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Message: 59-1115 - My New Ministry

213 The other morning, I said to the wife, "I'm already fifty, honey. If I do anything for the Lord, I got to hurry."

214 She said, "Bill, God trained Moses eighty years." And said, "He can train you for another fifty years, to get one day's service from you. He's got a purpose for you, so just stand still."



I thought that was a lot of wisdom, "Stand still."

hand just according to His great plan. Just be still. Don't try to over...to try to push. You get ahead of Him, then.

It's a whole lot better to try to follow than it is to lead, 'cause He's the leader.

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Waited all this time for a resurrection. There'll be one. Don't worry. God promised it. Just wait patiently.



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Message: 62-1014M - The Stature Of A Perfect Man

231 Then, after that, fourthly, you want to add patience to your faith. If you got faith, "it worketh patience," the Bible said. See? So, this is patience. Now, that's the next thing is going to build this stature. You know, God has got real material in His Building.

232 See how short we are, brother, sister? See? See why, where we're at? Yes, sir. See? We have glory, have shouts and things, because we got faith. But when we come down to these things here, God can't build us into that stature. See? He can't. He can't make us up to that kind of a place. We got all these other things. We fall, slide off with it. See? He can't build His Church.

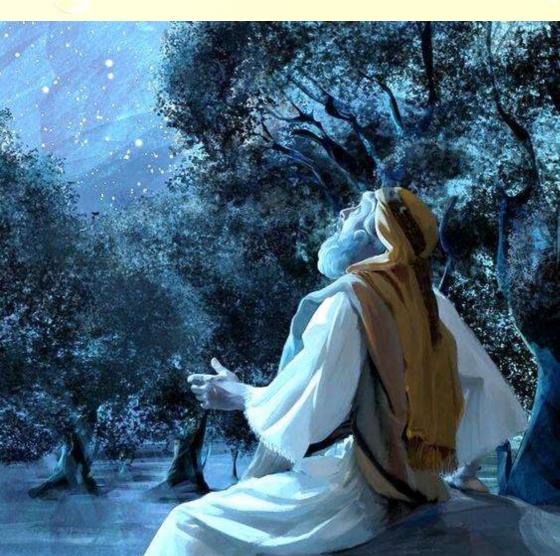
233 Patience with what? What kind of patience? First

thing, is have patience with God. If you've got real, genuine faith, you'll have real genuine patience, because faith worketh patience. When God says anything, you believe it. That's all. You got patience.

234 Say, "Well, I asked Him last night to heal me, and I'm just as sick this morning." Oh, my! What patience?

235 God told Abraham, and twenty-five years later

there wasn't even one sign. He was still believing. He was patient with God. Uhhuh.

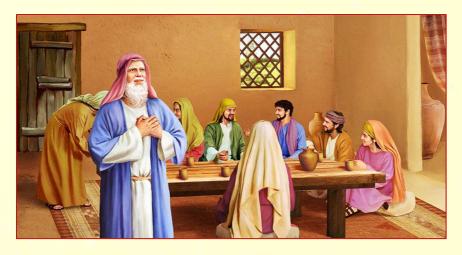


236 Put Him always before you. Let Him be the next crossing thing. You can't cross Him, so just keep Him before you. "He said so, and it's going to happen." See? Keep Him before you. That's right.

Yeah. Noah had real, godly patience. God said, "I'm going to destroy this world with rain," and Noah preached a hundred and twenty years, yet. Plenty of patience. Not even dew fell

from Heaven. Wasn't nothing. Just as dusty as it ever was, for a hundred and twenty years, but he was patient.

Then, God tries your patience. That's right. God tries them.

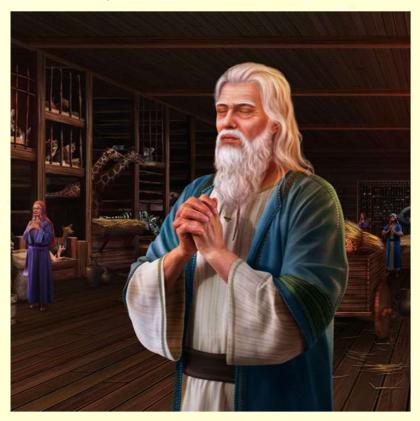


238 After He told Noah, now He said, "Noah, I want

you to go ahead and get in the ark. I'm going to run the animals in there, and I—I want you get in. Climb way upstairs, now, so you can look out, top window. Now, I want you get in there. I want to tell these you people, 'Tomorrow, what I been preaching for hundred and twenty years, is going to take place.' All right, you go down there and tell them."

239 What was the first sign? Noah got in the ark.

Wasn't no rain. Noah got ready, and got the raincoat on, and everything, so he could look out, once in a while. Got ready. But the next day...



240 I believe he might have told his family, and his daughter-in-laws and all them, said, "Oh, my! Tomorrow you're going to see something you ain't never seen. Because, all over the skies, they're going to be black. And thunder and lightning is going to take place. God's big sword is going to zip through the sky. He's going to condemn these bunch of sinners that's turned us down, for this hundred and twenty years. You just watch and see." See?



241 Some of the half-way believers, you know, that hang around and don't ever come in, you know. You—you still have them, you

know. So they—they come up, said, "Well, the old man might have been right, so we'll go up and wait a few days, or wait a few hours in the morning, and see."

242 Next day, instead of a black cloud, here come the sun coming up just like it always did. Noah looked out. Said, "Hey, there ain't no cloud."

243 That guy come up, said, "Ah, I knowed you was

one of them. You see, you're hanging around up here."

244 "Well, pardon me, sir. Ha-ha. Maybe I—I—I just, you know, just enthused, you know. Kind of, see. Ha-ha-ha."

245 But, Noah, he had patience. Said, "If it didn't come today, it'll be here tomorrow." Why? God said so.

"When did He tell you that, Noah?"

246 "A hundred and twenty years ago. I've come this far, so I'm just waiting here now." See that? After a while...

247 We find, God come this far, waiting for the Church, too, but It'll be there. Don't you worry. He promised It.

248 Waited all this time for a resurrection. There'll be one. Don't worry. God promised it. Just wait patiently. You fall asleep,

that won't...You might take a little nap before it happens, but you'll wake up at that time. He promised it, you see. A nap, see, what we call a nap of death, you know. What we call death, just a little nap, or sleeping in Christ. No such thing as dying in Christ. Life and death don't exist together. See? We just take a nap, a nap that our friends can't call us from. He's the only One can call. "He'll call, and I'll answer Him," said Job. Job has been sleeping now for four thousand years. Don't worry. He'll—he'll wake up. Don't worry. He's still waiting.

249 Noah waited. The fourth day passed. No rain. It's all right. It's going to happen.

250 I can hear Mrs. Noah come around and say, "Dad, are you su-…?"

"Don't talk like that."

