
BEGINNING AND ENDING

OF THE GENTILE DISPENSATION

 Good evening, friends. I'm very grateful to be here, tonight, again. Just left here, a while ago. I think, got out around four o'clock. And then I had to . . . we went down to see some more friends. And got back, five minutes after seven, just had to come back down. So I'm kind of having to hunt a text, yet, Brother Neville.

2 But, now, there is a request that just was called in, from someone in Chattanooga, Tennessee, a loved one that was in a wreck three weeks ago, and is lying unconscious, still. And requests prayer here, from the church. And . . .

3 [Brother Neville says, "Brother Bill?"—Ed.] Yes, brother? ["Can I make an announcement?"] You sure can. Brother Neville, just come. ["Pardon me, Brother Bill."] Yes, sir. ["I just almost forgot, I made a promise to make an announcement tonight." Blank spot on tape.]

4 We were—we were speaking of Melchisedec, Who He was, and we nothing like got through with it. But maybe, the next time coming in, we can pick up from there, still in the Book of Hebrews.

5 But, tonight, we turn over to the Book of Daniel. And you with your Bibles, turn to Daniel 12. And we're going to read a little from there, and talk, maybe, on some of God's Word out of the Book of Daniel.

6 Now, Daniel was one of the . . . was the prophet that was carried from Jerusalem, down into Babylon, in the carrying away of Babylon, by King Nebuchadnezzar. He was a young fellow when he went down into Babylon. There was not many of them that had still holding out the grand old faith.

7 I like Daniel, because his . . . he had purposed that in his heart, when he went down into Babylon, that he was going to remain a believer, and he wasn't going to defile himself with the king's meats, and so forth. Now, the very thing . . .

8 And Daniel was the prophet to the Gentiles. Daniel saw all the Gentile age rise and fall. He was the first one to be, we call, the Gentile prophet. He wasn't a Gentile, himself. But he saw the Gentile dispensation, from start to finish; in the head of gold, and ending up in the feet of iron and clay.

9 And while down in there, purposing in his heart that he wouldn't defile himself with the king's meats, and with the king's affair.

10 And another group of brother, named Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, was down there with them; which was not prophets, but believers. And they, also, purposed in their heart. And then when those four believers come together, I'd imagine quite oftenly, they had prayer meetings together.

11 Just like we do, we get together because we have things in common. You know, there's an old slogan that says, "Birds of a feather flock together," and that's a, an old proverb, rather, and that's a pretty good thing, too. Birds of a feather flock together. Aren't you happy for that? Sure. Birds of a feather flock together.

12 Not long ago, I was sitting in a meeting where there was a man discussing something. And he said, "Well. . ." he was talking about the souls that went to prison, was in prison, that Jesus went and preached to, after His death. And this man that was speaking, said, "Well, what do you think about it?"

13 And a colored brother raised up. He said, "Well, that's just what the Bible said. 'He went and preached to souls that were in prison.'"

Said, "What do you think it was?"

14 Said, "It was 'Souls that didn't repent, in the longsuffering, in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared,' just like the Bible said."

15 He said, "No." Said, "That's this church, preaching to those Pentecostal people that's in these denominations and everything, bringing them out of prison."

16 He said, "Now, looky here, brother," he said, "Pentecost wasn't even mentioned there." He said, that, "He just said, that, 'He went and preached to the souls that were in prison.'"

So I said, "Amen. That's right."

17 And the minister looked around at me, and said, "Birds of a feather flock together."

18 I said, "That's right, brothers of like precious Faith, believing just what the Scripture says is the Truth."

Daniel had three of those companions that were with him.

19 You know, it's good, when you're away from home, to find somebody that's with you, somebody that will stand by you, a real good friend. Oh, my! In foreign lands, when you find someone who wants to be your buddy, and loves you and stands by you, that's worth so much; especially a stranger.

And these brethren were taken away from their city.

20 And their city was burned. And all their vessels, and the holy things of God, had been taken down into Babylon, and was put in the treasure house of King Nebuchadnezzar, who had carried them down, a great, grand Gentile king. Now, if—if God has permitted that, for their city to be burned, their church burned, and taken them down into the city, it was because that they had got away from God.

21 But He still had a believer that He could put His hands on, and say, “This is My servant.”

22 God has always had a witness, somewhere. He never leaves Himself without a witness. No matter, it has got down sometime to just one, but He’s always had somebody that He could put His hands on, and say, “This is My servant, and he’ll do as I tell him.” Now, we like that.

23 Noticing then, that, when these brethren were down there, they were put to a test.

24 Very beautiful example of what a true believer comes to when he really accepts the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. He is always put to a test. Satan still in the testing business. And it only comes about to help you. It’s for your good.

25 “Every son that cometh to God must be tried, chastened, scourged,” in other words, “give a little thrashing, straightening up. And if God gives us some chastisement, and we can’t stand it, then we become illegitimate children, and not the children of God.”

