

The 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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Provided By God For Anything

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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Provided By God For Anything

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.

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

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.”

CAB 04 – Smyrnaen

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. But 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.

62-0121E - The Marriage Of
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.

The Reason Of Things: The Christian Training

Sunday Service, 1st December 2024

Bro James Maina

64-0112 — Shalom

201 Many people asked,
“Why?” They asked. They
asked, sometime they ask
me, “Why? Why must these
things happen?

Why—why did this happen
to me? Why did I start and
this happen, and I—I had
this trouble here, and this
upset me here, and I lost
this here?”

202 Sometimes I've asked, "Why?" Why, when I was just a young minister, first started out, did God take my wife right out from under me,

take my baby right from
beneath me, right beneath
my heart? Why did He do
that? I didn't know. I do now.
I just held my hand in His and
kept trusting.

203 He knows every
junction. He knows the
rhythm must...when it must
take place. He knows what
it takes to mold you, He
knows what kind of
material He's going to use.

See? The backside of the desert sometimes, where God molds righteous men into sages and prophets.

See? See? That's where men are beat out. Men are beat out, in the Word. When they got all kind of creed and stuff in them,

let them come to the Word
and God beats it right out of
them, molds it right into This,
into the great Symphony with,
of His Word. See? And then
they see the Word moving on.

204 God knows when the rhythm of it has got to change. He knows how the rhythm goes.

I don't know how it goes,
but He knows. He knows
how it goes, I don't. But I
look at it here, and I say,
“Well, it's just coming.”

205 “Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God delivereth him out of them all.” See?

God has moved through
history with the rhythm of
the promise of His Word, in
each age, in the same
rhythm, making His Word.

That's how God moved
down through history, from
all the way from Genesis to
Revelation, He has moved
through history with His
Word. That's right, with the
rhythm of

—of the power of the Holy Spirit vindicating His Word to the Elected. Remember, He's never been able to touch the outside church. It's only the Elected.

The Christian Training

58-0521 — Behold, I Stand At The²⁸⁵
Door And Knock

50 Now, we have an unusual
subject tonight, and God is
unusual, and He does unusual
things; not in His Own way,
but in our way of thinking, it's
unusual.

51 And I forget the artist's name, at this time, who painted this famous picture of Jesus knocking at the door. And however, when a picture is painted, before it become famous,

it has to go through what's called, "the hall of critics" first. However, it cost this man his life, all his life, to fix this picture, like The Last Supper did.

52 And after a picture has gone through the hall of critics, then it can be hung in the hall of fame.

What a type that is of the church: before it can ever be taken in the rapture, to the hall of fame in God's Kingdom,

it has to pass through the critics, to see if it can stand the test. “Think it not strange when fiery trials come upon you.” It’s all done to test your faith.

“And all that live godly in
Christ Jesus shall suffer
persecution.” No exception,
all (God has no exceptions
in that.), all peoples must
have their child training.

53 And when this great picture was going through the critics, there was one outstanding critic who came up to this certain writer, and he said to him, “Sir, I think your portrait of Christ is wonderful.

I think that the door and the building is wonderful. And the expression of the expectation to hear an answer from the inside, I think it's all wonderful.

But there is just one thing
that you left out.”

And the artist said, “Kind sir,
what is it that I have left out
of my picture?”

He said, "There is no latch on the door."

"Oh," the artist said, "I painted it thus."

He said, "Well, how could

He get in, no matter how

much He was knocking,

if there was no latch on the door?”

He said, “Sir, in this case, the latch is on the inside.

The one that’s on the inside has to open.”

54 He cannot open from the outside: He cannot save you against your will; He cannot heal you against your will;

He cannot send a revival
against your will; you've got
to be willing, and open the
door, and invite Him in.

62-0401 — Wisdom Versus Faith

19 And I used to box. And there was a fellow named here in this city.

The poor fellow drinks very bad now. One of his boys is on the police force. Smith,
George Smith, they call him,
“Six-second Smith.”

