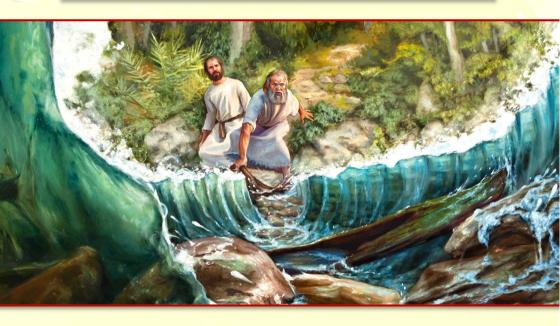
lt's Time To Keep Your Eye On The Promise





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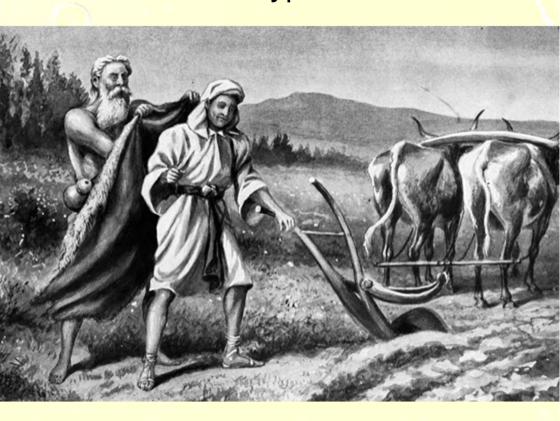


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20 And Elijah, fearless man... And Elijah done, I believe it was four outstanding miracles in the days of his ministry. And Elisha done eight outstanding miracles, because he had a double portion of the Spirit. Did you ever just look into those

prophets and see what a beautiful type of Christ and the Church is typed there?



When Elijah knew that he was going away, God was

going to take him away, he went and found Elisha plowing in a field, because the Spirit of God had told him to go to Elisha. And when he seen Elijah, he just run to him and threw his robe over him; a sign. And then, when he did that, Elijah said, "Suffer me first to go kiss my father and mother good-bye."

Did you notice the strange thing, he was permitted to go kiss his father and mother good-bye. But the man in the Bible wasn't permitted to go kiss his father and mother good-bye in the New Testament, said, "Let the dead bury their dead; follow thou Me." Something different, we won't have time to go into that though, maybe will a little later on.

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He was going out then as a prophet anointed of God, and he probably never would in this earth ever lay eyes on his father and mother again. That's why he kissed them good-bye.

Not only that, but the working tools that he had, he burnt them in the field to make a sacrifice to God to show that he had really sold out to everything to be a prophet of the Lord.

And what a lesson we could get out of that tonight, that every man that cometh to Christ, puts his hand on the plow and starts, and even turns to look back, is not worthy of the plowing.

Today the reason we're having such times as we are, is because there's too much halfway conversions, intellectual conversion. There is two—two different elements in the human body that has a mind, and one of them—or reasoning. One of them the reasoning is of the mind, which is intellectual. The other one is the soul, which does not reason but believes the Word of God.

22 You know some time ago they said that the-that science laughed at the Bible and said, when the Bible said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." He said, "The Bible's all mixed up because a man has no mental faculties in the heart to think with." But last year science proved that—that God was right. They found right down in the heart of a man, not in a animal, but in a man, there's a little compartment where even

a blood cell doesn't even exist. And they say it's the occupant of the soul, that man by his soul lives there.

23 Now, each one of you've had experiences to think that when... Well, somebody say, "It can't happen. It—it won't be." But something right down in your soul that tells you it's going to be. And don't makes any difference what anybody says or how unreasonable it seems to be, you seem to know that it's going to be that way. It's because your soul has testified and reasonings has been cast down as the Bible said they should be: casting down reasoning.

I want each Christian here tonight, no matter what church you belong to, that doesn't matter. That has nothing to do with it at this time. We're too far up the road to go to arguing about what church you belong to, for the Bible plainly says, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one

body." It's whether you're right with God or not, is the main principle.

24 Now, the mind will reason things. In revivals of healing campaigns you see people get that in their minds. They'll say, "Now, looky here, this is all unreasonable." Here sets a lady in a wheelchair. I don't know her, never seen her. But maybe she might be paralyzed. See, I don't know what's wrong with her. Whatever it is, maybe say she was paralyzed, maybe been

setting there for years. But say, the reasonings... The doctors says there's a calcium deposit over the bone; you can't move no more. Maybe the spines broke; maybe there's something wrong in that manner. Maybe there's a blind man setting here with his eyes blinded over. And you'd say, "Well, now..." Reason... "Now, the doctors... I've been to the best, and they tell me I'll never be any different." Well now, mental reasonings would say, "That's right." But now, as

long as you dwell in that mental reasonings, you'll never be no different.

25 Now, the Bible said we've got to cast down reasoning. Then when your soul says that "Jesus is my Healer and I now believe it and accept it," then reasonings move out. And your soul comes in first place, and whatever God says, it won't reason at all, it'll take it—God at His Word. That's what brings the results. Such a simple thing...

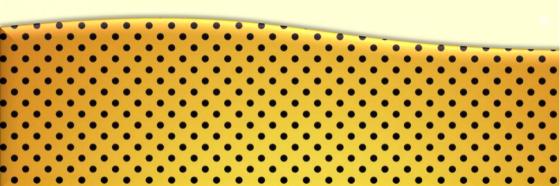
It's not nothing that something that someone would go to someone and say, "Now, I have power to heal you. I have power to do this, or..." That isn't it. It's simply taking God at His Word. And your soul will always agree with God's Word, but your reasonings will—will different with it.

A man say, "I can't live the life."