26 Now, a man that’s really got his face set towards Heaven, no matter what takes place here on earth, he’s still got his face set towards Heaven. His friends may forsake him. His family may forsake him. His pastor may forsake him. But there is One that won’t forsake him; that’s God. And when your mind is made up! I like that.

27 Daniel had burnt all the bridges behind him. He wasn’t planning on going back, anymore. He wasn’t watching his back trail. He was looking, forsaking those things which are in the past. He pressed on to the mark of the high calling. That’s what we should be doing. That’s what the Church should be doing.

28 And as I notice, then, God permitted Satan to give him the test. And, oh, they tested them, by the fire. They tested them, also, by the lions’ den. And in every instant, God brought them out, more than victorious.

29 “Many are the testings of the righteous, but God delivereth him out of them all.” How marvelous that is! How we appreciate that. Trials, tribulations, tests, all working for the good! After a while, God can

see then that He can put His trust in you, and then He'll do great things for you.

30 Now we find out, then, that Daniel became an instrument in the hand of God, while he was away from his own people, out of his own city, away from his own church, in a strange land, God used him.

31 Now, you can be away from whatever you may be. You can be away from all your loved ones, or you can be away from your church, but you can still be an instrument in the hands of God. God can use you for a testimony or for anything that He wishes to use you for.

32 Beautiful examples! The Bible is just so chugged full of those things, every where you turn. Don't you love to read the Word? Oh, I just read It, sometime, and weep.

33 Here a few days ago, I was reading in the room there, and I just had to sit down and cry like a baby. I got up and walked around my chair, put my hand on my chair, looked down at my Bible again; I just broke out. Went around the chair again, looked back at it again. I thought, "O God, in there is Eternal Life, to every man or women that'll dare to put their trust in It, and believe It." Eternal Life!

34 And He said, "Search the Scriptures, for in Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are They which testify of Me." Search the Scripture.

35 "The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet," that we—that we should be guided, then. It's the Light that follows the pathway that leads us from victory unto victory.

36 Now, before you can have a victory, there has to be a battle. And if there is no battles, there is no victories. So we ought to be thankful for the battles and the tryings, and it's God giving us the opportunity to have victories. Oh, my! Don't that make you a little bit better now? See? The battle come along; somebody saying something bad about you; sickness come onto you. Maybe God give you those light afflictions, that He might heal you and show His favor to you, let you see what He means by it, He loves you.

37 The old shepherd story that was told there in Jerusalem, in the holy lands, of a shepherd, was packing a— a sheep. And he said, "What's you packing it for?"

Said, "It's got a broken leg."

Said, "How'd it do that; fall over a cliff?"

Said, "No. I broke its leg."

38 He said, "Why, you're a cruel shepherd, to break that sheep's leg."

39 Said, "No. I loved it." And said, "It was going astray, and I couldn't make it mind me. So, I broke its leg, so I could give it some extra attention, so then it would love me and follow me."

40 Sometime, God has to let us break down, just a little bit, in health, to give us a little extra attention, to get us upon His lap, to woo us up in His bosom. When the doctor said nothing can be done; then He take us into His bosom, say, "See, I love you. I'm going to let you get well." See? Oh, doesn't that just make life a little better? Oh, He is so great! He is a marvelous Shepherd. Isn't He?

41 No wonder David said, "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want." And how He leads us by the side of the still waters; and restores their soul; and runs our cups over; and—and anoints us in the presence of the enemy! Did you ever get anointed in the presence of your enemy? Just to testify till your cup just boiled over, you know. Just how marvelous it is to be anointed when in the presence of your enemy!

42 Now notice, then, God took King Nebuchadnezzar and made him a tool in His hand. And when King Nebuchadnezzar died, after he had . . . The grass grew out; his hair, like lion, or like eagles feathers; and his finger nails like the claws of the eagle, and so forth. And God had to let him know Who was the real King.

43 After his death, Belshazzar, his grandson, succeeded him. And, then, he was more wicked than King Nebuchadnezzar. And one night, there, they had a great big party. They called all their—their magistrates and all the officers in, for a great big jamboree. And while they were having this jamboree, and they were . . . went, and called out, and took the vessels, the holy vessels of God; just to make fun of God, and drink wine to their gods, a toast, out of the vessels of the Lord.

44 Now, a man is permitted to travel so far, but there is a separating line between Life and death. You must never cross that. See? You can go on with your little foolishness for a while, but you better know where the line is. Did the Lord ever check you on anything? He does, all of us, pull the check reins, say "That's far enough now." Then you better watch what you're doing, from then on, if you're stepping across towards that line.

45 And that night, when God pulled the check reins on him, and he wouldn't listen. Goes on down and brings out the vessels of the Lord, begin to drink wine, and a toast to their god. Then there came a hand down out of Heaven, and wrote on the wall, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN." Means, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and found wanting." No one could interpret it. It was unknown tongues.