He went to training me for boxing, when we had...’fore the Golden Gloves started.

We was out here at the government. And in that, why, he was the roughest person I ever seen.

He'd just hit me, and I'd just go winding through the air. And I come back. I said, "You don't have to be so rough about it. See?" I said, "You knock the breath out of me."

20 He said, “I tell you, Billy,”
said, “no matter how well
trained you are, and how
much athletic experience you
have,

and how strong you are, for your size, or anything like that,” said, “a lick stops the blood when hits like that.”

[Brother Branham clapped his hands—Ed.] And said,
“You might hate me now,
but when you get up there
in the ring, yourself,” said,
“you’ll appreciate it.”

Said, “Your body builds up
that, to come back quick. If
you get hit, you’ll just fall
over, and you lay there and
take a count.

But if your body is built and can stand the licks,” said, “then, when you hit it, hard lick hits you,” said, “then when you...you can come back quick,”

said, “back to your feet again. Get knocked out of the ring, jump back in.” He had just got through knocking me plumb out of the ring.

So he said, “You have to just do that. See?” And he liked to killed me. He was about thirty or forty pounds heavier than I was. And he could...

He was a fighter and I was just a student, so he was almost killing me. He said, “But you’ll appreciate that when you get in the ring.” I found out that was the truth.

21 Then, I've heard those
sergeants in the army train
them boys, and rugged.
They'd hate that sergeant.
But when it come to
combat, they loved him,
because rugged training.

22 That's the way I tried to train Christians. “Don't bob off your hair. Don't wear makeup. Don't do this.” Get it rugged. You'll appreciate me when I come to—to the end of the road.

See? Training, see, getting that training right. But let's—let's keep right with the Word. It might be rugged, cut denominational differences to pieces,

but you'll appreciate it when you come down to the end of the road. See? You stood by the Book.

So, wife, took, had her arm in mine, and we walked up.

62-0408 — Presuming

107 When I first started training for boxing, before I got in professional fighting, there used to be a trainer, as they called him, “Six Second Smith.”

The first professional fight he had, he whipped the man in six seconds. And when I started training, that man liked to kill me,

he'd knock me plumb out of
the ring and everything
else. And I was skipping
ropes, and running seven,
eight miles every day, and
taking all the training.

108 And I said, “Six, why do you have to do me that way?” See? I said, “You just knock the breath out of me, man!”

I went plumb over four ropes, come right out of there in the...in—in amongst them chairs, and liked to broke my back on me!”

He laughed, said, “That’ll do
you good.”

I said, “Do me good? How
can it do me good? You’re
about to kill me!”

109 And he said, “Look, Billy, I don’t care how physical fit you are, your body has got to be able to stand that, come back right quick.

If you take a hard punch,”
said, “if your body is not
used to coming back, you’ll
lay there and take the
count.” He said, “But if
your—your body is used to
taking it,

and then coming back,”
every time you hit it, that
shocks the blood, runs it
back to the heart, said, “if
you do that,” said, “then
your body is used to coming
back quick.

When you get knocked down, you're on your feet again." [Brother Branham snapped his fingers—Ed.] See? And said, "That don't mean a thing when you get knocked down,

up on your feet again,
quick.” Said, “You hate me
now, but you’ll appreciate
me when you get out there
in the ring.” That was right.

110 Brother, sometime I
have to knock to who
wouldn't have it, but I found
something: Don't baby them,
pour it on! You'll appreciate
me when you come to
Calvary.

See? When you come to the end of the road, you'll say, "Praise God, I'm glad I took that ol' rugged way. Here I stand, washed in the Blood of the Lamb."

See? Don't palaver around them ol' creeds and things out there. Come on, get in the Way. God has a Way, a plan, It was wrote right here in the Bible, let's stay with that.

111 But the people come
join what? They presume
they're doing what's right,
then they say, "Where is
God? Where is God of the
Old Testament?

