For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:14



Commentary

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170 Now, but, here it tells us, that, before there was a man. Before! "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God, and the Word was with God. And, the Word, made flesh!" Now, just about as far as the human mind can go, that's as far as we can go back now, to "the beginning." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] "In the

beginning was the Word." But now that's as far as we can go by theology. That's as far as we can go by our mind. But revelation carries us beyond that. Is that right? ["Amen."]

teaching something on theology, you think, "In the beginning was the Word,' that was God. 'And the Word was God,' that's right. 'And this same Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,' see. 'And, then, God was made

flesh. That's without controversy,' that's true. 'God was made flesh.' We believe that." But, now, before This was Word...

172 What is a word? A word is the manifestation of a thought, is expression of a thought. Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Before you say anything, subconsciously you think it before you speak it. Is that right? ["Amen."]

173 So, "In the beginning was the Word," that's as far as we can go back, by This, by theology. But before the Word was, It was a thought, and a thought was made manifest. You see what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

He said. First, He thought, and He spoke the Word, and the Word was made manifest. Oh, how infallible God is!

Notice, every thought, when it's spoken.

175 When, Jesus, no wonder, when He come off of the hill that night, and looked around that tree, for food, there was no there was no food on the tree. And He said, "No man eateth from thee." And He went on, away. And the next day, coming back, the tree had withered. God's mind; the mind, that, in the beginning, that was a thought before it was a Word, that

expressed Jesus Christ, the same One was expressing that Word back again. See?

176 And every Word in the Bible is God's thoughts laying in seed form, that if received into the human being, and spoke by the same thought that materialized the Bible, brings the thing to pass. See what I mean? How powerful could the Church be! The Bible said, "Let this mind that was in Christ be in you. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is

he." Now, your thoughts, if they become expression!

177 Like, God said, "Let there be a world." Before it could be a word, it had to be a thought. So, God, in the creation, created the world by His thought, first, then exp....spoke it. And the thought, expressed, became material. See what I mean?

178 Now, if that same Spirit that said, "Let there be Light," and there was Light; that said, "Let there be trees,"

and there was trees; and if that same mind that was in Christ, be in you, how much could it say, "Let there be no cancer," and it would be gone; "Let the blind eyes be opened," and it would be so! See? It, it's your thought. Jesus said, "Verily..."

You said, "That was Jesus."

179 But wait a minute. He said, "Have faith in God. For, verily, verily, I say unto you, if you shall say to this mountain,

'Be moved, plucked up and cast into the sea,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, you'll have whatever things thou sayest." Is that right? "You shall have it. Not Me; you shall have it." What power has been given to the Church!

That, now, you can express it by mental conception...

180 But if it becomes a real revelation of God, that

you see it before it happened, and express it in word form, that word takes a hold and becomes material; a thought expressed! Oh, my, how God could...See it? Your heart and your mind is so, and filled with God's Spirit, until your thoughts become His thoughts. Amen. There you are. When your mind, and your leading, and your guiding, becomes a direct place, or a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit that's moving your mortal being! Oh, my!

181 What kind of people should we be? If the very Holy Spirit has you so embodied, or empowered, that you don't use your own thoughts, you don't use your own mind, you don't use your own opinions; but the Holy Spirit has you so built, until your thoughts and your being is God's Spirit expressing Itself through you! What kind of a church would we be?

182 What kind of a people would it be, this morning, if this Branham Tabernacle, this morning, was so filled with the Presence of God, why, when you didn't even use your own mind, didn't even use your own thoughts, didn't even have no ultimity of your own, but just to be led by the Spirit?

183 "And they that are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." Then when the human element goes out, and the Spirit of God fills that

vacancy, where you empty yourself, amen, then will be when the Church, in Its Power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, will walk in His steps, in His Power, in His thoughts, in His Being, in His moving! You see what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Then your thoughts will become words, and words will become material. That's, when, the Church in it's Power.

