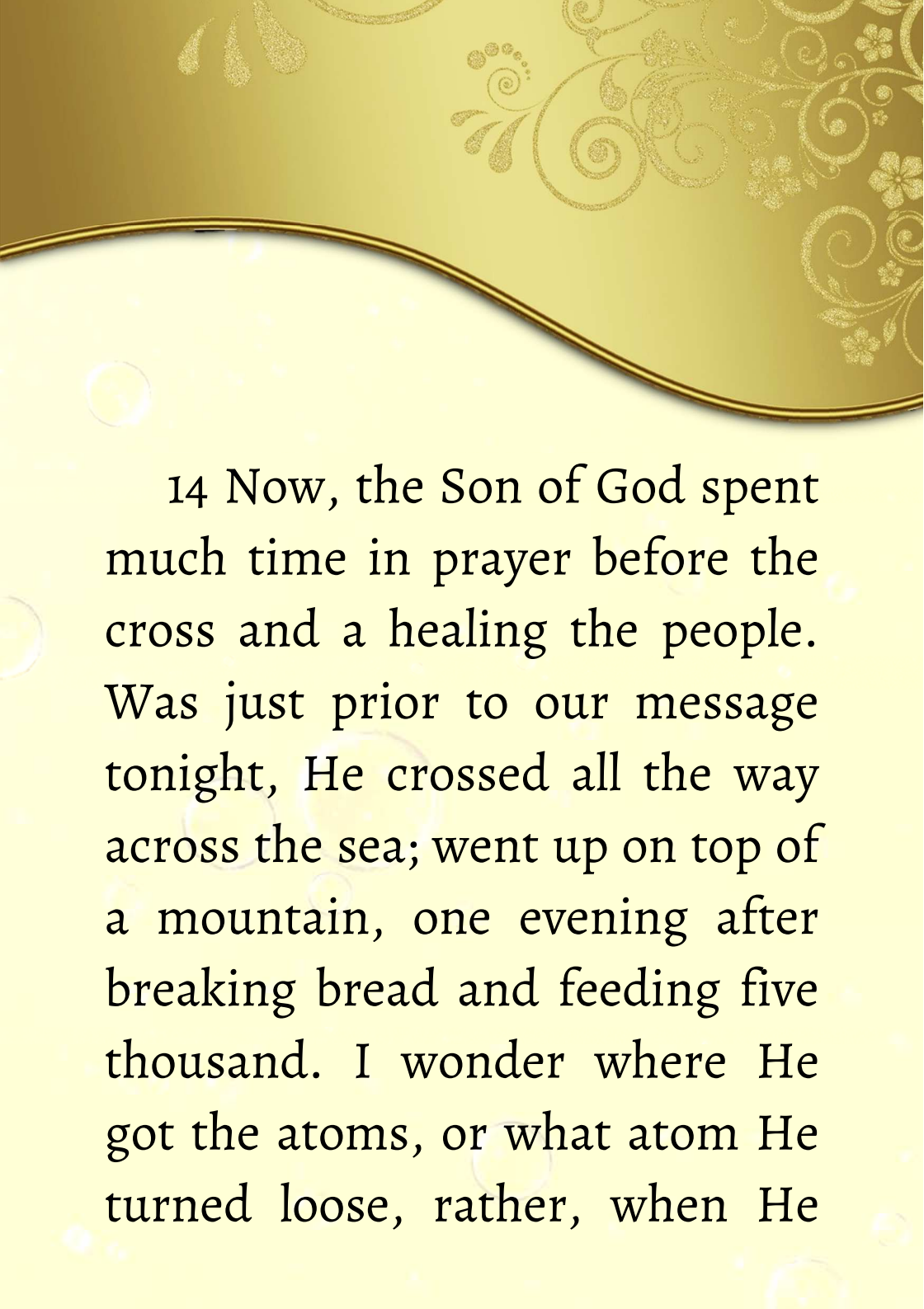


***“All things work
together for good to
them that love God”***



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From The Sermons Of
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14 Now, the Son of God spent much time in prayer before the cross and a healing the people. Was just prior to our message tonight, He crossed all the way across the sea; went up on top of a mountain, one evening after breaking bread and feeding five thousand. I wonder where He got the atoms, or what atom He turned loose, rather, when He

fed five thousand people with two little fishes and five loaves of bread—five little biscuits, and—some little child had. Not only was the fish fish, but it was cooked fish and cooked bread. He done something: no one knows yet. But He did it because He was the Lord of creation.

