

Commentary on



Matthew 5:48

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*Be ye therefore perfect, even
as your Father which is in heaven is
perfect.*

There's the Father's House that He's gone to prepare.

65-1205 - Things That Are To Be
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Listen what the Prophet of God said about it:

25 God told Abraham, "I have blessed you, and I've made you a father." Not "I will." "I have! I have made you. And you'll come to Me in an old age. You're going to be saved. And I've already done it, I've already said so. You haven't got nothing to do with it, it's unconditional." God determined to have His church. So every time He made a covenant with man, man breaks his covenant, and he does yet today. Man will always break his covenant with God, but God can't break His covenant with man. So, "I will!"

26 You notice back there when He told Adam in the beginning, He said, "Now, don't do *this*, and you can do *this*, and don't do *that*," Adam turned right around and broke it. But then God seen that he was lost, He said, "I will put enmity, I will put enmity between thy Seed and the serpent's seed. And He'll bruise the head,

and, or He'll bruise, his—his head will bruise your Heel."

27 Now, "I will," when God says He'll do anything, you can look for it to be done. When man says he'll do anything, I don't know about that. But God told Abraham, "I will save you, and your Seed after you." Not only Abraham, but all of Abraham's Seed. Unconditional! Say, if you'll excuse me, I believe I could shout a little. Look! Oh, you just don't realize, people, what it means. Maybe some of you has never thought deep enough to get into it.

28 God has already glorified His Church. Those who He justified, He also glorified in the Church, in Christ. If you're justified in Christ, you're glorified in Christ, already, as far as God is concerned.

29 Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How could you ever be perfect? But in the sight of Christ, tonight, every born-again Christian is perfect. I'm just as perfect in God as Christ

you into My Father's House." Amen. There you are; take you out of this old earthly pesthouse. He's gone to prepare a place, a perfect place where no evil exists, no sickness exists, no old age exists, no death exists.

It's a perfect place calling you to that perfection, and you have to be perfect to get there. The Bible said so. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." It's a perfect Kingdom, so it must be a perfect people come. Because, you have to stand and be married to a perfect Son of God, and you must be a perfect Bride. So how can you do it through anything else but the perfect Word of God, which is, "The Waters of separation, that washes us from our sins"? Amen. That's right. The Blood of Jesus Christ, think of It, the dripping, Bloody Word. Amen. The Blood, the—the Word of God bleeding Blood, to wash the Bride in. Amen. Yes, sir. She stands perfect, virgin, unadulterated. She never sinned, in the first place. Amen. She was trapped into it. See?

how fundamental you are, you are still worshipping in vain.

44 I know that sounds rude. But, the building is about finished, we don't want it shaking. Let's bolt it down with the Gospel, so that when people meets you on the street, or wherever you are, you Christians, that you'll have an answer for them.

45 In the hour when they're saying, "Oh, *this* is That. And I seen *these* do this, and *that* do that." Certainly, all these things has got to happen. But there is a place that's provided by God alone, and that's the place that God meets the worshipper, alone.

65-0425 - God's Provided Place Of Worship
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62 Oh, but the other one is called, "My Father's House." "I'll go and prepare a place for you. Take you out of this pesthouse and deliver

was, you are, too, every other believer. For, it's not my holiness, it's His holiness. God can't accept mine, I have none. But I come in Christ, by faith. And, by Christ, I'm in Him, and perfect in the sight of God.

30 Look! "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body, and become members of this Body." In Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." And a man that's in Christ Jesus, walks after spiritual things. To the world, its carnal mind, it's foolishness. But to them that believe, it's everlasting Life. Amen. There you are. Oh, how marvelous! Then what can harm you? You're in Christ! And just as sure as God raised Jesus from the dead, we'll come in Christ. Amen. Yes, we got to, God's done promised it. For, just as sure as that Body goes up I'm in, that Body, I have to go with It.

31 Now say, "You believe in Eternal security, then, Brother Branham?" In one way, I do. I believe that the Church is Eternally secure,

the Church is. God's already said it would appear before Him, without spot or wrinkle, the Church will. Now, the next thing, if you're in the Church, then you are secured if you're in the Church.

32 "He that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out." Is that right? And listen, here's the Man's Word about it, Jesus Christ, Saint John 5:24, "He," whosoever, "He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath (present tense) everlasting Life." That's not just from one meeting to another. Everlasting Life! "And shall not come into judgment" or condemnation, never be cast away, "but hath (past tense) passed from death unto Life." Saint John 5:24, Jesus said so. "I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven. Your fathers eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead, but he that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood hath everlasting Life, and I'll raise him up at the last days." That's what He said.

33 Now, there's many that pretend to be in there. There's many that's warring themselves,

64-0726e - Broken Cisterns
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42 Surely, if God expects people to be perfect, as Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect," there must be some preparation somewhere. And He said, "I'll choose the place that the people will worship Me. No other place will I meet them." And, now, that's got to be that place, and we ought to seek it out. Find out where it's at, and then go there. I think we should turn there, quickly, when we find the place, leaving other things alone.

43 Now, remember, Jesus said in this same Scripture here that I'm quoting. Man's tradition then is in vain. We should never fool with it. There needs be, somewhere, some place that He has provided a place for us, that we could come and the worship would be received. Now, remember, outside of that chosen place, no matter how sincere you are,

200 Oh, you can! Look what happened? He died, in order that you could do it, that you could be saved. That's genuine. Would you like to be like that, and like to be remembered in prayer? Raise your hand, say, "I would, Brother Branham."

Let us bow our heads.

63-0628e - A Greater Than Solomon Is Here
Rev. William Marrion Branham

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131 Oh, yes, He is that Fountain. "No other fount I know. Nothing but the Blood of Jesus!" I'm a stinker, I'm a renegade, every one of us are, but before God we are perfect. Je-... "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How can you be? Because a perfect One represents us there. That Fountain is there every day, fresh. Not some stagnated something, but fresh every day, that washes away all my sins. He is that Fountain.

and trying to live right and trying to press in. I don't know about that. But if they are in there, it's just as easy to live a Christian life as it is to live any life, 'cause you're in Christ, and nothing else but just the full of the Holy Spirit leads you, and guides you and directs you. And, why, sure you'll make mistakes and fall, but you can't stay down, because, no more than you could make a—a stalk of corn a—a sycamore tree. You can't do it. Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." You have everlasting Life.

34 One of the greatest curses on the church today is fear. Everybody's scared to death, it's "What's going to happen, who, what?"

35 Why, Jesus said, "Even when the fearful sights come, lift up your head and rejoice, for, great, your redemption is drawing nigh when these things happen."

53-0326 - Israel And The Church #2
Rev. William Marrion Branham



75 I remember a little story. I don't know whether I ever told you, or not. It's just a little fiction story, like that. The...Under the law, if the old mother horse had a little colt, and he was a mule, you know, and his ears broke down, and his knees knocked, and, oh, what a cross-eyed and horrible-looking mule. Well, that mule, if he could look at himself, he'd say, "Oh, my! When the master comes out, he'll kill me, 'cause I...He wouldn't feed me. I'm not worthy to live. Look at me, what a horrible-looking mess I am!"

76 But if the mother could speak back to the little fellow, she'd say, "Wait a minute, honey! You can live, because you're my first, and you have a birthright. Now when the master comes out and sees you in all your condition, he has to go back and get a lamb without a blemish on it, and kill it, so that that crippled-up-looking mule can live." You see, the priest never seen the mule; he saw the lamb. It wasn't whether the mule was perfect; it had to be a perfect lamb.

earth, standing there in human flesh, to take the death of your sins upon Himself, that He might free you to be a more of a Christian than what that deer was a mother. How can you reject such matchless love? Then, besides that, He wrote His Word. That's enough. You couldn't take my word, you have to...it'd be all right, but not Him. He ascended on High and give gifts back to man. He come back in the form of the Holy Spirit, same God, to open your heart, by the atoning Blood.

