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"***Where should we go, you alone have the words of eternal life.***" [Joh 6:68] I am still thinking about last night's sermon and I just hope that we are all truly focused on this, believing from the heart and going along with it inwardly, so that we may then enjoy all that God has promised. I couldn't help thinking about it, perhaps this thought will be of help to us.

We heard in the sermon how Brother Branham described spiritual development from a divine perspective, including the development of the last revival movement, which was of course the Pentecostal movement, the beginning was of divine origin, the blessings at that beginning were tremendous, God revealed himself anew and confirmed his Word, and what came next? Then came the second and third generations, and already it was becoming a routine. The original work of the Spirit proceeded more and more, and the substitutes that people sought to introduce increased more and more, for where the divine withdraws, another substitute must be found, but in connection with this, the thought did occur to me, that God has indeed made a new beginning, namely now with a called-out church, and that none of us should think, "well we don't want what they had", but what God has to give us, that is what we want, and that must be more than it has been up to now, it must and will be more, God has more, and God will also give more.

In light of what we heard yesterday evening, two scriptures came to my heart, one from Hebrews chapter 12, Hebrews chapter 12, here the term is used once more in Holy Scripture, specifically with reference to the prophetic word in Haggai 2, verse 6. I read Hebrews 12, verse 26:

[26] ***Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.***

And anyone who looks up this Word in the prophet Haggai will see that it relates to the end times, and it can also be found further on in the epistle to the Hebrews.

God has so far fulfilled every promise he has made, and we may rely on this and count on the fact that the end will truly be majestic. God will finish the work he has begun and he will look at it and say that it is very good. May the Spirit of God

also be at work amongst us today. May we inwardly go along with the proclamation and expect everything from God.

We heard it in the opening word from the gospel of Luke. People came to the Lord. They were aware of their distress and they knew that the Lord alone can provide a remedy for this distress. Let us too come to the Lord in every gathering, not merely to hear from him and then let the Word pass us by without taking possession of the things, but that we may in faith make use of the things God has prepared for us. As we read yesterday evening from Romans 8:32, "***how could God not also give us all things through him?***"

Today the Lord wants to confirm his Word to each and every one of us in a completely new way. Today we may come to him and say: "Lord, if you are willing," and he still says today: "I am willing," he is willing, "I am willing, be cleansed, be healed, be saved," whatever it may be. May the Lord now richly bless us through the translation of the second part of this sermon.

That's God's system. That's right. Seminary ministers, what did they do? Worldly-dressed women, wearing shorts, bobbed hair, and men with not enough spirit about them to condemn it. Any man, let his wife do that, needs a good gospel whipping. That's right. She proves herself dishonorable, and you admit it. Any man would take his wife out on the street, with those little old trousers of a thing on, they walk out here with, so tight the skin on the outside, and walk down the street like that, absolutely a disgrace to humanity. To me, it shows there is a lack of something inside. It shows an emptiness.

If you want to look pretty, get a little of Acts 2:38, and a little James 5:14, mix it all together, little John 3:16, and all this, and mix it up together, that'll be cosmetic enough for you. Max Factors, I see where there's a hundred million dollars, hundred billion dollars spent every year just on lipstick or something, one of them things; and missionaries on the field, starving; and you say, "We are the church." Why, it makes me ashamed! We go into all this glamour, big things. What you doing? It shows that you've taken on the spirit of Jezebel, empty!

I heard a minister the other day, a fine man, I like him as a man, belongs to a certain organization, lives across the river from us, and he had a radio program. He just come back, he was talking about these here women that's wearing all this here blue stuff, and stuff over their face. Well, I was scared to death the first one I seen. I was in Los Angeles and I was waiting for Brother Arganbright, of the Christian businessmen. I seen a woman walk up, I thought, "Poor girl!" I'm a missionary, I've seen leprosy and I've seen pellagra. I never seen nothing like that. I was going to walk up and ask her if I could pray for her. Come to find out, here come another one up, the same way. I don't blame you trying to look your best, but really be a human about it. That's right!

This man said they made a prettier world when they made that stuff. To me, it made a bunch of heathens. And, any woman does it, shows there's something lacking in

her, an emptiness that ought to be filled up with Christ. And any man will let his wife do such a thing, it shows he's empty too! And any preacher will stand for it in his church, shows he's got an emptiness also. And any organization will stand for it, shows that they're dead. That's right. Back to the Bible! There stood Samson, a victim of such stuff, as an example to us, great man. Oh, my, how they let him do it! As Samson thought of the errors, thought of the things that he had done, and how he'd failed God. I wonder, does it ever dawn on people, when you hear such messages against it? Wife said to me the other day, said after somebody had bawled me out, said, wrote me a letter, and said, "Billy, why don't you keep off them women about their bobbed hair, and their way their..." Said, "People believe you to be a seer. You should teach the women how to get great spiritual gifts, and leave that go." I said, "How can I teach them algebra when they won't even learn their ABC's?" Certainly! How can you do it? Such a conglomeration of sin, the mark of it shows. Anyone knows that paint is a heathen trait. I'm a missionary. Heathens paint! The Indians painted their faces here in Arizona before they knowed God. They ever knowed God, you don't have to tell them no more about it, they take it off. Shows they're at war with God. When they take it off, shows they're at peace with God.

