

Voice of the Eagle

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**From The Sermons Of
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*Message: 61-1015M -
Questions And Answers*

**156c. ...and the group
that call themselves
fundamentalists, are these
two groups saved?**

Now, I don't know. See, I
wouldn't know how to answer
that. Now, "Are these groups
saved?" I don't know.

Explain the difference between the spirit and...

Well, it's a different question now.

Now, "Are these two groups saved?" Let me make that just a little bit more sensible to you, and say, "I don't know. I wouldn't know."

Now remember, here is my thoughts, it may be wrong. My thoughts is, that, if a Roman Catholic, or whoever he might

be, Methodist, Presbyterian,
church of Christ, Lutheran,
wherever he is, if he believes on
the Lord Jesus Christ and
solemnly trusting Him for his
salvation, I believe he is saved.

But, you see, the Roman
Catholic church doesn't do
that. They believe that the
church saves them. See? Their—
their salvation is in the
church. Like this priest was put
off the air, here some time ago,
for saying, "There is no other

salvation, only in the church, see, the Roman church.” Now, that’s wrong. Salvation is by Jesus Christ. That’s right. Not by the church; but by Christ.

Now if he is apostolic, or, yeah, apostolics and fundamentalists now call themselves...

Now like a fundamentalist come to me, here some time ago, and he said to me, said, “You kind of lean Calvinistic, don’t you?”

I said, “Well, as long as Calvin is in the Bible, I’m with him.” I said, “I just go with the Bible, and if Calvin stays in the Bible. But he gets off the Bible, then I’ll just go along, believe the Bible.”

He said, “Well,” he said, “I want to say something to you. You told, I’ve heard you say that if a man was once saved, that he could never be lost.”

I said, “That’s exactly what the Scripture says. ‘He has

Eternal Life, and shall never come into condemnation or judgment, but has already passed from death to Life.” I said, “That wasn’t me said that. That was Jesus Christ said that.”

He said, “I want to ask you something then.” Said, “Do you believe that Saul was saved?”

I said, “The Saul, the—the king Saul?”

He said, “Yes.”

143 “Why,” I said, “sure!”

He said, “Now remember, he was a prophet.”

144 I said, “Correctly, the Bible said he prophesied with the prophets.” He had a gift of prophecy. He wasn’t a prophet, but he had a gift of prophecy, ’cause he was down there with the prophets when they were prophesying. But we know that Samuel was prophet in that day, so, but Saul was prophesying with the prophets.

He said, “Then if he was a prophet, then he was saved?”

I said, “Absolutely!”

He said, “Then I want to ask you something.” Said, “I want to ask you something.” Said, “And then you say Saul was saved, and he—the Bible said that the Lord departed from him and he become a enemy to God, and he committed suicide, and then say that he was saved?”

145 I said, “And you’re a fundamentalist?” I said, “Brother, you’re just not reading it right; that’s all. You’re not reading what the Scripture said.”

He said, “Well, Saul could not be saved if he become an enemy of God.”

I said, “Saul was saved.”

“Oh,” He said...

146 I said, “He was a prophet, he had to be saved. See? God saved him, and God’s

not a Indian giver, as we call it. He don't...Well, if God give you the Holy Ghost knowing that He is going to lose you right down here, why, what a foolish thing it would be for Him to give you the Holy Ghost in the first place."

147 You might impersonate the Holy Ghost and act like you got the Holy Ghost, but if you've got the Holy Ghost, God knows your beginning from the end. That's right! That's a loose way

to run business. God don't run His like...He—He's infinite, He knowed the end from the beginning and knowed everything that'd ever be here. Every fly, or every gnat would ever be on the earth, He knowed all about it before the world ever began. So see, what would He run His business like that for. He doesn't do that.

148 If you've once, if you've really got the Holy Ghost, you're saved eternally. I can prove that

through the Scriptures, and we have time after time. But to conserve the time to get these questions, I might say this (you see?), that this fellow said, “Well, then what would you say about Saul?”

