

Thy House



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19 In the 16th chapter of Acts,
and begin about the 37th verse.

*But Paul said unto them, They
have beaten us openly...*

20 Beg your pardon, that's not
just where I want to, just where I
wanted to start reading at. It's...I
was reading a spot in here,
just...I'll get it just in a moment.

Here we are, it's the 29th verse,
28th verse, let's begin.

But Paul cried with a loud voice, and said, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

*And they called for a light,...
sprang in, and came trembling,
and fell down before Paul and
Silas,*

*And brought them out, and
said, Sirs, what must I do to be
saved?*

*And they said unto him,
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and thou shalt be saved, and thy
house.*

21 It's just one of these little twisting questions that I thought that I would like to speak of just a minute, about *Thy House*, being that I see you, each one, so nicely have your house set in order, your—your children saved, and—and that's—that's nice to have your family all Christians, because I...we—we

want our families, we, each one, think of our children. And I certainly can commend you fine people down here, of your lovely children, how you have them all in order and everything like that. I...

22 How do you do, Sister? And I believe this is, wasn't that, mother just come in back there? The Lord bless you, I'm glad to see you again, tonight. And I believe this is Brother Willie's wife, isn't that right? And that's

the boss of the family right there, as I understand, that, or, that's the way it goes at our house.

23 And to have your house, now, Paul said here, to—to this Roman centurion, when he was...We find out that Paul had been beaten the evening before, commanded by the magistrates, and had been beaten, because that he had done nothing evil, he had been up there preaching the Gospel. And the clergy there had it against Paul, 'cause he had

preached the Gospel, and they said he was turning the world upside down.

24 And he went down the street and there was a little fortuneteller, a woman with a—a spirit of fortunetelling, and she was hired to tell these fortunes. And when they were going down the street, she'd cry after Paul, and say, "They are man of God, who tell us the way of—of Life."

25 And Paul didn't need the devil to assist him in anything, so he just turned around and rebuked that spirit in the woman, and when it did, oh, that caused an uproar. And when they found out, the—the spirit had left her, and she could not tell no more fortunes.

26 So, the—the one that had her hired out there, and was probably taking care of her, why, it caused a great uproar, and they were beaten and put into

jail. And I can imagine Paul and Silas laying back in that ol' buggy jail on the inner courts, way back. The outside, where the best prisoners was kept, was bad enough, but they was on the inside, and when they went way back, they was put in stocks.

27 I don't know any...Did you all ever see stocks? I've had the privilege of seeing them, they—they put them in your, across your feet, and then they put them across your hands, and then put

them across your neck, and there you are setting there.

28 And the Chinese capital punishment, the way they used to do it, it was very cruel, they'd put them in those stocks and put a drip of water, just one drip at a time, falling on top of their head, like *that*, until it just drove them insane. They would set there and would give them nothing to eat or drink like that, and their—their eyes would turn and everything, it was just, horrible thing.

29 They say the first few drops, of course, for maybe the first day, it isn't so bad, but they say after a few days, that those drops feel like fifty tons falling, you know, every time, hit right in that same spot, 'cause you can't move your head, you're in those stocks.

30 And just think that Paul and Silas, for preaching the Gospel, was laying back in that ol' dirty place, and probably rats, and mice, bugs on them, and

everything. What a place for a man preaching the Gospel! And we think today, that we complain because we have things a little hard; look what they did, and knowing what was waiting them, perhaps execution the next morning.

31 But they were faithful, they—they were...they stayed faithful. And along about midnight in there, and I can just think of how they must have felt, their backs sticking to the old dirt

where prisoners, and it was leprosy and everything else that in them days, and laying against the old hard floor, might have been a dirt floor, rats running over them.

32 But in the midst of all of that, perhaps no supper, and beaten till they was bleeding, and bruised, and sore, no doctor to wash out the wounds, or anything for infection that we'd use today, or something like that, just throwed them back there,

put them in the stocks, and put them in that condition, but they wasn't complaining. Not one word of complaint came from them, and knowing, maybe the next morning, they'd, the magistrates would probably call them before the emperor and when they did, or, the Sanhedrin, and they'd be executed for preaching this heresy, that it was called in them days, the Gospel, that we truly, earnestly contend for that same faith today.

