

Believing God

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L-1 When will the moment come

*When I shall lay my armor by,
And dwell in peace at Home?
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And then we're gathered Home!
No tranquil joys on earth I know,
No peaceful, sheltering dome;
This world's a wilderness of woe,
This world is not my Home.
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered Home.
To Jesus Christ I fled for rest;
He bade me cease to roam;
And lean for succor on His breast
Till He conduct me Home?
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered Home!
I sought at once my Saviour's side,
No more my steps shall roam;
With Him I will brave death's chilling tide
And reach my heavenly Home.
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
And we'll be gathered Home.*

L-2 Number 227 now, "Gathering Beautiful Sheaves." I like to sing this, is because it's a missionary song, and it kinda--kinda spirits me up; 227 is the hymn number. All right now, the closing...?... Now, let's everyone join right in on it now. Do you like these old songs? Say, "Amen," if you do. [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] Wonderful. All right, all together now.

*To the harvest fields away we will gladly go today,
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves;
From the early dawn till night we will labor with our might,
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves.
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves;
Oh, praise the Lord, we're on our way to the Land of endless day,
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves.*

*On the mountain, hills or plains we will harvest in the grain,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves;
Yes, we'll labor far and near, never falter, never fear,
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves.
Everyone now, come on.
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves,
Gathering sheaves, golden sheaves, beautiful golden sheaves;
Praise the Lord, we're on our way to the Land of endless day,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.*

L-4 Just a moment. Now, when we come to that part again, "Praise the Lord, we're on our way to the land," let's point upward, "to the Land of endless day, gathering sheaves. Let's try the chorus. Now, come on.

Praise the Lord, we're on our way to the Land of endless day,

*Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.
Well, now let's get it again. All right.
We will sing and we will pray, and our Master's voice obey,
Gathering sheaves, oh, beautiful sheaves;
As we go in a foreign land, doing what our Lord commands,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves;
Oh, praise the Lord, we're on our way to the Land of endless day,
Gathering sheaves, beautiful sheaves.*

L-6 Let us stand now, if you will. O Master of Life, we see You in the Book called the Bible in a dramatic picture this morning, as we'd think it to be a beautiful Sunday morning when You were setting up on the mountain, gathered Your disciples around You and was teaching them in the beatitudes, just the things that they should do. You said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of God. Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for My Name's sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven." [\[Matthew 5:3-12\]](#)

After this manner, You taught us all that we should pray like this. [Brother Branham leads them in the Lord's Prayer--Ed.]

... Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

And forgive us of our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

[\[Matthew 6:9-13\]](#)

L-8 Now, the classes may take their places. The adult class move forward if you can, while the boys give us "Cloud And Fire." ["The Cloud And Fire" is played. Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.]

Now, there--there's some empty seats in front if some of you would care in the extreme back... I know our Tabernacle's not... The acoustics here is not so very good, because we have a rebound between each one of those pilasters there, rafters hanging down. There's a rebound. If you want to come a little closer, there's a few seats. You're more than welcome, while we're doing this, if you desire.

L-10 Let us turn now to Genesis the 22nd chapter, and then also turn to Romans the 4th chapter for just a--a short message this morning before the healing service in our Sunday school teaching: Genesis 22.

Anyone need a Bible? Did you forget yours? If you did, just raise up your hand if you want one to study from. We have a number of them back here. We'd be glad to have one of the ushers to bring them right to you, if you desire one. I see

some hands up. Brother Roy, would the brothers...?... pass those out back through there. That's right; that's fine.

L-12 Mrs. Harvey here, Mrs. G. H. Harvey from Danville, Illinois, have you got your boy with you? All right. We have prayer just in a little bit for him. All right, Mrs. Harvey.

All right. Now, we're going to speak just a little, or have Sunday school, as it's customary here that we have our Sunday school lesson. But while I'm around home, why, usually I--they give away, let me have the Sunday school on account of praying for the sick. And then our pastor will bring the message for the morning right after this part of the service. And we'll try to give him the platform just as quick as possible by eleven o'clock, if the good Lord will.