46 And there was a man there, had the gift of interpretation, Daniel, so he comes down and interprets and tells the king what would happen. And, there, God destroyed that nation, Babylon.

47 While, Daniel, being there, he saw great visions, and wrote concerning them, for this great consolation that we have today, knowing, and setting in order, the end of the Gentile kingdom.

48 Notice how perfect. Just get it close now. He seen, first, the image standing in the field, when he interpret the dream of the king.

49 He was a spiritual man. He dreamed dreams, saw visions, interpret dreams. God was with him, and everyone knew that, too.

50 And when he saw the vision, the head of gold, and the breast here of silver, and the thighs of brass, and the feet of iron, notice, each kingdom got a little harder. King Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom was the head of gold. He interpreted it, told him just exactly how those kingdoms would succeed each other unto the end. Then notice, from gold, is the softest, silver is next, then brass is next, then iron is next; harder, harder, colder, farther away!

51 Notice, then, in the midst of all that, Daniel beheld the image until a Stone was hewed out of the mountain, that was cut out without hands. It rolled into the image and broke it, and made it like wheat on the summer threshing floor, and the winds drive away. "And the Stone grew into a great mountain that covered all the earth and the sea." That was the Coming of the Lord Jesus, which is now at hand.

52 He goes on. When he was down by the river, one day, he fell into a trance and saw a vision. Many of those was with him, they didn't see the vision, for it was given only to Daniel. You see it?

53 Someone can stand right next to you, and see things that you can't see, to save your life. That's right. Someone said, "I don't believe that. I never seen nothing." Because it wasn't for you to see it.

54 Them that went with Paul, when Paul was struck off of his horse and had to fall onto the dirt; and wallower, as it was, on the dirt; none of them heard that voice or seen that vision. Paul saw It.

55 None of them saw the star that crossed the . . . every observatory, but the wise men.

56 Many things, that way, God has designated for certain peoples to see, and others cannot see. Oh, I love that! When God, in His infinite wisdom, has predestinated, or foreordained, for certain things to happen, it could happen to the person sitting right next to you, and you'll know nothing about it.

57 Look at Dothan, when Elijah was down at Dothan and they was all surrounded there by the—by the aliens that come in, the Syrian army;

looking for Elijah, the prophet. For when, they begin to find out, every time the Syrians would come over to Israel, to make war, why, the Israelites would be laying in ambush for them.

58 And so the king of Syria called them up, said, “Now, wait a minute. Who is for us, and who is for Israel?” Said, “Somebody in my group is a spy, that’s going to tell Israel just where we’re coming in at, for they’re always there waiting for us.”

59 And one man had a little spirituality about him. He said, “Nay, my father. But it’s the prophet Elijah, for he knows, in his bedroom, what you’re going to make your move next.” Amen.

60 Oh, when atomic powers begin to shake, I’m so happy that the Word of God has tell us where to go to. Flee to the Rock, Christ Jesus! Every man in It is safe and secured. Nothing can harm you. No atomic bombs, no cobalts, nothing else, can touch the preserved of God; safe, secure, anchored. What a marvelous hope that we have in Christ Jesus!

61 Notice, there was a man with him. His servant, spiritual boy, walked and poured water on the hands of the prophet, a great position he had. But when he seen the—the Syrian army all around Dothan, had it all backed up, he said, “My father, look out there! What a great number! Why, we are surrounded!”

62 Now, that’s the natural, when everything seems to go wrong; pointing their finger at you, saying *this* and *that*; and the doctor says you can’t get well, and so forth. That’s just the natural thing, for you to think, “Oh, my, this is the end!”

63 But Elijah said, “There is more with us than there is with them.”

64 Now you can imagine how that prophet, or that Gehazi felt, the servant. He looked over at him. He said, “Why, I don’t see nobody.”

He said, “God, open this boy’s eyes.”

65 And as soon as God did something! Here it is. Get it. When God opened his spiritual sight; all around there, the prophet, stood chariots of Fire and Angels of Fire. Why, he seen the . . . Why, the chariots of Fire outnumbered that Syrian army, by the thousands. The mountains was on Fire; Angels of Fire, horses of Fire, chariots of Fire.

66 And the Bible said, “The Angels of God encamp about those who fear Him.”

67 Just the same tonight! I wonder what would happen if a man here, tonight, had the power to strike across your eyes, and say, “Look, standing around this tabernacle tonight!” You would be a member here the rest of your life. Sure. Yes, sir.

68 Sometimes you can't see It with your natural eyes, but you can feel the impulse of It, Something near. A sixth sense that denotes Something is near.

69 Watch Him, this morning, opening up the deaf ears, making the polio cripples walk around here, like there was nothing wrong with them. What is it? It's the in-sense. I mean, the sense, the sixth sense that's conscious, the spirit, that Something is near. Have faith in God!

70 Now, they didn't, he didn't see That, first. But, Elijah probably didn't see It, but he asked for the boy's eyes to see It. But Elisha was conscious that They were there. Amen.

