



# **Let Your Light So Shine Before Men**

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88 Now let us open up the Word of the Lord, unto Matthew the 15th...or the 5th chapter. And we will read just a portion, and then I will draw from this, the Lord willing, a little text for about fifteen, twenty minutes. Then we'll have the communion, and footwashing, and baptismal service, will take us to about nine-thirty, then, or little later, to

get finished. I would like to begin from the the 5th chapter, at the 12th verse.

Rejoice, *and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted...the prophets which were before you.*

*Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and...be trodden under the foot of men.*

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that sets on an hill cannot be hid.*

*Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.*

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

89 I would like to take a—a subject from that last verse there, which is the 16th verse: *Let Your*

*Light So Shine Before Men.* “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

90 We find, in the Scripture, that there's two places that two different men speaking of justification. And one of them was Paul, and the other was Peter. Saint Paul, and Saint Peter; and Paul was justifying Abraham by faith, and Peter was justifying him by works. Peter

said that he was justified by his works. Paul said he was justified by his faith. Now, they did not contradict each other. They were looking at it in two different viewpoints. And Paul was speaking of Abraham's faith, that's what God saw in Abraham. And Peter was speaking of his works that spoke of his faith. So it is written, "Show me your works without your faith, and I'll show you my works by my faith." Now, therefore, Paul, seeing what was talking, and what God

saw. And Peter was talking about what man saw, and, 'cause, if a man has faith, he will act like it. His life will show it to others.

91 So I'm going, want to speak on that, tonight, "Letting our Light shine."

92 Now, just for these few minutes, I just don't want to get up here to just to be seen or to be heard. That wouldn't be right. But, maybe, God helping me, maybe we could speak some words to something that'll be

edifying to us, that'll help us all, how that we could do better and live a better life. I'm sure that's what we are all here for, is to take correction and to get an understanding of what we can do to make us better Christian. If I have one thing in my life that I desire, is to be a better Christian than I am. And I'm sure that's the heart's cry of every soul that's here tonight, is to be a better Christian.



93 Some time ago, I was going down a road, and I, driving along at a pretty rapid speed, and watching as I usually do, by myself, driving. And it's a lonesome drive when you're driving by yourself. You can't turn the radio on, 'less there's some of these family networks where you can get religious music, because it's all things that would take the very Spirit out of you.

94 And wherever I go, after I've gotten a little old, why, I carry a little pad of paper. And when the Lord reveals something to me, I just jot it down. And I've even wrote on my gun stock, in the woods, with a bullet. And things like that, just to get a thought that is presented to me. Take a piece of tag out of my clothes, or something, and write on it. Something another, to keep the Message in my mind.

95 And as I drove along, down this road, I noticed a great big beautiful signboard. And usually, you know, they have a lot of things plastered on these signboards, but I never noticed such things on this certain signboard. Usually they have pictures of—of half-dressed women, or something another, advertising a certain brand of cigarettes, or—or whiskey, or beer, or something, the great shining signboards. But to my surprise, at my first glance, it

attracted my attention, because it wasn't all smutted up with something another. The smut wasn't on it. And I gazed back, to see.

96 It was a beautiful board. And setting in a correct place, just where, when you turned this corner, you can't keep from seeing the sign. And to my surprise, it had one word wrote across it, "Hungry?" Just, "Hungry?" That's all there was. Then I noticed a little bitty letters

down at the bottom of the board, said, “Three miles ahead.” “Hungry? Three miles ahead.”

97 Well, I begin to study about that. The people wasn't so much...Usually, if they got a restaurant ahead, they—they're trying to outsell the other fellow; the picture, big sizzling steaks, and so forth. And when you go in, you usually don't find anything like is advertised, but just a—an advertisement. But this seemed to have a different approach.

98 And we know that the day that we're live in today, it pays to advertise. And we find out, that, these people who are making such big progress in business are—are great men of advertisement. They—they put it on television. They smear it on boards, everywhere they can, to advertise their products. “Smoke *this* one; not a cough in a carload.” And, “The thinking man’s filter,” and some other man’s tip, or something like that. Of...and the...“Stay lively,

longer,” with their beer. And all stuff like that, it’s advertisement. And they write off lot of their income tax, just for advertisement. And it certainly pays off.

99 So if it pays off, for that, I begin to think, “Then why won’t Christianity pay off if it’s advertised?”

100 Well, I thought, then, “What—what is advertisement?” You’ve got to have something that is a little different from what

the rest of them has got, or if it's just so common, like the things of the world, it'll never attract the attention of the people. Now, if a man would been looking for a automobile, he would have went on past that sign. But if he had been hungry, he'd a been looking for that sign.

101 So I believe that the Christian is God's billboard. I believe that each one of us is God's billboard. And we don't have to do so much carrying on



about it, as we do. Just simply live such a life that'll make the people hungry to be like you.

102 Now, I noticed on this billboard, this certain one, it didn't claim any, nothing, but just asked the question, if you're "Hungry?" And you cannot sell anybody anything to eat unless they are hungry. The first thing that advertisement does, the individual passing by has to see it.