And there, upon the mountain, He stood and watched the disciples as they was crossing the sea. The little boat, tossed about, and was just about ready to sink, looked like. And

they seen someone coming and here He come, walking on the sea. About...

15 That's the way He does; just about the time it gets the very darkest of hour, then Jesus comes along. We fret and worry, we Christians. And the baby gets sick, or something happens, or somebody don't show up, we're just so nervous and upset. We should just set quiet. He's the One Who commanded it. We're living under His dispensation, living under His grace. Just set

still. He'll be along after while. Don't worry. He'll open up a healing service somewhere, or you'd be guided to somebody who prays for the sick when you got sickness. If not, He'll just put it upon your heart so bad, you'll just kneel down in the room and ask Him about it yourself. That's right. So just remember, He works all things together for good.

*54-0331 - The Resurrection Of Jairus'
Daughter*

Rev. William Marrion Branham

10 Now, I believe that all these things that we're enjoying are of Christ, was finished for us at Calvary, that that told the story there that "He was wounded for our transgressions, and He was bruised for our iniquity, and the chastisement of our peace is upon Him, and with His stripes we were healed." All something in the past, something that God has already done, and it's just our personal faith in a finished work that we get the benefits of His vicarious suffering and

death at Calvary. See, it's something that God has already done. And it's just the people on the platform are no more privileged than the one all the way at the back of the building. It's just when your faith believes it and can lay a hold of it.

And now, Divine healing is not the purpose of our—us being here. As I'll—will quote Brother Bosworth, he said Divine healing is like bait that goes on a hook. You don't show the fish the hook; you just show him the bait. So he

grabs the bait and gets the hook. That's the way it is by Divine healing. When a man is laying at the cor—point of death, and then he takes a hold of God for healing, he gets a—God gets the hooks in his mouth. Then he sees that God loves him.

11 As a shepherd... The story of the shepherd was told once, that the shepherd had a sheep that had a broken leg, and he said, "What caused that sheep's leg to be broke?"

He said, "I did it."

Said, “Well, you must be a cruel shepherd.”

Said, “No, I did it so I could show it special care, so it would follow me.”

And sometimes God has to let us lay on our backs to look up to let it—to let us know that He’s still God. Sometimes think... Scriptures clearly said, “All things work together for good to them that love God.” And we know the Scriptures is true.

59-0422 - We Would See Jesus
Rev. William Marrion Branham

3 I'm wondering where the little Spanish choir is. I told Brother Moore today that they sang for us the other night. And I tell you; it would... We'd sure like to get a—a picture of those doing that. I told them they'd increased a little and gotten better in their singing, the little girls and boys in the choir. And it's certainly marvelous. We appreciate it.

Just as I was brought in, just now, Brother Moore come back and said, "Two ladies was just singing," said, "sound like you

was in heaven out here.” Ah, that’s wonderful. I... When I get across on the other side... I’ve always told people if you want to look for me, why, right where the waters, the sea of Life comes out from under the throne, you know... When it goes down this way and turns eastward, and right across over on that big bank, the angelic choir sets there. They sing all the time, ’cause there’s no night. They’re singing, all these fine voices of this earth that’s gathered around

there singing praise to the Lamb on His throne. I'll be setting right across on the other side, listening at them. So you—you can hunt me right there. That's where you'll find me.

4 I just want to set down under that evergreen tree and just relax a few thousand years, just to look it all over. Won't that be wonderful? That may sound mythical, but it may not be just that way. But anyhow, by God's grace, I want to be there. Yes, I want to be there.

And I believe that by His grace, unmerited grace, that I have of my own—that's none of my own, that He gave me, by no merits that I had to present, I'll be there. "For those that He has called, He has chosen. And those that He has—that He... Those who He called, He justified. And those who He justified, He hath glorified (already). And when this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting." Amen.

Right in the presence of His beings tonight, in His sight we are already glorified: “Those who He justified, He hath (past tense) glorified.” And what makes you a Christian, is because—and long for that perfection, is because the perfection’s laying right out there, that other glorified body. When this one is moved out of, you move into that one.

