

Spoken Word no. 63
God working in you to will and to do
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This morning I would like to read from **Philippians 2: 13** for our text. *For it is God which worketh* (oe energizes) *in you both* 1. *to will* and 2. *to do of his good pleasure*. So it is God that worketh in us all if so be that we are born again, and have surrendered our vessels to Him.

Now, Wednesday evening we spoke on “*God energizing His Word in your body*”, and I believe the Holy Spirit was here in a very special way that evening. My prayer is that he will be here this morning in the same way. Now, during our watch night and communion service we spoke from **EPHESIANS 3:19** where the Apostle Paul said, *“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh (energizes) in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.* —

Now, we noticed here that Paul is speaking of how that God works his work in our beings. It is Him doing it, and we are but passive recipients to what He is doing. And yet it is not just Him doing, but you are given credit for the doing, because God is using your body, your ears, your lips, your hands, your body to do his work.

Brother Branham said in his sermon, **JEHOVAH JIREH 57-0106 63** *“Now, the vine doesn't bear fruit, does it? Who was He talking to? The church. **I'm the Vine. You are the branches.**” The branch is energized by the life of the Vine; therefore Jesus has no lips tonight on earth, but mine and yours. He has no eyes but mine and yours. He has no hands but mine and yours. He energizes us, and we bring forth His Life, as He brings it through us. Whether it's preaching the Gospel by lip, or it's seeing vision by eye, whether it's whatever it is, laying hands on the sick, whatever it is, it's Christ working through the branches of His Church, every office literally electrified by His Presence.* —

“Every office literally electrified by His Presence.” Electrified... that speaks of power entering in to make possible. And notice the conduit is the very presence of God, His personal presence here among. And He always uses the conduit of His Word to make Himself known to us.

Now, this morning I would like to continue in this manner but to show you the other side of this which we are speaking of, God electrifying his church to be His lip, His ears, His hands, His legs, etc. because Paul was talking about the church in **EPHESIANS 3:19** when he said, *“And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,* (Oh, to know the Love of Christ, the emptying out of our eldest brother who did so in order that you might receive your inheritance. He didn't have to do that, you know. He already received His when He was transfigured on Mount Transfiguration. And to think of those who have received this great truth and have held onto it for 20 to 30 years and have done nothing to give it to others. I believe brothers if you are conformed to the image of the eldest brother, then you are conformed to his attitude as well.

In **Philippians 2: 5** The apostle Paul told us. *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:”* and the NIV translation says, *“Let the attitude that was in Christ be in you.”*

Now, how was the Love of Christ manifested to us? Christ manifested that love by what he did, not what he said. He suffered and died to self before he died on that cross. And He did that for your behalf, not His.)

Now, let me read to you what James the half brother of Jesus said concerning the manifesting of our faith through our actions which we do. You know there are people who call them Christian's and yet will say that James was a legalist. Listen, either you believe this is God's Word or it isn't. And if it isn't then rip it out of your bible right now, and flee it my brother. But I believe that James is just as much a part of god's Word as Paul's Epistles are. And they do not conflict with each other either.

In no way is what James said contrary to what Paul said.

Now, Paul said, you are justified by Faith. But what is this faith and how is it recognized by God that you have it? What is the evidence of your faith?

Look at what he said in **Romans 5: 1** *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:* So our justification which Paul said comes through our faith gives us peace with God.

And then we read, **Romans 3: 28** *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* And so the Baptist will say, I'm not a legalist, I am justified by my confession. Hah!! Your confession means nothing. It's His confession that counts, not ours. He said if you confess me before man I will confess you before my Father. And confession means to say the same thing. So is there confession saying the same thing when they say, Bless God I'm a Baptist? I don't think so, show me where Jesus called Himself anything other than "The Son of God". But what does Paul means without the deeds of the law. Many will say, like the Baptist says,

The same Paul that said, *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.* And this same Prophet, Apostle and Teacher to the Gentiles also said, **Hebrews 11: 17** *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,* he offered up his son, he didn't just talk about it. He didn't just confess it and say by my confession I show that I believe. He did something. He got the wood, he got the knife ready in his hand. He tied down his only son, the love of his Life, and he would have surely plunged that knife into the heart of his first born, and at that time only born by promise, if the angel had not intervened in the last possible second. Right up to the very second before plunging that knife into his son, he did not waver. Oh, God if only we could show forth that same actualization of reality in our Faith. I don't even think it takes a second for a man to plunge that knife in that downward action. So his faith was manifested in his Obedience to the Word of God.

