

Going for the Souls of the Lost and the Dying

Proverbs 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

This is not our home; we're just sojourning here trying to bring other citizens out of the darkness. And go into a city, maybe hold a city-wide campaign, just plow away for a week or ten days, **for one precious soul out there, one, just one setting out there.**

You might say, "The meeting was a great success; five thousand came to the altar." There might not be one of them saved, not a one of them. See? You might think there, "Only two people came to the altar"; **but one of them might be a jewel.** We're just seining in the creek. God picks out the fish; He knows which is fish and which is not (*Matt. 13:47-50*).

So see, we're just preaching. And remember, you're doing the same thing in this Tabernacle. But remember always this, "*My sheep know My voice.*" (*John 10:26-28*). **And the Voice of God is His Word.** [1]

And I've come to put in my part, my ministry, into making (all that we can) this meeting to be a success. Not a success because it's our meetings, **but a success of people finding Jesus Christ. That's the success.** Any meetings, no matter how much we praise God, how many great things that we see Him do, how many times He speaks to us in the Spirit, and so forth; unless there is something accomplished, **some souls brought into the Kingdom!** (*John 3:5*).

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Healing is one thing attracts the attention of the people. Anybody will donate to a healing service. They'll donate to a song festival. But when it comes to **a poor lost soul**, they ain't got nothing to do with that. See, now isn't that about right? We got everything... A poor lost soul, don't want nothing to do with that. They'll let him grope out into anything. Say, "Well, that's all right, he belongs to the church. It won't hurt anything." [3]

But what if I get one soul saved? What if I had, laying here tonight, a hundred billion dollars laying here. And what could I do with a hundred billion dollars, the missionaries I could send to the world, and... probably win millions of souls. I don't know.

But if I had a hundred billion dollars laying on this side, and a little button on this side, and I could press that little button, and I'd lose the hundred

million dollars, or don't press the button, I could keep it. But if I pressed the button, my dear old dad that's passed on beyond the veil, would walk down this aisle, and I could set here and talk to him ten minutes, I would give the hundred billion freely without a question to talk to my daddy one more time.

Where's value at then? What is it? **I think if I can get one soul saved**, one little black boy, or whatever it might be, **as long as there is an eternity, and that Light and that Star of God is shining in glory, my name will be associated with getting that soul saved** (*Daniel 12:3*). [4]

But let me tell you something. We haven't got that money. You're poor men. All of us are. That's right. We live by the alms of the people, being ministers. But, brother, in Africa one little black boy about this high, or a prostitute off the street yonder in Louisville, **one soul saved, in eternity when that star is shining yonder, our name will wrapped into it. There's your value.** It isn't how much you got, how much you desire; **it's how much you can do towards saving souls for Christ Jesus.**

Our money will fade. But if I get a soul saved for Christ, brother, as long as there's an eternity, the glory of God will rest on that soul. So what is value anyhow? What good does it do when the struggle is in your throat, and the doctor sees the pulse coming up your sleeve. What good's all the money and all the popularity? People to pat you on the back, or you become a great person, what good does that do you? Not a bit. It vanishes and stays here on the earth.

But one soul saved, you'll see your name wrapped into it as long as the morning star shall glitter in... So let's save souls, brethren (*Prov. 11:30*).

Each one. You housewives, you don't have to be a preacher. **You do something for the glory of God.** Remember, eternal things is what lasts forever, and that's getting souls saved. **Let that be the first thing of all your work, and all your ideas, and all your motives** (*Matt. 6:33*).

Yesterday, standing by, holding a mother's hand, my arm around her, and her chin quivering, and her boy laying there dying... She said, "Billy, I've longed and longed for you to come back to the Tabernacle."

I said, "Sister Ferguson, I'd like to do that." I said, "Well, look, sister. Oh, I could get maybe fifty souls saved here in the Tabernacle. That'd be a good crop for a year. I can get a hundred thousand of them saved in some other land." See? When I walk into glory, I don't want to... God had saved me. He done saved me. That's settled. But the thing of it is, when I get there, I want to look around and see the stars shining (*Daniel 12:2-3*). Amen. I want to see something that makes something.

