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Commentary

From The Sermons Of
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1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

1. *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.*
2. *For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*
3. *For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*
4. *But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*
5. *Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.*
6. *Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.*

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55 Those people had seen the hand of God. And that night of the communion, they took it with...in desperation, because they knowed that something was fixing to happen. And we know something is fixing to happen. And remember, the Coming of the Lord will be a sudden, secret going away. He'll come and take Her like a thief in the night. And to think that if

somebody, all of a sudden, there is members of our family gone, and you're left behind! It should throw us into desperation, that, by the grace of God, we'll not be left back behind. "If there's anything I don't want...Don't, don't leave me, Lord."

56 A few days ago I was hearing Mel Johnson sing that song:

Remember me when tears are falling down, yes,

Remember me when
friends are not around;

And when I cross over this
river of Jordan,

When You're calling the
roll, remember me.

57 And on the Lamb's
Book of Life, I want my name
wrote. I want Him to
remember me when the roll
call. And it throws me into
desperation, that is, like Paul
said, "After I have preached
the Gospel shall I be a—a
stowaway, shall I be a—a

castoff?" It could happen. So it throws me into a desperate stage, desperation, to think of, after all these years of preaching, would I—could I...a place come where I could fail Him? What's the next move? What must I do next? And it throws me into a nervous stage. And what can I do? It throws me to the mountains and to the valleys. And it's hard, because, when I'm with the people, I've got to be all things

to all men, that I might win
some to Christ, yet with that
Token always before me.
See?

63-0901E - Desperations

25 Therefore, we know
that we're at the end time.
We're here. I don't know how
far away, I—I...He'll never let
us know that, because His
Coming will be "as a thief in
the night." My friends, my
brother, sister, let's just be
ready, regardless. Let's just

chaste ourself. See?
Because, the world will go
right on. They'll never even
know it's happened. When the
doors of mercy is closed,
preachers will be preaching
salvation, be—be causing
people to repent, going right
on just like it always did. It did
in other ages, and it did in...It
will in this age.

And the Rapture will be so
sudden and so quick, that the
world will never even miss
them, that they're gone.

Right. They'll know nothing about it. He comes and slips Her away. It'll be gone, they'll know nothing about it.

So, be in prayer. Pray for me. I'll pray for you. We don't know when that hour will be, but we believe it'll be soon. Stay away from shiny things. Stay with the Gospel, see, stay right there now, and pray.

63-1110E - He That Is In You

27 The people was so crowded around the gates, and the streets were jammed, and there was not even room for people to sleep. They were laying outside the wall, all over the grounds, because this was the passover. And people come from all over the known world, to worship at this time. It was the time when the paschal lamb was slain. And the...It represented their deliverance out of Egypt, the

bondage. And they kept this, annually. Every year, this great passover took place. And it was one of the most outstanding times of the...or events of the Jewish religion, because it meant the time they were delivered.

28 All people love to think of that, the time they were delivered. How that each of us, tonight, can go back to the time when we were delivered! What it meant to us!

29 I can remember in my own experience, of how my poor boyish heart craved to touch God. I thought, “Oh, if I could only go up and knock on His door, and talk to Him a little while!” And, of course, you know my story. I got me a paper and pencil, and was going to write Him a letter, 'cause I couldn't talk to Him. And I knowed that He lived in the woods, because I had heard Him, and I had seen His moving in the

woods. And a—a certain, old familiar path that I used to go down when I would be hunting or going fishing. I thought, “I’ll just tack it on the tree, and address it to Mr. Jesus.” Just some way so that that burden could be from my heart.

30 Oh, that night, down yonder! I might forget my age, I might even forget my name some time, but I can never forget that hour when He delivered me from sin. Something took place,

down inside me, that it's helped me through the great hours of darkness. The hour of my deliverance, the weights of sin left me, and I was a new person. I been a new creature in Christ Jesus, ever since.

31 And these Jews, they come up, each year. And there was a—a fountain inside the church. And they taken the—the bread, and the bitter herbs, and the lamb, and they drank from this fountain in the church. And they rejoiced

together because that God had showed them favor, so this being the passover time. And not only was it the passover, but it was a special passover.

32 You know, there's sometimes that we go to church and...We always love to go, but there is sometimes that something special happens.

33 And this was one of those time. The air was charged with expectancy, just

as it is today. All the eyes of those who loved Him was watching for Him to come into the gate.

34 And I believe it's a great deal that way today, for those who love Him are looking for Him. The air is charged with expectancy.

35 When, we are living in this day, when the earth is actually, has become one great powder keg. And science is telling us, "It's just three minutes until

midnight.” And I’m sure you was reading, as I, the other day, that story of this general in the army, said, that, “If there was another war, it would only last just two or three minutes.” The old days of battling, and shooting rifles, and digging fox holes, that’s all over. They claim the next war will be just two or three minutes. Someday, some topsy-turvy person is going to blow his lid off and fire one of those bombs. And when they

do, we've got listening posts, everywhere, to fire it right back again. The world just can't survive that.

