

Should A Christian Go To Church?

A study of Scriptures (KJV) and quotations from Rev. William Marrion Branham

HEBREWS 10:25

25. *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Bro. Branham is recorded saying the phrase

“go to church”

530 times on between 1947 and 1965.

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THREE EXAMPLES

[The Lord Jesus, St. Paul, Bro. Branham]

LUKE 4:16

16. *And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.*

ACTS 17:1-2

1. *Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:*

2. *And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,*

SIRS WE WOULD SEE JESUS [61-1224]

I told them tonight; usually it's my custom to go to church somewhere on Sunday, if I possibly can.

DON'T STAY HOME

HEAR YE HIM [60-0712]

It's wrong to stay home from church.

WE WOULD SEE JESUS [59-0422]

If you loved God, you'd be at church. You've got to get back to the church. Back to the Bible, back to Christ.

DISCERNING THE BODY OF THE LORD [59-0812]

...a real born again man or a woman that's got discernment of the Holy Ghost will find his place in church, worshipping, and crying out and doing all that's in his life to try to bring sinners. Certainly.

CHRIST IS THE MYSTERY OF GOD REVEALED [63-0728]

Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. **If you don't, don't feel that way,** then I tell you, **it's time you got to praying.**

GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY [63-0317M]

A real mother wants to take her baby to church, and that's the thing you should do.

THE ENTOMBMENT [57-0420]

Then how can you say you can stay home and be just as good a Christian as you would be at church? **You can't do it.**

THE POSITION OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST [55-0227A]

Now, the fellow said, "I can be a Christian and stay home just as well." **No, you can't.** No. You've got to meet together with the rest of the Body. He has blessed us together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

THIRSTING FOR LIFE [60-0304]

People say, "I can stay at home, be just as good a Christian as I can at church." **You can't.**

The Bible said, "*Not forsake our assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the time coming.*"

If you're a Christian, you long to go where other Christians are, and fellowship with other Christians. So **you cannot stay away from church and live the same life.** You--**you can't do it,** because it's like, "I--I--I--I'm hungry, but I'll never go to a table. I just... I'll never eat. I just--I ain't going to do it." See? You've got to go and feed on the Word of God, and fellowship one with another.

We need one another--another more now than we ever did need each other, is now. When you get yourself singled out from the rest of them making yourself just a little different, you don't want to associate with them because they believe this, and don't want to associate with that, **you're getting on dangerous ground, right then, keeping away from church.** Find the one of your choice, and remain there, and be a Christian brother to all of them. That's the way to be a real Christian. Then we've got fellowship, protection; people love you and pray for you.

WHAT VISIONS ARE [56-0421]

We feel that **every person is duty bound to attend some church and belong to some church as a Christian.** Now, the Bi... **Many people say, "Oh, I stay home and read my Bible. I'm just as well off."**

No, the Bible said we shouldn't forsake to assemble ourselves together. We've got to do that; we've got to stand together, and all the churches.

POSSESSING ALL THINGS [62-0506]

Our Heavenly Father, Thou hast chosen that we should gather together. **It's the will of God that we should assemble ourselves together** as we see the Day approaching, **and that regularly**, Lord, to bring ourselves closer to You and closer to each other, in a bond of fellowship, through the shed Blood of Jesus which makes it possible.

IS YOUR LIFE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL? [63-0630E]

For we see the day approaching, and **we must assemble ourselves together oft**, and take instructions from You.

WHAT HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD ME? [65-1121]

Our young people just ride around, from place to place, from show to show, and drifting further and further away from God. Right. Now, that's the truth. I see it in my children, and I see myself getting to a place where not... **You, you've got to assemble yourselves together, to worship God;** the Bible said so, *"When we see this day approaching, that much more come together."* If there is only two people here, you be one of them. Now that's... And if **we come together and worship together**, then we just, something another about it, Jesus said, *"Where two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am in their midst."*

CONVINCED THEN CONCERNED [62-0610E]

Don't sit at home and criticize. Come, find out. See? "Come, see for yourself."

GOD DOESN'T CALL MAN TO JUDGMENT WITHOUT FIRST WARNING HIM [63-0724]

I don't want to be hypocrite enough, and not out on a call or nothing, **just set up there at the house and church open down here.** I--I've got... I want to be down here because I love you.

WHAT HEAREST THOU ELIJAH? [59-0412E]

American people want entertainment. They don't want the true Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. So therefore, the radio and the television will give them more entertainment than the church can do it, and they stay home. **All that comes out is the elect of God** that's still hungering, and thirsting, and calling, and crying for the real thing of God.

THE ARROW OF GOD'S DELIVERANCE SHOT FROM A BOW [56-0801]

Brother, **when you've got the baptism of the Holy Ghost**, it separates you. It delivers you from the things of the world. Amen. It makes you love God. **It makes you go to church**. It makes you worship Him. It makes you tell your neighbor about it. It makes you live above sin. Hallelujah.

AS THE EAGLE STIRRETH UP HER NEST [60-0804]

The trouble of it is, we're not attending prayer meeting, attending church, and doing what's right.

