



***Behold, How Good And
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Commentary

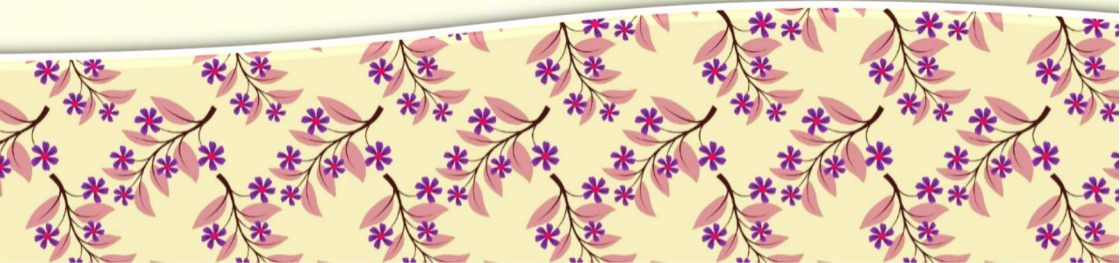
From The Sermons Of
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Psalm 133:1-3

1. A Song of degrees of David.
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.



Bro. Branham Quotes

97 That's the Lord. That's what this church was established upon, that godly, brotherly love for one another. I seen them even shake hands with one another, leaving the place, and cry like babies, to leave one another. They loved one another that well. And I could go to their house to visit them, and times the Bible was laying open and stained with tears. Come in, at nighttime, where fathers and mothers

was gathered together, and their little children around on the floor, kneeling around; and fathers and mothers on their knees, crying and praying. I'd stand at the door and wait and wait and wait. And they didn't stop praying, I'll just set down on the steps and start praying, myself, waiting for them, see. And that—that was. And they loved one another. They loved one another. We used to stand and sing that old song:

Blest be the tie that binds

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Our hearts in Christian
love;

The fellowship of kindred
mind

Is like to that Above.

When we asunder part,

It give us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined
in heart,

And hope to meet again.

63-0714E - Humble Thyself

...meet! till we meet!

Till we meet at Jesus' feet,

Till we meet! till we meet!

God be with you till we
meet again!

103 Isn't He wonderful?
How many believe that you're
going to be well and sound?
Amen. How wonderful,
wonderful. God bless you.
Let's close our eyes now, as we
part. I hope to see you again.
And till I see you I'll be
praying for you. You be
praying for me. Will you do it?
I'll never forget Port Alberni.
Only thing I wish I just had
more time to stay. I love you

with undying Christian love. If ever any time I can do a favor for you, the nights won't get too long, and the rain won't fall too hard. Call on me. I'll pray for you at any time. Anything I can do to be a favor to you, until we meet again.

Till we meet! till we meet!

God be with you, till we meet again!

That's it. [Brother Branham begins humming—Ed.] Just hum it. Oh, how wonderful. How sweet it is that brethren

dwell together in unity, just like the precious anointing oil that was on Aaron's beard, that run down to the hems of his skirt. I hate to leave you. God bless you. Let's sing it again, will you?

Till we meet! till we meet!

Till we meet at Jesus' feet
(Till we meet!),

Till we meet! until we meet!

God be with you, till we
meet again!

62-0726 - *A Testimony Upon The Sea*

You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. **Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't—don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.**

*63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of
God Revealed, Para 84*

20 And, now, I was up here at the restaurant the other day, eating, and—and Jerry and all of them looking for you all. They said, said, “Well, we...” Some, one of the boys was up, said, this fellow said, “I’m going to come out pretty good this week,” said, “they got... Or, these next two weeks.” Said, “They got a—a meeting here, of basketball, or something another.” Said, then said, “Branham’s down there, is going to have a meeting.” He said, “I’ll feed a whole lot of people.” At the

Ranch House, one of those places up there. And they were...been really nice.

21 And I appreciate you all, for they certainly did brag and say nice things about you.

22 The manager up there at the Ranch House met me the other morning. I got in about two-thirty, from Arizona. And he said, “Well, Brother Branham,” said, “I hear you’re going to have another meeting.” Said, “I got some extra help,” he said. And said, “Then I want to say one thing, that those people that come

from down there,” said, “they really are nice people.” Now, that made me feel real good about you, see.

Cause, after all, I kind of feel that you’re my kids, and I—I...or, children, rather. And so I...Kid refers to a goat, and you’re not a goat. You’re my lambs. How is that? You’re the Lord’s lambs that He has let me feed. And I trust that it’ll—it’ll...that He’ll let me do that. We’re going on down the road.