Thomas, one time, said, "Let me put my hands in His side."

71 Jesus said, "Now you see and believe. How much greater is their reward who has never yet seen, and yet believe." That's us tonight, to whosoever will believe, without seeing.

72 And notice. Then Elijah walked out there to where this circumstance was, and he said to them. . . First, he went out there, and the Bible said, "He smote them blind." Blind; and walked right out to them. Every one had perfect eyesight, as far as I know. But the Scripture said, "They were blind."

73 A little fellow, a few nights ago, said to me, "If you be a man of God, smite me blind."

I said, "You're already blind." See? See? Already blind!

74 Notice. And he walked out there, to where this great circumstance was, this great thing was. And he said, "Do you look for Elijah?"

Said, "Yes."

75 Said, "Come on, follow me. I'll take you right to him." Elijah said it to them. What was they blind about? They were blind to the fact that that was the prophet of God. They were blind to it. And he led them right straight down into ambush, again. Said, "Come on, I'll show you Elijah," and it was Elijah taking them down there.

76 And when they looked around, and found that they were surrounded, around. The king said, "My father, must I smite them?"

77 He said, "Would you take a prisoner to smite him?" Said, "Give them something to eat, and send them back to their country."

78 That's the way to settle wars. Isn't that right? Certainly. Oh, my! If we would only adopt that principle, today, to feed your enemy. "Do good to those that do evil to you." Amen.

79 There, now, the blindness.

80 Now, Elijah, or I mean, not Elijah now, but Daniel: Daniel foresaw; he was a prophet; he saw the coming of the Lord; he saw the end time come; he saw the Gentiles start.

81 And if you notice, the Gentiles started off with a—a idol-worship. They was worshipping a great idol sitting out in the field, an idol of a man: I believe, Daniel, himself. Cause, King Nebuchadnezzar had called him “Belteshazzar,” which was his god, and he started worshipping an image of a righteous, holy man. And Daniel refused to do it; so did—did the Hebrew children, the Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

82 That’s the way it was issued in. And it was condemned; that head of gold was issued in by image-worship, forced to it, and ended up in a supernatural Hand writing a supernatural language, that only supernatural understanding could understand it. Amen.

83 That’s the way the Gentile kingdom issued in, and it’ll go out the same way, that’s right, by supernatural works, supernatural interpretation. You know what I’m talking about. The working of the supernatural, oh, how marvelous! Aren’t you happy, tonight, you believe in the supernatural? Yes.

84 Now, then, after these visions, He showed him just where the nations would be standing. He showed him how that there were so many years depended yet on the Jews. He said, “The Messiah shall come. He’ll prophesy in the seventy of weeks, which is three and a half years. In the midst of it, He’ll be cut off, which is seven years. Seventy weeks is determined for thy people; seven years of prophecy to the Jews.” He said, “And Messiah, the Prince, shall come and prophesy, in the midst of the seven weeks, seven days, will He be cut off. In the abomination, maketh desolations, will stand in Its place. And they will tread down the walls of Jerusalem, Gentiles, for a time, time, and dividing of time.”

85 Now, when Messiah come, Jesus, He preached exactly three and a half years, and was cut off, for a Sacrifice. The daily obligation was taken away. And the desolate, the abomination that maketh desolation, the moslem of Omar, was stood today in the place of the holy temple. The mosque of Omar stands exactly where the temple stood.

86 And he said, that, “They would tread down the walls of Jerusalem, over Jerusalem, until the Gentile dispensation would be finished. But, at the end of the Gentiles, there would still be three and a half years, yet, to the Jews.”

87 Now notice one of the most striking things of prophetic history.

⁸⁸ I don't claim to know the prophecy of the Bible. But this is like reading a newspaper; more plain. And, what we read Here, we know is the Truth.

⁸⁹ Notice, two thousand, yeah, twenty-five hundred years, the Jews has been scattered to every nation under Heaven. As God hardened Pharaoh's heart, bringing them back; He hardened Hitler's heart, Mussolini's heart, and so forth, till He's drove them back to Palestine. Coming back, they have made them a nation again. And on May the sixth, 1947, the Jewish flag was raised over Israel, for the first time for twenty-five hundred years. The oldest flag in the world was raised for the first time in twenty-five hundred years. And He said, in the last days, "He would raise up an ensign over Jerusalem," showing that the time is at hand.

⁹⁰ And notice, here not long ago, I seen a prophetic reel played from over there. And they're bringing in those Jews, by the thousands, by airplanes. You've seen it in the paper, and so forth. *Look* and *Life* magazines been packing it. Thousands of Jews returning! And they asked them, said, "What are you returning for?" Old, crippled people, packing them on their backs, their young ones was. Said, "Are you coming back to the homeland to die?"

Said, "No. We are coming back to see the Messiah."

⁹¹ Jesus said, "When you see the fig tree putting forth its buds, and all the other trees putting forth their buds, know that time is nigh, or spring is nigh, summer. So, when you see these things come to pass, lift up your heads, you're redemption is drawing nigh."