36 Everyone at the passover knew something was going to happen, but they didn't know just what it was.

37 And that's the way it is today. Most everyone knows that something is fixing to happen. Everyone knows that. You can talk to the sinner, you can talk to the merchant, you can talk to

anyone, and, oh, it's such an unresting time for the world.

38 But you can talk to a man or a woman that's looking for Him coming, and the glory is on their face, shining out. They're watching for that great event. So the whole air is charged again, expecting something to happen. The world doesn't know what's fixing to happen, but the Church of the living God knows what's going to happen. They know that soon

the trumpet will sound, and we'll see Him come, riding out of Glory, on a white horse, and the armies of Heaven following Him. And those that are dead in Christ will be raptured and took up to meet Him in the air. That's what we are looking for. We're longing for it.

39 And we're told that the souls of those mothers, and so forth, we spoke of this morning, just under the altar of God, are screaming, "How

long, Lord? How long?" Mother wants to see you as much as you want to see her. And our loved ones wants to meet us as well as we want to meet them.

40 What a reunion that'll be, when He comes! To meet our loved ones and see them in their resurrection body, and glorified, and walking around with the heir of the resurrection, watching their character, how it's changed, the meekness and

quietness. And it won't be a hustle and bustle, and jump and jerk, for we'll have all Eternity to live together.

41 Oh, this great neurotic age that we're living, just not no time for nothing, just climbing, and jerking, and grabbing, why, it's a terrible day.

42 Then, as they waited for something to happen, it was too bad that many of those at the passover never got to see Him. Yet, they

knowed something was going to happen, but yet they didn't get to see Him.

43 So will it be at the Coming of the Lord. There is many restless people, today, that knows that something is fixing to happen, but they—they'll never see Him. For He will come in the stillness of the midnight, to catch away that little Church that's longing and waiting and expecting to see Him. That's the ones He'll come and catch away. Many

of the world who is living on the glamors, and the feasting their souls upon the things of the world, will never know what happened, until the Church is gone into Glory, for He will come as a thief in the night and catch them away. So we can see we're back again to the same place. Now we find out, that, this expectations, that God comes to those who...All through the Scriptures, it's been the same thing. That they are...He

always appears to those who are expecting Him, always to those who are wanting to see Him. And I'm sure that that's the hope that's on our hearts tonight.

44 It's been about six months ago, I suppose, I was testifying to some people. And I said, "Oh, to think of it, that just most anytime He'll come!"

45 And what caused me to say that, I was speaking of Brother Bosworth. When I went to see that old saint,

when we heard he was dying, eighty-something years old, the wife and I going down, too, there to see him before he died. I just had to say something to him. I like to watch saints when they're entering Glory, and I had to see him. And we burnt the tires off of the car.

46 But when I got there, and rushed into the door, in a little corner laid that old patriarch. He raised his head up when he seen me coming.

His old, feeble arms hung out, with the flesh hanging down. And he reached his arms for me. And I grabbed him around the neck and screamed, “My father, my father, the chariots of Israel, and the horsemen thereof,” for he was a sainted, godly man.

47 And I said, “Brother Bosworth, I want to ask you something. Do you believe that you’ll get well?”

He said, “Oh, I’m not even sick.”

I said, “Well, what’s the matter?”

48 He said, “I’m going Home.” He said, “I’m tired, and I’m wore out. And I just want to go Home.”

49 I said, “Then you realize you’re dying?” I said, “I want to ask you something. Back down through the seventy-some odd years of ministry, what has been your most glorious minute? Could you speak to me, sir, and tell me what

experience you had, down along the line, that you could count your greatest hour.”

50 I shall live to see his age, I’d never forget, as those dark eyes caught me, over the top of those glasses. He said, “My dear brother, this is the greatest moment of my life. I can’t think of any time that was any more glorious than right now.”

51 I looked him in the face, and I said, “Sir, do you still know that you’re dying?”

52 He said, “Brother Branham, I’m laying here, waiting every minute for Him to open that door and come, take me Home with Him.” That’s the way to die. That’s the way to go.

53 And as you know, that, about two hours before he died...He was, been laying in a coma, for over two days. And when he come to himself, he raised up in the room, and begin to speak to his wife. Then, all of a sudden,

he seemed to be transparent. And he shook hands, for a solid hour or more, with friends, who has been dead for forty or fifty years, who was his converts in his church. Shook hands with his mother and with his daddy. Until he was...life had left his body, laid down on the pillow and went to sleep, in the arms of the Lord Jesus. There is nothing like serving Him, expecting Him.

54 And as I talked to this man about this, and told that experience, I said this. I said, “Sir, oh, won’t it be glorious when we see Him? Oh, if He would come today!”

He said, “Brother Branham, don’t scare the people like that.”