Where is the God Who raised
up the prophets? Where is the
God that promised all these
things?” Why, sure He ain’t
going to work there, He can’t,
there’s nothing for Him to
work on.

57-0818 — Time-Tested
Memorials Of God
109 Blessed be the Name of
the Lord, for the
temptations!

“When I am weak, then I’m
strong,” said Paul. “Every
son that cometh to God,
must first be tried and
tested.”

And these testings are more
sweeter to you, and dearer
to you, than precious gold.
It's testing time.

110 Long years ago, before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold...

And how they would know how it was right or not, and all the sludge is out of it, all the iron pyrite (that's fool's gold), all the fool was out of it,

they...Beaters beat it, and
beat it and turned it, and
beat it and turned it, until
the beater seen his—his
reflection in the gold.

111 That's the way God
does His Church. He gives
you trial after trial, test
after test, trial after trial,
test after test,

until the Life of Christ is
reflected in your life; until
you become peaceful,
sober, meek, gentle,
humble, ready, submissive,
willing,

turn your head on the
things of the world, and
looking straight to Calvary,
to the One Who is doing
the beating. Many times you
think it's strange because
fiery trials,

sickness, and persecutions.
It's only done to test you, to
get the dirt out of you, to
get the sludge out of you,
to get the slowness out of
you,

to wake you up to the place
where you can look and see
the reflection, or a man can
see the reflection of Christ
in you, “Christ in you, the
hope of Glory.”

Reason Of Things:- Appreciating Nature

Sunday Service, 22nd December 2024

Bro. James Maina

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.

63-1129 - The Super Sign

38 His signs always foreruns
His events, just as that does.

When you see the geese
going, see the buds coming
on, see the leaves falling
off, see, it's the continuity
of nature blending in.

God's law of nature blends
in, and He foreruns His
events. It always has been,
it never has failed, and it
never will fail.

39 If we just follow the
continuity of God's Word,
we will never fail, either.

If we'll not take the—the
modern trend of the day
and—and try to inject
something else into it, but
just follow the continuity of
it for this age,

watch what takes place.
We'll go straight home, too,
one of these days. Always
does that, and never fails.

57-1006 - Questions And
Answers On Hebrews Part III
773 There's a little bird in
Africa, and she's a little pick
bird.

774 Now, usually, the
female is always the ugliest
of the two. The male's
always the most beautiful,
the male deer,

the male elk, the male
pheasant, the—the male
chicken, and always is the
most...Because, the female
is the home bird.

She sets on the nest, she
raises her little ones. She's
disguised from the hawk, the
snake, the coyote, whatever
more, see, to raise her little
ones.

775 But in the race where
that the...or in the sex
that—that—that woman, or
the female, prevails in
beauty, it's always a
degrading type. In Africa, you
take a bird...

There's a little bird
there, and the only one on
the continents that I know
of, that the female is more
prettier than the male. And
when it does...

That—that bird is a
constant prostitute. She'll
run around and find a mate,
and run out and lay the
bunch of eggs after she's
mated with one,

and lets the mate set on the
eggs while she goes and
hunts another mate. That's
exactly right. See? See what I
mean?

776 In, now look, in America today, of our women. A young man from Kentucky told me,

a few days ago, that there
was eight hundred women
working at a certain plant
here in Kentucky.

And he said, “I could possibly feel safely in swearing that four hundred of them is absolutely street prostitutes, and married women with children.”

One guy took his wife out there and worked her up with a board, and then he liked to killed her.

And another one went on to
shoot a man. And another
one cutting and
fighting. That shouldn't be.
That's not right.

777 Put the woman back in
the kitchen where she
belongs, then everything
will be all right.

But you put her out there in
public work, she's gone.

Abso-...I don't say that...