198 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." None of us can be that. I don't look at what I am. I, I'm not worthy. You're not worthy. Who is worthy? I don't look at what I am; I look to what He is. He is the One that was looked at. He is my Sacrifice. I'm not worthy to stand here as a minister. If I counted my worthiness, I'd—I'd be in Hell, so would you. But we don't look to what we are.

199 You say, "I couldn't do that. I couldn't call. I couldn't touch God's garment. I couldn't do *this*."

that type of salvation that would...you...death or nothing else, and just the—the love of God in your heart, like she had the love of her baby?

194 Now the only way it can be. You can't do it by joining a church. You can't do it by putting your name on a book. It's got to be real. It's got to be genuine. It's got to be a birth. It's got to change you, from just a make-belief, to a genuine Christian.

195 You said, "Do you think the love could be that great? Do you think He could love me?"

196 He said, "A mother might forget her suckling babe, but I can never forget you. Your names are engraved on the palms of My hand."

197 God came to the earth, in the form of Man, and—and—and unfolded Himself, stretched His tent; from being Jehovah God, to become Man, to stand the shame and curse. Little Jehovah God in a manger, under a pile of manure, down there crying in a manger; God, the Creator of Heavens and

77 Oh, I hope you see it. It isn't whether you are good enough to be a Christian or not. It's whether He was good enough. If God accepted Him, and His Blood makes an atonement, God don't see you; He sees the Lamb. Oh, my!

78 Then that little mule could stick his tail up in the air, and snort, and jump, and run around over the field, have a good time. He is going to live. But one, perfect, had to die for the imperfect.

79 That was me, William Branham; no good, not fit to live, worthy to go to hell; born in a sinful family, raised a sinner; no good at all, not one sound part about me. That's right. But, one day, I accepted! Hallelujah! When God looked down on Christ, and Christ took my place, then God don't see me; He sees the Perfect One. Then as long as I'm in here, in Him, then I am perfected; not in myself. In Him; not my perfection! I don't have any; you don't have any. But it's His perfection.

80 Therefore, Jesus didn't make a mistake when He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." And how could a human being be perfect? He could be perfect by His perfect faith, resting in Him, saying, "He paid the price for me."

Jesus paid it all,

All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crimson stain,

He washed it white as snow.

81 My, that makes us all shouting Methodist, (doesn't it?) when you think of that! You...I believe in it. I believe in an old-fashion experience of shouting. Yes, sir. If the children get the right kind of vitamins, they always feel good, you know. You know what I mean. We need some spiritual vitamins in the churches today. Don't you think so? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

82 Reminds me of a farmer, once. He had a little old...The one farmer, he had a—a barn, and he had all the good farming

pure Blood of Christ ever let a sin pass there? He cannot.

81 Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." And how could we even start the thought of being perfect? But Jesus required it. And if Jesus required it, He has got to make a way for it. And He has; His Own Blood!

63-0318 - The First Seal
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193 Oh, this hungering world is looking for something real, something that's not put on, something that's genuine, that's born of God, that comes from the Bible. Wouldn't you, this afternoon, mother, brother; wouldn't you, Christian, like to have Jesus Christ so in your heart, as much of the Spirit of God in your heart, that would drive you to do such loyal things as that deer did her baby? Wouldn't you like to be that kind of a Christian? Would you like to have

62-1014m - The Stature Of A Perfect Man
Rev. William Marrion Branham

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79 And how can a man say that the Bride of Christ goes into the Tribulation? I can't understand it. See? She is took away from the Tribulation. If—if the Church has been judged, and they have judged themselves and have accepted the Blood, how can God judge a man that's perfectly, totally sinless?

You say, "There is no such a person."

80 Every born-again believer, true believer, is perfectly, absolutely sinless before God. He is not trusting in his works; in the Blood of Jesus, that his confession has dropped into. The Bible says so. See? "He that—that is born of God does not commit sin, for he cannot sin." How can you make a man a sinner when the bleach of the Blood of Jesus Christ is between him and God? That would scatter sin till there be nothing left of it. See? How can that

implements he—he—he had to farm with, tractors and everything. But, he was too lazy to farm, so he—he just let his place grow up in weeds. And when fall come, only thing to do, is cut his weeds and put it in the barn.

83 And there was another farmer, didn't have such a nice looking barn, but he had...He was a smart man. And he got out, and he was industrious. And he would work, 'cause he wanted to feed his stock. And he harvested some good clover, and alfalfa, and he put it up in the barn.

84 In both farms, there was a little calf born each year, this year. And, when, the little calf over in the other barn, he had to be fed on weeds, but he had a nice beautiful barn. And the other little calf didn't have much of a barn, but he had something to eat.

85 That puts me in the mind of some of these little old churches, looks at his great, big, tall, aspiring places, you know, with a thousand-dollar pipe organs, thousands, I meant, and

plush seats and everything so. But is there anything to eat? That's the next thing.

86 You get in some little old mission somewhere, you know, and might find a whole lot in there, you know, some spiritual vitamins. God has got them for you, to help your spirit up, pep you up a little. That's the preaching of the Gospel. Hallelujah! If that won't pep up the church, there isn't nothing that will. "Faith cometh by hearing, hearing of the Word."

87 When I hear Jesus died for me, I say, "That settles it. Glory to God! I'm safe now because I'm in Him." He accepted me. That's right. He chose me. He chose you. Every one of you in here, that's a Christian, Jesus chose you. It's yours. All right. He took you.

88 This little calf, one of them, had rolled over, been in this great big fine barn, and fourteen-carat racks, you know, and stalls and things. When he come out, the poor little fellow couldn't hardly walk out, you know. He was so poor; eating them weeds all winter. So the

knowledge, temperance, patience, then be like God. Whew!

301 You say, "I can't do that, Brother Branham." Oh, yes, you can.

302 Let me just read you a few Scriptures here, just a minute. Matthew 5:48. We'll take this one and see what it sounds like, Matthew 5:48, and see if you're supposed to be like God. You know the Bible says, "Ye are gods." Jesus said so. Why? All the virtue, all the things that's in God, is in you. Matthew 5:48, "Be ye..." Jesus speaking, in the beatitude.

*Be ye therefore p-e-r-f-e-c-t,
(What's that?) perfect, even as your
Father...in heaven is perfect.*

303 You got way up *here* now, before you're asked to do that. All these things has to be added first. Then when you get up here, He's asked you now to be perfect, godliness, sons and daughters of God. That's right. How many things I could say along that line!

is perfect.” God... Let’s take a notion. Let’s take a—let’s take a little example here for a minute. Notice this. Now, as I was saying this morning, if a grapevine has grape life in it, it’ll bring forth grapes.

61-0211 - Abraham
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299 But if you got genuine faith, then put genuine virtue to it, then genuine knowledge, then genuine temperance, then genuine patience. See? You’re moving right on up the line. All right.

300 Fifthly, add godliness. Oh, my! Godliness to be added. What does godliness mean? I looked in four or five dictionaries and couldn’t even find what it meant. Finally, I was down at Brother Jeffries’ there, we found it in a—in a dictionary. *Godliness* means “to be like God.” Oh, my! After you got faith, virtue,

other... He got out in the barn lot, you know, and the warm wind blowing, and kind of...wind almost blowing him down; he was so poor.

89 And over on the other side, this farmer turned his little old calf out, and, oh, he was all fat and round, you know. My, he was in good shape. When he got out there, he just started jumping up-and-down, prancing around, you know, was having him a good, big pentecostal meeting, just a jumping around there.

90 You know what that little calf did? The one over in the big barn, had all the big things, you know. He looked down, peeked his little eye through the crack, and said, “Tsk, ts, ts, ts, ts! Such fanaticism! Such fanaticism!”