We call ourselves a Christian nation, call our people Christian people. I stood in Africa one day where the Lord had brought back to health a man that was so deformed, the little cross-eyed boy, and the things that He had did there in about fifteen minutes' time. And I asked, "How many," out of two hundred fifty thousand that I was speaking to at Durban, "will receive the Lord Jesus?" And they raised up, about thirty-something thousand. They said, I had fifteen interpreters, they said, "They meant physical healing." I said, "I meant salvation!" I put it through the interpreters again. I said, "All that understand me..." They were packing little idols sprinkled with blood, buckeyes, every kind of a superstition, lion claws. And I said, "You that believe and want to get away from your superstitions and serve the God that's able to make this man whole, standing here as you've seen Him done today, and even put him back in his right mind, if you want Him as your Saviour, show your sincerity, break your idol on the ground." It was like a dust storm.

And standing there, women who were stark-naked, besides a clout that hung in the front of them, all up in their waistline was naked. And I said, "Raise your hands and pray a sinner's prayer, and say, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'" And I said, "Upon the same grounds that you stand on, raise up your hands now and accept Christ's baptism of the Spirit. Some ministers here will baptize you in Christian baptism." And when they raised their hands, them women who didn't know right and left hand, come in there perfectly naked, but when they walked away they even folded their arms to get out of the presence of the company. One minute's time with Jesus Christ made them know they were naked. And today, year by year, we strip more off and take more off. And, oh, I never... And then call it God? What done it? Your organizations that permits you to do it. That's right. The system that you was raised up to clean yourself out of, you brought it right back in again. I hope I

don't sound sacrilegious, I hope I'm... It isn't sacrilegious, it's the Word of the Lord. Certainly, it is!

Now, now we find out that while Samson stood there looking over his error, looking what had been done, in his inner conscience, that he had failed God, he had failed God's people. And there he stood as an example, thinking back what he was and thinking now what he was. And when he did that, he cried out! Oh, if the church, tonight, would stand still a minute and look back to the day of Pentecost, look back to where we started from, and realize the condition our creeds and fussings has got us into. Cry out again! Samson cried, "Lord God, revenge my two eyes!" If we could cry that same penitent cry, "Lord God, these things has guided me blind all these times!" He knew there was a price to pay. You know it now.

Meda, my wife, said to me, she said, "You go back across the nations, back and forth all the time, preaching, you go right back, the people just doing the same thing. And what good does it do?" I said, "In the day of the judgment, there will be a tape recording on God's great tape." You're not ignorant of these things. God will blast it across the skies. He's got to have a voice there to condemn the world by, and the voice is the gospel. "Revenge me, Lord, of mine enemies. Revenge my eyesight! They poked it out, Lord, and here I stand." Samson also knew there was a possibility that God might once again hear him. Even in his condition, there was a possibility. Oh, church, there is a possibility regardless of all they're doing. As we hear today, so much, "So many made decisions, decisions." Decisions means "a stone, a confession." As I have said before, what good does a stone do if you haven't got a stone mason there with a sharp word to cut that stone into a placed stone for the building? What good does it do to make decisions if you still let the women and the men remain as they was, and just join the church? It's a pile of stones that's not shaped into nothing. What we need is a stone mason, a man with the Word of God, a vindicated power to prove that God sent him, to shake that church and cut off the worldly things, and shape them into the stones of the sons and daughters of God that go into his building. Certainly right. Oh, my!

He knew the possibilities, though, that there could be God would hear prayer. If we could only do that tonight! Jesus said, when He was here on earth, John 14:12, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Jesus said, or the Bible said, in Hebrews 13:8, that was quoted a while ago, "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever." And we call this denominational life in us the life of Christ, and do the things that we do? "Why call ye Me 'Lord,' and keep not my commandments?" See? "Why call ye that?" Oh, if you haven't got five members in your church, get the truth to it, a possibility. The same now, a possibility. But they of today don't seem to catch the vision like Samson did. They don't seem to get it, think, "Well, I'm pretty well settled down, and we have good churches, and we haven't got none..." See?

The Bible said, "That rich, Laodicea church age would have need of nothing, and not know that she was naked, blind, miserable, and don't even know it." Now, if you

seen a person come down the street, that was naked and blind, and you could tell them that they were in that shape, they were naked, they had to get somewhere and get hid, well, there's a possible that you could bring the person off the street. But when they turn around, with not mental powers enough to know it; but now the church hasn't got spiritual power enough to know it. Naked, miserable, blind, wretched, poor. Christ on the outside, knocking, trying to get in, and yet you say you have need of nothing. I know that's foreign to some of you, but it's God's truth. The Word says so. They don't catch the vision. You can tell them about it, it just goes right off. Maybe right then there's a little conviction, tomorrow it's all forgotten about, they go right on back to the card party, and all their stitch 'n' sew, and belong to all these things, and that's all forgotten about.

God can do something another for somebody, and, "Oh, well, it just happened." See, the devil's just got their mind so poisoned up with the things, till they don't know where they're at themselves. Sit tight! Oh, they can clap their hands, and holler "amen," dance in the Spirit. That don't mean one thing. I've seen heathens do that. That's right. Have great gatherings, oh, you say, "We still have revival, Brother Branham." Uh-huh, what kind of revival? You have church gatherings.