⁹² Tonight, as this world is honeycombed by communism! Oh, I was talking to a man a while ago, on the . . . one of the best authorities, I believe, that I know of. And when he spoke things concerning this nation, and communism, it would shake you to your knees, right, how it's honeycombed. There's nothing solid no more, not even in our own country, hardly.

⁹³ There's only one solid thing that I know will stand, that's the Rock, Jesus Christ. We receive a kingdom that cannot be moved. And in this day when everything else is falling, we have a solid foundation, the Lord Jesus Christ. Come into It, friends. It's a shelter in a time of storm. What a marvelous thing!

He seen all this coming to pass.

⁹⁴ We see the Jews now. The Bible said that Jerusalem, and it would blossom as a rose. And how they have irrigated that land! And they also . . . The prophet spoke, and said, "That day," that, "water will come from the north." There was no water there then, no springs there then. But in the last few years, there is a gusher come up, and it is watering

the valleys. And they're irrigating; it is one of the greatest agriculture spots, for its size, in the world.

95 And all these great chemicals right in the Dead Sea. There's enough chemicals found in the bottom of it, that all the wealth of the world couldn't buy it; the chemicals, uranium and everything else, right in the bottom of the Dead Sea, which now belongs to Israel.

96 "Fig tree putting forth its bud." Not only that, but the other trees are putting forth its buds. The communists is putting forth buds. The antichrist is putting forth buds.

97 And the Church of God is putting forth buds. She is blooming out into Her power again. The palmerworm eat part of it, the cankerworm eat part of it, the hookworm eat part of it, the caterpillar eat part of it, but God said, "It'll live again." She is putting forth buds now.

98 The trees are putting forth buds. Daniel foresaw it, and rejoiced. Now, at this time, he said, "And at that time . . ." The 12th chapter.

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince that standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such was never . . . since there was a nation even to that . . . time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

99 Oh, my! Aren't you glad your name is on His Book? When he, Daniel, over here, saw Him, "Come to the Ancient of days, Whose hair was as white as wool. And He opened up the Books. And they were judged, every man, out of the Books," the great White Throne Judgment.

100 Now, Daniel is given this assurance at the end of the Gentile dispensation. Read the . . . when you go home, and tomorrow, read the 11th chapter. You can see how the king of the north is coming down, which is nothing else but Russia, coming down to press against it, like a whirlwind. And the great Battle of Armageddon will be fought right there near the gates of Jerusalem. Notice. Oh, I love this!

. . . and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that's been found written in the book, the Lamb's book of life.

101 "Michael, the great prince, shall stand up for" (what?) "for thy people." All right.

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake (when?) when these times takes place, and some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contemptment.

102 Just as sure as there is an everlasting Life, there is an everlasting departure. It determines on how you treat Jesus Christ in your life. If you love Him, and born again, and got His Spirit, you've got everlasting

Life. If you don't, you have not everlasting Life. If your name is written on the Lamb's Book of Life, you have immortal Life. If it's not written There, you'll not be recognized.

103 What is it? All those prophesies are fulfilled; everything, right down to this time.

104 The head of gold has passed away, as Daniel said it would, the Babylonian kingdom.

105 Succeeding that, he said, would be the Medes and Persians. They succeeded the Babylonian kingdom.

106 And they fell away, to (who?) the Grecians, Alexander the Great.

107 And they fell away, to (what?) the Romans. And the Romans broke up, to all the world, the eastern and western Rome, the two legs.

108 And he said iron and clay was on the toes, the ten toes, the ten kingdoms, and he said they wouldn't mix, and they'd intermarry among one another, Romanism and Protestantism.

109 "And in that day," when this thing exists, "then the Stone was hewed out of the mountain, without hands, and rolled in and broke the thing to pieces." And It took the place of the image.

110 So, my brethren, we're having troubles, tonight. "Wars, rumors of wars; earthquakes in divers places; perplexed of time, distress between nations." I just come back from overseas, and I haven't seen a nation but what's trembling in their shoes. They don't know what's going to take place next.

111 But aren't we thankful, tonight, that we do know what's going to take place next! The Lord Jesus Christ shall come the second time, in glory and majesty! And every man or woman who is found written in the Lamb's Book of Life, shall rise with their loved ones, to meet the Lord in the air. Oh, what a marvelous thing! That's the reason we say:

Our hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' Blood with righteousness;
All around my soul gives way,
He's all our hope and stay.

112 "And at that time, Michael shall stand, the great prince." Michael was Christ, of course, Who fought the Angelic wars in Heaven, with the devil. Satan and Michael fought together, or fought against each other, rather.

113 And, now, "And at that time," he said, "as many was found written in the Book was delivered. And those who have done righteous . . ." Watch at this.

And they that—and they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and as the . . . and they that turn away many to righteousness as the stars for ever . . .

114 I look at that, sometime, and I think, brethren. I go out, of the morning. I love to get up early. Don't you like to rise early?