*65-0217 - A Man Running From The
Presence Of The Lord*

77 And I want you to remember that Brother Neville here, left in the church, in the charge of this tabernacle, under the Holy Spirit, that he is left here, and he believes this Message and—and teaches It just the same as I do. Right. And any time that you'd want to, you can see fit to come to hear Brother Neville, he certainly would do you good, I'm sure. He's a great servant of Jesus Christ.

78 I've knowed Orman Neville since I was a little boy,

and he hasn't changed one speck, only got closer to God. I remember when I first saw him on a...I was invited to his Methodist platform. And when I come back here to the tabernacle, I said, "Someday, I'll baptize him in the Name of Jesus Christ." And here he is with the Message now, going on, a real gallant servant.

79 And Brother Neville goes through many strains and heartaches, that he doesn't show it here at the tabernacle. But being that the

Lord lets me have a little sight into people's life, I know what he goes through; a whole lot of it, see. And he certainly goes under a lot of labor and strains, and things. And you, you people here, hold him up like Joshua and Caleb held up the hands of Moses, as he's bringing the Word.

80 Love one another, above everything. Love one another. Don't...No matter what the devil tries to say! Now you're all one great big sweet group now, but remember my

warning, see, Satan won't let that stay that way. No, sir. He'll shoot everything, if he has to bring somebody in to make his target. He'll bring some critic or unbeliever in, and sit him down, and cause him to fellowship with you under the quietness and things, and then he'll shoot that guy with some kind of a poison stuff, and he'll start through the church with it. Don't you take sides with it. Don't you have nothing to do with anything else. You stay

right loving and sweet and kind to one another. Pray for that man, that he'll be saved too, or that woman, or ever who it is, just pray for them. And stick one with another.

81 And stay with your pastor. See, he's the shepherd, and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, and, 'cause he's ordained of God to do so.

82 Now do you remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] The enemy will come. And when he does, just

cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all.

83 Don't never clan among one...or—or talk, make yourself clannish. We are one. I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm—I'm mad at you, I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want to stay right there, every little part of

my body stay right there. And God wants us, as a body of believers, to stay right exactly with one another, right at with one another.

84 And now you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to

open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't—don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.

85 Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exalted...or exhorted us to—to, “Much more as we see that day approaching,” to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, “to assemble ourselves together in Heavenly places and—and—and Christ Jesus,” and love one another. “This will all

man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other.” That’s right. Stay right together.

86 If the brother, you think he’s a little wrong, or the sister, say, “Lord, don’t let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, ’cause it’ll—it’ll affect him, and it’ll take the Christ right out of my life.” That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It will run Him from the

tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt your pastor. It'll do everything. See? Don't you do that.

87 You just wax that much closer together. Draw up the...Take the buckle, as the brother testified, a minister here the other night, about having a buckle, seeing it in a vision. Just, that buckles on the whole armor of God. Just pull her on, tighten up, move right up close to one another. Love one another, anyhow.

Talk nice about one another,
say nice things about one
another, and then God will
bless you.

*63-0728 - Christ Is The Mystery Of
God Revealed*

But it takes guidance of the
Holy Spirit to guide a little
group together like this, this
morning, and keep them
together in harmony and
unity, and still clinging to the
Message.

17 God, may You—may You grant, to this people, long life here on earth, happiness and joy, and then “enter into the joys of the Lord” at the end of the road.

18 We are now ready for a battle, the Trumpet is to sound. The hymns have been sang, now comes the Word. I think, as I stand here, that you know...Yes, you probably do.

19 But to hear these comments of these young soldiers here! And myself getting old, and listen around,

and your faith and confidence,
and what you've placed in to
believe the Message that—that
I have been given of God.
Now, if it wasn't for you all,
the Message would do no
good. See, it's—it's got to be
somebody to believe It. And as
long as It's coming from God,
there is going to be somebody
believe It, you see. God has
made a way. He, He has
affixed His great economy like
that, that, when He sends
forth Something, there is
something there to meet that

Something. The Deep responds to the call of the deep. It's—it's got to be that way.

20 I like the word that Brother Gene used in prayer this morning, "In His august courts." I feel that way when I cross that bridge down there, to—to come in where God is revered and respected. And always keep it that way. No matter when the enemy...

21 Now remember, don't forget this; Brother Leo and Gene, especially. Now, you

think Satan is going to let this go on like this, without a hinderance? Oh, no. He sure won't. He is going to fly in, one of these days, just like a whirlwind. But when the—when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God raises a standard against it. Just keep lifting yourself up in prayer before God. Cling to one another. Hold to God. For, if you love one another, it shows you love God. “This will all men know, that you’re My

disciples, when you have love one for the other.”

