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# *THE BREACH BETWEEN THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES AND THE SEVEN SEALS*

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 Good evening, friends. It's a—a great privilege to be back here in the house of the Lord, tonight, in the service, and still living on the—the manna from this morning, that our souls were so greatly blessed by His great Presence. And now, tonight, we are have a . . . starting on the subject of: *The Breach Between The Seven Church Ages And The Seven Seals*.

<sup>2</sup> And I was just speaking, this afternoon, to a friend. And maybe, the Lord willing, sometime this summer, if He doesn't take me Home, or—or, I get to come back, don't go overseas or something, I would like to strike again at the seven last Trumpets, see. And it all bridges together. And—and then there's the seven last Plagues in this. And it all blends right together, as we'll see as we go along.

<sup>3</sup> So, tonight, while we're kind of getting quietened . . . I may be just a little lengthy tonight. With even . . . As soon as I get back here, now . . . All the preaching I done in Phoenix, I never one time even got hoarse, see. That's right. And, oh, my, how hard I preached! And for, I believe, it was twenty-seven services, without getting hoarse. But it's the climate here, you see. Just simply, it's just bad right here, just a valley. It's just a bad condition back here, and, of healthy, you know, what I mean, it's—it's—it's bad. And any preacher has a . . . that speaks, has a bad throat, to begin with.

<sup>4</sup> A—a doctor friend of mine looked into my throat, one time, to see what was wrong. Said, "Nothing." Said, "You just got calluses on your vocal chords there." Said, "That's from preaching." Well, I—I—I kind of like that, you know. That made me feel better, as long as it could be applied to preaching, you see. It would be all right, for the Kingdom of God.

<sup>5</sup> Now, we might not be able to bear in our body the mark of the Je- . . . of Jesus Christ, like Paul did, from being beat. But we might bear our mark from preaching and giving our voice against the things that's wrong. So, we're thankful that we don't have to be beat anymore, especially up to this time. So we—we are . . .

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<sup>6</sup> How many in here has read *What Time Is It, Sirs?* Or, has heard it, you know, *What Time Is It, Sirs?* That's bothered me quite a bit. If you haven't, I wish, some way, if you could get to hear it, or some way. Kind of bothered me. I just wanted to drop this before starting the service. About—about a week or ten days ago, I was so disturbed. I just . . . I—I just didn't, I wouldn't take services or anything, because I—I didn't know it. It seemed like it could be something that was bad, and I didn't know just what it was. So I . . .

<sup>7</sup> One early morning, I got up, to go up into Sabino Canyon. Which, from the house, is only about thirty-minutes drive to the . . . or forty, to the head of the Sabino Canyon, then there's a road that runs thirty miles up into the mountain.

<sup>8</sup> Strange country, up there. I can be here on the desert, where it's eighty and ninety, right now, and in thirty minutes be in eight-foot of snow, see, on top of the mountain. We was at Phoenix, just recently, where it was twenty something, twenty-eight degrees. They had the swimming pool heated, and people swimming. And about forty-minutes drive from there, it was forty below zero, at Flagstaff. See? That's the difference from the up currents and the desert. And very healthy for asthmatics, and so forth.

<sup>9</sup> But, now, I went up in the canyon, and I climbed way as high as I could go. And I—I—I asked the Lord, while sitting up in there, what all this meant, and so forth. I was kind of bothered, and didn't know just what to do.

<sup>10</sup> And so while I was praying; strange thing happened. I—I—I want to be honest. Now, I could have fallen asleep. It could have been like a trance, or it could have been a—a—a vision. I'm more or less inclined to believe that it was a vision. That, I had my hands out, saying, "Lord, what does this blast mean? And what does these seven Angels in a constellation of—of the pyramid, picking me up from off the ground and turning eastward, what does it mean?"

<sup>11</sup> I was standing there, in prayer, and something happened. And, now, something fell in my hand. And I know, if you don't understand spiritual things, it may seem very strange. But something struck in my hand. And, when I looked, it was a sword. And the handle was made of pearl, the prettiest pearl I ever seen. And the—the guard, you know, where . . . I guess it's to keep your hands from being lanced, you know, while you're . . . the—the people were dueling; was gold. And the saber's blade wasn't too long, but it was just razor sharp; and it was glistening silver. And

it was the prettiest thing I ever seen. It just fit my hand exactly. And I was holding it. I said, "Isn't that pretty!" I looked at it. And I thought, "But, you know, always afraid of a sword." I was kind of glad that I lived out of the days that they used them, because I—I'm afraid of a knife. And so I—I thought, "What would I do with that?"

<sup>12</sup> And while holding, in my hand, a Voice from somewhere said, "That is the King's sword." And then it left me.

<sup>13</sup> Well, I—I wondered what it meant, "That is the King's sword." And I thought, "If It would have said, 'a king's sword,' it might have been that I would have understood it. But It said, '*the* King's sword.'" So I may not have this right, but I thought, "There is only One, *the* King, that's God. And His sword is *This*, 'Sharper than a two-edged sword,' see. 'And ye abide in Me, and My Words. . .'" See? And I—I thought . . .

<sup>14</sup> In dueling, you see, and as I under- . . . I don't understand one word of it, but, or one principle of dueling. But, the best of my understanding, the knife striking across. And then, finally, the—the swords, if they lock, the enemy and you lock the swords, like *this*, then it takes the strength of the man dueling. Because, see, his sword would be pointed to my heart, and mine to his, but they're locked, as our knives striking each other. And then they strike, and then the swords come together. And the one that can shove the other one down, the sword is straight to the heart. So it takes . . .

<sup>15</sup> Even though the sword be the Word, it takes the hand of strong faith to hold It there, to bring It to the heart of the enemy. Now, not knowing these things, but just . . . All that I have received of Him, that I can tell, I have told you. So, that, you know, I believe it was . . . Wasn't it our Lord said, all that He had received of the Father, that He had told, and withheld nothing? And—and so we want to do those things just as they come. Now, if you'll be real wise, and pray, I'm sure you'll understand something pretty soon, now, something that I hope is revealed.

<sup>16</sup> Now, in this Book, let's all turn now to the—the 5th chapter of the Book which is called The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

<sup>17</sup> Now, tomorrow night is the First Seal. Which, the first four Seals are opened, by four horse riders, one on each Seal that strikes the earth. And then, perhaps, they will not be long, until after we pass about . . . Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, about Thursday. Then, I suppose, on the Sixth . . . and Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Seal, will probably be very lengthy. So, maybe it'll give you a little time to catch up a little rest.

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18 We aim to start the services here, I believe, at seven, in the week nights. And I'm to be on the platform at seven-thirty, exactly. And then that might let us out by midnight. So—so, I—I went an hour over, this morning. I didn't mean that, I just . . . I don't know when.

19 Because, I do not know what the first rider is. I do not know Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, or Seventh Seal. I, to this moment, I do not know. See? I'm just depending on Him. So that's why, trying this week, by the grace of God to help, believing that, if you understand deeply . . .

20 You know, in visions, you cannot reveal things until you are permitted to reveal. How many times have you all heard me say, "Go into a house, perhaps a hat be lying *here*. And this certain child, or so forth, will not be healed until that is laid over *here*." I cannot tell them, or neither can I move it there. It's got to be, move, in some other way. Somebody else has to take it and move it. And, everything in order, then it can be revealed.

21 So now be in prayer. Now, just before we approach the Book, let's talk to Him, with our heads bowed.

22 Lord Jesus, we are altogether insufficient. We would not try, by no means, to approach this sacred Book, in this most holy hour which souls hang in the destination of time, without asking, Lord, that, the only One that can reveal this Book, that He come forward now, blessing the feeble efforts of Thy servant's. Bless the Word as It goes forth. May It go in the power of the Spirit. And may the spiritual ground of the . . . those who are hungering and thirsting to know righteousness and to know the will of God, may It fall in there and bring forth of Its kind. Grant it, Lord. All praise shall be Thine. May the hungry and the thirsty find food and drink, tonight, from the Word. We ask it in Jesus' Name, of Whom the revelation is of. Amen.

23 Now, now we're going to turn to the 5th chapter. Now, this is not the Seven Seals. It is the breach between the church ages and the Seven Seals. Now, there is also a 6th chapter of . . .

24 And there was a 4th chapter, rather, of Revelation, and, in that, it kind of revealed something that would take place after the Church going up. That, the Church goes up on the 3rd chapter of Revelation, and does not return until the 19th chapter of Revelation. See? Therefore, the Church misses the Tribulation. I know that's contrary to—to pretty near every teacher I ever talked to. But I—I—I don't mean to be disagreeable. I—I mean to be your brother, but I—I must teach just as I can see It. If I don't, I can't

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put It together, you see. And now, whether It goes up before the Tribulation or after the Tribulation, I want to go up with It. That's the main thing.

<sup>25</sup> So, those things we—we just are presuming, because, without education, I type. I look and see what is, or has been in the Old Testament, which is a type or a shadow of the New, then I have some idea what the New is. See? Like if . . . Noah went into the ark before the tribulation set in, a type; but even before Noah, see, went in the ark, Enoch went up, see, before anything happened. And Lot was called out of Sodom before one speck of the tribulation set in, of destruction; but Abraham was, all the time, out of it. See, types.

<sup>26</sup> But now we will read the 1st verse. I'll read the first two or three verses of It.

*And I saw in the right hand of him that sat upon a throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*

*And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

*And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under—neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look upon It. (What a Book!)*

*And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*

<sup>27</sup> Now, you speak about unworthiness? “Not even worthy to look at It; no man, nowhere.”

*And one of the elders said unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, . . . in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

*And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.*

<sup>28</sup> We will pause there for a few moments, from the reading of Revelation 5, down to the including the 7th verse.

<sup>29</sup> This Seven-Seal Book is revealed at the time of the Seven Thunders of Revelation 10, now, if you're marking it down. Let's turn to Revelation 10, just a moment, so you'll get an

understanding before we get into it. Now, this is at the end time. For, listen:

*. . . I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow . . . upon his head, . . .*

<sup>30</sup> If you notice, that's Christ, see. Cause, He, in the Old Testament, was called the Angel of the Covenant. And He is directly coming to the Jews now, for the Church is finished. See? All right.

*. . . and his face . . . as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:*

<sup>31</sup> You remember that Angel in Revelation 1? Same thing. *Angel* is a "messenger." And He's the Messenger to Israel. See? The Church has been raptured, see, now, or fixing to be raptured. He comes for His Church. Now watch.

*And he had in his hand a little book open: . . .*

<sup>32</sup> Now, *here*, It was closed here and sealed; and *here* It's open. It's been opened. Since that time of the sealing, we're getting into tonight, now the Book is open. "A little Book in His hand, in His . . . It was open. Oh, how the sun, as pillars . . ." Wait just a minute. Let me start back here and read.

*And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot upon the earth,*

*And he cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roar: . . .*

<sup>33</sup> We know He is the Lion of the tribe of Juda. Over *here* He's the Lamb; but *here* He's the Lion. See?

*. . . and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.*

<sup>34</sup> Now, John was commissioned to write what he saw, so the apostle, and prophet, picked up his pen to write It.

*And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.*

<sup>35</sup> Now, that's what we don't know. That's yet to be revealed. It's not in Holy Script, what them Thunders say.

*And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hands to heaven, (now listen)*

*And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created the heavens, and the things that therein are, and the earth,*

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*and the things . . . therein are, and . . . there should be time no longer:*

36 Watch! Here is a verse I want to get to.

*But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he has declared to his servants the prophets.*

37 Now, see, the mystery of this Seven-Seal Book will be revealed at the sounding of the seventh church angel's Message. See? "The seventh angel begins to sound," and there is the Messages wrote out there, and we got It in tape and book form. Now, "At the beginning of the sounding of the Message, the mystery of God should be finished, see, at that time." Now we will notice. The Book, of the mystery of God, is not revealed until the seventh angel's Message is sounded.