If I would've died and I was a great man, a president like Lincoln or something like that, they'd build a big memorial, but one day it wouldn't be. **But one soul saved in glory, your name will be wrapped in that as long as there's an eternity rolling on.** [5]

Now notice, God making Hissself known. **We're not supposed to make converts to Christianity by a government; but by the revelation, the Christ in you, as God was in Christ (Col. 1:26-28).** As God was in Christ, Christ in you! **What God did in Christ, Christ does in you!** What signs did God in Christ, Christ does in you! Oh, isn't that beautiful? Oh, my! I like that.

Jesus said, "**At that day,**" **that's this day.** "**At that day,**" **when this revelation is made known,** "*you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; I in you, and you in Me.*" **When the revelation is made manifest,** "*At that day ye shall know that I and the Father are One; I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me.*" (John 14:19-20). **Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's, "I in you, and you in Me."** There you are. What for? To bring it back. We've got to be. [6]

That's the purpose of the Holy Ghost: It's the Father again, **God the Father dwelling in you, working out His plans to finish His plan of redemption, working through you, making you a co-worker with Him, giving you a place, giving you a part for your fallen lost brother and sister, giving you His Spirit and His love to go hunt the lost** as He did in the garden of Eden. "Adam, Adam, where art thou?" That's what the Holy Spirit does to a man or a woman. When It strikes into their heart and takes Its abode, **there's a thirst and a hungering for lost souls (Rom. 8:26-27).** That's what's the matter with the meetings today; **there's not enough Spirit touch in it to go for the souls of the lost and the dying.** It's more to make a name, or a church, or a building, or a denomination, instead of a **soul winning program.** How pitiful. We could stay on it much. [7]

Preachers, a minister, why we don't have burdens for lost souls? I believe that it's a lacking of the revival. I believe we should still try to pray to God to give us **passions for lost souls until Jesus comes.** [8]

I don't care if a brother goes astray, no matter what he does, you'll go after him (*II Tim. 2:24-26*).

I went after a brother not long ago, had gone astray. A young fellow said to me, "Let that rascal go. Let him alone." I said, "If I ever get to a place that my heart doesn't go with my brother, then it's time for me to go to the altar, because I've fallen from grace." I said, "I'll go as long as he's got breath in his body, and I'll catch him somewhere along the line." Yes, sir. **And I caught him** (Hallelujah.), **brought him back.** Yes, sir. He's back in the fold safely now. Yes, sir. He'd have gone astray as sure as the world (*I John 5:16*). [9]

Oh Christian, what an opportunity we have! We have opportunities that Saint Paul never dreamed of having. We have opportunities that Enoch, and Elijah, and all of them never had, the opportunities we have now.

And there's one little sheep out yonder somewhere, and He'll not be satisfied till that one comes in the fold. By the help of God, and by a vision, and **THUS SAITH THE LORD**, I'm returning across the sea. That last little sheep may be a black one down there, for all I know, where they don't even think they got a soul. But God knows different. **I'm going to seek till the last day of my life, to find that one, wherever it is** (*Luke 15:3-7*). [10]

Many of you here, men of God, calling in your life; you can be doing something. Just don't set around! **Let's do something! If you don't get but one soul saved, get that one saved, each one of us.** [11]

That's what people do. Instead of Christians **humbling themselves and emptying themselves to find more of the room of God** (*John 8:37*), they try to build themselves up in a homemade knowledge, or some technical school knowledge, or something, that drives them farther away from God than they were when they started.

That's what I'm thinking about these **artificial altar calls**. You bring him in, and **next time it's ten times harder to get him back again. Let him set and listen until God does something for him** (*John 6:44*). And then let him come and confess it, rise, calling upon the Name of the Lord (*Rom. 10:12-13*). That's right. [12]

When we can think of the days gone by, in the age of the Methodists--when they prayed all night long and wept with bitter tears for the lost, and they had no peace. And today seems like that we can dress nice, and set down and listen, and **go home unconcerned**. O Lord, stir our hearts; put a zeal in us for lost souls! May ministers and the laity, every person becoming a part of the Kingdom and **with a burning desire** that we'd canvass cities and everywhere and pull the lost out of the gutters and get them as firebrands for the Lord. Grant it, Father. [13]

