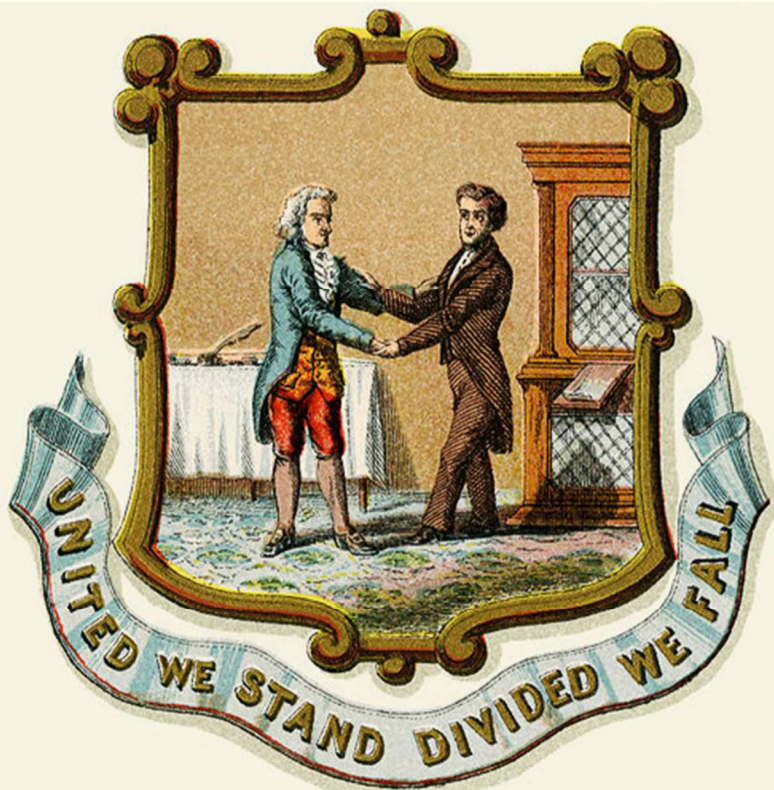


Together We Stand, Divided We Fall



KENTUCKY

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I met Brother Wagner today on the street, and his lovely wife. And I was telling him that I—about one of the outstanding things in this area here is the fellowship. I just love that. I've had places where they'd be bigger crowds and so forth, and I... But I've never had a place that had any more fellowship. Just looks

like everything's just one accord; it just... I'm... I trust, my brethren, never let that leave you. Keep that, whatever you do. Stay right in that fellowship.

I'm a strictly a Kentuckian. And anyone... Any more Kentuckians here from Kentucky? Well, you know what the old slogan is: "Together we stand, and divided we'll fall." And that's right. So let's stay together. We got things in common, and that's the Lord Jesus.

59-1127 - *Blind Bartimaeus*

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Many people think that the evangelist doesn't need any help. You're mistaken. He's needs more help than all the congregation does, because he's standing between the enemy and the congregation.

17 Now, being a stranger to you, I thought I would take and explain these things, so that you would know, that we can start off and have a great

meeting in this here area. And I believe and trust to God, that after this service is over, that every church through the area will be packed out with fresh members, and been converted and brought in. I trust that through that there'll be an old fashion revival sweep this valley here, that'll cause people from all over the country to flow in here, seeking. So I'll find when I come back to the United States, a hungry people, after all the great meetings and

things we've had across the nation.

We've had great men to cross our nation: Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, and many of those great warriors of faith, great men, personal friends of mine. And I know they're good men, filled with God's Spirit and wonderful teachers.

18 And my—myself, I'm more of an illiterate type of person. I'm not educated; I'm sorry for that. I did not get a schooling that I should get. I

was raised in a poor family of ten children, and I was the oldest. I had to work to make a living for the family. But somehow, God in His great wise providence, saw fit, way back before I knowed anything about it, to put me a little place with you people. And to that I want to minister with all my heart, to—to be your brother. And I would not come here, by no means in the world, to cause any a any—any tear up, or any fict—friction in the church, but I've come here to try to—to take the frictions

away, and bring the body of Christ together, and let us know that we are all brethren, that we are all together.

And when I come from my own Baptist church to—to minister amongst the pentecostal people, who believe the message that the Angel of the Lord had brought me... And I found out that they were as bad as the Baptist; they had many different organizations of them. And I found great and fine brethren in every one of

them. So I—I could not say tonight, that I belong to the Assemblies of the Church of God, and yet I do belong to them, because I haven't—haven't just joined the ranks, but I was borned in their ranks as a brother, when I received the Holy Spirit. And I've tried to stand right in between the breach, and say to both sides, “Don't argue brethren. We are brothers; let us love the Lord, and let's march forward, and united together...”

19 I'm a Kentuckian by birth, and all of you know what the emblem of Kentucky is, or slogan, is a crossed hand, like this: Together we stand, and divided we'll fall. So we don't want the churches divided; we want to stand together. Though that we might disagree one with the other, like that, that's just little tech—little things that's technical. Let's believe the main principles: Jesus died to save us all; He's give us all the new birth, and we're waiting for His coming, and enjoying

the attributes of His death until He comes. That's all. We are enjoying Divine healing, the Presence of the Holy Spirit. And if Jesus Christ is the same... God forgive me for making that statement of "if He is"; it's sacrilegious to say it, but He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, because the Word says He is the same. Then if He is the same, then how would He act if He was here on earth today? He would act just like He did yesterday, if He is the same. Do you believe that, all of you?

He would. Then if He would act the same, then He would do the same works that He did yesterday. Do you believe that?

*60-0729 - What It Takes To
Overcome All Unbelief: Our Faith*

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165 He was God. We are not God. We are not God. But, together...If you notice, it's so beautiful, illustrated. When that great Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel

through the wilderness, It appeared to Saint Paul. When It come down on the Day of Pentecost, It broke up, and tongues of Fire set upon each of them. It was God in this Pillar of Fire, the Logos, separating Himself among His people, showing that Christ and the Bride, see, God and His church, are becoming one. Why, it's just the most beautiful thing you ever seen. Then, together, brother; not in different organizations, we'll never stand.