251 He had patience, 'cause he had faith. Yes,

sir. He had virtue. He had knowledge that God was He right. had temperance. He didn't fly loose, say, "Well, I don't know what it's all about. I've lost all my popularity out there." No, no. "People don't care for me no more. I'll go out there and start all over, new again." No, no. He had patience. God promised. God will do it. God will do it, 'cause God said so.

252 And I can see his son come around, say, "Dad, you

know..." Stroke his hand over his long gray hair, you know. And he was hundreds of years old, you know, setting there. Said, "I know you're an old patriarch. I—I love you, daddy. But could it been possible that you could been a little bit wrong?"

"Oh, no. No."

"Why?"

"God said so!"

253 "Well, daddy, this is six days that we sit up here. Setting up here in this

big, old, dry ark setting right here. And it's all pitched, inside and out. And we been all these years building on it. And you stood out there and preached, till you turned gray and bald. And here you are up here now, trying to say such-and-such a thing. And the people are laughing, and throwing rotten tomatoes and things against the side of it. Look there what you're doing. Why, you know..."

"Be patient, son."

"Are you sure?"

"It will rain!"

His daughter-in-law said, "Father, you know..."

"It will rain!"

254 "But we've been all these years, waiting. We been preparing. And you told us it's going to rain, a week ago. And we're in here, and the doors are all shut, and here we are walking around in here, and the sun just scorching right down like it was."

"But it will rain!"

"How do you know?"

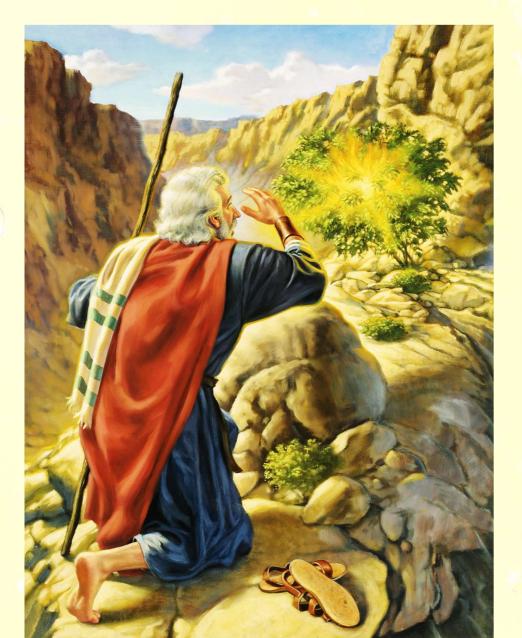
"God said so!"

255 Now when you get that way, add it. But if you ain't got it that way, don't don't try to add it. It won't work. It won't work on healing. It won't work on nothing else. See? It's got to blend in with the same material it's vulcanized to. That's right. Got to add it. Patience with God's promise. Yes, sir. Noah believed it. And he had patience with God, a hundred and twenty years.

256 Moses, he had patience with God. Yes, sir. "Moses, I've heard the cry of My people. I've seen their affliction. I'm coming down to deliver them. I'm going to send you down."

257 And the little contrast there between him and God, and God showed him His glory. Said, "Here I go." When he once seen the

glory of God, you see, he had faith.



Said, "What's that in your hand, Moses?"

He said, "A stick."

He said, "Throw it down."

It turned into a serpent. He said, "Oh, my!" He started...

258 Said, "Take it up, Moses. If I'm able to turn it to a snake, I can turn it back again."

259 Ah! [Brother Branham claps his hands three times—Ed.] Amen! If God can give me a natural life, He can give me a spiritual Life! If God could give me the first birth, He could give me the second Birth! Amen! If God can heal this, by Divine healing, He can raise it up again to His glory, in the last day. That's right.

260 "I can throw this stick down and turn it to a serpent. I can turn it back to a stick. Take it up by the tail." 261 Moses reached down and got it. There it was, a stick. He begin to add knowledge there. See?

"What's the matter with your hand, now, Moses?"

"Nothing."

"Put it in your bosom."

262 "All right. What about..." White with leprosy. "O Lord, look at my hand!"

"Put it back in your bosom, Moses."

263 He put it back like *that*, it turned out just

like...He just begin to add them like *this*, then, see. Yes, sir.

And the first contrast...He got down there. Come out there and said, "The Lord God said, 'Let My people go.' Pharaoh, I want you to know this. I've come as a representative of God. You must obey me."

265 Pharaoh said, "Obey? Do you know who I am? I'm Pharaoh. Obey you, a slave?" 266 Said, "You'll obey me, or perish. You'll do either one you want to." Why? He knowed what he was talking about. He had a commission. He was down there. He talked to God. He had faith. He knowed where he was at.

"You want me obey you? Get out of here!"

"I'll show you."

"Show me a sign."

He throw a stick down; turned into a serpent.



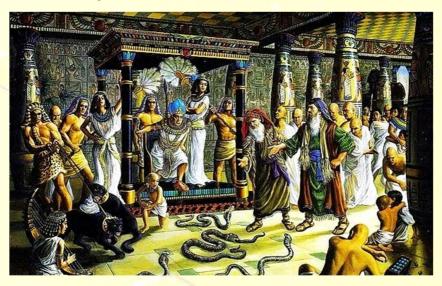
267 "Why," he said, "that cheap magician trick! Come here a minute. Come here, Jannes, you and Jambres, throw your sticks down." They throwed them down, and they turned into a serpent.

268 Said, "Now, you cheap thing, come down here to

me, an Egyptian, a pharaoh of Egypt. And you come down here with some of your cheap magician trick, some of your hoax," you know, mind-reading. You know what I mean. I hope you're reading about it. "Mental telepathy or something, you see, yeah, come down here with some of that." Said, "Well, we can do the same thing you do."

269 What was Moses? He didn't say, "Oh, Mr.

Pharaoh, I—I'm sorry, sir. I'll be your slave." No, sir.



270 He stood still. Amen. Stay right there. God said, just no doubt in his heart, "Hold your peace. I'll show you something." When you've done exactly what He said do, seems like it went

wrong; stand still, be patient.

271 Moses said, "You know, when I laid on that foundation, there was patience laid on there, so I'll just wait and see what God will do."

272 There the old serpents was, crawling around, blowing, hissing at one another. First thing you know, Moses' serpent went, "Gulp, gulp," and

gulped them all down. He had patience.

They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength,

They shall mount up with wings like an eagle.

Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] See? Yes.

They'll run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

See, just wait on the Lord. Have patience. See? Yes, sir. 273 Then Israel was going to be taken out. The great contrasts came, and Moses waited.