91 That little fellow was feeling good, no wonder he could jump. He was fattened up. He felt good.

92 That’s the way when a man really gets his spiritual vitamins. The house of God, come there, and his soul fed on the Word of God,

where he knows where he's standing. All of his old superstitions fly away. And the devil worship and everything else, it just scatters away, when you see that Jesus Christ died in my stead, took my place there at Calvary. Pure, Divine love comes there. It makes me misbehave myself, to the world, once in a while. I just feel real good about it, because I just get stuffed up on vitamins, that's what, these good old vitamins *Here*.

54-1006 - Law Or Grace
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22 Here some time ago, I was up in the mountains, and I went by an old spring that I always drink from when I go up there. And this was the happiest spring I ever seen in my life. It just bubble, bubble, bubble, bubble all the time. And I thought, "Little spring, what makes you so happy? Why are you bubbling and jumping all the time?" I thought, "Maybe

beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God; and the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us." See that? Then that same Word, Christ, the promise, the Holy Ghost; you call It the third Person of the trinity, that's fine, that's what It is, Christ, the Holy Ghost in you. He was in a Pillar of Fire once. Then He come was made flesh. Now, He's come in your flesh.

What's He doing? God condescending, trying to draw near to His people so He can be loved and worshipped. And we've in the Laodicean Age turned Him on the outside. He's knocking, trying to get back in. "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: repent," He said. Here we are. That's God, that's God our Father in the form of the Holy Ghost trying to get back into our lives to control us. He's got to have a church to make—as I said last night, that capstone come on. It's got to come on there perfect. And the church has got to draw into perfection. You say, "Perfection?" That's what He said, "Be ye perfect as My Father in heaven

put *that* into It, or take *this* out of It; it just ain't right. See, It's perfect! All of God's ways is perfect.

153 Therefore we are imperfect, but He said "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How can we be? Through the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, to forget our ownelves and just live in Him. There you are. How precious is It!

61-0108 - Revelation, Chapter Four #3
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56 Now, look at that Angel with His back turned, told Sarah what she was thinking about. If that ain't the Word of God, I don't know it. The Bible said in Hebrews 4 that, "The Word of God is sharper than a two-edged sword, and even a discerner of the thoughts of the heart and mind." Right. It discerns; It's the Word of God. And the Word of God is in you if you'll let the Word, because He is the Word. "In the

because deers drink from you is what makes you bubble and jump."

If he could speak, he'd say, "No, Brother Branham, that isn't why I'm jumping."

I'd say, "Well now, maybe because bear come by once in a while and drink from you; maybe that's what's makes you bubble and jump."

He could speak back, he'd say, "No, Brother Branham."

I'd say, "Well, maybe it's because I drink at you, would make you bubble and jump."

He'd say, "No, that isn't it."

I'd say, "Well, what makes you so happy and jumping all the time?"

If he could speak he'd say, "Brother Branham, the reason I'm a jumping, it's not me; it's something behind me pushing me,

making me jump.” And that’s the—the force of the water spraying up.

23 And so is every man and woman that’s borned of the Spirit of God, it isn’t, you become changed, there’s something about you that Something has moved in, made you a different person. You look on life different; you look at things different. It isn’t you that’s bubbling. It’s Something within you pushing it out. It’s Christ pushing out the testimony and the life. And it all comes back to Christ.

“The law having a shadow of things to come could not make the comer perfect.” What’s the subject Paul’s speaking of here? Perfection. God requires perfection. No one could ever come to Heaven outside of being perfect. Now set still just a minute. Look. Perfect. You must be perfect. And yet the Scripture says none is perfect. So if you must be perfect to come to Heaven then... And the Scripture says none is perfect, and we’ve all sinned and come short of the glory of God, how are we ever going to enter God’s living place

150 Thrones, lightnings...What? “Seven lamps,” or lamps, or seven stars, called “seven Spirits,” meaning the mani-...seven manifestations of the Holy Spirit of the Seven Church Ages at the seven seats of mercy for the people. Here they are: seven seats of mercy, seven seats, seven churches, seven stars, seven manifestations, seven Spirits, seven lamps. Oh, my, how God is so perfect! Every...

151 Laid there in the numerics of the Bible; numerics of the Bible is the most perfect thing there is on earth. You can’t get one flaw from Genesis to Revelation, in the numerics of the Bible. Not another piece of literature written that you can’t find a flaw before you read three verses; but not in the Bi-...

152 They been trying for over two hundred years to add one phrase to the Lord’s Prayer, or take one away from It. It’s perfect! Can’t add no more or take anymore from It. They been thinking they’d make the prayer a little bit better. They’ll try to comb *this* into It, and

live for yourself. You live for others, that you might redeem that man. You become sons. And the trouble of it is, the church has forgot they were sons. You're a son. You're taking Christ's place. You're a son, so don't live for yourself. Live for others.

87 "Well, Brother Branham, I can live for *this* brother, because he sure is a nice man." That's not it.

88 Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who would kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died, that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When, you, that's in your bosom, you're facing Heaven then. But you sacrifice your own things, give them up, like the sheep gives its wool. You look on, towards Calvary.

60-0925 - That Day On Calvary
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and dwelling place, when He requires perfection? Jesus said, I believe in the, in Sermon on the Mount, He said, "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." Think of the perfection that God requires of the person: a perfection.

24 When sin was first given in the garden of Eden, the man was in a perfect state until he fell, and then he marred his perfection. He marred his inheritance with God, lost his—his fellowship and was cut off away from God. When I think of perfection, then how could we ever be perfect?

Now, the writer here said, "these sacrifices which was offered every year continually could never make the comer unto perfect." The requirement is perfection, and the sacrifice of animal life could never make the comer perfect.

Animal life, the blood of animals: goats, and heifers, and sheep, so forth, was animal blood, and in the bloodstream lays life. Life is in the blood cell. Life lays in blood.

25 Here a few weeks ago, when the Sikh or the Jains, rather, with a something over their mouths so they'd never breathe a gnat. They thought if they breathed a gnat, killed it, it might be some of their relations that returned back in the form of insects. And they swept their way as they went to be sure they stepped not on an ant or something.

I said, "How could that people ever accept the blood sacrifice, and would not even kill an ant, or wouldn't even sterilize a knife when they'd cut one of their fingers off in a operation, because they was afraid they'd kill a germ that was on the knife." Could you imagine? I said, "Where does the basis of your religion lay?"

26 He said, "On man." Our own goodness, all on works, no grace. You see? All on goodness, what a man can do. If a man lives good enough he'll be God himself, if he could live good enough.

forgiven. Anything is *forgiven* is "remitted and forgot about."

84 Then what does it do? It gives you, after that condition, His Spirit, to follow Him, and to do as He did, for others who is following on. He was just one Man, the perfect Man. He gave His life, and He made an example for you. Now what must we do?

85 Now, the first thing I want to say, is, Jesus never lived for Himself. His life was spent for others. That's, perfectly, Eternal Life. When you say you go to church, and you do good things, that's fine. But when you live your life to yourself, you haven't Eternal Life. Eternal Life, is living for others. It proved it when It come in the Lamb of God. He lived, and had Eternal Life, because He did not live for Himself. He lived for others. And you receive Eternal Life, by receiving that day, and you don't live for yourself no more. You live for others.

86 Someone said, "How can you stand, let anybody call you such bad names?" You don't

said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." Then, there's no more to be done, but we are made perfect in the Presence of God.

82 Now, there's where we lose our position. If we don't watch, we try to look back to what we was. And as long as we look back to what we was, the Sacrifice means nothing to us. Oh, can't you see it, church? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] I would no...I would not try the job. I can't, and neither can you. There's no need of trying. You're lost, to begin with, as long as you look to what you've done. But don't look to what you've done.

83 Look what that day on Calvary did to you. It paid your price. It settled the question. "Your sins be as scarlet; they're as white as snow. Red like crimson; white like wool." Then you have no sin. You are perfectly sinless. No matter what you done, or what you do, you're still sinless. As long as you've accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour, your sins are

I said, "Look. Life lays in the blood cell. And without the shedding of blood there's no remission of sin; innocent substitute has to take a guilty sinner's place." Oh, I want you to get this now.