I'm a Kentuckian.
"Together we stand, and
divided we'll fall."

166 Why did the Indians
lose this country to the white
people? Is because they was—
they was divided among
themselves.

167 How are we going to
lose this great race? Is because
we're divided. How we going
to do it? We got to stay
together. We're all believers in
God. The Holy Ghost takes us
all in. It'll be a paradox if God
ever gets us together, but He

will. Just trust Him. The virgin birth...He knows how to send the persecution that will run us together. Now, the virgin birth was...

64-0418B - A Paradox

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13 But watch in the meetings, whenever you hear... When the discernment is on, He's telling you; you're doing that yourself. You don't know it, but it's your own spirit, like the woman

touching His garment. But when He speaks back, that's what you're pulling, yourself, from God. See, God wasn't using his gift. All of us know that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Now, we know that Christ Jesus, the Fullness of the Godhead bodily dwells in Him. But to us, we have the Spirit by measure, given to each one to profit withal.

Now, but say, for instance, if I went out here to the ocean and took a spoonful of water

out of the ocean, you'd never miss it. See? But I could take that spoonful of water to the laboratory, and it's got the same chemicals in it that the entire ocean's got. It's just not as much of it. Well, then, when we think of the Spirit of Christ that we have in us (See?), it's just a spoonful to what was in Him. See? He had all of it in Him. All that God was, He poured into Christ; all that Christ was, He poured into the Church.

14 How many pentecostals is here? Let's see your hands, Pentecostal people. All right. Do you know what God did on the day of Pentecost? The Bible said they were gathered and praying in the upper room, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were setting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire, and It set upon each of them, and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and begin to speak

with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now, we know that God was that Pillar of Fire that led the children of Israel through the wilderness. What was God doing then? He was separating... Them tongues of fire was the separating, that big Pillar of Fire, and dividing Himself among His people.

15 Then, brethren, what ought we could do? Brother, my, together we'll stand; divided we'll fall. So what the great... If the great church of

God, if the devil can get into them and make them say, “I’m this, and you, because you belong to this we just can’t associate together,” he won’t have to shoot a shot. We’re fighting one another (See?), but when that wall is broke down, and we are not divided, all one brethren are we (See?), all one Spirit in Christ, God dividing Himself among us together, that together we might be the great ransomed Church of the living God. Then you’re going to see something happen then.

*61-0515 - A Greater Than Solomon Is
Here*

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I had a visit this morning with the Christian Business Men again, down in little Glendale, down here. And my, what a time of fellowship we had, where all the Methodists, and the Baptists, and the Presbyterian, and the Pentecostals, and everybody, forgot what church they belonged to and...?... You

know... There may be some of them present; I don't know. But you know, when I walked into that restaurant, business men, not ministers, business men was knelt around a booth in a circle having prayer in a restaurant, not standing up over the table, kneeling down on the floor. Say, you know, it'd be good for us preachers to get that sincere about it in once in a while, don't you think so? Yes, sir. That's right. I appreciate that. The Lord bless them.

3 If I had any business to do, I'd sure want to do it with men like that. I know they'd be honest and... A man that loves God, I—I can... I've got a lot of trust in him. And so, that's very fine. Where men of different... All one faith, of course, but different denominational churches is broad enough, and wide enough, and high enough, and strong enough, to forget the denominational barriers, and put their arms around one another, and be brother, say,

that's—that's Christianity in action, isn't it?

Just think, if we had that tonight, what would take place in California. What if California tonight, if every person that professed to be a Christian, would forget about his denominational differences, and make everybody, every Christian, his brother? Why, there'd be a revival that the whole world would know about. That's right. It's a... But as long as the devil can keep you

separated, that's as good as he wants. You'll never go forward like that.

You know how the Indians lost this nation to the white man? They wasn't united. We're going to lose it again by not being united. That's right; that's right. We'd better keep united.

4 I'm a real Kentuckian. You know what a Kentuckian slogan is? Cross hands; together we stand, divided we fall. And that's what we have to do, is stand together,

especially in this great campaign for lost souls across the nation.

I tell you, I wished I could get all the ministers together and say, “I tell you what we’re going to do. Let’s just unite ourselves together as one big band of brethren, and when we get over the other land, then we’re going get before Jesus, and we’ll just—we’ll just talk it all over and see who’s right when we get there. But right now, let’s get everybody over there. [Brother Branham

laughs—Ed.] I believe they'd be so happy to get there, nobody'd want to talk it over... just over there. That's right. So we're happy for that.

55-1118 - The Faith Of Abraham

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291 Like Democrats and Republicans, as long as we stand as a democracy, as Americans. If the Democrats is in, the Republicans should push right on with them; Republicans in, the Democrat

push on. See? That's just exactly what makes us a nation. Whenever we break that, we break our democracy. That's right. Democrats say, "I ain't going to do nothing; Republicans was in." Then we fall. I'm a Kentuckian: together we stand, and divided we fall.

292 Now, if there's anything wrong in the church that you ever know of, some individual or some person or anything, you are duty bound and will answer before God if

you don't clear that thing out; you, the church. Now, remember, it's not on my shoulders. It's on yours. And anything wrong in the church, God will make you answer for it. That's right. That's the way He runs His church. That's the way it is in the Bible. That's the order of the Bible. That's the sovereignty of the local church. The pastor is the head. That's right. Amen.

57-0922E - Hebrews, Chapter Seven #2

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37 Now as we stand and
look this a way, my brethren,
my sisters. Sister over there,
give us a little chord of:

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian
love;

The fellowship of kindred
minds

Is like to that above.

Let that be our prayer in
our hearts as we take a hold of
one another's hands as fellow
citizens, and realizing that

we're leaving this world one of these days. Let's reach around and take a hold of somebody's hand and look now, not to one another, but look to Divine sovereign grace of God, that comes as a love gift from the rest of the rest of this meeting and do something we never seen done before. All together now.

Blest be the tie (Raise your hands up) that binds

Our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred
minds

Is like to that above.