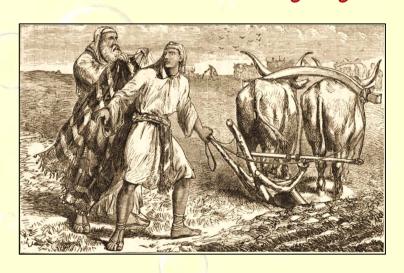
That little girl the other day that was converted, she said, "I can't live it, Brother

Branham." That was reasoning, but when it struck her soul, something begin—become a reality then. It's not reasoning any more; it's taking God at His Word. Amen. Notice, when you get reasonings cast away, the soul will answer clear.

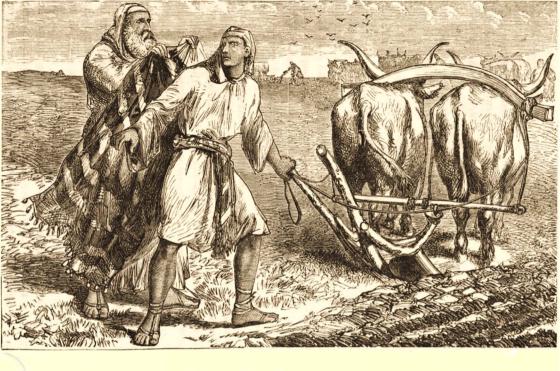
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Elisha cut loose every shoreline, everything, and killed the ox, and burnt the sacrifice and separated from everything to follow God. That's the way we've got to do it. That's the only true way there is of coming to the Lord Jesus Christ. Exactly right.



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32 Notice it. Elijah, he knew where he was standing before God; therefore, he was fearless.

And when he got ready to go, and he put his blanket, or his robe upon Elisha...

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Burn up the things behind you. Cut loose everything.

If your associates, or associations, rather, is taking you into pool rooms, or taking you into beer parties, taking you into card parties, or all these other places, cut the thing loose when you come to Christ. Get rid of every bit of it.

Come to Him with a holy hands lifted up, saying,

"God, be merciful to me a sinner."

No matter how long you come to belong to church, that doesn't have nothing to do with it.

So many cruel things are happening to people today, and they are going out in that shape because they have trusted in the church instead of Christ.

33 Notice. Then the next thing taken place to show that they were type and antitype,

Elijah come back when he met up with Elisha, he said he was going to another place, to Gilgal. "Well," Elisha said, "as the Lord liveth, and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you." Why? done cut loose He'd everything else. He only had one thing to follow: that was God. "I can't go back to my work. I've done burn it up. I kissed my father and mother good-bye for the last time on this earth. So I'll go with you." That's the way men do when

you cut loose every line. That's right. Well, he said, "I'll go up to the school of the prophets."

He said, "I'll go with you."

Said, "You tarry here."

Said, "As your soul liveth, I'll not leave you." And he went to the school of prophets, second stage of the journey. Then he went on to Jordan from there. He said, "Stay here while I go to Jordan."

He said, "As the Lord liveth, I'll not leave you," a type of the true Church following Jesus Christ.

Jordan, which means the... Jordan's always been the death sign. And when they crossed Jordan, Elijah turned around and said, "What would you that I would do unto you?"

Said, "That a double portion of your Spirit be sent upon me."

Said, "You've asked a great thing."

God wants us to ask for big things.

My, God, He—He don't run out of blessings up there. You can't ask for too much.

Could you imagine a little fish about that long, out in the middle of the ocean saying, "I better not drink much of this water, 'cause it might go dry." Well, that's just as unreasonable as it

would be, or more so reasonable than to be to think that God's blessings would ever be exhausted to a believer. All heavens belong to you.

35 Then when he asked a double portion, he said, "You've asked a hard thing. But if you see me when I go, you'll have it." And when he was taken up, Elijah kept his eyes on him, and his mantle fell back, and a double portion of the Spirit come on him.

Notice. Then when this double portion came, he went and done a double work. And that was a type of Jesus Christ. He said, "The things that I do, shall you also, even more than this for I go to My Father."

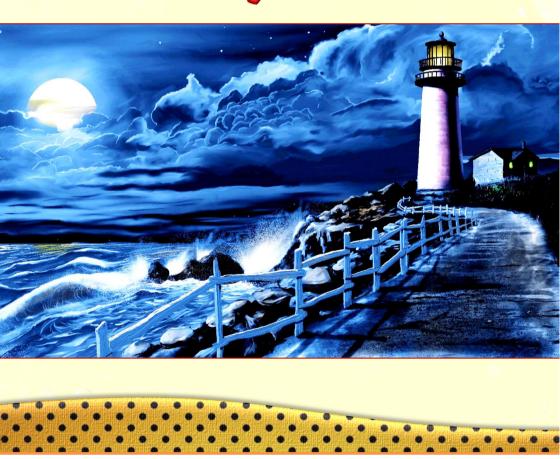
And on a... They—they seen as he was taken up and waited there in the same city until the promise come, and the Holy Ghost, which Jesus was anointed with, come back on the Church in a double

portion. So if your soul has been stirred and your reasons cast down, there's nothing impossible to the true and living God. "All things are possible to him that believe."

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God wants separators. Separate yourself from the things of the world, then Christ will receive you.



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Message: 55-0119 - This Great Warrior, Joshua

15 Joshua, being the leader with Moses... The first time we hear of him about, he was holding up Moses' hands.

Now they journeyed, beautiful picture coming up out of the chaos of Egypt, out of the garlic pots, out of the world, crossing the Red Sea, leaving the things

behind, cutting loose every shoreline, as we call it today, coming out to walk in a strange land, among strange people, serving the Lord. What a type of conversion, leaving Egypt, sandy, barren lands, to sojourn in a wilderness among strange people, but a promise that God would take you through.

