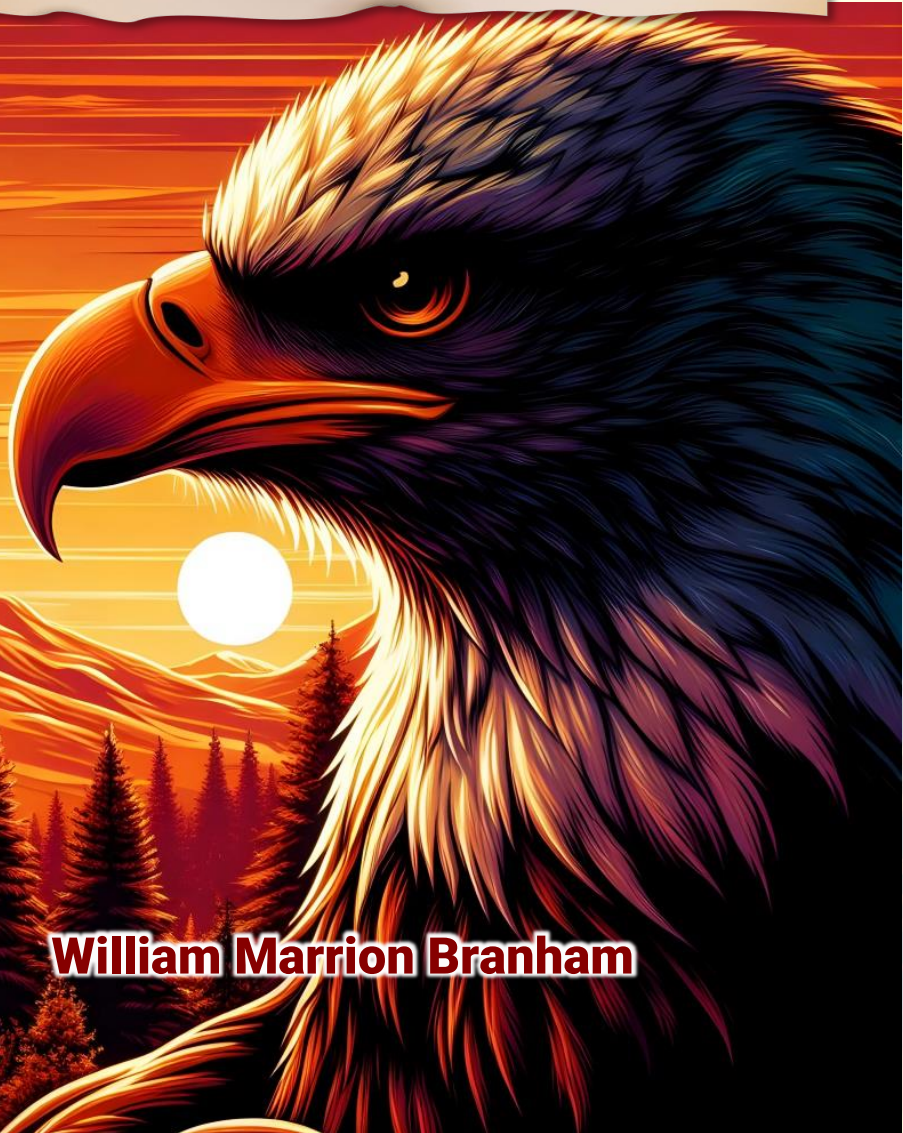


# *This Great Warrior, David*



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3 Turn with me now for a Scripture reading in the 17th chapter of First Samuel, if you so desire to read with me, and begin with the 31st verse.

*And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.*

*And David said unto Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.*

*And Saul said unto David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.*

*...David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:*

*And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.*

*And thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing that he has defied the armies of the living God.*

May the Lord add His blessings to this Word.

Just for a few moments now I want to speak on *This Great Warrior, David*. And tomorrow night, God willing, I want to speak on *Joshua, The Warrior*.

4 Now, tonight being David's night, David has always had a real place in my heart, because he was—he was, as God said to him, “A man after His Own heart.” I like to see people who know where they're standing,

who knows what they're talking about. I like to hear people talk no matter what they are, what religion they belong to, or what subject they're talking on, if they know what they're talking about. And I—I like that.

And David was a little shepherd lad; he lived in Bethlehem with his father, which was from the tribe of Ephraim. And a noble little fellow, the eighth child of this father, Jesse, which was a Ephraimite. And

David, from the very beginning of his days borned here on this earth, he knew that God was with him. Before he was ever blessed or anointed, he knew God was with him. If you'll watch the story real close, how that God...

Last night we were speaking on the same thing, that gifts and callings are without repentance. It's God's election and foreknowledge is what makes the thing so. If we have a desire, the Bible said, "It's not him that

willeth, or him that runneth, but it's God that showeth mercy."

See? It's not whether you will, or whether you want to, or where your desires is, it's whether it is God's will or not. Then we have to find out God's will, and if it's that perfect, we can just set our faith to that and say, "This is it." And we can run right on the way the will of God runs.

5 Now, we know it's God's will to save the lost. We know it's God's will to heal the sick. Now, if

we can positionally place ourself in His will, it's over. For this little audience tonight... How many sick people's in here, let's see your hands. Sick people wants to be prayed for raise up your hands, anywhere. Now, just look, there's no... We—we should go home tonight perfectly well. Look at the others...