Notice, an innocent substitute must take the guilty one's place. And it happened in Eden that same way; that when Adam sinned and cut off his fellowship with God the Father, and when he had sinned, before he could stand before God, God had to kill some sheep, perhaps, whatever it was, and make a covering. Blood had to be offered in substance, because the blood's where life laid, and God required life at sin.

27 Sin's judgment is to take life. Notice, how people now can look and see that how we believe so supremely in the Blood of the Lord Jesus. Jesus, I used to think was a Jew, or He was Jewish blood. He was borned of a Jewish mother, but He wasn't Jewish blood. Neither was He Gentile blood; He was the Blood of God. See? God the Father overshadowed the

virgin Mary and created a Blood Cell in the womb, that brought forth the Son Christ Jesus. You see what I mean? Every male... The blood cell comes out of the male.

Like the hen can lay the egg, but it isn't fertile unless she's been with the male bird. And I've often said this, not for a joke, 'cause I don't believe it in the platform, but as an expression. You take an old mother bird can lay a nest full of eggs, and she can hover them; she can turn them; she can be so loyal with them until she set on the nest till she get so poor she can't fly off the nest, so loyal to those eggs. But unless that mother bird has been with the male bird, they'll never hatch. They're not fertile.

That's the way it is with a lot of churches today. You can get a bunch of people, you can baby them, and *this*, and *that*, and the *other* and whatever you want to, but if they haven't been with Christ Jesus and borned again, you just got a nest full of rotten eggs; that's all. That's right.

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Now, when He died at Calvary, He made a way. He gave up the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, that sent It back to the earth, for you and I to live by. That's what Calvary means to us, to follow Him.

79 First, look into it, see what it did for us. And now what must we do in regards to it? What must you and I do?

80 Now, we say, "Well, I—I appreciate that. That's very fine." But we got to accept it. And to accept it, is to accept His Person, Christ in our heart.

81 Then, we are free from sin, therefore there's no sin shackles hanging on us, at all. God, just like we had never sinned, the perfect Sacrifice made us perfect. For, Jesus

and cannot see no more sin. How can I be a sinner when there's a—an atonement on the altar for me?

135 How could a policeman arrest me in the city, when the city ordinances give me rights to run any speed that I want to? You cannot arrest me. If the mayor says, "Rev. Branham, you're going on sick calls. Make any speed you want to, in any zone," gives me a letter of recommendation of that, no policeman can take me in. Because the mayor has put confidence in me, that I wouldn't do it unless it was on emergency.

136 And when God accepted me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, He had confidence in me that I would not sin wilfully. Amen. I would not sin wilfully. Therefore, His Son made an atonement for me, and I cannot be a sinner as long as I'm justified and He's took me in His Body. I'm redeemed with Him. Not what I do, but what He did for me. That's the Gospel.

28 It's time to clean out and get a hold of something, or somebody who's been in contact with the Lord Jesus Christ, and been borned again. You'll never be able to get them believing the Supernatural, 'cause there's nothing in them to believe with. Amen. Now, that's not skim milk. Look, that's right. A man must be borned again by the Spirit of God, and then the Spirit of the Creator Himself comes into the individual and claims relationship as sonship. You see it? Then that person is an offspring of God, and God Who spoke the worlds into existence, and this man's an offspring of Him. He can believe anything. All things are possible unto him, for he believes he's a part of God. He's a son of God or a daughter of God.

Say, "You believe in Divine healing?"

"Certainly, God said so. Yes, sir."

"Do you believe in being born...?"

“Sure. Yes, sir, God said so.” They’d believe anything. Anything God says that’s all right, because God’s Word will be made...

29 Any Divine promise in this Bible will come to pass, if you’ll believe it will. The right mental attitude towards any Divine promise will bring it to pass. Notice, then how are we ever going to get to Heaven?

I want to ask you tonight if you only belong to church here, if you’ve never really been borned again, I want to ask you how you going to Heaven and the Bible said you must be perfect? And the law testified of perfection. The law having a shadow could never make the believer perfect. Then how you going to be perfect?

30 Notice, in the Old Testament the believer, when he come and he went out, John Doe, and maybe committed adultery, told a lie or something. He came with a lamb. How the great lamb typified the Lamb slain the foundation of the world. The first thing, the lamb

134 One Body! How do we come into that Body? How we get into It? “By one Spirit we’re baptized into one Body.” And when in that Body, free, guarantee of resurrection, “God placed upon Him the iniquity of us all.” Not by “one handshake,” not “one church letter.” But, “By one Holy Spirit; Jew, Gentile, yellow, black, white, have all been baptized by one Spirit into that one Body, through the Blood of His Own covenant.” “And when I see the Blood, I’ll pass over you,” and are free from death, free from pain, free from sin. “He that’s born of God, does not commit sin, ’cause the Seed of God remains in him and he cannot sin.” No sin.

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect,” Jesus said. How can you be perfect? You can’t do it. You was born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies. But when you accept Christ as your sin-bearer, when you accept Him by faith, you believe that He saved you, and He died in your place and took your sins, then God accepts you and baptizes you into the Body

Now, while we have our heads bowed, how many in the room will stand right now for prayer just before we change the service? Say, "I want to make a stand for Jesus Christ right now; I'll stand to my feet." You that raised your hands a few moments ago, stand to your feet now. Let's offer prayer right where you're standing. Stand up. May be the last opportunity you ever have. The Lord bless you, lady. The Lord bless you, back there. The Lord bless you. The Lord bless you, sir. That's right. All over the building, just remain standing a few moments for prayer. God bless you back there, young fellow. God bless you over here, my brother. That's... God bless you, sir. God bless you, lady. God bless you, lady, the Spanish lady. God bless you, sir. God bless you, sir.

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must be perfect. The lamb must be without a blemish for the sin offering. Could you imagine that? A lot of people think... I know there's people in this city, "Well, I could be a Christian if I'd just could quit *this*. If I—I... if I could just be a better man. If I could be a better woman." You'll never be better in that estate. You can never get better until Something comes in you to make you better, and then you're borned again. See? You can't do it.

31 Just like under the old law, if a little, say, the—the mother horse gave birth to a little baby mule down there, and the little fellow was borned with his ears broke down, cross-eyed, knock-kneed what a horrible looking creature... If... Anyone here that ever plowed knows what a broken-eared mule is. See? Oh, he's no good for nothing. And you would look at him, and say... well, if the little fellow could see and understand he'd look and say, "Well, it won't be long, they'll never feed me. When he come out... The master of the place here comes out, finds me, he will just knock me in

the head and throw me over in the ditch, because I'll never be no use. Look at me; I'm—I'm no good at all. Look at my ears are broken down; my eyes are crossed; my knees are knocked together; I can't even walk straight. I'm a horrible person."

32 But if the old mother was rightly instructed, she'd say, "But wait a minute, son. Let me tell you something. The priest will never see you, but the man of the house, when he comes out this morning and sees you were borned under a birthright. You're the first one; you have a birthright. So the master will have to go and get a lamb that'll have to be examined by the priest, without a blemish, and he will have to die in your place so you can live. Why, the little fellow could, my, kick up his heels, and run, and have a big time; why, the—the... he's never going to see him. The priest isn't going to see him. The priest is going to examine the lamb, to see if there's any fault in the lamb, not the mule, the lamb, because the mule was born

He said, "Father, it is true that Danny Greenfield wasn't perfect in earth. But there's one thing that he did do. While he was on earth, in every temptation, in every trial, he stood for Me. Now, I'll stand for him here. Let all of his sins be put to My charge."

38 I wonder tonight, friend, if you're called tonight to the White Throne, is there Someone that would stand for you? If there isn't, while we bow our heads, I'm going to ask you if you'd like to take Christ, and make your stand for Him now; and from henceforth, under every temptation, every strain, you'll stand for Christ, will you stand right now to your feet while I offer prayer for you? Stand right up. You that's bothered with sin, with flusterations, temptations; and knows that if you were dying tonight, that you would—be no one there to stand for you, because He might be asking you now, "Stand for Me now, and I'll stand for you then. For, if you will witness Me before men, him will I witness before My Father and the holy Angels."