Again the Apostle Paul said, in **Hebrews 11: 8** *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, he obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.* Look, he did not even know where God wanted Him to go. He just started walking knowing with whom he was walking. That is what Faith is, Faith is the Substance, Faith is the Person, God Himself.

The same word “hupostasis” translated as the word “substance” in **Hebrews 11:1** is the same word translated as the very “Person” of God in **Hebrews 1:3**. And that Faith according to Paul and James is manifested by what we do with what we know.

In **James 1:25** we read, *But whoso looketh* (that’s passive faith) *whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

So he is not a forgetful hearer, because he shows that he really did hear and understand by what he does. And his blessing comes in the deed that he does. James says, *this man shall be blessed in his deed.* There’s where your blessing comes from, not by what you know but by what you do. The same with tithes and offerings. It’s not enough to say I believe it. God taught us that in the doing of it, he will bless us and pour out His blessings upon us. Now just by saying, “*I believe every word*”, but by applying it.

Brother Branham said, believing the Token is not enough, you must apply it.

Token the 63-0901M P:113 *Notice, they were not just yet come together to talk about the message. They come together to apply the blood, to apply the token. That's what you must do. Pastor Neville, and to this congregation, trustees, deacons, to you brethren, it's time that we laid aside all the foolishness of the world, time we laid aside everything else. We've seen enough now, that we're positive, sure, and the Token must be applied. Without it, you're going to perish; you must perish. That is the only thing. Oh, don't come together, say, "I believe it." Get beneath it. Get into it. How to do it? By one Spirit we're baptized into the Body of Jesus Christ. Everybody believe with all your heart. See? He was not responsible for any out from beneath it.*

Token the 64-0208 P:41 *They must have believed they were safe in that great wall where they were at, their great big family, their great big place. Many people today... I say this through reverence and respect... Many people today say, "I belong to the biggest church there is in the city. My mother belonged to that church. It's one of the oldest churches." That don't have one thing to do with it. The Token has got to be applied. They might've thought that big thing they lived in, that big system, that was going to save them. But we find out every thing that didn't show that token perished in the city. So will it be at the coming of the Son of man. He's done said so.*

Notice he said, “*every thing that didn't show that token perished*”...so it’s got to be displayed. It has to be manifested in your flesh. Not hidden away in your mind, but on display. Why do you think God answered so many prayers of William Branham? He lived a life that was pleasing to his Father. Jesus said in **John 15: 7** “*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you*”.

If my words abides in you, then it’s got to show my brother and sister. If you Abide in My word and My word abides or is living in you, then ask what you will, but until then don’t bother asking because you ask amiss to heap it upon your own lusts. Look, it’s got to show outwardly or you haven’t got it. Even brother Branham said to brother Vayle, “*the highest form of Love is doing for others even when you don’t feel like it*”. So just do it, and leave the results up to God.

One plants, one waters but God brings the increase. Just be his feet and go where he wants you to go, be his lips and say what He wants you to say, be his eyes and look out for the brethren's needs, then be his hands and do what He wants you to do. Let Him use your hands to lay upon the sick and they shall be healed.

From the Token the 63-1128E P:36 brother Branham said, *If the token, or the blood, in the time of Egypt's coming out, their exodus, if the token was so the supreme sign... Now if the Token was not no good unless the token was displayed. The token had to be displayed, not a sympathizer with the token; but the token must be applied. And no matter how much anyone could prove that He was a Jew, and a covenant Jew by circumcision, that didn't do anything about it at all. It took the token, not the covenant. He never said, "When I see the covenant sign," but, "When I see the token." So today you might be a professed Christian; you might be with covenant with Christ; but unless that Token is displayed in this late hour that we're coming to now, there is no way for Him to pass over. The Token must be displayed.*

And if the world does not see Christ in you the hope of Glory, then The Token is not displayed in your life. Not if you scratch my back I will scratch yours. Any carnal hypocrite will agree to that. But if Christ is displayed in your body, using your lips, your hands, your ears, and your feet, then I will pass over. The organization minded says, if you don't go to my church you really don't believe. If you don't go to my church I won't support your efforts. And that's churchianity, not Christianity. The Token which is "Christ among us" must be on display in your life. And how do you display the Presence of God on the scene? By what you say with your lips and what you do in your actions, and not by whose in your camp. How did Jesus manifested The Token, which was God Himself dwelling in His mortal being? By doing and saying only what was pleasing to "**The Token**", which was God Himself. And how did God react to the manifested life of the Son? He said, "**This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased, or in whom I am pleased to dwell in.**" God was so pleased he adopted His Son.