Isn’t that marvelous? What are we scared about then? We just believe, and then the Master of all it said, “All things work

together for good to them that love God.” Nothing can harm us. Just as peaceful as little children playing around. Just... We got a heavenly Father Who watches over us. And whatever He sees that we have need of, He just presents it to us.

5 I used to have to shift for myself. But since I found Him to be my Father, why, He—He does it for me. **I found out this in my twenty-one years of experience of preaching the Gospel: any job that's too big**

for my Lord to attack, what's the use of me trying it? I just let Him have it, so... See? Just commit it to Him. He promised to take care of me.

When opposition comes, I just commit it to Him. 'Cause He said He would do it for me. And if He can't do it, I know there's no need of us trying it. So we just live peacefully and go on. He brings it out all right. No need of getting all fretted up and stewing about

it. Why, He's just going to make it all right. Amen.

I love Him for that, don't you?

54-0302 - The Resurrection Of Jairus'

Daughter

Rev. William Marrion Branham

2 Now, one night this week, if the Lord willing, I want to speak a Gospel message on the "God's Unconditional Covenant."

And perhaps maybe tomorrow night, if the Lord will... It's nothing but just to build the faith of the people, just to get them built up to a place

where it gets all the scare away from them. And we're trying our best to do that.

The Christian has not one worry in the world.

They should be the most freest, happiest people in all the world. 'Cause there's nothing... You can't lose.

And all things work together for good to them that love God. So how can we lose? There's just nothing to lose, is there?

We're just anchored away in Jesus Christ, going home to

glory, having a good time while we're going along, God providing everything for us. Marvelous.

*54-0301 - The Angel Of The Covenant
Rev. William Marrion Branham*

168. The Bible says that everything works for the good to them that love the Lord. Then if you love God and turn back to the world, would God let you die in sin or would He let you be reconciled back to Him before He takes you away?

202 The lady signed her name to it, so I'd say it was a—a lady (see?), 'cause she signed her name. Yes, Sister. If you are born...Now, let me get this. See, temporarily, minor, every one of us backslide many times a day. We know that. We're all guilty, every one of us; there's none of us perfected. And as long as we're in this body, we are still...No matter how much the people try to tell, "I've got sanctified; I can kiss this woman

or do that.” He’s lying; he cannot. Now, that’s all.

203 I don’t try to say, “Lord, let me see how close I can go.” It’s, “Lord, keep me as far away as I can get.” See? Just stay as far away as...Remember, you are still human being. See?

204 And...But now, if you make a mistake and do something wrong...You don’t wilfully...If you are a Christian, if you’re a borned again Christian, you don’t mean to do wrong. Your intentions and everything

is right. But if you do, as she said here, make a mistake and do something wrong, will God let you just go on and go on and die like that and be lost, or will He bring you back to reconciliation? He will bring you back. That's right! He will bring you back.

205 And if a—and then, if you do anything wrong, it don't condemn you and you go on like that, on out, remember, you wasn't saved at the beginning. That's right. You—you wasn't—you wasn't saved; you just had a

make-belief; you wasn't saved. But when you're saved, you have a different spirit; you're a different nature. You're a new creature in Christ, and the old things has passed away, and they are dead and buried in the sea of forgetfulness. You see?

206 And...But being you're living here in this world here, there's traps set for you everywhere, and you're walking with your eyes on Christ. And remember, that when you make a mistake, a real Christian will

always come back quickly for reconciliation.

207 Look, in the ark God turned the old crow out—or Noah turned the crow out. Now, what was he? He was a crow. Oh, yes, he set on the same roost there with the dove. They both set in the same roost; but when he turned the old crow out, well, the old...I imagine all the waters was stinking with millions of people's swelled bodies rotting upon top the water, and horses and animals all dead. The whole

world was destroyed. And there they was, this old dead carcasses floating on top the water and things like that. And Noah turned the dove out, 'cause he guessed he saw some sunshine. And he wanted to know whether the water had receded or not, so he turned the—the—the crow out. And the old crow flew down on an old dead body, “My, just fine; that’s good!” See, eating a dead body. Why? That was his nature. He was a crow. No matter how much he’d set with

the dove, how much he'd heard Noah preach, how much he'd set with this clean bird, he was a crow to begin with. As soon as he got the opportunity to show his colors, he showed it.

208 Now, but when he turned the dove out, when she started out, whew, she couldn't stand that. Nowhere she could go; she couldn't find no rest for the soles of her feet, so she come back to the ark. And that's the way it is.