103 Now, the only way that the world will ever see Christ is when he, they, see It in you and me. That's the only way they'll ever see Christ. Their—their conscience are numb to the sunsets, to the call of the birds, to the leaves, and—and the grass, and the flowers; and the music, and the Message and so forth, that we enjoy after we have found Christ. But, until we get to a place that we display Christ!

104 Now, remember that. Each one of you, from tonight on, remember, you are God's billboards. And you're—you're God's advertising agent. Now, the world will look at you, to see what Christ is. So we don't want to smear a big lot of stuff on there, that testify about things that we really are not. Let's first be that. Then when we be that, then the world will see Christ in you and me.

105 The first thing, that, any advertisement, the person has to see it.

106 Then, the next thing, they have to want it. Now, if they see it and don't want it, then that's different. But you haven't put a vain advertisement out.

107 But if they, first, have got to see it, and then we've got to make it so attractive to them. Oh, I hope we see that, the attractiveness of salvation, what it does to the person. We've got

to attract the world to Christ. And the Gospel does have an attractiveness. It has it to those who are hungering for God. It only attracts those who are hungering and thirsting, and that's the ones we're out for. "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him."

108 But there's so many that the Father has drawed, and are hungering and thirsting to find God, and yet don't know where to find Him, because those who

are supposed to be billboards is so smutted up with the things of the world, till they can't see where they got any more than they've got before they come to Him. They live like the world. They talk like the world. They sing the same songs the world does. They dress like the world, I mean, especially in the female sex. And they act like the world. They go to the worldly places. They attend the worldly entertainments.

109 Someone said to me, the other day, about a certain minister. And I love the man. There's no doubt but what he's a great man. He said, "But he said that—that you were holy-rollers," to me, that I was a holy-roller.

110 I said, "Well, I—I—I don't think I am. But," I said, "I—I want to be holy. And if the Lord ever told me to roll, I guess I would roll. But I—I want to be holy, anyhow, live a life of *holiness*, means 'cleanness before God.'"

111 “And so he said, well, that you run out, overseas, and around like that, and made yourself a missionary. No church sent you, and you just made yourself a hand-made missionary.”

112 “Well,” I said, “if I made a hand-made missionary, it would never attract the attention of the world, because that they’re not looking for that. They’re looking for Christ.”



113 And we find out, that, those men and people that think those things...There is two different classes; God has two different classes.

114 There are men who God uses to stay home, and merry the sick, and bury the dead, and kiss the babies, and marry their young, and so forth like that. Many of those men don't know what it is to pack a sword, and get out there on a two-handed sword on the front line. They

don't know what a battle is, to fight against the enemy. They get out here, and they're smart men, theologians, great men, who can stand with, put a sermon out that's just so touched up, and also can talk with such language, till Webster would hardly know what they were saying. They got degrees in college, but that's all right when you're talking to an intellectual group that's just looking for a church home.

115 But when you get out there on the battlefield, where those men have more than that, they've got to see the Power of Almighty God in manifestation, or you'll never sell it to them. They've got to see Christ in His resurrection. Yes, sir.

116 Those men don't know what it is to hold a two-handed Sword, to fight toe-to-toe with the enemy there. Where devils and witch doctors, and everything else, standing there, challenge

you on every hand. And where men, who read that Bible, say, “If Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and forever, let me see the Holy Spirit perform like It did back there.” See? Then you can’t take a—a scholarship and do that.

117 It takes the Power and resurrection of Jesus Christ to produce that. Yes. And now that’s what hungry natives look for. They’ve got to see It, and they’ve got to want It.

118 And that's the same thing this nation has got. That's the reason, tonight, that we got all these warnings of an atomic war, is because the nations has seen It, this nation has, and don't want It. And that's the reason that Divine judgment is upon them. Is because that we are in, weighed in the balance.

119 I seen where our President, Mr. Kennedy, Tom, I believe his name is, Kennedy, that sent down for this, so many

officers, down for this segregational war. He sent down four hundred and something, down in the South, to stop this segregational war. And when he ended up, at his full course, they could send no more, he had exactly six hundred and sixty-six. It was in *Time's* magazine. Oh, if the people was only spiritual, could wake up and see what is "six hundred and sixty-six." Exactly what they had. That's in this month's *Time's*.

120 Now, we find out, that, until people begin to want God, until people begin to thirst! Jesus said, “Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Now, you got to hunger and thirst for It.

We are Christ's billboards.

121 And Christ is our sponsor, for this sponsorship is by Christ. And He is giving us our Life, to sponsor Him. Now, what kind of a person would you be if you

sponsored somebody? What kind of a person ought we to be if we are—are sponsored by Christ? He gives us salvation. He gives us our healing. He gives us our health and strength. And He gives us our food. He gives us our homes. Then, we are sponsored by Christ. And pentecostal people, who is filled with the Holy Ghost, is sponsors of Jesus Christ. They have been sponsored by Jesus Christ, and given the Holy Ghost, to be an example to the people.