When we asunder part,

It gives us inward pain;

But we shall still be joined
in heart,

And hope to meet again.

38 Now heavenly Father,
look down upon this scene
this morning, hungry hearts
who love You. And may their
love creep into each other and
around this room, until Your
grace will baptize every one of

them by the Holy Spirit, grant it, Lord. And make Lutherans, Baptists, Methodists, Pentecostal, all shake hands as we stand this morning, say, “Together we stand and divided we fall.” May the great Church of the living God march from victory unto victory...?... God give a vision to us, speak to the people this morning and let them see Your Divine plan, and may the grace of God be spread abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, in Christ’s Name we ask it, Amen.

56-0218B - When Love Is Projected

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...?... Good morning.
Christian greetings. God's
peace on you. This a grand
privilege for me this morning,
to be before this group of
ministers, to explain, for the
hope of life that lays within
me. Many times coming on to
the...

Past times coming on the
island, I have been a speaker
for the Full Gospel Christian

Businessmen's Fellowship International. I was just brought in as a speaker, but I've always thought that a campaign should be conducted under the auspices of the ministerial association, because it's my thoughts, and my intentions to use the gifts of God, according to the way the Bible predicts for us to use them. It is for the—the uniting together, the believers, bring the fellowship of Christians together. I believe that all Christian churches have saints of God in them. I do not

believe we should be divided. Neither do I believe it was Christ's plans for us to be divided. We are to be one. Jesus said, "This will all men know you're My disciples, when you have love one for the other."

2 Speaking of Divine healing, I do not know how it is in this island, but speaking for the rest of the world that I have traveled, Divine healing is needed more for the sick body of Christ, than all our sick bodies put together. (See?

The—the sick body of Christ being separated, you know, in divisions, is—the healing of that body is more essential than healing our physical bodies.) [Brother Branham has a conversation with the translator—Ed.] For together we stand, but divided we'll fall. As the song was being sang when I came in, "Onward Christian Soldiers, we are not divided, all one body are we." And that's the way we should stand.

*60-0210M - The Revelation That
Was Given To Me*

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47 Now, His Body's up there; His Spirit's down here. His Body... His Spirit, God's Spirit, worked through that body, His virgin borned Son, in the fullness of God. He works through you and I as portions of God. That's why the Holy Spirit, when It come on the day of Pentecost, It broke all up, that Pillar of

Fire, and divided Itself in licks of tongues, and sat upon each one. We have to have one another. The biggest thing the devil ever got on us was when he separated us from the love of God, from one another. And we love one another; that's brotherly love. When we can get to one another... If you've got part of the Holy Ghost, and I've got part of It, and the next man's got part of It, put us together, there's three parts. I'm three times as strong as I was with you two brothers. See? That's the way

we stand. I'm a real Kentuckian: Together we stand, and divided we'll fall. That's right. We must stand that way together.

60-0311 - Mary's Belief

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25 And the first thing you know, Joshua and Caleb come back with the evidence that it was a good land. They had a evidence. A evidence. But that wasn't all the evidence. They just had one evidence. That's

what the Pentecostals got when they crossed over the land, into the wilderness, over the Red Sea, and found their enemy dead. They begin speaking in tongues as an evidence that they'd been over there. They knowed there was something good. They knowed there was a land somewhere that was beyond anything that we've reached yet. That's right.

But that's not all the things. We settled down on that, went to seed on that. Right. God

said, “If there be one among you to come in and speak with tongues, the unlearned comes in, he will say, ‘Well, they’re all mad.’ But if one will prophesy and reveal the secrets of the heart, then they’ll fall down and say surely God is with you.” Paul said that.

26 Now, when we stop on one evidence of speaking in tongues being the Holy Ghost, which is all right. That’s true. That’s the evidence of the

Holy Ghost, but just look at the other things goes in there.

But as soon as we did it, we have to denominate ourselves to keep the others out, build up a fence around our coconut tree that nobody else glean off of this but us. That's the reason the rest of us couldn't get anywhere. It's our own selfish ideas instead of letting the Holy Spirit lead us all out. And we've waited for forty years, and nothing's happening. You're still staying

in the same place, same old thing. Oh, my.

27 We find out that they made a fatal mistake. And they raise up a big bunch of fighters. That's what we have, a big bunch of fighters. One saying, "Bless God, I'm the Assemblies. You are Oneness. Don't you have anything to do into it, You old Church of God, we got it." Church of God: "Bless God, we are the ones that's got it. We got the prophesied name."

The Oneness says, “We got it because we baptize right. Hallelujah!” You bunch of fighters. God just let you set right here till you die. That’s exactly right.

The Bible said they stayed there till all the old fighters died out. Amen. That’s exactly right. He let them stay right there till all the old fighters died out. The Bible said so. Those fighters, fighting over their organization boundaries, and “Don’t you have no fellowship with that group.

That's buzzard roost, and this is so-and-so." As long as you got that in you head, you'll just set right there on the mountain and starve to death.

28 Did you ever think of what those people done for forty years? Not even forty days away, and God kept them there forty years. That's what it was a long time ago.

"Well, I believe that..." Someone speaking of the coming of the Lord Jesus, I believe it's past due. I believe it's because of the church, the

reason it's past due. Jesus said so. "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the coming of the Son of man." In the days of Noah, God was longsuffering not willing that any should perish. He waited for the people to come in, and today He's waiting for the church to get together.

I know it's not popular. It's not popular amongst people. But, brother, it's the message of the hour to come together. The souls have to move together. We are to be one

church of the living God—
Methodists, Baptists,
Presbyterians, Lutherans,
Oneness, Threeness, Fiveness,
all of us together. We are one
group. We are God's children
by birth. That's exactly right.

29 “All the Father has give
to Me will come to Me,” and
how are you going to come,
when you got a fence built so
high you can't touch the
coconuts. See? “You have to
do this, and do that.” Oh, so
many people...

Like the Philippian jailer that night, when he said, “What must I do to be saved?”

