in
again.” I said, “You can’t
draw me out, ’cause I love
you.

See, you just can't do it." I said, "There's too many of your—your brethren out there that love me and believe in me."

I said, “You, I’ll—I’ll...They’ll come, anyhow.” I said, “They’ll come. And you can’t draw me out. If you draw me out, I’ll draw you back in.”

I said, “When you make one circle, God, by His grace, will let me draw another and pull you right back again.” That’s right, draw them right back again.

63-0825M — How Can I Overcome?

68 And there's always been
an ark in God's economy.

There was an ark in the days of Noah, for the saving of His people. There was an ark in the days of the law, ark of testimony.

In the days of the law, they
followed the ark.

And there is a third
dispensation now;

like Noah's time, Lot's time,
and now this time. There is
an ark now. And that ark is
not a denomination, neither
is it a good works that you
do.

It's "by one Spirit," Romans
8:1, "we are all baptized
into one Body, in the
domain of that Kingdom,
one Spiritual baptism."

No matter how good, how bad, whatever, you're in that Kingdom by—by Holy Ghost baptism. See? That's the only way you overcome.

It's all that is under the shed
Blood is overcomers, 'cause
you cannot overcome,
yourself. It's He that
overcome for you. You're
resting.

63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?

69 “How will I know then,
Brother Branham, that I’m
in There?” Watch what kind
of a life you’re living. Just
look around.

See if it's just lived out of you, automatically. Or, do you have to strain and pull, see, then you're doing it. But don't try to do it. Did you ever try? Yeah. Don't.

70 Just like putting a little baby's arm in a sleeve hole, you see. He's just up, down, over, and everything else.

See? He can't do it. "Put on your coat, honey." He can't do it. Little arm is up, down, around. It takes your steady hand.

Oh, how glad I am, I can just
yield my hand to Father, say,
“Lord Jesus, I can’t get in
There. You help me. Put the
coat on me.” I quit trying.
Just let Him do it. See?

63-0825M — How Can I Overcome?

71 If the little baby keeps trying, “Oh, I can do it. I can do it.”

And he's just everywhere. He can't do it.

Neither can you, neither can I, but if we'll just hold still and let Him do it. Just yield to Him,

“Here, Lord, here I am.
Just—just let me be nothing.
I—I yield. You put my hand in
the right place.” That’s the
victory. That’s overcoming.

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.

65-1121 — What House Will
You Build Me?

14 Many has called me,
many has asked me, “Shall
we come to Arizona?

Would it be a good place
for us?” Well, as it was said
about Moses and them, it
was no place of fruit, no
place of pomegranate.

15 Here there is not much work to do, and living is high, and the cost of living is high. It's really a rough place to live, is Tucson, Arizona;

wages are poor, and—and
food is high, and rent.
It's—it's a horrible place to
live, in that manner.

But it's healthy, it's dry. And we sometimes...We mustn't get our minds fashioned on things of this earth.

65-1121 — What House
Will You Build Me?

16 We must look to the
leading of the Holy Spirit.

But one thing that troubled me in coming here, and to telling people, “Well, you should not come,” or, “You should come,”

that I leave up to each individual, the way God leads that individual to do. I think every one of us should do that, be led by the Spirit, on what to do.

63-0728 — Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed
448 Now notice, God
making Hissself known.

Not, we're not suppose to
make converts to
Christianity by a
government;

but by the revelation, the
Christ in you, as God was in
Christ. As God was in
Christ, Christ in you!

When, what God did in
Christ, Christ does in you!
What signs did God in Christ,
Christ does in you! Oh, isn't
that beautiful? Uh! Oh, my! I
like that.

449 Jesus said, “At that
day,” that’s this day. “At
that day,” when this
revelation is made known,

“you will know that I am in
the Father, and the Father in
Me; I in you, and you in Me.”

When the revelation is made manifest, “At that day ye shall know that I and the Father are One; I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me.”

Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's, "I in you, and you in Me." There you are. See the manifold, threefold mani-...