22 And I thought, a while ago, “What beautiful singing! What fine voices! What a fine group of men and women, husbands and wives; young, old, and middle-age, sitting together here.” I thought, “Well, they ought to have it down in Prescott, they ought to be down there and ought to have a little radio broadcast like that.” Then, you see, that wouldn’t be just exactly what God has called these young

men to do. See? See? The Bride is being called out, see, called out, now my work is out here, to call. And then things like this, and where you colonize yourselves together, and hold yourself, where you want to bring up your children, each one watching each day, like the eye of an eagle watching over their young, so that you won't...If you see anything wrong, then you call that person aside and pray over it, and things like that. Keep it pure, holy, so the

Holy Spirit can have a place to visit.

23 God likes to be worshiped. And when you worship Him, it just isn't exactly singing a song as we do, but singing it in the spirit of worship, you see, then you feel the Holy Spirit bounce back.

24 And I see great big young man here, just think of the day that group of young fellows sitting there, young boys and their little wives sitting along here, and big,

rough man sitting there and just cry like little babies.

25 Why, look at today, they're out here on the street, living in adultery and filth of the world, and things.

26 And to think that you can come apart and gather like this, where as the Psalmist said, "Behold how sweet and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity. It's like the anointing oil that was on Aaron's beard, that ran to the hems of his garments." Which, that anointing oil...Which, you

know what the anointing oil done, it preserved him to go in the Presence of God. See, he had to be anointed with that oil before he went in the Presence of God. And when brethren can dwell together in unity, it's likened unto that oil. We then enter into the Presence of the Lord, with that anointing of brethren together in unity. *Oil* represents the "Holy Spirit."

*65-1031M - Power Of
Transformation*

91 Just think! If gifts is so great, what we call power; and Paul said, “Though I have faith that I could move a mountain, and have not charity, I am nothing.” Think of that.

92 And though we say, “Well, though I—I understand...I wish I knowed the Bible.”

93 “Though I understand all the mysteries of God,” see, “and still though I could do it and have not charity, I am nothing,” see, “I haven’t got

nowhere yet.” See, the main thing is, love God, and humble yourself with it.

94 Now, surely, after all these years on the field and around the world, and seeing different people, I ought to know a little bit about the gate to enter in at. And if you want to get somewhere with God, never let an arrogant spirit ever come around you. Don't let no malice come in. No matter what anybody does, if they are wrong, don't you never build up a complex

against that person. See? You be sweet and kind. Remember, God loved you when you were in sin. And if the Spirit of God is in you, you love the other person when he's in wrong. See, just pray for them, and love one another.

95 Above everything, love God and love one another. And be humble with God and around one another, and God will bless us, and it's hard telling what He will do. Usually when a church begins

to get in numbers and get to getting a little bigger, or something like that, then they get away from that real thing, the real thing.

96 Do you know what brought these things to pass, when I first started and the Lord appeared to me down on the river and told me that? And Brother Vayle saw that, I believe, in a paper in Canada, many years ago, where that Angel of the Lord appeared on the river down there, it was on Associated Press, “Mystic

Light over local minister, while baptizing.” And—and you know what did that? When we had the tent meeting just across the street, a tent that seated about, oh, twenty-five hundred people, ministers come from everywhere, and said, “Brother, come here a minute.” I was just a boy, like, oh, just a kid. And he said, “How do you keep those people in one accord? They love one another till...I haven’t seen people love one another.”

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98 I say this with great joy
in my heart, to Christ. Many
of them are sleeping around in
these graves marked tonight,
waiting for that great
resurrection where we'll meet
together again.

99 Let not that spirit ever depart from this place! If it ever does, then I don't care how eloquent your pastor might be, how well he might bring the Word of God, the Spirit of God is grieved away. See? When we can have all things in fellowship, in common, and love one another, then God will work with us.

100 And we're keeping time, that the people come by and say, "If you want to see a church that's really humble, a

church that really loves God, drop in up there at that tabernacle one time and watch them. Look at the care they have for one another, the respect; when the Gospel is being preached, how reverent, how everything is just in order.” Yes, then they can look and see what time we’re living. You’ll see the Spirit of God moving among you, great signs and wonders and things will be taking place. If the thing is working together, it’s telling the time. But if it isn’t

working, then time is stopped, it won't tell the time no more. So if we want to know what time we're living, just start everybody working together in the Gospel, loving one another, loving God, and the hands itself will tell the time what we're living in. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Sure. Amen. The Lord bless you, real richly.

