

Questions And Answers

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From The Sermons Of
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287. Dear Brother Branham, approximately ten years ago God met me now and healed what the gift of love, or, revealed what the gift of love was, and same then my prayer is for...that I will return. Will I receive it before I die? Will my husband hear the Word, and what am I to do?

81 That's more of a question. Now, she said...Now, what it is here, or who...she said, "My husband," so I suppose it would have to be the woman that said this. Now, she lost her first love. See? She—she got cold in the Spirit. Now, Sister, maybe 'cause you still come to church and do what's right, you haven't lost your salvation, but you've lost the joy of your salvation. David cried to the Lord one time, "Lord, restore to me the joy of my salvation." You still are a

Christian, but I...what you want to do, Sister, is turn loose of everything that you know how, and seek God, and pray.

82 “Will my husband hear the Word, and what am I to do?” As I said this morning, just be salty: “Ye are the salt of the earth.” Your husband will watch your chaste life, and the husband that’s a unbeliever will be sanctified to the Lord by the believing wife. Just seek the Lord, stay humble, and pray all

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the time, giving God praise, and being kind to your husband as long as he's willing to live with you that way.



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172. I lived many years in sin until I found the Lord. Please, Brother Branham, I have sinned again and I am not worthy to come before you in this holy place. Please tell me if I can be restored wholly again. Please help me, Brother Branham, I have a devil in me. Help me! Will you lay your

hands upon me and restore me again?

98 Now, there is a question, I never noticed it when I read it a while ago. There is a question. Now, if that person is present...Let me just read it to you:

I have lived—I have lived many years in sin until I found the Lord. Please, Brother Branham...(See?)...I have sinned again and I'm not worthy to come before you in

this holy place. Please tell me if I can be restored whole again.

99 Yes! You have not sinned, my friend, so far in God but what you could be restored. If you had sinned so far that you could not be restored, you'd never *want* to be restored. See? See? But as long as there is Something dealing with your heart, you're still in line of restoration.

100 "Guilty of the least is guilty of the whole." I have

sinned many times, every day every one of us do things that we don't want to do.

101 It's in our heart...You don't want to be that way or you wouldn't ask this question. See? That's itself a proof that God still is dealing with you. You've probably gotten nervous, probably Satan telling you that you can't be restored. He's lying, certainly, he is. Because, look, if there is a deep, calling, there's got to be a Deep to respond to

the call. If there's a hunger for Something, that Something's got to be somewhere or you would have no hunger for It. See?

102 As I've said lots of time. Before a fish had a fin on his back, there had to be a water first for him to swim in or he wouldn't had any fin. Before there was a tree to grow in the earth, there had to be an earth first before there was a tree, because the earth had to be first for the tree to grow.

103 Now, before there can be a creation, there has to be a Creator to create the creation. See what I mean? Now, as long as you are wanting and hungering to get back to God, there's a God somewhere calling to you, see, or you wouldn't be hungering. There's a Creator!

104 Now, if you...There is a place that you can cross where you can't get back, but when that is you're down there again in the same shape you was. It goes to

show that you only *fell* from grace. Backsliding is not *lost*. I want somebody to tell me where backsliding is *lost*, and prove it to the Bible. Backslider is not lost, he's just out of fellowship.

105 Israel backslid but they never lost their covenant, they lost their—their praises and joy.

106 David lost the joy of his salvation when he took Bathsheba, Uriah's wife, but he never lost his salvation. He never

said, “Restore to me my salvation.” Said, “Restore to me the *joy* of my salvation.”

107 Oh, there’s so much of this legalism today, the “touch not, taste not.” You don’t do things legally.

108 I didn’t come to this church tonight legally. I feel tired, I—I—I’ve been nervous, I’m upset, I’m wondering about something that’s out before me, my heart’s burning, even as such

as much till my heart's fluttering. I got a cramp, pain, right at this minute, just shooting back and forth, up and down through here. Weak, nervous, trembly; catch a hold *here* and squeeze; got my toes squeezed up in my shoes. I felt anything but come down here. Why did I come, then? Because I love God. Live or die, I must stand here for Him. It's not because I have to. He wouldn't care about whether I did or not. I'd...If I'd die I'd go to Heaven, anyhow. But I'm coming because

I love Him. You serve God because you love Him, not because you just got to do it. Because you love Him enough!