64-0823M - Questions And
Answers #1

171 You know, in every life there is, the male is the prettiest, but the human race. Take any bird, cow.

Take a bunch of cattle.
Which is the prettiest, the
old crumpled-horn cow or
the big bull? Take a deer;
which is, the little doe or the
buck?

Take a bunch of elk; which is
the prettiest, the male or
female? Moose, whatever
you want to do. Take it—take
it in the bird;

take it in the chicken, the
rooster or the hen? Take it in
the bird, the little...big pretty
cardinal or the little speckled
hen,

set on her nest and raise her
eggs? See? Everything in the
whole race, always the—the
male is the prettiest,

but the female to the human. Why? She caused the fall. Satan chose her right there, and beauty is of the devil. See?

64-0823M - Questions And
Answers #1

172 Satan was the most
beautiful angel. He was the
cherubim that
overshadowed.

Look how difference the woman is getting now to what they used to be. How many remembers Pearl, or, reading of Pearl Bryan?

Let's see your hands, some
of you older people. Sure.
See? Supposed to be the
most beautiful woman in
America.

Any little teenage snicklefritz
on the street would be as
twice as pretty as she
now. Why? That's just
exactly what the Bible said:

“When the sons of God saw
the daughters of man were
fair...” That was a bunch of
renegades that sent the
flood upon the earth,

that God destroyed the whole human race. See? It's exactly. And today everything is based upon Hollywood and—

and beauty and things like that, when beauty is the secret thing of the heart (see?) and not the outward appearance.

Let them adorn themselves,
not with outward
appearance, but inward, of
mEEK, gentle spirit.
That's—that's the Christian.

So now, on your question,
Sister, I don't know just what
to tell you.

Now, I can stop right now or take another thirty minutes then, and then...Would thirty minutes...?

How many will just stay another thirty minutes, and then that'll give us a little more time tonight? Well, I'll hurry right quick then.

The Continuity Broken With Reason

65-0221M - Marriage And
Divorce

192 And He made her for
man, and not man for
her. Did you know that, that,

“Woman was made for man, and not man for woman”? How many knows that? The Bible teaches that. All right.

She was given a place in man, before the fall, equal over all creation. But “after” the fall, now here we bring the subject up.

But “after” the fall, he was her ruler, she must keep silent in all matters, now after the original beginning is over.

193 Jesus said, “It wasn’t so from the beginning.” That’s when time began, when God made it first in His original creation.

All that understand, say
“amen”
again. [Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

In the beginning God created just one male and one female. But then the woman was made different from the animals, all other animals, for deception.

Now watch now, “It wasn’t so from the beginning.” She was made, if she had stayed in original condition,

she would have never been
no fall. But she caused the
fall and the interruption
that broke the whole
continuity of God,

and throwed death, sorrow,
and everything else, on the
earth. She was made thus.

65-0221M - Marriage And Divorce

170 Now I'm saying all this, to get to one thing here at the end, so that you can see what's the matter.

171 She was made to
deceive, like she did Adam
at the beginning, tell him
that the fruit was pleasant,
and so forth, to deceive him
and take him away from the
Word.

That's the way the church
does today, same thing.

But then, after that, he
become her ruler, to rule
over her.

65-0221M - Marriage And
Divorce

172 Now what a difference
in this day, in this day of
conception.

Instead of him being her ruler, she has become his god. Sure, she rules him.

Now you can probably well understand what I've been hitting at.

By her beauty and her sex control, her shape that was given to her by Satan, the by-product that Satan did, she is sent to deceive sons of God.

And she can sway more of them to hell than any other instrument Satan has got. That's exactly right.

173 I'm talking of the
immoral now, not you
sisters. We'll give you your
place,

right place, in a few minutes,
in the Word of God here. It
was in God's plan from
begin—beginning.

53-1205 - The Resurrection

28 Paul said in Hebrews the 12th chapter, “Seeing that we’re compassed about with such a great cloud of witnesses,

let us lay aside every sin,
every weight, and the sin
that does so easily beset
us.” Now, he said, “Well
now, Daniel had Angel, and
so forth.”

