This Great Servant, Moses

At first I thought that was your boy sitting there, Brother Wood, on the end there, where the lady was writing, but it wasn't. When I opened my eyes, the Angel of the Lord was hanging there. I thought it was David setting there. But it isn't David, I don't think. You're not David Wood, are you? You sure look like a twin brother to him, setting right here. That's not David Wood.

I just seen something done. Amen. Oh, how marvelous. The Lord's ways are past finding out, aren't they? Amen. "If thou canst believe," He said, "all things are possible."

All right, we're going to open the Word. I believe I'll just keep that to myself and let the Lord reveal it, oh, as He sees need.

Over in the book of Numbers, the 20th chapter now, quickly. And we'll try to take about twenty minutes for the sermon, if the Lord willing. And now, you be ready. I don't know what's going to happen now. The Lord Jesus just might do anything for us. Do you love Him? Say "Amen." [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Now, the word "amen" means "so be it." See? And, now, we really love Him.

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,

Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak...to the rock..., and it shall bring forth its waters, and thou shalt bring forth water unto them, water out of the rock, and thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts water.

And Moses took the rod, from before the Lord, as He commanded him.

Now, I want to speak just a few moments on this "Great Servant, Moses."

³ You feel any better, sister, that was setting there writing? The little lady sets...Feel lots better now, don't you? You're healed, lady. That old heart trouble and things you've been bothered with, and kidney trouble, that's also and you've had a varicose veins has been bothering you. And isn't that right? If that's right, wave your hand. You were healed just then. Amen. Praise the Lord.

I looked around at her, and I seen her a while ago, she looked so dreary, and I happened to look back, and I seen the Angel standing there. And look so much like David. You ought to meet Mr. Wood, over here, you look like his boy, enough to be his double. I looked back,

and I thought, "Maybe that's David," 'cause I knowed David loves me and believes. And then I looked down, and It was hanging over that little lady. And then I seen what her trouble was. All at once, I looked back, and she was just smiling. I thought, "I might as well tell her and let her know it's over, so she can . . ." Amen. And she was taking down my notes or something there.

All right. Oh, isn't He wonderful? That's just the way it works. Just the way it does. Just . . . You can't—just can't beat Him. He's just here to help us.

Now, the Lord said, we're—told Moses to get the rod. Now, we want to speak on the rod, and the rod pertaining to judgment. I just love to talk about Moses. He was the—the priest, king, and law-giver; everything a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, Moses was.

He was borned in the world a fair child. In other words, he was borned a prophet. They wasn't afraid of the king when they seen God...What kind of a—a thing happened when Moses was born. It does not record, but something happened when Moses was born, 'cause his parents seen it, and knowed that they didn't care what the king said. They knowed their son was going to be safely, and they didn't fear.

⁵ So he was pulled up out of the bulrushes, and—and was raised right with, just in every way: Went in to the wilderness, and led the children of Israel: a law-giver, and a priest, and he was everything that Christ was. In type he was, and Christ was the antitype.

Now, if we'll notice, Moses, when he became the age of about forty, he refused to be called Pharaoh's daughter...Moses' life runs in a cycle, of three cycles; first, forty; next, eighty; then a hundred and twenty when he died, just a perfect...I could go through the Scripture, and show that—of the dispensations of grace, of water, blood, the spirit, of justification, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the first, second, and third coming of Christ. Everything you want to type, lays right smack...and everything in the Scripture will roll right in to them—them letters, just like that.

Moses, when he... the first forty years he was taught... Who do you think Moses' teacher was? His mother. He couldn't have had any better, 'cause she was hired as a tutor to raise her own child. I tell you, God certainly pulled one over on Satan there, didn't He? He sure did. And Moses, knowing now, from his mother, that he was raised up... Her a spiritual woman, little is said about her, but brother, I want to be in glory when she receives her crown (Yes, sir.) to see what takes place. How she taught that little fellow right in the midst of the enemy, right there in the furnace of the heat of it. And told him that he would be the one that would deliver God's children out of that place.

Moses knowing that, as a scholar, "I guess I'll just go out and set the thing in order," he said. So he was forty years old, so he thought, "I'm getting old enough to do it." So he took the thing over in his own hand and failed. And every time that we take the matter in our hands, we're going to fail. You just go as the Lord leads. And what the Lord says do, then you do that, and you'll never fail. You can't fail, because you're following the leading of the Lord.