God's promised tonight... When you come up out of the world, you separate

yourself from all your earthly associates, all the old parties you used to go to, the worldly amusements, smoking, drinking, gambling, all those things are separated. And you're walking among a strange people that you haven't known before, that say "Amen," and Spirit filled, believing in all things, hoping all things, waiting for the coming of the Lord, professing to be pilgrims

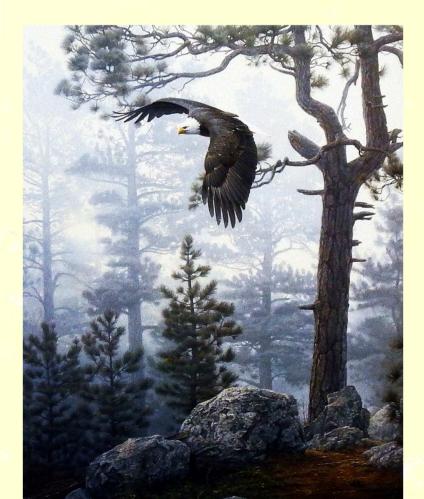
and strangers, nothing of this world, don't desire it, falling away from the things of the world. See what I mean?

Egypt, the children of Israel left the boasting physicians of Egypt to be with the great Physician. They left the garlic pots of Egypt to eat Angel's food. They left the mudder—muddy waters of Egypt to drink from the spiritual Rock. Amen. You get it? On the

journey, cut loose from Egypt, let them go.



16 And as they came through the water they were baptized unto Moses and to God. When they crossed over the Red Sea, they had a little spell of rejoicing. Miriam got so excited that she grabbed the tambourine and begin to beat it and dance. And the daughters of Israel got excited too, speaking in terms today. And they begin to beat the tambourines and dance. What was they dancing about? What was the excitement about? Because they looked and see all the Egyptians that once drove them to things, was dead in the Red Sea to bother them no more.



tell you, Miriam, no wonder you have a little funny feeling tonight when them old things that used to drive you out to card parties and the social affairs of this world, when you see they are dead. You don't want them no more. And you passed through the Red Sea, the blood cell's sprayed all over you, vaccinated you (Amen.), dehydrated you too, at the same time. Amen. That's right. Taken all the world out,

sprayed you, DT, DDT, I believe they call it. That takes all the bugs out. And when you come through God's DDT, it takes all the world out, kills all those parasites back behind.



That's what's the matter with the church today: they don't want to come through that spray. You want to pull a few things along with you. Cut loose; let them go. Go through the spray the hard way. Separate yourself, it'll smother everything that's around you. Amen.

17 Here they come through the Red Sea. Then when they found out they was really through it, coming through that DDT back there, coming out, we found out the parasites. I hope it burns deep. But the parasites, trying to do so, drown.

And these people who are trying to impersonate Christianity, living like the world, running around to every kind place they oughtn't to be, belonging to church and call themselves Christians, God's spraying on his DDT today, separating His people, calling out, filling with the Holy Spirit, segregating them.

You know the world wants separ—the world wants mixers. God said, "Separate Me Paul and Barnabas." God wants separators. Separate yourself from the things of the world, then Christ will receive you.

18 Notice. Here they come out, and they were on their journey. Moses got to feeling real good, and the Spirit come on him, and he raised up and sang a song in the Spirit, how God had overthrowed

Pharaoh and his horsemen and his chariots. Then they were ready for the journey.

That's the way the Church is, when you've once come through the Blood of Jesus Christ, cleansed from all unrighteousness, then you're ready for the journey. You're on your road then; keep traveling.

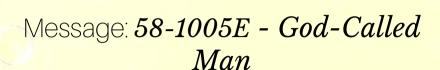
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Oh, when they hit the other side! Hooked to every bush was a horse and a chariot. The King of kings had sent an escort to bring Elijah up Home. It was all over, for Elijah. He had had enough of it, about eightysomething years, of fussing with them people down there, and having be...go through hungers and strifes, and everything else. He was ready to go Home.



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59 Elijah was getting old, and he knew it wouldn't be long till he would have to leave the world. And God had found a man that was an honest man, that was a good man. His name was Elisha. Now, if you'll notice, one of them's name is Elijah and the other one is Elisha.



60 Now, he never went down into the forms, and so forth, and went and found in the schools of theology, and up in the great high schools of those days. What did he do? He went out into the field and found a man plowing with twelve yoke of ox. What? Elisha, the one was plowing, knowed how to appreciate a straight row. And he knowed if he turned and looked back, he'd wiggle off the road. And God knowed that a man that

knowed how to plow a straight furrow, knowed not to put his hands on the plow and even turn to look back. He never waited till he got his education, wiggled along the road. He just kill the ox and made a sacrifice, and took off with Elijah, as soon as that mantle went over him. He was ready, willing. God knowed He could make him able.

61 Now, God has got to give him some training. He had been, training him how to

keep his eyes on the furrow, with twelve yoke of ox, and one man plowing with them. He taught him some patience, and how to be patient, and train those ox to walk straight in the line.

62 He had to train some men, afterwards; keep them on the Bible, on the Word, lined up with God, stay straight in the line.

63 And, then, even God had to school him a little bit. He said, "Now you tarry here,

for I'm going over to—to Gilgal. The Lord has called me."

64 And the prophet, after he had felt that Power upon him, that robe of Elijah, he said, "As the Lord liveth, and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you."

65 Went on to Gilgal, which is the—the place of Christian confession and baptism. And then he said, "Just stay here now. This is good enough. You've made confession and

baptism. This is good enough. I'm going up to *Bethel*," which means, "the house of God."

66 Now that would been all right for a many professor. "Oh, I've just come into the church and got fellowship. Why not just stay right here?"

67 But, listen. Elisha couldn't think that way. He had already felt the Power of God. He knowed there was more for him. So he said, "As the Lord liveth, and your soul

liveth, I'll not leave you." Oh, how I like that!