What will we do? We tell him what not to do. “You got to quit doing this, you got to quit going over there. You got to quit doing this.” He never asked what he had to quit doing, doing. He asked what could he do to be saved? Right!

Paul told him in no misunderstanding words, he said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be

saved.” That’s all. Get the faith of God back in the people, so that they’ll know what to do and how to act. Not say, “Come over and join our group. Come over and join that group.” Just get them back to God, God will take care of the rest of it. Get them into the kingdom. Old fighters...

30 The Bible said that because they disbelieved the two men... Caleb and Joshua quietened the crowd. Now, ten years ago, they wanted to

know... introduce Pentecostal, and all different ones, and so forth, and they... One say, “Well, now we will go down at these big groups, and things like that, and we’re going to let the Holy Ghost lead us on.”

Some of them said, “Let the Holy Spirit lead.”

Well, some new issues and the different kinds come in. If it’s not of God it’ll fall anyhow. So why... Just let them go ahead and let’s love one another. **Don’t fight one another. As long as the devil’s**

**got you fighting one another,
he don't have to fight at all.
He will set back and has a
picnic, watching you fight one
another, and laugh at you
professing to have the Holy
Ghost, and fighting one
another.**

31 Love one another. Jesus said, "... this will all men know that you're My disciples, when you got love one for the other." This is when all men will know that you're My disciples: got love one for the

other. That's the greatest evidence of the Holy Ghost that I know of, when you can love one another. Yes, sir. That's the great commandment. Great thing. Though you speak with tongues of men and angels, and have not love, it profits you nothing.

See, don't organize off on your evidence of the Holy Ghost—which is all right, I believe it, too. But wait. There's more than that. (Excuse me, my colored

friends.) Like the colored man down in the South was eating watermelon. They give him a little bitty slice about like that. That boy could eat more watermelon than that.

Said. “How did you like it, Sambo?”

He said, “That’s good. But there’s more of it.”

32 That’s just the way it is when I get a taste of God, when the Holy Ghost comes into the meeting. That’s good, but I want more of it. There’s more of it, because He

promised every redemptive blessings is ours. Yes, sir!

61-0129 - Turning Northward

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Then I was at Houston, Texas, and we were having a meeting in the music hall, which seated about four thousand people, I guess. And we went to the coliseum; we couldn't seat them, so we went to the coliseum, which seats around thirty thousand. And there was a—a Baptist

clergyman down there. I won't call his name, because it's not very nice to call a minister's name, but he was out of the Southern Baptists conference, just come out of school, about thirty years old. And he put a challenge in the paper, and he said, "Brother Branham is nothing but a religious racketeer, and ought to be run out of the city, and I should be the guy that does it." So he got pretty rough.

27 And I was staying at the Rice Hotel. Doctor Bosworth...

how many knows Reverend Mr. Bosworth? Nearly all of you do. Wonderful character, I thought he'd be known up around in here. And he came to the room, and he's seventy-three years old. He said, "Brother Branham, look at this paper today," a great big column in there. Oh, he just (the minister) ripped me. He said, "Let's chall-... let's take that challenge."

I said, "Oh no, Brother Bosworth." I said, "I don't believe in arguing with

anybody. Religion wasn't made to argue over, it's to believe." That's right, not to argue about.

He said, "Well." He went on.

And the next day it come out another big piece in the Houston Chronicle and said, "It shows what he's made out of. He's afraid to take up for what he's preaching because I can prove it by the Bible that there's no such a thing as Divine healing in this day or never has been." And he even

said that the miracles of Jesus wasn't genuine for Lazarus died again. He based Divine healing upon First Corinthians the 14th chapter, or the 15th chapter, "when this mortal puts on immortality."

So, Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Branham, look at that." Said, "For the sakes of the people," said, "if you won't take it, let me have him."

And I said, "Brother Bosworth, you'd go down there and start a argument

and it would just tear down what the Lord has done.” I said, “I can’t go out there and see those things. I have to stay under the anointing of the Spirit so I can be ready for the people when it comes for my Lord to use me.”

He said, “Brother Branham, if you’ll let me go, just for the sakes of the people here that this is not some fanaticism,” said, “I’d like to prove it before the people, before all the Baptists, and so forth, that Divine healing is taught in the

Bible, and I challenge anybody in the world to try to disprove it," he said, "Scripturally."

So, I said, "If you won't argue, all right." So then, course, they don't let the reporters and things come to where I am for interview 'cause I got to take my time in prayer, be ready for the meeting.

And then the reporters got a hold of it and oh, my, great big headlines: "Ecclesiastical fur is going to fly," he said, for the night they set the debate.

And that's what makes me believe when I come into the Full Gospel people, there's only one thing that I find wrong with them and they're separated in different denominations; one believing *this*, and one, *that*, arguing with one another. And friends, that's the reason God can't use you, is that. **If you'll forget your different denominations and come together as brethren, then God will use you.** See?

I'm a strict Kentuckian, divided... together we stand, divided we fall. This nation, it's in a crumbling condition now because our politics and things are so divided. That's why the Indians lost it to the white man. **If them Indians had all gathered together, there'd still been America for the Indians. But they separated, and the tribes fighting one another, and we come in, and took it. And that's the way we're going to lose it, and that's the way the**

church is losing today, because we're not together—together. And but that showed that someday... They come from everywhere, and united as one big unit, and that great big Sam Houston Coliseum where they hold the rodeos and things, filled up.

28 Mr. Best went over and hired a commercial photographer. Now, here's the remarks he said: "Come over and take six glossies of me (six pictures), I want to have a picture where I skin that old

man.” He said, “I’m going to skin him, and take his hide, and rub salt in it, and hang it up on my door, in here in my study.”

Could you imagine a Christian talking like that? “By their fruits you shall know them.” And the first fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, meekness, gentleness, patience. Now, but that’s what the man said. And so Mr. Kipperman, and Mr. Ayers, of the Douglas Studios, in

Houston, Texas came over. And that night there was a big platform table setting there, and they had the “Look,” “Life,” “Time,” “Colliers,” and all the newspapers, and they were taking pictures. And so when the debate started, Mr. Cy Ramsar... how many knows Cy Ramsar? He was leading the songs. And—and then when he got through, he made this remark; he said, “I seen in the paper where you was... that Brother Branham was a religious racketeer, and should be run out of the city.”