274 Then he got in the wilderness. It's only about a three- or four-days journey. It's only forty miles from where he crossed there, right across where they crossed again. But, Moses, in the wilderness, waited forty years. Patience. [Brother Branham laughs— Ed.] Amen. That's right. He waited forty years. Oh! Yes, sir.

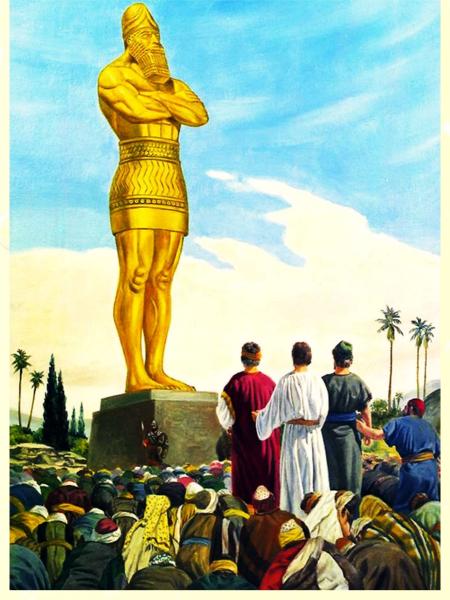
275 And we should have patience with one another, too. See? One time...We get—we get so much impatient with one another's. We think we got to be like Moses. Moses had patience with the people. Look, that's what caused them not to go over. See? If you're trying to do something...

276 Like, I've tried to get this Message over at the tabernacle, to see that each member of the tabernacle become This. It's hard to do. I've tried to have patience; this is thirty-three years. See? Have patience. Women still bob their hair, still just the same. But just have patience. See? Just have patience. Wait. Have to. If you ain't got it, don't try to build on this down here. Have patience.

277 Even one time, when that rebellion bunch of people had such impatience, they caused Moses to do something was wrong. But, yet, when it come to a showdown, God got sick of their action. He said, "Separate yourself, Moses. I'll kill the whole bunch of them, and start anew."

278 He throwed hisself in the breach, and said, "God, don't do it." What? Patience with the people that was rebelling against him.

279 I wonder if we could do that? If you can't, don't try to build on this, 'cause it—it don't change, you know. That's the way the first one was vulcanized into this, and that's the way every one of them has to be vulcanized. If you don't, you don't come to that stature of the dwelling place of the living God, if you haven't got patience, patience, one another. All right.



280 The Hebrew children had patience. Sure, they did. God had promised them,

told them, "Don't you bow down to any image." But they had patience. Said, "Our God is able. But, nevertheless, we're not going to bow to your image." Patience, knowing this, that God will raise him up in the last days again.

281 This life don't mean so much, after all. See? God will raise it up again in the last days. But when it comes to bowing to an image, we won't do it. Now, we'll give Caesar what's Caesar, but,

when it comes to Caesar interfering with God, God is first.

282 "God said, 'Don't you bow to that image.' And I won't do it. Our God is able to deliver us. If He don't, I'll not bow to the image."

Said, "All right, there's the furnace."

283 "Well," he said, "oh, I guess, rain hard tonight and put it all out." But didn't do it. Still patient.



284 Next morning, when they was brought out before the courts, there sit Nebuchadnezzar. He said, "All right, boys, are you ready to remember me as your king?"

"Certainly. Live forever, O king."

"Now bow down to my image."

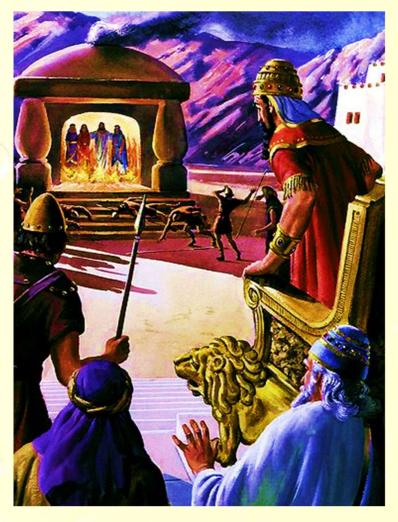
"Oh, no."

285 "Well, you're going to burn up. You're wise men. You're smart. You been a great help to us. You been a blessing to our kingdom. Can't you understand I don't want to do this? But I—I've made a proclamation here, and it's got to be done. I don't want to throw you in there. Oh, men, what's the matter with you?"



286 "I know that sounds all right. But, our God is able to deliver us. But nevertheless..." Had patience.

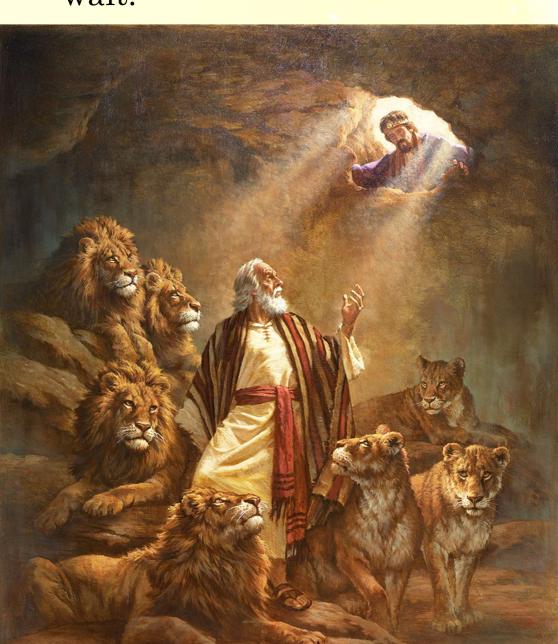
287 Started walking up the ramp. One looked at the other one. "It's all right. All right." Got patient. Went one step, God wasn't there. Two He wasn't steps, there. Three steps, four steps, five steps, just kept on going, still He wasn't there. And he stepped right off into the fiery furnace. They had patience. But He was there. See? Just enough fire hit them, to burn their latches off their hands and feet. And then when he hit the bottom of the pit, He was there. See? They had patience.



288 Daniel the same way. Daniel had patience. Sure. He wasn't going to give up. No, sir. What did he do? He opened them windows and prayed, anyhow. It was a requirement of God. He had patience. He waited on God, knowing God was able to keep His Word. They throwed him in the lions' den, said, "We'll let the lions eat you up."

289 He said, "That's all right." He had patience. Why? "Well, I've waited all this time, on God. If I have to wait a few more thousand years, I'll raise up again in

the last day. So, got patient, wait."



