

From The Sermons Of WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

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5 Now, we have great things that we can do in the—the realm of faith. Faith works great things for us, and if you brethren here getting your... And you can't have faith till you have love. That's just all there is to it. You just ... Perfect love casts out all fear, and you... As long as you got fear you can't have faith. So you got to have love first. It drives all fear out, and then-then faith

comes in, takes the place of fear. So when you have that you're coming right along.

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13 That love that God had... Love is a powerful force. And when love is projected, and it comes to the end of its strength, sovereign grace will take it up from there and project the object that love has asked for. That's the reason we have a Saviour tonight, is because God so loved the world that His love, being projected to the world, produced a Saviour. God wanted to see you

well so much, His love went out and it produced an atonement for your sickness, as your sins. It was the love of God that constrained Him to do it.

14 Love is a powerful force. It'll run a woman, a mother, right into the flames of fire after her baby, if she knows she's

plunging herself to death. There's nothing more strong than love. Love will make you trust. You might go and know that you belong to the greatest church in all the provinces of Canada. You might know that you're the charter member of the greatest church in the nation. And then you would do things that you would not do if you belonged to a little mission somewhere in some corner and had the love of God in your heart.

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Love has no fear. Love casts out fear. And I notice in my meetings, so much that when I come into the people... One of the great things I find among them is fear. And what makes fear is lack of confidence. If you lack confidence it'll make you fear. But if you love, it casts away that fear. And that's the way God wants His Church, not so many as charter members; He wants members that's loyal, and loves, and believes, and has confidence in Him.

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15 For instance... My wife is somewhere in the meeting tonight in the audience. I love her with all my heart. And when I get ready to go overseas... Now, what if my wife, I caught her by the arm and said, "Listen here, Mrs. Branham. While I'm gone overseas, thou shalt not have any more husbands. And if I ever hear of you flirting with any other man while I'm gone, woe unto you when I get back."

And then if she'd catch me by the coat collar, and say, "That's very well, Mr. Branham. But I want you to have a little law too. If I hear of you going out with another woman, woe unto you when you come back." Now, wouldn't that be a home? Well, that's just about the way we made God's place a dwelling, some kind of legalistic laws that we have to keep.

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What do I do when I go overseas? I love my wife. And as long as I love her, I got confidence in her. We just get down in the floor and pray together, bring our little children around us. They pray, "God, take care of Daddy, bring him back."

I pray, "God, take care of the family while I'm gone." I raise up, kiss her good-bye, kiss the babies.

She said, "Billy, I'll be praying for you while you're gone." That settles it. We think no more about it.

16 And if I was overseas... Under the law, I know I'd be divorced when I get back, if I

went out with someone else, I'd be a miserable man. But if I was over there (no matter what kind of a condition I was in), and I knew that I could cheat on her, and come back and tell her, and she would forgive me for it, I still wouldn't do it. I wouldn't hurt her for nothing. No, sir, if I knowed she'd say, "Bill, I understand; I forgive you." I couldn't look her in the face; I think too much of her.

17 And I tell you, brother, when the love of God comes into

the human heart, it'll drive all these things; you don't have to worry about smoking, drinking, and running to bioscopes. When the love of Christ comes into your heart, you wouldn't do nothing to hurt Him. Not walking around, saying, "They're narrow-minded, and they're this way and that way." Just let the love of God strike you once, those things die. Your whole affections is placed on Christ. You got Eternal Life then, when you believe Him, when you really believe Him, and get married to Him, and die out to the things of the world.

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And Jesus said over in Mark 11:22, "If you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe what you have said. You can... It will come to pass." See? Believe that what you said, and a Christian is so marked that around him is an atmosphere.

8 Did you ever meet people that you just loved to be with? You've had that, and why, they create that atmosphere by their—their life, the way they live, and the things they think about, and the love they have for you.