THE TRIAL [64-0621]

So **Mr. Impatient** comes, and he claims that he one day was reading in the Bible. **He didn't go to churches**, but he was... he was a believer. So one of them went to an evangelist, and the other one went to a pastor, and **this fellow was just a secret believer that stayed home.**

WATCHING HIS STAR [59-0411E]

How can you stay home when there's a revival in the city where the Lord God is manifesting Himself. **A true hungry heart wants to get close to God, and they'll go to every move that they know that comes from God. They'll search and seek, and hunger and thirst.**

GO TO CHURCH

HEAR YE HIM [56-0930]

God wants you to go to church, and He wants to manifest something to you through His Word, through some move that He's making. **You fail to go, you'll miss seeing something.**

IDENTIFICATION [64-0216]

If you don't have a church, you must; see, you'll die, spiritually, you'll just dwindle away.

EXPERIENCES [48-0302]

I hope you go to church tonight. **Go somewhere to church. Don't never miss going to church on Sunday. And... for the prayer meeting.**

FELLOWSHIP [56-0212]

Mother used to tell me. She said, "Birds of a feather flock together." Well, that's a whole lot of truth to that. And then if we have... You never see the crows and doves feeding together, because their appetites are not the same. Their--their diets cannot be the same; their talk isn't the same. And so is **the man that's out of fellowship with God has no more--no desire to go to church or do right and those who are with God long for that fellowship, you just can't stand it.**

THE TIME IS AT HAND [56-0408E]

Just **don't stay away from church**; go out to some church and help the fellowship of that church.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM [56-0428]

How it ought to make you love Him, and **go to church**, and quit the things you're doing, and try to get everybody to love and serve Him.

FORSAKING ALL [62-0123]

You can't go around, hanging around, and going to pool rooms, and **hanging away from church**, and staying home on Wednesday night, to see some kind of a filthy television play, or something like that, and forsake your church, and all like that, and ever expect to see Christ. You have to forsake those things, to follow the Holy Spirit.

DIVINE LOVE [56-0826]

Someone say, "I never did go to church. I sure like that woman. I like that fellow." See? Because you're winning them. **If you stayed home and just prayed for the sinner and never went to contact him, there's very little can be done, but you've got to pray and then go.** That's right. Go and do it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT1 [64-0823M]

256. Brother Branham, should we go to the other churches even when they disagree with you?

Sure, yep. Jesus did when they disagreed with Him. Go ahead. We notice here, says, "Should we go to another church that disagrees with you?" Sure, I don't... I'm not the only pebble on the beach, you know. There's--there's just other godly men everywhere; I hope I'm one of them. See? But don't never get down here...

I was called in on something like this the other day. A--a group in Arizona called my attention to that. See? A ministerial group said, "The only thing that we have against you, Brother Branham, is (one of the things) **the people that comes out here with you,**

we can't get them to go to church anywhere." Said, "They got children and everything; they won't go to church." And said, "Well, we told them they was welcome to come--come to our church."

Now, I know they put a pressure on you and want you to join, but you don't have to join; but put them kids in Sunday school somewhere. And you go to church; don't set at home, go fishing, and hunting, and things like that on Sunday.

You say, "Well, I'm not a legalist."

Well, you'd better be in that manner for a while, dishonoring the resurrection of Christ. You go to church somewhere.

If I--if I went... If I couldn't get... If I went to a certain church that I know there's only one thing them people ever said that I believed--they said they believe Jesus was the Son of God. They said it (I doubt it), but I'd go hear them say that.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT1 [64-0823M]

Did you ever hear me when I'm making an altar call? I say... When I get them up there and get them saved, I say, "Now, you go to some good Full Gospel church and get you a church home." How many ever heard me say that? Sure, sure. Well, why would I send them there then? Would I be a hypocrite to send my own children to death? Far be it from me. No, sir.

If you can't go... If you can't come here at the Tabernacle, get some church somewhere; go to it. You don't have to take all they do. What part of the bread they're serving, you serve the bread. When they got the garlic, why, you just leave it alone. See? That's right. I can't make them...?... that's exact... Sure, you go to church. Wherever the church door opens, you take off as hard as you can go.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT3 [64-0830M]

"Do you teach that the Bride must not attend any other church unless you are preaching--preaching or else, otherwise, the Tabernacle?" No. I don't teach that. I don't believe that; I do not believe it. We've got ministers setting here that's scattered all around through the country, and I believe they are part of that Bride. I believe that a man or woman can go to church anywhere they want to go that teaches the Word. And I believe, if they don't teach the whole Word, and you can't go to church any other place where they teach the whole Word, go where they teach half the Word until you can get to where they teach the whole Word. Go to church whatever you do. Do that.

THE END TIME [54-0307A]

Don't try to go to church one day and get enough religion to last you till next year. It won't last. That kept over got wiggletails in it.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT3 [64-0830M]

Now, if you're way away into a wilderness somewhere, and you're out there on a hunting trip, there's no church around, or anything like that, and there's nothing you can do; and if you was fishing, I believe that would be all right. But **if you're around in the city, or around where church is going on, you should attend church by all means, somewhere.**

TRYING TO DO GOD A SERVICE, WITHOUT IT BEING GOD'S WILL [65-1127B]

People think I don't even believe in people going to church. That's a million miles from the Truth. *"We must assemble ourselves together, and that much more as we see the day approaching."* See? **We must come together in unity.** We might not...

If I lived in a city and they had nothing there but a... well, some church (I don't want to call any name), but just any church, if they only believed one thing, that Jesus was Divine, all the rest of it was wrong, I'd go to that church. If I can't get a whole loaf of bread, I--I'll take a slice. See? I'll go listen, worship the, Lord, and show Him that I'm doing my part. I want Him to know I'm alive. I'm--I'm... want everybody to know what side I'm on. **I assemble with the Christians,** and there worship and--and serve the Lord.