But said, “The New Testament does not support Angelic beings coming to individuals after the Holy Spirit has come.”

And I said, “Oh, brother, I
different with you.” I said, “I
believe that the Holy Spirit is
here. He’s the One that fills
us. And our life is not our
own,

but it's the Life of the Holy Spirit in us that makes us Christians." I believe that, that every fiber of a Christian's body is controlled by the Holy Spirit.

I believe that your eyes are. You can't help when you look to see an evil, but if you lust after it, you've already committed adultery.

You turn your head. The Holy Spirit makes you do that. Is that right? You might be tempted.

Temptation is not sin.

Heeding your temptation is

sin. See? You can be

tempted. Christ was

tempted like we are, but

never sinned.

So the Holy Spirit is God that helps us bear out the truth of God, and we're written epistles read of all man.

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

159 Compare it today. Take
Genesis 6, and look what

He said; how that “renown man,” how “women would get pretty.” We got the prettiest group of women that ever was on earth, since that time.

Women are much prettier
than they was years ago.

They got so many different
things to make them pretty.

So many different paints and powders and fixes and hair-do's and everything, and immoral clothes and things, till they make them attractive.

160 A man come to me yesterday, he said, "I got a boy, sixteen, Brother Branham. I got a boy, twelve.

I take them on the street, these little stripteases out here.” He said, “The boys, they’re little males,” he said, “what can I tell them?”

161 I said, “Sir, I don’t know. Take them to Christ, and let them get saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, they’ll turn their head, to them modern stripteases.”

162 Remember, when the sons of God looked upon the daughters of man and seen they were fair, they took unto them women, took unto them women.

Look over here at this great scandal in England, look through the United States, look at these call girls in the UN, everything else, oh, it's just terrible.

And that's it, man
“renown.” We're right back
in that hour, the red lights
are flashing everywhere, the
coming of the—of the Lord.

And Jesus said, “As it was before Sodom was burned, so will it be at the coming of the Son of man.” [Blank spot on tape—Ed.] That’s right.

163 The women are
becoming so, they don't
realize what they're doing;

an evil spirit upon them. Why would a woman take her clothes off like that, to expose herself?

She don't mean to be bad,
they—they, they're just
caught in that trap, and they
don't know it. See, just like it
was back there in that time.

Female flesh being
displayed everywhere, see,
very attractive, runs the
sons of God right out of
their mind,

nearly, and then a Sodom
and Gomorrah law to
protect her from it. What a
disgrace, and our
government standing for
such stuff as that!

164 I wish I could be
governor for a while, or
have this nation.

Ever I caught a woman
dressed like that, she would
go to the woman's prison
for lifetime. She would
never be able...Yeah.

[Congregation
applauds.—Ed.]

If I caught a woman and a man like that,...?...[Congregation applauds.] If a woman and a man was caught living like that,

they would both become sterile, that's all there is to it; and performed right out in public, by the doctors. Yes, sir. We would put...

165 The penalty is just a little old...What is law without penalty? The penalty of God's law is death. Sin is death. That's right. We need a law that's stern.

We...Oh, my! But what we've got now, a bunch of politics, can be swayed any way you want to. The whole thing is corruptible.

65-0221M - Marriage And
Divorce

247 Now you women see
where you belong.

And the Bible said, “You
women be like Sarah was,
which adorned herself in
modest apparel,

lived honest and true to her
own husband, loving him so
much that he...she called
him her 'lord,'” ruler,
ownership.

248 And you, some of the women, put on these nasty clothes and get out here to throw yourself before man.

Jesus said, “Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

Then who is guilty, the man or you? He is a male, made so he could take this act, see; and you're the female, that ought to refuse.

249 And why do you put yourself out like that? It ain't for comfort, you know it can't be, when you're half froze to death with them shorts on.

