TEXT

ROMANS 8:22 - 25

- 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the **SPIRIT**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our **body**.
 - For we are saved by **hope**: but **hope** that is **seen** is not **hope**: for what a man **seeth**, why doth he yet **hope** for?
 - But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

HOPE: confident expectation

MIGHT NOT SEE ALL THINGS, BUT WE SEE JESUS

59-0410 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN_ LOS.ANGELES.CA FRIDAY_

« E-39 † Don't take any chance, friend. You haven't got another chance; this is all of it. Maybe just the lifting of your hand towards God tonight might mean the difference. Will you do it 'fore we pray? Any others that hasn't raised? God bless you, way back in the back; we **see** you, through the balcony up there. Don't think you're too far away; you're not. He knows you right where you are.

We're looking at things unseen. You say, "Well, what would I do now if I become a borned again Christian? What would my boss say?" Think of what your Lord will say if you don't. Who's the greatest, your boss? You may bury him next week. He may be gone by this time, but your Jesus will be forever. And to think that if you be in hell, tormented with demons...?... evil spirits around you, haunting you, forever separated from God, without hope, what about then? And you may be there before the sun rises in the morning. You better be ready, friend. Don't make this a joke. Don't make it a television act. Remember, it's the Gospel, the eternal Word of God that cannot perish.

« E-40 † Just coming up the street tonight I **seen** a young man picked up off the street, mashed to pieces. His car had got out of control some way and hit another car, and the blood running out of him. The ambulance picking him up, and the boy laying there, and his mouth open, the blood running out of his eyes and ears... Laid a blanket across him, pulled it over his face and shoved him in the ambulance. I stood there; I thought, "O God, did that boy ever attend my meeting? Did I persuade long enough. Did he know Jesus? It's all over now."

And I'm giving that opportunity now, friends. Don't think of these earthly things; don't think of tomorrow; tomorrow will take thought for itself. Let's think about today and now while Jesus is close. We might not see all things; but we see Jesus, Who was made in the image of man, to take away sin of man, to bring men back to reconciliation to God our Father. Is that all that wants to raise their hand for prayer just before I pray? God bless you here, sir. And you here in the wheelchair, God bless you, sir. With that kind of an attitude, surely God will answer prayer for you tonight. I mean that, sir.

EVIDENSE OF THINGS NOT SEEN

HEBREWS 11:1 - 3

- 1 Now **FAITH** is the <u>substance</u> of things **hoped** for, the <u>evidence</u> of things not <u>seen</u>.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- Through **FAITH** we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

ABRAHAM

58-1003 LOOKING.AT.THE.UNSEEN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN FRIDAY_

« E-17 † And we see that ABRAHAM, he was not a young man when this happened. He was an old man, seventy-five years old. And his wife, SARAH, which was his half sister, and they had been married many, many years, since she was a girl of about seventeen, it's believed. And God told ABRAHAM, "I have chosen you and SARAH, that you are going to have a child. And SARAH had been barren all her life. But ABRAHAM never looked at what his eyes would see, an old wrinkled woman, many years past the time of life to have children, but he looked at the Unseen, and he saw ISAAC. By faith he saw ISAAC. And he, after looking to the Unseen, he called those things which were not as though they were. He got a glimpse of the Unseen. By FAITH he saw it. And the Bible says that he endured as seeing the INVISIBLE God with him all along the road.

THINGS SEEN AND THINGS UNSEEN

II CORINTHIANS 1:20

20 For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

62-0506 POSSESSING.ALL.THINGS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-10 N-4 SUNDAY

- « 82 † It **belongs** to you, but you cannot have it until you fight for it. It's yours. Everything that's **seen**, every temporal thing that's **seen**, **belongs** to me. God give it to me, because through Christ He gave it to me. **And things unseen belongs to me**. Amen. I like that! What you can **see**, like Divine healing, so forth, like that, that's good, we appreciate that; **but the unseen!**
- « 84 † Now, science can probe around here and say, "Well, let's **see**, let me take this man. You said he was healed, let me take him down and examine him. Let me **see** what happened. And you say you had a tumor once, sir?" "Yes, right there."
- Well, let me give a scientific research and **see** if it just didn't sink in and didn't go away. You say you were once blind and now you **see**. How do I know? Let me scientifically look and **see** it."
- Now, they could probe around on that, but yet I--I'm heir to that, too, everything physical. And then I'm also heir to things that can't be seen, where science can't probe. Amen. Amen. Unseen things, amen, I'm heir to that. Yes, sir. The things that can be seen, I'm heir to that. This actual earth, I'm an heir, you're an heir. Every believer is an heir, he's an heir to it. All right, then the unseen! Possessor of what? Heavens and earth. Amen. All things! You believe that?