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY [59-0415A]

Everything's different when you come into Christ. It makes you forsake the world. It makes you forsake the things of the world. You'll turn off your TV any time to go to church on Wednesday night, if you've ever come in on Christ. When there's a prayer meeting, why, there's nothing can keep you away from that prayer meeting. **When the love of God that's in your heart that was in Christ Jesus, will pull you to the church,** and when you get there, and you get that overflowing joy, there's something will make you sing out with all that's in you the praises of God.

GLORIFIED JESUS [55-0225]

You visitors in here, from out of town, from different places, **go to some of these good churches somewhere.** The pastors on the platform here, representing a brotherhood here, of Phoenix... And **find you a place to go and go to church somewhere Sunday morning.**

BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT [55-0819]

Now. Wake up your conscience. Wake up your soul. He's here. Germany, it's your time; it's your hour of visitation. **Go to church;** love God; pray; stop sinning; give your love to Him. All your loyalty, give it to Him. It's your hour. Believe it.

THE SEAL OF THE CHRIST [55-0312]

So we hope that you find your place to the--some good full gospel church, some good spiritual church, and--and **go to church in the morning.**

WHAT IS THAT IN THY HAND? [55-0611]

Now, you that's here and in this service, visitors with us, now, you--you get some good church and **go to church in the morning.**

REDEEMER REDEMPTION [55-1119]

But **find you a good church tomorrow and go to church.**

LOVE TO GO TO CHURCH

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION [56-0923]

Get it now. Listen. You can worship through knowledge. You can go to church by knowledge that you should do it. But going to church that way is worshipping in vain. But **when there's something happens down in your heart that makes you love God in such a way you can't stay from the church, that's the revelation,** God revealing.

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD [57-0115]

Now, that's the way the modern believer believes it today. They just take it as something that just, well, it just happens to be that way. See? And they go to church because they know it's a decent thing to do. If that's all you go to church for, you're just a hypocrite. That's all. You don't go to church for, thinking it's a decent thing to do; **you go to church to worship God. You go to meet God, to thank Him, and to praise Him, and to worship Him.** A house of worship. Now, that's what we need.

ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED AFTER HIM [61-0423]

Now, that shows that at the beginning, they had nothing to start with. For **if you love God, I--you can't--you couldn't wire you away from church. They couldn't chain you away from it.** They can't hide a believer from God.

I WILL RESTORE [54-0620A]

A man that's borned of the Spirit of God loves to go to church, better than he loves to eat his dinner when he's hungry. The spiritual man on the inside has got to be fed. If that man isn't fed, he will die.

THE EVER-PRESENT WATER FROM THE ROCK [61-0723M]

That's the same way it is when you, "Why does he preach so long? What about all this stuff, and everything?" See, you're not in love.

But when you really hang onto every Word, as the Spirit gave you warning this morning (See?), "Hanging onto every Word..." That might be what He has been talking to you about, holding on. It's Eternal Life, every Word of God. **It's a joy to go to church, under any circumstance.** Whether it's hot, cold, indifferent, whether the people are fussing, growling, whatever they're doing, it's still a joy to hear the Word of the Lord. **Then you're in love then with Christ (See?); you love to go to church.**

"Well, honey, here it's Sunday morning again; I guess we have to wash up the young ones and get down there. My, it's boresome." See, you're not in love.

But **if you're really in love, you just can't wait till Sunday morning comes; you've just got to get down there with them.** And we get, and to leave... The people of God, they don't bore you. Why, they're--they're brothers and sisters.

THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINT [53-1129A]

And if a man's borned of God, when the church bell rings, you can't stay away from it. There's something on the inside of you that calls out, the deep speaking to the deep. You've got to go. Amen. You've got to get right here, brother. And if that spirit in there is still worshipping the world, the love of God's not even in you.

If it hates the world and loves God, you don't have to sign a card to go to church and make pledges. You'll be there when the door opens. You can't stay away from it. Something on the inside of you pulling you. You just can't help from coming.

FELLOWSHIP [56-0212]

If a man is right in his heart and the church bell rings, he just can't stand still. He just... He's got to go. That's all. It's life and death to him. He must move.

BALM IN GILEAD [61-0218]

Have you lost all the joy, the Gospel don't sound to you like it used to? There's something wrong then. If that love of God isn't above everything else, that your heart when that church bell rings, your heart just burns...

THE EVER PRESENT WATER FROM THE ROCK [61-0723M]

Last Sunday I started to go over to Brother Cauble's. And I heard this church bell ring, and I just walked up and down in the yard. I couldn't stand it. That was all. I heard you, so I--I--I just had to come down.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN [54-1024]

He give me the Holy Spirit. The things that I once hated, I now love. The sacrifice, **it used to be hard for me to go to church; I love to go now.** To hear the people sing and shout and testify, I used to hate it; I love it now. Something has changed me.