He said, "Daniel Greenfield, were you perfect? My laws requires perfection."

That's what Jesus said, "Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

"My laws require perfection. Daniel Greenfield, was you perfect?"

He said, "No, Lord, I wasn't perfect." And he said, "I was just—felt like that my bones were coming apart." Said, "I was expecting to hear that great Voice blast forth and say, 'Then depart from Me into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

And said, "Just as I was just about to collapse where I was standing," said, "I heard the sweetest Voice I ever heard in my life." And said, "I turned to look," and said, "I saw the sweetest face I ever saw." He said, "No mother's face could look like that one." And said, "He walked up close to me, and put His arms around me."

with a birthright. Oh, my, I begin to feel religious, huh. See?

God never examines the believer for you're dead, and your life is hid in God through Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit. God looked at the Lamb. Christ died in your stead, the Lamb, without a blemish. Notice, this little old mule then he could have a good time.

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33 Now, the blood could not be perfect by an animal. But the Blood in Christ was perfect. Now, I will never be perfect. And you will never be perfect. I will never be perfect in your sight. You will never be perfect in my sight. But let's lay that aside. What about in God's sight? I look at you as a human. I look at you as a brother. But God looks at you through the Blood of His Son as a redeemed one. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your

Father in heaven is perfect.” And not what you’ve done, you have nothing to merit it, but it’s what Christ did for you.

Oh, do you see it? “For by...” If these offerings would’ve continued, why we would’ve not needed any more sacrifice. “But for the worshipper once purged...” Let that sink way down deep. “The worshipper once purged would have no more conscience (or desire) of sin.” If he’s really purged... You know what purging anything is. If it has been purged... The believer, once purged, has no more desire of sin. It should be. So therefore the blood of bulls and goats couldn’t do that for the life that come out of the blood cell from the goats and the sheep, and the burning sacrifice, was the life that went to meet Creator as an animal creation.

But the Life that came from the blood cell of the Son of God was none other than God Himself, Who had come down and was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, the great Jehovah. There it was human, not human life, it

He said, “I thought I’d been truthful. But while I was standing in the presence of that Light,” he said, “there was many things that I remembered that I said that wasn’t just exactly truth.” He said, “Yes, I’ve lied.”

He said, “Did you ever steal, Daniel Greenfield?”

He said, “I thought if anything, I’d been was honest.” But he said, “In the presence of that Light...”

37 Now, brother, sister, that was just a dream. But that’s the truth too. When you stand in the presence of that Light of God, there’s going to be a whole lot of things that you’ll think of, and maybe that you’re not doing now. That’s going to be a dreadful time at the white throne judgment of God.

He said, “Oh, I thought I’d been honest,” but said, “I remembered then that there was several things that I’d done was kinda shady.”

36 So he said he was taken away, as his dream went. Said, "He was going through space real swift." Said, "All at once, he begin to slow up because he come into a Light, got slower and slower as the Light got brighter and brighter. Finally he come to a stop in his dream." And he said, "The Light wasn't coming from any certain place, but he was standing right in the midst of all this Light." And said he thought, "Oh, what a place to be."

And said he heard a Voice come that was very rough, and said, "Who approaches My Divine judgment?"

And he said, "I, Daniel Greenfield, an evangelist. I was told at the gates that I could not come in. So I've come to stand before Your justice, Sir, at Your great white throne."

He said, "I will dry... try you then, Daniel Greenfield, by My laws." He said, "Daniel Greenfield, did you ever tell a lie?"

was—it was God's life. The Bible said we are saved by the Blood of God, for there's no other male but God, and God's a Spirit. It couldn't have been actually sexual. It had to come supernatural. That's why His Church today believes in the supernatural.

34 And a man that's ever confessed his sins, standing, laying his hands on the head of the dying Lamb, Christ, and looked to Calvary, can never be the same no more. That's right. "For by one sacrifice..." Hebrews 10:14. "For by one sacrifice He hath perfected for ever those that are sanctified," or cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb.

See it, sinner, and look at it. You, certainly... Don't try to get better; you can't get any better. Just come the way you are. No matter what you do, you could never merit nothing. The only thing that you can do is to believe on Him that justifies the ungodly. When you do that you're saved. Oh, what a change in my life has been wrought, since Jesus came into my heart; and I shall go there to dwell in

that city above, since Jesus came into my heart.

What a difference this made. It stoops to the lowest, to the prostitute. It goes to the drunkard, to the gambler, to the millionaire, to the aristocrat, to the church member. "Whosoever will, let him come and drink from the fountain of the water of Life freely."

Watch in God's great plan, Jesus being the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world... Before the great thought become a word God perceived—pre-thought these things before the foundation of the world.

Look in the garden of Eden. God never put us here to die; He put us here to live. He never put us here to have funeral services; He put us here to be happy children, to rejoice for evermore. And even though sin marred the picture, the redeeming Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses it.

"What did you say your name was?" come the voice from the inside.

"Danny Greenfield."

"He goes back in and looks over the books," says his dream went, "come back out and said, 'Sir, I'm sorry. I cannot find your name here anywhere. I—I can't find it on these books.'"

"Oh," he said, "you must be mistaken." Said, "I was a minister, an evangelist."

He said, "Sir, there is no one registered here by the name of Danny Greenfield."

He said, "Well, what will I do?"

"Well," he said, "if you wish, you might appeal your case to the great white throne, the judgment."

He said, "Well, if that's all I can do, that's all I'll have to do, I guess."

Him. Come out and show your colors. Don't be afraid.

35 Here some time ago, a noted evangelist, about fifty or sixty years ago, by the name of Daniel Greenfield; he crossed this United States holding revivals. And he had great revivals everywhere.

And as the story goes, one night he went to sleep, and he dreamed that he died and he went to heaven. And said while he was standing near the gates, he was waiting thought, "Now, I'll enter into this great place of God, for—'cause I've preached the Gospel, and—and I've won souls to Christ, and I will be taken care of."

And while he was standing there, someone come at the gate and said, "Who approaches this holy place?"

He said, "I, Daniel Greenfield from the United States of America, an evangelist."

35 You know what the Blood of Christ does to confessed sin? Did you ever take... You women, could you imagine having a wash tub full of bleach and take a little eye dropper full of ink, and you drop it, this ink down into this washtub full of bleach, what happens to the ink? The ink becomes bleach. What happened? It doesn't hurt the bleach a bit. It just takes on and becomes bleach. That's what confessed sin does. When it's confessed upon the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, it changes its color and becomes righteousness. For you're willing to acknowledge it and accept God's provided way for you to be saved. Nothing like it, friends.

No wonder the old Salvation Army used to sing the song, "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." Not joining church, starting a new thing, or reading once in a while some literature, or something.

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

Oh, precious is the flow that makes me
white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

I think of it tonight. Think of the redeeming
song:

Through many dangers, toils and snares

I have already come;

It's grace that's brought me safe this far,

Grace will take me on."

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13 Now, God telling Moses and Aaron, as
he was the prophet and priest: Moses the
prophet, Aaron the priest. He said, "Now, I want
you to go out and get a heifer, a young heifer
which is all one color, one complete color: red."

to do with it. You're out of the picture,
altogether.

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34 How many in the building here tonight
will be honest before God and say, "I have
never accepted such an experience as
that. I've never experienced a truly dying out
and being borned again, Brother Branham. I'm
honest with you. I'm honest with God. I've
never—never experienced it." Would you just
raise up your hand, be that honest? Say, "I've
never been borned again. I don't know..." God
bless you, young lady. That's mighty fine for
you to... God bless you back there,
sir. Another? I'm just going to ask you that, so
you be honest before God.

Listen. You must be. You've got to be. If
you ever expect to make heaven your home,
you must be honest with God. Make a stand for

sound thing about us, so how could we ever be perfected?