You've heard my message on the—the opossum, you know, and on the bees trying to sting me, the bull trying to kill me, animals... See? It—it'll do... You create an atmosphere, and that's the atmosphere you have to be in to pray for the sick. See? It's the same thing. It's love that casts out evil spirits.

I won't call the name. It's one of the converts to the Lord that I led. It was an infidel and he was coming down the Alcan highway on a truck line, and—and he seen my name up there, and he said, "That's fanaticism." So he just stopped, and he was up in Canada, way up near Dawson Creek. That night, it was so cold.

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And you Louisiana people would've died up there, 'cause I was about to freeze to death, and I got all the air conditioners on everywhere now trying to keep to keep cool, this hot weather here. And I... Sir? You like it. All right. So...

9 We went in—he went in there, and that night, Indians and everything... So he seen the discernment of the Lord, not knowing the Scripture. He goes back out and gets an old Indian up on the—an old trapper, brought him in. And we couldn't give out prayer cards. So he just had to push him on the platform as he could, and finally he got this old Indian up there, and he was going to... He knew this old Indian; he said, "That man's got people following him." He—he speaks out like that.

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So he set this old Indian up on the platform. Just as soon as he come up there, the Holy Spirit told him who he was. Said, "And you live at a certain place, and you're a traveler. You got five children, three of them boys and two girls." Said, "One of them setting back there is studying to be a minister." Said, "You're suffering with TB."

"Right."

And said, "The man that brought you is this little fellow setting here by a certain-certain name." Said, "He's suspicious." That done it. He became a servant of the Lord.

10 Not long ago we were going together across the country, and

he said to me, said, "Brother Branham, you know my wife don't believe in this," and said, "every night when I go to church and come home," said, "oh, she just starts bawling me out when I hit the door," and said, "I get her by the hand; she's little and hold her, and I try to cast that devil out as hard as I can."

Remind me of your message this morning, sir. Said, "I try to cast that devil out, and I said, 'Devil, you come out of my wife. Devil, you come out of my wife. Honey, you're possessed with the devil. Come out of there, devil."

"Oh," I said, "that's fine, Brother Fandler but you—you go at it the wrong way."

And he said, "Well, how do you do it?"

11 I said, "When you come home, buy her a box of candy. Give it to her when you come in at the door. Put your arms around her." I said, "That's the way you cast out a devil." Love casts out fear, doesn't it? Love...

Friends, the whole world is dying for love. That's one of the great things that we leave out of our Pentecostal blessing too much of it, is love that mixes it together, the mortar that makes gifts and all the things of God operate perfectly is love one for the other. "This will all men know that you're My disciples." 60-1127 M - It Wasn't So From The Beginning

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65 Why, if you've become a real child of God, why, the old things is passed away. You're yoked up, and, oh, it's such a pleasure to pack the yoke of Christ with Him, know that you're yoked together as citizens of the Kingdom of heaven, and you're joint-heirs with Him in heaven. It's easy.

Now, what do we do when this comes into us, when this love comes in? I believe I was

preaching here the other night how that that love is projected, how that the burdens seem light, how that love casteth out fear. You won't be scared if you got that love in you. And the-the Bible said you can be healed, you'll take God at His Word. You won't care about nothing as long as love's there, making all of these things move around. If things don't go right, that doesn't matter; you still got love. See? It holds you.

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66 The apostle wanted to show us the power that comes by this love, this Mainspring. Look at Jesus; he took us over to the tomb. Look at Jesus laying there. His face was scarred, was deathly pale; all of the Blood was run out of His body; His hands was all drove through with spikes and tore, and His feet's tore. There He is laying there, cold, dead three days. Then watch. All of a sudden I see a bunch of soldiers running like frantic over each other. What's

that? Then I notice the color begins to come back into His lips. What's God doing? He's showing the power of that Love. He raised Him up. Here He stands at the tomb singing, "All hail, and all the power."