ORDINATION [62-1104E]

We want to assemble and gather ourselves together. We want to set under the teaching of our brother here, Brother Neville, and--and partake of the things that's of God. As he finds them from God, he gives them out. And--and we want to learn of God. *"And seeing the Day approaching, we must assemble ourselves more oft together."* **We must love, in our hearts, to come to church.** If we don't love church, love God... Coming together, **what we call church, is coming together to worship. See? If we love Christ, we worship again.**

THE CHURCH CHOOSING LAW FOR GRACE [61-0316]

And when men and women get to a place... "Well, I really ought to stay at home and see this good play tonight and... But I--I'll tell you; they'll think I'm backslid if I don't go on down to church." And you set there and sleep anyhow. You might as well stayed home and looked at something you'd enjoy more. **But when your joy becomes the Lord, and the Lord is your joy, you can't stay away from church, then you're getting somewhere.**

PRESUMING [62-0117]

You that claim you have the Holy Ghost, and you that's got long hair, and wear your dresses neat, everything like that. And you'll stay home on Wednesday night to watch a program, a television program, instead of going to church to prayer meeting, **you're presuming you got the Holy Ghost. For when the Holy Ghost is in there, the love of God is so constrained in you, till you just can't stay away from the people.**

FORSAKING ALL [62-0123]

You who have fallen away, stay home on Wednesday nights and won't come over here to church, watching televisions, and other nights of church! Think, you--you really say, if you have to come to church, you have to force yourself to do it, because you think it's a law you do it. You ought to do it. It's honorable to do it. And **if you don't love to do it, there is something wrong.** There's a Holy Spirit that makes you love to serve God.

GETTING IN THE SPIRIT [61-0428]

And a lot of you would stay home and listen to a television before go to a prayer meeting. And say, "I'm Pentecostal." Ho, ho. You're just named Pentecostal. You haven't got the experience of Pentecost. **The Church is the first thing in your heart, brother. That's all in all, is God, God.** It's all you can see and know about, is God.

BE NOT AFRAID [63-0607]

And the **people won't go to church.** They rather stay home and watch television, and, or something. **The love has gone out of their heart.**

And Satan has seen us go off on this tantrum, and went off without Jesus, and he thinks it's his opportunity.

THE UNWELCOMED CHRIST [55-0911]

You know, people who love the Lord, they like to go to church, because they--they have things in common. They--they... We have common grounds for things. We come here because we're all believers in this--this way of worship.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PT1 [54-0103M]

The Bible said, "*The common people heard Him gladly.*" The aristocrats, then there was another class. But the common people, just the ordinary run of people like we are, people who love God, don't have much of this world, have their children and families; **we love God and like to go to church...**

THE POSITION OF A BELIEVER IN CHRIST [55-0227A]

And your heart and mind becomes singular on Christ Jesus. That shows you have died to yourself and borned again. **Then just as sure as church time comes, you just can't keep from coming to church. See? You just going to go if you have to hobble. That's all. You're going to church, because the Spirit Itself bears record of gathering together in Christ Jesus.**

THE SEAL OF THE CHRIST [55-0312]

And I said, "You get that bunch of lukewarm church members down to the altar and let them pray through, till the Holy Ghost sets their soul afire, there'll be no signing cards. **God's in their heart, God goes to church. He loves to worship.**" Amen.

THE CHURCH AND ITS CONDITION [56-0805]

And so they're very loyal to go to church. No matter how cold it is, they'll wrap up in a blanket, and set on a bobsled, and drive the horse for thirty miles to get to go to church. They'll walk through the snowdrifts and everything else, young and old. They

all group together. And one family gets the other and they start walking, and they go. It's--it's a sacrifice that they make is what causes them to get so much out of the service. When there's no sacrifice, there's not very much to the service. **You have to really get down and do something that hurts real bad, have to lay aside some things and stop the work, and do this or that to get to go to church and show God that you love Him, and you make a sacrifice to go; it's then when you get something out of it.**

THE WAY TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP [55-1009]

...every person desires fellowship. **I've never seen anyone yet who did not desire fellowship. That is** was--is **all right, mentally balanced.** Now, you might want to pick your fellowship, 'course that's true to every one of us. That's the reason tonight that all these fine people have packed out here in this building to a place where they're standing, is because that they like this type of fellowship. They like Christian fellowship. And that's why we come tonight, to fellowship around the Word.

I love the Word, don't you? And you know why you love the Word? You have the Holy Spirit in you. For the Bible said that man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. So **the Holy Spirit feeds on the Word.** And then when you hear the Word... Everyone wants to hear It, no matter... Every little piece of literature they can pick up, they--they read it. And they listen to the radio, and **they go to church and so forth, because they are longing for that fellowship around the Word.**

PRIDE [55-0807A]

You go to church once or twice a month, you think you've done your duty. Oh, if you only loved Him, you'd go every night and every day, somewhere and talk with Him, if you loved Him. But the trouble of it is, you just act church, act religious. What a pity, it's too bad that we still have it.

FAITH [56-0815]

You used to not like to go to church and associate with the people who loved the Lord. But whenever you take God at His Word and receive His promise, then you change your association.

PARDON [63-1028]

And that's the reason the church is cooling off. That's why the great revival that's just struck the land, has put millions into the church. It's, they have got to a place that they're using these experiences, and so forth, as a tradition, instead of being godly sorrowful, and letting the Holy Spirit do the work of His office within you, and creating in you a new life, and **making you so hungry to go to church that you can't stay away**

from church. Then, that's what it is. Not to sign tickets, and join, and have so forth. It's to be have the Life of Christ in you, that you just longs to go. There is Something within you, pushing you.

WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT [56-0101]

Let my neighbors gossip; let the this, that, or the other be gone. **I go to church for one thing; that's to stay in Your Presence.** I've moved in there, Lord; I'll never desire to leave again. I'll trust Your Word, what You say. There's where I want to be. Drop the veils around me, Lord, that I can only see Jesus Christ, and live, and walk, and die in Him. There you are.

CHURCH HOME

THE VOICE OF THE SIGN [64-0321E]

We believe that **every Christian ought to have a--a home church that they go to. Every Christian ought to meet somewhere with believers.** And wherever you meet, that's the church.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRIT [60-0308]

Every man ought to have a church home. You ought to have a place, not just to float about from pillar to post, but have somewhere that you go to church and you call it your church, somewhere you pay your tithe, and somewhere that you help support the cause. Take your choice, but then don't never disfellowship the other man because he don't belong with your group.

BE NOT AFRAID [63-0607]

If I was in your place, I--I'd find me a good church home among these men here, wherever I was the closest to, or chose to go to.

BE NOT AFRAID [63-0607]

If I was living here, and not a minister myself, that's--that's what I'd do. **I'd certainly find me a good church home with some of these men...**

JESUS AT THE DOOR [58-0529]

Get you a good church home. Go to church.

THE MARK OF THE BEAST AND THE SEAL OF GOD PT2 [61-0217]

...when we leave, we don't want you to just quit coming to church now; we want you to just keep on coming; just keep right on coming anyhow. If I lived around here, I--maybe this would probably this be my church home right here, if I lived here, be right here. I like it; it's a wonderful little church; got a lovely little pastor here. And--and I'm sure that any man that preaches the Full Gospel, I'd be represented there, because that's what I believe. Nothing against any of the rest of them, but just for me, my--my taste, my association would be that.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0807]

...we want these people to have a church home.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0807]

Get you a good church home and there abide until Jesus comes.

BLIND BARTIMAEUS [57-0809]

Now, **find you a good church home, quickly.** Be baptized, and move into that church, you and your family, and live peacefully with God.

BLIND BARTIMAEUS [57-0809]

Every--**every person that's saved ought to have a church home. They ought to be in church,** and there every--**every time that church has a service,** or every time you pass it, go in, open the doors and go in and pray or do something. Love the Lord.

WILL THE CHURCH GO BEFORE THE TRIBULATION? [58-0309E]

If you can't come here, **get you a good church home, somewhere, where they really preach the Gospel** and so that you can be fed by the Spirit of God.

BALM IN GILEAD [59-0614]

Just before the prayer for the sick, I would like to make just a little statement. And **I wish this above all things,** that you here tonight, that who believes in your heart that you love the Lord, and something is happened to you, **promise me that you'll find a good Gospel church somewhere,** a church that teaches the full Gospel, the power of God, His resurrection. Join up with those people **and make yourself a church home.** Don't just stray around loose on the streets; go get a good church somewhere of your choice, where the Gospel and the power of God is made known, and the signs of Eternal Life is in there, the signs that was in Christ.

BLIND BARTIMAEUS [55-1115]

And, oh, there's just plenty good churches around through here you can go to. So be sure, of all them fine churches, you ought to find one somewhere. And **find you a church home**, and go in and tell them that you want to become a member of their body of believers.

JAIRUS AND DIVINE HEALING [54-0216]

And may many of these poor, wondering, straying, children, straying around through the world tonight, **without a church home, grant, Lord, that they'll see their error and come to the house of the living God**. Help us now, for we ask it Jesus' Name. Amen.

EXPECTANCY [53-1108E]

That's our business, is to try to keep the people in--in their churches. And those who do not go to church, we're trying to get them to go to church.

We're very grateful for the afternoon meeting, for the souls that was brought to Jesus Christ. And **we trust that you'll affiliate somewhere, with some good church of your choice, and will make that your church home, and remain a Christian as long as you live.**

BLIND BARTIMAEUS [55-1115]

And, oh, there's just plenty good churches around through here you can go to. So be sure, **of all them fine churches, you ought to find one somewhere. And find you a church home...**

EXPECTATION [54-0220]

Save the lost, bring back the wondering sheep that's gone astray, **straying around over the country, no church home, no place to go, like wondering stars know that they ought to be at their Father's house feasting and dining on the good things of God. Bring them back tonight, Lord.**

BLIND BARTIMAEUS [57-0301]

And **may they find a good church home here in Phoenix somewhere, or wherever they're from.**

JEHOVAH JIREH [57-0612]

...and find yourself a good church home and go to it, somewhere. There's plenty of good churches around your neighborhood. Find one somewhere, who preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and Divine healing.

GOD KEEPS HIS WORD PT2 [57-0307]

These people, who are standing here, will want **a church home**, and these pastors, who are cooperating here in this meeting, they're men who believe this message. They believe the Word. They'll do you good. **Make your church home somewhere.**

THIRSTING FOR LIFE [57-0728]

May they find a church home somewhere close to where they are living, and there, be a faithful member of the Body of Christ until You call them home.

ELIJAH AND THE MEAL OFFERING [60-0310]

May all these people who's repented of their sins **find a good church home.**

POST OF DUTY

BUT IT WASN'T SO FROM THE BEGINNING [61-0411]

I think every person ought to be at your post of duty when your church is open. That's correctly. That's exactly. You should stand by your pastor, and stand by your board, and stand by your church...

THE STATURE OF A PERFECT MAN [62-1014M]

That's your duty to be there, where your post of duty is, to let your light shine.