115 I remember when brethren and I were in the mountains. Real early in the morning, around four o'clock, we'd rise up. Look, hanging back there, and there was the morning star. It gets real dark just before the break of day.

116 We see the darkness gathering now. What is it? It's Light pressing against the darkness. One has to give way.

117 All the creeping things that's been running through the night, when that sun comes up, they take to shelter when the light shines. Night and dark . . . Night and light cannot exist in the same building. It's either dark or it's light. And light is so much more powerful than darkness.

118 So is Christ so much more powerful than all the enemies of the world.

119 Now, we are taught by scientists; as the light begins to come, it condenses the darkness. And the darkness gathers all of its host together, to fight against the light, but the light prevails and comes on.

120 And the Bible said, in the last days, that, "Satan would go about like a roaring lion." He is gathering, today, all of his enemies, all of his friends, our enemies, and congregating them together; heaping up under a big head, the mark of the beast, in the ecclesiastical realms, the confederation of churches. All uniting and making themselves a great organization, as same as Catholicism.

121 And the world empires are uniting themselves together, and forming up a big head over there, in the political realms, called communism.

122 And the Light of God is pressing on. What's happening in the same time, to make it: the Christian Church, the Church of the living God, is being anointed; power is coming to Her, She is receiving the Holy Spirit.

123 Last year, in the full Gospel realms, was a million five hundred thousand conversions. The greatest has swept the land for years after years. We're not in an alley no more. We're up on a hallelujah boulevard. We're not in the shed, no more. One million five hundred thousand conversions in the full Gospel ranks, last year, succeeded Catholicism and everything else. Oh, my!

124 What is it? Light is a gathering. Great healing services has combed the globe. Hallelujah! Way in, down in Formosa, healing campaigns

are going on. Way down in Japan, healing campaigns are going on. Up in the frozen regions of the north, healing campaigns are going on. Around the world, healing campaigns! Hallelujah! Men are receiving the Holy Ghost, of everywhere. We're at the end time.

125 What's it doing? Then the devil says, "Now is my time." He is congregating his forces. Confederation of churches trying to stop it, saying, "They're nothing but a bunch of noise boxes. There is nothing to them. It's all fanaticism. There is no such a thing as working in the Supernatural."

126 And at the same time, the head of American . . . the medical association writes a piece in the paper, he said, "No man has got a right to come into a sick room, to minister to the people, that don't believe in Almighty God and accept Him as his Helper." *The Christian Herald*, interviewing doctors last month, gave write-up's that I couldn't write, myself, if I was trying to brag on it. What is it? In the midst of everything, God will cause His enemies to testify to His glory. Yes, sir. The doctor said, "We can only administer aids, but God is the healer."

I said, "Them great men is just finding out what we bunch of nitwits knowed all the time." That's right.

127 Some of these glorious days, you'll find out that this bunch of Power, that changes harlots to ladies, and drunkards to gentlemen and Christians, is the very Power that'll lift them out of this earth and take them Home in the Rapture, to Glory. It may be too late; it may be too late for many.

128 "At that day, Michael shall stand for the people." He ain't standing for the nations. He is standing for the people. "And many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth, some shall rise to everlasting shame and contemptment. But those that be wise and turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever." Hallelujah!

A tent or a cottage, why should I care?
They're building a palace for me over There! (Come
over to see me some day!)

129 What is it? I've walked out and looked at that great morning star, as she begins to move yonder. What does the morning star say? The morning star is only reflecting the supreme light of the sun coming. Is that right? The morning star, the reason it's so bright (you know why it is?), the sun is so much closer to it. It's a pressing on. And the morning star hails the coming of the sun.

130 All right, you morning stars, it's time to go to hailing Him coming! Shine, morning Stars! Rise early! It says, "The Son will soon be here!"

131 When we look and see that morning star, as it glistening in the skies, it means that the sun will shine pretty soon.

132 And when we see the morning Stars of God, rising and shining to the glory of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, shows that that supreme One is pressing on. The lights are gathering, but the morning Star hollers, "Hold on! It isn't long till daylight." Hold on! It's not long till daylight. Just keep holding on. As Sister Murphy and them used to sing, "Just keep holding on; daylight is soon coming." Hold on to it! The morning Stars are shining to the world now, lighting up the world, just before the great darkness, and the great thunderbolt from Heaven, the Coming of the Lord.

Listen close now. Now he said . . .

133 I've looked at the morning star, and I thought, "Oh, morning star!" I looked down . . .

134 One day, standing up there, Brother Wood and I. He had just got the fire started, and we was going to get breakfast. And I turned and looked at the morning star. Walked out there in them cedar bushes; and the winds whispering through the pines. I stood there. Felt good, breathing that good, fresh morning air; and it kind of frosty, plenty frosty. Go down to the creek, get a bucket of water, freeze 'fore you get up.

