

# The Reason Of Things

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## 1 Corinthians 11:14

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

## Colossians 1:16

<sup>16</sup> 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

<sup>25</sup> 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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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 have<sup>60</sup>  
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's<sup>75</sup>  
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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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.”

## 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. 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.



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

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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 The<sup>285</sup>  
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.”