38 Now, these points will be important in the Seals, I'm sure, 'cause It must, every bit, tie together.

39 Now, It's wrote mysterious, because no man, nowhere, knows It. God alone, Jesus Christ, see. Now, but is . . . It is a Book, a mysterious Book. It's the Book of Redemption. We'll get into that, in a little while. And now we know that this Book of Redemption will not be thoroughly understood; It's probed at, through six church ages. But at the end, when the seventh angel begins to sound his mystery, he winds up all of the loose ends that these fellows probed at. And the mysteries comes down from God, as the Word of God, and reveals the entire revelation of God, then the Godhead and everything else is settled. All the mysteries, serpent's seed, and whatever more, is to be revealed.

40 Now, you see, I'm just not making that up. That's what . . . It's THUS SAITH THE LORD. I'll read It to you out of the Book, "The sounding of the seventh angel's Message, the mystery of God should be finished, that's been declared by His holy prophets," that's the prophets who has wrote the Word. At the sounding, of the seventh church age, the last church age, all the loose ends, that through these church ages has been probed at, will be wound up together.

41 And when the Seals are broke, and the mystery is revealed, down comes the Angel, the Messenger, Christ, setting His foot upon the land and upon the sea, with a rainbow over His head. Now, remember, this seventh angel is on earth at the time of this Coming.

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42 Just as John was giving his message, the same time that Messiah come in the days. John knew he would see Him, because he was going to introduce Him.

43 And we realize that, in the Scriptures, over in Malachi 4, there is to be a one like John, an—an Elijah to whom the Word of God can come to. And he is to reveal, by the Holy Spirit, all the mysteries of God, and restore the Faith of the children back to the faith of the apostolic fathers, restore back all these mysteries that's been probed at, through these denominational years. Now, that's what the Word said. I'm just responsible for what It said. See? It's—It's written, is right. That's what It is.

44 Now, we see that this Seven-Seal Book, now, is the mystery of redemption. It's a Book of Redemption, from God.

45 Now, all the mysteries, at this time, should be finished at the sounding of this messenger. Now, *here* is the angel on earth; and “another” Angel, mighty Messenger, come down. See, *this* angel was an earthly angel, messenger; but *here* comes One down from Heaven, a rainbow covenant, see, only Christ it could be.

46 Just exactly like was in Revelation, 1st chapter, “Standing in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks, with a rainbow, to look upon as jasper and sardius stone.”

47 And here He returns back, in the 10th chapter, after the coming time that all the mysteries is to be finished and the Seals are to be broke, and proclaiming that it's, “Time is no more.” And He said, “When the seventh angel has begin to sound, then the mystery should be finished, and time for the Angel to appear.” We're close, somewhere. Right. Now notice.

48 The Seven Seals holds the mystery of the Book. Until we can see what those Seven Seals has sealed in, we're only presuming them things. Because, as I've told you, this morning, upon my little Message this morning, of God hiding in simplicity. You see, we—we are . . . We are sure to miss the thing unless It is absolutely, genuinely revealed by the Holy Spirit, and vindicated the same. See? If the prophet rises and tells you that This is just That, and God don't vindicate the same, forget it. See? But God, in every statement, in everything, has to vindicate It, to make It right. See? So, His children will watch those things, see, and be alert, notice.

49 Seven Seals on the Book, has the . . . These Seven Seals has the Book sealed. See? The Book is absolutely sealed. Do you see it? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] The Book is absolutely a sealed Book until the Seven Seals is broken. It is sealed up with Seven Seals. Now, that's a different from the Seven Thunders. See?

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This is Seven Seals on the Book. And the Book will not, the Seals will not be released until the Message of the seventh angel. See? So we—we are presuming; but the genuine revelation of God will be made perfect in that sounding, vindicated Truth. Now, that's exactly what the Word says, "The mystery should be finished at that time."

<sup>50</sup> And this Seven-Seal Book, remember, It was closed here, in Revelation the 5th chapter, and in Revelation the 10th chapter It is opened.

<sup>51</sup> And now we're going to see what the Book says about how It become open. And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book, and breaks the Seals, and opens the Book. See? The Lamb has got to take the Book.

<sup>52</sup> It's hid. Now remember, "No man in Heaven, no man in earth," pope, bishop, cardinal, state presbyter, or whoever he is, "can break them Seals, or reveal the Book, but the Lamb." And we have probed, and presumed, and stumbled, and wondered, and—and that's the reason we're all in such a confusion.

<sup>53</sup> But with the Divine promise that this Book of Redemption will be perfectly opened by the Lamb, and the Seals thereof will be loosed by the Lamb, in the last days in which we're living now. And is not made known until the Lamb takes the Book and breaks the Seals. Because, remember, the Book was being holded in the hands of Him that sat upon the Throne. "And the Lamb comes to Him that sits upon the Throne, and takes the Book out of His right hand." Takes the Book! Oh, that's deep. We'll try to solve it out if we can, by the help of the Holy Spirit. Now we're depending on Him. And we will see, later, it is at the end time, "When time has run out."

<sup>54</sup> No denominations has a right for interpretation of the Book. No man has a right to interpret It. It is the Lamb Who interprets It. And the Lamb is the One Who speaks It, and the Lamb makes the Word to be known, by vindicating and bringing the Word to Life. See? Exactly! Notice. And is not revealed until . . .

<sup>55</sup> This Book is not revealed until the church ages and denominational ages has run out, "and there is time no more." See it? It's only revealed after church ages and denominational ages has run out.

<sup>56</sup> That's the reason the thing is in such a scruple tonight. See, they pick up a little doctrine, and they run off *here* to one side, say, "This is It!" Another one picks up another doctrine, runs off *this* side, said, "This is It!" And each one builds a denomination under

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it, until we got hundreds of denominations. But still, in all of it, to see the confusion, the people are wondering, "What is Truth?" If that isn't just the condition today!

<sup>57</sup> But then He promises, that, "When that time has finished out, there will be the sounding of the seventh angel's voice, and then the Book will be revealed, see, at that time."

<sup>58</sup> Now, don't say, nobody, "Them people ain't saved back there."

<sup>59</sup> But, the mysteries, that they couldn't understand! How that God can be three and, yet, One! How that the Scripture can say, "Baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Ghost," and turn around and say, "Baptize in the Name of Jesus." See? Oh, so many things! How can Eve eat a apple and cause the—the wreckage of the whole world? See? How can these things be? But those mysteries are promised to be revealed in the end time.

<sup>60</sup> It's little, loose ends that . . . These great warriors has come on the scene, such as Irenaeus, and Martin, Saint Martin, and Polycarp, and the different ones, and Luther, and Wesley, and all of these. See? As how they have come and just lived long enough to—to kind of bring a light and shine it, but they left many things in—in darkness. Along come the Pentecostal Age, like the Lutheran Age, and they run out on limbs. But still, all right, don't say they wasn't right. They were. But there is loose ends left, that can't be explained. But then in . . . Why? The Seals hasn't been broke, to thoroughly reveal what these things are. See?

<sup>61</sup> But then, in the last age, all these mysteries are to be solved and handed out. And the Seals are to be opened by the Lamb, and revealed to the Church, and then time is no more. See? How wonderful! Then, the Book, then, is a Book of Redemption. For, then It goes ahead . . .

<sup>62</sup> And we'll bring in, later on, how the hundred and forty-four thousand is brought in, and so forth. All right. That's Jew.

<sup>63</sup> Now, now, Paul. Let's read a little bit. I get some of these Scriptures, and I think we ought to—to read Them. Now let's all of us turn; Paul, in Ephesians 1.

<sup>64</sup> Many of them I see are writing. They got their books and writing the Scriptures down, marking them in their Bible, for a chain. So, that's—that's fine. I like for you to do that, and then go home and study It. See? And—and if you study It, yourself, then you'll—you'll understand It better. See? Just study It, and ask God to help you to understand.

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65 Now let's read a—a Scripture I got written down here. Ephesians 1:13 and 14, now.

*In whom we also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, and the gospel of your salvation: in whom . . . after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy Spirit of promise,*

*Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. See?*

66 Now, while we got the Scriptures open, let us . . . See, the Holy Spirit here, Itself, is a Seal. The Holy Spirit is a Seal. And a Seal signifies (what?) a finished work, the Holy Spirit being a Seal to the individual. And to that individual, when he receives the Holy Spirit, then his time of groaning is over, see, because it is a finished work.

67 Like, I used to work for the railroad company, and we'd load box cars with cans and different things from the canning factory. And, but, then, before that car could be sealed, the inspector come around, to see if that car was properly loaded. If not, [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.] the first time it rammed together with something, it'd scatter the stuff and break it, and—and the railroad company was responsible. And that inspector would test everything, to see if it was properly in place. If it wasn't, he condemned the car. Then we had to do it all over again, until the inspector was satisfied. And then when the inspector is satisfied, he shuts the door. The inspector shuts the door. And the inspector places a seal upon it, and then no one can break this seal until it reaches its destination.

68 That's what the Holy Spirit has been doing. See? He goes and He inspects. That's the reason you can't have these things and . . . You say, "I spoke in tongues, and I shouted, and I danced in the Spirit." That don't have nothing to do with It. See? The Holy Spirit inspects that person until He's thoroughly satisfied and knows that they are.

69 Then, they are sealed unto their Eternal destination. There is not nothing can ever break that Seal. The Bible . . . You're putting your Scripture down. Ephesians 4:30, said, "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed until the Day of your Redemption." Hold that word, "redemption," see. Until the day that the Book of Redemption has been revealed, and the Redeemer comes to claim His possession! Nothing can do it. See? "Don't grieve It." Stay . . . Do things that pleases God, for the

Book is sealed, now, and you are sealed. The Holy Spirit, Itself, is the Seal.

<sup>70</sup> *Seal* signifies . . . Now, this is words I got from the dictionary. *Seal* signifies a “finished work.” And when the Seventh Seal is broken, the mystery of God that’s sealed in these mysterious Seals is finished. Until the day that Seal is broke, and then it’s revealed what’s on the inside of It.

<sup>71</sup> If the man is wondering what’s in that box car, say, “There is supposed to be *such-and-such*. There is supposed to be.” He is presuming. But when the seal is broken, and the door is open, we see into it then and see exactly what’s in there.

You see it? And that’ll only be done at the end time.

<sup>72</sup> Another thing a Seal signifies, is “ownership.” See, the Seal has a mark on It, shows ownership. When you are bought by the Blood of Jesus Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost, you no longer belong to the world or anything pertaining to the world. You are owned by God.

<sup>73</sup> Another thing, is, a Seal is a “security.” Seal means you are secured. Now, you that don’t believe in Eternal security, I don’t know, see. But now, but, a Seal signifies security to its destination. Woe unto that guy that would try to break that Seal! And the Holy Spirit Seal cannot be broken.

<sup>74</sup> You all have heard me say that people said, “The devil made me do *this*.” No, no, the devil didn’t do it. You just wasn’t sealed in. Cause, when you are sealed in, he is sealed out. Yeah. See? Now, you went out to him. Uh-huh. He couldn’t get into you, because the only way to get into you is come through the same process that you have. He would have to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, then he’d be your brother. So, you see, so he—he didn’t do it. No, no. You just went to the borderline and come back, lusting for the things of the world. You never went all the way over into Canaan, you see, across Jordan, the death to self. See?

<sup>75</sup> Now notice, now, this Book is sealed. And—and you are sealed, with the Book, until the Day of Redemption.

<sup>76</sup> Again, in Romans 8:22 and 23. Let’s get that, and we’ll give this background, then I think we’ll understand It a little better if each person reads It for themselves. I’m giving you a few Scriptures here, so we can—we can look upon Them, and while the hour is still young. Now, 8, Romans 8:22, to begin.