What for? To bring it back.
We've got to be...
As Jesus was the Word of
God, He vindicated the same.

Hitting God's Target

Friday Fellowship, 2nd March 2025

Bro. James Maina

Philippians 3:14

¹⁴ I press toward the mark
for the prize of the high
calling of God in Christ Jesus.

63-0428 — Look

109 But, you know where
you stand, because you been
zeroed in with God.

You see your own life
hitting that target, just like
those apostles did. You live
the way they did. You were
baptized the way they were.

You see the same results
that they seen. You see it
operating in you. You are
zeroed. I don't care what
the company says and what
the denominations say.

You are zeroed, because you
know that you're hitting
the target. Amen. Then you
know where you're
standing. Depends on what
you're looking at.

If you're looking to
somebody else, you'll go any
way. Any little puff of wind
will blow you off the target.

But, oh, you can't be blown off the target when you're zeroed in. That's all. There's nothing going to stop it. God carries it to its...

110 Just like David's little
rock in the sling, it went
straight to its destination.

111 So will your prayers go
straight to its destination,
'cause it's offered in the
Blood of Jesus Christ which
cleanses you. There's not a
sin or a spot on you
nowhere.

That's right. There can't be.
As long as that Clorox is
between me and God, how is
He going to see my sin? How
can He do it?

63-1229E — Look Away To Jesus

32 Now, we believe in the
same Gospel, just the way
the Bible is written. It's
zeroed.

And—and if the gun is
exactly zeroed, and in tune;
if it strikes the target the
first time, it'll strike it the
second time, and every
time.

33 If a tree, or a limb, vine,
puts out a branch, and that
branch bears a certain fruit;
the next time the—the vine
puts out a branch, it'll bear
the same kind of fruit.

63-1229E — Look Away To Jesus
34 And if Jesus is the Vine,
and we are the branches; and
the first Branch, Church, that
that Vine put out, they wrote
a Book of Acts behind it.

And that first Branch
baptized in the Name of Jesus
Christ. And they had the living
God among them, that did the
same things among them that
He did when He was on earth.

Therefore, the people taken notice to them, though ignorant and unlearned, that they had been with Jesus, because His Life was through them.

63-1229E — Look Away To
Jesus

35 As I have said, if I had the
spirit of—of Beethoven in
me, I would write songs.

If Beet-...if I...If Beethoven
lived in me, I would be
Beethoven. See?

36 If Shakespeare lived in
me, I'd be Shakespeare.
I—I'd write poems,
and—and—and plays, and
so forth, if Shakespeare
lived in me.

37 And if Christ lives in me,
the works of Christ you'll
do. Right. It's got to be. And
what is Christ? The Word.

He said, “If ye abide in Me,
My Word in you, then ask
what you will; it’ll be done.”

Because, the Word is there,
just needs the Light; and the
Light makes It live.

57-0125 — Hear Ye Him

18 The hope of all the ages rests there on the Person of the Lord Jesus returning the second time.

He was a man, yes. But He was the God-man.

God was in Christ reconciling
the world to Himself:
Jehovah's tabernacle. "Not
Me that doeth the works; it's
My Father that dwelleth in
Me," said the Son.

“He doeth the works.”
In another words, in that day
the Father was the Vine.

He was the Branch to bear the fruit of God. Now, He becomes the Vine, and we become the branch. And all that was in God was poured into Christ.

Are you ready? Here it is. It
may gag you a little. But
listen. All that was in Christ
was poured into the
Church. “The works that I
do shall you also.

More than this shall you do,
for I go to My Father.” You
see it? We are living under
our God given privileges
that God has redeemed us
to.

64-0409 — The
Identification Of Christ In All
Ages

254 Heavenly Father, we are
grateful to see the risen
Messiah.

Nineteen hundred years of all kinds of theology and movements, but still, in the darkness of all of it,

You promised that You would appear here in the last days, in this Sodom day, and You would make Yourself known to the children of Abraham, the called, the elected.