249 Now here is what we find out then, over, reading, taking Scripture with Scripture, that, "Jesus, by one sacrifice, perfected, forever, His Church." He...We are then perfect, through Christ. And we are free from judgment, through Christ. We shall never die, through Christ. We have lost death and found Life, through Christ; not through any church, not through any denomination, not through any fantastic, not through speaking with tongues, not through shouting, not through shaking, not through dancing in the Spirit, but by grace.

250 God calls who He will. And it's all by election, we find out. We find out, that, "It's not him that wants to be saved. Not him that willeth or him that runneth; it's God that showeth mercy." "And no man can come to Jesus except God draws him, first." So what you got to do with it, anyhow? You haven't got nothing

Red we always think, looks of... The red is danger. Red does signify danger, or a life, or so forth. But red in the Scripture signifies redemption through the Blood. Harlot Rahab, when she put the scarlet streak down; and all through the Bible is a scarlet streak. Redemption comes through red, through the shedding of the Blood. And without the shedding of blood, there's no remission of sin. And how that God said go get this heifer that's red all over, not one spot of anything else, but perfectly red. For God looked through red. And you know what color red is, looking through red? Red through red makes white. Try it one time. Red through red produces white. So when God looks through the Blood of Jesus Christ to we who are scarlet red with sin and covered by the Blood, He sees us white as snow. "Though your sins be red like crimson, they shall be white like snow."

14 God looking through the Blood, He doesn't see you no more as a sinner, He sees you redeemed. Amen. You're redeemed

because He's always sees you through Christ. That's the reason we can be perfect. Not perfect in the sense of sinless, we're perfect in the eyes of God when we're in Christ. That's the reason He said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Paul in the 10th chapter of Hebrews trying to explain the law having a shadow of good things to come, not the very image of the things could never make the comer unto perfect, because God was looking through animal blood. But now He looks through the Blood of His Son. Perfection come by Jesus Christ.

Now, I'm not perfect in your sight. You may not be perfect in my sight. But what about in God's sight? There's where it lays. And if you're borned again into the body of Christ, then God looks upon you as a perfect as Christ was Himself. Amen.

Nothing you can do; it's not by any works you can do at all. It's by grace God has give you this offer, and if you've accepted it, in the

the sabbath. I keep *this*, all the ordinances of God. I do *this*."

104 Paul said, "Let us lay aside all those things now."

105 "That's all right, but we'll do *this*. We'll baptize the people, and we'll lay hands on them for their healing and so forth."

57-0908m - Hebrews, Chapter Five And Six

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247 Now we, first, we wanted to find out, "Could we be *perfect*?" And we found out, in the Scriptures this morning, Matthew 5:28, that Jesus said that we "had to be just as perfect as God was," or we wouldn't go in.

248 Then we found out that we was, every one, "born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies." And there was not one

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*...leaving the principles of the
doctrine of Christ, let us go
on to perfection;...*

*Be ye therefore perfect, even as
your Father...in heaven is perfect.*

102 "The law having a shadow of good things to come," all the ordinances and the baptisms and the...all the other things they had, "could never make the worshipper perfect." And, yet, God requires "perfect."

103 You join the Nazarene church, will never make you perfect. You join the Baptist church, Pentecostal, whatever it is, it'll never make you perfect. You being a good, loyal man, will never make you perfect. You can't merit one thing. There's nothing about you, to merit. You are lost. You say, "Well, I kept the law. I keep

sight of God you are perfect, redeemed, washed in the Blood of the Lamb, Without fault, without blemish, without spot. Isn't that marvelous?

15 I used to oftentime wonder what's the matter with the Christian church, they're so scared of things. Why, you've got nothing to be scared about. The first word nearly Jesus said after the resurrection, "Fear not." See, don't fear. Don't get scared. There ain't nothing going to happen. Nothing can happen. Nothing can bother a Christian. Amen. Not even death itself can even touch the Christian. "He that heareth My words, and believeth on him that sent Me, hath Everlasting Life, and shall not come into condemnation; but has passed from death to Life." Amen.

Death itself has no reign over a Christian. Christ died in our stead. Amen. What a marvelous... What—what a faith that ought to build up in the people, something that'll toe the mark. You'll never get nothing by being a little jellyfish Christian. No, sir. Did you ever see a

jellyfish? You just hit him, he splatters all over everything. See? A jellyfish, you know what usually eats them? The crabs and things along the side of the seashore, comes up with his pincher and cuts him in two and takes him down, 'cause the jellyfish just lays there.

Brother, we need some Christians, not jellyfish, but with a backbone (That's right.) that'll stand. Oh, I don't mean to fuss with people, but stand for your God given rights that Christ died for. Certainly. Not pushed around, we don't have to be. No, sir. We got a—we got an inheritance. Amen. And our inheritance belongs to us. It's your privilege to have anything that you inherited, through accepting Jesus Christ and dying to yourself. How marvelous. Yes, sir. Satan said, "Well, I'll tell you what I'm going to do."

"No, you ain't going to do nothing." That's the way to talk back to him. Say, "I know my position in Christ, and you just might as well get away. I ain't listening to you no more. I got an inheritance."

be ye perfect, even just as perfect as God is perfect." Now:

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father...in heaven is perfect.

79 "Therefore..." Now the 5th chapter, 6th chapter of Hebrews.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection;...

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101 Now drop over to the 10th verse, 10th chapter, rather, right across the page.

...the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices that they offered year

see what Jesus says over here. All right. It's Matthew, the 5th chapter. And the...Jesus, preach, preaching in the beatitudes, the 47th verse.

And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans...?(Watch.)

But *be* *ye* *therefore*
perfect,...(What?)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

That was Jesus' commandment, "Be ye so."

77 They say, "Nobody can be perfect, the Bible said, 'There is none perfect.' There's your contradiction." Is it? All right.

78 You cannot be perfect in yourself. If you're trusting in what you done, you're lost. "So

16 And we got a title deed to it: abstract, goes all the way back to Calvary. The day of Pentecost, when He said, "This promise is unto you, and to your children, and them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Abstract deed (Amen.), clear all the way back to Pentecost. How far does it go back? How many is it for? As many as the Lord will call. If the Lord calls you, He gives you an abstract title (Amen.), all the way back. And the Blood of Jesus Christ is just as good as it would been shed ten minutes ago. It said, "Every believer..." It's your profession. You're just scared to use your rights; that's all.

Somebody, a big... When you go home tonight, you Christians, respectable people here that's sitting, a big bunch of drunks and things and moved in, taken over your house, say, "Well, what about this?"

"Looky here," they say, "this is a house, isn't it?"

"Yes."

“Well, I... it’s made for human beings, isn’t it?”

“Yes.”

“Well, I’m a human being; I have a right to be here.”

“But you don’t have a right to be there. We don’t believe in that kind of carrying on.”

“Well,” he said, “I’m not going to get out.” There’s a law down here that says he will get out, as long as you can prove it’s your house. Is that right?

Satan said, “Now, I’m going to take you prematurely. I’m going to do this.”

“No you’re not. We got a title to this property of ours.” That’s right. And we got a—we got an Attorney setting in glory (Amen.) with a Blood sacrifice of His own Life. Not only that, but we got a FBI Agent (Amen.), the Holy Spirit, God’s great detective. Just leave that Blood there, and serve that warrant on him; watch the

Lord. What then, when that great Book is opened, that said, “Such won’t enter the Kingdom”? “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.” Anything short will not go in. Are they wholly trusting, tonight, in the crucified? If not, Lord, may they make that one Eternal “yes” just now.

255 Say, “Lord, I...No emotion, but I just feel Something down in my heart, that Something is telling me, ‘I can do it right now, by Your grace.’ And I’m now accepting You as my personal Saviour. I’m—I’m rejecting all the things of the world, and I want to enter Your Rest. And I believe I’m doing it right now. I believe the Holy Spirit is bringing me right into that place.”