68 And he went up to Bethel, to the house of God, and there he found a bunch of scholars. They were all welltrained preachers, and they walked around and told him, said, "Sir, do you know what? You're on the little end of the stick. Did you know Elijah is going to be taken away from you? He's too old. He can't live very long. Elijah is going to be taken, and you're going

to be standing out there as a fanatic."

69 Let me tell you something now. A man that's ever tasted God, will not be willing, or, cannot quench his thirst at a manmade cistern. He can't do it. There, all their theology that they had there at the school of the prophets, would not quench the thirst of that man of God, who had had a taste of God.

70 And they kept persuading him, "Oh, you should stay here. And, why, in six weeks we could give you your Ph.D. And you know it wouldn't be very long till you take about four years of training here, and we could give you the right to preach. You know, if you proved out to be all right, we'd sent you out in our denomination." That won't satisfy a man of God. "We'll train you to be a minister, if you'll just stay with

us about four or five years here."

71 He didn't have time for that kind of stuff. He was on his way to that Fountain. He had done come above that. He had done had a taste of Heaven in his soul.

72 And he said, "Do you know your head is going to be taken away?"

73 And listen to what he said. "Yes, I know it. But hold your peace." In other words, "Save your breath. Don't try to

tell me about it. Don't try to tell me what I'm doing. I know where I'm going and what I'm after." [Brother Branham claps his hands three times—Ed.]

74 God, give us men like that, God-trained men who knows not to wiggle off on this and wiggle off on that.

75 "I know where I'm going. And don't speak to me about it. Just hold your breath. Don't try to discourage me, 'cause it isn't going to do any good."

76 Oh, if the people that's prayed for would just have that much courage!

77 "Oh, the days of miracles is past. That wasn't real. You watch, you'll get sick again."

78 "Just hold your breath. Don't tell me nothing about it. I'm moving on. The revival is coming. God has promised it." Oh, you sons of God, move out into that sphere yonder, fearless. Fearless! Take God at His Word.

79 "I know he—he is going to be taken away. But that isn't what I'm...You haven't got nothing here to interest me. All your degrees and Ph.D.'s, and Bachelor of Art, and all this stuff, doesn't satisfy me. Just hold your breath."

"Well, you're going to crack up out there."

80 "Well, if I crack up, let me crack up. I'm on my road." On, he was going.

"You can't make it go over."

81 "I know I can't make it go over, but God is going to take me over," he said.

"Well, Elisha is going to Jordan."

"I'm going with him."

God requires Jordan in every life.

82 So, Elisha come around. Said, "Now, Elisha..." Elijah said to Elisha, "You're just a young man," perhaps something like this, "and really you haven't had any schooling." The old prophet

was trying to try him out. He said, "You're just a young man. You haven't had much schooling. Why, you don't...It's, really, You haven't had a grammar school education. Only thing you know to do is how to plow. So you had better stay here, and may get your Bachelor of Art. See? You better stay and get your degree."

83 But not Elisha, not that man who had once touched God, felt that Power of the

anointing upon him. He said, "As the Lord lives, and your soul never dies, I'll not leave you." He had a purpose. He saw the vision. He know what was going to take place.

84 And they both went down to Jordan. Jordan means "death." There they stand, the old man and the young man. It really represents Christ and His Church. And there they stood, by the Jordan. There she is,

coming down out of the Judean hills, the great riffles a roaring like that. And Elisha, with his gray hair hanging down his back, and his dimmed old eyes looking across Jordan...And young man watching every move that he made. One, the young man, was waiting for a vision, to carry out the will of God. The other one was going Home. They was both at Jordan. Elisha, to him...He's going Home.

85 Elisha had had a bitter life. That woman preacher down there had give him a rough way to go, Jezebel and Ahab. And the stones and all that he had went through! Elisha was getting tired. And he knowed that he had fought a good fight, and he had finished the course. Just across Jordan his retirement laid.

But Elisha was watching for that Spirit was on him.

86 So, if you notice, every believer, when you come to a place where you have to sell out, you'll feel the cold waves of Jordan lapping at your feet. Are you going across, or are you not? *Jordan* is "separation," separating.

87 And standing back on the hill was these preachers, yet, hollering to Elisha, "You better not go over. You're going to go overboard." You hear them, the remarks, yet, today.

88 But, Elisha said, "If God is God, and that's His prophet, I've got to take his place. And I need His Spirit to do it with. I don't need their school. If their school would have done it, they would be taking his place. But God called me to do it, and I need His Spirit."

89 If the schools of the churches would have took the place, and the Power that Jesus offered, they would have took it, years ago; Methodist, Baptist, Catholic,

Presbyterian. But it'll never do it.

90 Takes the Spirit of Jesus Christ! And you'll cross Jordan, of every denomination behind it, everything else, and stand alone with God.

91 So, He stood with him at Jordan. Elisha looking up there, knowing, somewhere across there, God would meet him. And he took off his robe, and he looked around to the young man. And he smote the Jordan. And when he did, the

Jordan opened up. And they walked over, on dry land.

92 See, the Jordan ain't so bad, after all, if there is Something with you to open up the way.

93 Oh, when they hit the other side! Hooked to every bush was a horse and a chariot. The King of kings had sent an escort to bring Elijah up Home. It was all over, for Elijah. He had had enough of it, about eightysomething years, of fussing

with them people down there, and having be...go through hungers and strifes, and everything else. He was ready to go Home. And he looked around to Elisha.

94 And Elisha wanted to see a vision. Oh, he had all the schooling, back there he could have stopped at. They wasn't getting nowhere. God was going to train him His own way. So when he looked over there, looked,

all—all them bushes hooked around there, these chariots of Fire and horses of Fire, it done something to Elisha. He saw a vision. Yes, brother!