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*For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

*And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

77 Oh, my! Oh, my! Don't that make us old folks feel good? It ought to make us all feel good, waiting for this hour. We understand this will take place at the first resurrection. See? Nature is groaning. We are groaning. Everything is groaning, because we realize there is something not right. And the only way you can groan, and wait for it, is because there has been new Life come in *here*, that speaks of a new World.

78 Like the wife here, not long ago, we went over here to the supermarket. And I said, "We found a strange thing; a lady had on a dress." And it was so strange, see. They, they're . . . Nearly all of them don't wear dresses, you see. And, somehow, they're forgetful; they go out without them. So then we . . . They're wilfully forgetful.

79 And so, then, Meda said to me, she said, "Bill, why is that?" she said.

80 "Oh," I said, "it's just the spirit of the nation." And I said, "When you go to Germany, they have a certain spirit. Go to Finland, they have a national spirit. You come to America, we have a national spirit."

81 Our national spirit is frolic, jokes. You know why? We were founded upon the Doctrine of the apostles. We were founding upon leadership of great men, like Washington, Lincoln. But we have moved off of that foundation, and we know that we've got it coming. We know that a atomic bomb has got our name wrote on it. We know that slavery lays ahead of us. No need of fooling yourself.

82 It reminds me, like some of these comedians, going down and—and telling these jokes, and carrying on, and women carrying on the way they do, and men, together. It just reminds me of a little boy going through the graveyard, whistling, trying to make hisself believe he's not scared. Sure, he's scared. See? He ain't fooling nobody. That's why he's whistling. See? He is trying to say he's not scared, but he is. And that's what's the matter, today.

83 But, oh, what a blessed hope for the believer, that's lifting up hands, for our redemption is drawing nigh. When he sees these things appearing, it's a great time for the believer.

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<sup>84</sup> Now, these things, that, the groaning in our bodies. Did you ever notice a tree, how it struggles for life? It wants to live. And you notice an animal, how in—in death, how it struggles. You notice a human being, everything, nature is groaning. We, in ourselves, are groaning. See? We know there is something wrong. We see, from these verses, that something has been lost, both to man and earth. Creation of all type, has lost something, for we see from this inspired Word that it's groaning for some reason. You, you don't groan unless there's a reason for it.

As I spoke of the ink, it's a reason.

<sup>85</sup> That's the way in praying for the sick; until you can find the cause! I know the cure, but I've got to find the cause. That's why the visions are so needed and prominent; it reveals the secret of the heart, tells the person where you made your mistake, and what to do. See? No matter how much medicine you take, or how much oil you pour on their heads, or how loud anyone would scream over you; if there is something wrong, he'll lay right there. I said "he," that's Satan.

<sup>86</sup> See, today, as advanced we are, in medicine, we still don't know nothing about these things. You say, "He's got cancer." Well, that ain't nothing. That, that—that just names what it is. That names the medical name, cancer. That don't have anything to do with what it is. That's the name that we call it. We just call it the name, cancer. But, really, what it is, break it down, it's a devil.

<sup>87</sup> Now, we say "sin." We just call it sin. Break it down. What is sin? A lot of people say, "Drinking, committing adultery." No, no. That's the attributes of sin. See? That's what sin causes, see. But real sin is unbelief. That's where it's—that's where it's named and called out. If you are a believer, you don't do those things. But no matter how holy you try to make yourself, and how religious you try to be; if you do those things, you're an unbeliever. That's Scriptural.

<sup>88</sup> Now, something is lost, and it's groaning. It's trying to get back, to be back to its original condition.

<sup>89</sup> Would you imagine someone falling from the earth, down into a deep pit somewhere, and was struggling, climbing, pulling? They must, by some means, get out of this pit. They're not in their original state. And, frantically, they're screaming. They're clawing the walls, making a noise, or doing some way. They're—they're groaning because that they want to get back to their original state.

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<sup>90</sup> That's why a person, that struck with disease, aches and pains. One time they wasn't that way, but they are groaning. Why? They're not right. There is something wrong. And they're groaning, and trying to get back to where they was when they had health.

<sup>91</sup> And when nature and peoples, as the Bible said, "are groaning," it shows there is something, that they're not in their ought-to-be condition. They have fallen from somewhere. Now, we don't need anybody to interpret that for us. See? For, of course, we know it was Eternal Life, they had fallen from. And they lost their claims on Eternal Life, by the fall of Adam and Eve, who fell from Eternal Life, to death, in the garden of Eden, and brought all nature, under them, to death.

<sup>92</sup> A tree never died, before Adam. An animal wouldn't die, before Adam. And there's only one thing that cannot die, and that's God, because He's Eternal. And that's the only way we can ever keep from dying, we have to have Eternal Life in us, to be sons and daughters of God.

<sup>93</sup> But when we died, as I said in the Message this morning, to sin, we sold out our birthrights and crossed this chasm. Now we're beyond the reach of God, on this other side of the chasm. Now, of course, when Adam fell, to death, he brought death upon all creation.

<sup>94</sup> Now, he was given free moral agency. It was given to them just as we, so to make a choice. Now, Adam and Eve, in the beginning, there was a tree of right and wrong before them, and that same tree sets before each and—and every one of us. See, God isn't doing for Adam or for Eve. . . . You say, "Well, it's their fault." No, not now it isn't. It's your fault. You can't place it on Adam now. You got to place it on yourself, because right and wrong is set before you. We're on the same basis as Adam and Eve.

<sup>95</sup> But, you see, when we are redeemed, we no more want our own choice, but we want His choice. See? See?

<sup>96</sup> Now, Adam and Eve wanted their own choice. They wanted to, they wanted to find out what it was to have wisdom, so they probed into it, and it caused death.

<sup>97</sup> Now, when a man has been redeemed, he don't care anymore for scholarship. He don't care for anymore of the things of the world, the wisdom of the world. He don't want no choice at all. Christ has been his choice, and that's all of it. He is redeemed. He just no more wants to lead himself. He don't want nobody talk him into where to go and what to do. He just waits and finds

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out the choice of his Maker. See? Then he goes in the Name of his Maker, when the Maker tells him to go. See?

<sup>98</sup> But man seeking wisdom, wants to find, "Well, this parish is pretty good; but they pay me more over yonder, so I'll go over there." See? See, wisdom.

<sup>99</sup> Now, when Adam sinned, by heeding his wife's reasoning instead of holding to God's Word, that's what made Adam sin. His wife reasoned with Satan, and then produced the product to Adam, and Adam turned loose the Word and sold out.

<sup>100</sup> He lost, also, his inheritance, when he lost his fellowship and right to Life. Remember, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." And when he lost his Life, he also lost his inheritance in life, because he had completely supreme control of the earth. He was a god of the earth. God is the God of the universe, everywhere. But His son had this earth under his own control. He could speak, he could name, he could say, he could stop nature, he could do anything he wanted to. See? But, when he did that, he lost his inheritance.

<sup>101</sup> Now, Adam could say, "Let this mountain, here, be moved over there," and it would do it. Adam could say, "Let this tree, here, be plucked up and planted over here," it would do it. See? For he had complete, supreme control, as a minor god under God our Father, because he was a son of God.

<sup>102</sup> Now couldn't we stop here just a minute and get a real sermon! See? Oh! Then, if the Blood has cleansed it back, what about now? See? Look what that Son of God, the second Adam, did. See? And said, "The works that I do, shall you also." See?

<sup>103</sup> Adam lost his inheritance, the earth. Now, it passed from his hand to the one he sold out to, Satan. He sold his faith in God, to Satan's reasonings. Therefore, his Eternal Life, his right to the Tree of Life, his right to the earth, belonged to him, and he forfeited every bit to the hands of Satan. He passed it from his hand to Satan. Therefore, now, it has been, it returned and has been polluted. And the seed of Adam has destroyed the inheritance that Adam should have had, that's the earth. That's right, see, the seed of Adam.

<sup>104</sup> I stopped, the other day, at down at Tucson where I live. And I was talking to someone, up on top of the mountain, looking down. I said, "What do you think! That, three hundred years ago, the old Papago come down through there on his travois, with his squaw and children sitting on the back, rode out there somewhere and lived peacefully. There was no adultery, no whiskey, no gambling,

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no nothing among them. They lived clean. And the coyote come down the—the wash, each night, through Tucson here, howling. And the mesquite and cactus bloomed, around on the banks. And Jehovah looked upon it and must have smiled. But the white man come that way, and what has he done? He has dug up the cactus. He has polluted the country, with beer cans and whiskey bottles. He has ruined the morals of the nation. The only way he could whip the Indian was kill out his food, the buffalo.”

<sup>105</sup> When I was reading at Tombstone, the other day, in the—the museum, and saw the pictures of Geronimo. And many of you might think that Geronimo was a renegade. To me, he was a genuine American. He was only fighting for that which was right, that God had given him: a land, and a nation, and a place to live. I don’t blame him. And when those white soldiers come in there and, by force, taken over the land, and killing them out like a bunch of flies. And there was the original picture of Geronimo’s medical headquarters, or his hospital. It was two or three blankets over a piece of mesquite. And them wounded, real, genuine Americans, Indians, fighting for their God-given rights. And there, Geronimo with a baby of his own, on the hips, standing there looking upon his own warriors, bleeding, dying, with no penicillin or nothing, no way to help them; genuine, God-given Americans! Then call him a renegade? I call him a gentleman.

<sup>106</sup> Cochise would have never surrendered. He was an old man. But the American Army, them all dressed in there, and they went out there and would kill the buffalo. They run excursions out, and Sharpe invented the buffalo rifle, and they went out there and say, “Oh, I had a good day today,” shooting, off the side of a—of a boxcar, or a passenger car. Say, “I killed forty today.” Forty buffaloes, which would have kept the whole tribe of Indians, two years or more. What did they do with them? Let them lay on the desert. Their old carrion bloated the lands, and stunk the lands, the coyotes eat.

<sup>107</sup> When the Indian killed the buffalo, there was a religious ceremony. He took his hoofs, saved them to make pans. His meat they eat, even to the meat on the entrail. They taken all of his meat and hung it up and dried it. His hide was dried, and they made clothing and tents. There wasn’t nothing. . .

<sup>108</sup> But, when the white man come in, the renegade is the white man. He is the rascal. And he come in and killed off those buffaloes, and starved those Indians out.

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109 Any genuine man would fight for his God-given rights. It's a stain on the American flag, what they did to the American Indian. After all, it belonged to him.

110 What would you think if Japa- . . . Japan, or—or some, Russia would come in, and say, "Get out of here! Get back out here," and—and do us and our children the way we did those Indians? But, remember, we've sowed, and now we're going to reap. That's the law of God, you know. There's a planting time, and then a harvest time. I think that it's too bad. Yes, sir.

111 Now what happened? The polluted seed of Adam has polluted and absolutely destroyed the land. Do you know the Bible says that? And because that he has did this, the polluted seed of Adam, God will destroy them. You want to read that? Let's see. I got it wrote down here. Turn to Revelation, the 11th chapter, and we'll find out. Get over in Revelation, the 11th chapter, and we'll see what God said about them who is destroying the earth. The 11th chapter, and let's take the 18th verse, I believe it is, 11:18. Here we are.

*And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come (now watch God's wrath), and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, both small and great; and should destroy—destroy them which destroy the earth.*

112 What they going to do? Reap what they sowed. Sure. When you see sin running in the streets! How many, on this Sunday night, how many adulteries will be committed in this city tonight? How many women will break her marriage vow, in this little hole in the ground here, called Jeffersonville? How many abortion cases you think are recorded in Chicago, in thirty days? In between twenty-five and thirty thousand per month, besides the ones that's not turned in. How much whiskey is drank in the city of Chicago? What do you think happens in Los Angeles in one night? How many times has the Lord's Name been taken in vain, in the city of Jeffersonville today? Is it better now, or was it better when George Rogers Clark came down on the raft? You see, we have absolutely polluted the earth with our filth, and God will destroy those that destroys the world. God said so.