PERSEVERANCE [63-1116E]

Now **if you have a post of duty, you go there.** That's what you're supposed to do. Always stand at your post of duty. That's your--**that's your duty to God and to your pastor, to the rest of the congregation.**

THE WAY BACK [62-1123]

...course, **if you've got your own church, that's your first post of duty.** We expect you to attend that.

SUPER SIGN [61-0430]

I think every person ought to attend your church. I think that's your place, your post of duty.

UNBELIEF DOES NOT HINDER GOD [62-0128M]

We've always said **every person should be at their post of duty on Sunday morning. I think any time you got service, your own church should be** your... That's your--that's your lookout. That's **your place where you should stay**.

IDENTIFICATION [63-0123]

I made a little rude remark this week, that I--I keep you long through the nighttime, if I know just to miss a day's work, that won't hurt you. But I said, "Saturday night now, can't keep you long at all, because you can't miss Sunday school. You must be there at your post of duty."

THE INTER VEIL [56-0121]

Don't want to keep you long tonight, because I know you go to Sunday school in the morning. I want you each one to go to your post of duty. And **wherever your church is, go to church** and rejoice in the Lord, and--and tell your pastor that the service is tomorrow afternoon. We'd be glad to come out. We're undenominational. And we do not believe in separating people. We believe in preaching the Gospel and getting souls saved to serve the Lord. That's all.

FORSAKING ALL [62-0123]

We always want the people to stay at their post of duty, regardless. When the church is open, every soldier ought to be in his rank and in his place.

BALM IN GILEAD [61-0218]

And I hope that no one that goes to these fine churches around here, will--will miss their services tomorrow night; I--I hope they don't do it. If they got a post of duty, stand at that. That you **stand to your post of duty at your church, wherever you go to**, and pay your tithing into it, and you love your pastor, and pray for him. And if you need to be prayed for, ask him; he's a man of God; he will pray for you.

WHY? [60-0309]

Search the Scriptures, friend, join the church ain't enough. Now, joining the church is fine. I believe that every person should join the church. **I absolutely believe that every person should stand at their post of duty**, and--when their pastor's there preaching or evangelists or something, I think they ought to stand at their post of duty. **They ought to support that church with everything they got in them** with their tithes, with their offerings, with anything that they're called on to do. Be willing and happy, if your pastor ask you to do something in your church. You should do it. That's good. But don't

let that just be the only thing. get inoculated first. That's what I'm trying to tell you; get the Holy Spirit first, then the rest of it comes on all right. Then you go get into whatever you wish to, whatever church that you--of your choice.

GOD'S PROVIDED WAY [53-0513]

If you've been converted during the time of this revival, and you don't have any church that you've taken up with yet, I'd ask you to come join this little church. It's a wonderful little place here to come, serve the Lord. **If I lived here in this neighborhood, I'd be a member of this church.** I am a member of it, anyhow; I'm an associate pastor. And so, I have to come back once and awhile to see about my church. And I look around, you know, so I will be back to see you, the Lord willing, pretty soon. And so... And all you people that's around in these other cities, that belongs to these churches, **go to church every day, every day that you can, every day that they have service, go. Attend your church; be real loyal. Just stand by your church. Stand by your pastor; help him out with everything you got. Give him spiritual support. Fast and pray for him. And have faith in him, and God will lead the church on to that glorious day that we're looking forward to come.**

EXCUSES

THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT [56-0816]

I remember years ago when I got my first little T-model Ford. I was a sinner. About 1926... And I would just shine that little thing all day Sunday to make it shine, stay home, didn't go to church, and shined it. Now, what if today I tried to find one piece of that car? It's gone.

THE UNWELCOMED CHRIST [55-0911]

And don't you think that we're just a little too much took up with such stuff as that? Oh, we have to polish the car. **We can't go to church on Sunday.**

"Nah. **Oh, I know Jesus comes to the church, but, my, I ain't got time to go over there.** If--if I fail to get my oil changed today, it may burn my bearings out tomorrow."

Burn them out. I'd rather my bearings to be burnt out, than my soul to torment in hell through all eternity. **Don't miss your opportunity. It's presented to every man and woman in this world, daily, like that, but they fail to get to see their opportunity.**

He failed it. There he was.

But we got other things to do. The children has got to be taken care of. "We can't go to church, too many kiddies to get ready." **Take them, anyhow.** "Well, the--the neighbors will say something."

What do you care what the neighbors says? **Use every opportunity. Get to Jesus; that's the main thing.** Don't be took up with the affairs of the world. We spend too much time on those things. Make your way to Him. And when you get there, pour out your soul to Him.

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES [54-0512]

"Well," you say, "I just don't feel like going to church." But you're a priest. It's your duty. You've got to be there.

"Well, I just don't feel like taking a part in the service." You're a priest, making a sacrifice, a spiritual sacrifice, not giving somebody some hand-me-down, as they call it today. That's all good, I have nothing against it. Not going to get somebody to come to church; that's all good; I have nothing against it. But it's you, you making the spiritual sacrifice, the fruits of your lips giving praise to His Name.

THE SEVEN CHURCH AGES [54-0512]

You say, "It's too hot to go to church." It's not be too bad to go to hell, brother. You'll go some of these days, where it's hotter than that. You better listen.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN [54-1024]

Not forsaking the assembling yourselves together (coming to church) as you see the day approaching, much more.

People forsaking going to church, the churches are beginning to be evacuated now.