122 What ought we to be, today? Where should the Church be, today? We should be so, in such a condition, that would cause all the world to be want to be like us. Because men go down the street and say, “There’s a man, I might disagree with him, on his religious Doctrine. But I tell you one thing, that is a genuine Christian.” Ought to be women going down the street, say, “She may look old-fashion. She may not be like the rest of these women you see.

But there's one Christian in this town, if there's one, there she goes." Because, we are sponsored by Jesus Christ. Amen.

123 Oh, what kind of person would, should we be, if we are His billboards and we're sponsored by Him? Then, in Christ, is the One where we get our Life, and we get our strength, and we get all that we have, comes from Christ. He is our

sponsor. Oh, I'm so thankful for that!

124 So, we must be like Him. Be careful what we do, what we say, what we do in our daily life, because we are sponsored by Christ. How ought we to walk if we're sponsored by Christ? What ought we to say if we're sponsored by Christ? If someone says evil against us, what must we say if we're sponsored by Christ? We must be like Christ. Isn't that right?

125 Now, now, there's only one thing...And another thing we must do, not only thing, but another thing that we ministers must do. We must preach a Gospel that's appealing to the hungry.

126 Now, if we preach a social Gospel, and say that, "Well, you ought to come join our denomination. We got four thousand more last year, in our organization." That's not it. "Well, if you come to my church, or

become a member of my church, we'll see that you're taken care of in the...when you get old. And you be a faithful member, it's like an insurance policy, you'll be taken care of when you get old. We'll see to that." That still isn't the attractiveness.

127 The thing that we want to do is to preach a Gospel that appeals to a hungry world.

128 Now, how can you appeal to a hungry world that's wanting to see where they come from,

who they are, and where they're going, unless you preach a Gospel that raises Christ up in a living atmosphere, right here around us now? We cannot do it. There's no way. We, we could join, we could join the Masons, the—the Odd Fellows, or any other lodge, join some lodge would be just as well.

129 But we're to preach a Gospel that's appealing to hungry people, that'll catch those who are hungering and thirsting

for righteousness. “Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.” Now, how would they be? “The righteous shall be filled.” Filled with what? The Holy Spirit.

130 The Bible said, “Stephen was a man full...” Full of what? Full of power. Full of faith. Full of love. “Full of the Holy Ghost.” That’s what made him what he was, is because he was filled with the Holy Ghost. He was a real advertising board for Christ.

131 When he stood there, that morning, at the Sanhedrin courts, and they accused him. They said, “This man,” what all he was doing. And he stood alone, just him alone, out before the great Sanhedrin court. Maybe two or three thousand Jews, or five thousand, standing there with a pointed finger.

132 The Bible said, when he walked out there, that, “His face looked like an Angel.” That doesn’t mean he had a Light



shining from his face. An angel would be a messenger that knowed what he was talking about. Stephen walked out there, not afraid of death. He wasn't afraid of nothing, because he knowed what he was talking about.

133 As Paul said, "I know Who I have believed, and I'm persuaded He's able to keep that which I've committed to Him."

134 But Stephen walked out there, before that Sanhedrin

court, like a sheep among a pack of wolves, was howling for his blood. And they accused him, and pointed accusing finger at him. What did he do? He said, “Men and brethren, God of Glory appeared to our father, Abraham, when he was yet in Mesopotamia, before he was called out.” Went ahead and brought it down, all the history of Abraham, and how that through him would bring in the Gentiles. And when he got down to a certain place...Look at him, full of

the Holy Ghost. They'd, waiting, just couldn't wait till they could get their hands on him. He said, "You stiff-necked, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Ghost. Like your fathers did, so do you." He was God's advertisement board.

135 And when they stoned him to death, threw him outside the city and beat him to death with stones, when he was dying, he raised his head to Heaven and asked forgiveness

for those who was stoning him, the same as Jesus did at the cross.

136 Then, God seen His little advertisement board being taken down. Stephen looked up to Heaven, said, “Behold, I see heavens open, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.” And he fell asleep in the arms of God. He was an advertisement board for a hungry world.

137 You say, “Well, how many was there? You said there was maybe five thousand. How many of them got saved?”

138 There was one. He never accepted it right then, but years later. Hallelujah! Somewhere, your influence never dies. There was one held the coat, Saul, that young Pharisee standing there, consulted and give witness to his death. But when he saw that advertisement of the Power of the resurrected Christ in that

little fellow, it never got away from him. That same man, Paul, that one standing there that morning, led tens of thousands of souls to Christ, because one man was willing to give his life to be an advertising board for Jesus Christ.

139 What ought we to do today? No matter, we don't have to have big audiences. We don't have to preach to ten thousand. We don't have to even preach. We can be God's advertisement

board. How do you know that your life might not start some young man on the Gospel? Some of you older men, see old women, start some young man on the field out there, would win ten thousand souls to Christ, is because that he saw Christ in you, that you presented Christ to him, in the simple Power of the Gospel. Yes.

140 I think we need the Christ. Yes, sir. Only way we see Christ is when He reflects in each other.

I see Christ in you. You see Him in me. That's how we watch Christ. I come to the meeting. I start preaching. I watch the people. You can see whether they're interested or not, just a few minutes. You look over your audience. You can tell whether you're boring them or whether you're not. See? And the first thing you know, you see them setting there, hanging unto every Word, under expectation. See? I'm seeing Christ reflected in that



person, because he's hungry and thirsting for God.