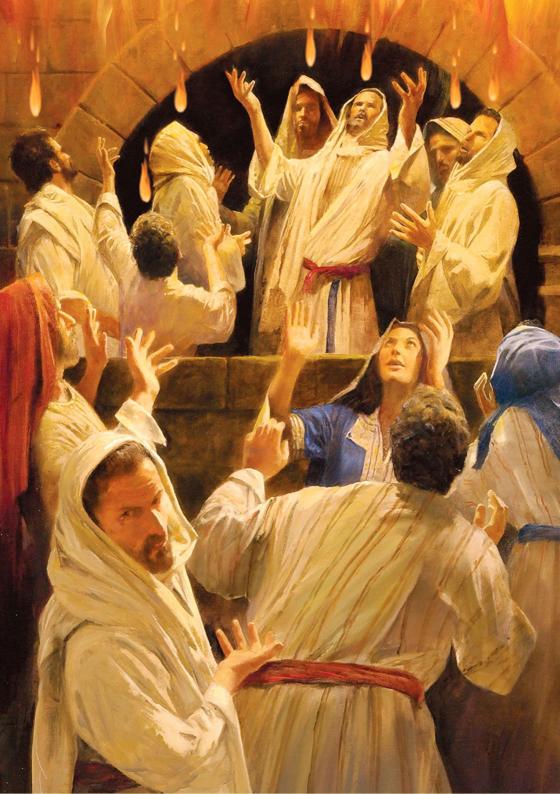
290 Paul had patience. Certainly did. Look what Paul had to do. Talk about patient!

291 How about the pentecostal people? As long as they got the commission, "Wait until," see, "wait until you're endued with Power." How long? They didn't have no question, "How long will it be?" They just got the answer, "Wait until."

292 They went up there and said, "All right, boys, maybe fifteen minutes from now the Holy Spirit is going to be on us and we're going to have ministry." Fifteen minutes passed, nobody. One day passed, no; two, three, four, five, six, seven.

293 Some of them might have said, "Hey, don't you think we already got It?"

"No, no, no, no." That's it.
No. That's right.



294 "You better come on out, boys." Devil said, "You—you—you know you've already got what you want. Go on, start your ministry."

295 "No, no, no. We ain't got It, yet. Because, He said, 'There will come, what would take place in the last days: With stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people, and this is the Rest that I said,' see, Isaiah 28:19." Said, "This is—this is It, you—you'll get It when...Why, we'll know when It comes. We'll know when It comes. We'll know it, 'Promise of the Father." There he waited nine days. And then on the tenth day, "We were there." They had patience, to wait.

296 Now, if you've got that kind of patience, after God gives you a promise and you see it in the Bible, "It's mine," then wait. Then, if you've got that kind of patience, add it to your faith. And see how high

you're getting now? You're getting way up *here* now. All right. The clock hand is getting way round, too, isn't it? All right. All right. Add this to your faith.

297 Always putting Him before you, remembering, it was He that promised. Wasn't me, promised. Wasn't pastor, promised, our Brother Neville. It wasn't some other minister, promised. It wasn't some priest or pope. Wasn't no man of the earth. It was God made the promise, and God is able to keep everything He promised. All right. If you got that kind of faith, to know that God promised it! Say, "Brother Branham, I'm sick. I need healing awful bad." Accept it. It's a gift given to you, yes, sir, if thou canst believe. "Well," you say, "I do believe." Then forget it. That's all. It's all over. See?

298 Have patience, if you got patience. If you're not, you're crumbling off of this

Building here, see. It'll knock all the rest of it down, that one thing. Got to have that. Don't add it, because, it'll wreck your building if you haven't got patience, if you haven't got virtue to add to your faith that you say you got. And if you haven't got any faith, and try to put virtue on it, it'll break your faith down. See? You say, "Well, now, wait a minute. Maybe this is all a mistake, anyhow. Maybe God isn't God. Maybe there is no God."

See, it'll break the thing right in two. See?

299 But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? You're moving right on up the line. All right.

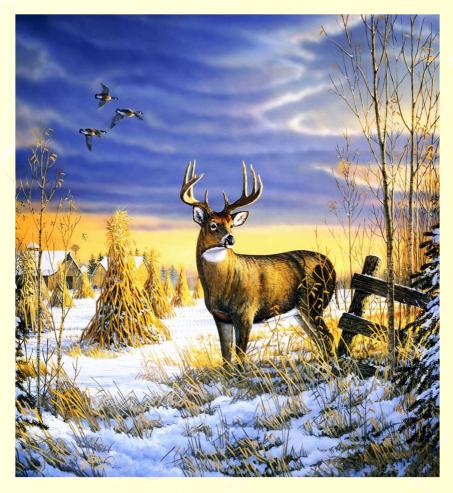
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And if we'd only do that, brethren. Knowing the battle must come, but we must wait till we see the hand of God going before us, to make a way.

Message: **62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus**

22 I have tried to find now. And I've been studying. I told it out before the congregation. I been studying the early Church. And I watched the way that those anointed men prepared the House of the Lord, and the order of the Lord's worship in the House, and it struck me real, real good.



And I preached here some time ago, and upon the subject of Joel 2, "I will restore, saith the Lord, all the years that the palmerworm eaten, and the caterpillar, and cankerworm, and so forth." And I begin to study on that, about what these men did, and the way that they taken care of the Church that God had left them overseer.

23 Now we're going to start off with the early Church, and just bring It for about five minutes now, down to what they did, and then I can show you the vision that I have for the

future. Now, at the beginning, the Church was inaugurated at Pentecost. And there the Holy Spirit fell upon them, where Jesus had chosen twelve. And one of them had fallen, and they had chose Matthias to take his place. And the Holy Spirit waited until all this was in order, before It come. They had to choose one to take the bishopric of—of Judas, that fell transgression, to fulfill the Scripture.



24 And I believe that all these things has a time of lingering, waiting, but it's waiting for a time for the Scripture to be fulfilled, till everything gets right, everything in order, waiting. Many times we get pa...impatient, like a child. We

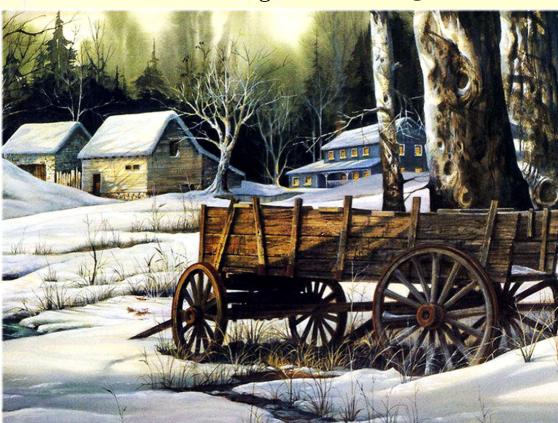
great...get great anticipations, and many times jump way ahead, and that—that just hinders the work, until the work gets caught up. See? We must just move reverently, have a purpose in heart that God, if He would desire to use us in such-and-such, but wait till He makes the opening, 'cause He has to go ahead of us.