95 And when God taken Elijah up, he came back with a double portion of his Spirit. He was ready for the revival then.

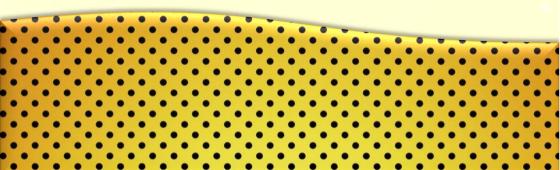
96 Notice the man then, being just a plowboy before. God made his name immortal. All the prophets that stood around, watching

him, had to bow to his feet because he had the Power of God upon him. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.]

97 There is coming an hour when God shall make the world bow at the feet of men and women who has plunged through and crossed Jordan, and separated them thing...selves, from the things of the world. Brother sister, tonight, and

whatever you do, whatever you think, you cross Jordan with God. Go on over and separate, leave the world behind. Let God train you for His own service. We are living in a day before this but God revival. searching out, trying to find hearts.

58-1005 & - God-Called Man Rev. William Marrion Branham



A Secondhanded Robe







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27 And then, as we see the pattern of our lesson today, of Elijah, during his reign, he...or, his pilgrimage on earth, why, he was a great, mighty man. God was using him in mighty ways, with mighty power. And we find out that during this time, there was a group of impersonators who tried to impersonate

Elijah, who tried to do the same things Elijah done.

28 And so we find the same thing today; impersonation of Christianity, people who try to act like Christian, who try to make themselves Christian. You can't do that. God has to do that. He's the only One Who can do it.

29 So they formed a school, and called it, "the school of the prophets." And they all went up to the school of the prophets, and they

educated them. And I can imagine all those preachers up there, wearing the same kind of coat that Elijah wore. I can imagine trying impersonate him on his voice, the way he spoke. And—and way he presented himself, everyone trying to do the same thing, because Elijah was a great man used of God.

30 And we find the same thing today. I was listening to a radio broadcast, not long ago. They got Billy Graham's

all over this country, since Billy was in Louisville. Everybody trying impersonate the same thing, almost comb their hair the same way, and—and wear the same thing, and the same kind of voice, and so forth. But you can't do that. You've just got to be who you are and what God made you to be. That's right. And so we find how that, perhaps, in them days the same thing took place.

31 Now, God, seeing, foreseeing that Elijah's days were numbered, that he had so long he could stay here on earth, as everyone has. So, He was going to have a successor to Elijah. And when He did, God called this man. He wasn't in no seminary when He called him. He was plowing in a field, with a yoke of ox, doing the service, or taking care of his mother and father. And God called him to

be the successor of Elisha, or Elijah.

32 Perhaps many up at the school thought they were sure they were going to be his successor, they was going to wear his robe as soon as he was finished with it.

33 But, God does the calling. God does the choosing. God does the electing. God does the setting in order. "God hath set in the Church: some, apostles; some, prophets; some,

teachers; some, evangelists; and pastors." God does that, Himself. We cannot make one hair black or white, neither can we add one thing to our stature by taking thought. God, in His infinite grace, and by His election and His foreknowledge, sets these things in order, and every wheel works just right. I like that.

34 I would be a discouraged man, this morning, if I didn't believe in

the election and calling of God. If I thought that this world was left to the outcome of it, by the power of man, and by the wisdom of man, and by "the big four's," and the U.N.'s, and who never even mention God's Name. I'd be a discouraged person. But I'm not looking to that for the outcome.

35 I look down in the pages of this old Book *here*, where God wrote It out, and everything will come just

exactly the way He said it, and that's all. So, the only thing for me to do is not line up with them, but line up with Calvary. Line up with God, line up with His Word, stay in His Word. No matter how much it looks like it's going to be that way; it's going to be the way God intends it to be. It can't be nothing else. For, Him being infinite, knowed the end from the beginning, and He makes everything come to His praises. That's right.

36 "All things will have to work together." Everything will have to shape right up to its place. My! If that wouldn't make the courage in a Christian! Nothing can go wrong. After all, it's not our battle; it's His. It's not our wisdom; it's His. The only one thing we had to do is put our faith and trust there, and set still and see the glory of God, see how It moves around to Its place, and every wheel moving. It may be scattered from side to side, but It'll move right into Its right place when God speaks the Word.

37 He knew the end from the beginning. He knew he was going to choose. He knew Elisha would take Elijah's place, before the world was ever formed. Everything has to work just exactly right.

38 And we are worried about our loved ones, and so forth, "Will they ever come in?" Their names, if they were

written in the Lamb's Book of Life, before the foundation of the world, they'll work right in there. That's the only thing he can do. We give witness and shine the Light. God does, the One that brings It to them.

39 Now notice, in Elijah, then, after he threw his robe on him, and tried it on him. In other words, Elijah the prophet, who had the mantle of God on his shoulders, he came down and laid it across Elisha, the farmer, to see if it

would fit him. And it taken about ten years to get altered, to fit that mantle.

40 You know, God usually puts us in the shop and trims us up. Now, He didn't alter his robe to fit Elisha; He ordered Elisha to fit the robe. And that's what He does today. He alters us to fit the robe, not the robe to fit us. Sometimes we want to make the robe fit us, but we can't do that. You've got to (let) be altered, yourself, for the robe. It's God's robe, and He made it perfect. And we've got...He has got to bring us into that realm, to make the robe fit us.

41 So, we can't be perfect, ourself. We know we can't. There's no way for us to be, and, yet, He said for us to be. So, but, what He did, He made a propitiation for us; the Lord Jesus Christ and His righteousness. That's where the perfection comes; of ignoring our own holiness, of which we have none; and our own thoughts, which ought not to be. But we rest solemnly upon the finished work of the Lord Jesus. God sent Him to the earth, and it was in Him that we rest.

42 Notice, all these years, as far as we know, he just had that one baptism of the robe going over him. But through the years, God had molded the man's character into a place to where, after his call, that he would fit into the robe

and be the servant of the Lord.