184 I believe it's on its road, that when the Church will be so wrapped in Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind so away from theirselves, that they don't see themselves, they don't have no [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] but to serve God. And their thoughts move on. They refuse the things of the world. They just move in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, move in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, so fulfill the law of Christ. Then, the love of Christ in the human heart, moving in the Holy Ghost, that great wonderful Church will go forth with Power and Deity; because Deity will be revealed in human beings, by the Holy Spirit, bringing to pass, the thought of their mind.

different. A lot of times we walk up, say, "How do you do, brother?" And you don't mean it in your heart. A lot of times we say, "I am this and that. I'll do that." You don't mean it in

your heart. See? I don't mean it in my heart.

186 But when you can become so dead to the things of the world, that Christ is first, Christ is all, then your entire make-up is of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ. He has full control. That's when your thoughts will be clean. Your thoughts will be pure. Your heart! Your heart!

Many people say, "Well, religion comes from your heart."

187 There is no mental facilities in that little being called "heart." You can't think with your heart. The Bible said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." You can't think with your heart. You can't, 'cause there's nothing mentally in there to think with. Jesus wasn't speaking of the physical being; He was speaking of the supernatural being.

188 We are a threefold being; soul, body, spirit. We

know that what this flesh is, we realize that; it's here. We know what the spirit is; it controls the flesh. But what is the soul? The soul is the nature of the spirit.

Title: 54-1003M - The Word Became Flesh (India Trip Report)

18 And this old priest, this day, that he went out to pray, must have been inspired. Do you believe in inspiration? Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God? The Bible said

they are led by the Spirit." And David said, there's something about when you're inspiration, or what you're longing for, and when you strike that... I noticed, this morning in speaking. And I'm sorry I kept you people so long in the message.

So I noticed in speaking, when a certain point would be made, the people's face would flush, and some go into tears. And what is it? It's the feeding of the Holy Spirit to the flock.

See? Inspiration... Men of God, servants of God, are led by the Spirit of God, Divinely led.

Now, many people say that it's psychology. Recently, I was speaking with a doctor, who told me, said, "Oh, those people get excited."

I said, "Now, doctor, you know, that before anyone can become excited, something has to excite them." And in this case, if there's nothing... You can't go down through

the alley, and find a dark shadow, or something, or something there to cause you to get all stirred, "What is that standing there?"

In this case when you don't see nothing, and it's an excitement, not exactly an excitement, but a glorious feeling, that raises the people up...

19 Like I heard the little ladies a while ago singing the hymn, and the people were saying, "Praise the Lord."

What does that? It's not... It's a give away to an emotional emotion that's inside of you. May I say it like this? As David said, when the "Deep calleth to the deep at the noise of thy waterspouts." The deep calling to the deep...

Before there can be a deep in here calling, there had to be a deep out there to respond to that call. In otherwise, before there was a fin on a fish's back, there had to be a water

for him to swim in, or he'd never had the fin. Before there was a tree to grow on the earth, there had to be an earth first for the tree to grow in, or there would be no trees to grow on the earth. See what I mean?

Title: 56-0415 - The Deep Calling To The Deep

16 There he was. On this morning he was sitting back, say, into his study. And all of a

sudden something taken place.

I like God's sudden moves, don't you? Just shakes you all at once, and you respond to it. Something's fixing to happen.

Then Simeon setting back in his study, perhaps, we would say, he reached over into the little pocket and pulled out a scroll. And he begin to read it. And it read something like this. "Unto us a Son is born; unto us a Child is given. And His Name shall be called

Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father." And just about that time, the Spirit must've said, "Stand on your feet, Simeon."

And without a least of hesitation, the old sage dropped the scroll on the table and stood to his feet. "Start walking, Simeon."

"Where shall I go, Lord?

"That's none of your affair. Just start out, I will take the rest of the way."

