

# Preachin' Blues (Up Jumped the Devil)

(Corey Harris lyrics variation)

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Oh, I'll get my religion, join the Baptist Church.  
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Well, I'm gonna be a Baptist preacher;  
Well, well, so I won't have to work.

Oh, I wish I had me a heaven of my own.  
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Yeah, I'd give all my women - what?! - a long, long happy home.

Well, I met the blues this morning.  
*[spoken: What was he doin', now?]*  
He was walking like a man.  
Well, I met the blues walkin' like a man.  
*[Yeah?! What'd ya tell him?]*  
Well, I said, "Good morning, blues," *[spoken: What?!]*  
"Why not give me your right hand?"

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO:

*[spoken verse:]*  
Yeah, I saw the devil one morning, walking like a natural man.  
He had a badge on his chest and a pistol in his hand.  
Whoooooaaa-oh-oh!!!!

Whoa! I went in my room; you know, I bowed down to pray.  
Oh, I went in my room; I bowed down to pray.  
*[spoken: Tell 'em what happened!]*  
But the womens and the whiskey, *[spoken: Good God!]*  
Well, they blowed my spirit away!

Well, I'm gonna preach these blues, shoot my seed and set down.  
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But when the spirit comes, I want you to jump straight up & down.