It was down in Kentucky, we used to call it, "Protractive meetings, and that's about what it does, protractive. It's become far from attractive from the gospel. That's right. Yes, they say, "Oh, we had a meeting. You know what? We got Dr. So-and-so to come in the city, and we had thousands. All the churches cooperated together." What did we do, we have a revival? Bring the people back to the Word of God, and God go to work in the church? What do we do? We have a bunch of getting together, and glittering with worldly tinsel, that's exactly right, scholarship, Hollywood showmanship. Oh, you say, "That's the Baptists." That's the Pentecostals. Right! Up on the platform, women jumping and dancing, and horrible-looking, with little old tight dresses on, that, it's a shame. I can't even find words right now. It's a shame. Men sitting there, hollering, "Glory to God! Hallelujah!" What kind of a spirit have you got, anyhow? You think Jesus would shout at such as that? He'd condemn it! You think Isaiah raised on the scene, Jeremiah, Amos, one of those prophets of the Old Testament rise on the scene like they did, and seen the things they seen going on, how they cried out against it, said, "The very God that you claim to serve will destroy you." He'd say the same thing today. Certainly would!

That don't mean a thing, showmanship. We got too much Hollywood, but it don't bring the Spirit and power of God down. Might bring enthusiasm, but it don't bring power of God. They're not willing to pay the price. Samson prayed right. What did he pray? In closing, I might say this. "Lord let me die with the enemy." That's the trouble, they don't want to pay the price of dying. You got your own self worked up into a community, into a bunch of people that you associate with and play cards, stay home and watch programs, eat tater chips and drink cokes. The church sets, empty. That's right. Make you sign a card, you'll come six months out of the year to Sunday school. Such man-made enthusiasm! What you need is the Holy Ghost.

Oh, you say, "I got it." You sure don't act like it. Yes, sir. Let the preacher preach an hour or something another like that, you're ready to call the trustee board and throw him out. That's right. Oh, you want to eat your cake and keep it too. Can't do that. No, sir. You got to surrender yourself. You got a price to pay. Got a cleaning up to do. And I tell you, the whole church world needs a cleaning all the way from the pulpit to the janitor's room. That's right. It's the truth. Not willing to pay.

But Samson prayed right when he said, "Lord, let me die with these Philistines." He had failed, but, "Let me die." You must be ready to die to the enemy that's got this victory over you. You must be willing to surrender your own ideas. Samson was willing to pay the price to get the power of God again. Wonder if you women are willing to let your hair grow out? Wonder if you men has got enough courage to tell her that? You're supposed to be the head of the house. She's the neck, she turns you. That's contrary! Do you think a shaking revival would ever take these women out of these public offices, policemen on the streets and things? She ought to be in the kitchen. You think you'd ever be able to get her back to that again? No, sir. She'll never do it, 'less she gets saved, then she'll do it. You won't have to tell her nothing about it, she'll find her place, the Holy Ghost will lead her to her place. But say, "The Holy Ghost is leading me"? To that contrary to the Word? Don't call that the Holy Ghost.

Are you willing to pay the price? That's a... Pentecostal church, are you willing to pay the price? And that's it. You see what kind of a shame we're standing in. All right. Samson, willing to pay the price to get the power of God again. Oh, I hear some of you say, "We got revivals, though, Brother Branham." But what do you get after you get the revival?

Billy Graham said in his message, Louisville, Kentucky, when I sat with him at the breakfast, he stood up there, and took the Bible and he said, "This Bible is God's way of doing things." How true that is! But then do it, is the next thing. He said, "Paul went into a city and he made a convert, he left that convert there, one convert in a city. Next year he went back, and that convert had thirty or forty converted, and brought into Christ." He said, "I go into a city, and what do I do, have thirty thousand conversions, decisions." Said, "I come back within a year, I haven't got thirty." He said, "What's the matter?" Then he pointed to the preachers, said, "It's you lazy preachers, sit with your feet up on the desk and don't go visit the people."

Now, that was a whole lot of truth in that, that's right, but it wasn't all the truth. Like the man eating watermelon, he said, give him a bite, the old darkie, and he said, "Oh, that was fine, but surely there's some more of it." And that's right. And here's what it was. Who was me to say to that great evangelist, who was me to speak a word to a man like Billy Graham? Far be it from me. That's God servant. I wouldn't speak about it unless he would ask me, and maybe I could say something. But I'd like to've said this, "Billy, what lazy preacher kept his feet up on the desk on Paul's conversion, the one he had? Wasn't a preacher in the country. What was

it? Paul never left him on a decision. When he made his decision, he stood there with the Word of God and cut him into a son of God, then you couldn't keep him still."

64 That's what's the matter today, all these decisions needs to be cut down to sons and daughters of God. Clean up, get back to the Word, back to the Gospel. Certainly, that's what we need. Yes, we have a revival today, but what is it? It's a denominational revival. The Baptist had a slogan, "A million more in '44." What'd you get? Was at a church where they was having a revival, they said, and they had to let out and give intermission for fifteen minutes, for the people to go out and smoke between Sunday school and that. And, the pastor smoked, also. The Bible said, "Cleanse yourself from all unclean habits." What are we going to do about it?