17 That's the way it is to you tonight in the wheelchair. You, cots, stretchers, wherever you are, if God's making the lead... The doctors says you're going to die; that's the best the doctor knows. But if Something tells you to rise and accept Christ as your Healer, start walking. It's His business to take care of the rest.

"I haven't moved, Brother Branham, for so..." That don't make any difference if you've

never moved. God speaks to your heart, "Move!" move. For sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God, Romans 8:14.

18 And Simeon started walking. Led by the Spirit, here he comes into the temple. Strange enough, he turns, not knowing where he's going, walks down to this line of women. Some of them here's, "Here comes the honorable reverent Simeon." Walks down along the side of the line... "Oh," some of them says, "you know that's the old man that the—some of them have said that kinda gone off of his head. He's got too religious."

Do you think tonight, that he was too religious? Certainly you don't. He's a saint in our scene, and in heaven tonight enjoying fellowship with all of the redeemed.

19 And as he come walking down along that line. I

see him stop by this little lady that everyone was keeping their distance from. Well, someone might have said, "There you are. See, birds of a feather flock together." That's true. I like that too.

"Come out from among the world and be separated," is God's command. "Be separated, and then I'll receive you."

And here she comes, walking over toward Simeon as he reached his arms for the

baby. And I can see him as he looks in the face of this baby, he raises his head towards heaven, and the tears of joy must've run over his old white beard, when he said, "Lord, let Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Words, for my eyes have seen Thy salvation." Led of the Spirit...

Title: 59-0407 - Led By The Spirit

6 Some time ago the critics used to say that God certainly made a mistake

when He said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." But later they find out now that God was right. They said a man had no mental faculties in his heart, and that perhaps if God said that his heart, He meant his head. But God doesn't make any mistakes. When He said his heart, He meant his heart. Just like He does all of His other statements, they are perfect and they need no translations. They are just the way God

said them. Not for another age or another time, but for whosoever will at all times, for God's Word is perfect, everlasting, eternal, as He is eternal.

So about four years ago up in Chicago, I was reading a great headline in a paper where that the medical science had found a little compartment in the heart of a human being that did not even have a cell in it. It was not found in the animal life; it was

only found in the human body, the human heart. And they said, "It must been the dwelling place of the soul." So then man does think with his heart. You look with your eyes, but you understand with your heart.

7 When God made man, He made him thus; for He made this little certain compartment in the man for His own throne, His control tower. God wants to lead man, but man wants to lead

himself. Therefore there is a war constantly. The man wants to go after what he sees with his eyes. That's where he's deceived. That's where Satan deceived Eve, by what she could see; the fruit was pleasant to the eye. But it was death to the soul.

So is it tonight. God wants to lead man, so He made Himself a little control tower in the midst of his heart, so that man would be led by the Spirit of God. Getting off on his own

leading is what separated him from His fellowship. Looking what he could see with his eye...

And that's where stands yet tonight, all those who are led by such things. But the Scripture says that, "Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God." Your emotions is your control. And you can notice, a man or a woman that tries to walk after the things of the world, they never can please God.

But a man or a woman that will not look at the things of the world, but just go according to the leading of the Spirit, they're usually in the will of God. That is the great fight tonight. Satan took the eye, a man's head, to control him by his head. God took his heart.

8 Man's always trying to achieve something by his head. He's supposed to achieve, but by his heart. That's the control tower where

God controls him, and directs his thoughts, directs his walks, directs his emotions. Sometimes I get so happy I just have to let it loose. And if look around and see somebody, then, see, I got my eyes on people then. But God help me to keep my eyes closed. I want to just be led by the Spirit of God that the flesh will have nothing to do into it.

Usually ministers when they get into the pulpit, they begin to think, "If I speak on a

certain-certain thing, here is a certain member of my church that's a—a good pay in this church; they'll leave the church." And then you go to looking at the flesh again. Then God can't lead that minister. You've got to say what the Spirit says to say. Then we are led by the Spirit of God.