149 I said, “Sure Saul was saved.” I said, “Remember, Saul backslid; I’ll admit that. He backslid and went away from God, because he was greedy. He liked money.” He’d brought up all them sacrifices and things, when

Samuel through the Word of God told him to destroy everything. But he even saved the king, and he saved a lot of stuff, and brought it up because...See? Instead of following the Word of God just exactly like It says, you put your own opinion in it; there's where you backslide.

150 That's what I think about denominations and things, they backslide, because they don't follow the Word. And you show

them the Word, they turn their back from It, say, “Oh, our church teaches *this*.” That’s not right, it’s what God said!

151 And Samuel was commissioned to go down there—or Saul was—and destroy everything utterly, “Everything, you destroy it all.” Instead of doing that, he saved some for sacrifice, and he spared the king’s life, and he done everything. And Samuel walked out to him and told him the Spirit

of God had departed from him and—and all like that.

152 And Samuel died. And about two years later, well then, Saul had got...The Spirit of God departed from him, but he wasn't lost. Sure he wasn't, the anointing went off of him. Now watch, and see if it was now.

153 Saul got so far away from God till when he went to the battle...He started to go to battle. And he was worried about going to battle, and he—he

asked the Lord for a dream. The Lord wouldn't give him a dream. There was no prophets in the land in that day, no prophets. Samuel was a prophet. They had prophesiers, but so forth, but they—he couldn't get a answer from God no way. He even went down to the Urim Thummim and asked there. And the flash of the lightnings upon the Urim Thummim wouldn't even answer him. And what did he do? He crawled off into a cave where

there was a witch, a fortune-teller. And this witch...

He disguised himself like a footman and went down there, and he said, "Would you divine unto me the spirit of Samuel the prophet?"

And she said—she said, "Well now, you know what Saul has said." (She was talking to Saul, but she didn't know it.) Said, "Saul said all that's got familiar spirits, he must be killed."

He said, “I’ll protect you from Saul, but divine unto me the spirit of Samuel.”

So the witch went into her enchantments, and first thing you know, when she seen Samuel raise up, the spirit of him coming, materializing in front of them, she said, “I see gods rise from the earth.”

154 That’s one of the consolations. Look at old Samuel standing there. He had been dead two years, but there he

stood. Not only...He was standing there with his prophet robe on. Not only was he still alive, but he was still a prophet. Hallelujah!

She said, “You’ve deceived me.” To the pro-...

And Saul said, “Samuel, I don’t know what to do; I’m going to battle tomorrow, and the Spirit’s gone from me.” He said, “I can’t even get a dream from the Lord. And the Urim

Thummim won't speak to me. I'm in a terrible shape."

155 He said, "Seeing you become an enemy of God," said, "why have you called me out of my rest?" See? Samuel said that. Said, "Why did you call me from my rest, seeing that you become an enemy to God?" And then he went ahead and told him. He said...But however, he'd tell him the Word of the Lord. And when he did...Now remember, he'd been dead two years. See? But

he said, "I'll tell you the Word." He told him the Word of the Lord. Said, "Tomorrow you're going to fall in the battle, and Jonathan your son is going to fall with you. And," he said, "by this time tomorrow night you'll be with me." If he was lost, so was Samuel the prophet. That's fundamentalism; you see what's so-called. See, see? He said, "You'll be with me tomorrow night by this time." See? Then if Saul was lost, so was Samuel,

'cause they was both in the same place.

156 No, no! Fundamentalist, you...Fundamentalist so-called, like Church of Christ so-called, and Christian so-called, Christianity so-called. Today because you're an American you're supposed to be a Christian, because you're—you're an American. See? That—that's so-called Christianity. But a real Christian is a borned again man of the Spirit and borned

again women of the Spirit. That's really...These others are impersonating, but real Christians are called of God.

*61-1015M - Questions And
Answers*



If you're going to do something for Jesus, Jesus set and watch you do it, sometime. Uh-huh. He lets you go ahead till you get finished, then the reward comes.