If Moses would've only waited just a little while, and let things get ripe, and let the thing get...and the season. You can't plant corn in—in—in now, and go out and gather it in an hour. You've got to let it lay there, and—and the seed die, and rot away, and new life come up in spring in the corn.

That's the way we do now. We're putting the seed in the hearts of the people, that when this great time of reaping comes, (see what I mean?) it'll be—it'll be materialized, and be a great thing happen.

- Now, Moses, after taking the situation in his own hand, found out that he was a total failure, and run from the presence of Pharaoh and the Presence of God, and was a stranger for forty years way back. And he married an Ethiopian girl. And so she had a lot of temper. And Moses had a lot of temper. That was his trouble. And I just imagine things wasn't so peaceful back there on the back of the desert, at times. But God gave it to him.
- Now, if you think you married a woman has a little temper, maybe God's trying to tame you down a little (You see?), so, and vice versa.

So Zipporah was a—kind of high-tempered. She proved it when she cut the foreskin from her son, and throwed it before Moses, and said, "Thou art a bloody husband to me." My, I'd imagine things wasn't too peaceful at times. And then out back there, God was... What was He doing? Schooling into the boys mind, or the man's mind, what the program of God was.

Moses was back there waiting, and now... And there he was. What did he do? He went to work for his father-in-law, Jethro, and he was herding his sheep out in the desert place. There's a perfect picture here before us tonight of a believer out of fellowship with God.

There he was, no fellowship, not one thing in that forty years was spoke that God did for him, or any way, any supernatural. He was out of fellowship. And when the Church gets out of fellowship with God, miracles cease, signs and wonders cease, revivals cease; God just moves right out when you get out of fellowship.

The thing to do, is keep (that what I was trying to say a while a go) the love of God in your heart. Keep fellowship with Him, and He will add these other things, just as we mature. Don't you think so?

And so, Moses, out of fellowship, no fellowship—out there in a strange country, amongst strangers, not his own people...She was his peop—the people there were Ethiopians, and he was a Jew. And there, completely out of reach of God, seemingly, and God all the time knowing, that no matter how much of a mess that God—that man makes out of the program of God, God's going to straighten it out. That's right.

So, just know, that there's going to be a Church appear before God, without spot, without blemish, without a wrinkle. God's going to do it. And if I fail to preach the truth, and Brother Joseph fails to preach the truth, and you brethren out there fail to preach the truth, "God's able of these stones to rise children unto Abraham." He... Somebody's going to preach and contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Somebody's going to pull the Church on. That's right.

So no matter how much the picture was marred, it'd taken God forty years to rectify what Moses done in about three days, just get that picture straightened out again. He just took Moses and set him out here, and give him a high-tempered wife to kindly get him straightened out, and God went on down here fixing the picture around again, till He got it straightened out. But He was determined that He was going to do it, and He ordained Moses to do so. Oh, I just love that.

What He's... What God has determined is going to happen. Oh, don't it give you a wonderful feeling? What God has determined, it has to be. That's right. He's going to do it anyhow.

So what a time we can see, as God's fixing His picture back. And one day, while Moses, out of fellowship with God, perhaps thought, "Well, the vision of ever delivering the children of Israel is all past and gone. I guess I'll live and die here in the desert, and that'll be all there is to it. Why was I ever born in the world," or perhaps walking around there. And he had a stick in his hand. And he's walking along, and God appeared in a form of a—an Angel in a burning bush. And Moses seen it. I imagine he said, "Now, way back out here, where there's no more herders but myself, I wonder what that bush is on fire about. Has somebody slipped in here and set the bush afire?" He watched it, and he'd watch it, it didn't... God's got a way of attracting your attention some way, hasn't He?

He got attention of Jairus one day. Little Jairus, when he wouldn't believe in Divine healing. He believed it; and he wanted Jairus' heart, so He just...Only thing He could do, was strike his daughter, and let her die, so that Jesus come over, and raise her up again, just—just to really get his attention. You see? God does that. Sometimes throws

you on your back, sometimes sick, so He can make you look up, that you'll realize.

Like the old shepherd stories of . . . had a sheep, and they'd broke its leg. And he said, "How did the sheep break its leg?"

He said, "I broke its leg."

Said, "Why, you're a cruel shepherd to break your own sheep's leg."

Said, "No." Said, "She wouldn't mind me," and said, "then I had to break her leg in order that I could pack her around, and baby her a little bit, and give her some special food, so that she would love me and follow me."