And we find that this man is controlled by a control tower. And that tower makes him what he is. It moves him.

It's his emotions. He lives by it.

9 Now, He likened us unto sheep. A sheep is totally lost without a leader. Now, if you've ever raised sheep, you know how true that is. And if ever went to a slaughterhouse... I think that's one of the most pitiful cases of animal life, to see the slaughter of sheep. The little fellow's just depending on something to lead them. And do you know what they take to

lead the sheep into the slaughter? A goat. He leads the sheep right over into the slaughter pen and he goes up the aisle with them, then when it comes to the place to get killed, the goat jumps out and the sheep goes right on to his slaughter.

And that's about true with human life today. The devil will lead you right into the slaughter pen if he can. He will lead you into confusion. He will let you see something

that looks pretty and looks like it might be so pleasant to the eye, when the Holy Spirit is condemning it and saying not to believe it. So we should follow the leading of the Holy Spirit always. And you cannot follow the leading of the Spirit until the Spirit is in your heart to lead you.

Title: 59-0410 - Looking At The Unseen

78 Now, my Pentecostal brethren. I'm with you. I'm one

of you. I've got the Holy Ghost. I have spoke in tongues, but I didn't get it upon receiving the Holy Ghost. I got the baptism of the Holy Ghost; I spoke in tongues, prophesied, had gifts of the knowledge, wisdom, interpretations, and everything happening. But I'm subject to any of those things, because now I'm a child of God. The power, the Fire of God is in my soul; that tongue of Fire that set up—come on the

inside of me and burnt out everything that was contrary to God, and now I'm led by His Spirit. He could say, "Go here," and I'll go. "Go here"; I'll go. "Speak *here*"; I'll speak. "And do this, that, and the other." There you are, just like...You're led by the Spirit. That's God in you, working His will. No matter what it is, He's working His will.

Title: 59-1219 - Questions And Answers On The Holy Ghost

13 Now, we find that this birthright meant everything to Jacob. Now, he didn't care for nothing else, but that birthright. He didn't care what it cost him. If it was a mess of pottage. He was glad to give it back to Esau. So is it with any man or woman that has been ordained to Eternal Life, that God has called to Eternal Life, is willing to sell out anything anything of the world to obtain that birthright.

You can call them anything you want to. You can tell them they've lost their mind, gone off on the deep end, bunch of holy-rollers. I don't care what you call them, they're seeking for that birthright, and that means more than anything else. They are after that birthright; no matter how they have to get it, they're ready to get it.

14 A carnal mind wants God to bring the birthright down to their level. But for me,

and I believe all true born Christians, we meet it on God's level. I don't care what I have to do, or what I have to say, how I have to act: the only thing, I want it. That's means more than popularity. That means more than my job. It means more than my mother, means more than my wife, more than my children, more than every friend I got. Let me have that birthright. I don't care what I have to pay. I want to meet

God on His requirement. Whatever He requires, if it's fall in dust, if it's speak with tongues, if it's run through the building and act like a maniac, or stand on my head, I don't care what it is, just so I get it. That's the main thing. That's the spiritual minded people. They want the birthright, regardless.

They want it. And as soon as they get it, it sets up the same reaction it was in that family. Finally, it'll come to a

place till there come a separation. A man will have to obtain, if he obtains this birthright, he will have to separate himself from the world, just as Jacob had to.

15 My, sometimes it means walk alone. But if you really are sincere, and you really receive the birthright, you don't care to walk alone. If the neighbors won't invite you any more over to dinner, if nobody will have anything to do with you, what difference

does it make to you? As long as you've got the birthright, that's the main achievement of your life. As long as I'm borned of the Holy Spirit, what difference does it make? Long as I'm on my road to heaven, what difference does it make what the people say as long as we're walking in the Spirit? And all that's borned of the Spirit of God, are led by the Spirit of God. Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God, always

walking in the beautiful light of holiness, cleanliness.

