

## WE DON'T WANT NO SNAKES

LUKE 11:9

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

LUKE 11:10

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

LUKE 11:11

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

LUKE 11:12

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

LUKE 11:13

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

GOD. HAS. A. PROVIDED. WAY\_ LVL. KY V-25 N-9 SUNDAY\_  
54-0404E

71 See how God does? Testing, God permits you sometime to get a little worse after you're prayed for just to test you. The testings and trials of faith, but, "He that endureth. . ." There it is.

Hold on; take God at His Word. Believe every Word of It. No matter what anything else says or does, believe it anyhow. No matter what the circumstance look like, believe God anyhow.

HIDDEN. LIFE. WITH. CHRIST\_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN MONDAY\_ 56-0213

E-20..... I've seen people come to the platform, totally blind. And come and take--after being prayed for and be healed and read the Bible, walk down there and praising God. And meet them in six months and be just as blind as they was in the first place.

WHAT. VISIONS. ARE\_ SPINDALE. NC SATURDAY\_ 56-0421

E-16 But anyhow, when this growth is dead, it shrinks. The patient rejoices, oh, how happy. In a few days they find themselves worse off then they was in the first place. "Oh, well," they say, "I guess I lost my healing." And just as sure as faith taken it away, unbelief resurrects it again.....

See, your faith is not what you feel; your faith is what you believe. If you really believe it, I don't care how you feel, you'd never, never say you wasn't healed. You'd always believe it.....

WHAT. VISIONS. ARE\_ SPINDALE. NC SATURDAY\_ 56-0421

E-17..... Faith is positive. There's no, nothing can move it; it's positive. No matter how sick you got, how everything went, noth. . . Now, if you're trying to bluff it, it won't take bluffing.

The devil's not. . . He's a bluff himself, and he knows how to run a bluff. But when you got the goods, it don't take loud hollering, don't take stomping and screaming; it takes faith. He will recognize it. Don't worry, just say the word.....

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ TULARE. CA SUNDAY\_ 61-0226

E-34..... After you're prayed for, don't go out and say, "Well, I never felt a thing." Now, when you. . . If you get that--that in you, if anything even says that to you, you know it's the devil, because you are healed; unconditionally you're healed.

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ RICHMOND. VA SUNDAY\_ 61-0312  
E-45..... After while, twenty-five years lapsed. The Bible said he got stronger and stronger. And we say we're Abraham's seed: we're prayed for, the next day, "How you feeling?"  
"I don't. . .

I guess I didn't get it. Don't feel any better." Abraham's seed. Oh, my. See what I mean? Abraham's seed is scarce.

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ RICHMOND. VA SUNDAY\_ 61-0312  
E-46.....When Abraham's seed takes a hold of a promise of God, it's there to stay, no matter what happens. There's nothing will never move them. And if it lingers, they get stronger. And he kept giving God more praise all the time.....

THE. VOICE. OF. THE. SIGN\_ TULARE. CA V-22 N-12 FRIDAY\_ 64-0214

6 Sometime when people get sick after being prayed for, they think, "That's the batt-. . . No, I lost it." That's the sign you got it. See? See, that, that's your sign.....

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS\_ HOUSTON. TX SUNDAY\_ 50-0115  
E-48..... . No matter how many symptoms appear, how many this, that, or the other, hold to It. Stay there until the healing power has drawn all the disease from you. That's right. He will do it.

BELIEVEST. THOU. THIS\_ HOUSTON. TX SUNDAY\_ 50-0115  
E-58..... . You might be prayed for, come here and see the powers and miracles of God, and go back, and the first thing you know, well then, you feel bad the next day. You may be sick the next day.

Something may happen the next day.  
Well, don't you know, when Jesus prayed for an epileptic boy, when He come to him, He had the hardest fit he ever had? Your faith is not in symptoms; it's in God, believing God. See what I mean?

EXPECTATIONS\_ CLEVELAND. OH THURSDAY\_ 50-0810  
E-29.....Symptoms, they're lying vanities. Don't receive them.  
Don't have nothing to do with them.  
If you look to them, you're looking away from God. We look at  
the unseen, not at what we see.....

EXPECTATIONS\_ CLEVELAND. OH THURSDAY\_ 50-0810  
E-30 What if someone came up in the morning to your door,  
express agent, and threw a whole basketful of rattlesnakes,  
and had your name on them. Said, "Here they are; they're  
yours."

You know they're there, just like you know your symptoms is  
there. If you receive them, they're yours. But you don't have to  
take them. You can say, "I don't want them."  
Say, "Your name's on them."  
Say, "I don't want them. I won't have them."