Say, and by the way, if you're still here, some of the people sent in their testimonies. My, outstanding... Even Brother

Joseph is getting them to place in his magazine, testimonies, what the Lord did for the peoples out there just soon as they were spoke to or received the faith. How the Lord Jesus come down in great power and manifested Himself to them, healed them of all kinds of diseases, has departed from the people. Diseases that the doctors couldn't even control has already, since we've been right here in Chicago, the Lord has healed them and they're well

now. See? They're here as living testimonies. Going home, find their loved ones healed, and everything, just the way the Lord speaks it. Run it back on the tape and see what He says, watch if that ain't right. See, just what He says, that's just what's going to be.

6 And now, David, positionally he was born by election, which God said, "Gifts and callings are without repentance." And he was born, elected a servant of the

Lord. And when he was a—a little boy, Israel had, during that day, had got away from God. They'd went out and chose themselves a king. They wanted to act like the rest of the nations, like the Gentiles. God was their King, but they wanted to act like the rest of the people. That's when they got in trouble.

And whenever you try to impersonate someone else, look out for trouble. You can... Brother Upshaw had a little

slogan he used to say, “You can’t be nothing that you hain’t.” That’s right. “You can’t be nothing that you hain’t.” So just keep that in mind. And so when you come to try to impersonate something, why, you’re just putting on. God knows about it, and the people knows it also. And so just might as well just be yourself.

And if Israel had just stayed in that condition, but they said, “Well, now looky. The rest of the

nations has got a king, so why can't we have a king?" That's what happened to you Pentecostal people when you thought, "Well, the rest of the churches, they all go to shows. And they—their women cut their hairs off, and they—they wear short dresses, and they say they're Christians, why can't we?" There you are. [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Thank you, I'm glad to hear you say that. Thank you. That's right.

An old Methodist preacher used to sing, “We let down the bars, we compromise with sin; we let down the bars; and the sheep got out, but how did the goats get in?” You let down the bars, that’s—that’s it. That’s true. Now, don’t think I’ve got a measuring stick; I have not. But I—I have seen what the Gospel does to a person when it really gets a hold of them. It makes you look different, act different, dress different, walk different, you’re different all the way around.

That's right. And just let down the bars once and watch how the goats get in.

7 But now, Israel wanted to impersonate the other people. And that's what the church wants to do, to impersonate, become a backslidden condition. And in this condition then, what did they do? They got them a king. And they selected this king. They went to find their king, and when they did they found the biggest, handsomest man they could find,

great big, seven footer with black shaggy hair, and dark sparkling eyes, that would be attractive to the people. And they thought, “He will make a wonderful king.”

But as God said to Samuel, “Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart.” When Israel selected their king, they wanted a great big handsome, strong looking fellow with big shoulders, and straight, standing head and shoulders above all of his army.

But when God selected His king for them, a little old ruddy, sapling looking kind of a fellow, look like a little sissy. And that was God's pick of it. What a difference. See the difference in it? That's just the way God does things sometime. He does it in such ways that's so contrary, so different from what we think.

8 The doctor say, "Well, that case is going to die with TB. How can they ever get well?" That's the doctors opinion. He's looking

at it from a medical standpoint.  
But not from God's standpoint.  
"I'm the Lord that healeth thee."  
That's the next thing. See?

One looks at it from one way;  
one looks at it from the—from  
wisdom sense, and the other one  
looks at it from spiritual sense.  
So it's just whichever way you  
base your faith. If the doctor says  
it's finished, and you believe that,  
that settles it. That's right. But if  
the doctor says it finishes, and  
you don't believe it, because God

said something different, watch what happens. See? Just depends on which way you let yourself go. Who you yield your members to, that's whose servant you are.

9 Now, not nothing against doctors now. Remember, I believe doctors... I have... I say that, because many times people go around say, "Well, a fellow shouldn't have a doctor." I'll disagree with you. No, sir, they're God's agents. Just the same as

you need your automobile, that's a scientific discovery. That's right. You get along a lot better with your doctor, but the doctor isn't your healer. God's your Healer. That's right. Your doctor's only assistant to God. That's right. But when the doctor's gone as far as he can go, that's his limit. And he can only work on what he can see and what he can feel. That's all he knows about. But God controls the rest.

10 And the doctor doesn't heal anyhow. He can set your arm, but when he leaves the house, your arm's not healed. He just sets your arm and let God heal it. See? When you got appendicitis, he takes the appendix out and leaves it there for God to heal, that's all. Pulls a tooth out, leaves it there for God to heal. Cause medicine doesn't build a tissue, it doesn't—it doesn't do that, it's not made... Only life can build tissue and God is life. So they cannot heal,

not one thing. They don't claim to. They just simply set the bone, take the operation, give medicine to keep clean and so forth, while God does the healing. That's just simple.

So don't disregard your doctor. If he's a good doctor, a Christian doctor... You know what in my travels? I have in—in the overall picture, in talking in clinics and everywhere where I've been interviewed, I've found more doctors believing in Divine

healing than I have ministers. That's the truth. Very seldom I ever hit a doctor that's a quack. That's—that's right. Most of them say, "Well, sure, Reverend Branham, we don't claim to be healers. Why, my, I've seen cases that I knowed was gone and see prayer bring the people right back again." Said, "Well, sure, it's got to be." See, they don't claim to be healers.

