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89 Mr. Lincoln. There was a man that...young fellow, he—he was in the war, and—and he was—he was coward, to begin with. And in the time of duty, he—he—he withdrew from his post; and they found something against him, that he was going to have to be shot. And, oh, he...it was terrible. And one young fellow loved him so well, went to Mr. Lincoln, to get a pardon. He was President at the time, in the United States here, and so he went to him for a pardon.

90 And he said to him, as he was getting out of his carriage; and Mr. Lincoln, a tall, bearded, typical southern, skinny. And he said, “Mr. Lincoln, there is a boy that’s going to die, in two days from

now, be shot, because that he run in time of battle.” And he said, “Mr. Lincoln, the boy isn’t a bad boy. But all those muskets firing, and—and people dying, he was nervous. And he was so upset, that, he threw up his hands and started screaming.” He run up, said, “I’ve knowed the boy.” Said, “Mr. Lincoln, only your name on this piece of paper can spare him. Will you do it?”

91 Course, this Christian gentleman, quickly signed the paper, “Pardoned, *So-and-so*.” Signed his name, “Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States.”

92 Went the messenger back as hard as he could. And he run to the cell, he said, “You’re free! You’re free! Here is Mr. Lincoln’s, Mr. Lincoln’s signature. You are free!”

93 He said, “Why would you come to mock me, knowing that I die tomorrow?” He said, “Take that away from here, you’re only mocking me.” And he would not receive it. He said, “No, I—I don’t want it.” Said, “You’re only making...” Said, “If that was the—the President,” said, “it would have the—the coat of arms, and it would have his right paper.”

He said, “But it’s his signature!”

94 He said, “How will I know his signature?” He said, “You’re just mocking me, you’re trying to make me feel good.” And he just started screaming, turned his back. The boy was shot the next morning.

95 Then after the boy being dead, and the President’s name on this piece of

paper, that he was pardoned, then what? And they tried it in the federal court. And here was the decision of our federal courts, which is the ultimate of all of our courts. What they say sometimes, we don't like their decision, but we have to abide by it anyhow, see, because that's the tie post. That's the ultimate. Now, it said this decision, "A pardon is not a pardon unless it be received as a pardon."

96 **And that's the way the Word of God is. It's a pardon if It be received as a pardon. And It's the Word of God, It's the power of God, to those who will believe It and accept It.**

97 No matter, you're looking at It, and you say, "Oh, that's been tangled up,

there's been a million translations, and all that." It might be that to someone.

98 *But, to me, It's still the Word of God, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is duty bound to stay by that Word.*

99 Now He's got to judge the church, someday. And if He judges it by the Catholic church, which they say He will, then which one of the Catholic churches will He judge it by? They different one from the other. If He judges it by the Methodist's, you Baptists are gone. If He judges it by the Pentecostal's, the rest of you is gone.

100 **But He won't judge it by the church.** The Bible said, "He'll judge the world by Jesus Christ, and Christ is the Word." So you see we're without excuse, It's the Word of God, that He judge us; **and no matter how small, one word significance to This, said Revelation 22:18.**

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