Well, you say, "It's not right." The Holy Ghost, when He comes, He'll teach you all these things. See, certainly did. And somebody said something about divine healing, and they claimed, "It was in another day." See, pointing off to what was. "Maybe it'll be over in the millennium." What do you need divine healing in the millennium for, when you're immortal? Today is the day! This is the day. Say, "Well, we have revivals." Look at the moral decay in the church. Look how corruptible it's getting every year. Look at our Pentecostal groups, how it's fallen. Shut your eyes and think of it fifteen years ago when I was here, then look out and see what you got today. You know that's the truth! It's a sin and shame. That's right. Getting further and further away from the Word of God, all the time.

Samson knew his backslidden condition. He knowed he couldn't have strength to meet the challenge of the hour, though he was there. All of his machinery was there. The same muscles that could take the jawbone and beat down a million Philistines, the same muscles hung on the same man. The same shoulders that could pack the gates of Gaza up on top of the mountain, was still them same muscles hanging on him. Oh, I could say something here. But he knowed that he couldn't meet the challenge of the hour. So does the church know, in its immoral corruption, we'll never meet the challenge of the hour. Communism's taking the whole thing over. And what are we trying to do? Find consolation, by joining up with, yoking up with these people, denominations who don't even believe in divine healing and the power of God. How can two walk together 'less they be agreed? We yoke ourselves up amongst stuff like that, and then expect God... We say, "Big numbers." God don't notice big numbers. God looks for character.

I said Eliezer sweated it out till he found character in Rebekah. Then he had to get her dressed up, ready, let her stand still and listen at his message. The trouble of it is, today, when you find character, it's hard to make them stand still long enough to put on clothes and get dressed up. That's right. Some little Ricky's done pulled them off in some other direction. That's right. But, there, Eliezer sweated it out.

Now, Samson knew that he did not have the strength, though he had the muscles. And we've got all our machinery. We've got the great district presbyters, we got

all the bishops, we got the archbishops, we got the popes, we got the hierarchies. We got all the machinery. We got the biggest buildings and most of the money of the earth. What good does it do us? It's a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. That's right. But we know we're not able to meet the challenge of the hour.

Today, in Russia, Communism is taking the world. What's the matter? It's somebody that's got the audacity to stand up under convictions, though it's wrong. Only one percent of Russia is Communist, one percent! Ninety-nine percent is still so-called Christianity, free, but they haven't got the IQ of the Gospel. They haven't got what it takes, though they got the money and they got all this, but they haven't got the courage and the grace. What God needs in Russia is one man anointed with the power of God, with the power of the Holy Ghost.

Samson knowed what he needed. We might turn the whole America back, and every one of them go to church, we still haven't got it. Got ... hasn't got what it takes. The disciples didn't have it till they went to Pentecost. Jesus told them they didn't have it, after being preaching for three years. Still they needed it. The church needs it. That's right. Notice, Samson knowed that he was in need, he wasn't sufficient. The denominations can't produce it. They don't vindicate the Word, they teach it against it. You know, but Samson realizing that, that he was insufficient in himself, though he had all his regime, he still was insufficient. Watch him! The Philistines gloating over their victory. They never noticed him turning his head upward, his lips moving back and forth in prayer, the tears running down out of the sockets that he once had eyes in. They didn't notice that. They just ... they was having too big a time. He wanted God to manifest Himself again to this Jezebel. Oh, if we could have some Samsons to rise! Oh, church! Not a new denomination, start another creed or latter rain. We need the power of God. That's right.

He was aware what would happen if God ever answered his prayer, but he was ready to face the issue. He was in dead earnest. Oh, if the church, tonight would only stand in that condition, in dead earnest, knowing that you're going to have to give up everything you hold dear in this world. If men and women are ready tonight to know it's going to separate you from everything of the world. Ministers, they're going to quit patting you on the back and telling you, "Dr. So-and-so, it was marvelous, will you go swimming with us this afternoon?" Take the bunco games out of the church, and the races, and almost lottery. Bunco is lottery. And all these soup suppers to pay the preacher; get back to God's system of tithing! Come back to the Word! Are they willing to do it? No, sir, they were not. You know what a price it takes. That woman will call you old fashion again. God will call you blessed.

Are you willing to die? That's what's the trouble of it, you want to stay alive to Hollywood, the same time be alive with God. It won't mix. A seed, Jesus said, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone." You'll never bring forth anything. Oh, Jesus' Name church! What a glorious church, what a glorious name, Jesus' name! Are you ready to die? Are you Assemblies of God, General Assemblies, are you ready to die? Are you Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian,

are you ready to die out to your enemy? Are you willing to pay the price of sacrifice, really, sincerely? Not just come and say, "Well, I'll give it a try and see how I come out." You're not ready yet. You must be ready to pay the price, and die.