113 I always thought there was something down in me, like to get up in the mountains and look the way God fixed it.

114 I hate, Florida, where they got them artificial palm trees. And, oh, my, I'd rather see the crocodiles twitching his tail, back in the

wilderness, than to see all that there put-on and stuff that they do in Hollywood, and all that there glamour, and bunch of drunks. And, oh, my, I just think, "Someday! Someday!" Yeah.

115 But, remember, the Bible has told us, in Matthew the 5th chapter, that, "The meek shall inherit the earth." That's right. "The meek and humble will inherit the earth." Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek," the simple ones that just don't try to be some great big something, "they shall inherit the earth." Jesus said so. Yes. Now they polluted it, and God will destroy them; but the meek will inherit the earth, after it's been purified.

116 Now, oh, my! Now, the forfeited title deed is now in the hands of the original Owner, Almighty God. The title deed to the earth, and to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it; then Satan's dirty hands could not take it, so it went back to its original Owner, God Himself. We're going to find it, just in a minute. There He sits on the Throne, with it in His hand, the title deed. [Brother Branham claps his hands together two times—Ed.] Oh, that makes me feel religious. The title deed to Eternal Life, abstract title deed to Eternal Life, when Adam forfeited it for wisdom, instead of faith, it went back to the hands of the Owner, Almighty God. What a great thing!

117 All right, waiting. What's it doing? In the hands of God, waiting for redemption claims. He made a way of redemption, He made a way back, and someday the Redeemer is to take it back. You see where we're getting to now? We'll watch this Fellow sitting upon the Throne. All right, waiting for redemption claims, its redemption.

118 What is this Book of Redemption, this title deed, abstract title deed? "You say, 'abstract'?" What does an abstract mean? Means it's searched all the way back to its beginning. Like that little—like that little drop of ink this morning, when it struck that bleach, it went all the way back. And when sin has been confessed and fallen into the Blood of Jesus Christ, oh, my, it gives an abstract, right straight back to the Creator again. You become a son of God. Abstract title deed is held in the hands of the Almighty. Oh, my!

119 Its redemption means all legal possession to all that was lost by Adam and Eve. Oh, my! [Brother Branham claps his hands together once.] What ought that to do to a born-again Christian! Its legal possession to that abstract deed, title deed of Eternal Life, means that you possess everything that Adam and Eve lost. Whew! What of it, brother? The possession of that deed!

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120 Adam could not meet the requirements of redemption. After he found he lost it, he had sinned and he had separated himself from God, was on *this* side of the chasm, so he could not redeem it. He just couldn't do it, 'cause he—he needed redemption, himself, so he could not do it.

121 But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer. The law of God required a Kinsman Redeemer. You want to mark that down, “Kinsman Redeemer,” find it in Leviticus 25.

122 We won't have time to thoroughly search this, 'cause, you know, each—each text would make a—a night. See?

123 But God's law received a substitute. Now, what if God had not offered to take a substitute? But love constrained Him to do it. That, man was without a way back, and there's no way for him to get back. He was gone. But the grace of God met this Kinsman Redeemer in the Person of Jesus Christ. Law required it. Grace met its requirements. Oh, amazing grace, how sweet the sound! God's law required an innocent substitute.

124 And who was innocent? Every man had been born sexual, after sex, every one. And the only one that wasn't, had forfeit the rights to Eternal Life and to be king on the earth.

125 Oh, when I think of that Scripture, “For Thou has redeemed us back to God, and we may reign and be kings and priests upon the earth.” Oh, my! What? The Kinsman Redeemer! Oh, what a story we would have here!

126 Notice, law required a Kinsman Redeemer to redeem a lost substance. Grace met this requirement in the Person of Jesus Christ. A Kinsman must be born of the human race.

127 Now, how could we be, when every man that's born has to . . . And anybody that couldn't see it was a sex act there, well, he is totally blind, see, 'cause every man that was born was born of a woman.

128 And God required a Kinsman Redeemer, and He must be a human. Oh, my! What are you going to do now? Law required a Kinsman Redeemer.

129 Now, He couldn't take an Angel. He had to have a man, 'cause we're not kin to the Angel. We're kin to one another. The Angel never fell. He is a different kind of a being, got a different body. He never sinned or nothing. He's a different.

But the law required a Kinsman Redeemer.

130 And every man on earth was born of a sex. Now, don't you see, there is where it come from. That's where sin started. So you

see where it's at now? There he comes, your seed of the serpent, in. See?

<sup>131</sup> Now, notice, required a Kinsman Redeemer. And the Redeemer, Kinsman Redeemer, must be born of the human race. Here, that leaves us on a limb. But let me sound the Trumpet to you. The virgin birth produced the—the product. Amen. The virgin birth produced our Kinsman Redeemer. None other but the Almighty God become Emmanuel, one of us. Emmanuel! The “Kinsman Redeemer” was met. You see how God makes a requirement, and there is nothing we can do. But then grace steps in and overshadows that law, and produces the product. Amen! [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.]

<sup>132</sup> Oh, when you get over Home! When I get my little cabin down there; that Brother Neville sings about. When you all hear something down there, one morning, sing, “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!” You say, “Praise God! Old Brother Branham made it. There he is, see.” Yes. Oh!

It's grace that taught my heart to fear,  
It was grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

<sup>133</sup> Wait till we get down to it, just in a moment! Oh, my! Now look. The Book. . .

<sup>134</sup> The Book of Ruth gives a beautiful picture of this, how Boaz. . . And Naomi had lost the estate. You, you know. You heard me preach on it, haven't you? Raise your hands up if you heard me preach it. So, you understand, see. Boaz had to become a redeemer. And he was the only one that could. He had to be a kinsman, a near kinsman. And, in redeeming Naomi, he got Ruth. That was Jesus, Boaz typing Christ. And when He redeemed Israel, He got the Gentile Bride. So then, you see, so very beautiful! We have it on tape, I'm sure, here somewhere, you'd like to have it.

<sup>135</sup> Now notice, now, He must be Kinsman. So, you see, an Angel couldn't do it. A man couldn't do it; it must be a man, but he can't be born of a woman, a sex act. So, the virgin birth, the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary. Therefore, Jesus was not a Jew. Jesus was not a Gentile. Jesus was God. That's exactly. His Blood didn't come from any sex act. He was the holy, created Blood of God. And we're not saved by Jewish blood, neither are we saved by Gentile blood. “We're saved by the Blood of God.” That's according to the Bible. It says so. “We're saved by. . .”

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<sup>136</sup> So, you see, Jesus was God. He was not no third Person, fourth Person, second Person. He was the Person. He was God, see. He was God, Emmanuel. God come down from His Glory, revealed Himself. I love that story, of Booth-Clibborn, that great, beautiful hymn.

Down from His Glory, ever living story,  
My God and Saviour came, and Jesus was His  
Name.

Born in a manger, to His own a stranger,  
A Man of sorrow, tears and agony. Oh!

What condescension, bringing us redemption;  
When in the dead of night, not one faint hope  
in sight;

God, precious, tender, laid aside His splendors,  
Stooping to woo and save my soul.

O how I love Him! How I adore Him!  
My breath, my sunshine, my all in all!  
The great Redeemer became my Saviour,  
The great Creator became my Saviour,  
And all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.

<sup>137</sup> That's the One met the requirement. Grace produced the Person of Jesus Christ. And we find, this Book now. . . God stretched His tent, come from God, to become a Man. He changed His strain, from the Almighty, to be a Man; to take on the form of man, so He could die, to redeem man. Wait till we see Him, when there's "nobody worthy." See? All right.

<sup>138</sup> In the Bible, in the Book of Ruth, as you read it, you'll find out, such a person was called the "goel," g-o-e-l. Was called the goel, or, it was a person that could meet the requirements. And the goel must be able to do it, must be willing to do it, and must be a kinsman, next to kinsman, to do it.

<sup>139</sup> And God, the Creator, of Spirit, became kinfolks to us when He become man, in order that He could take our sin upon Him, and pay the price, and redeem us back to God again. There it is. There is the Redeemer.

<sup>140</sup> Christ has redeemed us now. We are now redeemed. But He has not claimed His possession yet. Now, you might differ with that, but just hold on a minute, see. We'll see. See? He hasn't claimed it. See? If He took the Book of Redemption, everything that Adam had and everything that he lost, Christ redeems back. And He has already redeemed us. But He hasn't took the possession yet; He cannot until the time appointed. And then

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will come the resurrection, and then the earth will be renewed again. And then He'll take possession, His possession which He got when He redeemed us, but will do it at the appointed time. Oh, my!

<sup>141</sup> This is described in this Seven-Seal Book that we're talking of now. All right. The Book of Redemption, it's all described in here. All that what Christ will do at the end will be revealed to us this week, in the Seven Seals, if God will let us. See? All right. It will be revealed. And revealed, as the Seals break and are released to us, then we can see what this great plan of redemption is, and when and how it's going to be done. It's all hidden in this Book of mystery here. It's sealed, got up with Seven Seals, and so the Lamb is the only One Who can break them.

<sup>142</sup> Now . . . [Brother Branham is distracted by something—Ed.] Pardon me. We realize . . .

<sup>143</sup> Now, if you would like to look in the Scriptures, you can get over in Jeremiah and find out there. When he was—when he—he was going into the captivity of the land, you know, he—he bought his uncle . . . His uncle's son had some—some property, and he went through that, sealing. And if we took it all . . . We got that also in the *Seven Church Ages*, them seals and so forth, in there.

<sup>144</sup> You see, a seal, in the Old Testament, was like a roll, like *this*. [Brother Branham now uses sheets of paper to illustrate the rolling, sealing, and opening of a scroll—Ed.] And *here* was a mystery, and this mystery was hidden. All right, it was sealed around and put here, the claim to *so-and-so*. Then, the next mystery was wrapped around what this inheritance was, and stuck out here on *this* side, the—the—the claim to *so-and-so*. And went on down until it made a scroll, because people didn't have books like *this* then. It was in a roll, (how many knows that?) called a scroll. Well, a sealed scroll, you could break loose one *here*, what the mystery of this was, and tear it loose, and you could see what that claim was. And then break the other one loose, and you can see what that claim was.

<sup>145</sup> And the whole thing Here is Seven Seals, got the mysteries of God from the foundation of the world all sealed up in There, and revealed by seven different Seals, that, if God willing, let Him let us pull back these Seals and look down through the Book and find out what's It all about. See? Oh, I hope we have a great time! There the mystery of redemption is sealed until . . . This Book could not be broken until the last angel's Message.

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146 The scroll is there. We knowed It was there. We know that It was redemption. We believed It was redemption. Jeremiah said, “This scroll must be kept . . .” As you read it there, he’ll say. He must be kept in a earthly vessel. See? Oh, what a beautiful thing there I could talk about, a while. This scroll was kept in an earthly vessel, a vessel that once became flesh (glory!), died, rose again, and kept in a earthly vessel until the time of the purchase. Oh, my! Beautifully! All right.

147 Now, these Messages are all kept up until, this earthly vessel, until the time of God’s appointed time, at the last messenger at the earth. And all that these people had judged at, and said, “I know It’s there. I believe It’s there.” And they fought at It, and brought It forth and produced the things. By faith they believed It. But now It’s going to be brought to us in revelation, and from the hand of God by vindication. God said so. He promised it.

148 Now, now let’s see. Where, where was we at? Let’s go to verse 2 now. That’s a long time for verse 1, but let—let’s—let’s take verse 2. Now, we probably won’t stay that long on the next one.