I said, “What do you mean?”

55 He said, “Oh, don’t try to tell people that the world is coming, or Christ is coming. It worries them.”

56 “Oh,” I said, “no. I beg your pardon. To those who are looking for Him, it’s the most glorious news that they could hear, that Jesus is just about to break through and to take His Church.” Old age will be changed for youth. Joy will be given in the stead of gloom. Life will be given in the stead of death. Immortality for morality, will be exchanged. Oh, what a moment, to know that He shall come!

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75 Now, I want to take a text this morning, to speak to you, just for a few minutes now. I won't hold you no longer than I possibly can. I want to talk. I've got a few Scriptures and notes wrote here, that I'd like to speak from, for a few minutes, on the subject of: *A Door In A Door*.

76 Now, this is a very unusual setting, that we see this morning, in our Scripture reading. It's unusual in many ways. Because, it's one of the most pathetic Scriptures that there is in the Bible, is this Scripture here, for it's speaking of this age that we're living in. It's speaking where, in this age, Jesus Christ has been put out of His Own church, and standing, knocking at the door, trying to get back in. And riches-ness

and pleasures of the world has drove Him from the church, until the church just becomes a lukewarm. It's a very pathetic picture, of all the other churches in the church ages.

77 I just got through going through them at my church. And returning back now, beginning the 17th, to take the Seven Seals.

78 And now, in this, we find that all the other churches in the church ages had

accepted. But the last church age, the Laodicea, Christ had been taken from the people. And they had put Him out of the church, and He was trying to get back, after being taken out, knocking at the door. Become blind...

79 Very unusual, but, you know, sometimes it's unusual things that God appears in. God appears in the unusual because God is unusual. He does unusual things. He appears at unusual

times. And He is seen at unusual times, when times you wouldn't think that you would, He'd be there, yet He's there. Very unusual. "He works in mysterious ways," the Bible said, "His wonders to perform." Therefore, that makes Him unusual.

80 And that's the way. We get into a usual trend of things, and we miss God. It's the unusual that brings God many times, the unusual things. Something, we get so

tied up into a certain creed, or something that we're trying to serve. And then if everything doesn't come just according to the way we think It should, then we—we offset It. "It's—It's not—It's not of God." We make a mighty mistake.

81 God shows Himself, and then hides Himself in the same thing that He shows Himself in. See? He'll show Himself in something, then withdraw and hide Himself.

82 Like the seed, He shows Himself in a pretty flower, then He lets it rot. But He's hiding Himself, order to come forth again. And God does it that way. He is very unusual, unusual times, unusual ways, and, sometimes, little things.

83 We—we—we fail to find God many times because it's, we think, it's too small.

84 I was thinking on that a few minutes ago, when we were talking about the

smallness of the chapter, or how small a crowd we had. Now, it's been my privilege to speak to some great crowds. Bombay, India, I had five hundred thousand, one meeting. Africa, South Africa, about, maybe two hundred and fifty thousand at one meeting. But where I have found the sweetest and blest of all, was when we had little cottage prayer meetings. God is in the

unusual place and in the unusual things.

85 Reminds me, being that this Canadian here was speaking a few moments ago, about my fine friends from Canada. Some time ago the King George that I had the privilege of praying for, as you know, that had the multiple sclerosis. The Lord healed him. And he came to Canada when he was suffering yet with this sclerosis. And he was a gallant man. And all the

schools turned out when he came down through Vancouver, so that—that they could go out and take their...Give them a little, British flag, and—and—and wave, to honor the King, the crown, as he passed by.

86 And a good friend of mine, Brother Ern Baxter, as we were listening to it on the broadcast as it came through, him and his lovely queen setting there. And we were setting in the room, and I'll

never forget it. Ern got so overcome that he jumped up out of the chair and threw his arms around me, started weeping. And I said, “What’s the excitement all about, Brother Baxter?”

He said, “Brother Branham, that’s my king.”

87 I thought, “If it could make a Canadian feel that way, to know his king was passing by, what ought it to do to a born-again Church, when Jesus starts by?”

88 There, yet, with his multiple sclerosis, set in his chariot, his automobile, and set up straight, though he said he was suffering terrifically from ulcers, and his back bothering him so bad.

89 And the teachers turned all the little fellows out, to go and wave these flags. And after the—the parade was over, why, the children was supposed to return to school. And as they returned, in a certain school,

all come back but one little girl. And the teacher got alarmed when she called the roll and the little girl wasn't there. So she said, "I must go find her," and—and took the children. And in the streets they went, hunting for this certain little child. And after while, the teacher herself found the little fellow, standing by the side of a telegraph pole, just crying her little heart out.

90 And as she was weeping, and the teacher said, “What’s the matter, honey?” Said, “Did you not get to wave your flag at the king?”

She said, “Yes, I waved my flag at the king.”

She said, “Did you get to see the king?”

“Yes, I—I—I saw the king.”