You fathers, you mothers, are you ready to establish an altar in your house, and take the television out? Are you ready to take that deck of cards off the table? Them comic books that your children's reading, preparing their little minds for a blast that the devil's going to give them. Are you ready to establish the old family altar again? Or do you just want to continue on the way you are? If you want to continue on, you're not in condition of coming yet; but I pray that you're like Samson, you see the price and you're ready, "Lord, let me die with them." He knowed, if God answered his prayer, what was going to cost. Many people, I've seen them right since I've been here, come up to the altar and the Holy Spirit come to them, and they don't want to die. They want to stay alive in the world. You can't serve two gods at the same time. Are you ready to forsake everything, to serve God? Listen at him cry, "Lord, only this once more!"

Is the Pentecostal church, the General Council, the Assemblies of God, the Church of God, all the rest of you, willing to pay the price? Are you willing to say, "Once more, Lord! Here I stand. I didn't have the audacity, the very Christian spirit to shakes hands with my oneness brother, or my Trinitarian brother. I didn't have the audacity to do it. I didn't have the grace to do it, when I see where it's got me to, broke up in organizations and disfellowshipping, with a congregation so poisoned against one another that they hardly speak to each other on the street, when we're molded into one clay, by the Holy Ghost"?

Are you willing to cry out, "Once more, Lord, let it happen"? If you are, God will sure hear your prayer. Watch when that man, with all that fiber standing there, his great regime, but he was still blind. He knowed the price, he knowed the possibility, and he said, "Once more, Lord! Once more avenge me of my eyesight!" When he made that prayer, God answered it. Every fiber of his body begin to tighten up, the Spirit begin to come on those muscles. Oh, if we could have the Spirit that come on our Wednesday night prayer meeting, on our Sunday school, feel the fibers of the muscles of God's power tightening up, where the Holy Spirit could come in. Not in a mockery, but in a genuine Spirit to reveal the secret of the heart and to straighten up the sin that's in there, cast out the evil.

As his fibers begin to tighten, "Let me die with them! I was born to destroy them, let me die with them." And his fibers, his muscles tightened up, his great huge muscles received strength, the Holy Spirit begin to move upon him, and he twisted that rock with his mighty power, and down she went. All we need is a sincere prayer, "Once more, Lord!" When we ought to be in the promised land, we're still wandering around in the wilderness. Like Israel, wanted a law, something they could do. You can't do nothing about it. Accept Christ! We wanted a doctrine, something that we could puff up ourselves by, and get a different class of people from the other fellow. See where we got? Blinded. All right.

Down went the great denomination. It's always been that way when God comes in, the other things fall. Then was Samson's greatest victory. Oh, I wish I could see the church of the living God stand tonight, "Once more, Lord! Once more! Send us a revival if it costs me everything. If it costs everything I got, send me a revival. Send it upon me, Lord." Hear this group of about three hundred people, or more, here tonight, cry out with one voice, "Lord God, once more let me see Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Let me know that He's near me. Let me know that He's here to take care of me. I am willing now."

Oh, give over, the whole enemy was destroyed. Pentecostals stands at that post tonight. Things that you were born to destroy, taken it over. Repent, call aloud, "Lord, once more, once more let us see it!" Let me say this, my friend. You better destroy your enemy before your enemy destroys you. Bring back the old-fashioned prayer meetings. Old-fashioned repentance, when they stayed to the altar until they was dead and finished with sin. You never seen a woman go to the altar and die out to sin, and next day come back with bobbed hair, paint on her face. There's no such. The Holy Spirit teaches, nature does it, nature of the Holy Spirit. You never seen women going out and dressing sexy; coming in and try to cover themselves up. You never seen men that was afraid to stand up and afraid his little wife would leave him or something another, because he took the initiative. Well, men were men in them days. They spoke, they were men, they governed their house. They were the head of the house. But this fancy American...

I just learned from a little Greek scholar, sitting here looking at me now, come over from Greece, a scholar in Greek, and he begin to play my tapes and he watched the message. Said, "I know that you haven't even got an education, but Brother Branham, your words and your message run perfect with the Greek interpretation of the Bible." Said, "It's exactly right. What you said it's exactly right." And he come to me, he was telling me, "The Laodicea mean's 'woman' in Greek." This is a woman's world, it's a woman's church, it's a woman's age. Say well, men won't do it. When did God ever get in that condition? Yes, are you ready to bring back a revival? Are you ready? A woman said, "I have a right to do what I want to do. That's my American privilege." It's your American privilege, it ain't your God-given privilege, though. A sheep... A goat will always kick up a fuss, but a sheep stands still and forfeits its rights. See? If you're a real child of God, you'll forfeit your American rights to the Holy Spirit and let Him mold you and make you like you should be. "Once more, Lord." Oh, my!

Oh, church, leave Hollywood Delilah, she's going to kill you. She's choking the spiritual life out of you. Leave her! Your Hollywood showmanship on the platform, your Hollywood, your tinsels, our meeting has got to be so it's just got to be all in the great big like the rest of the world, got to be in the biggest churches. An evangelist come to town, you have to promise him so much money or he won't come. How ridiculous! Shows where your treasure is, your heart's there. Turn wholehearted to God and to his Word, and let's cry out, "Once more, Lord! Once more, show us

your presence!"

