

Commentary on



Mark 9:38-40

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And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us.

But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.

For he that is not against us is on our part.

26 But someday, you're going to have to... You remember, there's young people setting here. Someday those denominational barriers, and ideas that fanatics has got out there, and scooped around, and separated the people, will be taken away; and God will bring His Church together and take It home. Just as certain as anything in the world. That's... They're going to come; that's prophecy. Remember that. I spoke that in the Name of the Lord. Now, you can put that down upon the book. Now, that was true.

I didn't know I was saying, going to say that. Now, that's right. That's how God will bring His Church together. You can depend on that.

And as long as you argue and fuss with one another, you're in the kindergarten. God will just keep you there, till you learn enough to get out of it. That's all. Amen. Well, praise the Lord. All right. That's right. Get out. Have faith. Step out on the Word of God. Jesus said, "They..."

The disciples come, said, "We seen one casting out devils and we forbid him." There starts your denomination again.

Said, "Forbid him not." Amen. Be one with him; that's all. Go join up. If they won't join up, don't forbid him; go on. That's the way to do.

51-0413 - The Works That I Do Bear Witness Of Me

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195 Look. Jesus' disciples went out and seen somebody casting out devils. They said, "We seen one casting out devils. And he wouldn't follow us, and we forbid it."

196 Jesus said, "Don't do that. No man, could do a miracle in My Name, can speak lightly of Me. He that's not with us is against us. And he that doesn't gather with us, scatters abroad." Is that right? He knowed, if the man was absolutely getting results, by casting out devils, he had to have a firm faith in God or that devil wouldn't see that. That's right. He was getting results. Many of

them come and said they done it, when they didn't. But this man was getting results. He really cast them out, so Jesus said, "He has to have something godly about him, or he couldn't do it." [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit seven times—Ed.] Right, he got a result.

54-1212 - He Swore By Himself

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155 And then, a few days later, they found a man who was not in their ecclesiastical realm. He had heard Jesus pronounce these things, and he was getting the job done. He was casting out devils. And Peter and John come to tell him he had to belong to their group or he couldn't do this. "You'll have to follow us and link up with us. We're the church, and you got to do it!" He let them know to attend to their own business. He was getting along pretty well without joining their organization.

156 So, like little, sissy pettys, as we have today; little, juvenile, children's ideas, run back and said, "We found him, and he was casting out

devils.” And what was it? They were jealous because he was doing what they couldn’t do. They had got carnal. Their eyes, of their understanding, was like Joseph’s brethren, had not yet been enlightened, so they come back and tattled on him, and told Jesus.

157 And Jesus said, “Let him alone.” Amen. “He’s doing a good work. He’s doing what I commanded you to do, and you fail to do it.” “God is able of these stones to rise children to Abraham.”

56-1230 - Joseph Meeting His Brethren
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3 How many wants to be remembered in prayer, now? Would you just raise your hands and say, “Lord, grant it”? Let us bow our heads.

4 Lord, as we hear this grand ol’ hymn of the church, wrote by my precious friend, Paul Rader, “Only Believe,” we are thinking now of a boy, was brought by his fathers to the disciples, no more than ten days after Jesus had given them

power to cast out devils and heal the sick, and here they was completely defeated on an epileptic case. And they seen our Lord coming. And the father ran and said, “Lord, have mercy on us. My son is variously vexed with a devil. I brought him to Your disciples and they could not cure him.”

5 Jesus said, “I can, if ye believe. Only believe.” O God, You haven’t changed a bit since then: You’re just the same loving, sweet, and compassionate God. As You were then, so are You today. And Lord, like that father, we all cry, “Lord, help Thou our unbelief.” It’s so simple; we just stumble over it, Father.

60-0402 - Believest Thou This?

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55 The Urim Thummim was something that the lights flashed on a—on a breastplate of Aaron here over the twelve stones as the Urim Thummim was over it. Now, the devil went and got a crystal ball to look into. See? The devil’s got a pattern of everything God has got. The Bible says so. Yes, sir.

So you'd look out there. "But by their fruits, you shall know them." The devil doesn't preach the gospel and get people to be healed, and saved, and accept Jesus Christ, and baptize them and... Why, certainly not. If it is, he's in business with God.

Jesus said, "How, why how, if Satan cast out Satan," Said, "then his kingdom's divided." Is that right? "No man can do a miracle in My Name, can speak light of Me."

When the disciples said, "We found one casting out devils and he wouldn't follow us."

He said... Jesus said, "Don't forbid him to do it. No man can say, 'I can—I can do a miracle,' in My name, can speak light of Him."

56 Now, I know he said, "Well, how about that day that You said many will come to me and say, 'Lord, Lord I, haven't I cast...'" Yes. They said it. But Jesus said, "If you did, I know nothing about it." That's these pretenders that you find (See?) just pretending to be.

Jesus says, “Lord, have not I cast out devils, and haven’t I prophesied in Your name?” preachers and so forth.

He said, “I didn’t even know you.” Didn’t know nothing about it. They just pretended that they did. But this man was getting the job done, that was casting out devils. He was really getting the—the work done. So Jesus recognized him.

57 These just said, “Oh, I did this, and I did that.” But it was wrong. They just—they just said they did. Jesus didn’t recognize it. But in the Name of Jesus Christ there is power.