“Well,” said, “then what are you crying about?”

91 She said, “You know, I’m so little. I saw the king, but he didn’t see me.”

92 Now, that might be so, with King George or any other king, but it isn't so with King Jesus. No matter how little a congregation He's give you to pastor; how small the work seems to be, just to speak to the milkman or the newsboy; He will see it. You can't do nothing for Jesus 'less He knows it. You must remember, He knows every little thing you do, and He will give you all credit, for that's what you've been detailed to do. No matter

how small it is, do it, anyhow. If you want to wave your little flag, wave it. He's in that unusual thing. He might win a soul.

93 I believe it was Dwight Moody. Or am I mistaken? It might not have been. An old sister had a burden on her heart, that she wanted to win a soul to Christ. And she was a washwoman. Been a hundred and fifty years ago, I guess. And she saved her money until she got three

dollars saved up. And she rented an old livery stable for a dollar for the week. And she went down there, cleaned it out herself. And took her wash bench and made an altar, and put a pulpit up. And—and the suds still on the old wash bench. And—and she got some tracts and begin to pass it out. That was the early days here in America. And everybody would look at it, throw it down. She happened

to be a Methodist. And so they would throw—throw it down.

94 And the Methodists then were like Pentecostals has been: a bunch of fanatics. They'd lay in the school houses, and fall out, under the power of God, and pour water on their face. And don't tell me; I've been right in the meetings. See? And if they'd just let them alone, instead of bringing them back, just let them go on,

they'd have been pentecostals. You see?

95 But, then, this poor old woman passing out these tracts, and, no, everybody would throw them on the street. And there was a...She was standing, crying, because they rejected her, while she had tried so hard to bring a minister to the city, to have the revival. And the minister was to appear that night. She was going away. And there was a little old boy with his

daddy's...Down in the South, we call it "galluses," you know. Suspenders on, ragged hair hanging down his neck, walked up and said, "Hey, lady, what are you giving away?"

And she said, "It's a tract, honey," she said.

"Well," he said, "I can't read." Says, "What does it say?"

96 And said, "Well, we're going to have a meeting down

at the old livery stable tonight.”

He said, “Thank you. Can I have one?” he said.

“Yes.” And he put it in his pocket.

97 When the meeting took place that night, you know who was there? Your loyal old pastor, and the lady. That’s all was at the meeting. The gallant old soldier, whether there was one or a thousand, he took his text, stood there and preached to the lady, just

as loyal as he would if he was preaching to ten thousand. Who staggered in the door, along about the beginning of the sermon, but this little old ragged-haired boy. That night he found himself at the altar. If I'm not mistaken, that was little Dwight Moody, that sent a half a million souls to Christ. See? Oh, my! How many big meetings and floweredly things was going on! See?

98 God is in the unusual things. God appears unusual. You want to remember that.

99 Now, I can't think of the artist that painted this picture, of Jesus knocking at the door. He's some Greek artist. I just can't think of the man's name at the time. But he had spent practically a lifetime, painting this picture. And, you see, before it can be hung in the hall of fame, it has to go through the hall of critics first. Any great picture must

do that. It must face the critics.

100 Oh, I wish I had the—
the something that it takes to
throw that before this
audience this morning. Do you
realize, Pentecostal people,
as we cool off, that God taken
us through the hall of critics
today? The Church has to go
through the hall of critics
before It can go in the hall of
fame, as a Bride. Sure. Can
you stand it? Are you ready to
come up with the

Scripture, and stand gallant to your testimony in the love of Christ? Are you taking back, going out with the world? Like the Bible said, “Demos forsaken me, loving this present world.” There is where the church is standing today, weighed in the balance. That’s the reason, becomes Laodicea.

101 This picture, as the artist painted it, when it went to the hall of critics they could find nothing wrong. And finally

a great critic came up, and he said, "There is one thing wrong with your picture." He said, "It's true, Jesus with the lantern in His hand, coming by night in the darkness of sin. That's a good picture. His expression with the expectations of somebody to come to the door when He's knocking," said, "that's wonderful. And the look upon His face, as He is longing to hear from the inside. But, sir, there is no latch on the door. If

He did come, how could Jesus get in, because there's no latch on the door?"

102 "Oh," said the artist, "I painted it thus, for the latch is on the inside. Jesus cannot come in just by His will. It's got to be your will to let Him in."

103 "Lo, I stand at the door and knock. If any man will hear My Voice, and come in, let Me in, I will come in and will sup with him, and he with Me."

104 That's the picture we're looking at now. What does a man knock on a door for? What makes a man knock at a door? He is trying to gain entrance. He's trying to come in. There...Maybe there is something he wants to talk to you about, or maybe he wants to speak to you about some business or something. Or—or, maybe he wants to give you something. There is some reason, or he wouldn't be knocking at the door. [Brother

Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] See? We'd only...The human decency would be only to open the door and see what the person wants. That's only just the human thing to do: open the door, ask the man, "Who are you? What do you want?"