33 And then when we go to thinking about that, then the miles gets a little shorter between one another, you see, each time we go to thinking about it.

34 And then we find out that along about midnight, Paul and Silas must have talked about the Lord until about midnight, and then they begin to sing hymns, some good ol' Christian song. Oh, if we'd sing today, we'd sing *There's Power In The Blood*, or

Oh, How I Love Jesus, or something like that. And when they begin to sing, all of a sudden, an earthquake struck the place. And notice how it done, instead of piling those walls of that big ol' building right in on top of them, and them...and mashing them to death, it shook the walls away from them, and not only that, but it—it—it broke the stocks and bars loose from them, and they were set free.

35 Now think, over their feet, over their hands and over their neck they were set free, every one of them. And instead of that big ol', heavy Roman prison breaking in on them, it fell away from them, like *this*, and not only that, but the shackles and things fell off of them. See, that's our God when we hold out faithful. See, we must stay faithful. And as long as we're faithful and—and on...

36 We, now, we may not be in that kind of a shape, we, none of us may get, I hope we don't get like that, but we can be faithful in what we've got to, what we have to go through with, maybe it's a persecution, maybe it's somebody laughs at you, maybe it's somebody says, "You're old-time, you're holy-roller," or—or whatever they might want to call you, or make fun of you, or something, let's be faithful just the same, because God respects

our faithfulness to that, just the same as He was, respect their faithfulness to what they were...they had to go through with.

37 And then, all of a sudden, when the Roman prisoner, or, the centurion must have—must have, the guard at the door, he must have thought that, that night, when Paul and Silas was talking on the Scripture, he must have learned something, because he didn't know the men,

but he must have knowed some way, or heard their singing, or something, that caused him to know, right quick, that they were holy men.

38 Because you see, they...he was a Roman, and they were Jews, and he was a pagan, and they were Christians. But did you notice, as soon as he found out that there was...that the prison had been shook down, and he knowed that he'd have to answer for that.

39 Sentry, you remember the time of Elijah? when he had hisself disguised and met King Ahab out there, and said, “I was a sentry and my life, of course, was staked with the man and he got away.”

40 And—and he said, “Well, you’ll pay for it, then, with your life, that’s the duty of a sentry.” So he unwrapped hisself and said he was Elijah the prophet, and said, “You let the king go, Agag.” And he said, “You’ll—

you'll pay with it with your own life," and he did do it.

41 So then, we find out that this Roman centurion, knowing that he would answer with his own life for these, he pulled out his sword as soon as he found out they were gone, and started to kill himself, take his own life, instead of have to go through punishment. Some of tho- ...Maybe set in them same kind of stocks, and so forth, until he died, so he thought he would just

end it all up, and jerk out his sword, and kill himself.

42 But quickly, Paul screamed out when he saw it, and said, “Do yourself no harm, for we’re all here.” See? And the man realized then that...There must have been something taken place before that, that made this man to know that they were Christian men, or holy men, because quickly he fell down at their feet.

43 I'd imagine he heard them singing songs, he heard them testifying, he heard their conversation. Now, let's just think a minute, folks, if that Roman centurion was convinced and convicted because that he heard them two men, beaten prisoners, now, we're still free, and we're not beat or prisoners, but hearing their testimony had such an influence, till it caused him to say, "What must I do to be saved?" then what ought we to

do with our influence? See? We should be testifying.

44 You young people, whatever it is, you may not preach, maybe God never called you to preach, but you, if you're a housewife, or whatever you are, a teenager, let's do something, you know, that, and live a life that makes the people say, "Well, that—that's a Christian going there, that—that's a Christian."