But Esau, that birthright...
He was carnal like the world, so it didn't make any difference to him. He thought he was religious, and his papa and mama was religious, and that was good enough for him.

Title: 60-0607 - Hearing, Receiving, And Acting

39 So, notice. Now, when this son was, begin to come to school-age, this tutor would go with this son, and stay with him, and bring message to the father how the son was progressing. If the son was a—a—a dilatory, not about the father's business, then how that tutor must be ashamed to walk up in the face of the father and say, "Sir, I'm sorry to say, but your—your son is not doing too well. He—he just won't; he won't learn; he doesn't care."

Well then, God, when He left the earth here, His

Church, He selected a Tutor for His Church. He got a Raiser, Someone Who would be honest, Who would bear the truth, the right kind of a Raiser. It wasn't some archbishop, or pope, or general overseer. He sent the Holy Ghost to be the Overseer and the Tutor of the Church. But we adopted bishops and everything else to be tutors of the church. It isn't God's program. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. The Holy Spirit is

a Tutor of the Church. We've adopted every kind of an idea, all kinds of schools and theologies, and everything, when the Holy Ghost ought to be leading us...

40 Now, that's the reason where the church is in the condition it is tonight. It's being man-led and not Spiritled. Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is to lead the Church. Now, man might say anything, but the

Holy Spirit will tell the truth on you.

Now, tonight, how do you think that the Holy Spirit must feel when It has to come up before the Father and say, "Father, oh Your church, umph, You know what? Your church, half of them don't even come to church on Sunday. No, on Wednesday night, they stay home to see "We Love Susie," ever what that is on television, you know? They love the things of the world more than they love the praises and power of God." That's right.

41 I haven't got nothing against television. There's nice things on there. But when a Christian will stay home from church to see some silly play like that, there's something happened in that person's life. The Holy Spirit's went out somewhere. You're not about the Father's business.

What do you think He does when He comes up before the Father and has to say that His daughters, His children, His lovely daughters is wearing these immoral clothes, what they call shorts? His daughters...

42 I said that not long ago and a woman said to me; she said, "Listen, wait, Brother Branham." She met me in the back of the building. She said, "Listen, Brother Branham, I don't wear shorts."

Well, I said, "That's very good."

She said, "I do wear slacks."

I said, "That's worse." That's right.

The Bible said it's an abomination for a woman to put on a garment that pertains to a man. God don't change. He made a man to look like a man and a woman to look like a woman. But today men are so sissified, they don't know

how to dress. That's right. And women, God's daughters, smoking cigarettes, the greatest sabotage that the world ever had.

I'm not afraid of Russia whipping America. America's whipping herself. It ain't the robin that pecks on the apple that hurts it; it's the worm at the core that kills the apple. That's what's the matter with the churches and the nation today. It's sin at the core. Away from God...

Title: 60-0712 - Hear Ye Him

5 Today was a... This morning early, I got up, and I never slept too well last evening, and I got up early this morning, and the Holy Spirit was speaking to me. And He said to me, "Get out; I'll use you."

And so, only thing I know to do is just get out. That was all. And I thought, "Well, my car needs the grease changed in it, so I'll just—or the oil,

rather, so I went up the filling station." I thought, "Lord, maybe some of these fellow here." And I talked to a fine Presbyterian boy, hauling gasoline, and different ones. Seemed like nothing urgent. And a accident happened on the corner. I said, "Here it is." Walked out there, but nobody hurt, so they—that wasn't it. So I got my car, I thought, "I'll go back down home."

Started down home, and well, something said, "Just keep on driving."

6 So I've been making my prayer grounds up around Mount Rainier, up here, going back into the bush. And there's something about getting out where nature is, you find God. Just—just get alone by yourself. And I had little Joseph with me, my little boy, and something said, "Pull off the the side of the road here and stop, because it's

a... Why don't you let the little boy watch the fisherman?" Well, they fished for about ten minutes and left, so Joseph and I was setting there. Well, I thought, "Well, we'll drive on up then to the prayer grounds, and then I'll let Joseph play around while I read and pray, then we'll come back down." And I eat that, once a day, SO...