105 He wants, maybe, he wants to visit with you, just to set down, say, "I'm your friend. I'd like to speak with you just a while this morning." Then set down, if he's a

friend, talk with him. If he's some person that wants something out of you, you could talk it over. See?

106 Many great people has knocked at doors, down through life. Now, a whole lot of it depends, after you go to the door, who it is knocking. You got to know who that is doing the knocking. But you should, at least, go to the door. That's the only decent thing to do, is find out who is there at the

door. Go there, if somebody is knocking, say, “Who is it?” Open the door. “Who are you? What do you wish?” Oh, many—many, it might be some great person. What if it’s a great person? It’d be a great honor to you, if you opened the door for somebody that was a great person.

107 What do you think would have happened, a few years ago, when Adolf Hitler was the Fuehrer of Germany? What do you think

of a little fellow living down in the alley, or down the street somewhere, if he heard a knock on the door some morning, you know. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] And he went to the door, and this little German footman standing there, and there stood Adolf Hitler standing at the door? Why, he was the greatest man in Germany at one time. See? Certainly. Why, he was a great man.

108 You know what that little footman would have done? He'd have almost fainted. He would have stood at attention, throwed his German salute up, said, "Great Fuehrer of Germany, enter into my humble home. Anything here that you desire, anything that your servant can do, just let me know. I'll gladly do it." Oh, what a honor!

109 You know what? Every newspaper in Germany

would have packed that article, of great Adolf Hitler going down to a common soldier's house, and knocked at the door and asked for something. That Hitler would ask a footman for something, would come to his home, and—and honor his home, well, what a great thing that would have been! What, and the...

110 If you'd been in Italy, and in the days of Mussolini. And Mussolini was the dictator

of—of—of Rome, of Italy. And what if some poor person down on the street would have heard a knock at the door some morning? [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] And there had stood Mussolini at the door. Oh, my! Their hearts would have quivered, “Well, great dictator, great honored sir, enter into my home.” Quivering and shaking, “What, what could I do? Is there anything here

that—that you would desire? Is there something your servant could do for you?” Oh, it would have been a great honor to any Roman to have had Mussolini at his house.

111 Or what if the queen of England, today, would come here into Tucson, and land out here in an airport, and would come to one of our homes here? One of our...We're just common people. And if the queen of

England would come from England, all the way across the sea, land out here at the airport, at the—at the airport and would be brought in by taxicab, and come and knock at your door. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] And you, an honorable lady or gentleman, would walk to the door and say, “How do you do?” And there she stood there, just as an ordinary woman. And you would say,

“How do you do? Who are you?”

112 “I am the queen of England,” and would identify herself. Oh, my, what an honor! What a respects!

113 Every newspaper through Tucson, out through the United States, it'd be on national news, that the great queen of England come all the way to Tucson, Arizona, and visit you, a poor person. The dignity it would add to the queen, to humble herself to

come to my door or your door. Well, you know what she would say? Though she's not...You're not under her domain, but yet she's a great person. She's the greatest queen in the world. When it comes to national, she is the greatest national queen in the world. Why, you'd have said, "Honorable queen, enter into my home. If there's anything here that you wish to take, anything you want to do, just make yourself

welcome.” Why, sure. And all the papers would have packed it.

114 Or even this morning, if our president, Kennedy, would come to your door. Oh, you might disagree with him, of politics, but still you would let him in. Why? Not because he’s maybe just a man, but it’s because who he is. He’s the president of our United States. Yet, we would, might disagree with him (I would) in politics. But, yet, you’d be

honored to have President Kennedy to come to your door.

115 What if he made a special trip to come to your door? Why, it would be on news everywhere. “The humble Mr. Kennedy, president of the United States, flew to Tucson, Arizona, to come to John Doe’s door.” What a great honor it would be to him, and what an honor to you. Why, you would by no means turn him

away. Certainly not. You'd certainly receive him, 'cause he's a great man.

116 But who is any greater than Jesus? And He is turned away from more doors than all the dictators and kings and potentates of the world. Yes. "I stand at the door and knock; and if any man will hear My Voice and open the door, I'll come in and will sup with him."

117 Oh, these little knocks that we get at the door. Many

times, Jesus knocks at our heart's door. That's where the church is today. Those little knocks, you feel it, no doubt, right now. What is it? It's Jesus, trying to come in, gain entrance to your heart's door. He's got...wants to talk with you a little while.

118 And if you would honor the president, what about Jesus? If you would, by no means, turn away the president, how then could you turn away Jesus? The

president is just a man; he's got to die. But Jesus is your God. He's your Judge. Not only that, but the same One, is your Judge, is now your Saviour.

119 Now, the president might want to summons you to Army. He might summons you to—to do something that would be horrible to do. He might summons you, or take something from you, take your children or something, to be

his servants or something. He might do something like that.