And here You are, tonight
after nineteen hundred
years, You are just as much
alive tonight as You was
when You talked to the
woman at the well.

It's God manifested in flesh,
now in the flesh of His
Bride, for the Bride and the
Husband is the same-self
flesh.

“These two are one.” And
the Church is becoming the
Bride, all the time, by
believing the Word, so that
the Word and the Church
becomes the same.

The Word in the Church,
making it the Bride. The last
sign, God identifying
Himself, the Word in the
Church.

CAB-09 — 9 - The Laodicean Church Age

But thank God, at this moment, this age is not over. He is yet crying.

And His cry is not only in the spiritual ears of men by His Spirit, but once again a prophet is in the land. Once more God will reveal the truth as He did to Paul.

In the days of the seventh messenger, in the days of the Laodicean Age, its messenger will reveal the mysteries of God as revealed to Paul.

He will speak out, and those who receive that prophet in his own name will receive the beneficent effect of that prophet's ministry.

And they that hear him will
be blessed and become part
of that bride of the last day
who are mentioned in
Revelation 22:17,

“The Spirit and the bride say, Come.” The corn of wheat (the Bride Wheat) that fell into the ground at Nicaea has come back to original Word Grain again.

Praise God forever. Yes,
listen to the authenticated
prophet of God who appears
in this last age.

What he says from God, the bride will say. The Spirit and the prophet and the bride will be saying the same thing.

And what they will say will
have already been said in
the Word. They are saying it
now, “Come out from
among her now, and be ye
separate.”

The cry has gone out. The cry is going out. How long will the voice cry? We do not know, but one thing we do know, it won't be long, for this is the last age.

65-0418M — It Is The Rising Of The Sun

111 And as He, being the Groom, the Bride has to come forth, 'cause It's part of Him.

And It can only be the
manifestation of the fulfilling
of all the revelations any
others has spoke of the
Bride; It can only manifest.

If it does something different
from the Groom, it isn't the
Bride. Because, She is flesh of
His flesh, bone of His bone;
Life of His Life, Power of His
Power! She is Him! As man
and woman are one,

and woman taken from his side, She had taken a Spirit, the feminish Spirit, from Him. The flesh from His side, made both Mechanics and Dynamics, the Wife.

The Spirit of Him and the
flesh of Him, and put it
together, and made
Mechanics and Dynamics.
Until the church or the
people...

63-0116 — The Evening
Messenger

91 Therefore when God sent forth His prophets, His messengers of the Testament, He spoke to one man, and that man had to bring the Message.

Others went from him,
everywhere, bringing the
same Message. But there
had to be one headquarters.
God has always had it. I'm
thankful He has got it
tonight;

that's the Holy Ghost, of
course, we all know. Now,
not some group, but the
Holy Spirit is God's
Headquarters. That's God's
Messenger of the hour.

65-1125 — The Invisible
Union Of The Bride Of Christ
221 But, you remember,
when it went down, and the
grain begin to ripen, that you
find,

before that grain can ripen,
everything in that stalk has
to be dead. Hallelujah! Can't
you see where we're
standing? Life is in the grain
again. What is it?

Just exactly like the same
grain that went in the
ground, the same Jesus in
the Bride form, same
power, same Church, same
thing, same Word.

The same Word sucked up
through these and come
out here, and come to a
head here. And all that Life
that come through here,
picked up its people.

Now it's forming up into a
head, for the Rapture.

Speaking on that tomorrow
night, or next night, one, the
Lord willing.

Hitting God's Target

Sunday Service, 4th May 2025

Bro. James Maina

60-0802 — El-Shaddai

37 When you come to total
obedience, then you can
have possession. But until
you totally obey!

You've got to completely surrender your own thoughts, your own will, your own mind, and let the mind of Christ operate in you.

60-1204E — The Patmos

Vision

251 Amen! Cut every
obstacle from human beings,
that they might be
connected like in the garden
of Eden.

Now, man...I was going to choke it, but I'm going to say it. Man is omnipotent. You don't believe that, but he is. A man fully surrendered to God is omnipotent.