*And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice,  
Who is worthy to open . . . book, and to loose the seals  
thereof?*

149 Now, remember. Let’s read the 1st verse again, so we get it together.

*. . . I saw in the right hand of him that sat upon the  
throne . . .*

150 God! Who is that? The absolutely original Holder of the Book of Life. He holds It. God does. When Adam forfeited, It went back to Its original Owner. It belongs to Him.

*And John (in the vision) looked over and saw in the right  
hand of him that sat upon the throne a—a book written  
within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*

151 See, inside! Now, when we go to breaking these Seals, you’re going to see, It goes plumb back in the Scripture, all the way back, for each one of those Seals. The whole thing, together, the whole mystery, lays right here in these Seals. See? Every mystery of the Bible lays in these Seals. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit five times—Ed.] And the Seals cannot be broken until that time. I prove it here, just in a minute.

152 Notice. Now, the Book, remember, is sealed. Here is one, here It is, *this* seal. Then another One is wrapped, a Seal. Another One is wrapped, a Seal. It’s a Book of Redemption. And the whole

thing, together, makes the Book, and It's sealed with Seven Seals. And, then, it's on the backside, is because it's wound up. The Seal mystery is on the inside. And It only says, "The white-horse rider," or, "The black-horse rider," and what-more, on the outside. But the mystery of the whole Book is in them Seals, from Genesis to Revelation. The complete plan of redemption is revealed in these Seven Seals. Oh, it's an important time. God help us to get It! See?

153 Now, "And a strong angel . . ." Now verse 2.

. . . the *strong angel*, with a loud voice, proclaiming,  
*Who is worthy . . .* (Worthy for what?) *Who is worthy to*  
*take that book, . . .*

154 Now we find out. Where is the Book at now? To Its original Owner, because It has been forfeited by a son, the first son of God, in a human race. And when he forfeit his rights, to listen to Satan, he give up . . . What did he do? He accepted Satan's wisdom instead of God's Word. Now, couldn't we stop here a while! Sons of God will take a seminary's idea about It, instead of the Word of God. See, same thing Adam did, forfeited his rights. And when it did, it went right straight back. Can't you see where those ages has been? See? Went right straight back to the original holder.

155 And John, in the Spirit, standing up here in Heaven. He's just been lifted up now, from the church ages, see, saw the church ages. And then he was taken up, in the 4th chapter. He said, "Come up higher. I'm going to show you things that will come."

156 And he saw One sitting upon the Throne, with this Book in His hand, in His right hand. Think of it, now. And, then, in this Book was a title deed to redemption, and It was sealed with Seven Seals.

157 And then an Angel came forth, a strong Angel, proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who was worthy to open the Book; to take the Book? Who was able to open the Seals? Who was able to open this Book?" See, the Angel asked it. John saw it. And He said, "Now, who is worthy? Let Him . . ." Oh, my! Maybe I'm just feeling this, this a way. "But let Him," said the Angel, "let Him . . ." *Here* is the Book of Redemption! *Here* is the plan of redemption! *Here* is the only way you'll ever be redeemed, for *here* is the title deed to redemption of the whole heavens and earth! "Let Him come forward, if He will." Oh, my! "Now speak, or forever hold His peace. Let Him come forward and claim this Book. Who is worthy to do it?"

158 And John said:

There was *no man in heaven* found worthy; no man on *earth* found worthy; no man beneath *the earth*, that ever lived and died, was found worthy. No man was found worthy.

159 The Angel's call was a call for the Kinsman Redeemer to appear. God said, "I have a law; a Kinsman Redeemer can—can be a substitute. Where is that Kinsman Redeemer? Who is able to take It?"

160 And it come from Adam, all the way down through all the apostles, and prophets, and everything else, and nobody was found. Now, what about that? "Nobody in Heaven, nobody on earth, nobody that ever lived." Elijah was standing there. Moses was standing there. All the apostles were standing there, or—or all the ones that had died; all the holy men, Job, the sages. Every one was standing there, and nobody was worthy even to look at the Book, let alone take It and break the Seals.

161 Now where is the pope and all these come in at? Where is your bishop? Where is our worthiness? We're nothing. That's right.

162 He asked for the Kinsman Redeemer to step forward, if He could. But John said, "No man was worthy."

163 Not that there wasn't worthy people there, now, like an Angel; like, for instance, we would say, Gabriel, or Michael. But, remember, it had to be a Kinsman. Remember, John said here, "And no m-a-n," not Angel, not Seraphim. They hadn't sinned, but They were in a different category. They had never fallen.

164 But this had to be a Kinsman Redeemer. "No man," 'cause there was none of them redeemed. "No man was worthy to look at It." Oh, no! My, my! So, it took a human Kinsman. And he asked for it, and He wasn't found, nowhere. There was nobody. No bishop, no archbishop, no priest, no hierarchy, no nothing was even . . . didn't even have the holiness enough to even look at the Book. Whew! My, my! That's pretty strong, but that's what the Bible said. I'm just quoting what John said.

The Bible said that John "wept."

165 Not as some people has taught it. I was hearing a man teach this one time, said, "John wept because that he found himself not worthy." Oh! Any man under the Holy Spirit would know different from that, see; under the inspiration of God, would know different from that.

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166 But, John “wept.” Here is what I think he wept for. Because, if no one was worthy and could open this Book of Redemption, the whole creation was lost.

167 *Here* is the Book, *here* is the title deed, and It will be offered to the Kinsman Redeemer that can meet the qualifications. That’s God’s Own law, and He can’t defile His law, can’t defy His law, rather. See? God required a Kinsman Redeemer Who was worthy, Who was able to do it, Who had the substance to do it.

168 And the Angel said, “Now let that Kinsman Redeemer step forward.”

169 And John looked. And he looked all over the earth. He looked beneath the earth. And there was nobody. There, creation and the everything was lost. Of course, John wept. Everything was lost.

170 His crying didn’t last but just a minute, though. Then there stood one of the elders, said, “Don’t weep, John.” Oh, my! His crying didn’t last but just a minute.

171 John thought, “Oh, my, where is the Man? There stands the prophets; they was born like I was. There stands the sages. There stands . . . Oh, ain’t there nobody here?”

172 “I want a Man that’s able to do it. I want a Man that can redeem.”

173 And he wasn’t found, so John broke out. Oh, everything was lost; and he wept bitterly. And he—he was sad, ’cause everything, the whole creation, everything was gone, if they couldn’t find somebody. Glory to God! If they couldn’t find somebody that can meet that requirements, there . . . every human being, and the whole world and creation, was gone. Oh, everything had fallen. The—the—the rights of redemption, the rights of—of Eternal Life, the Light, all these rights had been forfeited, and there was nobody who could pay the price. And John starts crying, ’cause no one was worthy, and no one could even look at the Book. Oh, it took a human being. John wept, because no one could do it, and everything was lost.

174 And there came a voice from one of the elders, standing in midst the four Beasts and all that great host of Heaven, said, “Don’t weep, John.” Oh, my!

175 [Brother Branham claps his hands together two times—Ed.] Grace of God!

176 “Don’t be brokenhearted, John. Don’t weep. For the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root and Offspring from David, He has prevailed.”

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177 *Prevail* means “wrestle with, and overcome.” Oh, my! The garden of Gethsemane, when Blood dropped down out of His face, He was overcoming. See? Whew! See?

178 “The Lion, and the Root of David, has prevailed, has overcome.”

179 Like Jacob, being supplanter. And when he got in contact with the Angel, he held on. And the Angel tried to pull away. He said, “I—I’m just not going to let You go.” He held on until he got what he wanted for. And his name was changed, from *supplanter*, which means “deceiver.” To what? To “a prince with God,” *Israel*. He prevailed.

180 And this Lion of the tribe of Juda prevailed. He said, “Don’t weep, John. For the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, has prevailed. He has already overcome. He has done it. It’s over, John.” Whew! Oh, oh, my! He produced a bleach that sends sin along back to the greasy hands that the . . . with his wisdom, that defiled it, the human being. Yes.

181 But when John turned to look, he saw a Lamb. What a different from a Lion! He said, “The Lion has prevailed.” See, again, I can use that there, God hiding in simplicity. He said, “There’s a Lion.” That’s the king of the beast. “The Lion has prevailed.” The strongest thing there is is a lion.

182 I’ve laid out in the jungles in Africa, and hear the—the giraffes squealing. And—and the great, mighty elephant, with his trunk in the air, “Whee, whee, whee.” And hear the—the—the savages of the desert screaming out their bloody, curdle cries. And the—the beetles, till . . . And Billy Paul and I laying in a little old place covered over with stickers. And hear, a way off in a distance, a lion roar, and everything on the desert shuts up. Even the beetles stop hollering. The king speaks. Oh, oh, oh, oh, my!

183 I tell you, that’s when denominations and doubts fall to the ground. Everything gets quiet when the King speaks. And *This* is the King, that’s His Word. Oh!

184 He said, “John, don’t worry. Don’t cry. Don’t be broken up, John. I have you here in the vision; I’m showing you something. And I know you’re all tore up, because, you know, there’s nothing to be redeemed, everything is gone; there’s nobody could meet the requirement. But the Lion of the tribe of Juda . . .”

185 You know, Juda’s . . . We had it, and on the blackboard here, you know. The tribe of Juda’s, emblem, was a lion.

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186 Remember, the lion, and the—and the ox, and the . . . and so forth, the head of the man, and so forth. And them watching, those Seraphims, that Word; while all, Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John, all stood around the Book of Acts.

187 And I heard a man say, a great minister, said, “The Book of Acts is just the scaffold work.”

188 It was the first Vine that the holy Church ever put forth. Uh-huh! Yes, sir. And She ever puts forth another one, it’ll be that kind, too. Yes, sir! You got some grafted vines, and they’re bearing lemons. It ought to be oranges. But . . . See? When that Vine—that Vine ever puts forth Its branch again, It’ll be just exactly like the original.

189 And Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, those Gospels are standing there guarding That. The wisdom of a man; the power of a lion; the work of an ox; and the swiftness of the leopard . . . or the eagle, rather. Yes, the Gospels standing there! What? Remember when we had it? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] It’s in the *Seven Church Ages*.

Now he said, “The Lion of the tribe of Juda.”

190 Why out of Juda? “O Juda, a lawgiver shall not go before it, between his knees, until Shiloh comes. But He’ll come through Juda.”

191 “And the Lion, the symbol of the tribe of Juda, has prevailed. He has overcome.”

192 And when he looked around to see where that Lion was, he saw a Lamb. Strange, look for a Lion and see a Lamb. The elder called Him a Lion. But when John looked, he saw a Lamb, “A Lamb as It had been slain from the foundation of the world.” A Lamb having been slain. What was it? What was that Lamb? It was bloody, wounded. “A Lamb that had been slain, but was alive again.” And He was bloody. Oh, my!

How can you look at That, folks, and remain a sinner?

193 A Lamb stepped up. The elder said, “A Lion has overcome, the Lion of the tribe of Juda.” And John looked to see the Lion, and there come a Lamb, shaking, Blood on Him, wounds. He had prevailed. You could tell He had been in battle. He had been slain, but He was alive again.

194 John hadn’t noticed this Lamb before, you know, here. It hadn’t been mentioned before. Nowhere had It been mentioned. John didn’t see It, all over the Heavens, as he was looking. But here It come forth.

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195 Notice where It came forth. Where did It come from? It come from the Father's Throne, where He had been seated since He had been slain and raised again. "He raised up and sat on the right hand of God, ever living to make intercessions." Amen. Raised there, today, as an Intercessor, with His Own Blood, to make intercession upon the ignorance of the people. Now, that's the One I'm depending on. He still was covered with bleach, the bleach of the forgiveness of sin.

196 John looked at that Lamb, and the Lamb looked like He had been slain. And then he noticed He was wounded, and cut, and bruised, and bleeding. A bloody Lamb, that's what took our place. Isn't it strange, a simple Lamb had to take our place? And he saw the Lamb. He proceeded out.