120 But Jesus don't want that. He wants to give you something. That's the reason He knocks. He's got something for you. There's nothing that could be greater than what He's wanting to give you: the Holy Spirit. He's wanting to give you Eternal Life.

121 What if the president would say, "I'll make...I come to take you, and I have the

authority to do so, and make you the president of the United States"? You—you have to give it up sometime. What if the queen wanted to make you queen of England, and you wear the crown? It, you'd have to give it up.

122 But Jesus gives us a crown of Life, that we never give up, incorruptible crown of His Glory. And we don't have to give It up. He gives It to us. It's a blessing. It's the Holy

Spirit, that He wants to crown our life with.

123 How could we be so indifferent, to turn It away? What rashal things that the church does! How rashal can the people get, to make such a mistake, as to refuse to listen to that knock at the door. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.] How—how insane it would be for any man or woman, present this morning,

to get away from that knock,
Eternal Life!

124 And we look and see
the clouds of judgment
forming, to hear science say,
“It’s three minutes till
midnight.” And practically two
of those minutes are gone.
That was several years ago.

125 And we see the
church scattered. We see
everything going on, the way it
is, and denomination begin to
come denomination, the
cooling off. And revival days is

almost, seems to be, over. We might as well face the truth. Oh, we have a lot of noise, sure, beat the piano, jump up-and-down. Women bob off their hair, and blue eyes, and carry on, and men letting them do it! That's contrary to the Scripture.

126 Such a sickening sight as we even see on our streets today! I took my children yesterday, want to go down to see the rodeo parade go by; my little kids. My father was a

rider, and I—I've done a little riding, and it's just in them to like horses. And they wanted to see the horses. And when I stopped on the street, I got sick at my innermost being and turned back, to see how, people today, they're trying to live in the past, trying to live something that was.

127 We're in a changing world. It's constantly changing, in my country. I'm a Kentuckian, you know, by birth. That's, all my people live

there, practically. And they have the Renfro Valley. They try to imitate hillbillies, and—and burn kerosene lamps, and—and cook by—by wood stove, and wear clothing like the—the early frontiers wore. They're—they're in a changing world, trying to—to—to live in a—in a...You're in a modern time, trying to go back and live to something different that was. What makes a man do that?

Because he's supposed to do that.

128 But then you try to bring them a Gospel that never changes, they don't want that. They want something modern and up-to-date, somebody that'll pat them on the back and let them get by just by joining church, and living any way they want to. But when it comes to really go back to the Gospel, they don't want it. And that very thing in them that hungers to

go back, is the Gospel. And they try to satisfy it with taking the natural things back, and refusing the spiritual things. See how the devil vice versa's the—the Gospel to the people?

129 No disregards to my sisters, but if, in the early days, a woman would have come through town like I seen some yesterday, with a pair of trousers on! How the lady ever got into them, just looked like the skin was on the

outside. I wondered how the woman got her foot in them. Walking down the street! When, the Bible said, “She that’ll put on a garment that pertains to a man is an abomination in the sight of God.”

130 And with that blue, all the back of her eyes, if she’d have went through a frontier town, the old doctor would have put her in the hospital, and quarantined the town, of a disease, that, “A woman

cankered before she died.”
That’s right. Such a disease!

131 And then you try to go back and live something, then refuse the knock of the old-fashion Gospel of the Holy Ghost, and like it was on the Day of Pentecost with the same attributes that it had in it, to cleanse us and make us new creatures. We’re living in the shadows, and the church is in that Laodicean age, “Rich, have need of nothing.” Now, we

Pentecostals can't holler too much at the Baptists and Methodists, 'cause pot can't call kettle black, you know. So we're done the same thing. Now, that's right.

132 “And, lo, I stand at the door and knock, and if any man...” Now, remember, the Bible said He was outside the church, in this age, trying to get in. Now, you can't dispute God's Word. See? He was trying to get in, begging to come in. “Any man will open

the door, let Me in, oh, I will come in and sup with him.” See? He’s got something He wants to talk over with you, some business, or a plan of salvation. He wants to speak to you. But maybe you’ve become so creeded and so hard, indifferent, till you don’t want to hear Him talk. That’s right. “Lo, I stand at the...”

133 You say, “Oh, Brother Branham, now wait just a minute. I’ve already let Him in.” Well, maybe you did just

that. But maybe that's all you did do, just let Him in. You see, many people don't...They fear the very thoughts of hell, and they know they're going there without Christ. See? And they'll say, "Well, I let Him in, sure, thirty years ago, twenty years ago." But that might be just all you did.

134 What if I come to your house, and knocked at the door, you said, "Step in, Brother Branham"? I step

in. “But you stand right here. Don’t you go to investing around, rooting around in my house.” See?