209 Sometimes you might be turned loose for a little while to

see what you'd do, but you'll always if you've got the nature of a dove, you cannot eat crows' food. That's all, it just won't digest; that's all.

210 Where would you go, what would you do? Tell me what you would do if you were—if you were not a Christian! Tell me what I'd do this morning if I wasn't a Christian! What could I do this morning and my mother laying out there in the hospital in that condition and unconscious as she is and laying there, and in

my heart I could stand here in the pulpit and preach, and go on the way I do, seem like I don't pay much attention to it? Because I know my mother's saved. See? I know she's saved. I know Who I believed; I'm persuaded He's able to keep that which I committed to Him against the day.

211 What would Mama do now? Now, maybe she'd had good intentions all of her life, that "Someday I'm going to be a Christian." But how could she be

now when she's laying there unconscious? How could she become a Christian now? What would her children do?

212 The other day when we put her—taken her out there to give her glucose out there...That's the only thing she's has in her body is glucose. She can't swallow; she's paralyzed. And she said, "This one thing I want you to know, Billy," she talked about me and Delores standing there, and about her children

and things, and a couple of my brothers drinking.

And I said, “Well, they broke your heart.”

He said—she said, “But Billy, that all goes in the wheel for a mother.” She said, “But I’m saved.” And she said, “I’m ready to go.”

213 I said, “Mama, you might’ve left us a home that reached all the way from Jeffersonville to Utica, a palace; you might have left us ten million dollars to fuss and fight

over after you were gone (that's all that would happen to it); but Mama, you leave us the greatest treasure that anybody could leave, the—the assurance that we'll see you again in that Land beyond the river." That's right! See?

214 You're saved, and I'm so glad to know that Christ saves our...But we may backslide; we may do wrong; we all have our ups and downs; but in your soul as soon as you do anything, well, there's something goes wrong in

you; you know it is. Now, right there is the time to jump. That's the time, to jump. Get away from it.

215 Now, say you go out here today, and—and somebody comes up to you and say, “Hey, they tell me you're one of them holy-rollers.”

Right quick, Satan says, “Slap him down!” See?

216 “I don't know about being a holy-roller; I'm a Christian!” See? And always with evil, meet evil with good. And remember,

now just take this, remember this, when you meet evil with good, evil cannot stand in the presence of good. It cannot do it.

217 Now, I'm a missionary, and I been around the world, in all kinds of evils, and all kinds of spiritualists, and isms, and all kinds of devil worship, and, oh, everything could be thought of, where there's everything, and I've always found that right always conquers wrong.

218 Listen, I don't care how dark the night is; it might be so

dark till you could feel it; you could put your hands up like this and couldn't see a shadow of no type. The least little bit of light will expose that darkness. Certainly, that's the way life does in the presence of death. That's the way right does in the presence of wrong. That's the way faith does in the presence of doubt, it scatters it away.

219 How can the night stay here when the sun shines her blessings through? Where does the night go to? It's no more.

What happened to the night? Where is that darkness in this tabernacle about twelve hours ago? Where is that darkness that was congealed inside of these walls here? It is no more. It vanished. Why? Light came in. And when light came in, darkness had to go. Yes, sir!

220 You take the creatures that roam at night, roaches, and beetles, and bugs and things. Let the sun rise or let a light flash on, watch how they take for darkness. That's the way the

Gospel is. When it flashes on, what happens to those who wants to call you holy-roller? What happens to those people who make fun of you? When the Light flashes on, they shoot for darkness as hard as they can go, because they—they're the children of the night. But the children of the day walk in the Light.

221 And then we are the children of the Light by the grace of God. So when the Light's flashed on, we thank God and

walk with our eyes open, looking at things that you can't see with your natural eye. For faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Amen! I love that.

*61-1015M - Questions And Answers
Rev. William Marrion Branham*

18 We are taught, in some little book that I was reading sometime ago, called, *The Prince of the House of David*. I believe it was written by a man called Ingraham. And is supposingly to

been, part of it, true, and taken off of some old manuscript, off of leather manuscript from many, many years back. That, there was a young Jewish, in Palestine, at the same time that Jesus was there. And she, writing to her father in Alexandria, was keeping close contact with her father, concerning John the Baptist and the Jesus who called Himself "the Messiah." And in there she gives a beautiful picture of our setting tonight.