141 Then, me, preaching the Gospel, he sees the Christ reflecting in me. I see the Christ reflecting in him. That means Christ is in our midst then. Amen. "Hungering and thirsting." I watch the audience, how they take it. Say something another, watch what—what effect it takes on them. Watch their face light up, full of joy. They're ready right then to receive something. That's

Christ. I see Christ reflecting in that person because the Gospel, the simple Gospel of Christ, is taking a hold in that heart, because they're hungering and thirsting.

142 And I've showed a billboard here, an advertisement. What kind of an advertisement? Not to some theology, not to some man-made creed, but to a Christ that lives just the same today, as He was back yonder, for He's the same yesterday,

today, and forever. Amen. Right. They see that power of God move, watch It over the buildings, and see It pick out the people, discern their hearts, heal the sick, reveal the secrets of their heart, unstop the deaf ears, to make the blind to see. What is it? It's appealing. It's Christ's signboard. And the people see It, and they rally, and they praise God. I watch It in them when they're praising God. They watch It out here, when It goes this way. So, through each other, we see

Christ reflect His Light. Now, no matter how much I could reflect It *here*, unless It reflects on you, too, we'll never understand It.

143 The Gospel would be of none effect unless somebody was there to take It. There'll be many who won't take It. But the ones that will take It, It'll reflect in them.

144 There's maybe five thousand that morning at the execution of Stephen, but there was one It reflected in. Even at

the end of his life, he said then, “I’m not even worthy to be called one of the saints,” he said, “because I persecuted the Church of God, even to death.” His consent to the stoning of that martyr, Stephen, never did get away from Paul. He said, “I persecuted the Church, even to death.” See? It never got away from him, because he seen Christ reflected.

145 How did Stephen do it?  
He never performed any

miracles, although he knowed that Christ was a miracle performer. He knowed all these powers and things. But what did he do? He just presented his life in such a way that they seen that it was the power of Christ. Amen.

146 You may never see a vision. You may never put your hands on a sick person, and feel the charge of Almighty God make a skeleton of a man turn back to life again. You may never see Him standing yonder in three

or four rainbows. You may never see His image. You may never hear His voice. But still you can be a signboard that will reflect Jesus Christ, by a life that's been so pure and unadulterated from the world. Not cluttered up with dirty things around your life; but a pure thing, that it'll cause the hungry heart to hunger and thirst to be like you. Amen.

147 You're the salt of the earth. "If the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be

salted?” That’s right. Hungering and thirsting! “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, see what you do, and glorify the Father what’s in Heaven.” Hungering! Signboards! Reflecting! Wonderful! Yes, sir.

148 Now, also, we don’t want to do this. We don’t want to make a quick sale out of it, just say, “Well, I got converted last night. Hallelujah! The whole world...” You can’t do that. That’s a quick



sale. If we do that, the product is not much good. If you just live good, say, “I know one time, I—I lived good for two weeks after I was converted. I lived two, I lived—I lived two weeks, just perfect life.” That’s a quick sale. That’s like this Hadacol we just had, nothing but a bunch of vitamins wrapped up together, and it didn’t last but a little while. It finally went out.

149 You want to be an everyday Christian, every-hour

Christian, every-year Christian,  
not a quick sale. But let your  
Light so shine.

150 If you walk up to a man  
and ask him to receive Christ, he  
laughs in your face, don't go off  
and say, "Well, there's nothing to  
It, or he would accepted It." No.  
That's a Hadacol sale. We're not  
selling Hadacol.

151 We're selling the Gospel,  
the power of the living God,  
Christ the same yesterday,  
today, and forever. If the world

hates you, they hated Christ before they hated you, for the same cause drove Him to the cross. But we're His representatives. We're His billboards. We advertise Him.

152 Don't have to have a lot of fancy stuff, a lot of, "Doctor, Ph.D., LL.D.! The great, sanctified church of *So-and-so* and *So-and-so*, founded way back in *so-and-so* and *so-and-so*! We have *so-and-so* and *so-and-so*!"

153 Just make them hungry. Amen. A simple, clean billboard with Christ wrote across your life, “That men will see your good works and glorify the Father which is in Heaven.” That’s it.

154 Don’t be smugged up with the trash of the world. Don’t try to advertise yourself like somebody say, “Well, I belong to *So-and-so*, this big church. It’s the biggest church in the city.”

155 We got a person near our neighborhood up there, that left

the little church up here on the highway, to go to a bigger church, because, they said, “A better class of people went there.” A better class of people? See? They don’t know. Their—their brain becomes dusty. It’s—it’s—it’s smudged up with the things of the world. A better class of people?

156 What is a good class of people? A people that’s born of the Spirit of God. If they’re so poor they don’t know where the

next meal is coming from. That's the only class of people that's worth anything. They're the people that's born again.