Jesus said, "A little while, and the world," that's cosmos, I believe there, brother, "the world order won't see Me no more, yet ye shall see Me," the believer, "for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age. The works that I do shall you also. More than this shall you do, for I go unto my Father. He that believeth in Me, the works that I do shall he do also." Not make-believeth; but believeth. Oh, church, Jesus is not dead, He's raised from the dead. He's right here now. If I didn't have that support, I wouldn't say what I say. And I know He's here. And He proves Himself here. He's always here to vindicate his Word. If He stood here tonight, what would He say? He'd come right back to the Word again, saying the same thing that He did say. Now, you say, "Was that Jesus talking?" Well, if it wasn't, I sure wouldn't want to say it. Certainly! "How can it be proved?" Bow your head a minute.

Heavenly Father, your servants can speak all they desire to speak, and we might bring truth ever so clear to the people, but still it's merely just an emotion. It's still just the lips of a human being speaking to congregation. Lord, You are supernatural. And wherever You are, there's supernatural signs, there's miracles performed, things that cannot be explained. When You were here on earth, You walked up and down among the people, You healed the sick. A woman touched your garment one time, and You turned around, and said, "Who touched Me?" You did not know, yourself. "Who touched Me?" But the God that was in You, You knew the secret of the heart, because the Bible says, "The Word of God is stronger and sharper than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts of the heart." And You looked down, the little woman couldn't hide herself, and You told her her faith had saved her. You said, "I do nothing till the Father shows Me first. The Father worketh, and I worketh hitherto." If You were here tonight, You'd do just as the Father showed You to do.

And I pray, Lord, that You can bring this church once more, Lord God, this people that's made up here tonight of all different churches, Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, and all kinds of brands upon them. You don't look at brand, You look for the blood tag. I pray, heavenly Father, that tonight, that the people will ignore their brand they're wearing, and remember Pentecost is not an organization, it's an experience that comes to any man or woman that'll trust You. Heal the sick, Lord, save the lost. Get honor unto Thyself. Now I commit this audience, with these broken up words, Lord. I'm not eloquent, I'm not sufficient to bring the Word, but I'm trusting that the Holy Spirit will take these things and reveal them and make them known by the attitude that they were given by. Not to be feel inferior, but to feel very humble. Not to be different, but to be truthful and honest with the people, as I would be with God. For if I cannot be honest with his children, how can I be honest with Him? And I pray, God, that You'll vindicate this this night, right before the people now, that they might know that they're living in the shadows of time, that the message of the hour is "to repent and turn back again to the faith of the fathers." Grant it. And I commit it to You. Save sinners. Fill believers. Heal the sick. Bring glory. And may we all cry with one accord, "Once

more, Lord, once more!" Let it be once more! We ask in Jesus' name.

With your heads bowed, prayerfully, won't you consider this, "Is it me, Lord? What can I do, what must I do?" Just search yourself while the music plays softly. Think of this little broken up message, don't look at the messenger, think of what the message is. Now as you feel that you have need of God, just raise up your hand slowly, as you keep your heads bowed, "Lord, remember me." Don't care what you have need of. "Remember me, O Lord." Have faith now in God, don't doubt. Just believe. Hold your request till God speaks to you and say, "I'll give you your request." "Lord, I stand blinded, too. I'm ashamed of myself. I stand, professing to be a Christian and living the way I live, I'm ashamed of myself. Have mercy on me, Lord. Heal me! Heal me physically, heal me spiritually, make me yours. I feeled your spirit upon me. Brother Branham said that You were here with us. I believe you now, because I feeled You. I know you're here." God of heaven will answer your prayer. Just believe now, just let the message get down deep in you. Just pray, have faith. Don't doubt, believe.

85 Now, Lord, I've give this space of time that men and women, boys and girls could think this over. This has been a strange message to some, no doubt, but, Lord, You know it's true. Sitting in the room the afternoon, You brought this to my memory, of this great man that once lived for You and the condition he got in. Now, Father, as Samson was willing to die, die out to himself, die with his enemy, to bring God's victory and the promise back, may we, with all of our churchanity and all of our difference, die out to our own thinking, and accept your Word; die out to the thoughts that we've been told, "the days of miracles is passed," when we know that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Grant, Lord, that this audience will see the moving of the hand of God once more, and then they may come and repent, and there be a great meeting. And may from this little church go forth a revival that'll slay all the Philistines of the worldliness throughout the country. May it be an example, as these people go from here tonight.

We pray that You'll come in like You did on the road to Emmaus. You talked with those men all through the day. They were talking about You. You were talking right to them, and they didn't know You. Many people here, Lord, goes to church, and they're sincere, and they really are not taught any different. But then when You got them into the room that night and closed the doors, You did something just like You did before your crucifixion, then they knew You had raised from the dead. They hurried back with light feet and light hearts, and told the disciples, with light hearts they said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us along the way?" Grant that to happen once more, Lord. Come into this audience and do the things You did before your crucifixion, that this audience might know that thy unprofitable servant has not lied to them, but told them the truth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now, we could no wise have a prayer line called up, if there is cards. I don't think there's any. We got cards give out from a few nights ago, I don't think they give

out any tonight. But they got cards here. But if we had, you couldn't have a prayer line, see, way we're messed up. Now, but we'll get it finished. But how many people in here that are sick? Let's see your hands. Raise up your hand if you have a need of God. Or need of somebody else having a need, raise up your hand. Just pray.