Did not He say, in Mark
11:22, “Whatsoever things
you say, and don’t doubt in
your heart, it’ll come to
pass. You can have what
you’ve said”?

60-1204E — The Patmos

Vision

252 What happens when
two omnipotents meet?

When God and man comes
together, two omnipotents,

something's got to shake.
Some-...Whatsoever you'd
say with that creative
power of omnipotence of
God,

knowing that He's
promised it, and He said it
in His Word, it creates a
power that goes out yonder
and brings things to pass,

things that is not, it makes,
them as though they are,
because two omnipotents
have met. There He stands!
Oh, isn't He wonderful!

56-0129 — The Supernatural

23 And that's the reason
sometimes a Divine life
that's been called and set
aside has become a fanatic,

or crazy, or—or a mystic, or something to the eyes of the general public is because you're considered a—a—a—a, I'd say a neurotic,

or a insane person, is
because that you have
changed your dwelling
place and got into a
different atmosphere. And
your one motive,

your one thought is to stay
in that atmosphere. Any
person that ever come into
that atmosphere one time
will never be satisfied
nowhere else.

And that's why I believe
that we should have our
churches under control by
the Holy Ghost,

that men and women in
their work and wherever
they should be, should
continually desire, and they
will, if they've ever once
come into that atmosphere.

56-0826 — Divine Love

53 Then what type of
people ought we to be if
we're a Christian?

What type of an
atmosphere should we live
in? In a consoling, soothing,
healing atmosphere,

we should live in, with our
hearts constantly in prayer,
with a deep love for every
person we come in contact
with. And that be...

63-0714M — Why Cry?

Speak!

172 But there is only one
real Church, and you don't
join It. You're born in It.

See? And if you're born in It,
the living God works Himself
through you, and making
Himself known. See?

That's where God dwells, in
His Church. God goes to
Church everyday, just lives
in Church. He lives in you.
You're His Church. You are
His Church.

You are the Tabernacle that
God dwells in. You are the
Church of the living God,
yourself. And if the living
God lives in His living being,

then your action is of God; if it isn't, then God isn't in there. He wouldn't make you act like that, when He says in the Word here,

His blueprint, “Don’t do it,”
and you go do it. See, that’s
wrong. When you deny it,
then that shows the Life isn’t
even in you. See? That’s
right.

62-1014M — The Stature Of A Perfect Man

172 We're not building an
organization.

I'm not here this morning to
build an organization. Christ
never sent me to build
organization.

Christ sent me to build
individuals to the stature of
Jesus Christ, that they
might be the powerhouse
and the dwelling place of
the Spirit, by His Word.

By His Word, see, build up
the individual to that place.
Not build an organization to
a greater denomination, but
build the individual to sons
and daughters of God.

That's the idea. See? Add to your faith, virtue; to your virtue, add knowledge. Well, now you're coming to a place.

62-1014M — The Stature Of A Perfect Man

340 And the way God is
expecting us as an
individual to grow,

the way He has brought His
Church in to grow. Every
Church age, It becomes one
big Church. See?

341 These fellows wasn't
required what these fellows
are. This wasn't required
what this was. See?

But He brought His Church
up the same way. He
brought His—His Church up
the same way He's bringing
His people up. Then Peter
here says, first, seven things:

faith, virtue, (see, come up),
knowledge, temperance,
patience, godliness,
brotherly love, add brotherly
kindness, and then the love
of God.

The Holy Ghost, Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost, comes upon you, in the true baptism of the Holy Ghost, and you got all these virtues sealed in you.

Then, God lives in a
Tabernacle, called the
Building, the living
Tabernacle of the living
God's dwelling place.

62-1014M — The Stature Of A Perfect Man

342 When a man possesses these kind of things, then the Holy Ghost comes upon him.

No matter, you might speak
with tongues, you might
impersonate any gift that
God has got.

You might do that. But until these virtues here go into you, you're still off the real, true foundation of faith.