157 When Jesus come, what kind of a class of people did He have to get? Uneducated, fishermen, men...Peter, apostle, the great saint who was given the keys to the Heaven, could not even sign his own name; stunk with fish from the old fish smokes and things, an old greasy apron on. Jesus took that class of a

man. Today, they'd kick him out of the church if he come in, right, to worship. See?

158 The people are looking for "class." And do you know the devil lives in class? Do you know what caused the first battle in Heaven? Was when Lucifer set up a greater class of people, got a better class of Angels, he thought. Big, a bigger kingdom, a more brighter, shinier kingdom than Michael had. And he was kicked out of Heaven. See where

class comes from? Stay away from class.

159 The hungry don't want class. The hungry wants food. Yes, sir. The cold wants fire, not a picture, a fire. And the hungry, thirsting for God, wants the Gospel and power of Jesus Christ. Amen. No matter how simple it is, how—how un-...how unpopular it is with the world, they want reality.

160 A man that's dying, a man that knows he's got to meet God,



don't care about any class. He wants to find God. He wants to find assurance, that when he comes down to the river, there'll be somebody there to meet him and show him the way. He wants something that anchors him now, that know, "I know my Redeemer liveth. At the last days, He'll stand on the earth."

161 "I am persuaded that there's nothing present, that which is future, or shall come, hunger, perils, or anything else,

can separate us from the love of God that's in Christ." That's what they want, want something that...

162 Not a make-belief, something sell quick, "And get over here and join this church." I want something that...Say, "Well, I'll go down and join the church. I'll have a consecration service, the pastor will baptize me secretly and take me into the church." No, no. That's not it. That's one of them quick sale stuff. It won't last very long.

163 I want real old-fashion conversion, a man or a woman that's willing to walk out and say, "I'm wrong. I want to become like my neighbor. I long to be a woman like my neighbor. I want to be a man like my neighbor. I want to walk so godly before men, that people think of me the same as they did of him. I want to be like Jesus Christ."

164 Now, remember, in closing, I—I—I just keep on. But, in closing, I want to say this:

We're not His salesmen, we are His billboards. See? Don't think we're His salesmen. He don't need any salesmanship, just billboards.

165 I used to work for the Public Service Company. And we had this Mogul lamp come out. They had a contest on it. Ever who sold the most lamps, got, oh, a prize, and so forth, and a certain percent, they got for selling. Well, every person, every employee, had to be a salesmen

for these lamps. Well, I got to thinking of something like this, “If the product is guaranteed to me, the company guaranteed the lamp to me. Now, if that lamp is any good, it’ll sell itself. And if it is no good, then I’m putting something over on the public that’s not right.”

166 I never did believe in that. I don’t believe in these high-pressured salesmen stuff. That’s the reason I don’t believe it in religion. If I’ve got a product

that's good, it'll sell itself. That's right. It'll sell itself.

167 So you know what I done? I went down there, and I said to the superintendent, I said, "Are these lamps absolutely guaranteed?"

"Guaranteed, exactly."

"They will not turn?"

"No, sir."

168 "And they're guaranteed? The workmanship and everything is guaranteed?"

“Yes.”

169 I seen they made a beautiful soft light. Any woman would appreciate them in the room. You know what I done? I just loaded me up about two hundred of them, and I started around to everybody I knowed.

170 Said, “What do you want, this morning, Billy? Didn’t I pay my bill?” I had to collect bills.

171 I said, “Oh, you paid your bill. I want to make you another one.” I say, “I got a lamp here.”

“Oh, I can’t afford it.”

172 “Now wait a minute. Just never asked you to buy it. I just got such a load of them, I—I want to unload one in your house. You just keep it a couple weeks, and enjoy it, and I’ll come back by and pick it up. We’re supposed to advertise these things, just take them out, so I’ll just set it up in your house.”

173 “Well, now, Billy, I—I just couldn’t buy it. I ain’t got the money to buy it.”



174 “I didn’t even ask you to buy it, did I? I just say I just want to set it in your house, let you enjoy it.”

“There’s no kidding?”

175 “Not a bit of hook. You know me. I’ll come right by and pick it up. I’ll pick it up again in two weeks. All right. I’ll be right by and pick it up. Only thing I want you to do, is just...I want to unload it off my truck, get a place to set it. I’ve got to unload so many of them here. I—I—I want

to get it off my truck. I—I didn't want you to buy it. I didn't ask you to buy it. I just asked to let it just set here.”

“Well, what if it breaks?”

“That's my responsibility. I'm the one stands behind it.”

176 I knowed the lamp would sell itself. I knowed it was a real product. I set the lamp in the house. I didn't pick up ten out of the two hundred. I won the contest. Because why? Why? The lamp sold itself. You once

see it, and see what it is, then you want it. It'll sell itself.

177 That's the same thing. We don't have to have big organizations to sell Christ. We don't have to have highly-educated preachers, and high-polished people that's mayors, and the different things of the city. What we have to have is Christ. And Christ sells Himself. You put Christ into a man's heart, you don't have to tell him, "You have to join *this*

organization, or *that* one.” He’s already sold on the product.

