

Reason Of Things

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1 Corinthians 11:14

¹⁴ Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

Colossians 1:16

¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Ecclesiastes 7:25

²⁵ I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:

65-1207 – Leadership

21 And if you'll study

nature, there's a great thing

in nature. Everything that

I—that I look at, and God

has made,

He's the Author of
nature. Nature runs in
continuity. All nature runs
about the same. You notice,
everything...As I have said, I
believe last evening,

that “Nature testifies of God.” If you never had a Bible, you could still watch nature and know that this Bible is the Truth.

63-0115 - Accepting God's
Provided Way At The End
Time

133 What is it? Just seeing,
not trying to go through all
the mathematics of how it
happens,

but just a simple little thing,
watching God provide a way,
and something keeping in
the way. See, the same
Intelligence that would say
to a dumb tree,

“Go down and hide for your life,” that same intelligence was the One Who showed a vision of the woman.

And he caught it. And he could not deny it, either one. There stood the tree, and there was the woman. Amen. See? God's provided way!

134 Neither have they ever
found a better way for a
chicken to get out of a
eggshell, than to peck his
way out.

They haven't got any better way. Science has never been able to produce anything else. If you cracked the shell, to take him out, it would kill him.

He'll die. He must follow
God's provided way, in
order to live. Amen. That
works on human beings,
too.

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135 He is equipped. Did you ever notice a little chicken when he gets out of the shell?

He's got a extra, little beak upon his shell, a little white scratcher. And the little fellow in there, just as life begins to come, he begins to nod his little head.

What does that do? That little scratcher scratches the shell, and makes it thin. As he gets a little more life,

he begins to hammer with that little thing. And after he's already out of the shell, he don't need it anymore, so it just drops off.

136 And the thing that does, it's a protection for the end of his bill. If it wasn't so, he'd have a deformed bill, and couldn't pick up his grain.

Oh, my! God's provided way
of survival! God fixes him up,
just the way to get out of
there. There's no better way.

Anything else would kill him.
He must come God's
provided way. Now, if you try
to manufacture some way or
figure out some way, you'll
kill it.

137 That's what's the matter with the Christian church today. It's tried to accept some manufactured way, in the stead of beating its way through, to the Kingdom of God.

It's tried some other way,
and it won't work. You kill
your patient. You kill
your—your—your baby,
God's baby, by trying to
manufacture some way.

“Oh, there’s no need of this here boo-hoo and crying. There’s no need of all *this*, all *this*.” Oh, yes, there is. “There’s no need of this dying.”

138 Unless there's death,
there cannot be birth. Birth
only comes by the substance
of death.

“Unless a corn of wheat falls in the ground and dies, it abides alone.” It must rot, and get into corruption, and then from that corruption springs forth life.

No other way it will work. It must first corrupt, and be corrupted. And that's the way we must be; die to ourselves and be born anew of the Holy Spirit.

139 No, they haven't found any better way for a chicken to get out of a shell, than to peck his way through. That's God's provided way for him, and he's equipped to do it.

God wouldn't provide a way
without providing a
instrument for it. So He
provided the way, and
provided the instrument for
the chicken to free hisself.
Amen.

140 Now, neither have they ever found any better idea for ducks and geese to come south, from the north,

than to swarm and then fly
their way down. No other
way. You see, before they fly
down south,

or fly from the south back north, they swarm, first. Before they leave their grounds or homes, to a new home, they swarm. Bees does the same thing.

They swarm. That's a nature.
What is it? They have a
revival. They all swarm and
get together. You never
heard such a noise in your
life.

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Time

141 And before we can ever leave this habitation, to a new one, we got to swarm in a revival.

142 Oh, you get around a bunch of ducks and geese, you never heard so much jabber in all your life. What are they having? A revival. They're fixing to take to the air. Amen.

143 That's what we need today, is a swarming revival. No other way; not membership. God doesn't count majorities. He counts sincerity in His provided way.

144 Now, they have never found anything else to take its place. There could not be a better way.

Now, for instance what if science would say, “Poor little duckies. We just don’t want them to swarm any more.”