Watch Him as He goes about. A few days later when He's gathering His disciples on the bank, He's preaching to them. And the last beautiful lips of His working here, bringing forth words, and it's falling, "Go ye into all the world. Preach the Gospel to every creature. These signs shall follow them that believe."

67 And as He begins to speak, I begin to see daylight coming under His feet. What's the matter? God showing His power. He's raising up. What is He? He's—He's just defying every law of gravitation. He's being lifted up. Why is it? He is the Creator of gravitation. And here He is. He ascends on up, till He gets up on high. And He sets down quietly at the feet of the Majesty on High. Glory to God. There He is with all power in heavens and earth is in His hands. Not even one little wave can move on the ocean without He permits it. There's His power. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

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Hallelujah. And that power of that same thing working in us to make us new creatures in Christ Jesus... Oh, brother, there's where power comes, as our faith brings down, our faith which is love, it casteth away all fear that we—we think God wouldn't keep His Word When I saw the very love and grace is Christ, then it brings Him right down to us. That mighty power of God begins to work into the church, love that conquers, I'll tell you, love is the most powerful thing there is in the world. There's nothing will take its place: love.

68 Sometime ago a little girl went off to college and she come back bringing a little girl with her, a little feist. And when she got back, she was getting off the train, and there her old mother was standing out there. And the little girl that she had with her said, "Who is that old miserablelooking wretch?"

And the girl was ashamed. "Oh," she said, "I don't know."

And when she got off the train, the little, old mother run up said, "Darling, I'm so glad to see…" Said… Turned her back.

And the conductor was standing there. He said, "Mary, I'm going to ask you a question." Said, "How can you get so indifferent since you've been away to the college? Is that what you learn in your intellectuals?"

69 And I'm afraid that's what we've learned in all of our substituting intellectuals in the stead of love. Right. Said, "Mary, it is true." Said, "I'm an old man too. I know how your mother's ugly today. The reason your mother is ugly, one day you were up in a upper room, and she was hanging clothes in the back yard." And said, "While she was hanging clothes back there, fire caught the house, and somebody

run and told her. And you were in a little room penned off in the blazes. Everyone hollered, 'Stay out, stay out!' But she wouldn't do it. She jerked her apron from her, and through the flames she went, and she grabbed you and wrapped you up in her clothing. And she come through, and she was burned and scarred, and that's what makes her ugly today. And the reason you're pretty is because that she's ugly. She become ugly so you could become pretty. And you mean to

tell me that you'd be ashamed of your own mother?"

70 And I think today, brother, when it taken one thing, not an intellectual being, but it taken the love of God to send Christ to the cross and to die there in disgrace and shame. And you mean to tell me that the Pentecostal church or any other church will turn down the real love of God. "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It's the power of God to salvation." If you're rather say, "Holy-roller." Let us act like that as long as the

love of God's down in my heart. Certainly, doesn't matter.

Oh, brother, God gave the Holy Spirit, God's Love to control the church, not smart, educated, but love. Gifts goes in the church, but it don't control the church. Love controls the church. "God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son." His love constrained Him to do it. And when a love is constrained, then sovereign grace projects its object. May I say that again: When Divine love is projected, grace produces its

object. And God loved the world so much till sovereign grace projected a Saviour to the world. Yes, indeed. And when you love God so much, sovereign grace will project to you the baptism of the Holy Ghost to make you live, and love, and to be a real Christian.

57-0324 - Why Some People Can't Keep The Victory

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51 Now, notice. And I was attracted... This sounds a whole lot like a little joke, but it's not a joke. And I was running around the tree and all at once a little pine squirrel... I don't know whether you have them up here or not. He-he's the fussiest little thing that's in the woods. He just... Well, it's just like they say the Irishman's owl, all fuss and feathers and no owl.

So he—he was just—he just barks and carries on. Mr. Jeverez used to tell me… I said, "What makes them holler?"

He said, "He is cursing you."