So we're trying to get every soul saved, so that Jesus can come. And He cannot come until that last one that has the name on the Book of Life, that was put There before the foundation of the world (*Eph. 1:3-4*); **when that name is called**, that's the last one then. He came to redeem, to bring back. **Redeem is "to bring back."** And when He brings the last one in... He is setting at the right hand of God, today, doing His mediator work (*Rom. 8:34*). And when **that last soul is saved, that was redeemed**, and seen and knowed by God before the foundation of the world (*Rev. 13:8*); **when that last soul is**

saved, that closes the Book. Then the Lamb comes out, takes the Book out of the right hand of Him that sets upon the Throne (*Rev. 5:1-10*). He's coming then, He's coming to the earth. [14]

Now look at yourself. Really, are you a genuine Bible Christian, **full of love of God?** (*Rom. 5:5*). Remember, the Bible said, in the last days when this time takes place, He said, "A marking angel went through the churches, went through the cities, and sealed only those who sighed and cried for the abomination that was done in the city." Is that right? Ezekiel 9, we know that's Truth. The marking angel went forth and put a Mark on their forehead, sealed them, "Them that sighed and cried." (*Ezek. 9:1-4*).

After that come the slaughtering angels from the four corners of the earth, which is coming right away, we see it coming, wars moving right in that'll kill the whole earth off. There was nothing that they couldn't touch but them that had the Mark (*Rev. 7:1-8*).

Is your heart so concerned about the sinners, and the way that the church and the people are doing, till you can sigh and cry about it day and night? If not so, I'm wondering. That's the Scripture (*Prov. 24:11-12*). [15]

Love, love, love Him. **See what He done for you. It's by love.** Love brings obedience. Love brings courtship. Love brings marriage. And that's where we're headed, **Marriage Supper of the Lamb.** I hear my Saviour calling, that He loves me, too. Me, too!

Just all your heart, **just feel Something real sweetly coming into you. That's the Holy Spirit.**

I'm praying for you now, and myself. If I've done anything wrong, my hand to You, Lord, means I'm sorry. My hand to You, Lord, means that **I didn't want to do it.** And I know I'm dying, Lord. I've got to leave this world, in physical form. I want to meet You. My hand means, take it, Lord. **Fill me with the Spirit! Give me the Token of Your love upon me** (*I John 4:7,11-12,16*), **the Holy Ghost**, that'll make me live sweetly, gently, make me live the Life that was in Christ; **that my heart will burn for others** (*II Cor. 5:14-15*), **that I'll just not rest hardly, day and night, till I can get everybody that I can.** I'll be like the messengers at Jericho; I'll go to every person that I can, and see if I can get them to come under the Blood covenant (*Joshua 2:15-19*), under the Blood of the Lamb, that they might receive the Token. [16]

May not one who heard the Message, **may not one of them be lost, from the least child to the oldest person.** May their holy desire be only **for God and His Word.** We know not what hour He may appear, or what hour He may summon us to answer up yonder at the Judgment (*Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10-11*). We don't know what hour He may, as it was, take our card from the

rack, say, **"It's homecoming time. You've got to go."** God, help us to keep pure. Grant it, Lord.

May we live till the Coming of the Lord, if it be possible. May we do everything that's in our power, **with love and understanding, understanding that God is searching the world, today, finding every lost sheep.** And may we talk to them **with seasoned prayer of love and the Word of God,** that we might find that last one, **so we can go Home,** and get out of this old Eden of Satan here, Lord. [17]

Great Author of this Book, "It is a Seed," we are taught, "that a sower sowed," so said the Author. Now, we do realize that a seed will grow if it's in the right kind of ground. So, Father, will take all the briars and thistles, and unbelief, and skeptic thoughts out of our heart; **that the Word of God might grow freely, watered by the Spirit in our heart, that we might become the people of God.** Grant it, Father. That's our hearts. Not only to we who have recognized this, **but may there be others throughout the country, each one's heart burning with love and tenderness, will go to try to win the lost brother, the lost sister.** Grant it today, God. We're looking wholly to You, **for You are our guide and our Lord.** So we pray that You'll direct us in Your Word today, and give us of Thy blessings. Through Thy grace and in Thy Name we ask it. Amen. [18]

May the church stand and be great, **and a soul saving station, a lighthouse until Jesus Christ comes, is my prayer.** God bless you. [19]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]