63-0714E - Humble Thyself

Thank you, Brother Herman. I have just been setting here drinking in. And, you know, I appreciate it very much. And before we go any farther, I'm sure it just we overlooked it. I think this was a wonderful little breakfast that these people served, us here this morning. I've eaten breakfasts around the world, you know, in different nations. And that was real nice little breakfast. And I believe it would be, as we are Christian gentlemen and ladies, to leave

a leave a little something lay on the table for those nice little ladies, how nice they served us you know, if you'd have a little, you know. It's American custom, I think, that we leave them a little something on the table.

2 And by the way, I oughtn't to be saying that, when I haven't even paid for my own ticket, yet, but I—I... Somebody I owe the ticket to. So I—I imagine... Why don't you just lay it at your plate and let the lady... Would that

be all right? Oh, just lay it some... 'Fore we leave, just before we go away, just leave a little something on the table, and...

I hope they're not listening, but (See?), we hold an example. Let's be an example. See? And so let's be real Christians in all that we do or say. In every act, let's be real Christians. And I know it's in our hearts; sometime we easy forget little things like that, but just thought I'd mention it.

3 I believe the Scripture that says, how great or precious for brethren to dwell together in unity. It's like the—the oil that was on Aaron's beard, that run down to the hems of his garment. We can certainly say that this morning with real trueness of heart, that it was really a—a fine fellowship. I have had many meetings, seen many things by the grace of God. I never met any finer bunch of men, just real Christian brothers, with all of us, just

together. I know this is a little breakfast, but I hope this... Now, it's not joke; it's something actually happened. But it's just a little something that might change the position of our thoughts for a moment.

I love to fish. And I go way high in the mountain sometimes to fish. Now, I got a lot of brothers here, I know the same thing; I just looked at them watch one another then. So, sister, don't argue with him. Let him fish; that's good for he's... Go with him.

I said the other day that my little girls, Rebekah, she said, “I... When I get married I’ll never marry a hunter. Hum.” Said, “I see what my mother has went through.” That’s all right.

“Then marry a golf player, and let him get out there on the—out there with them half-dressed women, and everything all day long. Do that.”

She thought about it, come back, said, “You know, daddy, I just happen change my

mind.” Said, “I want to marry a preacher, and let him be a hunter, then I want to go with him.” So she had it all figured out. But that’s all right.

61-0415B - From That Time

Thank you, brother.
[Brother Samuel Johnson says, “God bless you, Brother Branham.”—Ed.] My, I would have to live some, to live up a reputation like that, wouldn’t I? I certainly appreciate that, though. If there was no one

believed, what good would it do me to go? Yeah. You have to have someone to believe. No matter what God would do, if you don't believe what He is doing, then...It has to be two of us, you know, somebody has to believe with me for this. And no matter what would take place, if—if no one believes, then it would be of no benefit, it would be of no use at all. But I'm so glad to hear that people still believes this wonderful story

of the Lord Jesus. He is kind love to us all.

2 And I had such a wonderful time last night. I—I went home and lived off the results of it till this time. I come back to refill. And I think this is what we all come for, is to hear the songs of Zion, the testimonies of the people, and in the house of the Lord.

3 Now, I believe it was said once, in the Bible, “How sweet that brethren to dwell together in unity.” It’s like the

anointing oil that was on Aaron's beard, that run to the hems of his skirt. I think there is nothing any more precious than to see a—a unified people, in the Spirit of the Lord, to be unity, all agreeing.

4 You know, I think the ten days that they were waiting for the—the original, first outpouring of the Holy Spirit, how that must have been a unifying time, of the people all in one heart and one accord. And every time that man gets together like that, since then,

the Holy Spirit always meets with them.

5 The Bible said, Jesus speaking, said that, “Wherever two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in the midst of them.” So now we know, truthfully, that Jesus has gathered with us, because we have gathered in His Name.

*63-0627 - Jesus Christ The Same
Yesterday, Today, And Forever*

10 I believe that the sun had already come up and was bathing across the Galilean skies, drawing up the fragrance of the roses. For the night had been quiet, and sweetness comes on the air. And she was making her way down along the side of the street to the city well, where the people come to gather their supply of water. And as she made her way along with a little crock under her arm, she was studying, thinking about the day before and the great

mighty message that the rabbi had preached. And at this message that she and Joseph, her engaged husband, had spoke of on their front porch after the midday meal.

As they set there, looking across the little hill to where finally the little house would be erected where they were to spend their life (as far as they knew) in this little building. Joseph was a carpenter; and he loved his job, and he loved to do things just right. And being a believer in God and

knowed that there was Someone Who watched over him, he wanted all of his work to be just exactly right. But oh, this little house was a special one; the doors had to be just perfect, and the—the closets in it... Because he was bringing the sweetest woman in all the world there to be his bride.