But when these virtues grow in, and you added that to that, then you are a living monument. You are a living, moving idol.

62-1014M — The Stature Of A Perfect Man

343 But, you know, the—the
heathen, they prostrate
themselves before an idol,

imaginary god. And in
imaginary way they believe
that that imaginary god
speaks back to them.

That's heathenism. That's Romanism. They bow before all kind of saints and everything else. And they have Saint Cecelia, a house god,

and so many different things like that. They bow to that, and actually believe that in imaginary way. What a—what a type it is, of the true living God.

344 But when we, not in
imaginary way, but
prostrate ourselves before a
living God, a living virtue, a
living knowledge,

a living patience, a living
godliness, a living Power
coming from a living God,
makes a living man a living
image in the stature of God.
What's he doing?

The same things that Jesus did; walking the same way He walked, doing the same things He did. Because, it's not imaginary thing. There's a reality that proves.

62-1014M — The Stature Of A Perfect Man

345 See what I mean? See
how these virtues, these
building materials,

type in with the Church messengers, with the Church ages? Now, one of these days, we're going to take each one of these words,

and study them out, and
show that it proves it. It all
goes together. Sure. See?
Oh, my! How wonderful that
is, see, to see what it—what
it does.

346 Now, that is the House
that God dwells in; not a
building with a big bell on
top of it, and a high steeple.

See? “But a Body has Thou
prepared Me,” a Body that
God can dwell in, God can
walk in, God can see in, God
can talk in, God can work in.

Amen! Living
instrumentality of God, God
walking on two feet, in you.
Glory! “The footsteps of the
righteous is ordered of
God.”

God walking in you. “For ye are written epistles, read of all men.” And if the Life that’s in Christ be in you, you’ll bear the Life that Christ bore.

63-0728 — Christ Is The
Mystery Of God Revealed

377 Now He sanctified, with His Spirit and Blood, a Church, that He might make every promise in this last day be revealed.

Now, see, He could go back
and pick up what these other
fellows has left off here, in
the last days,

and by His Holy Spirit reveal
all the mystery of the Seven
Seals. See, He is expressing
Himself. That's His purpose.

That's why He died. That's the second fold of His threefold manifestation. First, to express Himself in Christ, then express Himself through the Church.

And the same thing, Christ
was the Word, and the
Church becomes the Word
when it lets the Word go
through them.

The Heart Condition

*Holy Communion Service, 4th May
2025*

Bro James Maina

61-0425B — The Godhead Explained

103 Now, I said to Brother Scism, to...and Brother Ness,
“To answer your question,”

I said, “now, I do not take either sides with you brethren. And I know, as long as you fuss, you are both wrong. See? Because, I would rather be wrong in my doctrine,

and right in my heart, than
to be right in my doctrine,
and wrong in my heart.”
See? I said, “After all, it’s
your heart’s condition.”

61-0425B — The Godhead

Explained

104 And I made that a
practice, to know this: that,
if a man, no matter what he
does, and how much he
differens,

and what he says about me;
if in my heart, not from just
a duty, but from my heart I
can't love that man as well
as I love anyone else,

then I know there's
something wrong in here,
see. That's right, because,
it's—it...no matter if he...

105 A little brother come,
not long ago, a little Church
of Christ brother. And, oh, he
stood up there,

and he said, “This guy is a devil.” See? He said, “He says of the Holy Ghost.” He said, “There is no such a thing.”

They, well, only the twelve apostles received the Holy Ghost. And—and Divine healing was only give to those twelve apostles.” And went on, about a half hour.

106 And I said, “Just a moment, brother. I think you ought to give me just a chance to defend This, see.”

I said, “You said that you spoke where the Bible spoke, and was silent where It was silent.”

And he said, “We do.”

61-0425B — The Godhead Explained

107 I said, “Now, you said there was just the twelve apostles received the Holy Ghost.

The Bible said, 'There was a hundred and twenty in the upper room when the Holy Ghost fell, women and all.'