And we're going to throw a net over them, before they get ready to swarm. And we're going to herd them right into a coop, and we're going to carry them down south."

145 That's like, run them
into some organization or
something, you know,
cooping him up somewhere.

That's on his way to a slaughter. He knows he's going to a slaughterhouse when he gets in a coop.

But when he's going God's provided way, he's far away from that. So, maybe oughtn't to have said that.

I didn't mean it in—in the way of being a slander against an organization. But you know what I mean. Maybe that's all...

146 That ain't the way to do it. You can't run into an organization, and coop yourself up and say, "I'm Methodist, or Baptist," or some more. That isn't it. No, no.

147 You got to swarm.
That's right. You got to
come to a place you can
peck yourself through.

63-0731 - There Is Only One
Way Provided By God For
Anything

64 Have they ever, do you think they could find a better way for a chicken to be born, than to peck its way out of the shell?

I just wonder if you could
find any better way. No, sir.
He is born with a little pip on
the end of his little bill. And
every time his little head
nods back and forth,

“Amen, Amen, Amen,” he scratches that shell till he scratches hisself out. Yes, sir. You will never find a better way, because that is God’s provided way.

65 Now, what if he had the little pip on his bill, and you said, “Poor little chicky; you know, I’m going to get a better way for you,

I'm just going to crack the shell and pick you out"? It would kill him. That's right. He would die. He wouldn't live.

66 He has got to do that in order to build his strength enough to receive the air and things when he comes out. If he...He is provided with a tool.

He has got that little pip.
You've seen it, little birds and
chickens. And as he nods his
little head, he scratches that
egg back and forth until he
peeps his way out.

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67 If you'll take that as an example, or in a way of making a point, that's God's way for Christians to be born.

Not walk up to the altar and
give a man your right hand,
and put your name on the
book.

But get down there and peep
and cry and beg and plead
until God gives you
strength, then you come
forth out of the shell of the
world.

68 If somebody, pastor, just cracks the shell and takes you out, say, “Oh, well, that’s all right, we’ll take you in anyhow,” you’re dead. That’s all there is to it.

69 You've got to come God's provided way. And that's the way the rest of them had to come, by being born of the Spirit of God.

Stay there until! How long?
Until! He told them first
groups of pentecostals to
“tarry in the city of
Jerusalem, until.”

Don't make any difference,
one day, five days, nine days,
or whatever it was, stay
there until they are filled
with the Spirit, till they're
born again.

70 Ducks and geese, they have⁶⁰
never found a way for ducks
and geese to—to get ready to
come South, from the North
here, than God's provided way
for them to swarm. Some time
ago, I had a great lesson on
that.

I was down in Texas, and I noticed, we was going down a road, and traffic was stopped for most a half a mile.

And I said to some of them,
“What’s the matter?”
He said, “The geese is all
across the road.”

71 Well, finally, when I got up there, you couldn't hear yourself think. They were having a revival. They were all getting ready for a flight.

They were going home,
going up North to their
house, where they could
raise some little ones. And
they were having a revival,
swarming, before going.

72 Now, that's God's
provided way, a swarm, all of
them get together. One was
way over *here*,

and one way over *there*, and
one way over somewhere
else, one in one rice
paddy, and one in a wheat
field;

but something another,
some way, on a certain day,
(I don't know why, how), but
on a certain day, here they all
come together,

just looked like something
drawed them. We call it
“instinct.” It’s a God-given
instinct, a get-together
before the flight.

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73 You see what God is trying to do now? Pull His Church from one side to the other, to get the revival, old-time revival like the geese has always done.

74 Now what if they tried another way, said, “Well, now we’ll just take it another way”?

They would never get there.
No, sir. What if you'd say,
“Well, now I'll tell you what,
we'll make a better way for
them.

We'll herd them all into a
coop and take them up in
the coop, put them in a little
chicken coop,

or make it a duck coop or a goose coop, or whatever you want to do it, and put them into that and then take them up there”?