88 Now be reverent. Now, let's just not fail to get this message now. Listen. If Jesus was standing here with this suit on, and you'd run up on the platform, and say, "Lord Jesus, heal me," you know what He'd say to you? "I've already done it." He was wounded for our transgressions, with his stripes we were healed. The price is done paid. You'd have to believe it. You say, "But if I could believe that He was close to me, if I knowed He was here! If I ... that, that's been two thousand years ago." Well, the Bible said He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. And we'd like to see Him. If we would see Him, He'd act like He did.

Now I'm going to give, for you minister brethren, some Scripture. The New Testament says, that "He's a High Priest now that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities." Is that right? How did He act, was when he was on earth He was a high priest. Why, He was more than that, He was God. How could the people get something from Him? A little woman touched his garment, set down, and Jesus turned and said, "Who touched Me?" And all of them denied it. But his ... the Spirit of God that was in Christ, making Him Emmanuel, turned around until He found in the audience a little woman, and told her what her condition was, said, "Your faith saved you." Is that right? Well, now, if He is a high priest that can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, if it's the same high priest, He'd act the same way.

Now, you're strangers to me, most of you. I know Brother Daulton and them sitting here on this front seat right here, this group right here, because they're from back in Kentucky. I've knowed them for years. And I'm not mistaken, I believe way back in the back I seen Brother Gene Goad and Brother Leo Mercier, I'm not sure. Glad to see you brethren. I see Brother and Sister Dauch sitting here. I don't want you people, if you got anything wrong with you, just wait, not now. I want somebody that don't know me, and knows I don't know you. I want you to pray.

91 And then if He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever, you touch his garment, and his Holy Spirit will operate through us. If you've got the right channel, the Spirit to believe by, the same channel that's here, it'll operate the same way. It's got to, it's God! You put the life of an apple tree in a peach tree, it won't bear peaches no more, it'll bear apples. And you put the life of Christ in a man that's a mortal being, he'll bear the fruit of the Spirit. He'll bear the fruits of the resurrection.

Christ delivered this message, and this message to the church to take it, "Go ye into all the world, and to every creature." Millions have never heard it yet, nations has never heard it yet. How long? "All the world, to every creature, these signs shall follow them that believe." How far? "All the world." Who to? "Every creature." There's where He commissioned the church. Now show me in the Scripture where

He taken that back away. Man might inject their idea, but that's not God's idea. He said, "All the world, to every creature."

I suppose that's the end of it. The healing service is probably no longer on the tape. We've heard enough after all. All we need now is to believe. To believe with all our hearts. And as we've also heard, it wasn't just for the past. It's for today.

Today, this divine today. ***"Thou art My Son; today have I begotten Thee."*** [Psa 2:7] "***Today, if you hear His voice***" [Heb 3:7, 15; Hebr 4:7], this divine today we, too, wish to take advantage of. A brother expressed this earlier in the prayer room, saying, "The revealed Word of God for this time is the light that God has graciously given us." And we truly believe that the Lord has set an example in our generation. An example of the restoration of all that was given to the church in the beginning.

And we shall not be happy until we see with our own eyes what God has promised in His Word. And because it is a promise, we may anchor our faith in this divine promise. He has said that all things are to be restored. [Acts 3:21] And if, as we have often emphasized, the church is to be, and will be in the end as it was in the beginning, then an outpouring of the Spirit is part of that. And I would like to emphasize this once again, as I did last Sunday in the sermon in Zurich. We must cast all fear aside.

For, as Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 11, where a different gospel or a different Christ is preached, there is a different spirit at work. [2Cor 11:4] But where Christ is proclaimed in truth, where the everlasting gospel is preached, where things are as they ought to be, there the same Holy Spirit will be at work, as in the beginning. And no one need be afraid of receiving anything false. Everything false belongs to the false, and what is true belongs to the true. We have also heard this. There must be no further mixing. What must now take place is the pure working of the Spirit of God in conjunction with the pure proclamation of the gospel.

It is essential that we rid our hearts of everything. Consider Romans 4. "***Blessed is the man whose sins are forgiven, to whom God imputes no iniquity, in whose spirit there is no guile.***" [Psa 32:1-2; Rom 4:7-8] Everything false, everything that wavers, even slightly between two sides, must be cast out, and we must present ourselves to God, coming before Him with purified hearts and minds, so that the Holy Spirit may dwell in a pure vessel, and the power of God may be revealed.

I am actually delighted about this, because I am full of confidence that God will do it; indeed, He must do it. Please do not take the word "must", that we are forcing God to do anything, that is not possible. But because He has said it, He has committed Himself to His Word, to do what He has promised. And so today, we will take God at His Word, and not simply walk away from here, thinking, "well, we've heard it." No, today we want to hear, and today we want to see, today we want to experience God, and it may well be that there are some here who have special

concerns. Do not leave here unless you have come to the Lord, to receive from Him what He has prepared.

Has this situation into which Samson found himself truly touched our hearts? And we have heard that churches and individuals have also found themselves in such a situation. But we too have found ourselves in this situation. Not just the churches, designated as denominations, as they have been described and referred to, but we too, because we live in the same age, we have all found ourselves in the same situation. We must all cry out to God. And as we have heard, cry out to God from the depths of our hearts, a matter of life and death, where one simply has no choice but to send up a cry of desperation to God. Is this desperation already upon us? If not yet, then we must wait a little longer.