197 John hadn't saw Him, because He had been way back into the Eternities, even making intercession; and showing that those who had come to God, under the offering of the blood of bulls, of goats, a substitutionary offering, He also . . . Cause, them who believed it, pointed to Him. And the Blood had not been shed yet, so He was there to clear them. He was there to clear you and I.

198 And, O God, I hope He is there tonight. For every sinner, the Lamb been slain. How can Jehovah see anything but that bloody Lamb standing there!

199 And the Lamb proceeded out into the vision now, as It had been slain. Notice, come from the Father's Throne. Oh, think! He, where did He advance from, to this vision? He come from Glory, where He is seated at the right hand of God. He advanced forth, to John, out of Glory.

200 Oh, would not it be a glorious thing if our sinful thoughts, tonight, could be laid aside long enough to accept Him, and He would advance all the way from Glory, tonight, to make Himself known to any of you!

201 The Lamb advancing from Glory, for intercessions, all right, to make claims now for His redemption! Remember, He had been on His mediatorial work back *here*. But, remember, these Seals are ready to be opened, and the Lamb come from the sanctuary of God, advanced forward.

202 Wait till we get over there, that one hour, take that "one-half hour" that It's silent. The sanctuary is smoking. There is no more intercession. The Sacrifice has left. It's a Judgment Seat. There is no Blood on it no more, for the Blood-covered Lamb has walked away. Don't you wait till that time. Remember in the Old Testament? As long as the blood was off the mercy seat, it was

judgment; but as long as the blood was on there, there was mercy. [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit five times—Ed.] But when the Lamb walked away, that did it!

203 What's He been? He has been an Intercessor. No other person! Tell me where Mary could make intercessions then. What could Mary offer? What could Saint Francis, Saint Assisi, or any, and Saint Cecilia, rather, or any other human being? John never saw a thousand saints come out from the mediatorial. "He saw a Lamb, a Lamb that had been slain, bloody." I don't care how many saints have been slain; they were all due it, every one of them. Like the thief said at the cross, "We've sinned, and we are due this. But this Man has done nothing." He was the only Man that was worthy.

204 Here He come, from the intercessory box. What's He coming for now? Watch Him! Oh, oh, oh, my! [Brother Branham claps his hands together three times—Ed.]

205 John was weeping. Where is it all—all at? What's going to happen?

206 Said, "Don't weep, John," said the elder. "Here comes the Lion. He was the One prevailed." When he looked, here come a Lamb, bloody, that had been slain.

207 Anything that's killed is bloody. You know, it's been killed. Its neck has been chopped open, or something. The blood is all over it.

208 Here come a Lamb, been slain. And He came forth, oh, my, (what?) to make His claims on His redemption. Amen. Oh! Oh! I. . . Don't you just feel like just going over in a corner, sit down and cry a while? Here come a Lamb, still bloody. John. . . There wasn't nothing there; all the celebrity was standing around, but there was none of them could do it. So, here come the Lamb, now. His intercessory days is over, the mediatorial days.

209 That's when this Angel is going to stand there. You wait till we get in the Seals. "And time shall be no more." That's right. That "half hour of silence." Watch what takes place in that half hour of silence, when that Seventh Seal, next Sunday night, the Lord willing.

210 He comes forth (what?) to take His claims now. Oh, my! Comes forth to take His claims! Now, He had done the Kinsman work. He had come down, become Man, died. He done the Kinsman work of redemption, but had not as yet called for His claim. Now He comes on the scene to claim His rights, (watch what takes place) oh, my, for which He was slain, for as becoming a Kinsman to man, to die in his place, to redeem him. But, the

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elder was right when he said He was a “Lion,” see. The elder called Him, said, a “Lion.” Because, He had been a Lamb, an Intercessor, a bloody Lamb, but now He is coming forth as a Lion. His days of intercession is over.

211 “Let him that’s filthy be filthy still. Let him that’s righteous be righteous still. Let him that’s holy be holy still.” The thing is closed. Oh, brother! Then what? Then what?

212 And, remember, it comes at the seventh church age, when the mysteries of God will be opened up. Now watch real close. This is something you must get. Now, He had been doing His mediatorial work, making intercessions for the believer. For two thousand years He had been back there, a Lamb. Now He is stepping forth from Eternity, to take the title-deeded Book, and to break the Seals, and reveal the mysteries. When of it? At the end time.

213 Do you get it? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] All right, we’ll go on then.

214 Now, break the Seals and release all the mysteries to them, to the seventh angel, whose Message is to reveal all the mysteries of God. The mysteries of God lays in these Seven Seals. See? That’s what He said here. All the mysteries lays in these Seven Seals.

215 And the Lamb comes forth now, from being a Mediator between God and man. He becomes a Lion. And when He becomes a Lion, He takes the Book. That’s His rights. God has held It, the mystery, but now the Lamb comes.

216 Nobody could take the Book. It’s still in the hands of God. No pope, priest, whatever might be, they can’t take (no) the Book. The Seven Seals hasn’t been revealed. See?

217 But when, the Mediator, when His work is done as an Intercessor, He comes forth. And John . . . The elder said, “He’s a Lion.” And He comes forth. Watch Him. Oh, my! See? He comes forth to take the Book, now watch, to reveal the mysteries of God, that others has guessed at, in all these denominational ages.

218 See, then, the seventh angel. If this Book, mysteries, is the Word of God, the seventh angel has to be a prophet, for the Word of God to come to. No priests, popes, or anything else, can get It; the Word don’t come to such. The Word of God comes only to a prophet, always. Malachi 4 promised such. And when he come forth, he would take the mysteries of God, where the church had got all scrupled up in all these denominations, “And restore the Faith of the children back to the fathers.” And then the world judgment would strike, and the earth would be burnt. And then

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the righteous would walk out upon the ashes of the wicked, in the Millennium.

219 Do you understand it now? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right.

220 Others had guessed at, in the denominational age. But, see, he must be this man, the seventh angel of . . . Revelation 10:1-4 is a . . . The seventh angel has the mysteries of God given to him, and finishes all the mysteries that's been left off, down through the denominational ages.

221 Now you can see why I do not strike at my brethren in denomination. It's the system of denomination! They do not, there is no need of them trying to know It, because It could not be revealed. That's according to the Word. They presumed at It, and believed It was there, and by faith walked by It, but now It's evidently proved. Amen. Oh, my, what a—what a Scripture!

222 Now watch. Then it is He, the Lamb, that takes His Kingly position, when His saints come to crown Him, "Lord of lord, and King of kings." See?

223 See, "Time has run out." Revelation 10:6, "There is no more time."

224 Notice, there is "seven horns" on this Lamb. Did you notice it? "Having seven horns." We've just been through that. *Horns* means "power," to the animal. And, notice, He was not a animal, because He took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne. See? Notice. Oh, my!

225 I believe I had that wrote down somewhere; oh, to break the Seals, and to loose the title, the title deed, and the—the Message to the last angel. And He takes His Kingly place. That's what He comes forth now to do.

Now watch, when He comes out, "The seven horns."

226 Now, when he saw this Lamb, John looking at It, It—It looked like He had been slain, bloody. And He has come from Eternity, and He ceased to be a Mediator.

227 Then pray to Mary as much as you want to! "There was no man in Heaven, and in earth, or no person, no being nowhere else, could take it." John even wept about it. Oh, Catholic friend, can't you see that? Don't pray to some dead person.

228 The Lamb is the only Mediator. See? He was the One that came forth. And what did He do now? He's been back here interceding, until His Blood has atoned for every person. And the Lamb, now, knows what's written in the Book. So, He knewed

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from the foundation of the world their names were in There, so He has stood back here and re- . . . and—and, but, done Mediator work like this until . . . mediatorial work, till every one that's been put in the Book has been redeemed, and it's finished. And now He walks out. See? He done His Kinsman work. He is all . . . You know what the Kinsman work was? To testify before elders. You remember Boaz kicking off his shoe, and so forth? He has done all this now.

229 Now He comes to take His Bride. Amen. He comes now as King. He is looking for His Queen. Amen. Amen. In this Book is the whole secret of It, wrapped up around, Seven Seals. Oh, brother! Seven Seals, waiting for Him to come. Notice.

230 Let's get these symbols. Well, it's just nine o'clock. We got three hours or more, to go. We got . . . let's just . . . Satan keep telling me them people is getting tired, so I guess they are. But let—let's take this, anyhow.

231 "Seven horns" was the seven churches, see, the seven church ages, because that was the Lamb's protection. What He protected His rights with, on earth, was a God-sent Group of people that protected; see, the horn on the Lamb.

232 "Seven eyes" are the seven messengers of the seven church ages. "Seven eyes," seven seers.

233 Would you like to write down some Scripture? Let's just turn to it. What do you say, you got that much time? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right. Let's go to Zechariah, the Book of—of Zechariah, just a little bit, and we'll—we'll read some of this.

234 I—I don't want to keep you too long on these things. And—and I. . . But, yet, I don't want you to miss it. What's any more important than this? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Yeah. What's more . . . [Someone in the congregation says, "Brother Branham?"] What? ["You don't measure that."] Nothing more important than Eternal Life to a person. And we must—we must get this now, and—and be sure that we get it. All right. All right, sir.

235 And now we want to read Zechariah the 3rd chapter. I think that's right, now, Zechariah 3. We're just going to get these symbols here, if I've got my Scriptures wrote down. I was just shouting all over the place, this afternoon, when I hit this. So I—I just don't know whether I got it right, or not. I hope I have. Zechariah 3, let's see if it's . . . I got 89 here, but it must be 8 to 9. All right. All right. I know it can't be 89. Zechariah 3:8 and 9.

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*Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit with thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH (Christ).*

*For behold the stone that I will lay before Joshua; upon (stone) one stone shall be seven eyes: (seven eyes), behold, I will engrave the graving thereon, saith the LORD of host, . . . I will remove the iniquity of the land in one day.*

236 Now let's turn over to Zechariah 4:10, 4:10. Listen.

*. . .who hath despised the day of small things (God in simplicity, see)? for they shall rejoice, and . . .see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with whose . . .with those seven; these are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

237 "The seven eyes." *Eyes* mean "seeing." *Seeing* means "prophets, seers." This Lamb had seven horns, and on each horn had an eye, "seven eyes." What is it? Christ and His Bride; seven church ages. Out of there was seven prophets that went forth, seven seers, eyes. So, the last one must be a seer. [Brother Branham knocked on the pulpit two times as he said, "a seer."—Ed.] All right.

238 Notice, He is not an animal. "He took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne." Who was It? The— the Owner, the original Owner, that had the Book of Redemption in His right hand. And no Angel, no Angelic Being, nothing else, could take the place. "And this bloody Lamb walked out and took the Book out of His hand." Whew! What was it? Brother, this is the most sublime thing in the Scripture. An act that not an Angel, not nothing, could do it. "And the Lamb come and took It from the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne."

239 What is it? Now It belongs to the Lamb. Amen. God's laws required. He's the One that holds It. God's law required a Kinsman Redeemer. And the Lamb come out, holding It, "I am their Kinsman. I am their Redeemer. I now . . . I have made intercession for them, and now I've come to claim their rights for them." Amen. There's the only One. "I've come to claim their rights. In that, they have a right to everything that lost in the fall, and I've paid the price."

240 Oh, brother! Whew! Don't that make you feel religious inside? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] "Not by good works which we have done, but by His mercy."

<sup>241</sup> Oh, wait a minute! And them elders and everything else begin to throw off crowns, and dignitaries begin to get on the ground, see.

No one, no one could do it.