53-0902 - Testimony

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40 And that Spirit of God in you makes you feel the same way about everybody. When you get to a place... Now, you just can’t act it. The devil knows whether you’re acting or not. I can see that epileptic child out there one day, and Jesus ten days before that give them power to cast out devils, and—and raise the dead, and heal the sick,

and do all kinds of miracles. They was getting along pretty good. Come back and said, "Even the devils is subject unto us." Having a big time. A few days after that, here they was all stumped. They met a man down there, you know, that wasn't doing... wouldn't come join their society, so they forbid him to even cast out devils. See the bitterness coming in? See? "Oh, we forbid him, 'Not...' He wouldn't join our assembly, so we told him, 'not to do it.'"

Jesus said, "Don't you do that. No man can do a miracle in My Name, can speak lightly of Me. And them's not against Me; them that's for Me is not against Me."

61-0207 - Expectation

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160 You say, "Is there such a thing, that people can speak in tongues, or is that just some foolishness, or some babbling they done?" Just forsake your own idea.

161 Jesus said this, “These signs shall follow them that believe. They shall speak with new tongues.” The Bible said so. Yes, sir.

162 “Brother, could these signs that I see in the—in the meetings, could that be God?” Certainly, could be. “Well, I seen people that lived any kind of a life, and they went and prayed for sick, and they got well. I...”

163 Jesus said, “No man can do a miracle in My Name, can right away speak lightly of Me.” That’s right.

164 If the man is wrong, taking a gift of God and doing something wrong, God will deal with him. But it’s God, just the same. Sure, it is. Because he’s the hypocrite, it ought to make you shine good. You can’t have a...Only way you can have a real...A—a bogus dollar, it has to be made off of a real one.

165 And everybody say, “I ain’t going to church. I don’t want to go to church. There’s too many hypocrites.” Why, you’re smaller than they are. You’re trying to hide behind them. If you can

get behind them, you're smaller than them. That's right.

166 I read a little article in the paper the other day, where an old man...He was both deaf, dumb, and blind, and he went to Sunday school every Sunday. And they asked him, by braille, said, "Why do you go to church? You can't hear what the preacher said. You can't hear none of the songs. Why do you go to church?"

167 And he said, "I just want to let everybody know what side I'm on." Just want to let the devil and everybody else know what side he was on. I think that's good. Yes, sir.

168 What else did Jesus do? He gave and forsook His own Life. He gave His Life, to save yours and mine. Because that He—that He gave His life...He didn't have to lay it down. He done it willingly. He didn't have to do it, but He done it willingly, because He could save you. And now He's the only one that can save you. There's nothing else can save you.

62-0123 - Forsaking All
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48 Ten days after Jesus gave the disciples power to cast out devils, we find them over there defeated on a epileptic case. And I can imagine one of them, Andrew, saying, “Now, here’s the way I done it down at Philippi. Here it is. Come out of there, devil! Come out of there, devil!” No, he wouldn’t come out.

Peter said, “You don’t know how to do it. Here’s the way we do it at Capernaum. Let me show you how you do it. Get a hold of him like this, say, ‘You know who I am? I’m Simon Peter. Come out of there!’” The devil just kept on going.

So after while the father looked up, and here come Jesus, come walking down. He said, “Lord, I brought my child to Your servants and they could no do any good for him.” Said...

Jesus said, “I can, if you believe.”

He said, "I... Lord, help my unbelief." Said, "I believe."

When Jesus went walking up, that's all He had to do. That devil knowed that there was something besides a man walking up there then. See? So then, now after it was all over, the devil left the child. And after it was over, then the disciples called Jesus aside and said, "Now, why couldn't we do it? Did You take the power back away from us?"

He said, "No." I can show you where He give power, but I can't show you where He taken it away. It's still there. You're just afraid to use it. See?

Said, "Is... Why couldn't we—why couldn't we cast him out?"

Jesus said... Now, didn't say, "Because I took the power back." He said, "Because of your unbelief." That's it. See? That's it, because you don't believe it."



59 He said, “Well, you remember, Mr. Branham,” he said, “the apostles never did make a mistake. Every person they prayed for was healed.”

I said, “You better not tell that to my eight year old girl. She’ll make you ashamed of yourself; you don’t know the Bible no better than that.” I said, “My, a man with a doctors degree and know no more about the Bible than that.” Why, I said, “When Jesus come off of Mount of Transfiguration the apostles had been there trying their best to cast out a devil of an epileptic child. And the man come and said, ‘I brought him to Your servants, and they could do nothing with him. And I brought him to You.’”

Jesus said, “How long will you disbelieve?” Brought the child up there and no question to Him. He was God. And He just called to the spirit; it left him.

The apostles said, “Why couldn’t we do it?” They had failed.

Paul left his friend sick, Timothy, with a stomach trouble. Paul...?... But they were doing the best they could with what they had to do with. Jesus had the Spirit without measure; we got it by measure. Said, "How could you condemn a man..."

I said, "Talk about some of the failures, why don't you talk about some of the success if you're a Christian?" 'Cause his heart was away from God, his intellectuals was moving him by some theological experience he'd had. I said, "There you are."

56-0128 - Inspiration

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