25 Remember David going to battle that night? He was weary about that fight, and he laid under those mulberry trees until he heard the Lord in the rumbling of the leaves, going before him. Then he went with courage, because he knowed that God had gone before him.

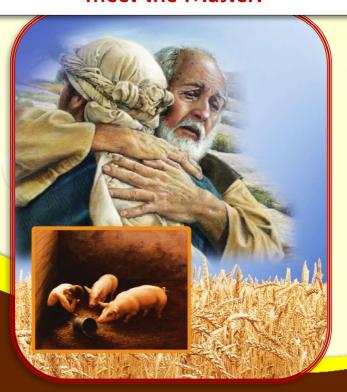


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62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus



Oh, just restless while they're praying; they didn't want to hear them prayers of mother and dad no more. He had other things on his mind. That's the reason sometimes we're impatient; just can't wait a few minutes, can't pray, can't wait for a prayer. But there'll come a time, friends, you'll have all eternity to think about it. Pray now. Be ready now to meet the Master.



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Message: 50-0827A - Prodigal

22 Look at this prodigal this afternoon, where he was: worst place for a Hebrew there could be is a pigpen.

Notice, look at the drama now. There's an old-fashion country home. Let's just fix it in our minds for a moment. I can see, living there, a lovely old couple, worked hard all their lives and had two sons. Of course, the son always falls heir to the inheritance. And then this younger son, perhaps...Let's say they'd went to church every Sunday, and they loved God, and they served God with all their heart.

But one day, this younger son, let's say he would start going out with a group that he had no business going to. Listen young man, here this afternoon, young lady, just

as soon as you get out from under Christian influence you're in bad hands, you're on your road back, right then. Remember that, just as soon as you get from under the influence of the Holy Spirit. I don't care who the boy is or who the girl is, if they're not saved keep away from them. That's exactly right. And men, you too.

Somebody said, "Well, I can go into the barroom with a guy. I can drink a Coke while he drinks beer and

whiskey, and come back out and be the same person." I doubt it. That's right. The Bible said, "Shun the very appearance of evil." Stay off the enemy's ground. The old toboggan slide is slicky...?...toboggan, move around and all once before you knew it down the chute you went...?...

23 [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]...?...wondered if he hire somebody to take him around the hill. One said, "Well, I can drive these

horses within two foot of the rim at a full gallop and never go off."

The other one said, "I can drive it within six inches and never go off."

He said, "What about you?" to the next one.

He said, "I stay just as far over as I can."

He said, "You take me around."

Don't see how close you can get to sin. See how far you can stay away from sin.

Get way away from it, just altogether shut it off. It's a shame that our American people here wallowing and doing the things.

You go to homes today...I've went into Christian homes, when they open the icebox and it would be full of beer cans; supposed to be Christian home. Christians don't fool with that stuff...?...We've traded the old-fashion prayer altar out of the house and made a card table out of it. That's what's got your children to turn into juvenile delinquents. It isn't juvenile delinquency, it's parent delinquency. If the parent would teach the child and see where they were at, take care of them, it wouldn't be...?...on that...?...That's right.

24 See these young ladies, laying down there on these beaches, bathing suit on before men. And out here on the streets with some of these vulgar clothes, and let

somebody insult one of them, and you want to...?...You're the one. That's right. Send her out like that or let her go out like that...

So, I was talking to some little lady the other day; she said, "Well, I'm trying to get a suntan."

I said, "Look, I got a little girl at home; I don't know what will ever be her outcome, but if I ever catch her stretched out like that, she will get a son-tanning,

but it will be Mr. Branham's son giving her the tanning with a rail or something behind her, just as hard as I get her home." That's right. She will get the right kind of tanning she needs. That's just exactly right. [Audience applauds—Ed.] Thank you. That's the kind of tanning need...?...My we daddy...?...Ten Commandments, the golden rule...?...out the to woodshed. I think we'd be

better off...?...Spare the rod and spoil the child...?...

25 Then, I can see this young man, he goes out...?...[Blank spot on tape—Ed.]..."Why don't you tell your mother you're not going to that old church over there. All that...?...All you do is patter back and forth to church." Well, you couldn't go any place better than to church. I can hear him say, "Why don't you come on down to the city and come on down to bright lights and live like a boy should live." Well, first thing you know, I can see him now, he's going to ask his daddy and his dad's getting old, and his mother's getting old.

When he comes in one day, and gets tired and gets to sassing his mother and his father. First thing he said, "Father, I want you to give me my portion. I'm tired of laying around the house here and doing these things. All I see on Sunday is go to church. And the rest of the boys...?...way or that way. They're all out going, have their own way. I want to do as the rest of them does." Don't you never follow the crowd; you follow Jesus.

But that's the attitude of young people, isn't it? "I want to do like the rest of them does." Don't never you pattern yourself by them; pattern your—your pattern by Jesus.

26 Then I hear him say, "Well, you..." I hear the

father say, "Well, son, this is the only way I have of making a living. This is the only livelihood."

"Well, I have an inheritance, and you give it to me. My rights..." What is your right?

I can see the poor old father; it bothered him very much. "Well, what are you going to do, son?"

He said, "I'm going down to the city, and live like the rest of them."

Said, "Well, can't you stay with mother and I? We love you with all of our heart, and we want to be good to you. We've done everything we can." But that wouldn't satisfy. Satan's got a hold of the boy. So he was going down to the city to live like the rest of the worldly people.

Then I see his father tell the mother, say, "Mother, you know what's happened? Our—our—our boy has got with the wrong crowd. He's a young man now, so he's asked me to sell the farm and take all that I have and divide it amongst he and his brother. I can't talk him out of it."

27 I can see the old mother. God bless those dear old mothers. I have one of them at home. How I love her, I told her good-bye yesterday, her chin was quivering...?...coming down like...?...mother hasn't got very long. I so enjoy the peace when we go up there

for a feast. And I said, "Mother, I—I must go." I said, "I must...?..."

This old mother, I can see her in our story this afternoon, see her go to her son and say, "Son, mother's washed over the board, and ironed, to try to do everything she could for you."

Now, I can hear him say, "Mama, you get on away from that stuff. That's old time. I don't want nothing

like that. I'm going to have my way. I'm nearly of age now, so I'm going to have my way about this."

I can see her put her arms around him and hug him. She would hug him; he turned his head...?...He don't want a kiss in public. No affections...?...The Bible said they would be this way. Paul speaks it: without natural affections. That's the way it is today. The child rules the home now instead of the father and mother.

They're the one who does the talking. It's a shame: without natural affection. I can see the mother pat his cheeks.

Look young folks, one of these days, it'll be the only thing in the world...?...she's gone, she won't be here. That old dad that you'd be ashamed of him just because he goes to church and maybe gets happy and shouts once in a while. That boy friend or that girl friend of yours in church say, "Well, look at

him, isn't that's awful?" And you're just a little bit ashamed of him? There'll be a time when you won't be ashamed of him.