He can stand there and argue as much as he wants to. But until  
you take them and sign for them, they belong to the express  
company until you sign for them. Don't sign for nothing the devil  
brings.

You say, "There it is, though I refuse to have it." That's right.  
"Take it back." Have nothing to do with it."  
If you won't testify that you've got it. . . When you testify you  
still have your sickness, the devil keeps it with you. But refuse to  
testify of it. Say, "I won't have it. No, sir."

THE. SECOND. MIRACLE\_ ERIE. PA SUNDAY\_ 51-0729E  
E-30..... But don't be discouraged. And do not believe  
symptoms. Symptoms, that's the devils lie.....

THE. SECOND. MIRACLE\_ ERIE. PA SUNDAY\_ 51-0729E  
E-35 Now, say, some of you ladies tomorrow, what if the  
express agent would come down to your house and say, "How do  
you do, are you Miss John Doe?"  
"Yes."  
"Well, I have something here for you."

And you looked at it, it'd be a great big box full of rattlesnakes.  
Well, what a present. There's your name tacked on them.  
"These are yours."  
Are they? In one sense they're yours, in another sense they're  
not. Now, you say, "I don't want them."  
"Well, they're yours; your name's on them."

Well, that's one way it's yours, but still it isn't yours till you sign  
for it. And if you don't sign for it, he will have to take it back.  
You might see all your symptoms, the devil says, "Here it is;  
here's your cancer; here's your heart trouble; here's your  
crippled condition."

THE. SECOND. MIRACLE\_ ERIE. PA SUNDAY\_ 51-0729E  
E-36 Refuse to sign for anything the devil brings. He will have  
to take it back. Say, "I refuse to have it. I just won't have it, no,  
sir." He will have to take it back in the Name of the Lord.

If you believe it, and confess it, and say, "I've accept Jesus Christ  
as my Healer," there's no affliction or disease can stay on you.  
Stay right with it.  
But the first time that you get weak and say, "Well, yes, I've still  
got it."

Then you drop right down to where you was at. You signed for it,  
then took it back. Say, "Yes, Mr. Devil, I--I'll have it back." Oh,  
brother.

You stand right there as--as long as there's a breath in your body, say, "I refuse to have it. I refuse to have it." How do you feeling? "Wonderful, hallelujah." That's it. That's right. Show the devil what you're made out of;.....

ACCEPT. GOD'S. GIFT\_ TALLAHASSEE. FL THURSDAY\_ 53-0219  
E-14..... . Well, don't sign for nothing the devil brought. No, sir. Just refuse to have it. No, sir. Say, "I just haven't got it. Devil, you take it all back. That's all. I won't have it."

Refuse to have your sickness, your arthritis, whatever it is, "I just haven't got it. By His stripes I'm healed." Stand right on your ground. Confess it. Believe it. Stay there. God will bring it to pass. No matter what it is, just believe Him.

EXPECTATIONS\_ JONESBORO. AR THURSDAY\_ 53-0507  
E-24 Everybody is always looking at their symptoms. The pastor will pray for them; they go over and say, "Well, I don't seem to be any better." Well, that's not healing. Symptoms is the worst thing that's. . .

That's one of the greatest scarecrows the devil's got. Symptoms don't have nothing to do with it, it's because God said so.....

THE. RESULTS. OF. DECISION\_ CHICAGO. IL SATURDAY\_ 55-1008  
E-24..... Faith sees what God says. Faith don't see any symptoms at all. Faith refuses to see symptoms. You say, "Well, Brother Branham, if they are there, shouldn't we say they're there?" "No. No, sir."

GOD'S. COVENANT. WITH. ABRAHAM\_ CHARLOTTE. NC  
SATURDAY\_ 56-0428  
E-35..... . Confess is to say the same thing, and say the same thing He said. Say what He said; don't say what your feelings say; don't say what your neighbor says; say what God said.

Confess it and believe it.

Don't look at your symptoms; the symptoms is the worst thing the enemy. . . God has to fight against. Symptoms. Everybody says, "Well, I was prayed for, but my hand's no better."

It'll never be like that. Never will. You're looking at your hand. Don't look at your hand; look what God said.....

A. SECONDHANDED. ROBE\_ BROOKLYN. NY THURSDAY\_ 56-1206

E-42..... if anything that is wrong is a man or woman who will look and say, "Now, I don't feel any better. Now, they prayed for me over at my church last night. And they believe in Divine healing, but really I don't feel any better."