45 And so, we find that this fellow must have been impressed some way, by them songs or whatever they were doing in there, to realize they were Christians. So he got a light, and when he come in and seen that there stood Paul, and even the prisoners back in there, none of them was trying to get away, everybody was there, so he—he put up his sword, and fell down by the feet of Paul and

Silas, and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

46 Now, did you notice, you and I today, and most all ministers, or so forth, we’re always trying to tell a fellow what *not* to do, we’d say, “Now quit your smoking, quit your lying, quit your stealing, quit your *this*, or *that*.” Now, that—that wasn’t what the man asked, he—he didn’t say, “What do I have to *quit* doing to be saved?” He said, “What must I *do* to be saved?”

47 See, we try to tell them what they must stop doing. See? And say, “Well, I must do *this*, *that*, or the *other*.” No, see, that isn’t the question. “What must I do?” not “What must I stop doing?” But you just do what you’re supposed to do, and all the rest of it will take care of itself, your lying, stealing, or—or drinking, gambling, and doing the things that’s evil, it’ll stop when you do what Paul answered his

question: “What must I do to be saved?”

He said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved.”

48 Now, reason I thought about saying this, because you people here, most of you, your—your children are saved, see, they’re Christians. I have admired Brother Evans’ family, these young men here. Usually, who would you get a teenager,

set around and listen to someone, preacher talk? Why, they'd be out and gone somewhere, little girls like that.

49 I said to Brother Fred, his kids, why, they—they can just hear me say one thing that's wrong, they're—they're—they're ready to stop it right now, you see; and set with the highest respect, instead of being out a hot-rodding, rambling around. They'll, when they hear you speak about the Gospel, they're

ready to set right there and listen. See?

50 Now, I know we all want...think our kids is renegades and things like that, but we—we must stop that, I—I believe that we must remember that these kids are the best kids in the world, because they're our children, and we claim them for God.

51 Now, your salvation will not save that child, but now, Paul

said, said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved.” Now, he...Now, what did he mean by that? He didn’t mean that because they were saved, that their house would be saved with it. He meant this: that because they were...had...if he had enough faith to be saved himself, his same amount of faith that he had for himself, would work for his children. See what I mean?

52 Now, I've got my children, *there* is my little son, Joseph, Billy, Sarah, Rebekah, well now, I want to see each one of them a worker in the Gospel, doing something, I want to see them saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

53 Now, I've committed them to God and say, "I'm holding on to God for them." See? And I believe they're going to be saved, every one of them. See? I believe they're going to be

saved, and I'll have them on the other Side. And—and I don't believe my salvation will save them, no, but my faith in God will do it, you see, my faith, believing God will do it, and will cause them to come to Christ.

54 And I believe that's where you people, praying for your children, and that's the reason your children has the—the manners, and the—and the real *lady* and *gentleman* in this wild age that we're living in, yet they

have that—that part about them that's the best I know of any kids. See? Well, I think the reason of that is because that your prayers for them, and you've committed them to God and holding on.

55 See now, the Roman said, “What must I do?” He just asked for hisself, he said, “What must I do?”

And he said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou, and thy house shall be saved.” See?

56 Now, now, we got one thing to do. Let's drop back just a minute to get something to drive in on my text, now, it's this: Let's take an old man that I know of in the Bible by the name of Job.

57 Now, Job was a great man, there was nobody like him in his days. Job was a prophet, and people come from far and near to hear Job. And God blessed him, and he was, he had prospered, he was a rich man, oh, he had thousands of head of

cattle and sheep, and—and the things that he had.

58 And, why, he said when he would go out into the streets, the young princes from the East, that's the Magis, the wise astronomers, you know, they were saying...said they would bow before him just to ask a word of his wisdom. See? He was a smart man, he was—he was a prophet.

59 And so, the devil looked down, and he saw that—that Job was a smart man. So I'll show you how a smart man does. Now, coming back to the text *Thy, And Thy House*. Job said, when he seen everything was just in good order, like your homes are now, he said, “You know, my children is married and gone off, but,” said, “maybe, one of... peradventure one of them might have sinned.”

60 Now, there was one requirement God had, that was a burnt offering. He said, “Now, I don’t...” He didn’t believe his children sinned, but said, “Peradventure they might sin, because they’re visiting one another, and going to the parties at one another’s homes,” and so forth, and mixing up, I guess, and so forth. He said, “If one of them has sinned, so, Lord, I bring a burnt offering, and offer this burnt offering for my child.” See?