28 Not long ago, a young lady come in from college. Her mother had washed over a board to send her to college. And when she drove into the station, she had a...brought young girl with her. She'd got away from God and away from church. The young girl was with her. The young girl setting in the

train looking out the...There stood her mother on the outside; she was all scarred up. And the young girl was with the other, coming from college said, "Look at that old haggy-looking woman." That was the girl's mother. Said, "Isn't she horrible looking? My, wouldn't you hate to have to set at the table with her to eat?" That was her girl friend. Now, instead of the girl speaking up, she turned her head. When she got off the train,

this old wrinkled woman run up to her, and threw her arms around the girl to kiss her. And the girl was so repulsed, she got away from her, got away from church and God. And she was so cold; she turned her back to look the other way.

She said, "My darling, my darling, what's happened to you?" And she was so embarrassed because of her girl friend.

29 Just then, one of the conductors who knowed the story, walked up and grabbed that young girl by the shoulders, said, "Looky here, Mary, what do you mean?" Said, "Are you ashamed of your mother since you've been away to college?" Said, "Remember, you know the story. One day the house was burning down. Your mother was a beautiful woman, far more beautiful than you are, or ever would be." And said, "You were a little crying baby, when she was hanging the clothes in the back yard, and all at once the house caught fire. And here come the fire engine to put it out. And the house was aflame. And you were crying up in the upstairs. No one would dare to pierce the flames. That little mother wrapped herself, and in there she run through those flames. She grabbed you. Took her clothes from her body and wrapped your face up, and wrapped you all up, and put your arms and placed her own face to the flames. And through the flames she come to rescue you." Said, "That's why you're pretty today, and that's why she's scarred. Are you ashamed of those scars?"

30 That's the way Jesus did for us. When we were sinners, ugly before God, cast away, turned away, He came, the lovely Son of God from the ivory palaces, come down upon the earth, and took the shame upon

Himself and the sin upon Himself, and died there at Calvary, crying.

Should I be ashamed of His Gospel? Christians on the streets, we're ashamed to stand up for the Gospel. When He was marred and made ugly that you could be free. He was marred with sin when you could be free from sin. Don't never deny Him. Always love Him. Stand for that which is true. Stand for His Gospel.

31 And now, that's the way of the attitude, nearly, of young peoples today. This young son's feeling the same way, he said, "Mother, I don't want no more to do with this family. All you do is go to church. That's all I hear."

Watch. I can see the old father put a sale sign up now. We're kind of dramatizing this, of course, for the benefit of the young people. Then, I can see him put a sale sign up, sell the

old farm, and get all the goods together, and—and divide it up among the boys. Mother and dad will just live as long as their portion lasts, maybe, and then it'll be over.

Notice, I can see when they divided the portion to the young boy, got his money in his pocket, he said, "Now, I'll have a good time."

The next morning, I can see him go and say to his mother, "Old lady, pack my clothes now. I'm going to

leave in the morning." Oh, my. How that poor old mother will go away, get the little things that he wore when he was a little boy, tuck them away, look at them. I can see her pick up a little pair of shoes that she...

You know mother's like to keep things like that. Mama's got my old shoes that I wore when I was a little baby. She's got the long dress like they had the babies then. It's a treasure to a mother's heart. I can see

this old mother take these little shoes, and set them up on the organ, get down there, and pray, and say, "Oh, God, take care of my boy. Leaving me now, I..."

32 How many of you here have an old-fashion mother like that? Let's see your hand. Oh, aren't they lovely and sweet? "Take care of my boy. He's gone out with the world, and I don't know what will happen to him; only take care of him, Father." Praying. Did you ever have your mother pray for you? Oh, when my little old mother...I've seen her go back in the room to herself when we would be without food, and kneel down on her knees, and cry out to God. God give us some more oldfashion, praying mothers like that. That's the backbone of our nation (That's right.): good Godsaved mothers.

I can see her crying out to God, "God, take care of my boy." No matter what you

ever do, she's forgiving. Her heart's always ready to forgive, come back.

33 Then I can see the old dad. He's just worrying, walking back and forth, up and down on the outside, from the barn up to the house, back and forth. I can hear mother go to the door and say, "What's the matter, Dad?"

"Oh, I don't know, Mother." You know, our parents, if they're good, God-

saved people; they worry about their children. I'm a father myself, and I got a little boy setting here, listening at me right now. God knows I love him. I'd...If one of us had to die this afternoon, "Let me die ten thousand times to his one." That's right. Let him stay. It's a love that we have for our offspring. That's the reason God so loved the world, His offspring, that He came Himself to die that we

might be free; paid the penalty Himself.

34 I notice, this father, weary, walking back and forth, up and down. The next day when it come time for the boy to leave, I can see him pack his little suitcase and get out there. I can see him go round, say, "So long, folks," and start off.

Mother say, "Just a moment, honey. Before you go, let's have prayer one more time." Kneel down on

the floor, I can see the old mother and dad with their arms around one another, praying to God: "God, we've raised him and took him this far. He's gone out from the way from us now, wandering. Please, Father, take care of him."

I can hear him say...Oh, just restless while they're praying; they didn't want to hear them prayers of mother and dad no more. He had other things on his

mind. That's the reason sometimes we're impatient; just can't wait a few minutes, can't pray, can't wait for a prayer. But there'll come a time, friends, you'll have all eternity to think about it. Pray now. Be ready now to meet the Master.

I can hear them pray and get up, mother try to hug him, and he'd turn his head. His dad put his arms around him. He cries, "Oh, you all go

on off," and start off went over the hill. I can see father and mother standing there, with their hands, arms around one another, waving good-bye to him as he went off over the hill, down into the city to be with the rest of the world. And this parent, I can see them return back into the house again, weeping, crying, praying.

35 I can see him get with the big crowd down there. And as long as his money lasted, he was a good fellow. That's the way the world treats you. As long as you got money, you got friends. But when your money is gone, your friends are gone. That's dry-weather friends.

I know a Friend Who will stick by you if you haven't got a penny: Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I've been to a place where I had not a cent. He loved me. He loved me just as much if I wasn't to have a penny as if we'd had a million dollars. He loves you just the same. That pure, holy, unadulterated love comes from God alone down into His people. That's the way we should love one another with that godly love.

36 Notice, and I can see him in the great...in the places with gambling devices, and halls of ill-fame, and so forth. And after while his money was gone, and his friends was gone. He was a popular boy. He could have a date with any of the girls. But when his money was gone, they were gone with the crowd. That's just the way the devil leaves you. As long as you've got money, and popular, all right, but when that time wears out, you're finished. That's all before the world.