57-0901e - Hebrews, Chapter Four
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76 Now let’s turn to Matthew, about the 8th chapter, I believe it is, 7th or 8th chapter. We’ll

now, if we are justified by faith, we are perfected forever in the Presence of God.

50 Then Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect." Then, it was perfected forever. God, through the death of Christ, nineteen hundred years ago, today, perfected the believer, that He foresaw before the foundation of the world, forever. And those who He has called, He has justified. "Those who He foreknew, He has called; those who He has called, He has justified; those who He has justified, He has already glorified." He has perfected His believers!

57-0419 - The Perfection
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254 Oh, they may have spoke in tongues. They might have shouted. They still got the same old temper. They still got the same old malice. They still tattle and talk, and do things they shouldn't do. They don't want that,

Holy Ghost put him out. Amen. There you are: yours. "Whosoever will, let him come." Oh, it's marvelous.

55-0121 - The Water Of Separation
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44 Come back, friends. Come back to the love of God. Don't go after every wind of doctrine, and jumping here and there. And every time a little something flies up, run away from the church, and run over here, and over here. It's just cults jumping up. I don't say that they're—they're wrong, speaking, but yet they're hungry hearted children. What we need to do. All get together everywhere, and come together, and set in heavenly places, and get back to God, then God will go to working with you. Watch?

... setting together in heavenly places...

According... (3rd verse, or 4th verse)... *According as He has chosen us in Him...*

According that we have chosen Him in us, or Him choosing us in Him? Who done the choosing? God did. You didn't; I didn't; God did. "You haven't chose Me, but I have chose you," said Jesus. Look.

According as he has chosen us in him... (How?)... *chosen us* (the elect, now, the ones that's in Christ Jesus)... *he... chose us in him...* (When? Yesterday? The day before? Listen at the Scriptures.)... *before the foundation of the world...*

I'm surely not reading that wrong. That's the way it reads here in the King James version. God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world was ever laid. Then if God knew that, what you scared about? If God knew way back before the foundation of the

For by one offering (not year by year, not revival after revival, not meeting after meeting, not day after day)...

But *by one offering* he has p-e-r-f-e-c-t-e-d (they have? He has!)...

...*by one offering*
he has *perfected* (that's God's
requirement) *for ever them that are sanctified.*

49 There you are. That's the answer to the death of Christ. That's the answer to Calvary. He absolutely, with His Own Blood, purchased our sins, and perfected forever, His believers. Therefore, in Christ we stand blameless, perfected in the Presence of God Almighty. We are underprivileged people, with our own doctrines; we all been taught that we have to get up to a certain place, we have to do a certain thing. No, my brother, it's nothing you've done; it's what God did for you! We are

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47 Watch. The blood of bulls and goats would not work, seeing it was weak. Now let's start reading, about the 12th verse. All right. The blood of bulls and goats could not work, neither could it atone. Watch.

But this man, (What Man? The bishop? No. The pope? No.)...

But this man, after he...offered one sacrifice for sin for ever, sat down at the right hand of God;

From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

48 Are you ready? Are you ready for the Word? Listen to This, then I want you to let It sink down. Listen closely.

world to choose you in Christ Jesus, and you come and accepted the call, what you scared about? What's the matter, sisters, He can heal, can't He? Sure. Can't you, brother, in that wheelchair, sisters? Sure.

45 "God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world. That's what the Scripture said.

... that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:... (In what?)... in love;... that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

Oh, that's without blame, without blemish, not one spot on the Church at all. Now, how we ever going to get that way? We can't do it. You're human, and you're subject to all kinds of mistakes.

Now, we're coming down to the perfection of it. Let's turn over here to Hebrews just a minute, over in, if you will, in Hebrews the—well,

let's say... Let's begin at the—the 9th verse, or the 9th chapter and the 21st verse. Listen at Paul speaking. First, over... Let's take the 10th chapter just a moment for a verse here.

For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never make with those sacrifices that's offered year by year continually make the comer unto perfect.

46 Now, the subject is perfection. Now, how can mortal man ever become perfected? And yet God said in His Word that He chose us to be holy and perfected before the foundation of the world. How you going to do that? And Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect." Is that right?

Now, if God, before the world, ordained that we should be holy, and without blame, and perfect in the sight of God, and we struggling and murmuring... And don't you think God seen

time, Christ is standing at the other end, the receiving end.

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6 This great night that we are celebrating, of the crucifixion of our blessed Lord, I wish to read tonight from His Own precious lips, the Words that He has had written in His Book. In Saint Matthew, the 4th chapter, we...and the 47th and 48th verse, we read this:

And if you salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans so?

But be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

79 If He was infinite at the beginning, there never was a flea, frog, fly, or anything else ever come on earth but what He knowed it before the world was ever formed. Amen. Think of it. He knew you, He knew me.

80 And in order, knowing that our hearts would hunger and thirst after Him, He had to make a remedy. His great love and His great power and His great law constrained Him to do so. He couldn't do nothing else in order to be God, but to make a way.

81 So, when He looked down through the stream of time, from this end of the fall here, up to this end of the fall, you know what God did? God did nothing else but speak right then of Jesus Christ coming, His Own Son, which He was—He was tabernacled with on earth, came down from out of the Heavens, was made flesh and dwelled among us, redeemed us, went right back up, and standing up here on the other end. And all that great highway that Isaiah saw across the place, crossing the span of

all these things? And He foreknew it and predestined, ordained us to be so, elected us before the world was ever formed... Now, here's how He did it. In the 9th chapter, 21st verse.

But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not made of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats... calves, but—but by his own blood he has entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

47 Under the law, under the shadows, they entered in under the shedding of the blood of goats and bulls, which we went through, which could not take away sin. It was the life of an animal. How could the life and spirit of a dead animal, coming out of the blood of life—the cell of life, breaking forth the blood that was

shed, ever that life ever returning back into an animal? or to a man? The life of a lamb, of a heifer, of a goat, or an animal that's been sacrificed, after the blood has been broken for our sins... That's why it never returns back and having anything to do with a human being. It could not.

But God, before the foundation of the world, foreordained that Jesus would come, the perfect Lamb of God, into a perfect cell that God Himself created, to bring Blood into the world: to offer that the Blood that houses Life, and through the tearing down of this house, a Blood, that the Spirit that was in that Blood cell, which was none other than the Holy Ghost Himself, after that offering of that man, can come back and perfect the believer. He bought eternal redemption. Amen.

48 Now, did you get that? Then how? See it? Through the Blood, washing of the Blood, taking away, separating of sin, that the Holy Spirit woos the believer through the Blood, cleansing of the soul into the fellowship,

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77 Jesus, in Saint Matthew Gospel said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." How you going to do it? How can you do it? How can you be as perfect as God is perfect? But, that was a commission, or, a commandment by Jesus Christ to be as perfect as God is, in Heaven, perfect.

Then you say, "Who can be saved?"

78 Hold it just a moment. Let's find out how that perfection is made. Now, God, back there in the beginning, when He foresaw down through this streak of time, and He knew they would have to have a remedy to save those which were desiring to be saved, those who hungered to be up there in that realm, He had to make a way to redeem those people back again.

that He chose you, and you never chose Him. And He brought you into Christ. And you are secured with Jesus Christ, and just as perfect as Christ was before God. For, you're not standing with your own. You're standing in Him, with one thing, "I believe God." Amen. Oh, I love Him! Oh, my!

166 On the other side of Eden, amen, what a wonderful time it'll be someday, when you look back down and say, "Why did I fear? Look at the joy I missed."

167 Young man, young woman, this morning, or you old man or woman, who never been a Christian. God continually knocked at your heart. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit four times—Ed.] Oh, yes, you might come in at the end of the road, but you'll have no joy. There'll be no stars around you to shine. I don't want to stand like that.

168 I want to hear Him say, "It was well done, My good and faithful servant." I want to show Him my appreciation.

into this Spirit Life, inside with Christ, shut out the world, and very nature of God is in you; still subject to mistakes, but God can't see it, because it's covered by the Blood. God can't see through the Blood. Every time He looks through the Blood, it looks white. He looks through the Blood; it looks white.