43 And then when Elijah passed through and throwed it on him, and they started up towards Gilgal and many of the other places they went, on to the school of prophets, on their road, journeying on. And, finally, Elijah was trying to get Elisha to turn back. Did you notice it? Trying to get him to back. Said, turn Otherwise, "Maybe the road is a little too steep for you, son.

Maybe it's a little too narrow for you to walk."

44 You know, where Elijah was, was straightness. And wherever God's true servant preaches the Gospel, it's a straight, unadulterated Gospel where It's preached.

45 Why, one day, he went up there to the school of the prophets, to visit them, and they asked him to leave. They said, "It's too straight around here, for us."

46 What we need today is some more straight, Gospel preaching that'll separate the wheat from the chaff, or the right from the wrong. Make what's right is "right," and what's wrong is "wrong."

47 All these fellows with their experience, and all that they were! They sent out to get something to eat, and one of them got a wild vine, and gathered some wild gourds, and cooked up some death in their ecclesiastical pot. And,

the first thing you know, they cried out, "There's death in the pot!"

48 But Elijah, with a double portion, knowed what to do, so he put a handful of meal in the pot. Said, "Now go right ahead and eat it." In other words, they...

49 Today, a type, I would think, that we've got a lot of Methodist,

Presbyterian,

Pentecostals, and everything else, all mixed together, and

one fighting against the other. And we don't need to oust the whole thing and do away with it. We need another handful of Meal. Keep the same church.

50 The meal was from the house of the school there, which was the meal offering that the people had brought in, and the firstfruits of the harvest which was ground with a certain burr that made every grain of meal the same. And then when...

51 This meal, being the same, was a type of Christ. Meal is life. And when the type of Christ, the meal, being ground up the same; meaning, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." And the meal in the meal offering, and when they put this meal into there, putting Christ into death brought Life. That's what makes the difference in our dead form, in our differences, our ecclesiastical in

arguments and everything. If we would just bring Christ into it, it would change death, and separation, into Life, if we would just do it.

52 There is nineteen million Baptists in America. There is thirteen million Methodists in America. There is eleven million Lutherans in America. And ten million Presbyterians in America. And God only knows how many Catholics, which outdo any of the denominations. But, in all of it,

what do we need? A handful of Meal. We need to bring Life to the church. And Christ is the Life. He came to bring us Life.

53 So, they had their disputes, and their schools, and their theo-...theologies, and so forth.

54 And then Elijah told Elisha, "You better turn back, because the way may be a little hard." But a man of God who has once faced it, or been throwed across his

shoulder the robe of God's righteousness and power, it's not too easy to turn back.

55 When I heard the pastor say, this morning, that our... "Many are becoming discouraged." What we need, brother, is take courage! What we need is to be encouraged. It's right. Trials may come. We never was promised to be immune from them, but He'll give grace to go through them. If the mountain is too high to go over, too deep to

go under, too wide to go around it, He'll give grace to go through it. That's right. Just don't worry, but keep your eyes on Christ, for He's the only One that can take us through.

56 Now, we see them as they journey on, come to the school. And he said, "You stay here now. Be here, and settle down and be a good teacher of theology, and so forth. And you probably, someday, may become the dean of the

college here. But I've got to go on down a little farther."

57 Could you imagine a man of God being satisfied to be a dean of a college, when the Power of God laid right around where he was standing? No, sir. He said, "As the Lord liveth and your soul liveth, I'll not leave you." I like that.

58 Stay with it, no matter how much discourage, even it comes from your mother, your papa, or from your pastor. Stay with Him.

59 On to the Jordan they went. They crossed over. And Elijah said, "Now, what will you that I do for you?"

60 He said, "A double portion of your spirit to come upon me." He knowed he had a work to do. He said, "A double portion." Not just a good warm experience, not just a good handshake, or a good fellowship with the rest of the church. But, "What I

want is a double portion of what's the best now."

a man for a world task, he has got to have something better than the world has got. He has got to have something better than the church has got. He has got to go for a double portion.

62 And if there ever was a time that a double portion is needed, it's today, in the realms of the people; something better, something

higher. I can't...I think beans and cornbread is very good, but sometimes I have to reach up a little higher. And we do that; we've got to. We've got to keep climbing. Israel was backsliding if it kept staying on the same ground. She has got to be moving on or moving back. And that's the way the church is.

63 So, as they went along, it wasn't but a few minutes until he said, "You've asked a great thing, but, nevertheless,

if you see me when I go, you can have what you asked for."

64 Now, that has to be singleness of motive, singleness of heart, singleness of eye, keeping your eye on the promise. Hum! If you're sick this morning, if you're afflicted, there is one great promise; not by Elijah, but by God Himself. "If thou canst believe, when you pray, believe that you get what you ask for, and you shall receive it." No matter

what the doctor says, how much *this* goes or *that* goes; keep single on the promise.

65 Elijah give him a commission, "If you see me when I go, it'll come on you."

66 There's a promise, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to them that believe."

67 Sometimes I look at myself, and think, "I've been such a jellyfish in my life. I have waited, and missed many thousands of souls, into

the Kingdom, because I've waited and said, 'God...' Depended too much on a spiritual gift. And said, 'Lord, if You will just show me, if You'll give me a vision what to do." And God gives a vision, then turn around and somebody talk me into something else.

68 And, oh, I have never come to the spot, yet, until I...like I have at this time, that I feel it's a faith, that we must step out there, because it's a

promise. And the things that He has done, and the healings that He has performed, and the miracles; insomuch, has come down and had His picture taken by the side of us, and so forth, which has never been known since the world begin. And then stand around like a jellyfish? It even makes me discouraged with myself. It's time to keep your eye on the promise.

God's grace, I aim to do. And I realize that every devil of hell will shoot at it. But, by God's grace, I aim to keep my eye on the promise.