L-14 Now, there's many requests. And I--I'm praying for you all constantly, and everywhere, and I want you to pray for me. I have something, the reason that I'm at home so long about this time, I'm seeking God's Divine way for me to go in my next services, as I promised Him I would. Now, I'm not trying to rush the Lord, 'cause He knows all things; but I'm asking Him to show to me a vision of what I must do, or where my next move will be. And since I have come from Africa, there's only been one vision that taken place, and that was the other morning, then it come two or three times through the day. And I believe that He is near now.

The visions usually come in a cluster. If you noticed in the Bible, upon the--our brothers of days ago, that usually a bunch of visions would move in to Daniel, or to Joseph, and then just be a--a space there where there wouldn't be any.

L-17 I've often wondered if I should carry my services the way I've been carrying them, just pray for, oh, maybe I get to a dozen or two of a night, or something like that, where there's thousands of them a-waiting; and it just keeps coming to my heart that I shouldn't do that, that God had given me the authority to--to put the diseases--to break the power of Satan.

And Wednesday night, a week, I come down here at the Tabernacle, and there's a group of people had gathered in, so I just laid like a fleece before the Lord; I said, "Lord, I never did walk out..."

I have, many times, I've always questioned the people first, "Do you believe? How much do you believe? Do you believe I'm able to do this?" and all these different things like that. And then--and then I'd wait and get them on the platform, and wait till I saw a vision, see just exactly what was going on, then I'd pronounce it just what it was. And it was so slow, I could hardly get to the people. But a few days ago, I was wondering...

L-20 Many times, I'd be standing on the platform, where there may be a hundred thousand people. And first thing you know, something real bold something just rise up in me, and I'll go right on, and call that demon, and cast it out. And I thought, "That's strange." And then here I begin to think... Many of you has read my little book, no doubt all in here, and of many instants there...

I seen one night at Portland, where a demon... Oh, my. A man weighing three hundred pounds about, run to the platform, and he said, "Well, you hypocrite." Said, "I'll show you how much man I got." He was an insane man out of the institution. And he run up to the platform and--and was going to break my neck. And--and five hundred preachers just fell back from him. And he drew back his arm and said, "I'll break every bone in your body." I weighed a hundred and twenty-eight pounds, and him about three hundred, and great deep chest, and, oh, what a--a powerful man he was, well able to carry out his threats. And in the... Right in the midst of it, why, there was just something moved upon me, and I just walked out to where he was. He said, "Tonight I'll break every bone in your frail-looking body."

I said, "In the... Because you have challenged God's Spirit, tonight you'll fall over my feet, in the Name of the Lord." There was the two prophecies made.

And he rushed forward to me, said, "I'll show you whose feet I'll fall over," just spit in my face when he come up, and he drew back his great big fist.

Just then I said, "Satan, come out of the man." And he threw up his arms, and screamed, and fell across my feet, till the police had to pull him off. Now, he didn't have any faith in me. He didn't believe me. And I see it takes a bold challenge. I've been praying for every one that comes.

L-26 The other night there was people here, a woman couldn't speak. As soon as that evil power was challenged, she spoke normally. There was a lady here that had a big goiter on her throat. I just walked up to her and said, "Satan, I--I just have the authority to break your power. You have to come off of her."

I said, "He's gone." I said, "Do you believe that?"

And she said, "Yes."

I said, "All right, you go home and put a string around your neck, and measure it, and see how--how big it is. And every three days, cut the piece of string off of there, see how it starts shrinking."

The first day there it was about that much, the second day about like that, and the third day about like that, where it'd went down. See? Just to demonstrate, she brought it here to the platform.

And then I begin to hear it come in. And I'm just asking God, would that be His Divine will? And the other morning about...

L-31 I've got a little girl, eight, ten--ten months old, little Sarah, and she's a sweet little darling. And I haven't got to be with her very much. And I've spoiled her; I'll admit that, just hold her in my arms all the time. You would too, if you didn't get to see that little chump of love no more than what I get to see her, you know, just now and then when I'm home. So I--I guess I spoiled her a whole lot.

She's cutting some teeth and gotten real sick. She must've got a dysentery also. It's going around; I guess some of your families had it too: and real sick, vomiting and dysentery. And so she was crying. Her mother was so tired; she didn't even wake up; I never either. And I woke up, and I was asleep back in the second room from here; and her mother and her in there, and the little girl and I was sleeping in the other room, little Rebekah. And so, and Billy Paul was staying with his grandmother that night. So I--I woke up; I heard... I said, "What made me wake up like that?"