And that's all he knowed to do, that's all God required, a burnt offering, that's what, all He required.

61 Well, then when the great midnight hour come and struck, and poor ol' Job was in the condition he was, he, you know, he lost all of his cattle, all of his sheeps, and the storms come, killed his children, fire burnt up his servants, and—and he bro—...his own health failed, and he set in the backyard on a ash

heap, and—and his own body broke out with boils, till he took a piece of crock and scraped his boils. And even his wife got discouraged with him and come and said, “Job...”

62 Now, let—let’s just kind of think the way she said. Now, look there sets Job, he set out there all night. There sets his consolors with their back turned to him, and they’ve told him he sinned. That’s the church member, that’s the—the deacon board, or

whatever it is of the church, come down to see him. And they set seven days there, and still tell him, “Job, you might as well make a confession, because you have sinned, because God wouldn’t let a righteous man be tormented like that.”

63 But God does let a righteous man be tormented like that. See, God, sometimes that—that things happen to us because we sinned, but sometimes it—it’s

testing a saint, instead of chastising a sinner.

64 So, we find out that Job was a righteous man though, and God was testing him, because Satan said, “Oh, sure...” when he come up before God with the sons of God. He said...

Because God said to him, “Where you been?”

He said, “Oh, just walking to and fro, and up and down on the earth.”

65 Said, “You considered my servant Job? He’s a perfect man, there’s nobody in the earth like him.” God was pleased with that. Oh, He just loves to have a servant that He can trust in. He said, “There is not another man on earth like him.” See? Said, “He is a perfect man.” And that was before the Blood of Jesus Christ was shed. See? And He said, “He’s a perfect man, he’s just, he’s upright, there is none like him.”

66 Satan said, “Oh, sure, look what You have done for him: You have give him everything, he’s got homes, he’s got children, he’s got cattle, he’s got everything he wants. Sure, anybody could serve You like that.” Said, “Let me have him one time, I’ll make him curse You to Your face.”

67 He said, “Satan, he’s in your hand, but don’t you take his life.” Now, that was God’s trust that His prophet would not fail

Him. See? And He is trusting you and I, that we won't fail Him.

68 And then He, and He said, He, "Don't you take his life." And Satan done everything *but* take his life. His children got killed, and his cattle killed, and everything was...all of his riches was lost, and he lost his health, and everything but his life, set out there and scraped his boils.

69 And his wife come to the door, and—and Satan got in her

and said, “Thou...” Looked out there, said, “Why don’t you curse God and die?” Said, “You look so miserable.”

70 He said, “Thou speakest like the foolish woman.” See? Now, he never said she was foolish, said she talked like one. See? Said, “You speak like a foolish woman.” Said, “The Lord gave, and the Lord taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord.” See? In other words, “Naked came I in the world,” he

said, “naked I will return; but blessed be the Name of the Lord anyhow. I never had nothing when I come here, and I will go away with nothing; but still blessed be the Name of the Lord.” Oh, my!

71 You know, God will just let Satan tempt us *so-long*, and then He gets tired of it, you see. So, he seen he cou-...Satan had to leave him then. But Bildad and all of them still stayed there and

said, “Why, you was a secret sinner.”

But Job stayed pat on this: “I am not a sinner.” See?

72 “Job, you’ve...you are doing...you don’t want to confess it,” see, “because you’re a secret sinner, you’re doing it secretly, and God is punishing you for it, so that’s the reason that things are going for you the way they are.”

73 But he said, “No, Sir, I am not a sinner.” Because he was standing pat upon that righteousness of God, that burnt sacrifice, he had offered it. That’s all he had to offer, that’s all God required.

74 And did you notice, after the Spirit of God had come on the prophet and everything got all right, you see, God restored back to Job what? He restored back to him his...where he had ten thousand cattle, He give him

twenty thousand cattle; where he had forty-thousand sheep, He give him eighty-thousand sheep. See? And He restored everything back to him that he ever had.