109 I'm not true to my wife because I'm afraid she'd divorce me. I'm true to her because I love her. There's no other woman in the world but her. That's the reason I'm true to her. Not because...If I done a mistake and they thought I did something wrong, come to her, say, "Meda, honey, I didn't mean to do that."

She'd forgive me for it, I know she would. I'd forgive her; I love her. But I—I'd forgive her; she'd forgive me. But I wouldn't do it for nothing, I love her too much to do it. It isn't because I didn't think she would forgive me, it's the idea that I love her too much to do it in the first place. And as long as I love her like that, I'll never do it; and if she loves me the way she's supposed to, she won't either.

110 And you love the Lord with all your heart, you don't have to worry about these things. If you make a mistake, you don't sin willfully, you just done something wrong. See, you've slipped back. True, you was up here in fellowship, you've dropped back down in this muss down here again.

111 But what is it? It's just like a—an eagle. One time I saw, up here at Cincinnati Zoo, I took Sarah and was going down

there...If anything I seen that hurt me, is to see something penned up.

112 I just can't stand to see anything in a cage, even little birds. And I know you women have them little birds, you turn them out.

113 When I was a little boy I used to say, "If ever I get a chance, when I get to be a man, I'll slip in every house and turn them poor little guys loose." Yes,

sir. I said...Sitting up there in the hot sun, and them say, “Hah, hah, hah,” and the woman out somewhere on the back porch smoking a cigarette, and that poor little bird sitting there burning up. He can’t do nothing about it, he just has to sit there. And he wasn’t born for that! I thought, “Boy, if I could slip up there and let him out, he wouldn’t be there very long.” See?

114 I hate to see anything penned up. I hate to see a man calls hisself *Christian* then penned down with some kind of a church creed, “I can’t say, ‘Amen.’ I—I can’t believe in *That*. The pastor says, ‘Don’t believe it.’” Oh, my, goodness! You’re born free.

115 Then how about a big eagle? He’s a heavenly bird. He lives way in above the clouds. That’s where he goes of a morning. Way so high, nothing

else can follow him! Not another bird...he would disintegrate in the air if he tried to follow him. He's a special-made bird.

116 And then somebody had caught him in a man-made trap, he had caught this big eagle and put him in this cage. And the poor ol' fellow...I looked at him and my heart just burned. He looked at that side like *that* and he didn't know how to get out of that cage. He would just get across there, and he—he

knowed how he'd take off, and he'd start flopping his wings. And here he'd go, he'd bang his head up against the bars and beat the feathers out of his arm, wing feathers here, and all across his head, till it was bleeding. He hit that bar so hard it'd knock him plumb back on his back. And he'd lay there and roll them weary-looking eyes, look up towards that sky, "There's where I belong. There's my home. There's where I was born for. But, looky, between me and

there is a cage. Well, the only thing I know, I'm put my mind to it and here I come," and "bang," he'd go right back again.

117 I thought, "Oh, my, isn't that terrible! I wish they'd sell him to me. I'd pawn my Ford to buy him, see, just to turn him loose." See? Oh, it made me feel so bad, that poor big bird there, beat the feathers...I thought, "That's the most horrible sight I ever seen."

118 No, I take it back, the most horrible sight I ever seen is a man born to be a son of God and then penned up in some creed. And he looks up there and sees a God that he really wants to serve, but he just can't do it. They won't let him do it, see, penned up. That's a horrible thing.

119 Yes, yes, sister, brother, ever who wrote this, if you have fallen down *here* that don't mean you're lost. You're just an eagle

got into a pen, that's all. You're caged-up down here in sin again. You don't want to be there, that's the reason you're looking upward. There you are, "Oh, Brother Branham, I once lived up there, is there a way here?" Yes.

120 Reminds me of one day, oh, a little boy, I was walking around behind the farm, and there was, somebody had tied an ol' crow to keep him out of the corn. And that poor ol' fellow was just about starved to death. I

couldn't be that mean to do that. He tied the ol' crow by the foot, and that ol' fellow had eat everything was around, he couldn't get nothing else, the farmer just left him. And he was so poor that he—he couldn't even get up. Just he...And the crows would fly over and say, "Caw, caw, caw." In other words, say, "Come on, Johnny Crow! Wintertime is coming, let's go south!" But he couldn't do it, he was tied.

121 So one day a certain fellow come by and seen that poor ol' crow, so he just went over and caught him and untied him, said, "Go on, boy, you're free." See? And so then, the first thing you know, he kept walking around.