That's the way God has to do sometimes: kinda break us down, once in a while to give us a little extra food, you know to kinda love us a little bit. Do you know that's exactly why I'm a Gospel preacher tonight is because he come by a spell of sickness, when the doctor said I couldn't live. That's exactly right. It changed me, shook me.

I hated the thoughts of a preacher. And one time while I was—had the Bantamweight Championship, the fellow said, "Say." Had a blue coat on. Said, "You look like one of these little box-backed, Baptist preachers."

And I said, "Look fellow, you smile when you say that." Say, "I was right then ready to go fight with my partner, no preacher about me." And you see what God did? If He had to lay me on my back, when the doctors says, "It's all over."

And then He come around and give me a little special treatment, kindy poured in the oil, you know, and said, "Now, I love you."

I said, "Yes, Lord. I love you too." So that, so then we become friends. That's how Jesus does sometimes, has to pour in a little of the Balm of Gilead, you know, to kindy soothe things over to show you He loves you, He heals you, and wants you to be well, and love Him, and serve Him, believe in Him. Isn't He wonderful?

Then, that's the way He was doing Moses, back there. And Moses stepped aside (attracted his attention), and he looked back over there. And he thought, "Well now, Moses, I guess you think now that . . ."

¹⁶ I imagine the Lord seen poor, old Moses going crippling along there, with his long, white beard and hair. "Well, years ago, I had a vision, and I thought the Lord would surely deliver the children of Israel, but God's done turned his back on me now. I'm back over here battling it out. So I guess I'll just have to stay this way."

And I imagine God said, "Poor fellow, I—I just had to do that to let you realize...But I'm going to show you now that I'm with you."

So He just attracted his attention over there. He wanted to get an audience with—with Moses. You know, God sometime has to get you sick and in the hospital, where the doctor says you ain't going to live to get an audience with you. You'll call for it; don't you worry. You just wait till the doctor says . . . Oh, you say, "I don't believe in Divine healing, no such thing. That thing's nonsense." Let the doctor say all hopes is gone. God gets you—an audience with you. So don't worry. He has a way of doing things. He does it in His own way. Hallelujah. My, that just makes me feel like being a real shouting Methodist.

Look. Because it's God does it. You see? He just does it in His own way. He just . . . He's got a way of doing things, hasn't He? And I'm so glad that He has. Amen.

So we see now, that He—He got an audience with Moses by saying, "Now, this would be a very odd—odd sight." You know, God does things kindy odd sometimes to get the audience. That's right.

Somebody came to me and said, "Hey, they say they got a holy-roller down here going to preach tonight. I believe I'll just go down and see what it's all about."

The Milltown Baptist pastor, that's in my place at the Milltown Baptist Church tonight, William Hall, that fellow came over, 'cause he had it put in the paper, said, "Say, you ought to come here this fellow preach. He's a little Billy Sunday."

¹⁸ And here he come over, and oh, was he rank. His hair hanging down in his face, and had one tooth out, and a big corncob pipe, and he rapped it on the side of the church, like that, when he knocked it out, walked in, and said, "Where is that little Billy Sunday? I want to hear him."

The deacon brothers said, "Now, set down, Mr. Hall." He was a rough customer.

And then he said, "Maybe I'd better get up a little closer. I want to see what Billy Sunday looked like," he said, just making fun. You see? And that night, he got saved. Amen. And he's the pastor there in that same church tonight.

¹⁹ See? God has a way of attracting you, doesn't He? He will get you aside one time.

So he said, "Now, this will look a little strange to Moses, something out of the ordinary. So I will just send this Pillar of Fire down there in that bush, and let it...'Cause it's going to lead him all through the wilderness anyhow. And so I will just let it start burning, get Moses to come over here."

So He attracted Moses' attention. So he draws over a little closer, you know, and said, "Well, that looks strange. That thing don't burn up." When he got close enough, in speaking distance...Oh, I want to get there, don't you, in speaking distance? Just get in speaking distance...

He said, "Moses."

He said, "Yes, Lord? Here I am."

"Take off your shoes now. You're on holy ground."

So Moses unlatched his shoes, and walked up a little closer, said, "What is it, Lord?"

²⁰ And He said, "I have heard...Now—now, Moses, I ain't saying one word to you, about what I've seen about you, but I've heard the groans of My people, and I have remembered My covenant with Abraham. (Amen. His Word, in other words) I remember what I promised Abraham."