So if God was so pleased with Christ till He accepted Him, and said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I'm well pleased."... And through Christ, being the perfect One, us dead to our own thoughts and ideas, being born of the Spirit of God, walking not after the theology, but after the Spirit inside of us, then let the dead in Christ walk not after the things of the world, but after the things of the Spirit. Romans 8:1 said, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh (fighting, war, and strife, envying, selfish things), but after the Spirit."

49 See, you're inside of Christ, walking. Then all the things of the world pass away, all the great creeds that you had of this thing or

that thing is all vanished away. And your heart and mind becomes singular on Christ Jesus. That shows you have died to yourself and borned again.

Then just as sure as church time comes, you just can't keep from coming to church. See? You just going to go if you have to hobble. That's all. You're going to church, because the Spirit Itself bears record of gathering together in Christ Jesus.

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101 "But these worshippers, who came under the shadow, could never be made perfect." Let's dwell on that word there.

*...they offered year after year
continually make the comer
unto perfect.*

162 What are we worried about? Why do we go along looking like *this*, "Well, I just wonder"?

163 Lift up your heads! The Bible said, "Lift up the feeble knees. And let the hands raise up, that once hung down. Let him that's weak, say, 'I'm strong.'" Amen.

164 For, the Gospel is delivered. It's good News. And, this morning, the Holy Spirit, through the Word, is bringing you the good News, that, "From before the foundation of the world God wrote your name in the Lamb's Book of Life." All the devils out of hell can't erase it out of there. God's Word has done spoke it. Just as sure to happen, as God wrote it in there before the foundation of the world! Amen. How glorious our Heavenly Father is, in His infinite love and His mercy, to do that for us!

165 Said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Heavenly Father is perfect." How can you be? When, it's not my perfection, it's not your perfection. It's His perfection, of His Word;

pretended Christians. "He deceived all whose names were not written," not in the church book, but, "in the Lamb's Book of Life" (when?) "before the foundation of the world." God wrote your name in the Lamb's Book of Life, by His spoken Word. And sent Christ, the Sacrifice, to buy it, to redeem that same group that He had wrote their names in the Lamb's Book of Life before the foundation of the world. [Blank spot on tape—Ed.]

161 Now, "Those who He has called, He has justified." He called them before the foundation of the world. "Those who He called, He has justified. And those who He has justified, He hath already glorified." The same God, that before the foundation of the world, called your name and wrote it on the Lamb's Book of Life; in the Book, from the foundation of the world, has already made a place in Glory for you. "And when this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting for us there in Glory...?...?" There you are. That's the Gospel.

102 I want you to now...Haven't you heard, many times, the people say, "Oh, there's none perfect"? That's right, you can't be perfect in the sight of your fellow man.

103 But you've got to be perfect, or you'll never go to Heaven. Right. The Bible said, Jesus speaking, in the beatitudes, Matthew; said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." Then, you've got to be just as perfect as God is, or you're lost. Now how you going to do it? See?

104 Now, one little mistake, and you're lost; one little flak of the eye, and you're gone; 'cause nothing can enter into those Places but "perfect." God put Satan up There, one time, as an Angel, which he was the Son of the Morning, and he took the good things of God and perverted them into evil. God is sure that nothing will enter There that will ever do it again. See?

105 Now, you've got to be perfect. Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your

Father in Heaven is perfect.” Now, how are you going to be, when you’re continually sinning, when you’re continually doing what’s wrong? Now, this will kind of put a little kink in the legalists, but, notice. It isn’t what you do; it’s what God has done. It’s not what you do; it’s what He done. See? You can’t be perfect; you can’t be, in yourself. But, in Christ, you are perfected. You’re not trusting in your own good works, or your own church you belong to, but you’re trusting in the shed Blood of the Lord Jesus. There you are. That’s what makes you perfect. There is what anchors your faith.

106 Then, on Divine healing, the same way. I’m not trusting the way I feel. If I did, I’d be in the bed, this morning. But I’m trusting on His finished work. He said it; He promised it; I believe it. See? That’s it. “Be ye therefore perfect.”

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when He was the Word in the beginning, He perceived a thought. Now it’s just a thought; then when He spoke it, and said it shall be, Jesus was slain the very minute God spoke the Word. Then what? Four thousand years later, He come and paid the price, that God had already done back here, by His Word. He had to come. All devils in hell couldn’t keep Him from coming. God had already spoke it.

158 Now, believer, have you got your joy shoes on? Listen to this. If you are a Christian, if you are truly a God-child, the Bible said...

That’s not, “Oh, preacher!”

159 That’s the Bible. It said, “Your names was written in the Lamb’s Book of Life before the foundation of the world.” Oh, my! The same time that Christ...that God said Christ would be slain, He wrote your name with His. Hallelujah! There you are. Your name was written in...

160 He said, “And he deceived all, great, small,” so many were church members,

155 Jesus never come just to die a haphazard death. He never come, say, "Well, maybe somebody will have pity when they see the way I died, everything." No. No. God don't run His business like that. God runs His business perfect. That's right.

156 He knowed exactly what was going to take place. That's the way He could foresay. He knows exactly what He... "He is not willing that any should perish." "He is not willing," but, if He's infinite, He knows who will and who won't. Therefore, you can rest assure, if you have received God and been filled with the Holy Ghost, you're anchored till your Eternal destination. Correctly. See, He foreknows.

157 Now watch. The Bible said, that, "Jesus, the Lamb, was slain before the foundation of the world was ever laid." Oh! I—I know I act funny up here, but I—I—I feel glorious. Look. What? Jesus was slain before the world even had the first speck of dirt laid. Jesus was already slayed. Why? Because God...Here it is. Get it. God, by foreknowledge,

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146 Way back in the beginning, and He seen that there was some people who was going to desire to be saved, some people who was going to want to be saved, some people who will be loyal in their heart. They wanted to be saved. Then, He has got to make a preparation for their salvation, that's right, or they will never be saved. And He knows that anything imperfect cannot come into Heaven, so He has to make a way of perfection for them. Amen. You see it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

147 Then, back there, He said, "I, Myself, will come down into the world and take on human flesh, and I'll pay the penalty that's required here. And I'll take the place, and I'll make them perfect because I'll bring them in Me, and I am perfect."

148 Then when Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as those that are...God is perfect."

149 Then here was this mangled body that was beaten and bruised for sin, and every sin that the world ever had or ever would have, was laid upon Him. And He is the body that Jehovah raised up on the last day there, on the third day after His death.

150 And if we are in that Body, we're just as perfect as the Body is. Amen. There you are. How do you get in that Body? How do you get in It? The Bible said, in Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus, that walk not after the flesh, but the Spirit." They don't care what the world says, or what anybody else says, or even what their family says. They walk in the Spirit of God, in perfect, Divine love. You see it?

151 How do you get into It? By joining church? By shaking hands? By water baptism? No, sir.

152 The 12th chapter of First Corinthians said, "By one Spirit we are all baptized into one Body, and become members of that Body."

And, then, it's not what I've done, what I am, who I was, or nothing about it. It's what God has done for me, in Christ, and we are perfected with our Sacrifice.

153 He makes no mistakes. He wouldn't bring you in if you wasn't worthy. He knows your heart. That's right. He knows what you are. He knows your motives. He knows what you are. There are traps all along the road. Sure, the devil will cause you to stumble. And you say, "I didn't mean to do that. God, You know it." You're still perfect because there's a perfect Blood offered for you, every day, and a bleeding Sacrifice hanging before the Throne of Almighty God. That's right. Now, how did you get in There? God, by foreknowledge...

154 Now, God said that Jesus...Now put on your caps. Get open your heart. Look. The Bible said, "Jesus was the Lamb slain from the" (where?) "foundation of the world." He was slain. Why? God, the Father, when He looked down and seen how...