122 Here come the crows over, hollering, "Come on, Johnny Crow! Caw, caw, caw! Let's go south, the winter is coming. You're going to freeze to death."

123 If he could look back, say, “Can’t do it.” See, he had been so used to being tied, see, he just thought he was still tied.

124 You may think you’re tied, too, brother, sister, that wrote this question. You may think the devil has got you tied down there, but he’s lying. There was one time a Man come to earth, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, He untied you. Don’t you believe it; you don’t have to stay down there, no, sir, you’re free. That’s

right. He died in your place to take away your sins. You just believe on Him, flop your wings and fly away with the rest of them. Don't stay in that pit of the devil. No, sir.

Now. **Will you lay hands upon me and free from that?**

125 Sister dear or brother dear, sure, I'd lay hands on you, but that wouldn't free you. What would free you, you're...is to understand that you're already

free. You're already untied. You don't have to worry about being free, you're already free! Jesus made you free. Be not again entangled in the yoke of bondage. You're free as you can be. You don't have to be tangled up. Laying my hands on you is just a tradition. We might do that. That, why, I could do that, but that still wouldn't set you free until you accept what He done for you; that's just me saying "Lord, I believe It."

126 Well, you just lay your hands by faith upon Him, say, “Lord, I believe It,” up you come. That’s right, confess your sins. See, “He that hides his sins will not prosper, covers his sins. But he that will confess his sins...” There’s where you get freedom and justification, when you’re willing to say “I’m sinned, I’m wrong.” That’s what you said here:

**I have fallen, I am sinned.
I’m dead wrong! Is there a**

chance for me to be whole again?

127 Absolutely! The minute that you desire It, that shows that God dropped the Lifeline down to pick you up. Just rise up on His Lifeline of faith and prayer, move right on up into the rest of the eagles like that, go flopping away. That's right.

128 Yes, laying on of hands, that's—that's a great thing, I believe in that. I believe in laying

on of hands, I sure do. But that isn't what does it. I could lay hands upon the people, week in and week out, and still it would do no good until you accept what *Christ* did for you. That's only my sanction, laying hands. They laid hands on the elders. They did those things, it was their sanction before God that they give their faith to it, they give their belief to it. See? Sometimes, just like things...



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202 The lady signed her name to it, so I'd say it was a—a lady (see?), 'cause she signed her name. Yes, Sister. If you are born...Now, let me get this. See, temporarily, minor, every one of us backslide many times a day. We know that. We're all guilty, every one of us; there's none of us perfected. And as long as we're in this body, we are still...No matter how much the people try to tell, "I've got sanctified; I can kiss this woman

or do that.” He’s lying; he cannot. Now, that’s all.

203 I don’t try to say, “Lord, let me see how close I can go.” It’s, “Lord, keep me as far away as I can get.” See? Just stay as far away as...Remember, you are still human being. See?

204 And...But now, if you make a mistake and do something wrong...You don’t willfully...If you are a Christian, if you’re a borned again Christian,

you don't mean to do wrong. Your intentions and everything is right. But if you do, as she said here, make a mistake and do something wrong, will God let you just go on and go on and die like that and be lost, or will He bring you back to reconciliation? He will bring you back. That's right! He will bring you back.

205 And if a—and then, if you do anything wrong, it don't condemn you and you go on like that, on out, remember, you

wasn't saved at the beginning. That's right. You—you wasn't—you wasn't saved; you just had a make-belief; you wasn't saved. But when you're saved, you have a different spirit; you're a different nature. You're a new creature in Christ, and the old things has passed away, and they are dead and buried in the sea of forgetfulness. You see?

206 And...But being you're living here in this world here, there's traps set for you

everywhere, and you're walking with your eyes on Christ. And remember, that when you make a mistake, a real Christian will always come back quickly for reconciliation.

207 Look, in the ark God turned the old crow out—or Noah turned the crow out. Now, what was he? He was a crow. Oh, yes, he set on the same roost there with the dove. They both set in the same roost; but when he turned the old crow out,

well, the old...I imagine all the waters was stinking with millions of people's swelled bodies rotting upon top the water, and horses and animals all dead. The whole world was destroyed. And there they was, this old dead carcasses floating on top the water and things like that. And Noah turned the dove out, 'cause he guessed he saw some sunshine. And he wanted to know whether the water had receded or not, so he turned

the—the—the crow out. And the old crow flew down on an old dead body, “My, just fine; that’s good!” See, eating a dead body. Why? That was his nature. He was a crow. No matter how much he’d set with the dove, how much he’d heard Noah preach, how much he’d set with this clean bird, he was a crow to begin with. As soon as he got the opportunity to show his colors, he showed it.