You think that would be a better way, say, “Oh, we can give them...Oh, I tell you, we could feed them better, along the road”? No, you couldn't.

75 There is such grain that's⁷⁵
in the ponds and in the
fields, weeds and things that
they have to get, in order to
give them strength to be
what they are when they get
there.

They, if they didn't get that,
they wouldn't be...they
couldn't raise their young
ones.

They wouldn't be genuine ducks. They would be hybrids like we are, you see, if they had to take that. But God has got a way of—of doing it.

76 Put them in a coop, you know what them ducks would know right now? Put them in a denomination like that, they knowed that they were ready for the slaughter.

That's all. That's what you do when you put them together in a coop, they're going for the slaughter.

The ducks got better sense than we got, on that. When you go to cooping them all up together in a man-made prison, well, then, you see,

the duck knows he hasn't got his freedom to fly in the air, and do as God provided for him to do. And put him in a coop, then he—he is gone.

That's all. You coop them
when they're slaughtering.
And the duck knows better.
We ought to know.

77 Neither can you choose
them a better route to go.
Route, if you want to call it,
up here, I think.

Down home, in the South,
it's still *route*, but up here I
think they call it a route. Do
you think, if you could say,

“Now listen, I’ll tell you what you ought to do. You ought to go back a certain way and come down another way, and down over this way.”

Do you think you could choose a better way for them to go, than God's provided way for them to go?

Well, you would get them in some kind of a—a something, you would draw them across here with some magnet or something.

They would never...You would draw them through storms, and through everything else, half of them would be lost.

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78 Well, you can't give them a better way. They, they go God's provided way.

They can scent those storms, miles away, and know how to ground themselves and get ready for the storm, and rise again.

God has got a provided way
for them, and they got duck
sense enough to follow
God's provided way.

We don't. We try to make a better way than God made for us. See, we want to have something into it, ourself. A duck don't pay no attention to what;

he just goes the way God wants him to go, the way his ancestors did, the way his great-great-great-great-great-grandmother did, and on like that.

79 If we would just take our ancestry on back, to Pentecost, we'd know how to get there. God had a provided way, by His Word and by His Holy Spirit.

But we want to go some other way that Doctor *So-and-so* said, or a certain group of man got together and said. That's way off of God's provided way.

The church sailed good in God's provided way, to the council at Nicaea, Rome, and there is where they made their fatal mistake. What if you could take...

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Provided By God For Anything

80 And now you think about finding them a better way, or could you find them a better leader than God's provided leader for them?

Now maybe you would take an old gander out here somewhere, and take him out there and feed him on certain vitamins,

and so forth, and give him a special call, you know. Send him out there, and put a little honker on his mouth,

that you might have a—a—a melody that he could almost yodel with that, and you might write it up in all the papers, “A—a duck that can yodel.

And, oh, all the ducks is bound to find him. He'll know which way to take them, because he is really cultured and educated, and he is fixed up.

He can do it.” You might...He might set out there and yodel, all afternoon, there never be a duck come around him.

81 “My sheep know My
Voice, a stranger they will
not follow.”

82 He might sound prettier. He might have better wings. He—he might be fed better. He might be a better cultured duck. He might be able to do the twist or anything, out there.

You couldn't tell what he could do. But I'm telling you, the ducks would never follow him if he didn't give that certain sound that was right.

That's right. Ducks know their leader, by a God-given sound, a God-given instinct.

And you will never be able to get one any better than that, 'cause that's God's actual provided way for them.

83 And notice, again, if you had trained an old goose or a duck, to take that group, you would probably take him right in a huddle of shotguns,

where people are watching for him. But, you know, this God-provided leader takes him to God's provided place where He has got for him.

He takes him right straight,
why, to Louisiana, and down
into the rice paddies where
they're protected, the rest of
the year.

Why, certainly. God knows what to do, and the duck knows to do what God wants him to do, or provided for him. Notice.