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*Title: 62-0601 - Taking Sides
With Jesus*

173 The blind man gave them a real testimony. All right. We find again that they tried to blight His Name.

Just for a little bit, and I've got to skip over some things here.

So, one time, there was a Pharisee. I preached on it here some time ago, and called it,

“Washing Jesus’ feet.” I believe you all heard me preach on that here, when a Pharisee asked Jesus to come down to his house. A big, old, stiff-starched Pharisee, and asked Him to come. And you know I gave it a little drama, how the courier come and found Him. And—and He come on down, yet He knowed He was hated. Yet, He went, anyhow. And when they got Him in there, they never washed His feet. And let Him sit down there, stinking, and

everything else, from the toil of the road. And there He sit there.

174 And a little woman come in. They thought, “Oh, my, the Lord is good to us, because, look, this just brings our big party!” They brought Him there just to make fun out of Him. They brought Him there just to have some fun from Him. And now they thought the Lord was working right with them, because that this ill-famed, prostitute woman come over, and was

crying, and washing His feet with her tears, and wiping them with this hair.

And old Pharisee and all the rest of the priests stand over in the corner, said, “Brother, everything, the Lord set it up just exactly for us. Here we can put a smear on His name right now. He calls Himself a Prophet, and the people thinks that He’s a Prophet. And they call Him the Galilean Prophet. And He even claims to be the Messiah, and we

know Messiah will be a Prophet. And here He is, sitting back there. You see where we brought Him? Look at there. Boy, we got Him fixed right now. There He is, sitting back there, stooped down like a whipped-out puppy or something back there. And some prostitute, of His own class, would come around and wash His feet like that, and now He don't even know. If He was a Prophet, He would know what kind of a woman that was. Now,

boys, we'll drink on this one," said, "because, look there." See?

175 Anything to blight His Name, anything to ruin the confidence of the people, not knowing that they were possessed of the devil to do that. They were working in harmony with the devil, trying to blacken the Name of the Son of God.

176 How did they do this, brethren? Because they never searched the Scriptures. Jesus said, "Search ye the Scriptures.

In Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are They that testify of Me.” Oh, what a ministry He had! See? Yes, sir. “If I do not the works of My Father, then don’t believe Me.” See?

177 But here this Pharisee said, “We got Him now. Oh, looky here, there’s probably fifteen hundred people here at this feast. Now look at Him setting over there. There He sits with a prostitute.”

178 And, oh, my, what a horrible thing that was in that day. Whew! Hum! And there He was with an ill-famed woman, slipped in like (looked like) He slipped in. He got by the foot-wash flunky and everything else, and set there.

179 And said, “Here she is, over there washing His feet. Now, if He was a Prophet? You see, brethren, that Man is no Prophet. If He was a Prophet, then He would know what

manner of woman that was, washing His feet.”

180 And Jesus just sit and watched her, never moved a foot till she got done. If you're going to do something for Jesus, Jesus set and watch you do it, sometime. Uh-huh. He lets you go ahead till you get finished, then the reward comes. Maybe you run the whole race of life, working for Him, but, don't worry, there's a

reward at the end, if you just take your way with His side.

181 You might not—not see one person healed, that you pray for. Just keep on praying for them. I’ve often said, “If I prayed for five hundred a night; all five hundred dead in the morning; tomorrow night I’ll be preaching Divine healing and praying for the sick.” See? Don’t have one thing to do with it. See?

182 He'll let you come right down through defeats and everything else, till you come right down to the end of the road and finish your work, like He led that woman. She wanted to do Him a service, so He just held His feet out there and let—let her wash them. Oh, if He'd have said, "Don't do that," she'd have jumped and run. But He let her do the service.