I said, "Tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk, tsk, such language." And as he—he was carrying on, just jumping up-and-down. And I thought, "What you so excited about, little fellow?" I said, "Did I excite you, because I was running around the tree? Watch this." And around and around I went again. And he was just setting there, just chattering away up on a—a stump where a tree had blown down. And I said, "Did you know I'm worshipping the very God that created you?" Now, I said...

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52 I run around a couple of times more, and I noticed the little fellow, I thought I had excited him, but he had his little eye bugged out on his cheek, and he was looking down in that blow down. And I thought, "Well, what's down there?" And the storm had forced a big eagle down. And that's what he was barking at. It wasn't at me; it was that eagle.

So I looked and this big eagle jumped up. In Colorado we have the brown eagle—great big beautiful bird. And I love eagles, because God likens His children, His heritage, unto eagles. And God, Himself, calls Himself an eagle. He is Jehovah Eagle—papa eagle. We're His little eaglets.

A eagle can fly higher than any other bird there is. If a hawk would try to follow him, he'd

disintegrate in the air. So you try to impersonate Christianity, you just burst yourself open. That's all. Don't do you no good. Be a eagle. Be borned-again, nature changed; then you can walk up Jacob's ladder. Then you can climb to the highest spots to where all things are possible to them that believe. But you got to be an eagle, a believer. Don't try...

53 The Hebrews when they crossed, as eagles, across the Red Sea, the assaying, following on, uncircumcised Egyptians tried to do so and lost their life. You cannot impersonate Christianity; you've got to be a Christian. That's right.

Now, I'd noticed this big fellow. And I—I stopped my shouting or emotional going around the tree. And-and I looked at this big eagle, and I said, "Now, I wonder what God stopped me from shouting for? I believe that everything works together for good." And I thought, "I was having such a

glorious time, why would You stop me now to look at that eagle, the old vulture?" I said, "Well, what—what—what You… I don't see nothing so manly about him—so godly."

But I thought, "Everything up here has got to have God in it." Everything, you can look at the meanest person on the earth and you will find some good things about him. That's right. So God is everywhere. You just got to look around to find Him.

54 That's the reason Jesus said... And I believe if you got somebody... You can love anybody that loves you, but can you love those who do not love you? That's the Spirit of Christ. See? When those will mistreat you and say evil against you and from your heart you still love them, then you know you're getting close to the Kingdom then. See? So He said, "If we love those who love us only, what reward have we?"

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So I looked at the old eagle and I noticed those great big gray eyes as he was batting. And I thought, "Well, what's-what could I see godly about that fellow? He's part of the creation. Well, what could I see godly about him?" I noticed he wasn't afraid. And that's God there alone.

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55 God doesn't have no use for a coward. If you're afraid to trust Him, don't even make an effort. Until you're satisfied that He keeps His Word and He keeps His promise, then there's nothing going to stop you. That's right. But be sure you know where you're standing, because you'll only make yourself worse.

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Then I noticed him... I thought, "Aren't you afraid of me?" I had my rifle setting against a tree. I said, "I can grab my rifle and shoot you." And he just set there. And I noticed, "What... why you so—why is he not afraid?" And I noticed that he had his wings. He kept feeling them, see if the feathers was all in running order.

I thought, "That's it. God has given him two wings. He's got confidence in them. He knows that he could be in that timber before I get my hand on that gun. And he's got perfect confidence in his God-given way of escape." And if a eagle in God's universe can have enough confidence in a God-given gift of his wings, how much more ought we, the children of God, to have confidence in the Holy

Spirit, even though the doctor says you're going to die with a cancer, just as long as you can feel that power of God there, let everything be a lie and God's Word be truth.

56 I watched him. I thought, "There You are God. I see You now, because he's not afraid." God hates a coward. Love casts out fear. So if you've got love, you don't have any fear. There's nothing... Fear don't have one bit of value about it. There's not one thing... It'll hinder you.