Now, we've had some that's narrow minded, and selfish, and

thinks that they do it, so he never gets anywhere anyhow. Just watch him, he will fade out of the picture pretty soon. And a God—a man that trusts God...

11 A little friend of mine has been a wonderful little doctor. He believed in God but he just didn't accept Him. And last week, week before last it is now, he was led to Jesus Christ. He said his business and everything had picked up already; he hadn't said nothing about it. I said, "Don't

worry, it'll come right along." You just start trusting God and watch how much more successful you are with your patients out there at the hospital and things. Put God first. Pray before you go to the home, and so forth, and find out.

Lord willing, maybe tomorrow night I'll read you that article out of the paper of the American Medical Association, what they said about Divine healing.

12 Now, David, or Saul, rather, when he was chosen, a great fellow, fine looking, strapping, straight shouldered, oh, great, head and shoulders above his whole army... They said, "That's our king." And what did it lead them to? Finally, a backslidden condition. And their king backslid.

And now, when God seen that their choice was no good, God went to choose Him a king. So He told Samuel, said, "Fill up the

horn with oil and go out to Jesse and I'll... And call his sons up, and I'll tell you when I get there who I have chosen, who I have chosen to be king."

So he went out there. And so, Jesse thought too, like Saul, or Samuel, rather, that this great big fine young... The oldest one of all of them would come out, a big strapping looking fellow, he said, "This is the one that will be king." So he marched out there with his head up, you know. Like people

anywhere, they just... That's a psychological effect it has on the people.

13 Now, the men here in the city wants to become religious. The first thing he will hunt for is one of the biggest churches he can find in the city, with all the crucifix hanging all around, and the great stained windows, and the plush pews, and everything; that's where he thinks he finds God, because it's big. And—and maybe he may be a dignitary,

and maybe the celebrity does go there, but that don't mean that God's there. Usually God's choice is a little old mission down here on the corner somewhere where they're beating a tambourine, clapping their hands. Sometimes that's where God's at. That's right.

See, but the human side, the humanistic spirit, they look for that big bright shining something, and jump at everything they see shining. But all that glitters is not

gold. You can remember that.  
And then...

14 They... That's what's happened to the world today; they have turned down the real simple Gospel of Jesus Christ and went out for something great scholarly, educated, smart, shrewd, that studied psychology and got the Bachelor's degree and all other things, you know.

And the great, fine, millions of dollars in churches... I want to ask you something. Why you

building churches with millions of dollars and preaching Jesus Christ is coming soon? I don't get that, do you? I can't see it. If Jesus is coming soon, what do we care about it? Let's—let's go get people saved; that's the main thing. Jesus never did say, "Build big churches." No, He never. He never did say have seminaries. I ain't got nothing against churches, big churches; they're all right. I haven't got nothing against seminaries; they're all right. But Jesus never

commissioned us to do that. He never said build big churches or have seminaries. He never said build hospitals or schools; but they're all right. Remember, I have nothing against them.

15 But the very principle that He said for us to do, we've let down and took secondarily. We have built great hospitals and schools and great places and—and seminaries, and educated our preachers to make them so they can speak with very fine

swell words and use the psychology and stand stiff and say “Amen” just as polite as it can be, and all of that. And what has it got us? A big bunch of backslidden people (That’s right. That’s right.) nothing but a bunch of cold, formal indifferent churches as cold as zero weather, spiritually speaking. I don’t say that for jokes ’cause this is no place to joke. But I say that for the truth. That is the truth.

And how it's got us into the place, how we want the big things though. My, yes, we—we want a... Some man's got a business and he wants to get with the businessmen that... He will go to the biggest church there is in the city and take his seat back there, put his name on the book, and many times just exactly like Israel did when they chose Saul (See?), head and shoulders above everything else you know. And that's the way you get into trouble.

16 But God told Samuel, said, “Get a cruse of oil and go out there, and I’ll tell you who to anoint.” Well, Jesse come out there, brought his oldest son out, which is a great big six footer or better, said, “That’s the one to be king.” And he passed by.

Samuel got the oil cruse, and said, “Surely, that’s him.”

And when he passed by, God said, “That’s not him; I’ve refused him.”

My, he said, “Well, this fellow’s nearly his size, we’ll bring him out. He’s a big handsome looking fellow. He’d look good with that crown setting on the side of his head and his new suit on.” How he’ll look to stand before the people, that’s the way people judges their pastors today. What a shame. Right.

And so when he passed by, Samuel got his cruse of oil and run to pour it on him.

He said, “Don’t receive him; I’ve refused him.”

And he kept on bringing them out till he got down to the seventh one, that was it. Samuel said, “Well, is that all you got?”

He said, “That’s all I got.” Said, “Yes. Oh, I got a little scrub back out there herding sheep somewhere.”

Said, “Well, go get him.” Said, “We’re not going to set down till we go get him.”

So they went back there. And I can see them, some of them with a discouraged look on their face and thinking, “Well, surely that wouldn’t be the king.” So they...

That’s the way people think today, “If there’s anything such as Divine healing, it wouldn’t be in a mess of people like that. Anything like the power of God, it wouldn’t be on...”