11 And as they, as the custom, would set out there and look at the little house, and plan just how the roses'd be at this little spot, and the gate must be a little heart,

because they were so in love. And how they would planning on doing it, because Joseph (being the carpenter) why, he could take his time. And then perhaps just behind the house, there was going to be the carpenter's shop, where he would do all of his cabinet work, to make his doors, and—and the little odds and ends that was brought to him. And in that, they would have their livelihood.

And this Sunday, as soon as they had come out (or

Sabbath) and set on the front porch after the midday meal, it must've been Joseph that said, "That was a striking message this morning, Mary. I'm so thrilled when I hear our rabbi speak of the greatness of Jehovah. And oh, how he told us of that great, mighty God that came down into Egypt and took our people out, how He opened up the Red Sea when it got in His way. And how He rained bread out of the heaven, blowed the quails in out of the field, led them by

a Pillar of Fire by night, and a Cloud by day. And how the children of Israel camped under this great Light as they walked in the Light; wherever It went, they went also. And brought them safely into the promised land...”

12 And Mary might have said something like this, “Yes, darling. But I want to ask you something. What happened to that great God, that He isn’t just as great today as He was then? Did you notice the rabbi after that wonderful message,

then alas, he said, ‘Jehovah must’ve turned His back on us, because that He doesn’t perform miracles any more.’”

But Joseph quickly picked it up, and said, “But, Mary, I believe that God is just as great and powerful as He ever was.”

And upon that, Mary’s mother, Anna, must have come to the door, and said, “Are you young folks waiting for the Scriptures?” and handed into the hand of Mary,

which passed it on to Joseph, the book of Isaiah.

Joseph opening up the scroll, begin to read. And when he come to Isaiah 9:6, “Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given. And his... the government shall be upon his shoulders. His name shall be called Counsellor, Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Everlasting Father. And of His peace and His Kingdom there shall be no end.”

13 And it must’ve been that time that Mary’s heart was

strangely warned. Isn't it strange how God does things? Scripture's made manifest.

She said, "Joseph."

And he looked at her, and perhaps he always thought she was the most beautiful woman he had ever saw. But then there was a certain look in her face that charmed him more than ever. While her pretty eyes looked at him like that of the dove, soft, innocent, I think that's the way a woman should look, innocent, soft, and sweet.

She said, “Joseph, what was the prophet speaking of when he said, ‘Unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given.’ Who is this Son and this Child that he was speaking of?”

14 Joseph looked back to her, must’ve, and said, “Well, my dear, the prophet was speaking of the coming Messiah, the hope of Israel. And you know, Mary, that all down through the ages since Moses, we’ve looked forward to that One coming. And when

He comes, He will deliver us out of that bondage of these Romans, out of the bondage of our sins. And Israel will know their God, and He will keep His Word. And Mary, my dear, if we don't see Him in our generation, He will surely be here in the next. But we'll look for Him in our generation."

All night, she couldn't sleep over it. "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given." And the next morning, she'd slept late; so she was late

getting to well. That's why the sun was up. And as she made her way down the street, seemed like no one was around. And she was thinking on this Scripture, and it's usually when we're thinking... [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]...?...

I believe that that's the reason people doesn't have the victory and—in their heart that they should have, is because their thoughts are on other things. “Let the meditation of my mind, of my heart, be acceptable unto

Thee, O Lord.” I believe if we’ll think on Him, He will draw nigh unto us.

15 You remember the first Easter, when Cleopas and his unnamed friend in the Bible was on their road to Emmaus? They were going along the road discussing about Him, thinking of Him. And oh, their hearts were burdened; every hope seemed like that they had was taken from them. And it was then that a Stranger walked out of the side of a bush and walked with

them. They didn't know Who it was; He's just a Man, come walking out, walked along them, and said, "Why are you so weary? Why are you so faint in your mind?"

And they said, "Are you just a Stranger? Knowest thou not that Jesus of Nazareth, Who we hoped to be the Deliverer of Israel, has been crucified by Pilate? And this is the third day; some women said they seen a vision of Angels."

And then He started from the Scriptures, and begin to

explain to them the Scriptures, how Christ must suffer and enter into His glory. And then when He got them in the room, and closed the doors, and He did a miracle (or something just like He did before His crucifixion), and they knew it was Him. Thinking on Him...