Said, “If the people of this city would put more time running bootleggers out of the city instead of religious men, you’d be better off.”

29 And there... the people begin crying, and going on. And they told me I didn’t have to come down. But I went up in balcony thirty, box thirty, two police, and my brother, and wife, little girl, we went up there and set down; they’d taken me up. And I was setting there. I said I wouldn’t have nothing to do with it at

all. And I didn't believe in arguing.

So that night watching... And when Mr. Bosworth got to the platform, he'd taken his—his paper, and he said... and people on by the sides, which wasn't on either side of the debate. He said, "Mr. Best has taken the—the side to say the... my opponent here, that—that Divine healing isn't taught in the New Testament." He said, "I've got six hundred Scriptures of the New Testament and Old, written

out here, that Christ's present attitude to the people for Divine healing is the same today as it ever was. If Mr. Best will take this and disprove one of them, not by his textbook, but by the Bible, you won't have to do no more, and I will walk away and say, 'I've been in error all the time.' Anyone of those six hundred questions..." He said, "Now, Mr. Best, you're at liberty." And he wouldn't receive it. He said, "I will ask you any one of them if you'll correctly, by the Scriptures, prove that it's

wrong, then I will—I will walk off the platform.” Said, “That ought to be well enough; there’s six hundred of them, and I want you to produce one, if you’ll show me one, that’s... is contrary to any of these, then I will say I’m wrong, and I will show you six hundred to start with.” Said, “Looks like the odds is pretty bad there.”

30 So he said... he wouldn’t do it. So the moderator asked, and so he said, “All right, Mr. Best answer me this.” He said,

“Was the compound names of Jehovah, Jehovah’s redemptive, compound names, were they applied to Jesus, yes, or no?”

Well, that like to shook me off of the seat up there. Well, Mr. Best thought he couldn’t answer. If He was—if He was Jehovah-jireh, the Lord will provide His Sacrifice, if He was—if He wasn’t Jehovah-jireh, He isn’t the Saviour. And if He is Jehovah-jireh, He’s Jehovah-rapha, the Healer. And if He is Jehovah-

jireh, and Jehovah-rapha, He's "the same yesterday, today, and for ever," so He's just the same Healer. That settled it; nothing could be said no more.

So Mr. Best got real angry and begin to stomp up-and-down the floor, and said, "Bring that Divine healer out, let me see him."

31 And Brother Bosworth said, "Brother Best, I—I certainly apologize," said that—that, "Brother Branham is no Divine healer, and never

said he was.” He said, “Would you...” said, “Do you believe in salvation?”

“Yes, sir.”

He said, “Would you want to be called a Divine Saviour?” Said, “If preaching Divine healing makes Brother Branham a Divine healer, preaching salvation makes you a Divine Saviour.” He said, “You know you’re not a Saviour.”

“Certainly not.”

Said, “Neither is he a healer. If you’re ever saved it’s

in Christ. If you're ever healed it's in Christ. You point to salvation; so does Brother Branham. And he points to healing in the atonement. Now, if you want to argue that," said, "just step out on it (See?) for it was in the atonement."

32 So he said, "You bring that healer forth, and let me see him heal somebody." And kept on like that.

Brother Bosworth said, "Now, Brother Branham takes his time praying." And said,

“He don’t argue with people, and he just... that’s...” He said, “Now, however...” (at the end of the debate), he said, “Brother Branham is in the building. If he wants to come and dismiss the audience, all right. If he doesn’t, why he’s not—don’t have to, but,” said, “I know he’s in the building somewhere,” said, “for a while ago, I seen them when they come in.”

33 And I was setting there, and my brother, Howard... Many of you knew Howard.

He was kind of, real typical Irishman, he said, “Now you set still.” Standing right behind me, and two police standing there... And just as he said that, I felt Something going, Whew! I thought, “Oh, no. Huh-uh, I can listen so far, but that’s first. I felt It again coming down, going Whew! Something just picked me up. My wife started crying. I said, “Don’t cry, honey.”

And Howard said, “Set down.”

I said, “It’s the Holy Spirit, Howard,” and he dropped back.

34 And the people looked up there, about that time, and they started weeping. And about three or four hundred ushers put their hands together as people pressing through trying to touch your clothes or something. It’s pitifully. I know how I’d feel if my baby or something was sick, and the doctors had give it up, and I thought there was something could help it. I’d be

trying to get in, too. And I'm only human, like anybody else, and it breaks my heart to see such scenes.

And I started walking to the platform. Mr... the... Kipperman and them had took all their pictures. And when I go, they don't let us take pictures in the meeting, because they sell them and so forth. So he... they said, "No more pictures taken." Brother Lindsay and them dropped back the people from taking the pictures, and so forth.

35 I walked to the platform; I said, “Don’t no one think hard of Mr. Best. That’s why the boys are over in Korea fighting. We can be Americans to believe anything we want to.” I said, “I don’t agree with his theory, not at all,” but I said, “as a man, all right.” I said, “Some mother loves him just the same as my mother loves me. And don’t feel hard at him; he’s got a right to his belief.” I said, “Now, however, I—I was minded of my Saviour, when they put a rag around his eyes one time, and

they thought He had mental telepathy or something, and they hit Him on the head with a reed, and said, ‘Now, if You’re a prophet, prophesy, and say who hit You.’” You remember that? Said, “Now prophesy.” He didn’t clown for nobody; He did what the Father showed Him. So they put a rag over His eyes and hit Him. And they felt no virtue, and neither did He prophesy. He didn’t clown for anybody.

36 And I said, “I do not claim to be a Divine healer.” I

said, "I only claim to pray for the sick. And I claim a Divine gift, that I was born in this world with, and an Angel of God Who comes to me in the form of a Light..." And I said, "It's come to me many times. It comes in the meetings." I said, "If I tell the truth, well, then, it's the truth." But I said, "I cannot heal any one, no more than Mr. Best, or any other man can save anybody." I said, "But they were sent to preach. I'm not very much of a preacher, but I've seen thousands saved. I've seen as

many as two thousand at one altar call, but if a—but that's not what we're talking on, Divine healing.”