You don't never go by your feelings. Jesus never did say, "Did you feel it?" He said, "Did you believe it?" See where you get the thing all turned around? It's your faith in His promise that does it.....

A. TIME. OF. DECISION\_ LA. CA SATURDAY\_ 59-0418

E-37..... As long as he keeps digging up the seed, it will never grow. Every time you dig it up, it delays it another day. And every time you look at your symptoms, it delays you too in your healing.

The farmer just commits the--the seed to the ground. He gets the best seed he can find. He puts it in the ground, because he's made a decision he wants a crop.....

A. SUPER. SENSE\_ JEFF. IN V-20 N-7 SUNDAY\_ 59-1227E

81..... Sixth sense denies all symptoms, all symptoms, anything contrary to God's Word, any feeling, emotion.

Somebody say, "Oh, well, I was prayed for, but I just don't feel any better."

Sixth sense would never stand still for that. Sixth sense would say, "It's a lie. I feel better. I'm getting well. God said so; that settles it. Amen. God said so." Sixth sense only feeds on the Word of God.

A. COURT. TRIAL\_ BIRMINGHAM. AL SUNDAY\_ 64-0412  
88 And every time that you look at your symptoms, testify about them, complain about them, God can never heal you. You commit it to God and believe His Word. He'll bring it to pass.

Whether it's sprouting, whether it's whatever it's doing, you don't care. God promised it, and potentially you have your healing when you accept it. It's in seed form.

FAITH. AFRICA. TRIP. REPORT\_ ZION. IL FRIDAY\_ 52-0725  
E-74 If the blessing's placed on you, hold still. Sometimes it days before It can get to you. Daniel prayed one time, and the Angel didn't get to him for twenty-one days. Is that right?

I seen the time when women and men would wait for weeks. And first thing you know, all at once, it happened, the Angel passing through the neighborhood. He knows where it's at. "Whatsoever you bind on earth, I'll bind in heaven. What you loose on earth, I'll loose in heaven." Is that right That's His sovereignty.

EL. SHADDAI\_ YAKIMA. WA TUESDAY\_ 60-0802  
E-23 And so, a few days after that, she was. . . One morning, she was standing washing the dishes; the children had went to school; and her husband had went to work; and she was washing the dishes at--at a window.

And said, "Just like a cool feeling passed over her." And somehow or another, she went on, never noticed it, just maybe like a little shiver or something, you know, and said, "She just went on and washing dishes."



Said, "A few moments she got real hungry, so hungry she couldn't hardly stand it." And oats always made her sick. You know what oats does to an ulcer. "So she got a couple of spoonfuls of oats out of one of the children's plates, and swallowed it, and thought she'd go on."

Said, "I know I'll vomit it, maybe, in a minute." For she always did, 'cause it come right back up. And so she a--went down and eat this, and she started, never bothered her, never burned. Well, she went back and finished up the plate. So first thing you know, she's standing around there a few minutes, nothing happened. See?

EL. SHADDAI\_ YAKIMA. WA TUESDAY\_ 60-0802  
E-24 Her believing was over then, she didn't have to believe then. It was already done. See? You just believe unto, till it's done, then you know it. So then. . . It's all. . . The work's finished.....

So then, after while she seen. She waited about a half hour and nothing happened; she was hungry again. She fried her up a couple of eggs, and got her some toast, and made her a cup of coffee, and she had a gastronomical jubilee.

She just had her a good time. And she waited till about a--up to about ten o'clock and she. . . Oh, it was just fine and dandy, getting hungry again. So she was so happy, she said, "I'm going to run down and tell her neighbor."

EL. SHADDAI\_ YAKIMA. WA TUESDAY\_ 60-0802  
E-25 And she--when she got almost to the house, she heard somebody screaming down there at the top of their voice. And she run to the door, and jerked open the door.

Here was this woman with this sheet in her hand, shaking the sheet, walking up-and-down the floor. Said, "What's the matter?"

The woman that had the lump on her neck, said, "You know what?" Said, "This morning I got up and the lump's gone.

I've searched all through the bed; I've shook the sheets and everywhere; I can't find it anywhere." See?

And they come about five hundred miles to testify of that. What was it? The Angel of the Lord passed through the neighborhood that morning. See?

Sometimes God can't answer just at the moment. How many knows that Daniel prayed, and it was twenty-one days before? Remember that? Sure. But when God says anything, God stays with His Word. You stay with It too.

But if you leave the Word, you leave God, leave your--leave your blessing and everything there. Stay and obey God's Word. What God says, God does. And that's the way Abraham had to do.