16 Oh, if we didn't have so many other things on our mind. You know, sometimes we'll come to church, thinking about, "Tomorrow I gotta do this; the next day, I've got to

do this.” When we come to church, we ought to lay aside every thought and every thing of the world, and enter into fellowship with Christ and worship: meditating, worshipping in our hearts, and giving songs and praises to Him, thinking of His goodness, and what He means to us, worshipping in the Spirit, singing spiritual songs, making melodies in our heart. Even the Bible said, “If there’s any afflicted, let them sing songs.” Be happy; be in

meditation, always expecting God at any moment to appear to you. Are you doing it just now before this healing service?

17 You people that's got prayer cards, waiting for the line, are you thinking, "In just a few more minutes, and all my suffering will be over." Or are you thinking, "Oh, I don't know, he might not call my card. I... It might be..."

Oh, don't do that. Just remember, just keep it on your mind, "It's just be a few

minutes now,” and you’ll meet the requirements that God said do. “These signs shall follow them that believe: If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover.” Keep Him on your mind.

18 And she was thinking of the Scriptures, that Scripture was being confirmed to her: “A Child is born, a Son is given.” And about that time, she seen something flash before the little virgin, and a Light—no doubt in my mind, like the Pillar of Fire—and

standing there was a Angel, the mighty Gabriel. He's a messengers to the Jews. Remember, Gabriel announced the first coming of Christ; the Angel Gabriel will announce the second coming of Christ. The Bible said so.

Now, there... It frightened the little lady. And she looked at Him and He said, "Hail, Mary. Blessed art thou among the women. Thou art highly favored of God, for God is with thee." And He told what was going to happen: that she

was going to bear a Child, and they should call His Name Jesus, for He'd save the people from the sins. Now she had a right to know that that was the right kind of a Messenger. First thing, He was an Angel standing there; the next thing, He told her who she was: Mary. She knowed that was a sign of God down through the age.

She looked at Him, and she said, "How can these things be, seeing that I don't know a man?"

And He said, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee.”

19 Before miracles can take place, the Holy Ghost has to come. That’s what’s the matter in the world today. They’re denying the power of the Holy Ghost. That’s why people can’t believe in Divine healing; they’re denying the very Holy Spirit that brings Divine healing. “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the Most High shall overshadow thee. And that holy Thing which will be borned of thee shall be

called the Son of God.” That’s how He’s coming. You don’t need to know no man; God’s going to do this. For with God, nothing is impossible. Oh, what that little lady had to believe. She had to believe something that was impossible; she had to believe something that never happened.

20 Hagar—Hannah, when she was told by the priest, “The Lord give thee thy desire.” why, she went home, in nine months brought the

child. That was wonderful. But... And so was Elisabeth. As He said, “Thy cousin Elisabeth which was called barren, is already six months to be mother.” And told her that with God, nothing was impossible.

And she said, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to Thy Word.” What she had to believe, something had never happened.

21 Zacharias the priest, the husband of her cousin, he

doubted that same Angel, when He said after the days of the ministration at the temple, he would go home and live with his wife, Elisabeth, and she'd bring a son. And he said, "I'm too old, it can't be done." Oh, he just doubted it. And he had Abraham and Sarah to look at; he had Hannah at the temple, and Eli her husband to think of. But that callous priest doubted God's Word.

But as Brother Shakarian said the other day, over in the island, when I saw my

mother-in-law die, five days before it happened. And my brother-in-law have a hemorrhage, and spit blood out from his mouth, just squirted from his mouth. Brother Sonmore said, ‘Let us go in and pray, that this won’t happen.’”

I said, “It won’t do one bit of good. God has already said it; it’s got to happen.”

God, when He says anything, it’s impossible for it not to happen. Therefore when God says in the Book,

“All things are possible to them that believe,” it’s got to happen! No way to explain it away. You can believe God will perform every promise that He made.

22 Then when she never waited, little Mary didn’t. Now, she had to believe something that had never happened. But look at her little childish heart... I’m going to think her to be just a young woman about eighteen, twenty years old. She never taken the second thought. As

soon as she seen and knowed that was the Angel of the Lord, that knowed these things, and told her exactly according to the Scripture she had been thinking on, and told her her name, she knowed that Messenger come from God. And the Scripture that she had been thinking on was confirmed right there to her.

“Mary, the Holy Ghost will come upon you, and the Almighty shall overshadow thee. And that Holy Thing that’ll be born will not be of

man, but He will be called the Son of God.”

She threw her little hands up, and the tears running out of those beautiful eyes, said, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to Thy Word.”

23 She didn't wait till she was positive of this; she didn't wait till she felt life, or some kind of a sensation to prove that she was to be a mother. She just took His Word, and that was enough.