84 Could you think you
could invent a better
provided instrument than
what God has got for him?

Now, that little duck never left the pond. He was born up there in the north woods. He never was off the pond, in his life,

but somehow he sails right up. Can go east, west, north, south, whichever way he wants to go; but something constrains him to go right straight south,

tells him how to bypass the cold spells, the storms and everything, and get out of it, right where the food is. God has an instrument in that duck,

that leads him just exactly right. And they've never been able to find any better way for him (no, sir) than God's provided way.

85 They, they have never been able to find a better way for a baby to get what he wants, than to cry for it. You might, you might tell him, “Well, he could—

he could shake his little fist,
or he could goo like
that,” but he’ll never get the
attention like crying. He has
got to cry for it. That’s
all. You might say,

“Well, now, I’ll put my alarm clock on. And I’ve got to feed this baby at a certain time, so many minutes, to so many, much time I got to feed him.”

You turn that alarm clock on,
and stick the bottle in his
mouth, he'll goo and spit it
out. Put the milk in his
mouth, and he'll spit it out.
It's not time yet.

But God has got a provided way, He turns the little alarm clock on, down *there*, and, when it is, he ain't going to stop until he gets his bottle. That's all. He cries for it.

86 Now, God recommends this way, also, to His baby children, to cry, His believers to cry for what they want. That's right. Cry for Him, for your needs.

87 Now, don't listen to intellectual speeches, somebody say, "Well, now I tell you, this baptism of the Holy Spirit that they talk about, this Divine healing, and that kind of stuff, well,

I tell you, it isn't for...it isn't, today; I can explain it, that it's not for today." Listen, a real genuine baby of God won't pay no attention to that.

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88 He will scream, and yell, and
kick up his heels, until he gets
a vindicated answer back from
that promise out of God's
Word, 'cause,

“Man don’t live by bread alone, but by every Word that comes out of the mouth of God, proceeds from the mouth of God.”

He cries and cries until that Word of promise is vindicated. God's little child living on the Word of God, there is not a better way in the world for him.

That's all. He lives on what the Lord says for him to live by, and he stays there until it happens; cries, kicks up his heels, and just stays at it.

89 Some of them say, “Oh, you can’t receive the Holy Ghost, there is no such a thing.”

They tried to tell us that
years ago, that there was no
such a thing as speaking
with tongues,

and prophecy, and all these great gifts that God promised in the early church, and gave to them. “Them days has passed.”

90 You think that stopped
that hungry-hearted
people? They took a hold of
this Word, and knowed that
the Bible said He...“The
promise is unto you, and to
your children,

and to them that's far off,
even as many as the Lord our
God shall call.” They stayed
there on their faces, and
cried, and begged, and
kicked up their heels,

and screamed until God poured out the same Holy Ghost, upon them, that He did on them at the beginning. Amen. What is it? It's God's provided way.

That's right. They believed it, and God provided the way for them. Peter give them the provided way on the Day of Pentecost.

64-0830E - Questions And
Answers #4

36 Somebody told me he had,
one, one time, was
converted, received the Holy
Ghost, and he said to him,
“How you getting along?”

And he said, “Pretty good
and pretty bad.”

He said, “Well, how do you
mean pretty bad and pretty
good?”

He said, “Well, since me
receive the Holy Ghost,” he
said, “there’s been two dogs
in me,

and one of them a black dog
and one of them a white
dog.” And said, “They argue
all the time.” Said, “They
growl and fight at one
another.”

And said, “The white dog wants me to do good; the black dog wants me to do bad.”

Said, “Well, Chief, which one of them wins the fight?”

37 Said, “That depends on which one Chief feeds the most.” So I think that’s a good answer here.

See? There just depends on the warring of the body that's in you; it depends on which one you cater to,

which nature you cater to,
the carnal nature after the
things of the world, or the
spiritual nature after the
things of God. That does it.

63-0714M - Why Cry? Speak!

43 God has got a purpose
of you being here. See? If
you can only be, get to that
place, how much trouble
you save God and yourself,
too.

63-0113M - Letting Off Pressure

11 Now, God, creating the creation, is expressing Himself back in the creation.

And He is not a God just of
one solid Sears and Roebuck
Harmony House. He—He—He
is a God of variety.