183 And after she got through, finished the service that

she was going to do, then He looked up to that hypocrite standing back there, was trying to cast the blackness on His Name. Said, “Simon, I’ve got something to say to you; not to her, but to you. You, standing back there, in your heart, that’s the reason you brought Me down here. You have no fellowship with Me. Didn’t I know it? But you brought Me down here. And you set Me back here, to make fun of Me. Let...You never give Me no water, to wash My feet. You

never give Me nothing to soothe Me. Me setting here, burning and hurting, you never give Me no oil for My face. You was ashamed to kiss Me welcome, or shake My hand. See? You was ashamed, before your company. You was ashamed to do it. This woman, since she has come in, she has did nothing but rub My feet and bathe them with the very tears of her eyes, wiped them with the towel of her own hair. Then, I'll just show you whether I'm a

Prophet, or not.” Amen. I like that.

184 “Now I want to speak to you, just a minute. Your sins, which are many, are all forgiven you.” Hum!

185 Did they blight His Name? They thought they had It. They thought they had stopped It. They thought they’d fixed Him so His revival could never be in that community. They thought they had ruined His influence. But it just taken one person that

loved Him, to turn the whole situation.

186 How do you know that you're not that person, for your community or somebody that you'll meet? Take sides with Him. Do Him a service. Do something for Him. Know what I mean, brethren? [The brethren say, "Amen."—Ed.] Take your side with Jesus. Take Him, make Him your choice. Do service for Him regardless of whether anybody else, or you're ever repaid, or

anything. Don't make any difference. Wait till the work is over.

187 How would you like for Him to say...Even though you had prayed for sick, and they didn't get well. Though you prayed to get to speak with tongues, and you didn't do it. You prayed to prophesy; you didn't do it. But, yet, the only thing you can do is tell the story of Jesus, in your church, or in your community, at your work.

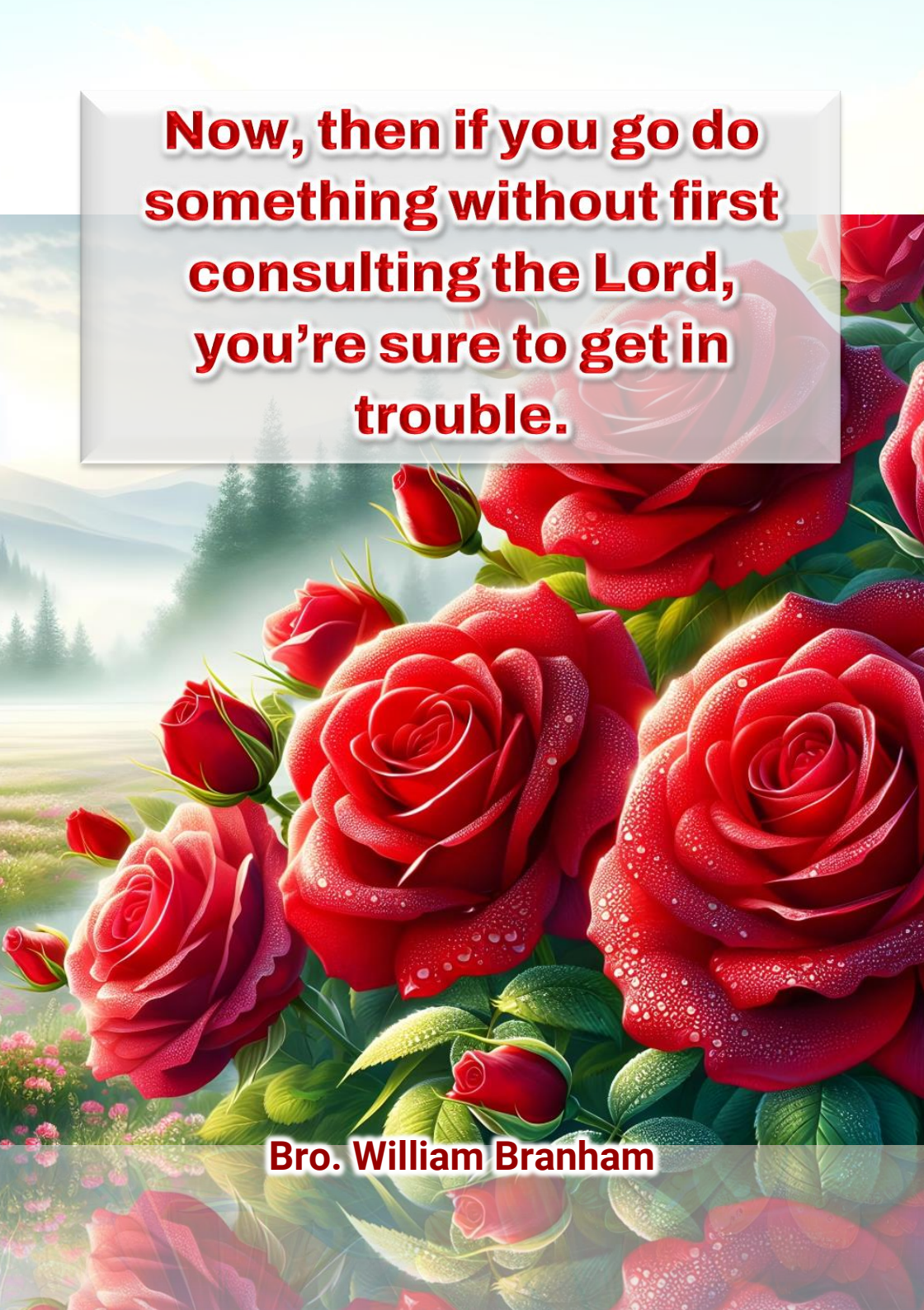
You couldn't even do one thing; didn't lead one person. That woman didn't lead one to Christ, but she done a service for Him. And what difference does it make, at the end of the road, if He will say, "And I say unto you, all your sins, though there not one prayer was answered for you. But, you come on the basis of My Word. You come because you believed Me, and you did Me a service. And I say that the many sins that you have done is all forgiven you"? That would be