And would you mind to tell me, do you think Paul didn't have the Holy Ghost? And he received It a long time after that, see.

And you said, 'The gift of healing was only give to the twelve apostles.' And Stephen went down, a few days later, and he wasn't one of the twelve. He was not even a preacher.

He was a deacon, and went down to Samaria and cast out devils.” And I said, “Oh, brother!” It was very silent right here, yeah, where you had to keep it.

61-0425B — The Godhead Explained

108 And after it was over,
“But,” I said, “I forgive you
for calling me a devil, ’cause
I know you didn’t mean
that.”

109 And then when he got finished, he come up. He said, “There’s one thing I can say. You have the Spirit of Christ.”

110 I said, “Now, brother,
which am I, a devil or of
Christ?” See? See?

111 But I tell you, see,
because that a man, he
could tell that I loved him;
no matter, he was
disagreeing, and horribly
disagreeing and
lambasting. He...

Petty Jealousies

57-0517 — The Queen Of Sheba

16 And if today, the day
that we live in, that there's
so much said about signs
and there's so much petty
jealousies about signs...

And if you'll notice, it doesn't only lay in the church, but it lays in the—the realms of the scientific world, or the professional world.

For instance, the medical doctor...The medical doctor say, “You do not need an operation. Don’t go over there, for he’s nothing but a butcher.”

And the surgeon will turn around and said, “Don’t take those sugar pills; you need an operation.”

The osteopathic will say
about the chiropractic, “He’ll
break your neck.”

And the chiropractor will say
to the osteopath,

“What good does it do to rub the outside; you have get to the inside.”

The preacher will say, “The Methodists has nothing to do in it. We Baptists has got it.

The Pentecostal have said,
“The Apostolics don’t even
know the Bible,” and vice
versa.

Our—our evangelists has the
word; they are the gifted
men.

And the doctors will say,
“The preacher ought not to
practice divine healing.”

And the preacher will say,
“The doctor’s not even in the
picture.”

It all goes to show one thing:
it's the wrong motive. And
we know that each of those
professions does good, for
we hear of people that are
helped.

And if the hearts of the people³⁷⁶
were right, we would lock
arms and hearts with each
other and pool our efforts
together to try to help our
fellow man to make life's
journey a little more pleasant
to him.

17 But it's money. If the operation's performed, the doctor may be out of giving his pills. If the—if the vice versa, and to each one...

And each denomination thinks if they say something good about the—the evangelists of the other denomination will hurt them.

Oh, it's the motives: we ought to have the right type of motive to try to be—to help our fellowman.

Jesus said, “If you do not love your brother who you have seen, how can you love God Who you have not seen?”

And I believe if we would
put our efforts together
and pray, and help, and try
with everything that we
can,

it would make life more
pleasant for all of us, and
God would bless us more.
Now, but we find out that
those things exist.

57-0517 — The Queen Of Sheba

18 And Jesus was upbraiding those people and trying to condemn them, which He did condemn them.

And many places where His
outstanding miracles were
performed,

He said, “Oh, woe unto you, Capernaum, which is exalted into heaven shall be brought down to hell,” and there’s not even a sign of it today.

And every city that He predicted that would be cursed, every one of them is in ruin today. And the ones that He blessed is still standing today.

His Words are infallible;
they're the Words of God.
Then He turns and says,
“Why didn't they believe the
sign that was given them?”

Now God, through all ages
has always had signs and
gifts to men.

In the days of Moses, in the days of Noah, in every generation He's had gifted men that's done signs and wonders among the people.

Now, if you'll notice, in the days of Moses, how that they refused to hear Moses, because they said,

“Why, who made you a judge over us?” And for their penalty of unbelief, they was granted forty years more of punishment, because they would not hear Moses.

And after they'd already seen signs and wonders that had been done among them, every one of them but Joshua and Caleb was refused to see the promised land,

and all died in the
wilderness.

It's a terrible thing to think
of unbelief. Your eternal
destination rests upon your
faith.

And your actions speak so loud that your words can't be heard: your attitude towards the things of God.