70 Elijah said, "If you see me when I go, you'll have what you ask for." That's right. You got to keep your eye on it; watch the promise. Like, what if some of the school, if he turn back, and say, "Hey, boys, how am I doing now,

following right along behind the prophet?" He would have failed, maybe. But he didn't care what the school thought, or what all the teachers thought. He didn't care what the neighbors thought, or the houses, or who looked at him. He kept his faith in the promise.

71 What we need today is faith in the promise of God, and don't pay no attention to what *this* one says or *that* one says.

72 As a brother said, a minister had two girls that were mute, and that the criticism on Divine healing, that, "The children could not be healed."

73 Don't pay no attention to the critics. Keep your faith on the promise. God said so! "The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and God shall raise them up." If He can make one deaf mute to hear, He can make another deaf mute to hear. We know, by infallible

proofs, that He does that. Keep our faith on the promise. Our eyes single; our ears single; our hearts single; and, one thing, on Jesus Christ, and He is able to perform that which He has promised. Oh, when we think of that, it changes the whole scene when we get that. God made the promise. God was the One that said it.

74 Now, here was God's representative said it, and now God Himself has said it.

Then what can we do? Nothing but keep our mind on that. Said, "If you see me when I go away, you can have the promise." Elisha kept his eyes on Elijah. No matter what hollered from each side, what taken place on each side, what taken place before that, he never even looked at it. He kept his eyes on the promise. There you are, your eyes on the promise.

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84 Keep your eye on the promise. God said so, that settles it. That's all of it. If God said so, God is able to keep His promise, or He would never make it.

85 Abraham called those things, which were not, as though they were. And, for twenty-five years, stood on the impossible, because he counted God was able to perform what He had promised. Amen. And we are

the children of Abraham, by faith.

86 Certainly, Elijah kept his eyes on...or Elisha on Elijah, and as they went on. And after a while, the chariot come and parted them, one to one side and the other, and then it picked up Elijah. Upon...He stepped on the chariot and went up, and put his robe off his shoulders and threw it back to Elisha. Because, Elisha had growed into it, you

know, so it fit him right. And could you imagine...

87 Oh, I want you to give me your undivided attention, as I feel my throat tickling. I want to ask you something.

88 Could you imagine how Elisha felt when he picked up this robe, placed it upon his own shoulder? Oh, what a feeling!

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97 Then went Elijah. After...His whole heart's desire was to get that promise. He wanted the promise. That was his motives. That was his all. That was his life. That was his intent, everything. All, everything, hung on getting that promise.

98 I'm persuaded to believe that we're not sincere about this thing that we're talking about. If your whole motive, this morning, rests upon,

"Giving God praise for my healing. I'm determined to be healed by the Power of God. I'm determined to live a Christian life. I'm determined to walk in peace with God. I'm determined to do it. I don't care what mother says, what church says, what pastor says, what anybody else says, what the world says. I'm determined. That's the singleness of my heart." You're going to get somewhere then.

99 Then, when Elijah saw that he was determined to get it. Elijah, Elijah saw that Elisha was determined, he gave him promise. Now, the promise was, "If thou can see me when I go! If you can see me when I leave!" Now it's left up to Elisha. He wanted to hear the promise, so he got the promise. Now there's an "if" in it. "If you can see me when I go!"

100 Now, if you are sick this morning, and you want to

be healed, I can prove to you Christ gave you the promise. The promise is yours, "If thou canst believe! If thou canst believe!" Don't be defeated.

101 Now Elisha wrapped in the robe of Elijah, the prophet. What a conqueror's march! How he walked, treading to Heaven, as a conqueror! He had heard the promise. He felt the power. He was walking like a warrior, right down to Jordan.

102 Praise be to God, friend! Every believer, this morning, that's robed in the righteousness of Christ, is walking towards the Jordan road. That's right.

103 Let atomic bombs come; let her, however way. We're robed and walking, the conqueror. Amen. I... "Fear not. I have overcome the world." Yes, sir! Remember what? "I have overcome the world." [Brother Branham claps his hands together two

times—Ed.] Christ said that.
[Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit two times—Ed.]

104 Elijah was walking with a secondhanded robe on, even like a conqueror, correctly, coming to the Jordan.

105 Brother, let me say this in respect to you. Don't you put on somebody else's robe that's all moth eaten with doubts, where all these defeats and superstitions and ups-and-downs has put holes

in it, and they're leaking all through. You put on the robe of the Conqueror, Christ. Don't trust in your church who once taught salvation by the baptism, the Holy Spirit, who once taught Divine healing and now deny It, all eat up with the moths of doubt and everything else. Put on the robe of Him that never lost a battle, for you're on your road to Jordan, Amen.

106 Now, he had on a secondhanded robe, that's

true. And many of the people have this morning secondhanded robes on. But when he come to the Jordan, he realized that the robe alone wouldn't do the work. That's right. And the church, the Methodist, the Baptist, the Pentecostal, the Presbyterian, "Oh, we have schools! To...My, we have all the ethics, of the Bible, down pat. We've got all the woven robe all right, the promises. We've got it all. Oh, we are baptized,

go down. And we're very apostolic. We have on the apostolic faith. We believe in Divine healing. We believe in God. We believe in the Powers of God. We've baptized, in the Bible, the way the Bible said. We've received the Holy Ghost. We've spoke in tongues. We do all that." But, brother, if that's the only thing you need, you'll find your lack, too, when you come to Jordan.

107 Oh, you may be taught. You may be smart. You may have a D.D., Doctor of Divinity. You may have a Ph.D., a Doctor of Philosophy. You may have a LL.D., Doctor of Latin. You may have all kinds of degrees. You may have the robe of the Methodist church on you. You may have the robe of Pentecostal church on you. You may have the robe of Assemblies on you, or the Oneness, or the Trinitarians, or whatever it might be. It's only a secondhanded robe, to begin with, that's right, of some man-made dogmas, been thought up, so forth like that; and even if you have been a Christian, and the church has been a Christian, and robed correctly.