You say, "Well, what if you are going to be shot in the morning? Wouldn't you be scared?" No, sir. Fear couldn't help me. Fear could only make me worse. Well, what could faith do for you if they're already assigned that you're going to die in the morning? Faith can sign my pardon. Amen.

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57 So let me take faith. If the doctor says you're going to die with a cancer, that's all he knows about. Have faith, and it will change the situation for you. If he says you'll never walk again, the man's telling the truth; that's all he knows. That's what he can look at, what he can... He can only go by his senses: feel, smell, taste, hear.

But you see, faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things you don't feel, taste, smell, or hear. It's faith. You believe it. It's a sixth sense beyond the five senses. 61-0521 - Show Us The Father Rev. William Marrion Branham

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32 Did you ever notice Jesus said, when He cast out a devil He done it with His finger. If Jesus said, "If I cast out devils, the finger of God—with the finger of God..." See what a devil is to Him? For healing; it's just a little thing. But watch when a-when a sheep is lost, what did He do? He went and got the sheep and put it on His shoulders.

What's the strongest part of the man? His back and his legs.

See, the devil's nothing to Him. But the sheep, He puts it across His shoulders and holds its feet. And He packs it with the strongness of His body till He gets it back to the fold. God loves His children.

33 Now, how did He get them? The Holy Spirit went forth and brooded over the earth. And as He begin brooding, cooing... Let's just say, for the talk sake, He was going... He was calling, cooing like the evening dove when she's setting, cooing to her

mate. And as He begin to coo over nothing but a bleach desert of volcanic eruption, look, coming down the hill there. I see some potash begin to move over with some calcium. I notice then again, the strange thing, a little moisture and petroleum begin to run together. And right from under a little rock a little Easter flower raised up its head. Life come on the earth. And it screams and said, "Come, Father, look at this."

God the Father looks it over and said, "That's very pretty; just keep on cooing."

34 And He cooed, and the flowers came up, and the grass come up. And plant life, and trees came up, and birds flew out of the earth, and out of the dust; and after while the animal life came up. And He kept on cooing, and a man came up. He looked wonderful, but he was lonesome; he had no-no helpmate.

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So to see that... I want this to be real sticky now. God never put the woman in the original creation. She's a by-product of the man. Man and woman was one. A woman, in the beginning He took the woman from Adam. And man and wife are really one, but that was done to reproduce themselves again, to put them in flesh. But He took the feminish part of the man and made a woman out of it.

35 Therefore when a woman tries to act like a man, dress like

a man, and talk like a man, she's out of her place. A woman is feminish, sweet, loving, not big and carrying on and acting like a man. Well, she's not supposed to be. And when she does that, her life is perverted. She's sweet, loving, kind, where Adam is more the burly type, for he was the man, the masculine type. The woman was feminish, but it's the same spirit, for He took her from Adam.

And notice, when a man takes a wife, and he takes this wife

into his bosom (We're a mixed audience.), and presses this woman to his bosom as his sweetheart, she puts her print on him. Another woman there would mar it forever. They are one. No other woman should ever fit that mold. You got no right with your arms around a woman, dance floor, or nowhere. That's right. You got a wife, and you pulled her to your bosom, and God put her on your heart, and printed you against

her, and she's yours. And you belong to her.

36 And you, woman, that take another man in your arm, you've marred the mold that you were taken from. Remember that. When you act like a man, you're out of your place. And when man begins to get sissy too, and babying and this, that, and the other, he's out of his place. He's boss; he's ruler. Not... Now, I don't mean a floor mat; I just said a ruler, a helpmate. Not to

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kick women around, they're not...

But the Bible said... God said in the creation, "You shall rule over you." Not to be a boss, but to be a helpmate, part of you. She's sweet, and kind, and tender; you should lead her around sweetly, because she's part of you. You go to mistreating her, then you're mistreating yourself. And a man mentally right won't do that. All right.