135 Standing up there, raising up my hands, out there in those pines. I looked at the morning star. I thought, "Oh, looky here, what forty-five years has done for me." I said, "Oh, looky here. I'm getting wrinkled. My hands getting wrinkled; hair slipping out; teeth going. Oh, what forty-five years has done for me! But," I said, "looky yonder, that morning star is just as pretty and bright as it was the day that God, 'whew,' blowed it off His hands, and said, 'Let it shine!'"

136 Then I thought of this Scripture. I said, "But God promised, if we would be wise and turn many to righteousness, we will outshine the stars for ever."

137 I thought, "Morning star, you are shining now, but wait till we get There! Hallelujah! 'Outshine the stars for ever!'"

138 And I could hear that wind coming down the hill, just about the break of day, wisping through those pines, saying:

There's a Land beyond the river,
That we call the sweet forever,
And we only reach that shore by faith degree;
One by one we gain the portal,
There to dwell with the immortal,
When they ring those golden bells for you and me.

139 What a great thing! “They that be wise shall turn many to righteousness, and they shall outshine the stars for ever and for ever.”

140 So what difference does it make, anyhow? What’s this little old span here for? This little old dust of the earth, spineless worm, little old mortal body that’s got to corrupt and go back to the dust, and skin worms will eat it up! Oh, my! Let me rise with all that’s in me, and shine for the glory of God! Lay aside every weight, that the Holy Spirit can transmit His powers and glory, through the preaching of the Gospel and the healing of the sick, to vindicate Jesus Christ raised from the dead. Oh, my!

. . . *for ever and for ever.*

But thou, . . . Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: for many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

Then I Daniel beheld and looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and one on the other . . . side of the bank of the river.

And the one said to the man clothed in linen (Holy Spirit), which was upon the waters (peoples and multitudes) . . .

141 Holy Ghost upon the people! Oh! Hallelujah! The Holy Ghost!

142 Revelation :15, :16, says that the thickness and multitudes . . . the *water* means “thickness and multitudes of people.”

143 “And here is One in white linen, waving Himself up-and-down, upon the waters, with His hand up to Heaven, swearing by Him that lives for ever and ever, ‘When these things happen, time shall be no more!’” Hallelujah!

144 “Time shall be no more!” Swore that, when we seen these nations breaking, and things taking place like that, “The mystery of God is already accomplished.”

145 What is it, “The mystery of God”? “God in you, the hope of Glory,” shining forth, the baptism of the Holy Spirit!

146 Then He said, “When these things take place, time shall be no more.”

147 “They that know their God,” said Daniel. “In the last days, many shall run to and fro, knowledge shall increase. But they that know their God shall do exploits in the last days.”

148 “They shall do exploits.” Oh, exploits of faith is breaking, around the world, tonight, over and over. All over the nations, great campaigns! The blind are seeing. The deaf are hearing. The lame is a walking. People of all walks of life are coming in. They’re receiving the Holy

Spirit; not only the poor and pauper, but the millionaire and everything else. God is taking and putting His robe upon each one, and giving them an invitation to the Wedding Supper.

149 And the great High Priest, Melchisedec, will come some day. And we'll eat the communion, anew, with Him, in the Kingdom of God, one of these great, glorious days! Oh, I'm so happy, tonight, to be in His Kingdom! Yes, sir. Some great day, some marvelous day, "Time shall be no more!"

150 See, we come out of Eternity. We was, before there was a world. Did you know that? God made man in His Own image.

151 "Where was you," He said to Job, when Job thought he had some wisdom. Said, "Where was you when I laid the foundation of the world, before I laid it, when the sons of God sang together and the morning stars shouted for joy?"

152 "The morning stars shouted for joy." Them shining ones shouted for joy, when they seen that someday they were tabernacled here on earth. And the King, Melchisedec, would come in the righteousness of God, and give His life, to redeem us to God, back again, and outshine the stars for ever and ever.

153 "Where was you when I laid the foundation of the world? Declare where they're hooked at it. Tell Me what they stand upon." Said, "Gird up yourself. I want to talk to you like a man." And Job fell on his face like a dead man. He couldn't stand it. God was there. There you are. "Where was you when I laid the foundations of the world?"

154 This glorious Gospel has been prophesied by the Old Testament prophets. It's come down through the ages. It's here tonight. It's vindicated by God. She's swept the world. They've tried to put it out.

155 But, try to put out a fire on a windy day, and a—and a dry timber before it. Why, you can't do it. The more you fight at it, the more winds you give it; more winds you give it, harder it'll burn. That's the only thing.

156 We used to have a little fire, out in the mountains, when I used to try to make a fire burn early in the morning. I'd get out there and throw some sticks on it; go to smoking. I know, as sure as there's a little smoke, there's fire there somewhere. The only thing I had to do is take my hat and go to fanning it, and it finally caught up.

157 That's what the Church needs today, is another fanning of the mighty rushing Wind like fell on the Day of Pentecost, to fan It back in the Faith again, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming in Glory.