<sup>242</sup> And He walks right up to the right hand of God, and took the Book out of His hand, and claimed His rights. "I have died for them. I am their Kinsman Redeemer. I am. I am the Mediator. My Blood was shed. I have become Man. And I did this in order to get that Church back again, the One I foresaw before the foundation of the world. I have purposed It. I spoke It, It would be there. And nobody was able to take It, but I went down and done it, Myself. I am their Kinsman. I become kinfolks." And He takes the Book. Amen!

<sup>243</sup> Oh, Who is waiting There for me tonight? Who is that One, church, that's waiting There? What else could wait There for you? That Kinsman Redeemer! Oh, my! What a sublime statement, or act!

<sup>244</sup> Now He has the title deed to redemption. He has It in His hand. Mediation is done now. He has It in His hand. Remember, It's been in the hand of God, all the time, but now It's in the hand of the Lamb. Now watch. The title deed of redemption, of all creation, is in His hand. And He's come to claim It back, too, for the human race. Not claim It back to Angels. Claimed It back to the human, which It was given for, to make sons and daughters of God again; bring them back to the garden of Eden, everything they lost; the whole creation, the trees, the animal life, everything else. Oh, my!

<sup>245</sup> Don't that make you feel good? Whew! [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] I thought I was tired, but I'm not now. See? Sometimes I think I get—getting too old to preach, and then I go to seeing something like that, and I think I'm a young man again. Yes. Uh-huh. Hum! It does something to you. See?

<sup>246</sup> For I know this, that there is Someone There waiting for me. There is Someone paid the price that I couldn't pay. That's right. He did it for me, Charlie. Did it for you. He did it for the whole human race. And now He comes forth to claim His redemptive rights. Claim it for who? Not for Himself; for us. He is one of us. He is our kinfolks. Oh, my! He is my Brother. He is my Saviour. He is my God. He is my Kinsman Redeemer. He is all. For what was I without Him, or what could I be without Him? So, see, He is my All. And He is standing There as our kinfolks. And now He's been interceding for us, up till this time. And now He comes forth

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and takes the Book of Redemption, to claim His rights, of what He did for us.

<sup>247</sup> They die. Jesus said, “He that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. He that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood has everlasting Life, and I’ll raise him up at the last day.”

<sup>248</sup> No matter, he falls asleep in the first watch, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh, wherever he falls asleep. What’ll happen? The trumpet of God shall sound. That last trump will blast forth, the same time that the last angel is giving his Message and the last Seal is opened. That last trumpet will sound, and the Redeemer comes forth to take His redeemed possessions, His Church, Blood-washed.

<sup>249</sup> Now, oh, the whole creation lays in His hand now, on which the whole plan of redemption is sealed by seven mysterious Seals, in this Book that He took. Now watch. “And He alone can reveal It to whomsoever He will.” He’s got It in His hand, see. Now, He promised it would be at that time, now, for It is sealed by Seven Seals of mystery, the Book of Redemption. Now watch. As now . . .

<sup>250</sup> Friends, I told you, going to let you out at eight-thirty, but I’ve throwed over three or four pages here, to get to this. So I want . . . I’m already after nine. So that you can get back tomorrow.

<sup>251</sup> But now in this sevenfold Book of Seals, of redemption, that the Lamb took, within Himself, was the only One Who could do it. And He took It from the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne, now, to claim His redemptive, to claim His rights. To claim, for me and you, what He redeemed us from, to, see, back to everything that Adam lost in the garden of Eden. He has redeemed us back to that.

<sup>252</sup> Now with the Lamb, with the Book in His hands, we are ready to ask His grace and mercy upon us, to open the Seven-Seal Book to us, and let us look a past the curtain of time, just a little bit. Oh, my! Notice when He took the Book, the title deed, sealed, (just get that in your mind now), and broke the Seals of the mystery, to reveal them, to bring them to His, see, all of His redeemed subjects.

<sup>253</sup> Now, when we hit this in the Seals, we’re going to go back there and see them souls under the altar, crying, “Lord, how long, how long?”

<sup>254</sup> And here He is as a Mediator, on the altar, “Just a little longer, until there’s more has to suffer like you.”

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255 But now He comes from here, at this last Seal. He no more Mediator. He is King now. And what does He do? If He's a King, He has to have subjects. And His subjects is them that He has redeemed, and they cannot come before Him until He takes the rights of redemption. And now He walks forth, from a Mediator; where death put us in the grave, He comes forth with the rights. Amen.

256 "And even those who are alive and remain till His Coming, shall not hinder them which are asleep. For the trumpet of God shall sound, at that last trumpet." When the last Seal is broke, and when the seventh angel is giving his Message, "The last trumpet shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise. And we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them, to meet Him in the air." He claims! He has come forth now to claim His—His possession.

257 Watch! Look at this! My! Broke the Seals, revealed the mysteries. Revealed them (where?) to the last church age, the only one that's living. The rest of them is sleeping.

258 He said, "If He comes in the first watch, second watch, third watch, on down to the seventh watch." In the seventh watch, there went out a—a command, or a call, "Behold, the Bridegroom cometh!"

259 And when they did, the sleeping virgin, the nominal churches, said, "Oh, you know, I—I believe I'd like to have that Holy Ghost." Have you noticed the Presbyterians and Episcopalians? Did you hear my Message in Phoenix, to them men who stand up there, in the *Voice* and there, saying. . . ? Well, what's the matter with this author, saying, "Holy Father *So-and-so*"? When, the Bible said, "Call no man, 'Father,' like that." See, they're sleeping with them, that's the reason, but when they come forth and said, "Yeah, we believe."

260 A woman just called up another woman, said, "You know, I'm Episcopalian." Said, "I—I—I spoke in tongues, the other day. I believe I received the Holy Ghost, but, sh, don't tell nobody." I doubt that very much. You might have spoke with tongues. But, you set a man on Fire, how is he going to set still? That's right. See? See? Can't do it.

261 Could you imagine Peter, and James, and John, and them up in the upper room, saying, "Oh, we got the Holy Ghost now, but maybe we better just keep still"? Brother, through windows, doors, and everything, they went, out into the street, acting like a bunch of drunks. That's the real Holy Ghost.

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262 But, you see, that sleeping virgin ain't receiving nothing, anyhow. Uh-huh. That's right. And remember, while they went to try to buy Oil, remember, the Scriptures doesn't say they got It.

263 But while they were out trying to buy It, there come a sound. What happened? All those virgins that slept, rose and trimmed their lamps, "and went in to the Supper." Is that right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.]

264 And the rest was left for the Tribulation period, right, "Weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth." That's the church, not the Bride; the church.

265 The Bride went in. There is a whole difference between the church and the Bride. Yes, sir! Uh-huh. "Went in to the Wedding Supper." Oh, notice, boy! [Brother Branham claps his hands together once—Ed.]

266 The Seals was broke (why?) in the last church age, to reveal these Truths. Why? The Lamb broke the Seals and revealed them to His Church, in order to collect His subjects for His Kingdom. His Bride, see! Oh, my! He wants to bring His subjects to Him now.

267 What is it? Out of the dust of the earth, out of the bottom of the sea, out of the pits, out of everywhere and every place, out of—out of the regions of the dark, out of paradise, wherever they may be. He'll call, and they'll answer. Amen! Amen! [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] He'll call, and they'll answer.

268 He come to get His subjects. He revealed His secrets, and they saw It. "And time is no more," at that time. "Time has run out." It's finished. All right.

269 He leaves the Throne, to be an Intercessor, as a slain Lamb; to be a Lion, King; to bring the world to Judgment, who has rejected His Message. He's not a Mediator.

270 Remember the Old Testament teaching now, as we hurry. When the blood went off the mercy seat, what was it? Judgment seat.

271 And when the Lamb, slain, walked forward from Eternity, out of the Father's Throne, and took His rights, it was a Judgment Seat. Then He become, not a Lamb, but a Lion, King, and He calls for His Queen to come stand by His side.

272 "Know ye not the saints shall judge the earth?" Daniel said, "The Judgment was set, and the books were opened; and ten thousands times ten thousands of thousand ministered to Him," King and Queen. "And then another Book was opened, which

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was the Book of Life,” that’s for the church. And the Queen and the King stood there.

273 As a cowboy’s meditation said:

Last night as I laid on the prairie,  
I gazed to the stars in the skies,  
And I wondered if ever a cowboy  
Could drift to that sweet bye and bye.

There is a road to that bright, happy Region,  
But it’s dim, narrow trail, so they say,  
But the broad one that leads to perdition  
Is posted and blazed all the way.

They speak of another great Owner,

274 He is speaking in the terms of his cattle life. You was ever in a roundup, you could see it plain.

They speak of another great Owner,  
And He’s never overstocked, so they say,  
He’ll always make room for a sinner  
That will drift on that straight, narrow way.

They say He will never forsake you,  
And He knows every action and look;  
For, for safety, we’d better get branded,  
Have our name on His great tally Book.

For they say there will be a great roundup,  
When cowboys like dogies will stand,  
To be marked by the riders of judgment, (them  
prophets and seers)

That’s posted and knows every brand.

275 If you was ever in a roundup, see the boss stand out there, and the riders, and milling in that herd of cattle. He’ll see his own brand go by, and he’ll motion to the boss. And the boss will see it, and give him the nod. His pony runs right in, around, around this milling, cropping bunch of horns like that, and cut his own cows out. See?

They say there will be a great roundup,  
And cowboys like dogies will stand,  
That will be marked by the riders of judgment,  
That’s posted and knows every brand. (See?)

276 So he said:

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I guess I will be a stray yearling,  
Just a man that's condemned to die, unbranded,  
(he, they make soup out of him, see),  
That will be cut in the bunch with the rustics,  
When the Boss of those riders come by.

277 See Who It is? The Boss of the riders. That's the Lamb, to the seven messengers who is posted and knows every brand. See? Hum!

278 Notice, here He come. Leaves the Throne, as an Intercessor, as a slain Lamb; to become a Lion, King, to bring the whole world into Judgment, that's rejected. Our Kinsman Redeemer then is King over all. Why? He's got the title deed of redemption. It all lays within His hand. I'm glad I know Him. See?

279 Then claims His inheritance; that's the Church, the Bride. He claims It.

280 What does He do then? He disposes of His contestant, Satan. He throws him into a Lake of Fire, with all those who was inspired by Satan, to reject His Word of redemption.

281 He is King now. Mercy is still on the Throne. Don't you reject His offer. See? The riders knows just who you are.

282 And, now, His contestant, who has give Him trouble for two thousand years, claiming, "I can do with them what I want to. I still have them. They're mine. I . . . They forfeit the title back there."

283 But He's the Kinsman Redeemer. He said He is back here making intercessions now. But someday . . .

He say, "I'll put them in the grave."

284 But He told the Church, "I'll bring you out." See? "But, first, I've got to be an Intercessor."

285 Now He comes forth, steps out from Eternity back yonder, off of the Throne of the Father, where He sat as an Intercessor. Now He comes to be King, oh, to rule all nations with a rod of iron. Judgment is set. Oh, brother, our Kinsman Redeemer holds it all. That's right. Yes, sir.

286 What does He do? He calls that contestant's hand, Satan. "They're mine now. I've raised them up from the grave." And He takes all the liars, and the perverters of the Word, and all like that, with Satan, and destroys them in the Lake of Fire. She is all over, now. Throws them in a Lake of Fire. Oh, my!

287 You know what? I want—I want to say something here before we close. And then we'll—we'll—we'll hurry. Notice. We're down

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now to the 7th verse. But from the 8th verse, to the 14th, I want you to notice what takes place.

All that was *in heaven*, and all that was in *the earth* . . .

288 Just listen to this. Let me just read it now. I believe it would be better if I just read it out of the Book, with the 7th verse, see. And watch the 6th verse.