Something wouldn't let me go. And I thought, "Well, Joseph, I got a rag beneath

the seat, let's just wash the—the mats in the church's car. I'm driving their car." So I thought, "I'd just want to take care of it." And I... Washing the floor mats, and I thought, "That's fine."

7 And I had the door open. Joseph, he was doing his on the wheel down there, you know, that little fellow kindy entertaining hisself. And all at once, a car stopped, started backing up. Someone thought that somebody in need. And

then, when I come to find out, in this car was a woman dying with cancer, a minister's wife. And they had been led very strangely. They had went to the place where I stay, and I was gone. They left a handkerchief to be prayed for, and started over another pass that they was supposed to go, and something told them, "Turn and go back."

And they went around this a way, was going down, said, "Isn't this strange why we

would be coming this a way?" And just then, said, "Wonder if them people's—something's wrong with them, there in the car?"

8 And the same time, I was on the inside of the car, head down, scrubbing up-and-down, like that. And I was going to leave within a couple of more minutes; I'd been pulling on out to the prayer place, and there laid a woman in the back of the car, dying

with cancer. How God poured His Spirit out in there.

Isn't it wonderful how He works, how mysteriously He will lead us from place to place, just make every corner meet just as... it... That's just not coincidental; that's spiritually led. You believe that, don't you? Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God.

Title: 60-0804 - As The Eagle Stirreth Up Her Nest

25 Want you to notice, not only that, but He was a willing Lamb, a willing Lamb. A lamb only has one thing, and that's his fur, wool on him. But he he's a willing lamb, all that he's got, he's willing to forfeit that. He forfeits his wool. That's the only thing that he has, but yet, for your sake and my sake, he forfeits what he's got.

Now, if we call ourselves, lambs, lambs of God, we're willing to forfeit our ideas to

follow God. We are willing to. But oh, we are Americans can't be led. No. "Aw, sir, we went away to school, and we learned how to lead. We can't be led. We learned our Ph.D., and double L.D., and so forth, and we know all about it, and we know how to lead, so the dove can't lead us." When we've got that kind of an attitude, why, we can't be led. "We've got to lead the people." But God's got one Leader from His—for His

church, and that's the Dove, the Holy Spirit, is the Leader of God's people, the Leader.

26 But when we get to know so much, we know so much, we know so much theology, then the lamb can't lead us, because it's against our ideas, and we just won't put up with it. You've got to forfeit your idea.

People say, "Oh, the days of miracles is past. We learned that in school. Why, we know there's—there's there's no such a thing as

Divine healing. There's no Holy Ghost, like the pentecostal people say they got. Them days is past. I learned that in school." How's God going to lead you then, if you believe such a thing as that? How's God going to heal you, when you think the days of miracle is past? He just can't do it.

27 So then we go along and say, "Well, yeah, we got churches, and we got great organizations, and

denominations." But all having a form of godliness, but denying the Dove thereof, the Dove that does the leading. We have our religions, and we have our ideas, and we don't want nothing mixed up with it. They say, "I don't care what the Bible says." I've had people tell me that many times.

A fellow, not long ago, stood and told me, said, "I don't care how many healings

you would produce, I still do not believe it."

I said, "Certainly, it wasn't for unbelievers; it was for believers." That's the only one it's for, it's for them that believe it. It never was intended for unbelievers. And God can only lead a man, as he will let Him lead. God can only work with anyone that'll let him work with him. Always felt sorry for God trying to find somebody He could lead and work through. I...