See, can't be for comfort.
Then what is it? It's for filth!
You won't admit it, but it's
the Bible says so. It's the
Truth.

It's a filthy spirit that's in
you. You don't want to be
filthy; but you don't realize,
spiritually you are
filthy, because you're
presenting yourself filthy.

250 Now, a man, his old,
dirty, knotty knees, and if
he had on hardly any
clothes at all, wouldn't
make any difference,

his body is not
tempting. Why? He was in
the original creation,
character; should be, see.
But, you're the by-product,
to tempt by.

65-0801M - The God Of This
Evil Age

50 The other day, Brother Wood and I were putting our boat in the river.

I was to get away from the house for a few minutes, to go up on the river. And wherever you went, women with these little bunches of...

called 'kinis or something,
around them. That is a
disgrace. A woman can't be
in her right mind and put on
anything like that.

She is possessed with a
prostitute spirit. Now, you
settle that with God, lady,
'cause you'll find out
someday that that is the
Truth.

51 How could you, a lady,
knowing how sacred your
body is, and expose it out
there to these lustful,

sinful devils that walk the
street of this day? If sons of
God was all still sons of God,
your husband was a son of
God,

he would either make you
put on clothes or leave
you. If a boy was a son of
God, he would never marry
such a thing. See?

You say, “You’re mak-...” No.
I’m telling you the Truth, and
someday you’ll meet It.
“Naked, adulteress; don’t
know it.”

52 “Oh, I swear that I never trespassed the vows of my husband.” Your husband will judge you for it if you did.

But God will judge you by
what kind of a spirit you got
in you; not judge you by
your body, but by your
spirit, that inner man.

65-0822E - A Thinking Man's
Filter

159 Oh, woman, just pass
your modern thinking of
dress.

Pass your modern thinking,
before you go out on the
street before man; you
young women, you old
women,

before you go out on the
street with your clothes so
tight, pushed out in the
back and front. I'm not
critical. I'm your brother.

I stand between the living and the dead, and realize what I'm saying. Before you enter out, and know that your body is a sacred order,

or a sacred caste that God has given you; before you enter the street, dressed like that, pass your mind through a thinking woman's Filter.

And let it remember, that,
“Whosoever looks upon
you to lust after you, you
have committed adultery
with him already.”

Remember that, sister.

160 And, brother, before
you turn your head to look
at her, on that second
glance,

pass your mind through a
thinking man's Filter. You'll
come out with a holy man's
taste, see, of doing what's
right.

161 Notice, if you pass your
mind through a thinking
woman's Filter, you'll come
out with a holy woman's
dress.

That's right. You'll come out, brother, with a holy man's look. Now, that's just one thing.

Everything that you do, pass it through the Filter of God's Word, see if it's right or wrong.

162 You'll come out with a
holy woman's dress, with
long hair, decently dressed;

a quiet, humble spirit; not up and brawling, and fighting and carrying on. “A quiet, meek spirit, which is a great treasure from God.”

The Bible said so.

Now I want to ask you
something, out in the lands.

We're going to close in a few
minutes.

163 Now let us all, tonight,
check our desires, and then
you can see what kind of a
filter you've been drawing
through. Let's check, each
one of us,

here and out across the
nation. Check your desires,
what you want really in
life. Check what you're
fighting for. Check what
you're here for.

Check what you go to church for. What makes you...It's good to go to church, but just don't go to church only; that won't save you.

See? Just check just a few minutes, say, “Is my objective...What—what kind of a filter am I drawing through, anyhow?”

And if you won't cope with the Word of God, and your soul don't do it, then there's something wrong;

for it shows up your taste,
that the life...what kind of a
life is in you. If it's a holy,
discreet, honorable, it'll
come out that way.

If it isn't, you've got another taste in you you're drawing from. That's exactly right. And if the taste is the Word of God and the will of God,

then you know what's in you, what's drawing the taste. Shows you are a part of that Word. That Word is in you, drawing from the Word.