37 So now, notice. But when he seen this man, what a specie he was. I don't believe some great prehistoric animal. I believe he was a man, just like God said he was. And I don't believe that Eve was some like... I was standing in a—a museum in Greece one time and seen some famous picture that the... a Eve and Adam. And there was Adam, and hair, my, and out of his nose like that, and Eve with, oh, such a horrible looking creature. One leg bigger than the other and foot setting way out sideways, and her teeth were setting like *this*. If that would be what Adam saw first, a man would appreciate a woman like that.

What was it? It's a strain; that's the reason... Why don't men come to Christ to begin with, when he realizes he's a sinner? He's still hiding in the bushes, and God's still calling. Shows what he did in the beginning; that's what he's made out of, a coward to begin with. ~ 60 ~

38 Now, but Eve was beautiful; she was real pretty. Adam was just an ordinary man, strong, big muscles, shaggy hair around his neck. Let's say Eve was... They were both naked; they knowed no sin. And they... The first day they were setting there, and Adam looked at her, and he said, "Why, she's flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone." Why? She was taken from him; she was part of him. Not in the original creation, it was over, but

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He took from, to show that they're one.

And what about marriage and divorce today amongst Pentecostal people? Then we teach... "Oh, we believe you must be borned again." You see what I'm getting at? If you believe it, then let's live like it. Let's produce what we're talking about. Because that we keep our mind on the church and on this organization, on this group, and this woman, and that man. Take your mind off of them; they'll

fail. Put your mind on Christ, on His Word, then it can't fail. Let Him be your Example, not no man.

39 Lot of times these people passing through the country, called Divine healers, people get—take them for an example. You better get your mind off of them. That's right. You keep your mind on Christ; He's the one to keep your mind on, not on your pastor. Love your pastor and respect him; he's a honorable

man, a man of God, truly. But keep your mind on Christ and your affection set on Christ. Just respect him as what he is, as a reverend, because he represents God to you.

Now, but, then we'll notice them, how sweet and loving they was. And now, I say her eyes looked like the stars shining, as blue as they could be, and them like, just sparkle. She must have been beautiful. And Adam looked at her; why, it was love at the first sight. An operation had been performed, and she was taken from his side.

40 And he must've took her by the hand, and we'd say this, said, "Let's take a little stroll, darling." That was Mr. and Mrs. you years ago. And we took a little stroll, and they went down through the—the garden. And the first thing you know, there come a ferocious roar out the jungle. Who was it? It was Leo the lion. She couldn't get scared; wasn't nothing about her to scare, she had perfect love; and

love casteth out fear. And he... Adam said, "Come here, Leo. Eve, you've never met it. This, I have called him, the lion; I've named everything here." And he scratched him on the back of the neck, and he meowed like a kitty and followed them.

Sheetah the tiger come out, and they... All the animals followed them around. And after while Adam said, "Oh, sweetheart, do you know what? It's almost evening; we'd better go to church." That was the first Adam and Eve, as you are their offsprings today.

41 Not, "We must go to the roadhouse. We must go play bunco." "We must go to worship, when the sun goes down." They didn't go to a fine big church all decorated up in mahogany and and a hundred thousand dollar organ in it. They went up into the woods, the timber. And perhaps, that the Logos that went out of God, let's say it was in the form of a Pillar of Fire, Halo. I can just see It hanging in

the bushes yonder, and the streaks from It shining down when Adam and Eve knelt before the Creator to worship. And I can hear a Voice coming from That and says, "Has My children enjoyed their stay today upon the earth that the Lord Thy God has given thee?"

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"Yes, Father, it's been wonderful."

42 See, they're tangible; they can touch; they can eat; they can love; and they... Why, they're they're real. They're not spirit;

they're—they're—they're—they are something tangible. Man will... God made angels, but He never made you one; you'll never be one. And all these here, "Brown-eyed angel waits for me." That's a lie of the devil. But your wife, she's your wife yet. What God... "What you joined on earth, I'll join in heaven. What you bind on earth, I'll bind in Heaven." Nothing shall separate what God does: can't.