The same promise He gave to Abraham, He's give to you, for you're the seed of Abraham. And He said, "I remember My promise with Abraham, and I've come down to deliver My children, take them back to the promised land, and I'm sending you down."

Moses said, "Oh, well, you see I—I can't speak very well." Said, "I'm not eloquent." And said, "I—I can't speak good." And said, "I'm a slow of speech." He said, "I'm—I—I just can't do it." He said, "Well, ah, Aaron's on his road up, and so forth.

And so He said, "What's you got in your hand, Moses?"

He said, "A stick." That's all he had, just an old stick, picked it up out there on the desert somewhere, where he'd punched the—the sheep through the gates, or wherever he went, get them on. Just an old stick he'd cut down, 'cause he said it was a stick.

He said, "Moses, throw it down." And when he threw the stick down, it turned into a serpent. He...And Moses fled. And He said, "Pick it up." And he took it by the tail, and it turned back to a stick again.

Moses, I guess could say, "I seen strange sights today," so—when he seen that stick turned to a snake. Now, what was that stick? That's what we're going to speak on. What was that stick?

It wasn't an ordinary stick any more. For it was the judgment rod of Almighty God. What did it symbolize? The cross. And then... Why...How would it symbolize the cross? Because on the natural it was wood. On the spiritual it was a serpent. And how could the serpent represent Jesus?

The serpent, as it was a reptile, a snake, it represented sin already judged. For Satan had sinned in the serpent in the garden of Eden. Which was not a reptile, he was the missing link between men and animal. And he stood there as a—or—or walked upright, and was the most subtle of all the beasts (not reptiles) of the beasts of the field. And when he was cursed, his legs went off of him, and on his belly he went. And that showed that he was already judged, when he became a reptile.

And then Christ was sin in the serpent already judged, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. You see it?

Now, he picked up the stick, and the supernatural on the stick, was a serpent. Supernatural, it was a serpent in his hand. Natural, it was a stick in his hand; the cross plus Christ, the judgment.

Here he goes down to Egypt, as I many times said, "A one man invasion." Had his wife, run and got his wife, and set her on the mule, and a child on each hip, and here he is going towards Egypt, going down to take over. Could you imagine a one man invasion going to Egypt to take over? But he did it, because God promised him he would do it.

And while he was down there, when Moses went in, he waved this stick across the rivers, and they turned into blood. Then he waved them towards the skies, and the sun went dark. And everywhere he put that stick before him, it was judgment. Judgment went before the stick. Because the stick was the judgment rod. You get it?

Now, when he wanted fleas, he raised this—this stick towards the air like that, and sprinkled some dirt, and as the dust blowed on, fleas came from everywhere: judgment, Divine judgment.

He brought fire out of the heaven, lightning upon the earth, great hailstones and everything that killed the cattle, and killed the Egyptians, and everything else: judgment, God's judgment before Moses.

Now, as Moses went with the judgment stick before him, that same stick tonight, to the Church, is Jesus Christ. If those Egyptians could've ever got that little simple stick out of Moses' hands, they'd have had him whipped. And when the—when the devil could ever get the Deity out of the Name of Jesus Christ, he's got the Church whipped. But as the judgment stick went before Moses to take the judgment to bring the judgment, so does the Name of Jesus go before us to take our judgment, stands our judgment of sickness; stands our judgment of death; stands our judgment of trouble.

Take the Name of Jesus with you, As a shield from every care, When temptations around you gather, Breathe that Holy Name in prayer. When sickness begins to gather, breathe that Name of Jesus. What is it? It's God's representative of judgment: Christ already judged for your sins; Christ already judged for your temptation; Christ already judged for your sickness. See what I mean? It was God's judgment rod. And as long as that rod waved on, it was judgment.

Moses, that night, after leading the children of Israel out, and there come Pharaoh's army, the Pillar of Fire went down, and hung between Pharaoh and pursuing army and Israel. It made light to Israel and darkness to Pharaoh, and kept them apart (Amen.), a go-between. Oh, I'm so glad today that He is our go-between.

In sickness, in between death and life, He's my go-between. He's the One that takes death in one hand and life in the other one. He's that link that connects man to God: the go-between.

²⁶ And He come down as a go-between. And He made light on this side for Israel to march on, and darkness to hold Pharaoh back. That same Angel of God is in the Church tonight, giving light for the Church to walk on and darkness for those who will reject it. We're children of the light. Amen.