I heard His Voice say, "Go to your baby and give her a drink of water."

I went in the room, and she was crying. She'd cried a long time. She must not have woke her mother up in her little crib. I went and got a glass of water as I went in. The little thing pretty near drank the whole glass of water, and there in her condition then, with the dysentery she'd had. Just I thought, "Isn't that lovely, how sweet He is to do that." That's the second time, or the third time.

L-35 One time I was in Sioux Falls; she was only three months old. She was laying on the bed. Her mother'd walked out to talk to some people. And I was shaving, like that, getting ready to go to the meeting. And I was standing there shaving, and I heard the Angel of the Lord say, "Get your baby, right quick." And I laid my razor down and run around; just one half a minute longer, she'd have been gone. She was on a high bed about like that. And she had both arms... She was just rolling, and had rolled her head, her little head hanging down, her arms, just sliding off; and I had to run real quick to grab her just as she went off. He's lovely, sweet.

L-36 A little later from that, there was a young girl. She's perhaps setting here this morning. I don't see her, but she comes sparingly. She's a member of a church in New Albany, a very prominent church, an outstanding church in New Albany. I've been down there. She wants... She's got a mental condition of kind of a psychoneurosis. And she can't--she won't even leave the city or anywhere; she starts screaming and crying, going on. So I--I prayed for her two or three times, but something wouldn't let me challenge that demon somehow. I don't know; I just couldn't do it. She's a good friend to a nurse that lives in the neighborhood there. They come up there. She's getting worse. She's been that way for about eight years.

And so she come up the other day, and she said... I told her; I said, "Sis, the only thing I know, that there's a cause there somewhere. I--I don't know what it is." I said, "I... If you could come up..."

She said, "I've been prayed for; my pastor..." And said, "My pastor sent me up here, said, 'Go see Brother Billy and see what he'll do.'"

Well now, I said, "I don't--I don't know, sis," I said, "I'm just like your pastor." I said, "Have you confessed all your sins?"

"Everything."

L-40 Sunday school teacher, has a great class, doing a good work. But just that hung over her. Well, I--I didn't know what to do. You just about imagine how I'd feel. I--I just didn't know what to do. We took her in the room. I said, "All right, come on up." When people come, we just stopped everything. I got her in a room. I set down and just started talking about genealogies and about the beginning, the origin of time, and everything, and watching her. It was that

same morning. God's always there at the crucial moment, you know. And after while I looked out; there come a vision moving up. I seen an automobile going swiftly.

I said, "Your conditions had something to do with an automobile."

She said, "No, I never was in a wreck."

I said, "Just set humble." Said, "I see you in a car. You almost get hit by a train."

She--she jumped, she said, "Oh."

And I said, "Yes. You're not with your husband. You're with another man. Your husband was overseas in war at that time." Went ahead and begin to bring it on down. I said, "The things that you done, the immoral things, you told him about some of it, but you didn't tell him about it all." And she started screaming, holding her face like that. I said, "You was going to have an operation not long ago too for your tonsils; you was afraid to take anesthetic afraid you'd tell that under the..." She just screamed and fell on the floor.

She said, "That's the truth."

I said, "How can you ever get anywhere with that hanging?"

She said, "I asked God to forgive me."

I said, "You never sinned against God, you sinned against your husband and vows." I said, "You go back and make that right, then come. I can control that demon then. See?"

L-45 And I said, "By the way, your husband..." I described how he looked; never seen him in my life; I said, "He's got the same thing to confess to you." I said, "Now, if you don't believe it, call him on the phone and tell him to meet you." She went in and called him on the phone. They met on the road. Here they come back, tears running down their cheeks, forgive one another. The demon left her, and there she was free. See?

Now, I might've screamed and hollered over that demon, and cast, and everything else, but it'd never left till that was corrected. See? See, you've got to find the cause before you can find the cure.

L-49 You go to a doctor; you say, "I got a headache." Well, he might give you an aspirin. Well, it would come back. Maybe you got stomach trouble's causing the headache. Maybe you got an infection somewhere that's causing the fever, making you have headaches, something another. You have to go back; that doctor has to diagnose that case down till he finds where the cause is, then you get rid of the cause.