37 And I said, “Now, the person can't come here without God telling me what's on his heart, and what he's done, and the things of his life. That's a Divine gift that was sent from Heaven to me, that's my individual. God gave that to me when He brought me in this world.” I said, “You can't keep your sins, and so forth, hid, and the thoughts of

your heart and mind.” I said, “And whatever that you’ve done in your life, and what your outcome is, you can’t keep me from telling you that. But I could pray for you until you for... till we both got old and gray, and you with a toothache, until you accept Jesus as your Healer, it’ll always be there, for healing only is in Chr... God Almighty.”

38 I said, “And if I tell the truth,” I said, “I tell about an Angel. If I tell the truth, God

will testify that I've told the truth. I said, "As Jesus told the Jews, 'I have greater works than those of John, for the works the Father has sent Me to do, the same testifies that I am sent from God.'" And I said, "If He doesn't testify, then I'm wrong. If He does testify, then I am right. Not because that it's me, but because it's He that sent me is right." And I said, "Anyone knows that God will have nothing to do with error, and if I tell the truth, then God will speak of me."

39 Oh, I shall never forget it. And about that time the Heavens let loose, and here He come, coming down all over me, going, “Whew!” Everyone sit still. And the man who had taken the pictures of Mr. Best, before he knowed what he was doing, run forward and snapped the picture. God had testified. There was no more for me to do. I said, “Thank You, Father,” walked off the platform. Everybody set still; they didn’t know what was happening.

This man, going home... Mr. Kipperman's an Orthodox Jew. Mr. Ayers is a Roman Catholic. He wrote in the paper the day before and said I was a hypnotizer. Said a goiter went off of a woman throat, that I hypnotized her. And a young soldier who'd been crippled overseas in his back, his spine, and was saw laying on a place and was told what was wrong with him, and told him to rise to his feet. And him laying there paralyzed, rose to his feet and walked out, said that man was

bewitched, made all kinds of fun of me in the paper. And on his road home, he said to Mr...?... he said, “What do you think about it, Ted?”

Ted said, “I don’t know.”

40 Mr. Ayers said, “I’m a Catholic,” he said, “I’m taught to believe in such things, but it can only come through the Catholic church. If it was... if he was real, he’d be in the Catholic church.”

And many of you... I... my former people were Catholic. Many of you Catholics in there

know that we been taught that, that it has to be in the Catholic church. So did the Jews think that Jesus would come to the temple, but He didn't. He went where God told Him. God does things in mysterious ways. You wouldn't have thought He'd been born in a manger, but He was.

Now, they went in. He said, "Well, let's fix these pictures for Best." And he threwed them in the acid, six of them for Mr. Best. And he shot one

of them from that, but he just threw it in.

41 Mr. Kipperman went upstairs to go to bed, and Mr. Best, or Mr. Ayers setting, smoking a cigarette. And after while he went in, took them out of the acid, took out one, blank, two, blank. Took out all six of them, they were blank. And when he took the next one out, there the Angel of the Lord was on the picture. And he had a heart attack. They tried to get him to Rice Hotel, of course they was guarding

the door, wouldn't let them come in to where we was... to where I was at.

42 And then quickly, they referred to it, and went down there, and they sent it away at eleven o'clock that night to Washington, DC, and copyrighted it. Then it was sent back to Houston. And it was given into the hands of George J. Lacy, the best examiner in the United States, ex-FBI. And he kept it, said, "Now..." a very hard-boiled. He kept it and said, "Now,

wait a minute,” said, “I will look it over,” and so forth like that. And—and he took it into the Shell Building for examination, which was... Shell Building for examination and document. He just come from California on a half a million dollar case, and they brought him over there. He kept the picture for two days; then he sent word, said, “We’ll give the reading on it, and let you know about it on two o’clock, on the following afternoon, on the third day. Big bunch of photographers,

and so forth, gathered in. Many of the people around the city, like the writer for the “Colliers” and “Times,” they gathered in.

43 And when he come out, he's kind of a red-headed fellow, very hard-boiled. He walked out sarcastic; I looked at him, and looked like his face had tendered up. He said, “Whose name's Reverend Branham?”

And I said, “Mine, sir.”

He said, “Stand up on your feet.” And I stood up. He said,

“Reverend Branham, one of these days, you’re going to pass off of life’s scenes like all mortals do.”

I said, “I’m aware of that, sir.”

He said, “But as long as there’s a Christian civilization, your picture shall never die.” He said, “It’s the first time in all the world’s history that a supernatural Being was ever photographed. But I put it through every test that can be thought, and,” said, “It was a supernatural Being that’s been

shot.” He said, “For myself, I have said and heard of your meetings, and read it in the magazines, and I heard about that Angel, and so forth. I said within myself, even to the time that I received the negative, ‘It’s psychology.’” He said, “But Brother Branham, the mechanical eye of that camera will not take psychology.” Said, “The Light struck the negative.”

44 He said, “My mother was a Christian. And I—I thought I was.” He said, “But

God have mercy on me.” He said, “Come forward.” And everybody started crying. He...?... said, “It was once said, Brother Branham, by the old hypocrite (he meant the unbeliever), that there’s no scientific proof of the supernatural Being.” Said, “Them days is passed now.” He had the negative in his hand. He said, “Them days is passed.” And he said, “It’s scientifically proven that here’s the supernatural Being.” He said, “Mr.

Branham, I will submit this to you.”

I said, “It’s not mine, sir.”

He said, “Oh, wait a minute,” said, “that negative’s worth a hundred thousand dollars right the way...”

I said, “If it... to me, It’s worth life.”

45 He said, “Brother Branham, do you realize what...” said, “You’ll never live to see the day that the picture comes into its value, because the—the testator is always dead before the testament is

seen.” And he said, “It’ll be in the days after you’re gone.” He said, “But right now, do you realize what that is?”