How can you see when you walk in darkness? You can't see. You don't know where you're going. But if you're in the light, and Christ is the Light...And He's giving light to those believers, while He was giving darkness to the unbelievers. He was showing a way of a path to the believer, and a darkness, and stumbling about to the unbeliever.

And so is it tonight. As we're marching towards the promised land, God's throwing light on the path of Divine healing, speaking with tongues, shoutings, and the glories of God, manifesting them to the children of the light, and throwing darkness back there, that they stumble, not knowing where they're going.

Remember that same stick, that hand that held that judgment rod, when he come down, and there was God's path, running through the—the Red Sea, he waved that over the Red Sea, and the Red Sea, seeing the judgment, got scared, and moved back, on either side, and made a pillar. And the marchers of Israel walked right across on dry land in the bottom of the sea.

And when the uncircumcised, trying to pretend they were something, when they were nothing, started to do so, God just discomfited, took the chariot wheels off, and scared the horses, down there in the bottom of the sea, in a great bit of conglomeration. And on the other side, that same judgment, there where sin was in the valley. . . Praise God. You know what that'll do? That same Pillar of Fire, that had been showing them, when it came down to this valley, it moved right over the top of that water, and made a way where these

back there, without the leading of the Holy Spirit, could not walk where those circumcised were walking. Hallelujah. Oh, that makes me feel religious to think of it.

The fight is on. Someday we got to come down through two great, big, dark valleys, or pillars, called a valley, that's where we're walled on each side; the valley of the shadows of death. David said, "I'll fear no evil. for Thou art with me."

And when they seen that glorious, great, light of the Pillar of Fire, whirling over the top of this water, seen those great, big, scary hills up there, maybe forty fathoms deep, way down deep in that mucky looking stuff, at the bottom, and the Angel of the Lord leading the way. Israel knew that if the Angel was going on, it was making a way, and no fear was in the way. Amen.

Then one of these days, we've got to come down through the valley of the shadows of death, just like that was. We'll fear no evil, as long as the Morning Star is moving on before you, lighting up the way, and making it possible for you to walk. Just the other side's the promised land. Amen. I'm so happy for that. Notice.

Then when they got over on the other side, these uncircumcised said, "Well, if they can do it, we can too," and got drowned in the sea, confused, and drowned and sank out in the sea.

³⁰ On they went. When they begin to need water one day, God told Moses...Listen, closely. Oh, I want you to get this part of it. Here's the golden cord of it. They—people were thirsting, and they were wondering, "Where can we drink. Our little children are starving?"

When their little children was sick, God erected a brass serpent, another symbol, another stick, like the one Moses had in his hand, only in a symbol with a snake wrapped around it. What was it? The judgment. Drawing dividends on your insurance policy (Amen.), drawing dividends on Calvary. Why Moses...Jesus said, "As Moses lifted up the brass serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up."

³¹ He was lifted up with a compound reason, because they were chiding, and—and jostling one another, and fighting one another, and despising Moses. And they were sinning, and they were sick. And they was lifted up for two reasons: to forgive their backslidings and to heal their sickness. "And He was wounded for our transgressions, and with His stripes we were healed."

Scripture, every jump of It, every Word, God's Eternal Word, which can never pass away...Amen. I'm so happy for that foundation, that was laid by Jesus Christ, the Chief Cornerstone. And we're built together as blocks in the temple of the living God by our confession and

believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. The same Light that was in them is moving right through the building.

Notice Moses...Now, he said he went out, and he prayed, and said, "Lord, these people are thirsting now, and there's no water to give them, and they're crying to me for water." And Moses and Aaron went to the tabernacle and fell before the Lord, and the Shekinah glory of God fell around them. Amen. Shekinah glory, the Presence of God come around them.

Why, brother, that's no more than what you feeled in a good, old fashion, Holy Spirit meeting, when the Shekinah glory of God drops down among you: the same thing.

Moses raising his hands before God, almost transformed before them, God said, "Moses, I'll go before you, and stand in the gap, upon the rock." I like that. "I'll go before you and will stand upon the rock to provide a way for you. And when you come, strike the rock. Take the rod now, and gather the people, and go, and strike this rock, and it will bring forth the waters out of the rock." Oh, my. "I will stand on the rock before you."

Look. Moses had to wait. God went before Moses and stood on the rock. I want you to watch the spiritual meaning of this. When we see God's Word just unfolding, you just—just, you just can bathe in it. I can, and I know you can too.