108 But when Elijah, standing up, conspicuous, to a whole bank lined full of prophets and critics, seeing what he would do. And here he come, walking with Elijah's

robe on. Oh, my! Hallelujah! He is schooled, otherwise. He is educated. He is submitted. He believes. There's nothing wrong with him. He's coming down to the Jordan. The world is a watching him.

109 O God, how we need that today! With many a schooled and educated scholars; with many men who can tear that Bible apart and set It together, in mathematics; many men who can do great things in the

ways of teaching; who knows Bible history to the very moment, who can tell you the hour the candle was lit, and the hour it went out. They can tell you all these things. And they're...They've got water baptism. They've got the spiritual baptism, as they call it, the robe. They've got everything just set in order.

110 So did Elijah. But when he come down to the Jordan, to face the critical world, what did he cry? "Where is the God

of Elijah?" It wasn't the robe of Elijah that done it. It was the Power of the God of Elijah, that done it.

111 And the thing the world needs this morning is the Power of the God of Elijah. You might have spoke with tongues and shouted, and run over the floor. But what we need is the Power of the God of Pentecost, to produce the lives and things that was lived in that day, in the apostolic power.

112 A secondhanded robe was all right, but he needed a fresh call in his heart from God. He needed a fresh anointing from God. He wore a secondhanded robe when he come to the river, but he brand-new needed а firsthanded call from God, a firsthanded Power from God, to perform the miracle.

113 And, my brother, don't you be afraid to ask God anything. You must demand God, or ask God, for anything

that He has promised. For, if I am introducing a God that's omnipotent and all powerful, and if I be a servant of God, I must do the works of God. And if I do the work of God, I must demand of God to bring these things to pass, because He is demanding of me to produce the impossible. I have to ask Him. I have to call upon Him, and stand there and say, "God, You promised it." So do you, every person.

114 "You shall receive power," Acts 1:8, "after the Holy Spirit is come upon you." After the Holy Spirit is come upon you! After you're robed as a Christian, after your faith has set in Christ, then you shall receive power. There you are. Yes.

115 And, brother, sister, every one of you, this morning, may I say this before praying for the sick! May I say this! By God's help, you pray for me. As I stood, ten years

ago, at this platform, preaching on David and Goliath. Now, it isn't a Goliath that's hindered me. God has slayed him before me. But the thing that's hindered me, is a lack of faith, the lack of something that I knowed was around.

116 And this morning, before this little tabernacle again, I'm screaming: where is the God who gave this promise? Where is the God who met me with this, yonder?

Come forward, God, and give me a courage. Give me a strength. Give me a determined mind, regardless of what comes or goes. Whether it looks dark, or whether it looks...Whatever it looks like, move on. The promise is true.

117 Brother, sister, one of these days, to you sinner friends here this morning, and to you people who are trying to impersonate Christianity. You may belong to church. That's very fine. I have nothing to say against that. Nothing against your fine scholarly education, or against your theology. I have nothing against that. But, oh, where is the God?

all. It wasn't Elijah, after all. It wasn't Elijah who opened up that river. It wasn't his robe. Elisha took it from his shoulder. He folded it just the same way that Elijah did. But when he begin to try to wave it, there was no Power

there. Then he cried, knowing that God was somewhere, "Where is that God? Where is He?" Then something must have struck the prophet, for he waved that robe and struck the water, and she opened hither to thither. And before the clergy of that day, before the critics of that day, he walked across the Jordan, just like Elijah did before him.

119 We don't need the teachings; we have that. But we need the God of Elijah. We

need the Power of the God of Elijah, back in our church. The power to make it hold there, and call God's Word, "Right," regardless.

120 And we're, everyone here this morning, as human beings, on our road to Jordan. "And when he came to Jordan." You're going to arrive there, one of these mornings or one of these nights.

121 When he came to Jordan, he was walking as a conqueror. But, when he

came to Jordan, that was the difference. He had a secondhanded robe on. Another man had wore it. But it was a good robe, and he knew what the man was that wore the robe.

122 Brother, sister, one of these mornings, I got to come down to Jordan.

123 Was thinking. This afternoon, we're going down to Brother and Sister Wright's. Don't forget them. This is their golden wedding anniversary. I

believe, the church, they're going to have a—a dinner with them. I was thinking, the other day: fifty years! And I see them both, well aged and stricken down. I thought, "Yes, I'm forty-seven years old." They was just married three years before I was born.

124 Forty-seven! I'm walking towards Jordan. I've got to come down. I've got to get there. I'm going to arrive there. It may be in an accident on the road. I may drop from

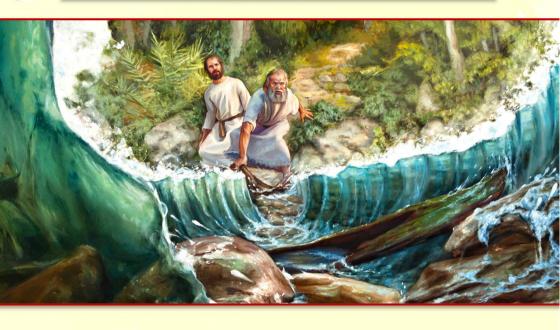
the air, in a plane. I may be shot through, with a devil's dart somewhere, and die. I don't know how I'm going. But, there's one thing I know, I'm going, and I'm walking towards Jordan.

125 But when I get there, I want to know one thing, that I got a secondhanded robe on, too. I ain't trusting in mine, 'cause it's no good. For, as soon as Elijah picked up Elisha's robe, he tore his into pieces and threw it down. And

that's the way it was when I found Christ. I tore my ownself up, my own ideas, my own nonsense, my little petty thing. I thought, when I was a little, Baptist preacher, I was just about as...I was somebody. But, I tore it out; I put on His robe. And when I come to Jordan, I want to find myself wrapped in His robe. He'll follow that. And we'll arrive there one day.

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