¹⁵⁸ Look at the signs, wonders, mysterious things a happening. "Earthquakes in divers places; tidal waves breaking the bank," just like Jesus said would do, "men's heart failing; fear."

¹⁵⁹ Fear, "Oh, who is going to throw the first cobalt bomb? What will take place? In a few hours the whole world will be annihilated." Why, we would be in the Presence of God 'fore it no more drops out of the plane. That's right. What will it be? There'll be nothing, but we'll drop. . .

This ol' robe of flesh we'll drop, and rise
And seize the everlasting prize,
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

¹⁶⁰ It'll all be over, and we'll go Home. Lay this old body down; exchange it for a crown and a robe, yonder, that'll fade not away. Turn back from an old man, an old woman, to a young person, to live forever and ever, outshine; and immortality, to walk up-and-down the streets of Glory, in the Presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Sang, "Glory to God in the Highest! He has did great things in our midst."

¹⁶¹ While we're in the journey today, with God's Power vindicating everything on every hand, let's look around and see where we're at. Look at the fig tree putting forth buds. Look at the other trees putting forth buds. Look at the nations putting forth buds. Look at the Holy Ghost Church putting forth buds. Look at Pentecost repeating, coming back, same signs and wonders. Hallelujah!

Shall we pray.

¹⁶² Heavenly Father, we thank Thee tonight, for the Power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, for His great supreme Being, for His anointing of the Holy Ghost. We thank Thee because that He is here now, a living, ever living, making intercessions upon our confession. We thank Thee for His healing Power that snatched us as firebrands, Lord, brought us from the grave, has raised us up and renewed our strength, and given us Power, that we might go forth and shine here in this darkness. We thank Thee for this.

¹⁶³ Father, we pray that You will bless every one that's unsaved. Bless all the saved. Grant it, Father. Heal all the sick; get glory. Bless this little tabernacle. Bless the people. Bless Brother Neville, the pastor. Bless all the deacons, the trustees. Grant it, Lord. Lay Your healing hands upon them. And if the devil comes in and causes little differences, heal it, Lord, right quick, with the Balm of Gilead. Grant it, Lord. Pour out the anointing oil upon them. Make them humble in heart, sweet in soul. May they walk in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus. The physical things

happen to them, and they become sick, may the Angel of God stand near, to apply the Blood of Jesus. Grant it. Heal all the sickness.

¹⁶⁴ Help me, Lord, as I break out yonder into the fields, seeing those great need. What a need in the day! Millions have died. A hundred forty-four thousand heathens died today, without knowing Christ. Help me, Dear God. Bless us all, together.

¹⁶⁵ And someday, rise us from this earth, yonder, Lord, to set with You in Your throne, in the Heavenly places up yonder, in Christ Jesus. Grant it, Father. Until that time, may health and strength be ours, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Oh, I want to see Him, I want to look upon His face,
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;
Cares all past, Home at last, ever to rejoice.

As I travel through this land, singing as I go,
Pointing souls to Calvary, to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within;
But my Lord leads me on, through Him I must win.

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;
Cares all past, Home at last, ever to rejoice.

¹⁶⁶ Now listen, just a moment. How many Methodists is here? Raise up your hands. Methodists? How many Baptists is here? Raise up your hands. How many Presbyterians here? Raise up your hands. How many Nazarenes? Raise up your hands. How many Pentecostals? Raise up your hands. How many Lutherans? Raise up your hands. Well, we're all here. Look, a great big group, mixed up, all sitting in one place, in Heavenly places, rejoicing in the Blessing.

¹⁶⁷ Now I want the Methodists to shake hands with the Baptists, the Baptist with the Lutheran. Turn around now and shake one another's hands, and turn back this way, now, as we sing it.

Pointing souls to Calvary, to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within;
But my Lord leads me on, through Him I must win.

Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of Glory let me lift my voice;
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.

¹⁶⁸ Don't that make you feel good? Don't it make you feel like you're all . . . ? How many Christians is here? Raise your hand. Everybody that

believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, raise up your hand. Oh, my! What a wonderful thing!

¹⁶⁹ Now as we separate, as we go, from our different homes, let's go with prayer. Now let's sing our good, old dismissing song. How many knows it? *Take The Name Of Jesus With You*. Everybody together now, let's sing.

Take the Name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you,
Take It, everywhere you go.

Precious Name, (Precious Name!) O how sweet! (O
how sweet!)

Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
(Yes, precious Name!) O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

Listen:

At the Name of Jesus bowing,
Falling prostrate at His feet,
King of kings in Heaven we'll crown Him,
Oh, when our journey is complete.

Precious Name, O how sweet! (O how sweet!)
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

¹⁷⁰ Here is what I want you to do.

Take the Name of Jesus with you,
As a Shield from every foe;
When temptations round you gather,
Breathe that Holy Name in prayer.

Precious Name, (Precious Name!) O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven;
Precious Name, (Precious Name!) O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.



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