17 I had a woman, a—a news reporter tell me up in Oregon

one day; she said, “Well, if there was anything to it, it wouldn’t be amongst a bunch of illiterate things like you teach to.”

I said, “You don’t think so? Go on up to your big church and die then.” I said, “If you want to get healed come on down there.”

She said, “Be—be—before I get down there and boohoo like them others do...” She said, “That makes shivers run over my back when I hear them do that.”

And I said, “You’d freeze if you ever got to Heaven, ’cause you’re going to hear plenty of it up there.” That—that’s right. I said, “I tell you one thing,” I said, “if you can’t...” Just like Naaman, he said, “Isn’t the waters just better over here in my country than them old muddy waters of Jordan.” And he turned around and started back all puffed up. He didn’t want to humble himself.

And he said, “All right, if you want to go on back with your

leprosy, go on.” So when he got off his high horse and got down there and humbled himself and dipped in the muddy waters where God told him to dip, he got rid of his leprosy. That’s right. You got to come God’s way, not your way, His way.

18 And notice. How I can see David then; here he comes running in with a little shepherd’s coat on, made out of sheepskin, perhaps, he runs in, a little old sissy looking boy. The Bible said

he was ruddy, and he wasn't nothing but just a little old spindly fellow, kind of a sissy fair look at, little bitty old fellow run in there. And the Holy Ghost come upon the prophet, said, "Pour the oil on his head; I've chose him."

What a disappointment it was to all them people standing there expecting these big men, the big handsome, strong looking fellows to be king. But he poured the oil on little old David's head. And from that day, the Holy Spirit was

with David. God was with him. He went back out into the wilderness happy.

19 They went on back down, and the Spirit departed from Saul. He'd backslid and went so far away from God until the Spirit had left him, and a evil spirit took His place, come on Saul. And Saul was all moody and in a bad humor, and—and kicking things around, all out of sorts like some people gets on Monday morning. So they—he was out of sorts all

the time. Did you know that's a evil spirit? That's exactly.

So they didn't... The doctors couldn't do him any good. They had a lot of doctors around there, but they couldn't help that, because it was a spiritual condition. So one of the men had passed around and seen a few places, they said, "Well, we know where there's a Divine healer at."

"Why, who would that be?"

Said, “Jesse’s got a son back out there, he...” Yeah, he’s a Divine healer. Sure he was. He healed by music. Amen. That’s what he did. He had a gift of casting out evil spirits. The Holy Ghost hadn’t come in those days, so he cast them out by music, playing the words of the Lord. “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside still waters.” And it disturbed the evil spirits so much that they left Saul.

20 Shame on you people don't believe in string music. No wonder, evil spirits never like it. They have to get away. David cast out devils by playing on his string instrument. That's what the Scripture says. That's right. And when David would begin to play, the evil spirit would leave Saul. Is that right? So this little boy was borned in the world for a purpose. You believe that?

And he knowed God was with him. Sure he did. Because he'd

able to... He was a crack shot; he was a woodsman. And he had a little slingshot out there. And an old lion got a... And bear one day, run in and grabbed a little sheep and started out with it, and David took his sling, and knocked the lion down, and took the sheep out of his mouth. And when the lion rose up, come to himself and rose up, David just caught him by the beard and give his hunting knife to him, and that ended it. So he knowed God was with him. He killed the bear

also. And he knew God was with him.

And now, the next thing he did, played and cast out devils. If that ain't a Spirit filled man, I never seen one. He might be little and ruddy, but he was a Spirit filled man. God was with him.

21 And then the first thing you know there broke out a war, and the Philistines come over and said, "Well, we're just going to have war with Israel." And Saul

got all of his people. Sent that little old ruddy boy back over on the hillside there to watch his daddy's sheep. And so, then he sent the big warriors out to fight the battle, said, "That little old fellow can't fight. So we put him back out there with the sheep. So we'll just send these great big men out there to do the job."

So he sent all of his boys out and give them the sword and so forth, and their spears. And they were trained warriors. They went

out there with all their Ph.D's and everything to fight the battle. The enemy's always there to challenge them.

22 So there come a big fellow out, Goliath, nine foot three inches tall, great big fellow. Walked out, said, "I'll make you a proposition. Why all these men die?" Said, "Send me a man over here and let me fight him. And if he kills me, we'll be your servants. If I kill him, why, you'll be our servants." Sure, the

enemy, when he's got the edge on you, he likes to boast and carry on like that. Oh, he gives a big boast.

So every one of them, all them big degrees, they was shivering; they was scared of that fellow 'cause he was a—a big man. So he boasted like that for forty days. Did you ever notice, forty is a—is the number of temptation? Certainly is. Moses in the mountain for forty days, come back and was tempted.

Jesus went into the wilderness forty days and was tempted: forty days is temptation. Rained forty days, and so forth, forty is God's number of temptation.

23 And then along... Jesse went out and got his little boy, and said, "David, go over and get some bread and parched corn and so forth, and go up and find out how the boys are. And get their pledge if they're still living right before God, and come on back."

So David gets his little donkey, I guess, and saddles him up, and throws the parched corn and bread on it, and away he went to the battle. Well, about the time he got over there into the battle, why, that morning they was all standing out, both armies scared. Well, this big Goliath walks out there that morning with all of his great big pounds after pounds of breastplate on, his big shin guards and everything, walked out there and said, made

his great boast and said, “I defy the armies of Israel.”