28 Not long ago, reading of Samson, and how that that man, he was something like a lot of today, a ladies' man, and God could never use him. Why, he was willing to submit his strength to the Lord, but never willing to give his heart to the Lord. Now, he had a great strength. And many churches today, will lend their strength to the Lord, "Oh, sure, we'll build an organization that'll put a million in, and do all this, that,

and the other." But you're never willing to surrender your heart for Divine leadership of the Holy Spirit to lead us to the fountains of waters of Life. We're never willing to do it.

Seem like it's the hardest thing for people to get in their head that the Holy Spirit leads. Sons and daughters of God are led by the Spirit of God, and not bishops, and cardinals, and so forth, by the Spirit of God. That was God's

idea. If you're a lamb, you're led by the Spirit of God.

Title: 60-0805 - Lamb And Dove

50 "Sons of God are led by the Spirit of God," not led by some other fanatics or some organizations or something or another, they're led by the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit was given to the church to be the Overseer, the Tutor that was to raise the children of God, not our bishops, and cardinals, and so

forth, but the Holy Ghost. I'm expecting the Holy Ghost, not denomination, not a bishop, not a Catholic priest, not a Baptist preacher, or Pentecostal preacher; I'm expecting the Holy Ghost to come down and set in order a church that'll go to meet Him, filled with the power and the resurrection of Christ. I'm expecting that; I believe it. God promised it, that there'd be a Church there without spot or wrinkle on it. I'm

expecting it because God said it was so. Someone said to me, "Brother Branham, aren't you afraid you'd make a mistake some night up there on that discernment?" No, sir. He told me He'd stand by me; I'm expecting Him to do it. That's exactly right. "Aren't you afraid some of them prophecies will be wrong?" If I was afraid, I'd quit saying it. If I wasn't had confidence in the One was speaking to me, but I'm expecting it to be that way.

He said He'd do it, and I'm... it's never failed yet, and it never will, because I'm expecting Him to keep His Word, revealed by the Holy Spirit. "Sons of God led by the Spirit of God."

Title: 61-0207 - Expectation

64 There's one man here that I'd like to talk about just a minute, and that's that fellow, Jonah. So many people turn Jonah down, say, "Oh, he's a Jonah." But Jonah never got

out of the will of God. How can a prophet get out of the will of God? He was God's prophet, how could he? I was reading a book here not long ago, on something of it. It might've been fiction, it might've been true. But Jonah took... God told him to go to Tarshish. Elijah told Elisha to tarry back at Gilead too. But he went on. See?

65 But we have to watch. God leads His children, and the footsteps of the righteous

is ordered of the Lord. They are led by the Holy Spirit. Sometimes you think you're making a mistake, but if the Spirit is leading you, go do it anyhow. The Holy Spirit tells some of you people in wheelchairs, "Get up and start walking," walk anyhow.

"How am I going to it?"

That's not your business. Just listen what the Spirit says. Tells you to come at the altar, repent; do it. "My neighbor, my pastor..." I don't

care what he says. What the Holy Spirit says, go do it. "Sons of Gods are led by the Spirit of God."

Now, many times I've went to cities. I thought I made a mistake, but I just kept on battling on. After while, it wasn't a mistake.

66 Jonah was supposed to go to Nineveh. Nineveh was a city almost the size of St. Louis out here: thousands of people. And they got away from God and begin to worship idols. And we know the story. Jonah was supposed to go to Nineveh, but he took a ship to Tarshish. So if he'd went to Nineveh, the story would not have been written like it is.

So he was on his road to Tarshish, and the great sea begin to roar and carry on. And—and Jonah, a good, honest man, told them that his sins, and they bound his hands and feet and throwed him out in the ocean. And God

had a big fish there to swallow him.

You know, I've always felt sorry for Jonah, because a lot of people look like, they say, "My hand's crippled. Well, I was prayed for; it's different." "My tummy hurt; no different." As long as you look at that, you're not going to be any different. You got to look at what God said.

Title: 61-0412 - A Greater Than Solomon Is Here