And there, Moses, taking the rod then, the judgment stick, going forth to the rock, and there stood God on the rock. And he smote the rock. And when he did, the waters gushed forth, not a little, bitty stream, like you see the artist draw the picture. I could drink that thing dry, if I was thirsty. But look. Enough water came out of it to water two million people, plus camels and animals that they had. Come forth with gushers . . . Hallelujah.

Beautiful type of it when Jesus said in the wilderness that He was the Rock that was in the wilderness. No wonder the people screamed back there that day, when He came into Jerusalem, riding on this horse, little mule. And they was crying, those Nazarenes crying, "Hosanna, hosanna to Him that cometh in the Name of the Lord."

Some of those self-styled, starchy priests, said, "Make them hold their peace."

"Why," He said, "if they hold their peace, the rocks would immediately cry out."

What is the rocks. The rocks has been washed by the same waters, or watered by the Word. They have to cry out. Said, "If they hold

their peace, the rocks will immediately cry out." Something had to take place. The rocks . . .

Notice later on, when they needed some water, only thing they had to do was speak to the rock. One day they were hungry, and they went hunting, and they found in this cleft in the rock was honey, hanging in the cleft.

The cleft is, in symbols, was the spear mark in the side of the Lord Jesus. The cleft in the rock, where it was smitten, and in there, a bunch of bees had come and built a hive. And there was honey in the rock. Amen. What a beautiful thing.

Samson, when he's going down to see his wife, his girlfriend, and a lion run out. . .Little, old fellow, about that big, seven little curls hanging down, little old, sissy-like, and people couldn't understand how that fellow could be so strong. And a great, big, old lion run out, and said, "Well—well looky here, what's coming." Samson, just a little, old, sissy, standing there. And the lion run out, many times his size. And then, what taken place?

35 Samson never walked up first, and said, "Here, I'll tear you apart." But the Spirit of the Lord come upon him. That's what did it. He felt back there, and felt these seven locks hanging down. That was the covenant. And he wasn't scared of a lion. In the face of death he wasn't scared of it.

If you can feel back... If Samson could feel seven locks, and know it was a covenant, because he was borned a Nazarite, how much more ought a man that's borned of the Holy Spirit, feel the power of God, and know it's the covenant to slay the enemy before you. Whether it's sickness, whether it's temptation, what ever it is, you can't stand it, when the Spirit of God comes.

Walked over, and grabbed that lion, that little, bitty, curly-headed shrimp grabbed that lion by the jaw and tore it apart. Hallelujah. You only need one; that's Christ, the Covenant. Can you feel it? Amen. Oh, my. The covenant. . .

Then, when he slew that old lion, just like it was a little, bitty, old rabbit or something. Pulled him apart, like this, and whipped his old carcass over, went walking on down through there. A few days he came by, and a beehive was built in it. And he eat the sweetest honey he ever eat, out of that old beehive that was built in the carcass of the lion that was going to kill him. For the Spirit of God come and delivered him.

And if you've got something wrong tonight, feel the Spirit of God moving on you, tear the thing apart. And the first thing you know, you'll have a testimony that'll shake the shingles off the house. Amen.

You're the covenant, circumcised by the Holy Spirit. Amen. Eat some sweet honey, really good.

When He stand and say, "Yes, brother, I believe in healing."

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me, I once was lost, but now I'm found, I was blind, but now I see. Amen.

When I used to have to be led around by the arms, great, big glasses on, like that, and could hardly see where I was going, and now, I got a testimony. Because I realized my position in Christ Jesus. He made a covenant, and I received it and believed Him. And today it's sweet honey to eat it. Tell others. Now, notice again, quickly. We'll get down there...

Then when the rock was smitten... Very beautiful type... Them people were perishing and dying. And it was a type of "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but would have Everlasting Life."

- In the midst of a perishing, dying people, a perishing, dying nation, God so loved the unworthy. Look how unworthy they was. And God so loved...Oh, if it wasn't for the love of God, He'd destroy the whole world tonight. But He can't do it. His love won't let Him do it. So "He so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but could drink the waters of Life freely. Whosoever will may come." Just enough, a bountiful blessings pouring out. "He that believeth on Me..." In other words, take it like this, "He that believeth on Me shall have a great, big gusher right in the middle of his soul, bubbling up in to Everlasting Life." Oh, what a beautiful thing.
- Notice that God took all the judgments of death. The death that I should die, the hell that I should go to, God, with His judgments of death and sickness, Christ met Him in the gap, hanging between the heavens and earth. And God struck upon Him, the iniquity of us all.