And I said, “Sir, It belongs to the American Photographers Association.” I said, “It... if Jesus Christ, my Lord, thought enough of me, to come down in a battle like I was, and have His picture taken with me, for the first time in all the world’s history, I love Him too well to commercialize it.” And I said,

“I will have nothing to do with it.”

46 So then they asked me if I'd draw up a plan with them. The lawyers was there, and everything. The studio had the lawyers. And I said, “I will sign no papers. But Mr. Kipperman and you, if you wish to sell it, make it enough so every person (poor people) can get it.” But I said, “look, another thing I will require for the sacredness of the picture, that Mr. Lacy, that you'll sign a document, so that the critics

will be shut up when they look at it.” I said, “and sign a document. And I will ask you, Mr. Kipperman, and you (in the agreement), that you’re privileged to sell it. I will sign no papers, but you’re privileged to sell it, low priced so the people can get a hold of it, and that no picture can go without a writing signed statement from Mr. Lacy, here, who’s our best in America.” So I’d think it was the best in the world.

And he said, “I will do that.”

And he wrote up a—a thing, what he’d done, and went to the auditorium, he searched to see if it was a double exposure, and there just above the head, where it was settling down, was the big Pillar of Fire a whirling around, and around, and around.

47 He said, “Brother Branham, in the... looking through the negative through the ultra-ray lights, and so forth, it looked like it was kind

of a yellow, greenish looking fire, a milling, like this.”

And I said, “That’s just the way It is.” And people there who seen It.

To my opinion, here’s what I think it would be, while I read the Scriptures. First, I have the picture here; I want to show it to you. Mr. Kipperman sells them sometimes at the meeting. But when I found out that he was overcharging the people for it, I wouldn’t let them sell it in the meetings. Because the

picture wouldn't cost over thirty or forty cents, not over fifty at the most, and selling it for a dollar and a quarter is too much. So I... Can you see it back there?

48 Now, at nighttime, when you see those things going on here, it's not me that does that; here is the One that does it. How many can see how far back, let's see your hand, way back. I will have my boy to take it to the stand back there. And in here also, if you'd like to read Mr. Lacy's write up,

there it is. You can have a photostatic copy... A photostatic copy's in my book there, but they won't let us (the studios), won't let me print the picture in my book. They let me have the... this, for this is copyrighted. See on the back, and on here? And you couldn't touch it (See?), because it's copyrighted, and they've got it in Washington, DC. And one of them hangs in the Religious Hall of Art, in Washington, DC, as the first photograph that was ever taken of a supernatural Being.

49 You know what I think, friends? I think that here's where this is, in Exodus 13:21:

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud (a pillar of a cloud), to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by night and day:

He took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

And with a reverent, sincere heart, I believe that that's the same Angel of God that led Israel out of Egypt to the promised land in the natural, is leading us to the promised land today, in the spiritual. For "In My Father's house are many mansions: I will go and prepare a place for you." And I believe the Angel of the Lord is leading the Church today, and It's the same Holy Spirit. And anyone knows the—the Angel of the Covenant was Christ. And not... It isn't just to me, friend.

I might be counted in with you, but that Angel of the Lord just doesn't... to me, it's to all of you. And He's here right now. He's right in the building. I feelled it right now, and know that the Angel... This same Angel that I'm speaking of here, isn't five feet from me right now. And when I meet you at the judgment bar, and this night is called into—to order, see if I haven't told you the truth. He's right in here now.

50 Now, if this was my last service that I ever have in all my life, my words are the truth. For I have not testified of myself; I have testified of Jesus Christ. And the world, the church world, who sees It, and sees Its operation, knows and believes It's the truth. And now, the scientific world is without excuse. It's scientifically proven to the scientific world.

You said, "I didn't see nothing spread about..."

No, sir. They wouldn't let the "Look," "Life," and "Times," or none of the papers have it. All of them wanted it, and they wouldn't let them have it. Said if they put it in the paper... You know a Jew. Not all of them, but some of them want money. Said they'll cut it out. They're expecting to sell It, and It's sure sold thousands times thousands, and thousands of them, everywhere. And so I—I have nothing to do with it.