178     Are     you     hungry?  
“Blessed are they that hunger and thirst.” We’re fixing to come to the communion table now. For those who have never yet, maybe, have never taken Christ in your life...If you are a Christian, then you’re hungering. I’ve been a Christian, thirty-one years now, and each day I hunger more for Christ than I did

when I started. He gets sweeter as the days go by.

179 And I watch His little billboards, as I see them go down the street, watch them out here in the hospital, watch them in the hour of their death, watch them out here when they're at a showdown, watch that little lady, how she holds herself there as a real, genuine saint.

180 I stood at a counter, here not long ago, watched a little lady. [Blank spot on tape—

Ed.]...start, turn around. Said, “Do you know Jesus as your Saviour?” And the boy ducked his head down, ran out the door, see, never looked at me. There you are. Oh, she didn’t know me, but I knowed her. I knowed her. I watched her. She’s married now. She married a little preacher, and is just doing fine.

181 So that’s it, you see, I like to watch that billboard. I like to watch it. It—it makes me hungry, get to the place to where, there,

we can eat, eat spiritual Food. Because, I knowed that girl just didn't belong to church. She was a Christian. That's right. Yeah. You can tell.

182 The Bible said, "Although Peter and John..." (After they healed that man at the gate called Beautiful; he was lame from his mother's womb, see, he didn't have much strength, he couldn't stand up very long, Peter had to hold him up to get him to walking. Healed...From

his mother's womb, see. When they took them in before the council and forbid them to preach in the Name of Jesus.) "And they perceived that they were ignorant," the Bible said. These apostles, John and Peter, were "ignorant and unlearned men." They didn't know any great theology. They were fishermen, couldn't sign their name. But said, "They had to take notice to them, that they had been with Jesus."



What were they? Billboards, billboards.

183 Oh, we could go on. God help us to be billboards. May this Branham Tabernacle here, this little place consecrated and dedicated to God, may it produce little billboards across this country here, that'll cause this whole hungering and thirsting nation to come to Christ, would be my prayer.

Let us bow our heads just a minute.

184 Most gracious Father, we are indeed a privileged people to have Christ in our life and in our heart. We are so grateful for Him, our Father. We know that to know Him is Life. Not to know the creeds, not to know the books, but to know Christ is Life. And, Father God, we who have found Him that way, our Saviour, our Healer (our strength, our help—our help cometh from the Lord), we profess that we are nothing; we know nothing. There's only one thing that we know or desire

to know: That's Christ in the power of His resurrection. For everyone that believes it has Eternal Life.

185 And we pray, Heavenly Father, that You'll bless this little church and these people that's here on this hot night, on this Sabbath evening here, sitting in this little, wooden tabernacle, waiting for the blessings of God.

186 The few mixed-up and broken-up words that's been given: hungering, and a traveler

see the billboard. God, make us so hungry and thirsty that we'll watch for Your billboards, seeing the Christian lives. May we be billboards for You. May You reflect Your Life to a hungry soul, that they might hunger when they see the billboard that we are advertising: "Christ, our Sponsor, has given us a peaceful life of full joy and strength in our soul."

And to live a life so that people would want to be like

Him; grant it, Lord, give it to all of us.

187 And may there be some here who has not yet found that; but tonight they have been studying, and looking along, down through life's journey to the different old sainted people: those old mothers of days gone by; that man that they laughed at on the street corner and thought he was a...out of his mind, standing out there preaching. But now they see that that man was a

billboard. He was a sign that was pointing. That old sanctified mother that went down the street with her hair twisted on the back of her head, dressed old fashioned, and yet, we young people might have laughed at them and thought, “What kind of an antique is that?”

188 But we realize, Lord, that was a billboard to Eternal Life. We passed it by, Father. We’re sorry. We’re sorry. Let us go back and retract it tonight,

Father. Make us like that. Give us Life. We want to look like saints before You. We want to act like it. That man that we spoke evil to, that man that we fussed at, he never said a word back but was very sweet. He said, "That's all right, son. The Lord bless you." And we laughed in his face and walked away. Oh, God, not knowing that that was a billboard, not knowing that that man was a billboard to advertise Eternal Life to us. He had Christ in his life.

189 Now, we're hungering, Lord. We know where to go. We want to go to this place that the sign points us to, to Calvary where we can find that kind of life. Where a hungry soul can be satisfied. Yeah, it isn't three miles down the road. It's just one step more.

190 God, make that sinner, tonight, make that one step: come to Calvary from the muck and sin that he's in. May he pull up close to Calvary just now, and



stop, and look up, and say,  
“Lord, I’ve seen Your sign, and  
I’m hungry. Fill my hungry soul.”  
Grant it, Father.

191 While we have our heads bowed, would there be some in here tonight that wants to pull up beside of Calvary and say, “Lord, fill my hungry soul, make me like a real Christian, the Christians of the Bible, the Christians that I see today, that live for God”? Would you like to be remembered in prayer?

[Someone speaks in tongues and interprets—Ed.] Would you like to raise your hand now, and say, “Remember me, Brother Branham”? God bless you. God bless you. God bless you. God bless you.