75 And you notice, It said, “And He restored his seven children.” See? He gave Job his seven children. Not, didn’t give him seven other children, but He gave Job his seven children. Now, what was it? His house, “Thy and thy house.” Because

he was righteous, because he was standing on everything that God gave us to be righteous, or, gave him, was to offer that burnt offering.

76 And he knowed that That was God's Word, and It could not fail. So, did you ever think where them children was? They was in Heaven waiting for him. See? He's with them today. And God saved Job's children, they were in Heaven waiting for him. See?

77 Now, if Job took a act upon the very thing that God told him to do, the only thing it was to be righteous, was to offer a burnt offering, that was righteous, and He saved Job and his house, then what is righteous before God? “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved.”

78 So, if I’m believing for my house and you’re believing for your house, by believing that, that we trust God, God imputes

our own faith, like He did Abraham, or Job, or any of them for righteousness, you see. So it's allotted to us for righteousness, and that's how that "Thou, and thy household shall be saved."

79 Oh, I think it's a wonderful thing. So then, not only that, but I'm holding for every brother, all my brothers, my sister, I'm not only holding for that, but I'm holding for every person that's in my church, I'm holding for you

all, I want you to hold for me, because of the righteousness of faith. We don't have to make a burnt offering, Christ is our Offering. But we have to have faith in that offering that Christ made, that He made us this kind of a—a promise, that “Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, that I will do. When thou prayest, believe that you receive what you've asked for, and you shall have it.”

80 Now, if I am praying that God will save these teen-age children, and I believe with all my heart He will do it, see that's the same way Job stood. Say, "Oh, look at *this* kid, how he's doing." I don't care what he's doing or what she's doing, I still have put that child in the hand of Almighty God and my, "me, and my house shall be saved." See? Because I...

81 Even though I may pass on before they do, but somehow,

before they leave here, God will twist them right, down on the trail, I—I believe that, *somehow another* He will make it so miserable for them, till they have to do it. See?

And that's the way I believe, it's, "Thy, and thy house shall be saved."

82 I've seen a many that...I've watched that come into my meetings. Many time, a ol' boy will come up there that's been

rough all of his life, he, fall down on his knees and go to crying, get up, say, “Well, I had a dear ol’ mother, oh, if she’s in Heaven tonight, I know she looking down, and she is glad to see me at this altar.”

83 See? What it is, that ol’ mother prayed and believed. See, she’s gone on long ago, but here is them prayers, because the righteousness, see, “Thy, and thy house shall be saved.” God knows how to work, He knows

how to do, He knows how to do everything just right.

84 As I said the other day, when we are borned of the Spirit of God, God isn't weak in one place and strong in another, if you've got a little shadow of God in you, just the littlest speck of God, then you've got all power, you got enough power in you to make a world and go out and live in it. But, course, that power is controlled by faith, if it wasn't, we'd all have us a world out

there, living in it. But if you're a son of God, or a daughter of God, you've got the power of God in you. See? So then, you...That law holds that faith to a *certain* thing.

85 Now, let's take for instance, all of us, we'd say, we once lied, we'd steal, we'd—we'd curse, and swear, and do everything that's wrong. Well, one day when we accepted Christ, what did He do? He opened up, as soon as we

accepted Him; that's of faith, just like Paul told the Roman to have, believe, just exactly what Job did, believe. See? And as soon as we accepted Christ as our Saviour, immediately we received enough faith, till we walked away, no more lying, no more stealing, no more cheating. See? No. Why? We rode right up above that sin that we used to ride in there; we—we was allotted that much faith through it. Why? Because that we believe that we are

saved. Is that right? We believe here that we are saved, so then we ride up above that, because we believe we are saved.

86 Now, listen to this just before I get to the questions. See? Brother, sister, I'm going to give you a little secret on myself. See? I guess you've often wondered how I see those visions and things, what makes it. It's because when he met me that night, and told me that, see,

that this would happen, I believe it, I solemnly believe it.