19 She said that Martha and Mary and Lazarus was bosom friends to Jesus. That, after the death of Joseph, that they went...He come to live with them, and to be with them. Lazarus was learning to be a scribe at the temple. And Martha and Mary were also...They had no father and mother. So, they made little tapestries for the temple, the little cloths and things, needlework, and that gave them something to do. And

Jesus come to dwell with them, before He had ever made Himself known that He was the Messiah.

20 And Lazarus had been down to the river, to hear the preaching of John. So he come back and told them what a great prophet had come out of Galilee, out of the wilderness, and what he was proclaiming, that the coming of the Messiah was at hand. And little did Lazarus know that the very One he was speaking to was the Messiah, Himself.

21 And one day he persuaded Jesus, as it was, to go down with him, to hear this prophet preaching. And John, down there, not dressed with great swelling words; just a common ordinary man, not dressed like the high priest.

22 For, God doesn't dwell in the way we dress. God doesn't care very much about it, as long as we're dressed decently and look right. You don't have to have your collar turned around, or wear a turban on your

head. God wants you to have a humble, submissive heart. That's what God looks for.

23 And as he seen Jesus coming with John, to his baptism, John turned and looked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

24 And when Jesus was baptized of John, they say that He returned back later to the home of Lazarus and Martha. And as He lived there, eat at their table, slept in their

beds there in Bethany. And one day, God spoke to Jesus and told Him, “I want You to leave this place, and to go where I will show You.”

25 Now, we know that the Bible said, in Saint John 5:19, Jesus said, “I do nothing except the Father shows Me first what to do.”

26 And now God had to show Him, then, what to do, or He would never have left Bethany. So He went out, about a days journey, or two.

27 And by and by, Lazarus got sick, and they sent for Jesus to come. But, instead of coming, Jesus just ignored the call.

28 Now would it not make you feel strange if the pastor did that? It would make you feel like, “Well, he doesn’t care about us.”

29 But, oh, if you would just stop a minute, to remember this, that, “All things work together for good to them that love God.” Nothing in the world can go wrong, as long as you’re

in God. “The footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord.”

30 And then they sent again for Jesus. And He, seemingly, ignored their call and just went right on. After four days passed, He said, “Our friend, Lazarus, sleepeth, and for your sake I’m glad I wasn’t there.” For, if He would have been there, they would have been trying to get Him to do something that wasn’t the will of God.

31 Oh, how I could stop here for a moment! How that, many

times, with good intentions, people try to call people out of the will of God. A man should know his absolute calling. You should know what you're doing, and with not just a haphazard way, or let money pull you from one place to another, or popularity do it. No matter how popular you are, how rich you are, you should always first seek God, to know His plan and His will.

32 Now, when Lazarus was sick, it seemed strange that He

would not go back. But Jesus said, "I'm glad I wasn't there."

33 Cause, they would have been persuading Him, say, "Now, why don't You come on over *here*? Why don't You do *this*? And why don't You raise him up? You raised others." But, Jesus knew better. Jesus knew what the Father's will was.

34 And, oh, what a blessed privilege it is, that we can know the Father's will. If we'll seek God, God will make known His will.

35 I'd rather know that I was in the will of God, if I never spoke to another person, than to preach to ten thousand people every night, out of the will of God. I'd rather know the will of God. I believe that it was David that said, "I'd rather be a doormat," at the...or something, "at the house of my Lord, than to dwell in tents with wickedness."

36 What a privilege, to find our place and there abide. No matter how the devil shakes,

what he says, and how he scoffs, stay right straight in the will of God.

37 Notice, then, when Jesus said, “Now, he’s—he’s dead.” They thought he was taking a sleep. He said, “He’s dead. And for your sake, I’m glad I wasn’t there. But I go wake him.” Oh, my! It wasn’t no, “I’ll go and see if I can; I’ll go and make a try.” But, “I’ll go and wake him.” For, He knew, God had showed Him by a vision, that Lazarus was going to come forth out of that

grave. And it wasn't no guess work. Oh, if God would...

38 Any time that God shows a vision of what's going to happen, it's going to be exactly that way, if the vision is from God. Just has to be! How I could stop here in my text, and just quote over, for hours, of cases that I know.

39 I've went to cases where I would think, "O God, surely You will do it," just going out and just trying to test my faith against it. But many times it doesn't work.