192 Heavenly Father, there has been many hands went forth. We thank You, hearing Your Spirit speak back to us, inviting them to the table of the Lord. Oh, God, may they take that Eternal step just now (never to return

again), come up to Calvary, let their light shine from henceforth, that others might see the good works, and glorify the Father in Heaven. Grant it, Lord. We present them to You now, as trophies of grace, through Jesus Christ's Name.

193 While we remain, with our heads bowed now, just a moment. See if anyone would want to walk forward, make a confession, praying.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

Now with your heads bowed,  
let the Christians sing.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

194 Just think when the sun's shining, He cares; when the shadows fall, He cares. What about the shadow of...the valley of the shadow of death? He'll still care for you. Won't you care enough about Him tonight to

walk up and kneel down with this little group here now? Make your confession, telling Him that you want to come closer to Calvary, now.

He careth for you.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

195 Down through the lanes  
as we go, deep shadows fall; but  
He cares, He never leaves, nor

forsakes. Someday, when we come to the end of the road, and start down that long and last walk, I expect Him to be there that day. He'll be there. You've got a Sponsor tonight, Christ wants to sponsor you if you want to let your light shine, be a billboard for Him. Won't you come, be a billboard for Christ? He's your Sponsor. Come, take Him now while we sing.

He careth for you,

Get to the altar and pray now.

...careth for you; (He cares,  
do you care?)

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you. (If He  
cares, won't you care? Won't you  
care, if He cares?)

He careth for you,

Come now, just kneel down  
gently, say, "Christ, I care."

...careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,  
(How about weary and nervous  
and everything all upset?)



He careth for you.

He careth for you,

He careth...(When the doctor comes and said, “All hopes are gone.”)

Through sunshine or shadow,

He still careth for...

196 You say, “But, Brother Branham, I sinned against God.”

He careth for...(You ought to care. He does.)

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,  
He careth for you.

197 Say, “Brother Branham, I got loved ones. I’ve done *this, that.*”

But He cares. He cares just the same.

“I’ve had a lot of heartaches, Brother Branham. I’ve got children that’s out in the world. I’ve got loved ones that...”

He careth...(He sees every prayer, every tear.)

He...(I've got two children at the altar tonight, so I know He cares for me.)

Through sunshine or shadow,  
He careth for you.

He careth...

198 Oh, God, how true that is. You care for us, Lord. We're not worth caring for, but You care just the same. You cared so much till You gave Your Own Life that we might be saved.

199 Around the altar tonight is children, middle-aged, teenage, older age. You care for all. You care for the little ones. You care for the teenage. You care for the old and infirmed. You care for the young mother, the young father, the old mother, the old father, for the little boy, the little girl. You care. You care for the uncareable, those who have not been careful in life, wasted our lives with riotous living. We've done everything that's wrong.

We're not worthy of Your grace,  
Lord. But, God, we're hungering.

200 Around with these others,  
Lord, stands two of my children,  
my son and my daughter. I pray  
for them, Father. Makes my heart  
rejoice to see them kneel down  
here, tonight, before their  
father's God. Know that He kept  
me through these years, He'll  
keep them. Said, "I'll keep in the  
hour of temptation, which is  
coming to all the world." You  
care for us, Lord.

201 Other little girls and boys  
are knelt around here. Mothers'  
hearts and fathers' hearts are  
rejoicing. Maybe some mother,  
father, here, that their loved ones  
have been gone for years. Some  
old praying mother in Glory, she  
looks over the banister, tonight,  
of Glory, down through the  
corridors of Heaven. She sees  
that daughter, that son, kneeling  
at the altar.

202 You care, Lord. It shows  
You care.

203 Now, the little message, that, “we hunger so”; they hunger, Lord. You reflected Your Life in them. They come up here tonight to be charged, or made a signboard for You. Give them a sunbeam Light, Lord, in their heart.

204 Forgive every sin. Grant it, Lord. They’re Yours. And they’re trophies of the message tonight, offered to the great Christ that died on Calvary. May they come, Lord. You said,

“Whatever you ask, believe that you receive what you ask for, and you shall receive it.”

205 I ask for salvation for every soul right now at this altar. I ask, Lord, that they'll be a signboard, from this night on; that in their life, their everyday life will reflect Jesus Christ, from the youngest to the oldest; that they'll never forget this night; never forget this song, *He Careth For You*; and when they were



hungering and thirsting, He cares enough to feed their lost soul.

206 You forgive their sin, for it is written: “He that will hear My Word, and believe on Him that sent Me, has everlasting Life. He that will come to me I will in no wise cast out.” Then regardless, Lord, of the condition of their soul, when they walked up here, tonight, knelt down at this altar, they came to You, Lord. It’s impossible for You not to receive them, for Your Word cannot fail.

“I will in no wise cast out. He that comes to me, I will give him Eternal Life, and will raise him up at the last day.”

207 Here they are, Lord, taking Eternal Life right now, because You said they would have it, Eternal Life, God's Own Life in them, and they would not come into the judgment. But if the atomic bomb should flash, they'd be gone before the flash. They'd have Eternal Life and be raised up, the last day,

transformed, transfigured, taken out of this world into Glory. They are Yours, Lord. I present them to You as signboards along life's journey.