87 And I go in to pray for the sick, if I can ever get a feeling that something is fixing to happen, they're fixing to get well, so always, just about right. And that's the way we must do with our family, with anything that we ask for, we must pray, and God respects faith, you see, to believe it, we must believe that it is right.

88 Now, with that little bit of God, when you said, “Yes, Lord Jesus, I’m a sinner, I’m not worthy of Your love, but You did love me so I accept You as my Saviour.” Immediately, you walk right out of there, and what is it? You stop your lying, you stop cheating, you stop stealing, you stop doing things that you oughtn’t to do. Why? Because you believe that you are a Christian, and because you believe you are a Christian, you

rise up from that, you're to another level. Now, see?

89 Now, if you're sick, here is healing, you just believe it. Now, you can't make yourself believe it, it's got to be something happen to you, just like your conversion, it's got to happen.

90 I was telling my wife the other day how much I loved her. So, I don't guess she wants me to talk about this, but I do it in private so I guess I can do it in

public right now. I was telling her how much I loved her, and how I always have loved her since the first beginning, I said, “It don’t make any difference...”

She said, “Oh, Bill.” She said how, talking about how fat she was getting, her hair turning gray.

91 I said, “Honey, you could be *that* wide and no hair, I’d still love you just the same.” See? Because it has to be something

there that you have to, has, you have to meet, that you love somebody.

92 And unless that person loves that other person...This is for you young girls that's not married, see, and you boys. When you meet that girl that you love, and there's just something you know you love her, and that's just all there is to it, or you love him and that, you don't care whether he's handsome, or whether he's not handsome, or

whether she's pretty or not pretty, that doesn't matter, but you love them just the same, now, you had better watch, kind of hold around close there, because that's, you're getting close to home there.

93 And I...it...A—a marriage based outside of that is sure to fall, or it'll never be successful, it'll never be happy. Now, I said that to get around to one thing I want to say: Friends, a conversion, outside of the same

thing, won't last either, it won't. When you go to church, and—and you say, “Well, I’m going to join church, and I’m going to be baptized.” If that isn’t coming from a heart of love to God yonder, it’ll never go nowhere, you’ll just, all you’ll do is join church and be baptized.

94 But when you are converted to Christ, a love to Christ, then you accumulate a faith in Christ, like you would to your wife, or to your husband,

you accumulate a faith that you walk in that faith, I don't know, you just, something about you, you just got a something that anchors you there, you see.

95 Well, that's the same way it is about Christ, and what Christ says, you believe it, and you just stay right with it. And that's the way, it just raises you right up above it, and God brings it to pass and fulfills His promise, "If thou will believe on the Lord

Jesus Christ, thy, and thy house shall be saved.”

96 So now, I just thought I'd say that, and I—I done took up too much of the time of it, thirty minutes to say that. But you know what I mean now, that's what it is.

97 If you can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, not only for salvation for yourself, for your loved ones, for the healing of the child, or for a mother, or for

anything that you desire that's right, and you know if you desired something that wasn't right, you—you wouldn't have faith enough to ask God in the first place, 'cause you know it ain't right, see, if you are sincere and know that it's right, then you can ask God with a clean heart, knowing it's no selfish motive, and your objective and your motive is exactly right, then ask God, and like a child, believe you

get it and you get it. Now, I know that.

98 Now, I come to Christ when I was about the age of one of these boys *here*, I guess, I was about twenty years old, and I—I served Him all this time, and I’m fifty-two, be fifty-three, my birthday, and I can sincerely say that I have never asked Christ, sincerely, for anything, that is, it’s, now, that really sincerely asked Him, anything that was for right, but what He gave it to me,

or told me why He couldn't do it; and then later on, I found out it was a good thing I didn't get it, see.

99 But just remember, when you believe on Him, have faith in Him, and trust Him, don't—don't try to shove yourself to do it, just stay with Him and reason it out.