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Then there she was, a woman. And they said, "Yes, Lord, we have enjoyed ourselves so much today on the earth, that the Lord Thy God has given to us. And we love You, Father." They're worshipping. 'Course, "Now I lay me down to sleep..." And Adam laid his big arm out, and Eve laid her beautiful little head on his arm, like you did, mother to dad, years ago.

43 And as soon as they got sleeping, He laid Leo the lion down over here, and Sheetah the ~ 70 ~

tiger, down here, and He laid them all down, God did, to rest His creation. And then the heavenly host come out. I can see Gabriel walk up and say, look at Adam, and say, "You know, Father, he looks just like You."

How many times have wife and I went up to the bed of little Joseph, last night even, and she said, "Billy, you know his forehead's high; it's like yours."

And I said, "But his eyes are large like yours."

Why? He should look like us; he's the offspring of our union. And man should look like God, because he was made in His image, certainly. "Father, he looks just like You. Look at his lips and his eyes." 'Course the Father looking at His children, how sweet it was, never to be sick, never to die, never have a heartache, never to have a weary, wasn't that wonderful? Mother never get old, neither would dad: never be no gray hairs, no

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wrinkles in the face, always be beautiful and loving forever.

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44 Then in come sin. And sin marred the picture. But sin can't stop the purpose of God. God will not be defeated. So then, because sin came in, woman brought forth man, which was secondary, a perverted way. God never created him out of the dust of the earth with His own hands, but woman had to bring him, through sex.

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11 I say this tonight, as the minister of the Gospel, and I've seen it tried. I've had the privilege of preaching around the world and before tens of thousands of people. And every Divine promise in the Bible is true. And if you'll take the right mental attitude towards any of God's Divine promises, will

bring it to pass, if you can take the right mental attitude.

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And in our Scripture reading tonight, it said, "God so loved the world..." If there is anything that the world is dying for today, is love. In my travels I find that that is the rejected stone that keeps the building from being fit together.

Where the Assemblies, and the Church of God, and the Baptists, and the Methodists, will all shake hands and be brothers, if they just had love one for another.

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12 That is the great need the world is dying for, and God is love. Now, you find in the church that what hindered the church has been the wrong conception of love.

Now, love... There is two different types of love that's real love. One of them in the Greek word is called "Agapao." That's God's love. And then a perverted love from that is "Phileo" love, which means "human love." "Phileo" comes from the word "fellowship." The Phileo love is what you have for your wife. And a man might flirt with her or insult her and you'd shoot his brains out over her. That's what Phileo love will do. It accompanies jealousy. And many other things goes with it.

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But Agapao love would make you pray for his sinful soul. That's the difference between the two loves. God's love is the beginning of love. It's the fountain of love. And the church today is lacking in that, that real Agapao love that makes you have love for your enemy.

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13 Oh, if we only had that kind of a love there'd be a revival sweep this nation from coast to coast and from north to south. And the reason that we do not have that love... That is the main reason the church is not progressing like it should.

We don't need theology. We only need real love to go with the theology we already know. We all argue so much whether we should be baptized backwards, or forwards, or whatevermore. But that don't make any difference how you're baptized, or what church you belong to, or what evidences that you have that you're a Christian, if you haven't got love, you haven't got God.

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14 We need love. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son." Now, when love is projected, and it comes to its end, sovereign grace produces what love projected. ~ 79 ~

When God so loved the world that His love was at the end of its going and then that love projected sovereign grace that gave us the Saviour.

That's how we got Jesus. It's because that God loved the world. Something was produced because of His love. And Jesus the Saviour was produced. The grand old story that we so forget so easy...

15 Way over in Switzerland many years ago, and some of you men and women around my age can remember reading it in your readers. Switzerland was a little group of people had went up in the mountains out of Germany. And they had themselves a little economy. They wasn't a warring people. They were a peaceful people.