61-0730E - The Sixfold Purpose
Of Gabriel's Visit To Daniel
66 The Roman, or, the
Israelite general, by the
name of Potiphar; Potiphar
went,

and went away on a trip. He had a pretty wife, and his wife had Joseph come into the house to do something,

and tried to get Joseph to do something wrong. And he was loyal to God. I tell you, they always...

67 You women, I've hollered
at you; now I'm going to
take up for you, a minute.
See? The woman is the
weaker vessel.

I know there can't be a bad man before there's a bad woman. But men who knows that, men who knows that you are a son of God,

and take advantage of a woman, shame on you; no matter what she does. She's a weaker vessel, and you know that. If she goes out, acting unladylike,

take her by the hand and talk to her like a sister. You're a son of God. Don't do them evil things. Look at Joseph, he was an example to you.

68 And when Potiphar's
wife, this beautiful
woman, honorable, highest,
one of the highest women
there was in the country,

begged him and persuaded
him. And he turned, and she
caught him and tried to hug
him up to her. And he jerked
till he even pulled his coat
off,

and run from her. Yes, sir. And when he come in, they told a lie on him, said he come in to ravish her, and she left his...

and he left his coat there.
And for that he went to the
dungeon. But, in the
dungeon, God was with him,
no matter where they put
him.

57-0915E - Hebrews,

Chapter Seven #1

152 And you deacon, and
you others here, that run out
on the street here,

and gawking your neck and looking at every one of them women. Shame on you; and calling yourself “sons of God.”

I know that's scorching, but you rather be scorched than then burnt forever there. So if you do those things...

Now, you can't help it if a woman walks down the street, half dressed. You, if you're looking, you're bound to see her, but you can turn your head.

The Bible said, “Whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in your heart.”

153 Let me tell you
something, sister dear,
you're going to answer.

I don't care, you might be as pure as a lily. You may never actually committed a sin of that type, immoral sin, in your life.

But if you dress like that,
you're going to answer at
the Judgment for
committing adultery with
every man that looked at
you.

The Bible said. And walk down the street, who is guilty, the man? No, sir. You are. You presented yourself that way.

154 The woman has got a
great place. It's a sacred,
nice, wonderful place.

But she must keep herself
that way, to hold her office
as she should, as a mother,
as a woman and of
womanhood.

When the womanhood is broke, the backbone of any nation is broke. And that's the reason, today, our nation is ruined,

is because of the immorals of our women. That's exactly right. Sure. It's the rottenness among us, what's breaking it.

63-0630E - Is Your Life
Worthy Of The Gospel?

132 Look in England, a couple weeks ago. Look in the United States.

Look everywhere, it's full of prostitution. Great men, great, high offices, bringing disgrace upon the nation, running after women.

That great man there in England, some kind of a warlord, like, why, did you notice, he had a pretty wife. Her picture was there, along.

Look at that Russian
prostitute, but she was all
sexy dressed, and threw
herself out there, to display
her female flesh. And the
man fell for it.

133 What we need today is
sons of God. We need men
in government, that's sons
of God. That's
right. Therefore, a good,
godly king would stop all
this nonsense.

There wouldn't be no strings to pull. Like David did, he put a stop to it. Certainly did, 'cause he was the king. And there was only...

63-0721 - He Cares. Do You
Care?

78 You take a person says
that they are, “I am. I’m a
believer. I believe.”

Let the Gospel Light strike them, brother, they take It right now! And they'll show results. Certainly.

You'll not see that man in any more pool rooms, you'll not see him out here with a cigarette in his hand, you won't see him drinking. Oh, no.

You won't see him flirting
with other women. No, no,
no. I don't care how much
they throw their female
flesh before him,

he'll turn his head towards
the skies and look towards
Christ. What is? It shows
that the Remedy took
effect.

And if It don't take effect,
you say, "Well, I know I took
It," well, then where you at
today then? You are dying.