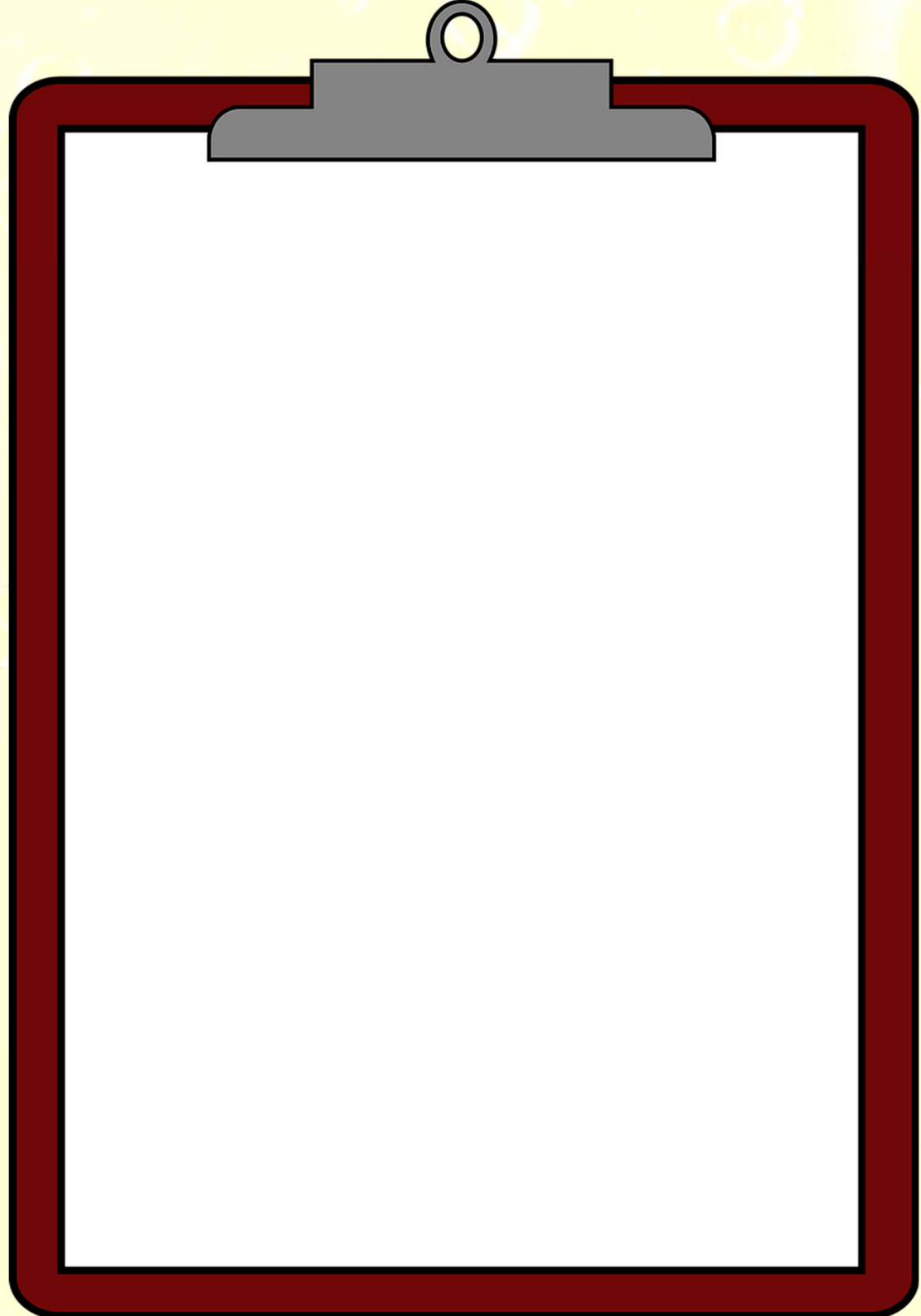
51 But only this one thing, that I'm happy tonight, to know that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Who's sovereign in Word and grace, has vindicated that I've told the truth. And I've told you the truth. It's up to you to believe it; that's all. God bless you is my prayer.

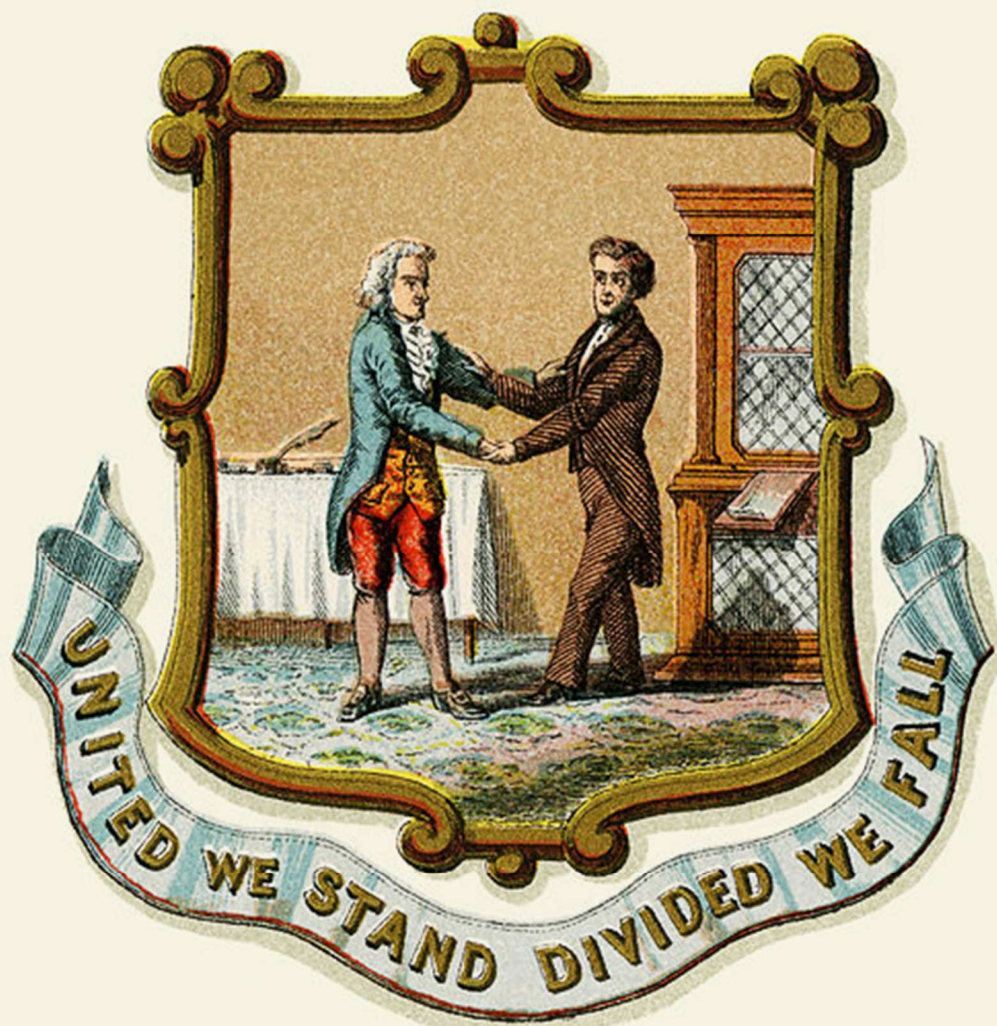
Sonny... Ma'am? [Woman says something to Brother Branham—Ed.] Let's say, "Praise the Lord." [Congregation says, "Praise the Lord."] That's ri... Oh, God

bless you, sister. Then you know what is the truth, don't you, sister? That is true.

Was there anybody else was there at Houston, when the picture was taken? A man standing right here was there when the pi... another one here, another one there, there, there. Let's say, "Praise the Lord." The Bible said, "In the mouth of two or more witnesses let every word be established." Is that right?

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