40 But when God shows a vision, oh, my, it's just got to happen. It can't fail. And because that He does it now, it's the infallible proof that He is still the Messiah, that His Messiahship is sealed by the signs and wonders of the vindication of His blessed Word.

41 And then to think, that, Lazarus, when he got sick. There is no one knows what sickness is until you've had it in your own home. And I'm sure that every one of us, tonight, can

sympathize with Martha and Mary. Of how their only bread-maker they had, their brother, laid sick in the bed. And perhaps the doctors had give him up. We're taught that he died with hemorrhages in the lungs, probably tubercular. And he died with that condition. And when he was so sick, and the doctor had give him up, and then Jesus failed to come to His friend.

42 Now, that really was a dark time. Could you imagine those two beautiful young ladies

sending for Jesus to come, and He refused do it? After they had come out of the church and had denied the old Orthodox religion, and had separated themselves from the other associates of the world; and were then putting their whole trust in this Man, Christ, Who they believed to be the Messiah, Christ; and then He let them down!

43 Oh, we all had them kind of experiences. I remember when I was first converted, how that my

people thought I had lost my mind. Well, they said, "If you keep that kind of religion, you'll be in the insane institution in a few days." You've had the same thing, of people making fun of you, and your associates saying that you've went off at the deep end. But as long as your faith is in Christ, everything will come out all right. Don't never worry about that. And I can remember how that the people...

44 I'd meet my boy friend, and the young girls that I was going

with, meet them on the street. And he said, “Billy, you’ve become a holy-roller.” I didn’t care, for I knew that something had happened, something taken place.

45 And, in my heart, I believed it to be the real, genuine Holy Spirit. Twenty-four years has passed, and it’s just as anchored there tonight. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.] I have the same determination to serve Him, as I did the first night I promised

Him, in that little old woodshed.
Certainly. Something taken a
hold! Dark hours has come.
Tragics has come.
Disappointments has come.
Death has come. But, in the face
of it all, I rest on that beautiful
hope that He said, "I am the
resurrection and Life; he that
believeth in Me, though he were
dead, yet shall he live."

My faith is built on nothing
less

Than Jesus' Blood and
righteousness;

When all around my soul
gives way,

Then He is all my hope and
stay.

On Christ, the solid Rock, we
stand;

All other grounds is sinking
sand. Certainly!

46 Oh, it must have been a
dark time; when their doctor had
failed them, when their friend
had failed them, and Lazarus
was now dying. And the fourth
day came, and he hemorrhaged
his last time, and went to be with

God. They taken him out; pulled the blood from his body, put spices and spikenard into his veins, wrapped him in cloth and laid him in the grave. And he laid there, four days, dead. His body was smelling.

47 Now, anyone knows that the human body drops to pieces after about seventy-two hours.

48 That's the reason Jesus had to raise before the three days was up. And seventy-two hours, the corruption sets in.

49 And David, in the Bible, said, eight hundred years before Christ was born, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Said, "I'll not suffer My holy One to see corruption, neither will I leave His soul in hell."

50 That's the reason He said, "Destroy this body, and I'll raise it up within three days." He knew that no corruption would set in. That's why He died on Friday afternoon, and rose up again on Sunday morning, is because He knowed not one cell

of that blessed body could corruption touch.

51 For, God's Word is so infallible. Oh, my! He keeps His Word, to the letter. "He will not suffer My holy One to see corruption, neither will He leave His soul in hell." God's infallible Word could not fail. There laid His body.

Sure, people question. They said, "Three days and nights?"

52 But, it was within three days and nights, He said. He knew that it couldn't completely

be three days and nights, 'cause corruption would set in.

53 So, here was Lazarus, four days had passed. The nose had already fell in, on the face. The fingers had already turned. The skin worms had begin to crawl into his body and eat up his flesh.