135 Now, do you know, inside the door of the human heart we got little secret compartments? Oh, we don’t want to admit it, but it’s the truth. Sure, we got little secret compartments. Yes, sir. We like to call...We welcome, in our heart, but we don’t want to make Him our Lord. We don’t want to go to hell, so, “Jesus,

You step in the door, so I won't go to hell, but You can't be my Lord."

136 Now, *Lord* is "ownership." That means, when you let Him in as Lord, He controls everything. He is home.

137 When I come to your house and I knocked at the door, if you don't want me, say, "Get away from my door," I'd appreciate you more. If you'd let me step in the door, say, "Now don't go

to rooting around. You stand right *there*. Now, what do you want?" See? Would I feel welcome? Could I explain my visit to you? Certainly not.

138 And that's the way the church is today, friend. That's the way the people are getting. "Come in, Lord, but now, that, that's all. Tell me what You want." See? Oh, no. That's—that's where we get in trouble.

139 We must welcome Him. "Lord, come into my

house. If there's anything, if there's anything in here that You want, help Yourself. I'm Yours. You are mine. You honor me. The great King, the Creator of heavens and earth, has knocked at my door. And I want You to come in, Lord. Lord, be my Lord. Take me. May You do me anything You want to. Any bad thing that's in me, discover every secret that's in my heart. Go in every door. Search me out, Lord, see what's wrong with

me. And whatever is wrong, show me, Lord. Throw it out the door. I want You in here. I welcomed You in, to be my Lord. I haven't got that blessing, Lord. Clean me now."

140 If I can't make Him my full Lord, I'll never open the door to Him, if He can't be Lord. I just don't want Him to be Saviour, if He can't be Lord. If I...Everybody wants a Saviour, but they don't want a Lord. They want something,

that they can escape all the damnation of hell, and then they can live any way they want to, do what they want to.

141 You know, let's just walk around the building of the heart. Will you stand me another ten minutes? Look. Notice. Let's walk around the heart just a minute.

142 The first thing, as you go into the human heart, on the right side as you go in, there's a little door there,

and it's called "my private life." Now, you don't want nobody fooling in that. "Now, if I want to do anything, that's my business. I'll join church, and I'll go down there. But, preacher, don't you tell me what I got to do." Oh, yeah. See? "Now, I know the Bible says That, but I don't believe It." Oh, boy! See? Then, you think Jesus would ever stay in a heart like that? Certainly not. He comes in to be Lord. He comes in, He that...

143 And that—that private life, oh, that's a great thing. Now, you know we want our own private life. "If we want a social drink with the neighbor, that's our business. If we women would want to cut our hair, that's what...That's our own American privilege. If we want to wear shorts, that's our business." Well, that's true. "If we men want to take a sociable drink, and if we want to let our wife do that, you

ain't got no business saying one word to us."

144 But the Gospel said, "Don't do it." Now, whose word is right? See? God's Word is right.

145 Say, "Oh, sure, we want—we want Jesus." Certainly. We think we got Him, and all like that.

146 But I wonder if that Rapture could pass, and we'd be left alone one day, then wonder where it's all at, if it'd come by real secretly, you

know. And that's what it's coming, like a thief in the night. You'll...Ninety-nine out of every half a million, every million, will never know the Rapture takes place. It'll be gone and they won't even know nothing about it. Jesus said so. So that makes it right. See? Certainly. It'll come like a thief in the night, and be stoled away.

147 Like that book I read one time. What was that guy? Romeo and Juliet, or

something like that, see, he come and got her at nighttime.

148 That's the way Jesus do. When the world is just lolling in sleep, like the Bible said, the Laodicean age, He will slip in and get that Bride. Then, all them that's resurrected, down through them ages, had been down the ages, they'll all go to Heaven in the Bride.

149 Then the judgments will come. The church will say, "Well, wait a minute. I thought

there was supposed to be a Bride, a Coming of the Lord and the Bride.”

150 “It’s been gone for a long time. See? You knew nothing about it. See? It come secretly.”

151 Why? We say, “Oh, I belong to the church. I’m Methodist. I’m Baptist. I’m Pentecostal.” That don’t mean one thing to God.

152 It’s no more than a doctor saying, “You got cancer, its advanced

stage.” And that—that don’t have nothing to do with the disease. That’s just naming it. It’s a devil, see, “cancer.” If you’d say, “That’s a dove. That’s a buzzard. That’s some sort of a vulture.” That—that, that ain’t got anything to do, what...And, see, that don’t cure it. That don’t kill it. It just says what it is.

153 Just say, you say, “I’m—I’m a Christian. I’m a...” Only by profession, maybe. See, our—our lives

speaking so loud that our testimony is not even heard; our lives, our action, our morals among us.

“They’re going to have a revival over here.”

“Who is having it?”

“The Baptists.”

154 “Ah, we’ll have nothing to do with that.” And maybe God has got a message there for us.

“Who is having it?”

155 “The First Assembly, the Second Assembly, or the—or the Jesus’ Name, or the—or the Church of God, or—or something.”