He makes big hills, and little hills; and He makes the deserts, and—and He makes lakes; and He makes little trees, and big trees;

and white flowers, and red
flowers; and makes little
men, and big men; and
red-headed women, and
black-headed women.

And He—He makes us
different, 'cause He wants
us that way. He's a God of
variety. And He makes some
rich, and some poor, some
in between.

But we got a place to serve
God, and that's the place
that He's placed us in, if
we'll just abide in that
place.

64-0830M - Questions And
Answers #3

9 I'm something like
Abraham was; I'm looking for
a City. See?

I can't find it, but I know it's there. But I certainly can't get adjusted to any certain place on this earth.

It just don't look like...Fine
people, fine places, and you
go here, it's too wet; go out
there, it's too dry;

go up here, it's too cold; go
down there, it's, too hot.
See? And you...There's no
place; it just ain't Home.

Don't want to take up my
time crying on your shoulder,
but I'm...

Well, we're thankful to the
Lord. Amen! Be thankful for
all things.

I am thus, because I am thus. God made me what I am. And I can't be nothing but what He made me, melancholy, and those kind of things.

They tell me I just have to
be that way in order to be
the help that He sent me
here to be. And I want to be
that kind of a person.

If that's the way I was supposed to be, that's what I want to be. Whatever's the Kingdom of God's will, or God's will, that's what I want to be.

63-0606 - Show Us The Father

39 Now, sitting in misery, and he was longing to see God. He said, "If I only knew where He lived at, if I could go and knock on His door,

I would—I would know
Him. I'd like to set down and
talk with Him.” See, the
human heart calling out for
God.

63-0606 - Show Us The
Father

40 And surely, if there is a
human desire in a human's
heart, who is a creature of
God, calling out for God,

there has got to be a God somewhere to respond to that call. But when the deep calls to the Deep, there's got to be a respond to that call.

Before a deep can be in *here*,
calling, there has to be a
Deep out there, to respond
to that call, or there'd be no
call in *here*.

41 As I've often said, before there was a fin on a fish's back, there had to be a water, first, for him to use that fin,

or he wouldn't have had any fin. Before there was a tree to grow in the earth, there had to be an earth, first,

or there wouldn't have been any tree. And as long as there is a creation, there is a Creator to create that creation. See what I mean?

42 And when there's a
hunger and thirst in a
human's heart, for
something,

there's got to be something
to respond to that, or the
thirst wouldn't be there. So,
tonight, we are here, saying,
“Show us the Father,

and it sufficeth us.” And now, if there is a God, which we know there is, and the call in our heart to see Him, then why can't we see Him?

If there's a call here that tells us we want to see Him, there's got to be some reason that we...some way to see Him.

43 And now I, by God's help, I'm going to try to—to show you, or speak on three different ways, or I'll say, four different ways, of seeing God.

I'm going to speak on: God
in His universe; God in His
Word; God in His Son; God
in His people.

63-0606 - Show Us The
Father

44 And first, now, we'll
speak on God in His
universe.

I do not believe that anyone that could understand how this universe moves, how the great solar system, and be in his right mind, could say there is no God.

Did you know this earth is
turning, over a thousand
miles an hour? It's
twenty-five thousand miles
around it. It turns, makes
its complete revolution,

every twenty-four hours, so
that makes it going over a
thousand miles an
hour *this way*. And as it
turns around the orbit of
the sun,

I don't know how many thousand miles an hour it's going, and so perfectly in time, it doesn't miss it a second.

There's no watch, no machine that can be placed in such perfection, to keep it from wearing out, or no watch.

God's Purpose

63-1216 - We Have Seen His
Star And Have Come To
Worship Him

41 Now we notice then that
on this great taxation, the
king gave forth his rule,

or his order, that all people
would turn to their
birthplace, regardless.

Now, it looks like a horrible thing, that poor little woman, in that place that she was in, heavy with child, and would have to take that long journey.