54 Oh, it must have been the darkest hour that little family ever seen! Their friend gone. Their church; they were excommunicated. Their brother was dead. And the people were scoffing and laughing at them,

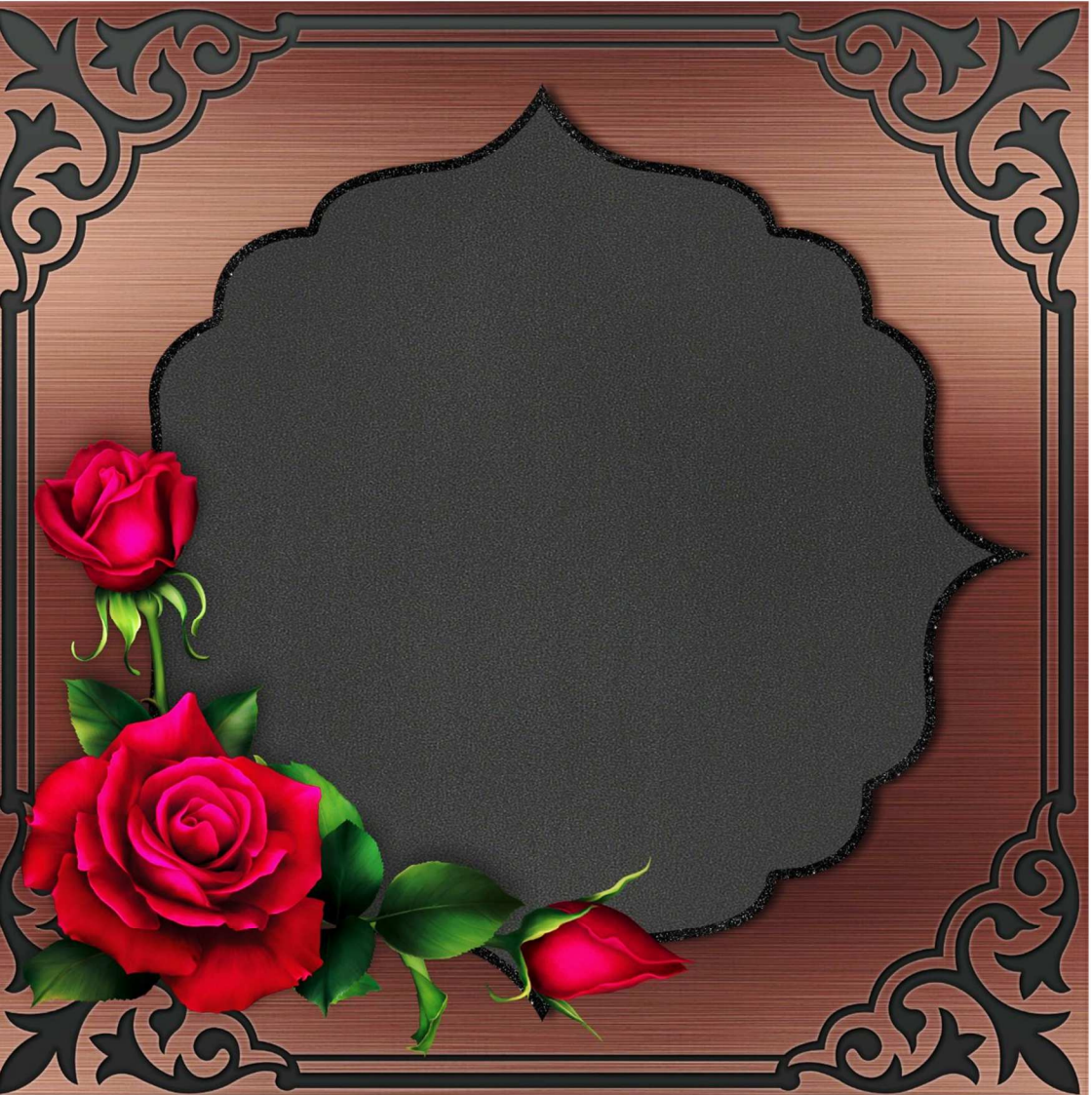
as those two little girls set together in the home, with their black veils over their face, as the oriental custom is. Sitting there, weeping and mourning, of the going of their brother. There they was.

55 No one but who has set in those type of home; no one but those who has set by the side of their loved ones! We know, many of you know, how we sit by our loved one. Roy, I can see you sitting by the side of that little boy. Brother Roberson, I can see you and Sister Roberson sitting

by the side of her mother. Oh, how the many of you! I can see myself sitting by the side of my little, gone baby, of about eight months old. We know what those things are. Oh, what dark hours!

56 But it was the darkest hour that little family had ever seen. And about that time, Jesus come on the scene. It's, usually, that's the way He does it. It's in the darkest of hour, and then Jesus comes on the scene.

57-0407E - Then Jesus Came
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