Then I can see him, he had to get himself a job. So he went to a citizen of the country, a hog raiser. Look where he dropped from now: a Jew, not even supposed to put their hands on the carcass of a hog. And he was in need; he was starving;

and he had to take a job. And they give him the worst thing. That's the way the devil does. Just as soon as he can get you started down the hill, he'll tramp you with everything he's got. I've seen...[Blank spot on tape— Ed.]...?...then, he wasn't a good fellow then.

37 And He joined himself with a citizen of the country. And the citizen give him two big slop buckets to go slop the hogs. Think of a place, a Jewish boy out there

slopping hogs in the pigpen, away from mother, away from religion that he once had, to keep away from hogs, now he was rooting in it.

That's the way the devil will do. He'll get you to smoke your first cigarette, telling you there's no harm in it. And after a while, you're a cigarette fiend. He'll tell you there's no harm in taking a sociable drink.

I've stood by them before they went to gallows, stood

by them before they was electrocuted, and "I never intended," they say, "to be a gambler. I never intended when I was playing cards to be a gambler. I never intend to be a drunk. When I stole the first...?...out of a filling station, I didn't intend to be a thief." But only thing the devil wants you to do is to start, and he'll take you on. Get over on his ground one time and watch him. You know what it means to do wrong, but there's an influence of the power of darkness, the prince of the power of the air that leads you trapped into these things. You've got to stand up. Separate yourself from the things of the world and come out and live for Christ. That's right.

38 And I can see this child. Now, he's feeding hogs. Here he is down in the pigpen, slopping the hogs and eating from the same slop bucket. Feeding the hogs. Think of it, what he

had left and what he had then. And the portion that he'd spent was really his father's that he'd earned. But here he was in the pigpen. All he could hear was the grunting of hogs.

That's the way it is tonight, or, today. There's a many a mother's boy, now, out in the roadhouses, drunk, out in hall places of ill-fame. Many young ladies, prostitutes on the streets. Why? Because they got away from home, got away from

God, got away from the Bible, got away from Its teachings, went out to live with the rest of the world. You stay away from the world.

The Bible said if you love the world or the things of the world, the love of the Father is not even in you. Stay away from it. And as long as that desire is in your heart to do that, come back to the altar. Amen. Stay there until it's all gone. Oh, my. That's the kind of old-fashion religion that I'm speaking about, the kind that takes the desire out of you.

39 I was first converted, a young lady came, and said, "Brother Branham," said, "what pleasure do you get out of life if you don't smoke, drink, or go to the shows, or anything?"

Few nights after that about eight or ten sinners came to the altar. I said, "I have more pleasure in that in one minute than you could

have in the world in ten years." Lost coming to God; that's where we have pleasure, Christians, seeing newborn babes in Christ coming into the Kingdom, soul that is eternal, something that's real.

Now, I can see the chap down there now, laying in a hog pen. Nighttime, that old place would stink, so I suppose he was left in the hog pen, lay down by the side of the hogs in the trough.

One night, I see a restless mother and dad begin speak about their boy...?...Hear mother say, "I'm just so restless, Dad, I don't know what to do. I just keep thinking about our boy. Wonder where he's at? Wonder if he's got something to eat."

I hear dad say, "Well, we've always been taught that all things work together for good to them love God. Let's pray." I can see them get down on the floor and

begin to praying about little Johnny. I can hear them pray, "O God, take care of our boy. Wherever he is, whatever state he's in, take care of him, Father, and send him home." Where's he at? Down in the hog pen, going to the hog pen.

40 The Angel of God come to him, "Boy, wake up." Talked to him, said, "Oh, what about you just get back home to them.

"Think of my father that has all the wealth that he has and all the things that he has given to me. Here I am laying here, dying of hunger, laying in a hog pen, eating..." [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] The Bible said he came to himself.

And that's what the church needs to do today, is come to themselves, to realize Who—Who is your Father, for sometimes we act as though we have no Heavenly Father. For all the

goodness of Heaven belongs to the church: Divine healing, salvation, freedom from worry or anything, all belongs to the church. Jesus died, and we are...we inherit all that God has through Him, heirs of the Kingdom, rich.

My Father is rich in houses and land,

He holds the wealth of this world in His hands.

That's how we are, if we'd just come to ourselves. Oh, I

can see him as he begin to come to himself and say, "Oh, if I could just go home. But I've sinned, and I'm no more...not worthy to go home. So what can I do?"

41 And he...I can think of it here, time when he was a little boy. When he was sick, his mother rocked the cradle to take him back-and-forth, up and down in the room and love him and care for him. And now there's nobody to love and care for him. He's out in the cold world to shift

for himself. All he hears is grunting in the little...?...And I can hear him begin to sing an old song, maybe that his mother knew. I believe it goes something like this:

If I could hear my mother pray again,

If I could hear her tender voice again,

How glad I would be, would mean so much to me,

If I could hear my mother pray again.

Here is you, an old mother, wouldn't you like to hear her pray this afternoon? Many of you...?...Oh, if he could hear his mother pray, the Angels of God look down from Heaven. Pray now.

42 Then I notice down there again, I can see father get real restless, get up and pull his coat and walk out through the gate, a moonlight night, looks down across the path, wondering, "Where is his boy?" Old song

my daddy used to sing when we first...?...old father singing like this. I used to see dad, he had an old red handkerchief; he used to get out and stick it halfway out of his pocket. He used to get up and sing this song:

Oh, where is my boy tonight?

Oh, where is my boy tonight?

My heart overflows, For I love him he knows. Oh, where is my boy tonight?

43 Oh, my. Looking down the road to his boy who is far away. I can see the boy come to himself, look back and it sound like he hear his mother praying. The Angels of God waiting to take the message, I could hear him raise and sing and say:

Tell mother I'll be there (Let's all sing it.), in answer to her prayer.

This message guardian angel to her bear.

Tell mother I'll be there, Heaven's joys with her to share.

Yes, tell my darling mother I'll be there.

How many's mother has gone on today? Let's see your hands. Let's just hold our hands and sing that.

Tell mother...(Did you promise her you'd meet her?), in answer to her prayer.

This message guardian angel to her bear.

Tell mother I'll be there, Heaven's joys with her to share.

Yes, tell my darling mother I'll be there.

44 I can hear him say, "I'll arise, and go to my father."
Here he comes, crawling...?...daylight. I can see dad and mother...?...sitting out in the room. Here he comes; the rising of the sun across the

fields. Shoes off his feet, clothes tattered and torn, staggering home.

I can hear his mother say, "There he's comes, Dad."

Hear dad say, "That's my boy."