208 Now, but when he turned the dove out, when she started out, whew, she couldn't stand that. Nowhere she could go; she couldn't find no rest for the soles of her feet, so she come back to the ark. And that's the way it is.

209 Sometimes you might be turned loose for a little while to see what you'd do, but you'll always if you've got the nature of a dove, you cannot eat crows' food. That's all, it just won't digest; that's all.

210 Where would you go, what would you do? Tell me what you would do if you were—if you were not a Christian! Tell me what I'd do this morning if I wasn't a Christian! What could I do this morning and my mother laying out there in the hospital in that condition and unconscious as she is and laying there, and in my heart I could stand here in the pulpit and preach, and go on the way I do, seem like I don't pay much attention to it?

Because I know my mother's saved. See? I know she's saved. I know Who I believed; I'm persuaded He's able to keep that which I committed to Him against the day.

211 What would Mama do now? Now, maybe she'd had good intentions all of her life, that "Someday I'm going to be a Christian." But how could she be now when she's laying there unconscious? How could she

become a Christian now? What would her children do?

212 The other day when we put her—taken her out there to give her glucose out there...That's the only thing she's has in her body is glucose. She can't swallow; she's paralyzed. And she said, "This one thing I want you to know, Billy," she talked about me and Delores standing there, and about her children and things,

and a couple of my brothers drinking.

And I said, “Well, they broke your heart.”

He said—she said, “But Billy, that all goes in the wheel for a mother.” She said, “But I’m saved.” And she said, “I’m ready to go.”

213 I said, “Mama, you might’ve left us a home that reached all the way from Jeffersonville to Utica, a palace;

you might have left us ten million dollars to fuss and fight over after you were gone (that's all that would happen to it); but Mama, you leave us the greatest treasure that anybody could leave, the—the assurance that we'll see you again in that Land beyond the river." That's right! See?

214 You're saved, and I'm so glad to know that Christ saves our...But we may backslide; we may do wrong; we all have our

ups and downs; but in your soul as soon as you do anything, well, there's something goes wrong in you; you know it is. Now, right there is the time to jump. That's the time, to jump. Get away from it.

215 Now, say you go out here today, and—and somebody comes up to you and say, “Hey, they tell me you're one of them holy-rollers.”

Right quick, Satan says, “Slap him down!” See?

216 “I don’t know about being a holy-roller; I’m a Christian!” See? And always with evil, meet evil with good. And remember, now just take this, remember this, when you meet evil with good, evil cannot stand in the presence of good. It cannot do it.

217 Now, I’m a missionary, and I been around the world, in all kinds of evils, and all kinds of

spiritualists, and isms, and all kinds of devil worship, and, oh, everything could be thought of, where there's everything, and I've always found that right always conquers wrong.

218 Listen, I don't care how dark the night is; it might be so dark till you could feel it; you could put you hands up like this and couldn't see a shadow of no type. The least little bit of light will expose that darkness. Certainly, that's the way life does

in the presence of death. That's the way right does in the presence of wrong. That's the way faith does in the presence of doubt, it scatters it away.

219 How can the night stay here when the sun shines her blessings through? Where does the night go to? It's no more. What happened to the night? Where is that darkness in this tabernacle about twelve hours ago? Where is that darkness that was congealed inside of these

walls here? It is no more. It vanished. Why? Light came in. And when light came in, darkness had to go. Yes, sir!

220 You take the creatures that roam at night, roaches, and beetles, and bugs and things. Let the sun rise or let a light flash on, watch how they take for darkness. That's the way the Gospel is. When it flashes on, what happens to those who wants to call you holy-roller? What happens to those people

who make fun of you? When the Light flashes on, they shoot for darkness as hard as they can go, because they—they're the children of the night. But the children of the day walk in the Light.

221 And then we are the children of the Light by the grace of God. So when the Light's flashed on, we thank God and walk with our eyes open, looking at things that you can't see with your natural eye. For faith is the

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substance of things hoped for,
the evidence of things not seen.
Amen! I love that.



If you don't have a church, you must; see, you'll die, spiritually, you'll just dwindle away.

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