Just like a hole in a bucket, if you're pouring water in, the water just keeps leaking out, better stop the hole up first. You see? And that's...

L-51 Now, there's where I lay. What must I do? Now, the biggest thing in my meeting, one of them, you--you don't get prayed for it. And I prayed and asked in prayer for all of them, but they say, "Well, if you'd just touch me and you'd do this," and right--they see those things take place...

And it is right, the Bible said they'd lay hands on the sick, and they'd recover. Then when you start that... I've tried that and placed them through the line, lay hands on them, but if they--their life isn't combed through by the Holy Spirit to find out if there's anything in there, they don't feel they've been prayed for. Here's my secretary setting here and things that know, gets the letters, isn't that right? They just think they're not... [\[Mark 16:17\]](#)

L-53 Now, there I'm up against something. And I--I believe if I could maybe could preach; and I'm not much of a preacher, but if I can get the people to see that they've got to absolutely come clean with God, then I believe I'd have the authority by Jesus Christ to break the power of any demon there is.

When the--Peter and John passed through the gate called Beautiful, they never asked the man if he was a believer, or what--what he was, or anything about it. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but what I have I'll give you." Said, "In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." He picked him up, held him there until his ankle bones got strength, and away he went, walking. [\[Acts 3:2\]](#)

Now, there's something in there that I'm studying on. And I want you to pray for me. All right, will you do it? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] All right. God bless you.

L-56 Turn to Genesis 22 now. I'm going to read some for the lesson before prayer service. All right, we're going to start along about the... Let's just talk of it a little bit.

I'll tell you what we'll do. I want you to get in Romans 4 also. I'm going to teach a little about faith. That's what we all need a whole lot of, isn't it? Faith is not a--is not an evidence; only it's a substance... Faith itself is a substance and an evidence of things that the senses of the body won't declare. And I thought, maybe, in teaching this, would--would spur your faith up (See?), get it to a level to where that God can move into you and bless you.

L-58 Now, let's begin reading about the 8th verse of the 22nd chapter. It's dealing with Abraham. And he was first called Abram; and then he received his priest name, or his father name, which he was "Abraham," which means, "the father of nations." Now listen.

And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

[Genesis 22:6]

L-59 What a dramatic scene here, way back, eighteen hundred and seventy-two years before the coming of the Lord, God foreshadowing now, speaking, getting ready to make a--a parable... And he, Abraham was an old man ninety years old, and Sarah, or Abraham was a hundred and Sarah was ninety. That's about forty years beyond the menopause...?... the life in her was dead. And the life in Abraham was dead, an old man at that age.

And God appeared to him when he was ninety and nine and said, "Abraham, walk before Me and be perfect." Just think, at a hundred years old... And He told him what was going to take place, said, "All the nations will be blessed in you, because that you're going to... I'm going to give you a son by Sarah." Now think, a hundred years old. *[Genesis 17:1]*

L-61 And then the Bible said that Abraham, you know how he out--made his sacrifice, and kept the birds off of it till the sun went down, and how the darkness come over, and the Spirit of God came down, talked to him. And Abraham believed God.

Now, I want to deal with that subject, "Believing God," or taking Him at His Word.

L-63 Now, Abraham didn't have any great cloud of witnesses like we have today, for Abraham himself was a Chaldean, yet father of the Jews. But he was a Chaldean from the city of Ur. And he was called out from among his people to walk in a strange land. *[Hebrews 12:1-2]*

How beautiful that types the Christian walk today, that we have to come out from our associates of the world to walk in a strange land, or strange to the--to the first land that we walked in. And the land that we call today, is walk in the Christian way, walk with Christ, separate ourselves from the things of the world.

And he did that by faith, and he sojourned in a strange land, not even knowing where he was going. The only thing, God said, "Come out, Abraham, and go into a land," and he was looking for a City whose Builder and Maker was God. *[Hebrews 11:10]*

L-66 Now, if that was what we would refer to in the natural life, would be, I'd say instinct, you'd naturally call it, but we call it leadings of the Holy Spirit. God called him out from among his people, out of a land, his own homeland of--from his people. And he dwelt in strange land, professing that he was a pilgrim and stranger, seeking a City, looking for a City. Oh, my, how that still comes down through His children, that strain of looking for a City whose Builder and Maker is God. And God blessed him. *[Hebrews 11:10]*