In his sermon **Faith 61-0813 pp. 7** brother Branham said, *"The Philippian jailer, being a centurion (which to lose his, his prisoners was to be... His own life would have to pay for the prisoner's.), he pulled his sword and was going to commit suicide, when Paul run forth and said, "Do yourself no harm; we're all here!" And this centurion had...?... some impressions they'd had about Paul and them. They might have sung hymns; they might have testified or done something. But whatever it was, they knowed that they were holy men. They knowed there was something different about those men, because quickly he asked, "What must I do to be saved? What must I do to be saved?" Now, Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved." 8 Well now, if believing on the Lord Jesus Christ... that don't mean that his salvation would save the house, but if he's got enough faith in God for his own salvation, he can have the same faith for his house; and his house will have to come in. See? It's the same thing. Same as Job did, as I said the other night down at Georgia in a meeting. I said Job... He said, "Now, I don't know my children have sinned. But what if they have sinned?" And Job had one thing to do to be righteous, that was offer a burnt offering. He said he would offer the burnt offering if his children had sinned, then they would be forgiven of their sins. And it was a good thing that father done it. That's a good thinking father. We need more of those kind of fathers today. And Job offered the burnt offering. That was before his tragedy set in. But*

when his children was all killed, and his sheep all destroyed, and all that he had, taken, he's setting on that ash heap in back of his house, scraping himself with a piece of crock... 9 Did you notice, after the days of his tragedy, when God begin to restore to him again, where he had ten thousand cattle and so forth, He restored double: and doubled his sheep, and doubled everything. But did you notice... And God also gave Job his seven children. Did you ever think where they were at? That burnt offering stood for them. **They were saved in glory waiting for him to come.** He's with them today. **"Thou and thy house shall be saved!"** See? Now, Job had had one thing to do to be righteous, was to offer the burnt offering. You have one thing to do to be righteous; that's **have faith in God.** For **by faith are you saved; by faith are you healed;** by faith you get every thing that you have. See? It's by faith, that you believe it. Now, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou and thy house shall be saved!

Now, brother Branham said in his sermon **The Token 64-0308 P:55**, **Then when we pray, we must have the Token to present with our prayers**, (listen, that's what Job did. He offered the same sacrifice to God for His kids that he did for Himself. He didn't just talk it, he did it for them. Now, listen carefully what brother Branham is telling us here. He says not only should we pray, but when we do pray, you've got to have the Token displayed which is a life surrendered to God's very presence here among us. There's got to be evidence in your Life that you do believe.) **as I said, and now believe for our self and apply the Token to the whole family like in Egypt, Jericho, or either in Acts 16:31.** We find out that Paul told the Roman centurion, say, **"Believe thou, and all thy house shall be saved."** Apply it to your family. If you got a unsaved child, lay the Token right on top of him, say, **"Lord God, I claim him."** Stay right there. If you got a mother or a loved one that's lost, lay that Token on them, say, **"Lord God, I claim it."** **Move out, of all the worldly trash, out of your house, get ready for it. Burn up your shorts. Throw your card tables away. Get rid of your cigarettes. Dump your unbelief and your church papers in the trash can where they belong. Amen. Then you're getting ready. Then what do? Then apply the Token in prayer, with real evidence, real faith.** (Notice brother Branham said, apply it with real evidence that you believe it.) **Apply it, apply it with confidence. When you apply the Token, know that you're cleaned up.** (know that **you are** cleaned up, then you can have confidence that God will hear your prayer. But if you are in sin, and won't clean yourself up, then how do you expect God to hear your prayer when you are showing him by your very life that you don't believe Him. As long as you don't have the evidence of your belief in your life, you are guaranteed that He will not hear your prayer. That's James 5 a double minded man is guaranteed that he will receive nothing. Then brother Branham quotes **1John 3:21** **"If our hearts condemn us not, then we have our request."**)

1 John 3: 21 Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. Now back to what brother Branham was saying, **"As long as you people are doing them things that's wrong, how you going to ask God to do anything for you when you know you're wrong? That's the reason we just stagger up and stagger back. I'm not saying this to hurt. I'm saying this to straighten out, to get things right. How you going to build it upon the chars of a Sodom and Gomorrah? Come back.**

So if you have faith it must be displayed like Abraham displayed his faith in God's Word.

In **James 2:14** we read. *What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?* (now that is an interesting question? Can your faith save you? Did Faith or just believing what God said save Noah? Or did his response to what God told Him save him and his family? Did just believing God called Moses save the Egyptian people? Or did doing what God showed him to do save the people. Did Jesus just believing He was the Son of God save us? Or did His obedience unto death save us?)