57-0517 — The Queen Of Sheba

19 Notice, He gave a very striking statement here. He said the queen of the south, which was of Sheba, shall rise up in the generation—

in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for she came from the utmost parts of the world to hear the wisdom of Solomon.

Now, in that day God had chose a man by election: Solomon. And him being king and with the gift, the people accepted it, because they almost were compelled to do it; he was the king.

In Moses' time they did not want to accept it. In Noah's time, Elijah's time, they did not want to accept it.

And when God sends a gift...Now, I want you to get it. When God sends a gift, He will vindicate that gift.

And if the people will receive it...They've got a right to test first, to look it over, like Nathanael did, and the woman at the well, and different places.

But when it's proven to be from God, then if the people will reject it, there's nothing left but chaos. And if the people will receive it,

it will be a golden jubilee for that people, if they will receive it. But it all lays to the people; God does His part.

57-0517 — The Queen Of Sheba

20 Then if He sends the
thing, it's up the people to
receive it or to reject it.

And each one, as an individual, not because of your church standing, but as an individual...

It doesn't lay within whether
your church accepts it; it's
whether you accept it.
Salvation is a personal work.
It's a personal faith, not a
universal church faith,

but a personal faith in the Lord Jesus. No matter if father don't believe, and mother don't believe it, it's what you believe.

And notice, when they did receive it, then great signs and wonders and jubilee broke out. But when they rejected it,

then darkness and gross
darkness come to the
people. And oh, people of
this last day, can't you see
why gross darkness is falling
on this country?

The Gospel of Christ has been rejected. You don't want to believe that, but it's a noted fact. It's the truth; it's too bad, but it's the truth.

And I think that if that be the case, that each one of us should take inventory of our own experience and our own standings with God and see how we stand in His sight.

57-0517 — The Queen Of Sheba

21 Not by any tradition, not
be any mental work-up, but
by that close, hidden
communion...

Not because of our
intellectual conception of
His creed,

or of the creed of the church,
or even of the knowledge
that we had with the Word,
for some people knows the
Word real well but don't
know the Author.

Moses knowed the Word
real well, but that blessed
hiding place...

Was it not ridiculous to see Moses standing in a king's court with all the celebrity, with the finest of language, trained in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and smart,

but God had to take him out behind the mountain for forty years. God's schooling is always right. God schools His man. And remember, as trained as an Egyptian,

a shepherd was an
abomination. And isn't it
strange to see how foolish it
would seem in the hearts of
men with wisdom,

with a man with all of his
great intelligence, with all
the great armies of Egypt
laying at his command, that
he could do whatever he
wished to,

and would step away from
his education, step away
from his worldly wisdom,
step away from his great
associates,

and go out behind the desert
to become into abomination
to the people that he once
associated with?

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22 May I say this with
reverence. It's tonight that
when God calls men, many
times he has to step out of the
political ranks, out of the social
ranks,

and walk out into a place, if it would be necessary, if his associates had to say, “He’s gone crazy, or become a holy roller.”

But it's that secret place; it's that spot. Oh, don't miss it, my loyal friends. Every one of you that's received Christ, of all your teachings, your fine pastors,

and your great affiliations
with your churches (which is
all right, don't
misunderstand me), but
you're trying to place that
before this.

But that little time that God gets you away from all your associates, gets you way back in the corner, brings you into a place, in a secret place,

where that the wisdom of
the world becomes so
unsufficient, to where all the
education that you ever had,
doesn't mean nothing, into
that divine Presence,

till the lust of the eye gets so
dim you can't see it any
more; until the love of
money is completely
vanished away from you;

and when you stand there
alone with Jehovah God,
that's the things that counts.
That's the things that makes
you forget all you ever knew.

57-0104 — Sirs, We Would
See Jesus

14 I was thinking the other
day, on when the Lord
Jesus...

A man was speaking to me,
and he said, “Brother
Branham, I don’t like to
disagree with you, ’cause I
like you.”