Today, we would hardly think of taking her in an ambulance. And she had to. If you was ever in Palestine,

and see where she had to come through that rugged, granite boulders, up through there, on the back of a little mule. No matter how bad it was,

and how cruel it seemed,
that was the king's orders,
everybody must do it, young
or old, prepared or not
prepared, they had to do it,
anyhow.

42 And sometimes we think
that, our burdens. I might
inject this right here, that,
we think our burdens are so
heavy sometimes,

that there's nothing like it in the world. Do you know all those things are good for you? They are all to mold you, make you.

Prophets and sages was molded on the backside of the desert, in the hot, blazing sun, through tribulations and trials, and persecutions.

And these things that we have today, there's nothing happened to us that hasn't happened to other Christians, before.

Other Christians has had to stand in the hour of darkness like this, and even be fed to lions, for their testimony.

63-1216 - We Have Seen His
Star And Have Come To
Worship Him

43 And then we take down,
on a little prestige, or
somebody that we think we
are,

“Well! Well, I belong to *So-and-so*, this certain church you know. I’m afraid I’ll bring reproach if I...”

44 Don't be afraid of your testimony for Jesus Christ! Shed forth your Light! Stand for your convictions, that "He is the Son of God.

And this is not a night of visit of Kringle, Kris Kringle, but it's the birth of Jesus Christ that we're celebrating." See? Now we find those things that it's done.

45 Did you ever see them when they was fixing to mold a bell, some famous bell for a church chime or something, that had to give a certain ding?

You see, if you're ringing a chime, it takes a certain range for each bell. And it takes certain materials to go in there,

so much brass, so much
steel, and so much of other
ores, to go into this bell. If
it's just straight brass, it
won't ring right.

It's got to have all kinds of materials thrown into it, to make it ring the right kind of a tone. And the man who has put the mold up, and set the mold,

he knows exactly what it takes to go in that cupola, what it takes to go into that—that metal, to make that bell ring that tone.

46 God is our great Cupola.
God is the...He is the great
Refiner's Furnace, that
where He has to put these
things upon us, and trials,

and persecutions and
things, to mold it together,
to make our testimony ring
for a certain time, and a
certain note that He wants
rang out in a certain day.

47 We're made different.
We're all made different.
We see different. But we all
see one thing, that's Jesus
Christ. Let's look at Him. And
the only way you can see
Him...

If He looks contrary to this Word, you're not looking at Him, for That is Him. So, if you see a creed or see some certain denomination that you just think,

“I belong to that, and that’s enough.” If it doesn’t look at that Word, then look away from it. Look to that Word!

And that's what we're looking for, Christ, the manifestation of God's Word, He is the vindication of God's Word.

48 Now, all these great things, and happened down there to—to this little couple, it seems strange.

But, it might seem strange to them, but it all was working together good.

63-0825E - Perfect Faith

133 He caught me when I
was nothing. I'm still
nothing, but I'm in His hand.

See, He caught me. And He
loved me when I was
unlovable. He loved you
when you was unlovable,

but He changed you. Just like the colored sister said, that time in her testimony, she said, “I’m—I’m not what I ought to be,

and I'm not what I want to be, then I'm not what I used to be!" She knowed she had come somewhere, something happened.

And that's the way it is. If God, when I was an alien from Him, so loved me till He stooped down to get me and pick me up,

that gives me confidence
that He wants to use
me. He's got a purpose in
doing it. He seen something
in me. He seen something in
you.

He had a reason to save you,
look at the people that's
unsaved today. Look at the
millions He could have took
beside you, but He took you.
Amen!

No one can take your place.
Amen! You're in God's
economy. No one can do it.
That's His Love to you.

CAB 04 – Smyrnaen

Now the Lord God Almighty says, “I KNOW.” There He is walking in the midst of His people.

There He is, the Chief
Shepherd of the flock. But
does He hold back the
persecution? Does He stem
the tribulation?

No, He does not. He simply says,

“I KNOW your tribulation — I am not at all unmindful of your suffering.” What a stumbling block this is to so many people.

Like Israel they wonder if
God really loves them. How
can God be just and loving if
He stands by and watches
His people suffer?