Brother, it happened to fall on the wrong ear that morning for him. There was a little fellow standing out there knowed where he was at. Amen.

24 What we need tonight is somebody else who knows where they're at. What we need tonight is men and women knows their position in Jesus Christ. And when the devil makes his big boast... Sure he makes his

boast. He's still making his boast. We still got Goliaths. And we still got Davids too. Thanks be to God for that.

He made his big boast, and it fell on the ears of the wrong fellow, a little old fellow walking around there, he had to look up to see he's a man, like that. But he knew that he was elected by God and had the anointing upon him. He'd put God to a test and he knowed Who God was. He knowed where he was standing.

Now, I want you to notice how beautiful this is, to you people. We'll hurry now because, I am just about three minutes over time now.

25 Notice, David was called by election. He was elected, called, anointed, and placed (See?): elected by God, called from sheep herding to be the king, anointed, and positionally placed. Look. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph; Abraham: election, Isaac: justification, and

Jacob: grace, and Joseph: perfection, nothing against Joseph. All right, there you are, called. Are you a David? Called, elected first by God...

How many Christians here, raise up your hand. You're not a Christian by your desire; you're a Christian by God's desire. Amen. "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first." You was elected by God before the foundation of the world to be a Christian. That's Scripture. Jesus

said, “No man can come except My Father calls him.”

First thing you was elected, called. Then when God elected you, then He called you, and you heeded to His call. Then He poured the anointing oil on you, the Holy Ghost. When the cruse of oil... What does the oil represent in the Bible? Holy Spirit. When he poured the oil upon him, he baptized him with the Holy Spirit in a symbol form. Amen. I hope you get that. That

just come fresh. He poured the oil upon him, just went all over him, a whole horn full of it (Amen.), not sparingly. And that's the way God pours the Holy Ghost on a man, not sparingly, just baptizes him into it, anointing him with the Spirit.

Notice, he right then, when that anointing struck him, he was positionally placed as king. Amen. You are placed positionally in Christ Jesus as kings and priests. Is that right?

The moment you receive the Holy Spirit, God places you in the Kingdom, an heir. What a beautiful picture. There you are.

26 Abraham: election, Isaac: justification, he that's come will be justified by faith. Jacob: grace, nothing you have done, but by God's mercy. And Joseph: perfection, placed. Amen. David, elected, called, anointed, and placed: you elected, called, anointed, and placed in the body of Jesus Christ. For by one Spirit

we're all placed into the body of Christ positionally. Have you ever tried it out yet?

Every man or woman in here that's a Christian knows that something's been on you all your life. When you was a child, you longed to serve God. Something beat at your heart; it was God's election.

27 David, before anything ever happened, before he'd ever had the anointing oil on him in anything, he knew God was with

him. He killed a bear; he killed a lion with that slingshot. And he knowed that was super to an ordinary man to do that. He knew what he could do. He knew God was with him, because his whole heart beat after God. He said in the 47th Psalm, I believe or somewhere there, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so my soul thirsts after thee, O God." No wonder he could play the evil spirits away with his music; he had something to play about. And it come from his

heart. And the devil knew that was from his heart. And he knew that David was elected of God.

And there he was elected, called, anointed, and positionally already king. Amen.

28 Let me drop this on the side. Don't think I'm excited; I'm not. Look, let me drop this on the side. They who had spent... How many here is justified by faith, believing on the Lord Jesus Christ? Every one of you put your hands up is justified by faith.

Is that right? The Scripture said, “Those who he has called, he has justified; and those who he has justified, he hath glorified.” Amen. In the Presence of Almighty God your name’s indelibly wrote with the Blood of Jesus Christ, glorified in His Presence, positionally placed here on earth for a purpose, to do the will of God. You see your position, Christian?

29 Oh, my. Them fellows up there couldn’t understand it, but

David had the anointing oil on him. He knowed where he was standing. Old Goliath stood out there. And he said, “Now, look, let’s reason. Why, there’s no need of God’s armies being defeated. Well, look at that fellow standing out there with his big boast.”

“Well, we know God did it, but the days of miracles is past.” Not for David, he was anointed. He knowed where he was at positionally.

30      You      say,      “Brother Branham, can I accept Christ as my Healer now?”      Certainly. “Well, if I’m not well in five minutes, what about it?” You’re healed anyhow.

If you believe it, you wouldn’t ask me that question if you believed it. There’s no question in your mind when you really believe it. You don’t question it; you believe it. Other people might question it, but you don’t question it.

If you said to me, “Brother Branham, give me an oak tree.” You’re from down in southern Indiana where they have the big white oak and so forth. “Give me an oak tree.” And I’ll give you an acorn. Well, you’ve got a oak tree, potentially. It’s in the seed form; but it’s an oak tree; you’ve got it in a acorn.

When we take God’s Word, we got in a seed form. When we can accept Divine healing by

God's Word, that settles it. Amen.  
It'll grow.

Take the old acorn, and bury it in the ground, and stand off there, and watch her for a little while, and see what takes place. Your oak tree comes right on up with it. Because the life is in the seed, and God's Word is a Seed and It's alive. If you can just simply receive it, take it out of that Bible and said, "It means me," (amen), then you got something. That's right. All the

demons couldn't stop you from it. No matter what anybody would say, you wouldn't believe it because you know where you're standing.