L-67 And then when he was real old, He said, "Now, Abraham you walk before Me, be perfect," and how He was going to bless him and multiply him. Now, if we looked at the natural side, why, it was impossible for him to--for him to have this child by Sarah. Why, all the resources of life is gone. Sarah's ninety years old, Abraham a hundred. *[Genesis 17:1]*

Why, you tell that to a doctor today, "A--a man a hundred years old, with his wife ninety, she was going to have a child," why, you know what they'd do? They'd lock you up in a psychopathic ward somewhere, saying, "Why, the old fellow and old lady is a little off up here somewhere." But you don't look at circumstance; you look at the promise. See? If you go to looking...

L-69 Now, that's the same way about maybe the lady in the wheelchair here, or some of you there with cancer. The--the doctor says, "You--you can't get well." Now, if you believe that, then you can't get well. But you've got to look at a

Divine promise.

An old man, was called in to his place, he said, "Brother, come pray for my baby; it's got black diphtheria; it's settled in the heart. The cardiogram shows that the heart's done dropped plumb back till it's gone."

Well, they wouldn't let us in to pray for the baby. But when I got in there, why, oh, the intern, the doctor, "No, sir. No, sir. You can't do it. Got children of your own; you can't do it."

But yet, believing God, persuading... The man was Catholic. Said, "Now, why, if the patient was dying, and a priest was here to give it the last rites, would you let him in?"

"Oh, he has no children."

I...?... "That's not--that's not the question. This is just as sacred as the last rites (See?) of the church."

"All right."

L-74 Finally going in and kneeling down by the side of the baby, and just prayed a simple little prayer, laid hands upon the baby, said, "Lord God of heavens and earth, Who created all things, You give us the Divine power to break the power of Satan over this life. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Satan, come out of the child. It shall live." Turned around...

The father, "Thank You, Lord. Thank You." Mother and them begin to laughing and going on.

The little nurse was upset. She said, "Say, you don't... how..." Said, "It's all right to have faith, but that baby's dying." Said, "How can you act so unconcerned about it? Why," said, "you misunderstood the doctor." Said, "The doctor said the baby's dying. It's been unconscious now for over a day." Said, "You misunderstood the doctors."

The old patriarch said, "No, I didn't under--misunderstand the doctor." Said, "I heard what he said; said the baby's dying."

Said, "Why, but (See?) when this cardiogram shows that that heart in that condition," said, "it's never in all history ever raised up again." Said, "It's all right to have faith," but said, "It--it can't. Faith can't do nothing now." See?

The old man, with a steady finger, looked at the nurse and said, "Lady, you're looking to that chart. I'm looking to a Divine promise."

Boy's even married now. All right. He laid like that for about twenty-four hours laying, and all at once that heart begin to come up. There it went. See?

L-81 When a Divine promise is made, God's solely under oath and obligation to take care of any of His promises. And His, the... God is worth no more than what His Word is worth. If that Word is not effective, then God is not effective. That is God. You believe it? It's God. The Bible said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." And I'm worth no more than my word; and you're worth no more than your word. [\[John 1:1\]](#)

L-82 If I had a handful of wheat laying here in my hand, and lay it on this desk, it would never be nothing but wheat laying there. But plant that wheat in the ground, and it'll produce maybe a bushel of wheat. See? But the germ of life is in the wheat, but the wheat has to fall into the ground and die, Jesus said it, or Paul, I believe, that said. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it remaineth alone." See? [\[John 12:24\]](#)

And then This is God, His Word. And when that Word anchors down in the--in the heart... Oh, if I could get you to see it. When that Word anchors there, it--it'll produce just what It said. It'll do just... It's God; it has to.

But if you just say, "Well, I know the Word's there; yeah, that's right," It just lay a handful, yeah; It'll be dormant. That's right; It won't move, because... "Oh, I--I read the Bible."

But until you can anchor That, and say, "Yes, Lord, that's for me," then something's going to happen. It has to. Until that, it's just the written Word. That's right. But when it's once anchored...

L-86 Now, Abraham, he didn't look at his body. Said, "All right, Lord, going to have a baby." On down we could go for hours on this, but we don't want to take too much time.