He said, “But you try to put
Divine healing and powers
of healing in the church
today, when it is not.”

I said, “Well now, brother, that’s only according to what people think, and the way they look at things.” I said, “Perhaps we’ll do this.

I'll show you in the Bible
where God gave the church
power to heal the sick, and
raise the dead, and cleanse
the lepers, and cast out
devils.

I'll show you in the Bible
where He gave that power.
Now, you show me in the
Bible where He took it back
from the church.”

See? It isn't there. He gave it, and once given it, He cannot take it back; He's God. If He would...

The man said, “Why, it’s such a privilege for people who set in wheelchairs and suffer and show God’s goodness and so forth, in suffering...”

I said, “Then Christ defeated
His very purpose when He
healed the sick then,

if God takes pleasure in people being sick, for He healed the sick whenever He come in contact with them. He healed the sick.

Then if it's God's will for people to suffer, then, if He did, Christ defeated His own will when He come..." Oh, my, what kind of a Gospel would you have. See?

God doesn't run His off...You wouldn't run your office like that. I wouldn't mine, and you wouldn't yours. How about God running His? See?

God works at one purpose: that's to save, and to be good, and to do everything He can. It's His pleasure to give His blessings bountifully to His people.

But we fail, not because the power is not in the church; because the power is not in the Pentecostal church, the Methodist church.

You Baptists, Presbyterian,
Lutheran, whatever you are,
you've got the power, but
you ain't got the faith to
move that power.

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See Jesus

15 Look at these disciples in
Matthew the 10th chapter.

Je—Jesus gave them power to
heal the sick, even to raise the
dead.

And ten, about ten days later, we find them miserably defeated. They had a man with epilepsy and couldn't cast the devil out.

And Jesus said to them, “Oh, faithless generation, how long will I suffer you? Bring him here to Me.” And He healed the boy.

And when He healed this boy, what taken place? The disciples come around, said, “Well, why couldn’t we do it?”

Now, Jesus never said, “I’ve
took My power back from
you. I just let you have it for
that one mission you were
on.” He never said that.

He said, “Because of your unbelief.” That’s right, not because of the lack of power, but the lack of, unbelief to operate the power that you had.

And if we could ever get it straight in the Word and let the people see it, it operates itself, as soon as the people sees what it is.

57-0104 — Sirs, We Would See Jesus

16 Now, notice, these same disciples...And how petty people can be, how juvenile that grownups can be.

In our organizations, and in
our denominations, and in
our affiliations, and so forth,
and our creeds, we end them
with a period, when we
ought to end them with
comma.

“We believe this plus as much more as God will let us know.” But if we end it with a period, that settles it. That’s all.

“We don’t care about what God wants to let us know. We just—this is all we want.” And there’s what we’ve done when we made a mistake.

57-0104 — Sirs, We Would See Jesus

17 Now, watch. These same
disciples, a few days later,
they met a man casting out
devils.

He was getting the job
done. And so they were very
jealous. So they...He goes
down, and he said,

“Now here, you either come join our ranks or don’t you do that no more.” And the man let them know that he didn’t have to join their denomination, their ranks.

He went up there, and he
heard Jesus saying,
“Whosoever will...,” so he
just received it and went on.

And he was getting the job done. Well, the disciples said, “We forbid you.” In other words, “We’ll boycott you; we’ll do all of this if you don’t do it.”

Went back and told Jesus about it, and Jesus said, “Now, don’t you do that,” said, “because no man can do a miracle in My Name that could speak lightly of Me.

And him that's not with Me,
scatters abroad.” So there
you are.

You see what it was?

Little petty jealousy of those disciples. It was in men then; it's still in men today. That's right. 'Cause the man was getting the job done.

And many times we find people who are getting the job done and don't belong to our ranks, then we want to fly up about it.

But it's just that same element. And if it was in the church of twelve that walked with Jesus, it's bound to be in this one and all the rest of them. That's right.

So brethren, we are here to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection, and we pray that you'll fellowship around the Word with us. Shall we pray just a moment.