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good enough for me. Amen. Yes,
sir. All right.

62-0601 - Taking Sides With Jesus





**Now, then if you go do
something without first
consulting the Lord,
you're sure to get in
trouble.**

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*Title: 54-0403 - The Hand Of
The Lord Came Upon Him*

8 Just for a—a—a small portion of the reading, over in the Old Testament, of Second Kings and the 3rd chapter and beginning and reading the 15th verse. To save time I was going to read about ten verses of it, but I'll just quote it as I go along. The 15th verse:

*... now bring me a minstrel.
And it came to pass, when the
minstrel played, that the hand of
the LORD came upon him.*

9 Our scene tonight goes back in the days of Israel when they were in the homelands of Palestine. It was immediately after a great tragedy had happened. Judah and Israel had broken up and had become two nations, as it was. And Ahab, the king, who got out of God's will by

marrying a woman that was not of the faith...

Do you know that's still a good thing, young man, to think about, young woman? Marry someone who is a Christian. Don't marry unbelievers. "Yoke yourself not up among unbelievers." Paul said for us not to do that. The Scriptures, all through, forbid us, for we... to yoke ourself with unbelievers. But if you are already yoked up with an

unbeliever, and he's willing to live with you, or she, in peace, don't leave them. Just remain and live a Christian life, that you might win your companion to Christ.

10 But, Ahab went over and married a little woman who was an idolater, and she brought idolatry into Israel. And at the death of Ahab, Jehoram, his son reigned in his place. And at the same time, a righteous, godly man by the name of

Jehoshaphat, he reigned in Judaea. And the king of Moab was kindly afraid of Israel as long as it was united under Ahab, so he gave Ahab a thousand rams—or a thousand lambs and two thousand rams in their wool, trying to find favor, that he wouldn't come over and take his country. But immediately after Ahab died, and Jehoram reigned in his place, then the king of Moab rose up against Israel. And Israel went out and numbered all the people of Samaria. Jehoram,

himself being a lukewarm believer: very typical of the church today in a lukewarm condition... Just a—a borderline preacher, a fellow that, “Well, I’d go to church, and I do the best I can.” That’s the most miserable person I know of in all America, is the man who says, “I do the best I can. I go to church. I hope I’m all right.”