That's what God wants you to do tonight. Not wait till you feel better, not wait till you can move your hand better or walk a good step, not wait till the doctor says you're improving, but take God at His Word and begin to believe it. That's the only way to please Him, take His Word. That's the way miracles are performed: When God is took by His Word, the impossibles are made real: when God is took at His Word, not

questioned. Just get it from your mind.

24 “Behold the handmaid of the Lord.” Why she was so happy about it, she just couldn’t stand still, and nothing had showed up yet. But she knew it was going to, because God said so.

If Christ said, “These signs shall follow them that believe: If they lay their hands on the sick, they shall recover,” take Him at His Word. Don’t doubt anything, just go right on believing. It’ll be all right. God

promised it; God will perform it; God watches over His Word to keep It and to answer prayer.

25 Then she started on her way. She heard good news of her cousin, Elisabeth, an old woman, around sixty-five, seventy years old, her husband the same age, around seventy or seventy-five years old. And she'd conceived in her old age, because she had believed God would give her a child.

It was a honor then to have a baby; it's a dishonor now. They'd rather buy a little dog, give it the love of a child. No wonder we got juvenile delinquency; we got dog-loving mothers. That's... Oh, it's a shame. But it was a honor then, and a dishonor for a woman not to have a baby.

26 But little Mary takes out up in the—from Nazareth, up into the hills of Judaea, up over that rough path (I guess, Brother Arganbright, you

traveled that path a few weeks ago.), up over that hill into Judaea to meet her cousin, to enjoy fellowship together, because God had overshadowed both of them. “What a privilege it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It’s like the anointing oil that was on Aaron’s beard, that run all the way to the hems of his skirt.” When people together can agree upon God still being God, God’s just as great as He ever was, and can assemble

themselves together and
worship God in Spirit...

Mary wanted fellowship.
No need in going down to the
synagogue, because they
didn't believe it. She went to
somebody that had an
experience like she had, and
she went there to fellowship.
So on her way she went to
somebody that believed God
was still just as great as He
ever was.

27 That's why we're having
this Christian Business Men's
fellowship in the morning,

where businessmen can worship together on one common ground, believing that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. That's why we got churches around over this city, and around over the world, that's preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, because we have fellowship together. We set in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, the Holy Ghost coming upon us, and overshadowing us, empowering us with gifts, and

signs, and wonders, and miracles. Why, it's the closest thing to heaven there is on the earth.

28 There she took out for this fellowship; the heart calls for it. Up over the hills—I can see her going—her little cheeks a blushing and them little eyes sparkling, as she thought, “I’ll keep this a secret from Joseph. I just can’t wait; I’ve got to go.”

And up in the hills she went, on up into Judaea, up at the house of her cousin. And

Mary, before she got to the house... Elisabeth, her cousin, had hid herself, because she was very weary. Because little John in the wombs of his mother, was six months and no life had showed yet. Now, that's altogether un—unnatural. It isn't just exactly the regular routine. Life appears in three or four months, and this is six months. And she was a little weary about it.

29 I can see her setting back in a room, and there she

set praying something like this, “God, I’ve waited all these years, and I believed in my heart that something was about to happen. There sets my husband out there, dumb. And he can’t speak, and he keeps writing on a slate, and saying, ‘I saw an Angel; I saw an Angel. An Angel spoke to me at the right hand of the altar; something great’s going to happen.’”

And all of a sudden, she seen that she was to be mother. But she... The baby

grew, but had no life, no muscles a moving at all: six months, altogether subnormal. And she looked out the window, and she saw Mary coming, her teeth shining like pearls, and her eyes just—just a glistening with joy.

And she said, “I ought to know that child.”

And she had her robe wrapped around her, running as hard as she could. Zacharias stood in the yard; he said, “Oh, hail. I know who

you are. I... You're Anna's daughter; you're Anna's daughter."

"Yes, that's who I am."

And Elisabeth runs out; she had been setting in there making little booties for the baby. Somehow or another, she believed way down in her heart that God wouldn't let her down. No matter...

30 Maybe you be setting sick, maybe you've tried to serve God, and you're setting sick tonight. But way down in

your heart, something's getting ready. Oh, I wonder if the man here in the wheelchair, if he's ready, getting, thinking down in his heart, "This is the night; I'll never have to use this no more."

Wonder if this lady setting here, and the one behind her, is thinking the same thing? Like others, another lady setting back there, are you remembering that all things work together for the good to them that love God? God's

trying to do something for you.

And she laid the little booties down, and she run out in the yard. And she grabbed Mary around the neck, and begin to hug her and kiss her. You know, people felt for one another then different then they do now. You know, there's not much feeling amongst people no more, no fellowship.