And all of a sudden there came a war against them. And the Swiss got their old sickle blades, and sticks, rocks, and what they could find, and went down out of the mountains to meet the enemy on the plain. And there they were standing there, all backed up, just a little group of people, and a great marching army coming like a brick wall. They didn't have a chance.

16 But there was one hero among them by the name of Arnold von Winkelried. And he kissed his wife and his babies good-bye a few hours before he went to battle. He loved his home. He loved his nation; therefore, his love constrained him to do something about it. And he said. "Men of Switzerland, this day I'll give my life for Switzerland."

They said, "What will you do, Arnold von Winkelried."

He said, "Just follow me and fight for what you've got." And he threw up his arms and he looked towards the deepest of the spears as they marched on like one great big wall. And he found the deepest of the spears. And he screamed, "Make way for liberty." And he started running with his hands in the air. And he

screamed again, "Make way for liberty."

Before he left his life, he said, "Across the mountain yonder, is a little white home, and two little children, and a sweet wife that I'll never see no more. Take care of them. But I'll give my life to defend them."

17 Love makes you do things, and when the church gets the real love of God in their heart, they'll do things. They'll not be ashamed. Oh, Christ don't want you to be... It isn't so much to be ~84~

loyal. He don't want your patronage; He wants your fellowship. That's what God wants is to have fellowship with you.

And as this Arnold von Winkelried rushed towards the lines, he grabbed a armful of spears and throwed them into his heart as he fell on them and plunged hisself to death. Was such a gallant act till it routed the enemy. And those who follow him, screaming with sickles in their hands, and rocks, and

stones, and sticks, but they beat the enemy out of the country. And Switzerland has never had a war from that day till this.

18 That heroism, it's seldom ever compared and never exceeded, but oh, that was a little thing. Till one day when Adam's fallen race was backed into the corner, they had sent prophets and laws. And they had refused them, and the devil, sin, and sickness, had backed Adam's race into the corner. And there was One stepped out in heaven,

said, "I'll go to the earth." For God so loved the world His love constrained Him to do something. It projected a Saviour Who came to the earth and found the thickest of the spears, which was death, and plunged Himself into it.

And on the day that He ascended up, and He sent back the Holy Ghost, and said to His church, "Take this and fight the best that you can."

There's where the church misses it today: The love of God

that's shed upon the hearts not a Holy Ghost, and men afraid to take it. You'd rather take some man-made theology and try to fight. You'll lose. Take what our Leader gave. The Lord God will give strengthening. "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son."

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19 Oh, I've noticed this... Many of you has read the book of that time up in Portland, Oregon, when the maniac run to the platform. However, it ends up on a little personal line.

The maniac went out to the platform that night before sixtyfive hundred people and was going to kill me. Great big burly giant, weighed about two hundred and fifty pounds or maybe more, stood nearly seven foot, a maniac out of an insane institution. And I was speaking on faith. I weighed one hundred and twenty-eight pounds. And I seen about three hundred preachers run from the platform, because they knew him. He hated preachers. And the law was looking for him.

20 And as he rushed out on the platform, I didn't know him. And he let out a great big scream, and he set his teeth together, and his eyes pushed back. And he started walking towards me. And he said, "You hypocrite. You snake in the grass," he said, "upon this platform, posing yourself as a servant of God. You're nothing but a hypocrite."

Everyone kept still. About that time, two little policemen that I had led to Christ back in the dressing room run out to grab him. And I motioned to them. I said, "This is not a flesh and blood affair." But the strange thing was, that when the man went up there, I wasn't afraid. Now, perfect love casts out fear, and that's the reason people won't take God at His Word for healing. They don't love Him well enough, because you're scared He won't keep His Word. That's

the reason that people fear somebody else will say something against them if they receive the Holy Spirit. They're afraid somebody will laugh and make fun. But when love comes in...

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