Now, he comes to the place where little Isaac's born. And here he's going out, after receiving him. And probably just... Abraham was probably a hundred and twenty years old, maybe by this time a hundred and fifteen, twenty years old, little Isaac probably fifteen, eighteen years old. And God said, "Now, Abraham," said, "I want you to take that boy up to the mountain up yonder and offer him up for a sacrifice." Now, after he had received him, promised him the father of nations, and here now the only seed that he has, He said, "Take him up and destroy it." Double check... Oh, my. See?

"Now, I know you was old, and you believed Me, and I give you this boy. And now, you got a--you got an idea here now, the promise is going to be fulfilled because you got the boy. But now I want you to take the boy up and kill him."

L-88 Well, now, what if Abraham say, "Then, Lord, now look, I want to ask You something. Me here, maybe a hundred and twenty years old, and I received this boy; and poor Sarah can't hardly get around; she's so old, and--and she's just wrinkled up and gone away nearly. And here I'm, an old man, have to lean on a staff, and walking like this," just barely could walk maybe, "And I'm so old, and--and the boy is a--a young man here. I see what You've done, but what... Would You mean me kill him? First, it'll--it'll tear my heart out. And then, how am I going to be a father of nations, and You're going to kill him?"

But Abraham didn't stagger: said, "Yes, Lord," takes the boy, here they go. He didn't know how. Wasn't his business to question. He obeyed. [*Romans 4:19*]

L-90 That lady here might say, "How am I going to walk?" Maybe you been crippled a long time; I don't know. Maybe some of the rest of them say, "Well, the doctor told me I couldn't live, Brother Branham. I'm going to die." That's not what we're talking about. That's the natural thing. See? And if you look to any of that, you'll never live. But you've got to look to a promise that God made, and That's the promise. See, the inside of you...

This outside is sin. Do you know that? Do you know your body's sin? That's the reason you don't try to perfect that body; it's sin. Did you know that? It was borned in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies.

L-93 And that soul is the same way until the soul died and then was borned again of God, then that soul can't die. "The soul that sinneth shall die. But he that believeth on Me has Everlasting Life," then there's an immortal Life living in that body. Now, that's like a string coming from heaven, like a core on the inside of a man. Now, that's the part that's godly; It operates this body. [*Ezekiel 18:4*]

But before this body can ever become perfected, the Spirit will bring it in submission to God to make you... It'll war all the time, a constant. Paul said. We'll never get more than he. See? Paul said, "When I would do good, then evil is near me. See?" And there's a constant war, the flesh against the Spirit. [*Romans 7:21*]

And here you go looking to the flesh, "The doctor said, and I believe..." Look at how simple. Then you can't serve God.

L-96 You've got a soul besides your senses. God never give you those senses to trust Him with. God give you His Spirit to trust--you will trust. Your senses is only to contact; see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. But to you yourself, is that spirit that lives in you. And when that's been regenerated, and the old man died, and the new man borned again, that is a part of God; then you become a son of God, an offspring of the Creator. Then you can believe the impossible things, because you're made up of the miracle working God. You're a part of Him.

L-97 It would've been natural for me to--to drink. My daddy drank. It'd be natural for me to use tobacco. My daddy did. My generations behind me did. Some said, "Why didn't you never smoke or drink?"

Well, when I was just a lad, before I started into it, the Holy Spirit came down and said, "Don't you do it." There's the conversion (You see?) in the beginning.

And even way back before that, the morning I was born, when the Angel of God stood over where I was at, that seed while it was in the ground was changed from a cocklebur. Don't you see what I mean?

L-100 You get what I mean? Then in there is a spirit, and from there is your immortal Life. Then a man that's borned of the Spirit of God does not commit sin. You get the Scripture straightened out then. If he, if... The worshipper once purged has no more desire of sin, or no more conscience of it. In the Old Testament the worshipper come in and offered his sacrifice, went back out with the same desire to sin. But here... Here it is; get it. Hebrews said when the worshipper in this case, who puts his hands on the Son of God's head, and his sins are purged by the sanctifying power of God, there's no more desire in there for sin. Oh, there's where Life lays. Then that makes you an offspring of Jehovah. [*Hebrews 10:2*]

And Satan can't hurt me then without hurting my Father. You can't hurt that little girl there without hurting me; I'll tell you that; can't hurt your children without hurting you. And then He's not willing that any should perish or suffer.

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