

RELIGION TO LIVE BY

Take them two days to go and come back. They practiced this to live by. Today it's this tribe of people, not tribal people the other tribal people coveting what this one man has, coveting what the rich man has got. Covetness that's what's brought this sin that we're living in right today. To an Indian, if you come and build a house up there somewhere close to me, I was just tickled to death. I got a neighbor, I got a new neighbor, I got a neighbor. I just shout about it. Today I wish they wouldn't come in back of my lot and built. (Laughter) (Uh hum, it's certainly that way.)

And that's the condition that we're living in today.

(I was going to ask you back in the early days what were the topics of sermons that the early day preachers preached on?)

Just about like it is now. Some of Paul's writing. Paul's teachings. I've heard some of the old preachers way back there, Missionary Baptist I've heard them preach. We've had different preachers use to come to the chapel, that's when the old log building was there. It would be different. It didn't make any difference what you was. If you come there and show yourself as a Christian man, maybe a preacher brought the word of God, you was given the pulpit, maybe the pastor would say I want to hear you preach. Even though he's full blood he'd say "Come on preach." Welcome the white man and get up there and preach. It didn't make any difference to him. He's going to preach the word of God.

(Yeah Indians or white.)

And we've had as black niggers as on the face of the earth to preach in the chapel up here. They was welcome. Old Coose Praydon, John Baldrige use to live up around somewhere between Lightning Creek and Big Creek somewhere in there. He lived up in that neck of the woods. He lived in Bartlesville part of the time. He was kind of a doctor. He'd go around and he'd find subject, people that was sick you know and he'd doctor them and get them well. He's use his kind of medicine like he wanted. His own herbs. Now he's preached there. Now that's