And there the judgment was smitten. And tonight that ensign of the cross, a blindfolder to the world, but to those who march on, with the cross going on before them, the judgments is paid.

> Look and live, my brother, live. Look to Jesus, now, and live. For it's recorded in His Word, hallelujah, It's only that we look and live.

⁴¹ If you're sick, look and live. If you're down-hearted, look and live. If you're weary, look and live. If you're dead in sin and trespasses, look and live. That's all. For the cross goes on before us.

God's putting before us this ensign, the cross, realizing that through that comes...Just like the serpent, it wasn't the stick; it was the serpent represented on there that made the atonement. And it wasn't that it's a wooden cross that we pack; it's the Holy Spirit that's wrapped into that—that great sign yonder, ensign on Calvary, when the life of the Holy Spirit was in Christ come out of Him. It went to "whosoever might come" from this cross. And the cross is God's sign before us tonight to follow Jesus. My.

- ⁴² I think of God, standing there on the rock. God was that rock, and Moses' judgment rod...Judgment, God's judgment smote Christ, dying in our stead, the innocent for the guilty. And out of Him come the blood cell. And the life-giving Blood flowed from His back, that we might be healed, flowed from his heart, that we might be saved; come down over His brows and things, for our iniquity, for our peace, and all that was upon Him. There He was a bleeding malefactor, hanging there between heavens and earth, standing, where a Holy God, looking down, could not see the sinner no more, for He looked through that judgment that had been paid yonder, the all supreme price. Oh, I hope you see it, my Christian friend.
- ⁴³ And looked yonder. There it is. As far as God is concerned, it's finished. The price is paid. You're free. That's what's the trouble with people tonight. They don't know they're free.

Here not long ago, an old farmer had a—had a cornfield. The crows kept coming by eating up his corn, so he set a trap and caught one. He said, "I'll fix the rest of them." He tied that one by its foot, and to the fence, and that poor, old crow hobbled and jumped, and hobbled and jumped, and he couldn't get away because he was tied up. He was starving, eat everything around where he could reach. He was starving to death. He got so he just couldn't hardly fly or jump up and down any more.

⁴⁴ All the other crows would come by and holler, "Come on, Johnny Crow. Let's go south. It's turning winter. You'll die setting there. Let's go Johnny Crow."

He said, "I can't. I'm tied."

One day a good man came by. Said, "That poor, old crow. Look at him, hobbling around there. He's getting weak." So he caught the old fellow, petted him a little bit, took the latch off of his foot, like that, turned him loose, said, "All right, old boy, go on."

Walked away. And the old crow just kept walking around in the same circle—same circle. See? He was untied and didn't know it. The other crows came by and said, "Come on, Johnny Crow. Let's go south. It's coming winter."

Said, "I can't. I'm still tied."

That's the way it is with men and women tonight who don't know their position in Christ Jesus. The devil may have you tied with TB, may have you tied with a cancer, he may have you tied to a many thing. But Christ, the good Man, has stood your judgment, now and has set you free tonight. God bless your heart. You can rise in the power of the Holy Ghost. Let's not go south, but let's go towards glory marching as the great army of the living God. We're free. Can't you hear the others saying, "Come on."

I once was bound by a chain of sin, but tonight I've been cut loose by Jesus Christ. Amen.

The judgment, sure, Christ took our judgment, the innocent for the guilty. He was made sin that we might not be sinners. He was made—bore our sickness, that we wouldn't have to bear it. He bore our sorrows that we wouldn't have to sorrow no more, "as others, which have no hope," says the Scripture. He was . . . All that we need was right in Him. You believe that? Certainly.

Do you believe that for your heart trouble, lady setting there? You believe that for that heart condition? Do you really accept it now with all your heart? Then He bore your heart trouble; you ain't got it now more now. Amen. If you believe it, you can have it. Hallelujah. Yes, sir.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquity; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we were healed." After He—that rock was once smitten, God told Moses, said, "Go on, Moses. The only thing you have to do now is go speak to that rock. From this on, every time you need water, speak to it. You don't have to smite it any more. You don't have to pound all night long. You don't have to worry, and beg, and pray, and fast, and go on. Just speak to the rock (Hallelujah.), and it will bring forth His waters."