208 May the little girls be a signboard in the schools, the little boys a signboard at school. Papa and mama, a signboard in the shop, at the work, in the house, in the neighborhood. Make them all Your signboards, for they are Yours. As Your

servant, I give them to You, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

He careth for you,

Now, He...

209 Now, do you care for Him? Do you want Him as your Saviour and believe that He keeps His Word? Believe that He keeps His Word; you come upon faith; believe that He keeps His Word: “He that will come to me, I will in no wise cast out.”

210 You that will accept Him on mortal basis, and believe that because you have repented, your sins are forgiven, you'll accept Him as your Saviour, and believe that He cares for you, I want you to stand up, turn to the public, to this audience as a witness that you care for Him, since He cared for you. Remember, you could have not come up here 'less He cared for you. Now, you care for Him, so you're going to stand up and witness, now, that you care for

Him. From this night on, you'll be a signboard to Him.

He careth for you.

He...(That's right, that's right.)...you,

He careth for...

You now, who believe that He cares for you, and you care for Him, stand up to your feet, look back to the audience so they can see. He said, "You confess Me before men, I'll confess you before the Father."

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He still careth for...

You just remain standing  
here, just a moment, if you will.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Through sunshine or shadow,

He careth for you.

Everybody together now.

He careth...(You believe  
Him?)

[Brother Branham ministers to  
those at the altar, and cannot be

heard clearly—Ed.]...?...He  
cares for you? All right, stand  
up...?...

211 Now, the audience look  
towards the—the people. Now,  
let's all...you here at the  
audience just raise your hands,  
and them in the audience, let  
them raise your hand, you at the  
altar, raise your hands now, while  
we sing:

He careth for you,

He careth for you;



Through sunshine or shadow,  
He careth for you.

212 Now, these at the altar, I'll put words in your mouth, you say this: "Jesus cared for me. I came to Him, now He cares for me, and I care for Him. From this night, henceforth, I will serve Him, and will I be His signboard from now on, God being my help. Amen."

213 Now, let the audience now stand to their feet. As these people...I want you here at the

altar to shake hands with each other, and say, “God bless you, brother, sister,” and, “I—I’ll pray that you’ll be God’s signboard.” And then when they come back to their seat, you shake their hand, say, “God bless you, Pilgrim. You are one of us now, and I’ll be praying for you that you’ll be a signboard.”

214 And if you people have not been baptized in—in water in the Name of Jesus Christ, the

pool will be open just in a moment. All right.

He careth...?...

He careth...

[Brother Branham ministers to those at the altar—Ed.] Oh, God...?...

Oh, He careth for you,

Oh, He...(Little girls up here at the altar, weeping, holding one another in their arms.)

All through sunshine or shadow,

Oh, He careth for you.

215 Give us a little chord now,  
of *A Sunbeam*. This is for the  
little girls and boys. Let's sing it  
together, you little fellows.

Sunbeam, a sunbeam,

Jesus wants me for a  
sunbeam;

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,

I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Let's all sing it together.

A sunbeam, a sunbeam, (Let  
your light shine.)

Jesus wants me for a  
sunbeam;

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

Let's raise our hand to God  
and make that pledge to Him.

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,  
Jesus wants me for a  
sunbeam;

A sunbeam, a sunbeam,

I'll be a sunbeam for Him.

216 Why?

He careth for...

Now, you shake one another's  
hand now.

He...(...?...)

...sunshine or shadow, (Got a  
Scripture?)

He careth for you.

He careth for you,

He careth for you;

Oh, through sunshine or  
shadow,

He careth for you.

Let's be seated now,  
everyone.

217 Our Heavenly Father, it is  
a gracious hour in the tabernacle  
when we can see many souls  
come to the altar, and shedding  
tears of—of repentance, and  
hungering and thirsting for God.  
How we thank Thee for this, even  
conviction on the little children,  
bring them up.

218 God when we sing the songs that *He Careth For Thee*, we know that, Lord. And the little children's nursery song, *A Sunbeam*; "A sunbeam, Jesus wants me for a sunbeam." Sure, He said, "Let your Light so shine before men, that they may see your good works." Father, may not only this be to the little ones, but may we all become like the little children as it was quoted before, that, "except we become like little children, may not enter in; our little, tender hearts, like



little children, we cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

219 May our hearts be like little children. And we want to be that way, Lord, simple in our life. Just nothing high-headed, nothing haughty, but just simple, like little children, to love You, and obey You, and serve You. We know that we don't look for wisdom of this world, because it's foolishness to God. We look for the mercy of God and we pray that You'll give mercy to all

those who are—are seeking mercy. And it is written: “The merciful shall obtain mercy.”

220 Now, we are approaching the table of the Lord. Oh, what a appropriate time, after seeing many...the altar filled, repenting: young boys, young girls, little children, aged, middle-aged, teenage, fathers, mothers. See them coming, accepting Jesus, walking up close to Calvary because that they are coming to the table of the Lord.





# **Let Your Light So Shine Before Men**



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