31 It hasn't been too long ago, I was downtown with my wife. And there's a lady said,

“Hello, Sister Branham.” And I never heard her say a word.

I said, “Honey, that lady spoke to you.”

She said, “I spoke to her.”

Well, I said, “I’m sure she didn’t hear you, ’cause I didn’t, and I’m setting closer than she was.”

“Oh,” she said. “I—I smiled at her.”

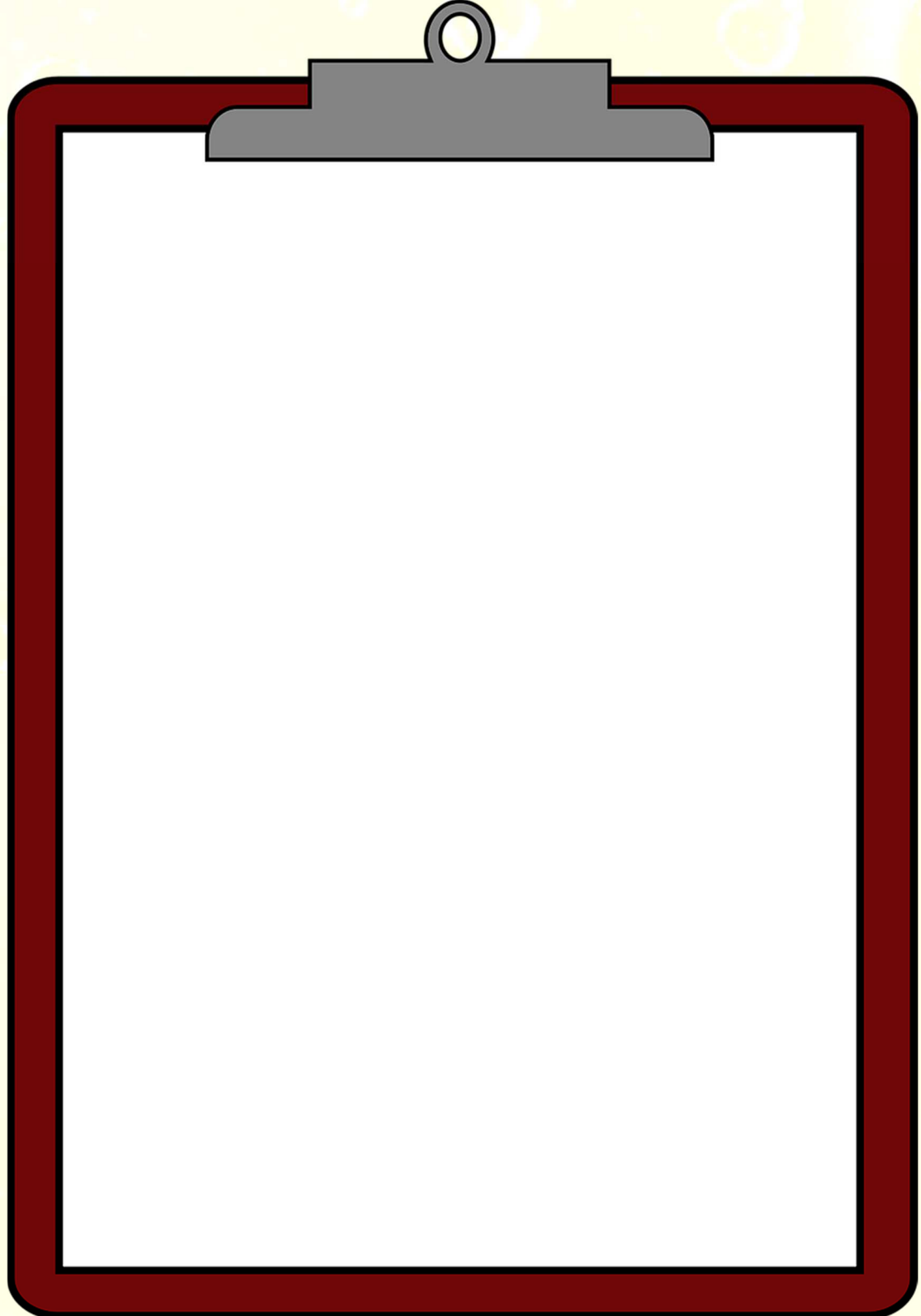
“Oh,” I said, “ridiculous, honey. A little old silly grin don’t take the place of ‘Hello there, how you doin’?’” That’ll

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never take the place. That's right.

People's got so they try to even substitute something else for a good old handshake.

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