I tell you; one time there was a woman with a blood issue, and all that she had was lost. She could not be healed by any doctor. And she come down along the bank one day, and she seen that spiritual rock rolling by, and she spake to the Rock. Just as this woman did here, just a few minutes ago, spoke to the Rock and out of the Rock came healing waters. Hallelujah.

There was a little, old man named Jairus, who really loved the Lord, but he was a secret worshipper. And one day, his little girl died. All

hopes was gone, but he spake to the Rock, and the Rock gave not only water, but life, the waters of life, freely.

Another woman by the name of Martha and Mary, they loved Him. And He'd gone from their home. And their brother was dead and rottening out there in the grave. One day they heard that the Rock was coming, rolling in to the city. And Martha had been very dilatory about cooking good dinners for Him, and things, and not maybe paying to—so much attention to the spiritual. But in her heart she believed it. For she showed then what she was. She run out, and knelt down on her knees, and she spake to the Rock. And the Rock, in return, spoke in eternity and raised a dead man out of his grave. Hallelujah.

When a bunch of people was out on a little old boat one night, and it was poppering around like a bottle stopper, jumping from place to place, all hopes that they'd ever be saved was gone. And they happened to realize that laying in the bow of the boat, was the Rock. They spake to the Rock about their troubles, and it soothed down, and the winds folded their arms and went to the crevices. Hallelujah. And the sea that was rocking, smoothed out, like a mother singing a lullaby to her baby. She... They spake to the Rock, and the Rock brought forth the—the substance that they asked for.

Are you on speaking terms with Him tonight? Could you speak to Him about your chest—chest trouble, setting there? You believe that God has healed you? You just got through speaking to Him, didn't you? Didn't you say, "Lord, heal me." You spoke to Him, and your chest trouble's gone now. "Speak to the Rock. He will bring forth His waters." Hallelujah.

Moses, when his time had come and everything had failed, God said, "Come up," and he climbed up to the top of Mount Nebo to look over into the promised land. There death come whirling through the air. He knew that death was all around him. And Moses looked around, and he looked, laying there by his side, and there laid the Rock.

He stepped up on the Rock. He had followed it all the way through the wilderness, or it had followed him. He stepped off on the Rock, and God sent some pallbearers, Angels down and packed him away, off the Rock. Hallelujah. That Rock had fed him when he was hungry, give him water when he was thirsty, and taken him to a home in glory...?.. when he was dying.

My prayer is tonight "Lord Jesus, pull me up above this worldly element here, till I can be on speaking terms with you. That someday when I go down through the valley of the shadow of death, I expect to see the Rock standing there." Hallelujah. "Keep me on speaking terms with Him." I, myself want to speak to Him.

You need to speak to Him. He's here tonight and He's on speaking terms with every one of you, if you want to speak to Him. Do you believe it? For whatever need you have need of, let us stand to our feet at this time now. Oh, my.

Oh, I feel like I could just put this church on my shoulders, I could walk away with it. What? The Rock, Christ Jesus is here.

Oh, I'm not excited. I know exactly where I'm standing. I know exactly what I'm talking about. Oh, if I could only express my feelings. If I could only tell this audience what it really means to be setting under the anointing of this Rock, Christ Jesus. Already paid your judgment, bore your sickness, took your sorrow, and settled the question before God. Are you a scared to put your trust in Him?

You don't have to be judged. You don't have to think yourself worthy; you'll never be worthy. But Christ was worthy in your stead, that paid the price. Not trying to redeem something, you can't redeem it, 'cause you ain't got the money to. But God had the money, and He sent Christ, and settled the bill, and redeemed you from your sickness, and your sorrows, and your worry, and your sin, and your backsliding. He sent the money, which was Christ Jesus, and deposited it on Calvary, on Golgotha's hill. And tonight every one of you is free, if you'll just believe it.

O Christ of God, I speak to you, as Moses of old, in behalf of this perishing people, with sickness, and with troubles. O Everlasting God, from the everlasting hills, lift up Thine head, Lord, and receive this people into Thy Kingdom, and rec...Lord, may the Holy Ghost so anoint these people tonight that they'll feel their covenant, like Samson did, when he felt the covenant hair. May the Holy Ghost wrap around every heart tonight, till the people realize that it's the covenant that you make with them, and they can go and be free.

I condemn every sickness, every disease, every sin. I say, as Your servant, Lord, in the word of humility to You, but in a bitter rebuke before the devil, "Satan, you've lost the battle. You might as well give it up. In the Name of Jesus Christ, come out of every person in here, that they could be made free." Amen.

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