31 David said, "You mean to tell me that you let that uncircumcised Philistine stand out there and defy the armies of the living God? Why," he said, "I'll never stand for that." And so his brother said, "I know your naughty heart; you come down to watch the battle and so forth."

And he come up to Saul. Saul said, “Bring the kid up here. Let’s see what he looks like.” He brought him up there, little bitty old fellow. He said, “Well, you can’t fight that man. Why, he could perhaps pick you up in one hand and hold you out.”

He said, “But listen, Saul.” He said, “I trust the Lord. And I know, even the... Way long ago, I took my slingshot and I killed a lamb—a—a lion and I killed a bear. And took the things right

out of, the lamb right out of his mouth. And when he rose up, why, I killed him with... slew him." And he said, "And how much more will He give that uncircumcised Philistine into my hand?"

32 Hallelujah! There you are. He knowed where he was standing. He was a man of faith. He believed God. God was in him. He knew he was anointed. And you know the same thing. If you have... You're Christians.

And if God hadn't elected you to be a Christian, you would not be a Christian. It's God's choice, not yours. No man seeks God. No man seeks God at any time. You haven't sought God, but God has sought you. It wasn't you calling for God; it was God calling for you.

And then when God called you, it showed He elected you. You accepted the call, it was justification. Then you gave your heart to Christ and was filled with

the Holy Spirit. And now you're positionally placed in the body of Christ. Now, if it made you quit your old mean habits and act like a Christian ought to, if it'll do that for you, it'll heal your body, 'cause it's a promise. Amen. There you are.

33 Notice, David knew where he was standing, said, "Yes, sir." He knew that God was with him. So he said, "I'll go fight the Philistine."

So it's like any other boy, as soon as he gets a calling to the ministry, they have to send him to the seminary right away. You see? And so they took Saul, and he said, "Now, wait, you have to do the fighting the way we want it done here. Now, the first thing you have to do, we have to put your helmet on." I can imagine that little head of David with that big helmet slipping down over his head, probably had to hold his head up like this to see. His eyes come over his ears. And

then his big bonnet wouldn't fit him. So then Saul said, "Put on my armor." And imagine a man seven foot something tall with a little man probably five foot and a half tall, with his armor hanging way down here, look like a skirt on him. Could you imagine? And then with his big shield and sword hanging to his side...

34 David got dressed up like that, all that seminary experience, he said, "Say, I don't know nothing about this stuff. I

don't know how to preach theology and all these other kind of things that you talk about, and all these fine rosary prayers." He said, "Let me go in the same trust, with the same God that delivered the lion into my hand."

That's what we need tonight, brethren. I ain't got nothing against seminaries, and against high schools, and—of education and so forth. But what, when God called you, go. Someone talking about practicing to be a

missionary for about fifteen years and send them over to Africa. Nonsense. God calls you, go. That's all.

Disciples never waited for no education; none of the rest of them that ever amounted to anything ever waited for it. God calls you, He's ready for you; get moving. The first thing you know you'll become so indoctrinated; the little part of God that's in you will be taken out.

35 David didn't know how to fight with them kind of clothes on. Like a man trying to preach, how can he preach when he got a great big lot of stuff you have to stand and read it just as fast as you can, and look up at the microphone, read it just as fast as you can. You couldn't do that; neither could I. Best thing to do is get out there and say, "Lord, here I am. What you want me to say, tell it to me. I'll tell them about it." Amen. Don't wait and say, "Now, wait till Mr. Jones gets

away from my side here, and then I'll believe it, but I'll say, 'Amen' then." Say, "Amen" anyhow, if God said do it. That's right.

"Well, I know Miss Susie setting over there; she lives next door to me." Live right. Live right. You ain't ashamed of your life, are you? If you are, then you need a conversion. That's right. Miss Susie would be expecting you to say "Amen," and she's expecting you to believe God,

and expecting you to produce what you talk about. Whew. That scorches, doesn't it? But it's good for you. That's right.

36 David knew where he was standing. He said, "Yes, sir, God will deliver that uncircumcised Philistine in my hand." So he said, "Take this stuff off of me." And Saul found out that his ecclesiastical vest didn't fit a man of God. That's right.

David said, “I trust this little old slingshot, so I’m going to keep right with it.”

I tell you; it was the Holy Ghost that saved me, I don’t care what takes place. I’ve knowed a man that received the Holy Ghost that got out on the field just to be popular and deny it. I know women and men that’s received the Holy Ghost the old fashion way, and go out on the field and because just a little popularity, denied anything about It. Oh,

God have mercy. It's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that's brought me this far; it's baptism of the Holy Ghost take me on. That's all. Yes, sir. If it was good for me back there, it's good for me right now and will be in the hour of my death, just the same way. If it's good for you back there, it's good for you now, and it'll be good for you when you're dying. Amen. Think of it.

37 Here we are. David said, "Sure, I know how to trust this

slingshot.” So he goes out there and gets his—gets ready to go fight. Now, I imagine Saul said, “Now, if that fellow has refused my instructions and how to go, and my train—my ability to train men, and what kind of armors they have to have, ’fore they become a missionary or whatever it is...” Said, “Wonder what in the world that kid’s going to do?”