James 2:17 *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.* You know people have made comments to me from many corners of the Message around the world, and what they told me is that they thought what we had was dead, and useless because it was not showing in the lives of the brethren who were associated with the doctrine. You all know the criticism has been, *“I would rather have the right spirit and the wrong doctrine than a wrong spirit with the right doctrine”*. And that argument was used to hold onto their unbelief, but now that argument has been taken away. They had just considered what we believe was worthless because it wasn't producing anything for others. But now, I'm getting comments from even some of the greatest skeptics, who have opposed us for years. They are saying they are no longer consider our doctrine to be dead, but they see that it is alive in Christ Jesus.

Look, brothers and sisters, if you believe that the Judge is here then act like it. If you believe that the Fountain of Grace and Mercy has come down, then live like it. If you have the living waters of life flowing forth in your own life then let it bubble up and flow out to others. In Revelations we hear *“The Spirit and the Bride say come and drink of this water of life”*. They don't hide what they got under a bushel basket. They don't shut out all others. They don't act like they are the only ones who are supposed to know and understand, they want everyone to have this tremendous Revelation of Christ. They know the Doctrine of Christ is for all sons, and they are willing to reach out and help out every son that cometh to God, because they know they are brothers in a very large family of brethren. And they will reflect what they have in their life and in their speech. We know our Father has no hands but our hands, and no lips but our lips, and no feet but our feet that have been shod with the preparation of his Gospel. And knowing this, we go where He tells us to go, and do what he wants for us to do, and say only what he wants said, because we have surrendered our own will over to His will.

Then when they see that Token on display living itself out in our lives, then they will come if there is any coming to be done. Brothers from every continent and some even who have opposed us, have told me that what we are doing is a real testimony to what we believe. They have said, what we have shown the world brings a reality to what we believe, and until we began doing, they didn't even think we believed what we were proclaiming, that Christ is here, because they didn't see it in the lives of those claiming it.

So when they used speech like, you can say what you want and you can be defensive about it, or you can see, you know, I have been the son of God that I should have been. Look how brother Branham took his criticisms. He didn't fight back. David, when the man came up to him and smote him in the face, one of his soldiers said, “Shall I let the head of this dog stay on his shoulders? And he drew his sword to cut off the man's head, and David said, “Don't do it, put your sword away.

Then he said those words that only Christ living in Him could say, “*put away your sword, God told him to do it*”. And isn’t that exactly what the rejected King Jesus told Peter centuries later?

James 2:18 *a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.* Now, what James is saying is that you can not show your faith without showing it visibly in what you do. Oh, you might talk it but you need to walk it. Brother Branham said your actions speak louder in heaven than your words.

John taught us that we must walk in the Light. He said, “*if we walk in the light as he is in the Light, then we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all unbelief.*” He didn’t say, *if we talk about the light as he is in the light*, he said if we walk in it with Him while he is walking we are walking, because our legs are his legs, and our hands are his hands and our lips are his lips and our ears are his ears. He said, Walking. Then as he walks we walk. **Acts 17: 28** *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.*

Flashing red light 63-0623E P:88 *Did you ever hear the old saying, "Actions speak louder than words"? Well then, does it? Action speaks louder than words. No matter what you're saying, your life speaks so loud till they can't hear your testimony. As I said this morning, just jump as high as you live. See? Your action speaks louder than your word. And you just might as well come out and say it, because your own words speak,... No matter what it is, your actions speak what you are. If you speak anything different than what you really are, it becomes hypocrisy. Jesus said, "You hypocrites, how can you say good things, when out of the heart speaketh the mouth?" See, they were saying something they didn't mean.*

Convinced then concerned 62-1125M P:31 *And then, this same class of people say that they believe that Jesus is coming in this generation. Don't you know, people are not completely blind? Why, your own testimony bears record. Your actions speak louder than your words. How can you say that you believe Jesus is coming, and want to put up a million dollar building? And missionaries, true, that hasn't got shoes on their feet? And because they don't belong to a certain organization they're not supported. And then say that we believe the coming of the Lord is at hand, "He's going to come in this generation." People know better than that. See? They're not convinced: that's all. They don't believe it. They just take it as their tradition. Somebody says it, "Oh, Glory to God. Jesus is coming pretty soon." The next one says, "Glory to God. Jesus is coming pretty soon." If you believed that, there'd be the biggest cry in this city you ever heard. It's a tradition. It's not a reality to the people. It doesn't pan out. It proves it doesn't. They're not convinced that He's coming in this age, and not convinced again that He is with them, not thoroughly convinced.*

O, what an indictment against those who claim to believe His Presence is here and by their own life they deny it. They haven’t faith in what they are saying. Faith is the evidence of things we do not see, and yet by living and abiding in your faith, you are actually showing that it is there. A man that says he believes and there is no living evidence showing itself in that man’s life? It shows me he doesn’t believe what he claims to believe. His theology says “*the Supreme Judge is here*” and he spends his idle time playing games showing no concern for others who are hungering and thirsting for the bread of Life? Shows me he isn’t eating it either. Just slopping up discarded bread down in the mud, like a pig pushing his nose through the mud to find a

kernel of seed. Shows he doesn't have what he claims to have. He can say he believes he is a brother in a vast family of brethren, but unless he is willing to help his younger brothers, he's not much of a brother is he? His lack of evidence in his life is an indictment against his profession.