*And I—and I behold, beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven heads . . . or seven horns (I mean) and seven eyes, (we just explained it), which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth to all the earth.*

289 See, seven church ages, the seven messengers that kept that Fire burning. See? All right.

*And he came (the Lamb) and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne—sat upon the throne.*

290 Now watch. And when He done that, watch what taken place. You talk about a jubilee! Now this is exactly the breaking of them Seals, take place. We'll get in "the half hour of silence," just after this. Watch this, and we'll start in. We'll finish this up, next Sunday night, right here. And listen close now. Are you ready? Say, "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Listen close, what took place when He had did this.

291 When all creation was groaning; no one knowed what to do, and John was weeping. "Here come the Lamb, walked over!" And this Book was in the hands of—of the original Owner, because man had fell and lost It. And no man was able to take It, anymore, to redeem the earth; no priest, pope, nothing, as I said. "But the Lamb come up!" No Mary, no saint *this*, or saint *that*. "The Lamb come up, bloody, slain, and took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the Throne." And when they seen there was a Redeemer; and all the—the souls under the altar, when the Angels, when the elders, when the everything seen it, when this is done. It, yet, lays in the future. Tonight He's a Mediator, but He is coming to this. Watch.

*And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints.*

292 That's those that's under the altar, that have prayed, for long ago. See, they had prayed for redemption, prayed for

resurrection. And here these—these elders are pouring out their prayers before . . . Cause, now we've got a Representative, we've got a Kinsman in Heaven, that's come forth to make His claims.

*And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to our God (watch) by thy blood out of every kindred, . . . tongue, and people, and nation;*

*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*

293 They wanted to come back. And here they are going back, to be kings and priests.

294 Glory to God! I feel good enough to speak in tongues. Look. Watch. Yes. It seems like I ain't got enough language; I could praise Him with it. I need one that I don't even know.

295 Notice, "And I beheld . . ." Listen to this.

*And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels . . .*

296 Listen what a jubilee going on! When they seen that Lamb come and take that Book of Redemption, the souls screamed out. We'll get it. All, everything, the elders fell down. They poured out the prayers of the saints. What? There was represented a Kinsman for us. They fell upon their faces. And they sang a song, and said, "Thou art worthy, for You were slain!" Watch what . . . And look at these Angels!

*And I beheld, and . . . heard the voice of many angels around about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand time ten thousands, . . . of thousands; (Whew! Notice!)*

*Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessings.*

297 What a jubilee going on in Heaven, when that Lamb leads, leaves that intercessory box, to come here to possess His claims!

298 You know, that got next to John. He must have saw his name wrote there. When them Seals broke, he must have got real happy. Listen what he said.

*And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and underneath the earth, . . . such as . . . within the sea, and all that . . . in them, is in them, heard me, I saying, Blessings, . . . honour, . . . glory, . . . power, be to him that sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever . . . (Amen! Amen, and amen! Oh!)*

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*And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that lives for ever and ever.*

299 Talk about a jubilee, talk about a time, when that Lamb walked forth! See, the Book is even sealed in Heaven, the mysteries are.

300 Say, "Is my name there?" I don't know. I hope it is. But, if it is, it was put on the Book before the foundation of the world.

301 But the first thing, that represented that redemption, come the Lamb that had been slain from the foundation of the world. And He took the Book, (glory!) opened the Book, and tore off the Seals; and sent It down to the earth, to His seventh angel, to reveal It to His people! [Congregation greatly rejoices—Ed.] There you are. Oh, my! What happened? The screams, the shouts, the hallelujahs, the anointed, the power, the glory, the manifestation! [Congregation continues to greatly rejoice.]

302 And old John, who had been standing there, our brother, crying! "Why," he said, "everything in Heaven, everything in the earth, and everything in the sea, heard me holler, 'Amen! Amen! Blessings, honor, and might, and power, be to Him that lives for ever and ever.'"

303 Talk about a happy time, when them Seals broke! John must have looked in and seen a past the curtain of time, and said, "There is John." Oh, oh!

304 He was so happy, till he said, "Everything in Heaven." He must have really cried out, didn't he? "Everything in Heaven, everything in the earth, everything beneath the earth, every creature, everything else, heard me saying, 'Amen! Blessings, and glory, and wisdom, and power, and might, and riches, belongs to Him.'" Amen!

305 Why? When the revelation come, that the Lamb, the Redeemer, our Kinsman, had come back from the Throne of mediatorial and had walked out here to take His possession. Oh!

Soon the Lamb will take His Bride to be ever at

His side,

All the host of Heaven will assembled be;

Oh, it will be a glorious sight, all the saints in  
spotless white;

And with Jesus we shall reign Eternally.

Oh, "Come and dine," the Master calleth, (on  
the Word), "Come and dine."

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306 Oh, I—I—I get without words, see.

“Come and dine, come and dine,”  
You can feast at Jesus’ table any time, (Now!  
But when He leaves, there is no hope.)  
He Who fed the multitude, turned the water  
into wine.

307 He that said, that, “He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also.” Oh, my! He that promised these things in the last days. He that said these things. He that’s now in the time of the revelation of these things being made known. “Come and dine.” Oh, don’t miss It, my brother.

Now let us bow our heads just a minute.

308 Tomorrow night, by the grace of God, we try to break that First Seal, if God will break It for us and let us see what this revelation has been, “hid from the foundation of the world.”

309 Before we do that, sinner friend, or lukewarm church member, do you just have a membership in a church, or do you not have a membership? And if you have only a membership, you would be pretty near as well off without it. You need a Birth. You must come to the Blood. You must come to something that just spots the sin away, till there’s no more remembrance of it.

310 If you haven’t made preparation, yet, to meet the Lamb in the air! And by the power invested me by my commission, given by Almighty God, and ministered to me by an Angel, a Pillar of Light, I charge you, in the Name of Jesus Christ! Don’t try to meet Him with only a membership of a lodge of church of this earth.

311 Come, while the Mediator, as far as I know, is still on the Throne, making intercessions. Because, there will come a day when you’ll want to come, and there will be no Mediator. For if we see the hour we’re living, in the seventh church age, and the mysteries of God become what they have, with the vindicated Spirit of God showing everything that He promised in the last days, how much more time is left? Sinner friend, come.

312 Lord Jesus, the hours are growing late. It may be even later than we are thinking. And we are happy to see this hour approaching. It is the most glorious hour that the world has ever known, for the believer. But, for the rejecter, the most saddest time that could ever be. There couldn’t find words in the alphabet, letters to make words, that could express the trouble and sorrow that lays ahead. And neither is there words could be formed, from our alphabet, to express blessings that lays ahead for the believer.

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313 Father, there may be some, tonight, here without hope. And they are intelligent human beings. And now if the Blood still lays on the Mercy Seat, let the Lamb walk out from the Throne, to their heart, tonight, and reveal to them that they are lost. And with Bloody hands, say, “Come, while it is time to come.”

314 I commit the Message, Lord, with my prayer, to Your hands. Do whatever You will, Father, in Jesus’ Name.

With our heads bowed.

315 If you have not met this request and this requirement! If you’ve only trusted in your church! There was nothing that could redeem. If you trusted in the intercession of some saint, you’re still lost. If you have trusted in the works of your hands, something that you’ve done, good works, you’re lost. If you have trusted within the—within the prayer of your mother, or the righteousness of your mother, your father; if you’ve trusted in that, you’re lost. If you’ve trusted upon some sensation, some strange feeling, some emotion, of speaking with tongues, or dancing! If that’s all you have trusted in, and don’t know the Lamb, personally, don’t know Him, then, I charge you before God, make that thing right, now, with God.

316 Down in your heart, pray. And just be simple, because God hides in simplicity. You remember, the Bible said, “As many as believed was added.”

317 And while we pray for you, I trust that you’ll make (your) that one Eternal decision, “Lord, I’ll say, ‘Yes!’” And a *decision* is a “stone.” But what good is a stone without a stone mason that can cut it, to shape the building, to fit the building? Then, let the Holy Spirit cut you from what you are, to what you should be. If you’re just a starchy church member; if you’re a sinner; whatever you are; if you’re without Christ, without the Holy Spirit, God grant to you peace, tonight.

318 Now, Lord, as sanely as I know how to come, and as—as Scriptural as I know how to come, I come now with these I have committed to You, with the Word. I’m trusting, Lord, that the Word has found Its place in the heart of people, tonight.

319 If there be such here that does not know, or have not that assurance of the Holy Spirit’s sweet Presence abiding in their life; that, tempers, or indifferences, or selfishness, or something has cut this great Thing from them, and has kept them from It; or some creed, or—or—or some sensation, has kept them from the sweetness of the fellowship of God; that it will now be turned loose!

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320 And that the Lamb, that Bloody, holy Kinsman that come walking forth from the Throne, down through the mystic Lights of the corridors of God's Throne, walked out to claim His inheritance! God, grant, tonight, that they will receive Him. May each decision be made solemnly, and may they surrender themselves to Him alone Who can cut them and shape them into sons and daughters of God.

321 Now, in solemn prayer, I'm doing this the way I feel led to do it. In solemn, before God, as He has proven Himself to you. And you wasn't a Christian, or you wasn't what we call a . . . Not a—not a—a—a denominational joiner, but I mean a born-again Christian. But you solemnly believe the Message is true, and you solemnly believe that you can only be saved by the grace of God. And you do believe that He is speaking to your heart now. And you want to accept Him, and are ready for His Word to—to cut you from what you are, and make you what you should be. Will you witness the same, by standing to your feet? If that person is here, and wants to make that suf- . . . that all-sufficient, stand to your feet.

322 Heavenly Father, I know not no more what to do but to quote Your Word. Here are men standing on their feet, that feels that they haven't been where they should be, ready for this Rapture, for it may take place before the First Seal be opened to us.

323 And, Father, I pray for them. I—I, as Your servant, offer this prayer to the great Intercessor, Christ. As they pray, I offer my prayer with them, upon the ivory Throne of God, where the Bloody Sacrifice is setting there tonight. And most any time might step from the Throne, to come forth to claim His possession, then there is no more mercy left; it's judgment.

324 Grant, Lord, that these people on their feet, that's standing; in their hearts, making their confession, and willing to let the Spirit of God mold them, and cut them, and shape them into living stones, into the House of the Lord God. Grant it, Father. I commit them to You now.

325 And You said, "He that will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father and the holy Angels." And now You're sitting there, in the presence of all, tonight. And they're standing, confessing You. And, Lord, if that is from the bottom of their heart, just as sure as God's Word is right, You are now making intercessions for them, and accepting them in the—the grace and mercy realms of the cleansing Blood of the sacrificial Lamb. And they shall be Yours, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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<sup>326</sup> Now, you that sees these people standing on their feet, this young man right in *there*, and them are standing up, you who felt that all sin and condemnation is gone. I want you just to raise up, some of you close to them. Shake their hand, and say, “Brother, I’ll praying for you. Sister, I’m praying for you.” Just shake their hand, and say, “God bless you.” And now the rest belongs to the hand of the Almighty. Say, “I will pray, and I will do all I can to help you into the Kingdom of God.”

Oh, calling today!

Oh, Jesus is calling!

He’s tenderly calling today!

<sup>327</sup> Do you love Him? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Isn’t He wonderful? [“Amen.”] Oh, what would we do without This? “Man shall not live by bread alone; but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God, shall man live.” Oh, feed me, Lord, upon the Word.

<sup>328</sup> “Forsaking not to assemble yourselves together, as the manner of unbelievers, and that much more as you see the Day approaching.”

<sup>329</sup> God willing, tomorrow night, by the grace of God, I’ll try, with all that’s in me, to ask Him to interce- . . . intercede, that the mystery of these Seals, as they break forth, will proclaim the Word of God to the people.

Until I meet you, God be with you!

<sup>330</sup> And now I turn the service to our noble brother, Brother Neville, the pastor. How many loves Brother Neville? [Congregation says, “Amen.”—Ed.] Now, we all do. Come forward, Brother Neville. Brother Neville, God bless you, brother.



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