“Oh, well, we—we, we’re not in that group.”

156 We are brethren. Dare anybody to separate the heritage of God? They got the Holy Ghost like you got It, done the same things you did when you got It. Sure.

157 But you see why I like this Full Gospel Business

Men? It gives an avenue, that I express these things, see, say, “This is It.” We are brethren. “We are not divided. All one Body are we,” see, as the poet said.

158 Now, “That little door of my own, my own private life, now, that’s all right. I’ll be a member of your church. I’ll join the Full Gospel Business Men. But, now, don’t go to telling me I have to receive this Holy Ghost and carry on like that. See? That’s that own

private life.” See? You’ll never get the Lordship of Jesus doing that. He’ll just turn right around and walk out the door.

159 What would you do in a case like that, if somebody, if you went to a home, and they said, “Stand *here* at the door. State your business”? Well, you’d say, “Thank you,” turn out the door. So would Jesus. Certainly. That’s the reason the church is left, setting cold, see, just the way it is. Don’t let the Full Gospel

Business Men ever get in that stage.

160 When you hear a Message, and hear a knock [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit—Ed.], open up and say, “Lord, what is This all about?” When you see a man...We have a lot of impersonators. But when you see a genuine!

161 What does an impersonator mean? What does a bogus dollar mean, when you pick up a dollar

that's bogus? It means it was made off of a real one. There's got to be a real one, to make that a bogus.

162 So there is a real Holy Spirit, a real power of salvation, a real God of love. Yes. Don't take nothing less. No, sir, don't do it. All right. That private door...

I'll have to hurry through these doors.

163 There's a little door of pride, too. Oh, my! That's a bad one. We better not stay at

that door too long. But you want to stand in that own door, and say, “Now, don’t you go to telling me nothing. See? Why, I have my own pride.” Certainly, but you shouldn’t do it.

164 I preached here, not long ago, on *The Lamb And Dove*. And the lamb, you see, a lamb, a sheep, doesn’t produce but one thing, that’s wool. That’s what he produces. And he forfeits his rights. You can take a sheep

and throw him up, and put the—the—the shank hold on him, like *that*, and shear him all over. He'll just lay there. He forfeits his rights. After all, he growed the wool. It belongs to him, but he forfeits it.

165 When you tell a man that he's got to be born again, he's got to be cleaned up, from a life of sin. He, he's got to quit his lying, stealing, cheating, and—and proselyting, and carrying on. Boy, some of them blow

up like a balloon; now, see, that's a goat, see, he'll kick up a storm. But a real lamb will forfeit their right.

166 I said to our ladies one time, about...Not as I got against the ladies; they're our sisters. But I'm zealous of this Church. When I see the worldliness like Sodom coming into it, then I have to cry out against it. There is something inside that my heart bleeds, and I cry out. Don't fashion after

Marilyn Monroe or some of these women there. Do like Sarah in the Bible. See? Don't try to be Mr. Something, another, run over the platform and carry on, and try to dress like some bandbox, and stot and care. Don't. We got too much Hollywood showmanism in Pentecost. That's right. We need the Holy Ghost. Now, you might not love me, you might not want me back again. But this is an

opportunity to speak Truth, and this is Truth. Try It, find out if It's not so.

Some lady said, "It's my own American privilege."

I said, "But you'll forfeit that."

167 Some time ago, wife and I were going to the grocery in Indiana, and we seen a strange thing, a lady had on a skirt. It was very odd. She said, "Honey, don't—don't them people sing in choirs?"

I said, “Yeah. Yeah.”

“Well, why?”

168 I said, “Well, you see, honey, they, they’re not of our Kingdom,” said, I said, “of our Kingdom.” I said, “No.”

169 I’ve been a missionary, many times around the world. I find, I go into Germany, I find a German spirit. I go into Finland, there is a different spirit. I go into Australia, there is another spirit. I come to America, there is another spirit. It’s a

national spirit, and all of them are of the devil. Jesus said so. The kingdoms of this world is the devil's. He controls every one of them. Now, Jesus said so.

“So, you see, it's that national spirit.”

“Well,” she said, “aren't we Americans?”

I said, “No, sir. Potentially, we are.”

170 Said, “What are you?”
I said... “Well, shouldn't we do as Americans?”

171 I said, “No, not this drunken, brawling, disgraceful group. No, sir. We are born of a Heavenly Spirit. We come from where pure, unadulterated holiness, where Angels and righteousness is before God.” I said, “We live here as a nation, sure. That’s right. This is our nation, what we’re here, trying. But our, ‘Thy Kingdom come. Thine will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven.’”

172 Therefore, when we are born of Above, and all the sin is moved plumb from across the chasm, it's the Spirit of God that comes in, the Creator, into our heart, and He conducts our character. We don't lie, steal, cheat. Honest, upright, walk like citizens of Heaven, for we are that if we are born of the Spirit of God.

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