God will not answer until then. And as I said, we also believe that the Lord is not late.

I do not wish to lull anyone into a false sense of security, for we can see from everything that is happening now just how near the end must be, not merely might be, but must be. And I was reminded of this just this morning when Brother Branham spoke of it in March 1962: **When Berlin falls and the wall is torn down and when reunification takes place, then the Roman Empire will be re-established just as it was in the past.**

And he also foretold these things. We have emphasized this here on several occasions, how various events would unfold: Socialism, National Socialism, Communism, and Fascism, all of it. And then Brother Branham looked to the end of the end times. First one stage, the first two will lead to Communism, and then Communism will also lead to Catholicism.

And we can see all of this very clearly and distinctly before our very eyes today.

On my flight back from Zurich, I read a large headline. It doesn't quite fit here, but I thought about it anyway, because I actually felt very sorry for Mr. Stolpe. I had the impression, though that was just my impression, that the Catholics of West Germany wanted to really give a Protestant from the former East Germany a hard time, and they did just that with all those insinuations. I felt very sorry for the man. But then I read the big headline and saw the huge photo on the front page of the newspaper. This news reached Mr. Stolpe whilst he was at the Vatican. And then I saw the picture of Mr. Stolpe and the Pope and thought to myself: "Blimey, what have you done?" But we know that all things must be this way now.

The Protestants are no longer protesting. Rome, as the mother's womb, has indeed spread out her arms and says: "You can all come back." And they are all going back, because that is where they belong. But within these denominations there are still people who belong to God. And they must be called out. And may the Lord have mercy on us all.

And just as we heard it, it also touched my heart when Brother Branham said: **"I**

am only a man. I have passed on the Word with human lips. But God must bring the Word to life through the power of the Spirit, so that it may accomplish for which it was sent."

And we do not look to ourselves or to our wretchedness. We look to God and truly say with perfect faith: "Once more, O Lord." And remember the passage from Haggai 2, verse 6 and Hebrews 12:26: ***"Once more, saith the Lord, I will shake the heavens and the earth."***

It is THUS SAITH THE LORD. He has said it, He will do it. And the connection is, you can read it in Haggai, in the last part of the final chapter, that at that time God will overthrow kings from their thrones and that He will intervene in the course of human history. Everything has now reached the stage it needs to be at, so that the last things may come to pass.

"Lord, once more", may it be laid upon our hearts, as I have already tried to say, that no one should get the impression that we are trying to stir up excitement here in a charismatic or Pentecostal manner. No, that is not our intention. But if we are the Church of God in these days and form the body of the Lord, then divine life must enter into every member, for there are no dead members in the living body of our Lord. And so, the divine life must flow through and permeate us all. And the Lord Himself must be able to bring about, through His Church, what He has set out to do. He is faithful. Be strong. This is also written, probably in the Prophet Haggai: ***"You who hear the words of the prophets in these days, be strong, be of good courage."*** [Hag 2:4; Zec 8:9]

We may take heart. It will not be long now. Let us persevere, love the Lord and one another, receive His Word into our hearts, and believe from the heart. And not leave here without having accomplished anything, but say: "Lord, if You will, then You can. Today You can confirm Your Word to me. Today You can place this cry within my heart. Today You can and will answer."

I am very grateful to the Lord for this sermon. As I said yesterday evening, God did indeed call Brother Branham in a special way. He was consecrated to God from the day of his birth. Brother Russ mentioned Prophet Jeremiah last night. The Lord spoke to him: ***"Before you were born, whilst you were still in your mother's womb, I called you, and I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."*** [Jer 1:5] God has consecrated men for tasks within His kingdom, and so we may believe and know that Brother Branham, too, was a man consecrated to God with a special task, calling, and an extraordinary ministry, not so that we might look up to him, but so that we might understand that God sent him, so that we may look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith [Heb 12:2], and take the Lord at His Word, knowing that He will bring it to pass.

Praise be to His holy name. Amen.

Let us now give thanks together and believe that all things are possible, and that the

Lord is present. He knows our needs. When the leper came, he was cleansed. [Mat 8:2-3] When the blind came, they received their sight. [Mat 11:5; Luk 7:22] When the lame came, they were able to walk. The Lord has done for each person exactly what was needed at that moment. Even today He does for each person exactly what is needed. Believe with all your heart that God is present here to confirm His Word as true in everyone's life and to give everyone what we ask of Him. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. [Heb 13:8] Now we stand in faith, in the Word of God, in faith in the power of God. And the Lord is present.

Blessed and praised be His glorious name.

Beloved Lord, by the authority of the Word of God and the power of the name of Jesus Christ, we now believe that You have given us everything by grace. You died on Golgotha. Your victory is our victory. We thank You with all our hearts for this. You have now confirmed Your Word as true, forgiven all sins, redeemed life from destruction, crowned us with mercy and lovingkindness. You delivered, healed, and blessed us. To You, the almighty God, be praise and honor, glory and worship. You have done it.