That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3, “The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.

I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau,

and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.” You see, they could not figure out God’s love. They thought that love meant no suffering.

They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was “elective” love. The proof of His love is ELECTION — that no matter what happened,

His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth).

He may commit you to death
as He did Paul. He may
commit you to suffering as
He did Job.

That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose,

then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect,

be established,
strengthened and
settled. As Job said, “He
puts strength in us.” (Job
23:6b.) You see He, Himself,
suffered.

He learned obedience by the
things that He suffered. He
was actually made perfect
by the things that He
suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9, “Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect,

He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.” In plain language, the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering.

And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection.

Why did He want this? James 1:2-4, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this,

that the trying of your faith
worketh patience. But let
patience have her perfect
work, that ye may be perfect
and entire, wanting
nothing.”

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Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18, “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God,

and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Unless we suffer with Him
we cannot reign with Him.
You have to suffer to reign.

The reason for
this is that character simpl
y is never made without
suffering. Character is a
VICTORY, not a gift.

A man
without character can't
reign because power apart
from character is Satanic. Bu
t power with character is fit
to rule.

And since He wants us to share even His throne on the same basis that He overcame and is set down in His Father's throne, then we have to overcome to sit with Him.

And the little temporary suffering we go through now is not worthy to be compared to the tremendous glory that will be revealed in us when He comes.

Oh, what treasures are laid up for those who are willing to enter into His kingdom through much tribulation.

CAB 04 – Smyrnaen

The cloudy skies and
storms of life are no signs
of God's disapproval.

Neither are bright skies and
still waters signs of His love
and approval. His approval
of any of us is only IN THE
BELOVED.

His love is elective which He had for us before the foundation of the world. Does He love us? Ah yes. But how shall we know? We shall know because He SAID SO,

and manifested that He did love us for He brought us to Himself and gave us of His Spirit, placing us as sons. And how shall I prove my love to Him?

By believing what He said,
and by conducting myself
with joy amidst the trials
that He in His wisdom
allows to come to pass.

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The Lamb

53 And, that, we know that
there is going to be a Bride,

and there's going to be a wedding supper served in the skies. That's just as sure to be, as God is, because it's His Word.

And we know that those that are going to make up that Bride is going to be His Church, and they're going to appear before Him without spot or wrinkle.

And they have the material on earth now to make themselves ready. If you notice, It said, “She has made herself ready.”

54 So many says, “If the Lord will take this evil spirit from me, from drinking, or from gambling, or from lying, or stealing, I’ll serve Him.”

55 But that's up to you. See, you got to do something, too. "They that overcome shall inherit all things."

They that overcome. You have power to do it, but you must be willing to lay it down. See? “She has made Herself ready.” I like that Word.

56 You see, God could not push us through a little pipe, pull us out on the other end,

and then saying, “Blessed is he that overcometh.” You had nothing to overcome; He just pushed you through.

But you've got to make decisions for yourself. I have to make decisions for myself. In doing that, we show our faith and respects to God.

57 Abraham was promised a child, but he must maintain this promise for twenty-five years,

the ups-and-downs that he had, and temptations, in those twenty-five years. But he held to the word of the promise.

58 And Israel was promised a promised land, but they had to fight for every inch of it. “Wherever the soles of your foot treads upon,

that have I given you,” God said to Joshua. It was all there. The land was there, and God gave it to them, but they must fight for it.

59 The same way it is about Divine healing. God has got the power to heal you, if you've got the courage to accept it, but you'll fight every inch of the way.

60 God has got amazing grace to save you, and He will do it, but you'll fight every inch of your way.

61 I been behind the pulpit,
going on thirty-one years,
and every inch of that has
been a fight, constantly. It
certainly has.

62 “But we must fight if we must reign.” So we find out that the Bride has to make Herself ready.

“Be willing to lay aside every weight that does so easily beset us, that we might run with patience the race that’s set before us.”

We must lay them aside, ourselves. We can't say, "God, You come, lay them aside for us." We got to do that, ourselves.