You show! I'm looking at you as diagnosing your case, by the—by the Bible, that you're still in sin. And the wages of sin is death.

Don't think it has to be made
any plainer. See, your own
actions prove, your own
actions prove that you didn't
take it. You *thought* you
did. Amen.

You—you might have been all sincere in doing it, but you didn't do it! For, if you did, God promised it would take effect on you.

And the old sin is still there,
the old Adam nature still
lingers there, the old
unbelief. Yet you try to make
yourself, before your
fellowman,

say, “Well, I’m a believer. Oh, glory to God! Yes, I’m a believer.” But, you see, it didn’t help you any.

50-0115 - Believeest Thou

This?

52 What's the matter today,
we got...Our churches has
got away from It. It's exactly
right.

Reminds me of what we try to do is build a big fine church, put fine pews, get the very best of this, and somebody to sing like angelic choir.

See them stand up on a
platform, sing with
painted-up faces and
everything else, and sleeves
up around their—

their arms like this, and
their naked knees almost
showing; go out on the
street and light up
cigarettes. And call the
angelic choir?

What's the matter with you women and men? Call yourself Christian. Act like it then. By their fruits you shall know them.

But we compromise.
Remember, beauty from the
eye is what Satan does. In
the beginning, he...

Way back in the beginning,
he tried to make a better
place than what Michael had.
Down, he come down into
Cain, tried to use the same
thing,

yet he offered God a sacrifice. He done the same thing that Abel did, but without the blood. True.

56-0815 – Faith

20 A real, borned again child of God loves the Word and stays with the Word and with the Bible. God help you Canadians.

Don't never let that
American pollution get in
here. And that's right. Where
did it come from? Where do
you get it from? America.

Where does America get it?
From Hollywood. Where did
Hollywood get it? From hell.
That's exactly where it's at.

Why, here's what has
stripped our women. It's
made immoral
everywhere. The whole
world's become a
conglomeration of—of
immorality.

I heard the other day that
some man down in Florida
was going to pass a law,

that women had to dress
orderly from the neck to the
knees to come on the
street. I'll move to Florida if
it is. Yes, sir.

21 I am so tired. You look
this a way and that way;
everything is immoral.

I had a little crucifix hanging up in front of my car. Some fellow was riding with me the other day. He said, “Hey,

Brother Branham, I thought
you was a Protestant.”

I said, “I am.”

He said, “That’s Catholic.”

I said, “When did the Catholics have the option on the cross?” That’s the emblem of Christian faith.

Little saints, dead people like Saint Cecilia and all them, them dead people that Catholics pray to, that's a sign of Catholicism, not the cross.

Christ raised from the dead.

Yes.

And I said, “I see so much
evil on the street. When I
see that evil,

I look at the cross and
think, oh, God, how I love
You for saving me from
such corruption.” That’s
right. Let Him always be
before our face.

65-0822E - A Thinking Man's
Filter

155 And some of those
women on the platform,
with their dresses above
their knees,

and cut so tight and shows
every form, every move
they make, and their
underneath clothes
showing through their
dresses;

just as bad as wearing shorts, bikinis, or anything else. You Pentecostal, blind, Laodicean preachers, how long will God suffer you, I don't know.

Be...God be merciful to
your—to your blind eyes.
He's got eyesalve tonight, to
open your eyes, that you
might see.

156 As I said this morning,
we're in the seeing age, the
top. There's no more
faculties above that, that you
can move outwardly, to
know. You, from your nose,
you can smell;

from your lips, you can speak; from your hands, you can feel and reach; and your feet, and so forth; but you can't go farther than your eyes.

157 Malachi 4 has come;
sight! “And it shall be Light
about the evening time.” Oh,
walk in the Light!
We’ll walk in the Light, a
beautiful Light,

That comes where the
dewdrops of mercy are
bright;
Shine all around me by day
and by night,
Jesus, the Word, the Light of
the world.