So I see David out there looking along, picking him up

some rocks. Would you imagine, a country boy right, picking him up some rocks, pulled out his little old slingshot and unwound it like that. He said, “Well, wonder what he’s going to do with this?”

He picks him up five little stones, five little stones. And he puts them down in his little satchel here on his side. It’s a little a—a... Really what it is, the Scripture said it was a scrip bag.

You know what they carry in that scrip bag? As I’ve oftentimes

said. Shepherds usually carried honey in the scrip bag. And when one of their sheep got sick, they got some of this honey and pushed—put on a rock. Just melted it and poured it out on the rock like that. And here come the sheep along, and he liked that sweet stuff; and he'd go to licking on this limestone rock; and when he licked all the honey off he got the limestone; and it healed the sick sheep.

So now I've got a whole scrip bag full of honey here, and I'm going to put it on the Rock, Christ Jesus; and you sick sheep get to licking right quick; and you'll find out there be some healing take place. That's right. And we won't put it on any church, any denomination; we'll put it where it belongs, on Jesus Christ, the Rock, where all healing belongs, on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

38 And so then he had a little scrip bag. And not only that, but the scrip bag, really, in one pocket of it carries money. The word “scrip” means “money.” And so he carries money in there. What is that? The money is a purchase of power.

Here's God's scrip bag. Each traveler, or shepherd out there has a scrip bag. So now, if you want something out of there, some purchasing power, if you're sick, reach down here and let's

see what I got in the scrip Bag. “I’m the Lord that healeth thee.” All right, take it out. It’s a power that buys. “Whatsoever thou believest when you pray, believe you receive what you ask for.” If you desire it, pray and believe you get it; you shall have it. That’s in the scrip Bag. No wonder he put the rocks in there, a good place for the rocks, wasn’t it?

Those rocks, little rocks... We are rocks that’s in that scrip bag

rolled up in honey, wrapped up in scrip. My, my. And the Shepherd, Christ Jesus, Who never lost a battle, the Shepherd of the sheep is packing the Church tonight in His own glorious protection. Amen.

39 Took five rocks... What does—what does five represent? Five stones, one of them was a J, the other one was a E, and a S-U-S, Jesus, five stones... And you are stones in this Stone Christ Jesus.

And he put them down in his little scrip bag so they'd get covered all over with honey, and not only that, but that they'd be endued with power from on high. When God can ever get the Church together again in one accord so He can endue it with power from on high... Power what? To believe His Word, to make it come to pass.

And here he was with all the little honey balls wrapped up now in this scrip bag. And here, and

all this honey had been in there, and all this scrip had been in there. David laid the rocks in there, and he looked over to see where Goliath was standing. Each one of you tonight are a—David.

40 And when David went to meet Goliath, Goliath looked at him and laughed, and said, “Why, what am I a dog, you coming out to meet me like that, a little old ruddy looking boy?” He—he was ruddy, little. You

know what Saul called him?  
Said, “Who is this stripling?”

That’s what Saul said. “Who is that stripling out there?” Just a little old kid like, you know, little old sissy looking fellow, probably shoulders stooped over, and here he come with this little sling, but he knowed God; that’s the main thing. He was a believer. He was elected. He was called. He was anointed, and he was placed. Hallelujah! No matter whether you’re just...

41 You say, can that... “Well, Brother Branham, I wasn’t called to be a preacher.” You might be called to be a housewife, but you got your position in Christ Jesus by the Holy Ghost. Amen. You’re just as much David as the rest of them was.

42 The battle’s on; the Philistines are standing there. Goliath made his charge. Watch him go down. So here goes David. He reaches down and looks out there, and he look—

looked Goliath up and down like that. But beyond Goliath he saw the victory, because he trusted in God. He thought, “How much more dangerous that lion is than Goliath. That’s a wild beast. I trusted God to direct this shot of mine right straight to the head of that beast. And I can trust God to direct this shot here. For I killed the lion to save one sheep. That’s right. God let me save the sheep, because I had faith that He would save that sheep.”

God give us some Davids for the sheep's sake. Right. He said, "Then if He's concerned about His sheep, how much more is He about the entire army of the living God. And I'll not let that boaster and bragger come out there, 'Divine healing is past. I'll debate it with you anywhere.'" Oh, my. You'll meet a David one of these days. All right.

43 So he ru—rushed out there, and he mocked him and cursed him in the name of his

gods and said, “I’ll give your flesh to the birds today and to the beasts of the field.”

David said, “You meet me as a Philistine in the name of a Philistine, with an armor, and with a spear, and all your psychology, and theology, and everything else you got over there.” But said, “I meet you with one thing, in the Name of the Lord God of Israel.” Hallelujah. “Not I will, but He this day will give me your head.” Amen. “And

I'll throw your body, of all you Philistines on the field for the wild animals and the birds to pick on."

44 He knowed where he was at. Hallelujah. Every David setting here tonight, you're positionally in Christ. God has confirmed it. Election, calling, anointing, placing: He elected you and called you. He elected you and called you. Then He anointed you with the Holy Spirit, and now, He's placed you in the body of Christ, each one of you is Davids.