 You say, "Brother Branham, what about out there where you can't see? How you know?" It's still mine. That's right. Heaven belongs to me. Glad it's mine, God said so. And that's right. "Well, you've never seen, how you know it's there?" I know it's there, anyhow, God said so. "How do you know you're an heir to it, when you never seen it?" I believe His Word. Amen. See? I'm an heir, you're an heir with me, we're all heirs together through Christ Jesus.
- 91 He said, "Oh, thanks be to God," [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] "Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Yes, sir. Death, hell, and the grave, I possess it all, because He conquered it all for us. Possessor!
- Just like JOSHUA and CALEB brought back the evidence of an unseen LAND that had been given to the people by a promise. JOSHUA and CALEB brought back an evidence that there was such a LAND. Now, down here they had the promise of it. God gave them the promise, and they come right up to the LAND, but they had never seen it, and JOSHUA and CALEB went over into the promised LAND and brought back the evidence that the LAND was there and it was a good place, flowing with milk and honey. Amen! What was it? They was going to possess that LAND. They had the promise. They was on their road over there, and they were almost to the Jordan, and JOSHUA crossed over and brought back the evidence that it was a good LAND.
- Just what JOSHUA did for the children of Israel, (JOSHUA means "Saviour," the word JOSHUA), and that's the same thing Jesus done for the Church when they killed Him. He conquered death. He conquered hell. He conquered the grave. And He rose up again with the evidence, the baptism of the HOLY GHOST, that there is a LAND beyond the river, that they call the sweet forever. Amen. He come back and brought us an evidence. What does It do, Brother Branham? It makes you stop lying, stealing, drinking, cursing, immorals, everything. It makes a new creature out of you. I who were once dead in sin and trespasses, nevertheless I live, not me but Christ lives in me. I'm a new creature in Christ Jesus, amen, heir to the promise. Hallelujah! Yes, sir. That LAND belongs to us. How do you know it? JOSHUA [Jesus] rose from the dead, brought back the evidence, the HOLY GHOST. I got It. Amen. Whew! Glory! I'm an heir. Oh, a child of the King, a child of the King, heir to all things! The Bible said so. The same God that give Israel a promise of that promised LAND (it was an unseen thing to them), that same Bible, that same God gave us a promise of Eternal Life, and the HOLY GHOST bears record of it. Christ is alive, not dead. He lives right among us, lives in us, through us, works around with you. Amen.

POSSESS DEATH

II CORINTHIANS 1:10

Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; 10

II CORINTHIANS 4:14

Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

THINGS NOT SEEN ARE ETERNAL

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are **II CORINTHIANS 4:18** seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

CAUGHT UP TO THE THIRD HEAVEN

II CORINTHIANS 12:2

- I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the THIRD HEAVEN.
 - And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)
- How that he was caught up into PARADISE, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to 4 utter.

ELISABETH

50-0716 BELIEVEST.THOU.THIS_ MINNEAPOLIS.MN SUNDAY_

She went right around telling everybody she was going to have the baby, and wasn't no sign or nothing of it. She didn't have to have any signs. Only thing she had to have was God's Word. That's all we have to have. God said so; that settles it with me. What about you? Believe it. Take Him at His Word and say it's so, and just go ahead. That's all you have to have, is His Word. Bound to bring it forth. You believe it, brother? Stay with it. Hallelujah. That's right. Stay with it. It'll bring the results every time. I've never seen it fail.

When a true heart come before God and meant business, and took God at His Word, and started testifying of it, and looking to the unseen; then God's promises always produces what is asked for. That's right.