11 The salvation of Jesus Christ is not a “hope so,” it’s a “know so.” You know when you

are Christ's. The Holy Spirit bears record with your spirit that you're sons and daughters of God; old things have passed away and all things become new. Oh, I hope we get it tonight. Not a borderline minister, not a borderline Christian: if the crowd's a going this way, you go with it. If it goes that way, you go with it. Stay in the road. Stand in the liberty where Christ has made you free. Be not again entangled in the yoke of bondage or halfway; God said it

made Him sick. Said, “I would you would be hot or cold.” For lukewarm, He’d spue it from His mouth. So God doesn’t want a person that’s just a “professor” without being a “possessor” of the blessings of God. God, grant that the day hurries to Louisville, Kentucky, and all America, when Christians that profess to be Christians will be just what they profess to be. God, grant it.

12 If I wasn’t for Christ tonight, I’d sure be against Him.

But I'm for Him; I love Him; I believe Him. My whole life, I'll give it anytime freely for Him. I believe what I'm preaching to be the truth. And I know that it's carried me this twenty-three years through safety around the world on my third trip through every kind of a demon possession, and all kinds of demonologies, and challenges, and people who's superstitious and try to call your hand on this, the other. He's brought me safe thus far; He'll take me on

through. I believe Him with all my heart. I hope that it—'fore my life over, that I'll see thousands of these people through Louisville here preaching the Gospel. The people, these young men who are setting tonight, listening at the Gospel, winning minas—millions of souls to Christ.

13 Now, so this fellow, after he seen trouble coming, he thought he would go up to Judaea to Jehoshaphat and make an alliance with him. Now,

here's another danger: Jehoshaphat, on the spur of the moment, according to the flesh, representing the Spirit-filled church, before he taken the second thought, he said, "After all, you're Israelite, so my footmen are your footmen, and my horses are your horses, and my chariot is your chariot." Just because it was flesh, be careful.

You say, "Well, as long as I go to church, isn't that all right?" No. God never—never said one

time He'd save a church member. He saves His children, not the church member.

But now... And he... Before he thought, he made an alliance with this halfway lukewarm Christian, as we would call it of today, so we get our story backed up here to this place. Then they got the King of Edom then also, and said, "Which a way shall we go?"

14 They said, “Go up by the way of Edom, through the desert.”

And another thing, as soon as Jehoshaphat, ordinarily now, would've prayed over the subject, would've thought about it first and said, “God, what—what must I do?” But being yoked up with unbelievers, he took the unbelievers' way. And that's the way many spirit-filled Christian, after revival fall, because they yoke

themselves up amongst people that said, “Well, I go to church. We’re as good as the rest of them,” and you lose your experience. Stay right in the road, no matter what the rest of them does. You know where you belong; you know Who you belong to. Stay right under the power of prayer all the time. Don’t let them call you off to something else in amusements and so forth, saying, “There’s no harm in

this.” If there’s a question, don’t do it. Stay away from it.

15 But now, Jehoshaphat, like all members or all church people, signed the agreement. And they went up the way of the desert without consulting the Lord. Now, then if you go do something without first consulting the Lord, you’re sure to get in trouble. They was out there a few days, and the first thing you know, they were in trouble. They

fetches a compass for seven days, enough to carry them over; and after seven days their water supply was cut off. They had nothing to drink. There they were setting out in the desert, and they said, “Now, look where we’re at.” Out in that condition, going without asking the Lord, going without consulting Christ about it, the first thing you know they were dried up in the desert, no water around them.

16 So Jehoshaphat, being the Christian man, as usual, thought the first thing is to seek God about it. I guess he thought then, we'd better start a prayer meeting. Kinda a late time sometime, to start a prayer meeting after you find yourself in the desert, isn't it? That's the way we all do though: wait till we get in trouble. Sometimes, you say, "I don't even believe in Divine healing." You have to wait till you get sick enough; then you'll believe in it. You just

haven't got sick enough yet to believe in it. The doctor's never walked away and said, "There is nothing I can do for you." That's when you believe in it, then.