A SECONDHANDED ROBE [56-1206]

Any people that **stay home on a Wednesday night from a prayer meeting** to see, "We love Lucy," or, "Who love Lucy," or whatever it is, **that person needs an old fashion case of repentance at the altar.**

A SECONDHANDED ROBE [56-1206]

So if somebody says, "Just stay home tonight and look at the television. It's too bad to go out." Don't you worry. If you know the Lord Jesus is coming, oh, **you're going to church regardless of what the weather looks like or anything else.** You're going to stay right there. For we're expecting something to happen at any time.

HEAR YE HIM [57-0105]

We'd never have juvenile delinquency till we have parent delinquency. **You used to love to go to prayer meeting** and pray till twelve and one and two o'clock, lay on the little, old cottage floor somewhere under the Spirit of God. **You used to love to pray all night long.** But since you got your television, you like to stay home and watch some old vulgar picture, "Who Seen Lucy" or "Who Loves Lucy," and stay home from prayer meeting. **Something happened.**

WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN'T KEEP THE VICTORY [57-0324]

We stay home to watch this, or do that, or take a little ride; it's too hot to go to church, or something like that. I don't feel just good. **You're going to feel worse than that some of these days when you're condemned at the judgment bar.**

HEAR YE HIM [60-0712]

But when a Christian will stay home from church to see some silly play like that, there's something happened in that person's life. The Holy Spirit's went out somewhere. You're not about the Father's business.

EXPECTATIONS [61-0308]

And then we think we're somebody. Can drive a car better than the Joneses, and just starve our kids to death nearly to get that car, too, get a better television or something; stay home on Wednesday night from prayer meeting, and let the church set vacant, to watch "We Love Susie," or something like that on, this nonsense on the television. **That shows how much you love God.**

INFLUENCE [63-0803E]

But instead of that, we say, "Glory to God, I don't feel like going tonight. I believe, well, I believe I'll stay home and see this good telecast tonight. It's prayer meeting, but..." **A sleeping church, a Laodicean, rich! Oh, my! There we are.**

BE NOT AFRAID, IT IS I [60-0305]

These disciples had went off without Him. And now, I say this with brotherly love, I wonder in the last four or five years or more, if we haven't got so busy, so many things to do, and our building programs, and--and all of our societies and things that we're getting in the church, if we haven't kindly went off without Him. If we haven't stayed home at night to watch some television on Wednesday night instead of attending church? I wonder if we haven't been too busy trying to a--a make enough ends to get a new car, or something like that, and forgot church? Wonder if our programs haven't called us away un--we say, "Our church is getting cold and formal." I wonder if we'd

check up on ourselves, if we're not just about as much to blame, or a little more than the pastor is? The cause of our church being in that condition? Remember, you're sailing in one little boat, and there's nobody can get in there with you but you and Jesus. **So keep it congregated. In the unity there's power. With the rest of the believers having fellowship one with another**, while the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses from all uncleanness.

PAINTED FACE JEZEBEL [56-1005]

Get rid of this here, all this carrying on, staying home on Wednesday night from prayer meeting to look at this old silly stuff of an old woman from Hollywood married four, or five different times, and some guy that's run with half the women on the West Coast, and "Who Loves Lucys," and all these things like that. And you Christian people stay home to see that and stay away from the house of God, **it shows what kind of a spirit is in you.**

BACK TO CHURCH

JEHOVAH JIREH [61-0209]

Quit reading the old funny stories, and looking at old no good television programs, and **get back to church**, to praying...

THE AUTHORITY OF THE WORD [53-0602]

Now, here's your trouble, brother. You once used to go to church, was a Christian man, and you fall away from that, haven't you? Is that right? You've went back on God. **If He'll heal you and your family, will you promise that you'll serve Him and go back to church?**

THE QUEEN OF THE SOUTH [58-0620]

And the best defense that we have is America closing up the barroom, clothing their women, getting **back to the church**, and back to the Bible; it'll break all this here hoodlum, juvenile delinquency, and all that stuff up, and bring God back to the nation in an old fashion revival, if we'd just do it. But you're trying to figure something else. Man is always trying to work out his own way. God's going to have His way, regardless of what man does.

CONFERENCES [61-0410]

You're looking at too much television, too much stuff that you oughtn't to be; instead of having prayer meetings and **back to the church of God**, them prayer nights like they had. No wonder we can't have a revival.

God could send an Oral Roberts, a Tommy Hicks, and what, across the country, still we got nothing to build on, till we get back to the old time St. Paul's revival and revive the Holy Ghost back to the church again.

BRASS SERPENT [53-1121]

...will you accept Him as your Saviour, if you're a sinner? You're a backslider, will you **go back to church** tomorrow (or, tonight, give you, go back to Christ, tonight), **return back to your church** tomorrow, and give God praise?

WHY ARE PEOPLE SO TOSSED ABOUT [56-0101]

She said, "Are you Brother Branham?"

I said, "Yes."

She said, "Forgive me." And her lips started quivering. She started crying. She said, "I'm a backslidden Methodist." She said, "I'm ashamed I acted the way I did."

I said, "God bless you, sister. **Go back to church; won't you?** Serve the Lord Jesus."