100 Like if you...if I was coming to Brother Welch, here, to borrow a—a thousand dollars, I guess I couldn't get it, 'cause he

may not have it, but if he had it, and, I—I could get it. Now, I'd come and try to lay the case down, I'd come say, "Welch, give me a thousand." That is no way to do it. That's no way to ask God. I'd come up, I'd say to Brother Welch, I'd say, "Could I speak to you a few minutes, Brother Welch?"

"Sure, Brother Branham."

101 Go over to one side and sit down, I'd say, "Brother Welch,

the first thing, I want to ask you: Do you have a thousand dollars that you could get a hold of for me?”

Well, he, if he...we—we’re friends, or he’d be asking me, or me him, or one of you brethren, it would be the same, we’d say, “Yes.”

102 “Now, here is why, what I want,” I’d lay down and show him, I say, “Brother Welch, I’m over here in a meeting, I’m

absolutely up against it, I—I got to leave the town, and I’m a thousand dollars in debt, I—I just got to have the money from somewhere, the Lord put it upon my heart to come to you.” And I’d explain to you. “Now—now, from another meeting that I had at a *certain* place, I’ve got a thousand dollars coming in, which will be about three months from now, I can pay you, I’ll pay you interest on it, if you want it.”

103 And just lay it all down and explain it to him, why. “I don’t want to leave that town like that, it’s a bad thing on my name if I do that, and then they’re going to say, ‘He’s nothing but a cheat and a *steal*, and—and leaving the town owing money.’” See what I mean? I’d explain it to you, set down like a brother and talk it over with you.

104 Well, I believe if I’d do that, and—and you like me as you do, you’d do anything, you’d

pawn an automobile or sell something out of the house to get the money. Now see, you'd do it, any of you would, and I would for you.

105 But it would be, the—the right thing to do is come set down and talk it over with one another, let—let you know, you see, express our feelings to each other, “You’re my friend, that’s the reason I come to you.”

106 Now, that's the same way it is by Christ, say, "You are my Lord, I—I'm—I'm sick. I...the—the doctor says he can't do nothing for me, but—but I know You can, because You are my Lord." And—and just—just speak it over with Him until you feel then that—that—that you receive it, and that's your faith, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

107 And I, when I feel that way, it's just as good as I got it, sure, I go ahead, 'cause I got it, see, I done, now, He has done promised me that I got it, so that—that settles it, and I just keep on holding on, waiting, finally, first thing you know, here it comes pouring down out of the corridors of Heaven, and you—you got it.

108 But that's it you see, "Thy, and thy house shall be saved." And if you don't see

them all saved before you leave the earth, you'll...they'll be there when you get...time, when the great Coming comes, it'll be there.

109 Now, you understand what I mean? See? It's by faith we do everything, believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for a job, believe on the Lord to hunt the...give you the wife that you should have, believe on the Lord to give you the husband you should marry, believe on the

Lord to send you some new furniture, or if the—if the barrel goes empty and the cruse gets dry, and there's no food, and the children are hungry, believe on the Lord. Believe on the Lord for anything, see, as long as it's right, just believe on the Lord and "thou shall," see, it shall come. I've never seen it fail in all my life. God bless you.

110 How about you reading some of them questions for me? Could you read them for me? I—I

hope I get these right. I don't want to keep you too long now, about, maybe about ten minutes, and—and—and give him, Jimmy, a little time to study them over there, to see if...And they're going to be, ask me right blank, right out, and so, if I can't say them, well you'll understand.

111 But you understand what I mean now, to believe? “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thy, and thy house shall be saved.” Believe for yourself, and

believe for your house, and you shall have it. Say, “Well, the doctor said I can’t get well.” Well, if thou can believe on the Lord, you can get well. “Well, I’m out of work.” But if you’ll believe on the Lord, see, and you shall have work. And, “I—I don’t know what to do about *this* situation.” Believe on the Lord.

112 Look where it sets with me right now, and wife there, I’ve always thought the Lord wanted me to leave Jeffersonville. Now,

it's got to a spot, till I just had to commit myself to Him, so here I am, He knows where I'm at right here, tonight, so, and everywhere He wants me to go, I'll go, and what He wants me to do, I'll do it, and I'll be right along till He tells me, you see.

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