How many times have I seen people like that in my day. And I've heard people that take the argument and say, "Oh, it's such a blessed thing to be sick. God uses it to bless us." How can it be a bless and cursing the same time?

17 A man, one time, in South Africa, where we was having a meeting at the Dutch Reformed Church, he stood up, after he'd... First, their papers blasted it everywhere, but when they found out that their members become so spiritual when they went back, they'd holler, "Amen," in church, and everything, they thought that then he got fanatically. So he went to church and he said—talked about such a blessing, how the Lord blessed the people with sickness. And the man's

wife, a couple days later had appendicitis; rushed her to the hospital and cut the blessing out. Why? Yes. If it's such a blessing to be sick, let her go ahead and be sick. Don't do nothing about it; you'd be doing something God wouldn't want you to do. If it's such a blessing to have a cancer, why take radium or anything; just let it go ahead and be a blessing.

If you're more blessed when you're dead, and you can do

more for the Lord when you're dead than when you're alive, well, go ahead and die. But God wants you here to fulfill His program. The grou-... The Bible said, "Above all things, I would that you'd prosper in health." That's Scripture, "... above all things, that you'd prosper in health." The writers of the Scripture, inspired by the Holy Spirit, which the Scripture says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." Amen.

18 Notice then, when their supply was cut off, they begin to find out if there wasn't something could be done, 'cause Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there a prophet of the Lord? Surely all this bunch of church people around here, there should be a prophet somewhere that we could find out what the will of the Lord is concerning this thing." Now, they knew the law; they knew the commandments. They'd had all the written Word, but they had to

have something for this specific case. I hope you're getting this: something now for this case.

That's the way in the meetings sometimes, say, "Well, why don't you just pray for the people?" Sometimes you noticed it in the meetings; it has to be something... The whole picture is Divine healing, salvation, but sometimes there's something in a fellow's way that keeps him from getting healed. You hear it right here on the platform:

something they done somewhere else and something they've got to make right. They have to do that before the blessing of God can come on them. Certainly not. You can't do that. You'll never...

19 You could take a person; I've seen it many times, going to a healing service, and anoint them with oil, and pray over them; and people scream and stomp and holler at the devil. The devil don't care how much you holler; he's not deaf. He don't

care how much you scream; that doesn't mean a thing to him. He'll never recognize that, but he will recognize faith. He's got to. Yes, sir.

But if that person has sinned and something in their life that they should not have done or should've done, you could pour oil on them day and night, and it'll never do them any good. You could pray, scream, cry, cast out demons, as much as you want to; it'll never leave the person

until they make that thing right. That's right. You've got to go get right with God first.

20 Now, that's the reason on the platform, watch how close and careful we watch it, to be sure before you pray or try to cast away an evil spirit, that that thing, person's life isn't clean and clear. If it's just something you're not sure of, I pass it by, because what... Did you know, through a Divine gift that you could mar your soul?

Do you know Moses was a prophet of God, that God told him to go out and speak to the rock, and instead of speaking to the Rock, Moses went out, contrary to God's will, contrary to God's Word, and done exactly what God told him not to do; but was successful anyhow. He smote the Rock the second time. Is that right? He was a prophet. He had power to do what he wanted to do. As long as... And he smote the Rock, and the Rock brought forth the waters.

21 Elisha, that young prophet, the one we're speaking of now, on his road down, some little children run after him. He went bald headed when he was a little young fellow. And they begin to tease him about being bald headed, and that prophet turned around in his anger and put a curse those children. And before they got back home, two she bears killed forty-two little children. That ain't the Holy Spirit, but it was an angered prophet. You have to be careful.

God dealt with Moses. He deals with the people. So if God has put something on a person, or let Satan put it on them for a purpose, to bring the person to Him or to do something, and you come take that off without this person repenting for it, see what kind of a trouble you got yourself in? You have to be careful.

22 And Jehoshaphat said, "Isn't there a prophet somewhere that we could find out whether we're doing right or

not, whether we're in the will of the Lord?"