I can hear him say, "Oh, Father, I'm not worthy to be your son, make me one of your hired servants. But I'll just go on..." The father and mother, down through the gates they went. No matter what he'd done, he's coming

home now. Run, throwed their arms around him and said, "Go, kill the fatted calf. Let's make merry; this is my son that was dead and is alive again. He was lost and now he's found. Put a ring on his finger, shoes on his feet. Put the best robe you got in the house on him." That's the attitude of the Father to every sinner here this afternoon.

45 I remember when I was lost and undone, out in the world, dying, a sinner, laying

on a hospital bed. The doctor said I had just a few moments to live. But I cried, coming down the road. And as I cried, I run to meet the Heavenly Father; He kissed me on the neck, kissed away all of my sins and cares. He put the Robe, the Holy Spirit on me, put the wedding ring on my finger; I'm going somewhere one of these days. Put me amongst His people here, where we can rejoice and live together and be happy. Why? I was once dead and now I'm alive. Oh, my. I was once lost and now I'm found.

There's many prodigals in the world today. There's prodigal men, prodigal women, and God calls for all to come to repentance. Is that right? He wants us to come. He wants you to come, all prodigals everywhere.

I wonder if there isn't a prodigal here today that's strayed away. I wasn't aware of my time getting away. Is there a prodigal? Raise up your hand. Somebody that's run away from God, would you raise your hand right now and say, "Brother Branham, I been prodigal. I want to find Christ right now."

46 How many hasn't got the Holy Spirit...?...hasn't got it? God bless you. I wonder all of you that hasn't got the Holy Spirit with hands Heavenward, if you'd come right down here now. While we sing that verse again, Tell Mother I'll Be There, and come right here and let's—let's talk it over with God right now. Do you believe if He'll open the eyes of the blind for me, unstop the ears of the deaf, don't you believe that He'll hear my prayer now for your needs? Let's sing. Let's all of us together now.

Tell mother I'll be there...(That's right. Come sinner friends, you...God bless you, my brother. God be with you. God bless you,

sister. God bless you, my brother.)...to her bear.

Tell mother I'll be there, Heaven's joys with her to share,

Yes, tell my darling mother I'll be there.

I hear the father calling the son tonight.

Oh, where is my boy tonight? (Looky here, friends [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]...?...a hard life.)

Oh, where's my boy tonight?

My heart overflows,
For I love him he knows,
Oh, where...

47 [Blank spot on tape— Ed.]...?...come. My, that's wonderful they're gathering from everywhere, all meeting around. Oh, Christians, isn't this beautiful? Raise your hands. Wonderful. Do you think the Master is standing here this afternoon? Look kneeling here...[Blank spot on tape.]

I've got a Father over yonder,

I've got a Father over yonder,

I've got a Father over yonder,

On the other shore.

Some bright day I'll go and see Him,

Some bright day I'll go and see Him,

Some bright day I'll go and see Him,

On the other shore. (Let's sing it.)

That bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

On the other shore.

48 How many's got a father on the other side? Let's see your hand. Oh, my. How many's got a mother over there? Let's see your hand. Brother and sister,

someday we're going to see them, aren't we? If you're not sure about your experience, come now, will you? While we sing:

That bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

On the other shore.

Oh, won't that be a happy meeting!

Won't that be a happy meeting!

Won't that be a happy meeting!

On the other shore.

I remember when my brother was dying out at the hospital...?..."Tell Bill, tell Bill I'll meet him on the other side."

Oh, that bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

That bright day may be tomorrow,

On the other shore.

49 You moms want to why we're know waiting...?...gathered here, knelt on the floor. What do you think the Master thinks this afternoon? How this little group of...?...gathered along here, hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Oh, God bless you, my dear friends. Someday...this is not a mythical call, it's real, we'll meet Him.

I believe that I'm in touch with Glory, with Heaven, with God. And I believe that the Father is well pleased this afternoon now. Seeking down through the audience and finding these that's hungering and thirsting for righteousness' sake, even today they'll be filled.

Won't you come? Someone else, while we're waiting. Someone here that's not just.

You know your experience isn't right with God and haven't got the Holy Spirit, will you come? Gather around while we have prayer? Let's sing this good old song.

O do not let the Word depart,

And close thine eyes against the light;

Poor sinner, harden not your heart,

Be saved, O tonight.

O why not tonight?

O why not tonight? (Will you come?)

Wilt thou be saved?

Then why not tonight?

O why, tell me why, not tonight?

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O Heavenly Father, speak just now. Grant unto these that hear me come simply now to the altar, while this great moving of the of the Spirit. Lord, receive them.

Why not tonight?

Listen at this, friend: you're here now, but where will you be five hundred years from now?

Tomorrow's sun may never shine,

To bless thy long deluded sight;

This is the time, O then be wise,

O why not tonight? (Will you come? The last call.)

O why not tonight?

Remember, you're lovely. I got to meet you at the

judgment. Maybe the last time tonight I'll ever speak to you. I'm offering you Jesus. Will you come?

...be saved?

O why not tonight?

You're "Almost persuaded,"

Oh, God loves you. Won't you come? Many unsaved, without the Holy Spirit in their heart.

"Almost persuaded," now to believe;

Seems now some soul to say, "Go, Spirit, go Thy way,

Some more convenient day, on Thee I'll call."

While we're waiting, the Holy Spirit said...?...altar call...?...young man and young woman, the aged gathering around coming...?...why not heed God's call.

Seems now some soul to say, "Go, Spirit, go Thy way,

Some more convenient day, on Thee I'll call."

50 Just before you're seated, while the organ keeps on playing, if you will, is there one more person? Come right now. Look, one of these days, before long, there's many in here that may be gone. I'll be gone one of these days. The moon will refuse to shine one day; the sun won't give its light. Now, if you're not just...know that you're right with God. Let's settle it here, this afternoon. Come on. Will you? Stand right here.

Now, remember, if God can reveal His secrets to His servant, and you know what's been happening in the service, won't this be a wonderful day?

Won't you come? Young men and women, you just starting life, just at a crossroad, you come if you're not saved. Will you come just now, sweetly, humbly to Christ?

51 Someday it'll all be over and then you're going to

meet Him and give an account for the deeds that's done for Him. One of these hours there'll be an atomic bomb strike, and this city shall be ashes that'll fall. There won't be a living person maybe that's left, that might be less than a year from now. Where is your poor soul going to be? Don't take a chance with it, prodigal, come now. If you just been kind of playing along, your church, you know you belong to church,

but you really haven't got a real experience, won't you come?

I'm very strangely led to that—make make that...raise your hands. Looky here, all you Christian people, look upon this scene. Do you think God would hide His eyes from that when He feeds the sparrow that falls on the street? If He knows about the death of sparrow, how about hundreds of sincere people praying. This is going to be a marvelous time. They're still coming, friends, from both sides. If you'll make your way, God will be very happy. We'll be very glad to pray for you.

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