BE CERTAIN OF GOD [59-0708E]

...**go back to your church, please do. If you have no church, find you one.** If you don't have any choice... Brother Littlefield never told me to say this. But Brother Littlefield, I know to be a man of God. I know Brother Hall to be a man of God. I know these brethren here, many of them, to be men of God. Join their church; they'll do you good. I can only be an evangelist; that's my calling. They're pastors to feed you, and to shepherd you until Jesus comes. They're the caretaker at the end. Jesus give them two pence: the Word and the Spirit. If they need anything more, He will give it when He returns. You know the parable of the good Samaritan.

BRASS SERPENT [53-1121]

Now, I could tell you, now. You--you know that. But you, will you accept Him, now, as your Saviour? **You'll give up your ways, and return to church, and do what God wants you to do,** and get well, for you and your mother? Will you accept Him now as I...? [*The lady says, "I don't know what you're saying."--Ed.*]

I say, "**Will you accept Him, and go to church, and do what's right,** and--and serve Him the rest of your life?" If you do it, I believe He'll take the curse off of you, right now. Will you do it?

THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS [53-1122]

Let me tell you something here today, Christians: When Jesus leaves your home, sickness will be there, don't you worry. Trouble's on its road when you drive Jesus away. When you put a deck of cards in there, instead of a prayer--a prayer closet, put a card table, all right, trouble's on its road. That's right. When you take some of these old love story magazines and put it in the place of the Bible, trouble's on its road. Don't you worry about that. Yes, sir. **When you quit going to church and blow up because the preacher told you it wasn't ladylike to wear shorts, you're on your road; don't worry, trouble is on its road. Just keep on, you'll find out.**

CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH [56-0200]

Is there some here that used to go to church and take part in some church somewhere, and **you just got away from church. You don't go to church any more. I don't care what church it is. That doesn't matter.** But you want to go back to your church, and take up your fellowship again with the children of God, and you want to be remembered in prayer that God will let you go back, raise your hand, will you do it? God bless you. Oh, my. There are a dozen hands, I guess, up. Now, that's wonderful. Do that, will you?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE UNCERTAIN SOUND [61-0415E]

We ought to worship all day Sunday. That's the day set aside for that. So now, **go to Sunday school in the morning, somewhere, and stay for church.**

And it's always a sin to send your children to Sunday school. You know that. Everyone knows that. **A sin to send your children to Sunday school; take them.** So that's a... So then, you're doing right; but doing wrong by just sending them.

HEAR YE HIM [60-0806]

Now, you come to hear this type of ministry, these men come up here to represent, and they preach and have the same things that we stand for here. They'll do you good. **Bring your little kiddies to the Sunday school, and put them in Sunday school. You know, it's a sin to send your children to Sunday school, you know that. Go with them. Don't send them. You go with them. It's a sin to send them, and you stay home.** So you--you just go with them.

BEHOLD A GREATER THAN SOLOMON IS HERE [62-0721]

I guess they've made that statement, but I always say this: It's a sin to send your children to Sunday school. How many knows that? **It's a sin to send your children to Sunday school; you have to take them.** So be sure to do that. Go with your children tomorrow to Sunday school.

THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMY [59-1121]

If I lived in San Jose, I'd belong to one of these churches. That's exactly right. I'd have my children in their Sunday schools, 'cause these churches stand for the very same thing that I'm giving my life for: this Gospel, the full Gospel. And I'd certainly have my children taught in schools like that, that would teach them the Word of God and the way of life. And I'm sure they'll do you good if you'll just **attend their services tomorrow morning. Tomorrow afternoon be here. And tomorrow night, go back to one of the churches.**

COMMUNION

JUBILEE YEAR [54-1003E]

One of the greatest that, I think, we have in the Tabernacle is the communion night.

THE TESTIMONY OF A TRUE WITNESS [61-1105]

I'm aiming to hear a good preacher tonight, if I can, Brother Neville. But **I aim to come on every communion night. I think it's our duties, as much as we can.**

THE KEY TO THE DOOR [62-1007]

I, knowing tonight was the communion night, **I always like, if I'm around anywhere, to come in on the communion.** Because it's... I think that all Christians should anticipate in taking communion, because Jesus said, *"If you eat it not, you have no part with Me."*

THE UNFAILING REALITIES OF THE LIVING GOD [60-0626]

Now, I was here the last communion night. But didn't get back for... I won't be here in time for this communion. It'll be next Sunday night will be the communion? **I always like to keep up on that.** See? Always, as you eat and drink this, you show forth the Lord's death until He comes again.

OUT OF CHURCH

EXPERIENCES [47-1207]

And this is the way the gift that's coming into the church, that's pulling in from both sides, **not pulling people out of their churches**. No, you go right to your same church.

EXPECTATION [50-0405]

A minister called me awhile ago from down in Louisiana. They got all mixed up, and has left his church because of someone calling him out. He said, "Brother Branham, I just like to know." Said, "They told me I was a something another in the church." And said, "I've left my church, and I'm... Don't know what to do now."

I said, "I would advise you, go right back to your church again." **God isn't calling people out of their churches, He's calling them to Him, to Himself, to unite us together.**

BELIEVEST THOU THIS? [50-0115]

God's calling today a people together. I believe that with all my heart, **not out of your church, but together in heart.** Let the churches alone. They're fine, every one of them. But what we need is an old fashion, Saint Paul's revival, and the Bible Holy Ghost preached in them churches with power; straighten up those members again. Amen.

EARNESTLY CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH [53-0614A]

I don't mean for you to come out of your church, I mean for you to come out of your conditions.