And somebody said, "Well, there's Elisha down there. He poured water on Elijah's hands." In other words, he had had fellowship with a real prophet; he had been around where there was a man who knew what he was talking about. That was Elijah who was recognized a prophet.

Oh, I like a good old fashion spiritual church. When you go to talking about spiritual people, say, “Well, he’s from Brother Cauble’s.” Somewhere or somewhere’s church, some good spiritual church who’s got sound Gospel teaching, he’ll understand if you go to pray for him. He knows what Divine healing is. He knowed what the power of the Lord is. He knowed what the baptism of the Holy Ghost is. He’s been around that

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type of people, and you know
you're getting somewhere.

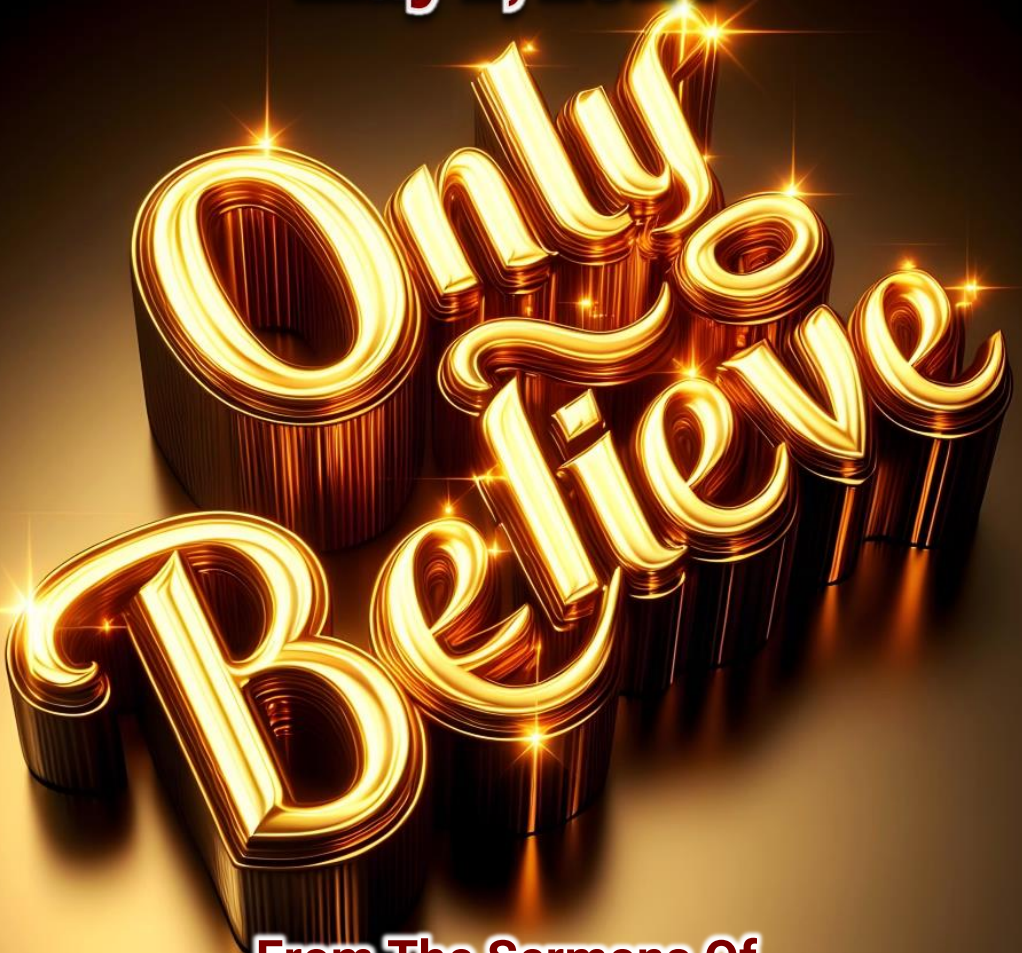
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