James 2: 20 *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

Now, that is “**Thus Saith the Lord**”, brothers and sisters. That is “**Thus Saith God's own Word**”. Argue with that all you will but your arguments will prove idle on the day of judgment. Now, from this sermon of brother Branham's we are studying, *The Spoken Word is the original seed 62-0318E P:175* he said, *Here is the secret: the Word is in the Bride and the mind of Christ to know what He wants done with the Word, and She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then it is germitized; so the Holy Spirit waters it until it is grown and serves its purpose. They do only His will.* (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. *They have THUS SAITH THE LORD, or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God. For it is Himself in them, continuing His Word to fulfill as He did complete in His day. All things when He was here, He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.*

But it is time now, and He is here to finish that which He promised, but he needs your lips, and your hands to do it. Paul said in, **2 Corinthians 11:20** *For ye suffer, if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. 21 I speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Notice Paul tells them the only reproach they get are ones that have nothing to do with there profession of faith. Just those that are common to all men. Then in verse 23 he says, Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. 28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? 30 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not.*

Paul was a living testimony. He showed he believed what Jesus had come and died for. The other Apostles were just huddle in Jeffersonville, I mean Jerusalem and did nothing to bring the Gospel until God sent upon them a squeeze that forced them to leave their littler comfort zone. But Paul was out doing, preaching, laboring, and he is our pattern after Christ. He said follow me as I follow Christ, and so we see William Branham travel seven times around the World to

bring the Good news to a lost and dying world. He lived what he taught and that is why people so look to him as our modern day example.

So I ask this question to you here and out there listening. How many of you have suffered for the sake of the Gospel you profess? How many of you have taken beatings literally of even verbally? How many of you have your name dragged through the mud for your profession. How many times have you suffered in your bodies the reproach of the Gospel? In peril he said in the air and on land, and of the false brethren. How many attacks have you had for your life in Christ and your stand for His Word?

He said, In hunger often, in dehydration, in malaria, in African sleeping sickness, in cold sweats and in fevers often, in pneumonia and in other sicknesses often. Crammed into seats like chickens in a coup, to travel for dozens of hours in order to preach the gospel... tossed about by in the air and on the sea, eating foods and drinking water his body rejected. Attacked by false brethren, and attacked by heathens in strange nations, In riots often, in death threats often, rejected often, abused often, talked about and smeared often... that is the life that is projecting the image of Christ.

Paul said to Timothy whom he was mentoring, **2 Timothy 3: 12** *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.* Therefore if you are living Godly in Christ Jesus where is your persecution? The Apostle Peter said the same thing in **1 Peter 4: 1** *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;* When you begin to live for Christ, and you suffer for Him, then you begin to cease from your own unbelief. You no longer live for self but to Live is Christ.

From his sermon, **What is that in your hand 55-1120 P:51** brother Branham said, *If everybody talked good about me, and everything went fine, didn't have any troubles and trials, I'd go back to the altar and say, "Lord, what's the matter here? There's something wrong. For all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." That's the Bible. That's what Jesus said. He can't fail. His Words are true. All, not just some of them, all that live godly in Christ Jesus...*

Five identifications 60-0911E P:48 *Walking in the Spirit; misunderstood, laughed at, made fun of... "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. If they persecuted the prophets which were before you, called the Master of the building Beelzebub, how much more will they call them of His disciples." But you're walking in the Spirit, turning your back on the things of the world, not bound by any fetters. "He who the Son has made free is free indeed." Amen. That's the church of the living God.*

Let us bow our heads in prayer. Dear Gracious Father, we come to The in the name of Your beloved Son Jesus and ask you Father to take our little sufferings and may they be sufficient for the stand we take for your Word. Help us Father to lay aside all our own desires for self and help us to become a living and abiding vessel for your spirit so that our feet are your feet, our hands are your hands, our eyes are your eyes, and our lips are your lips, and then we pray that you would use us as you used your son Jesus for we ask it in His name. Amen.