Where's the Goliath? "Who's the Goliath, Brother Branham?" That cancer that's eating you up (That's right.), that tumor that's hanging on you, them cataracts on your eyes, that crippled arm. Everything looks at it and says, "It can't be done." The devil says, "You might as well quit believing. You might as well settle down, because you can't never no more get well. Your doctor said so; all of the rest of them said so. You can't get well."

But the Christ that made you stop your drinking, smoking, lying, stealing, that saved you from a life of drunkenness, from riling, from sin and a devil's grave, if God can do that for you, He can save you from your TB and from your cancer. He's a Goliath; don't take his boast. Stand in the Name of the Lord Jesus and challenge him to a showdown. Amen. Hallelujah. I feel religious.

Positionally in Christ. If the believer knowed his position, he'd have it. God's great Spirit is here, and His Holy Ghost is ready to fall on anybody that will believe it. Do you believe it? Amen. God has promised it. God will do it. You're in Christ.

45 Goliath's a bragging. Goliath says, "You see, you was here last night and didn't get healed. You was at the other meetings, didn't get healed."

Who is that uncircumcised devil? Who is that devil that has no relationship with God at all? Who is that devil that stands with nothing but a defeated thing behind him? His master was defeated at Calvary by our Lord and our Conqueror. Hallelujah. He's a bluff. That's all. We won't believe him any more. Down with him.

Jesus Christ robbed Satan of everything he had. He spoiled principalities and powers and

dominions. His domain reigns over the heavens and earth. And we're the subject of His domain. Hallelujah. My, that puts him where he belongs; the devil down there and Christ the Victor. You're Davids. You're called, elected, anointed, positionally put in the body of Jesus Christ by the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Goliath, you're defeated. Amen. He's defeated tonight. Hallelujah. Shall we pray.

46 Heavenly Father, feeling that Spirit moving, O Lord, seems as though you could walk out in mid-air to feel Your Spirit anointing this audience. How we love You, how we praise You. Glory to Your Name.

I pray, God of Heaven tonight, that You'll anoint this audience with such power like they have never felt in this building before or any time in life. And may every one of these children, like David was, called. Father, they have to

be called. Your beloved Son, the Lord Jesus said, “No man can come to Me except My Father calls him.” And God said He called them because He elected them so. Then we are elected. Then they have been called. And they have answered the call. And You have poured out the anointing of the Holy Ghost upon them and baptized them into the body of Christ. Positionally they are the little stones in the big stone. Hallelujah.

47 Then the devil standing there trying to bluff them... Well, Lord God, take charge of their Spirit tonight, and may we cut every Philistine to the walls. Hallelujah. May Jesus Christ the great immaculate Son of God, the great Chief David, come tonight with His power and cut away every unbelief, cut the shackles and blackness from over the people. May that great Holy Ghost Light flood this building with His Presence. May this be a night like we have never

seen before. Grant it, Almighty God, for Your glory. In the Name of Your Son, for His glory, and Your glory, the glory of Heaven and all the holy Angels. And then, Father, may they be healed for Jesus' sake. Amen.

48 My, David, after he chopped off the head of Goliath, you know what he done? He held up that head, put his foot on his dead body and held it up for a testimony to the rest of them.

“See what you can do,” he said.  
That’s right. Have faith in God.

And in here the other night when that poor little woman from Mayo Brothers, probably setting here tonight... They done all they could do, couldn’t even find out what was the matter with her. They come to here. The devil said, “I got you.”

But faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word. She believed God. She chopped off the head of that devil, hung it up

before you, and said, “See, I was bound in that cot, and here I am now, so happy I can’t even sleep.” That’s right.

49 How about the thousands across the country today? Some of you setting here, I get your letters where you were blind and bedridden. When I was here the last time, you walked in with the sword of the faith and chopped off the head of that Goliath you’re holding up tonight for a testimony.

What did the rest of the army see? When they seen it could be done, they said, “We can do it too, for we are Israelites also.” And you’re everyone God’s children, and got a right to the blessing. “Pull the sword now; let’s go forth and slay these Goliaths out of here.” They strowed their dead bodies plumb to the valleys, up over the hillsides, to the gates. Sure. You can do it too. It’s yours. It’s for you. It’s all; it’s for every believer.

50 Don't leave this building tonight without having the Holy Spirit cut away that old blind shackle that stands there. Throw the thing away. Say, "I believe God," and walk out of here like a man, or a woman, a child of God with the victory and the Morning Star leading you, marching like on to glory. Sure.

The devil raised up and say, "Well, I thought I had you."

Say, "I told you you didn't."  
Walk right on. That's it. Come

back up at the next meeting, shake that old head of that old devil that had you bound, say, “Looky here. You remember me? I was the person that was up there. I was the person setting here and the doctor said I couldn’t live but a few days longer. Here I am yet tonight.” Hallelujah.

Then somebody say, “You know, if she can do it, I can too; so I’ll trust Him.” Amen. You don’t know what’s the matter

tonight. Oh, how the Holy Spirit likes to get into a bunch of people like this now. If you could only realize where you're at. Only realize...Not say in this building, you're in Christ. Positionally everything's yours, all yours; it belongs to you. Do you now believe?

Let's raise our hands as we sing one chorus as the brother give the key on the organ. Not, "Lord, I believe," but, "Right now I believe." Every one with their

hands up. Give us a... Everybody  
now. All right.

Now I believe, now I believe,

All things are possible, now I  
believe;

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