

THE SECRET OF OUR LIVES IV

II CORINTHIANS 5:1

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

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110 Therefore, the theophany, if you have died and entered into that theophany, (what happens?) the theophany comes to the earth to pick up the redeemed body.

And if you're here in the air, you take the body to meet the theophany, there you are, "and caught up, and go to meet the Lord in the air. "

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112 Now we see here plainly the complete secret of our lives in journey, and death, and where we go after we die. Also, predestination is in plain view here. Now listen as we teach this, closely.

113 The stages of--of the Eternal purpose He had in His secret has now been revealed. . . .

THE. GOD. WHO. IS. RICH. IN. MERCY_ PHOENIX. AZ V-19 N-2 TUESDAY_ 65-0119

41. I might inject just a little bit of doctrine here, that I don't. . . If you don't believe it, all right. That's just okay. I do believe it. I believe that--that a man, when he is born in this world,

that when you're a little baby, born into the world, you could not have been here without being the foreknowledge of God, because He is infinite and He knows all things. And when that little baby is born into the world, there is something in that baby.

If he is ever going to have Life, there is a little something in there, in that child then, he comes to, sooner or later. That little seed is in him. Now if you'll take. . . The Scriptures plainly declare that.

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42 Now if you've got Eternal Life tonight, if we have Eternal Life, then we always were, because there is only one form of Eternal Life. We always were. And the reason we were, because we are a part of God. And God is the only thing that's Eternal.

43 And like as Melchisedec received tithes from Abraham, and it was lotted to his great-grandson, Levi, who was yet in the loins of Abraham; paid tithes, for he was yet in the loins of Abraham when he met Melchisedec.

44 Now we are a part of God. You always was. You don't remember it, because you were only an attribute in God. You were only in His thinking. Your very name, if it ever was on the Book of Life, it was put there before the foundation of the world. He knew what you were.

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45 I'm only saying this, not to mix up doctrine, but to straightened it out, that we might get away from this fear and scare. You don't know who you are. You are not going to be, but

now you are the sons of God. See, you always were the sons of God. See?

46 For when God had you in His thinking at the beginning, you have to be, some part of you, your Life that's in you now, had to be with God before there. Well, when He, before He even become material here on earth, before there was anything, but God, you were one of His attributes.

He knowed what your name would be. He knowed the color of hair you would have. He knowed all about you. The only thing happened is when you, being a sinner. . .

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47 Many of you can--can fellowship with me on this thought. When you was a little boy, or a little girl, you would walk around and there would be certain things that would just, where it wouldn't bother the other kids, it seemed like there was something in you that cried out.

There was God somewhere, yet you were a sinner. You remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen. "--Ed.] Certainly. Now what was that? That was that little form of Life in you then.

48 And then after a while, you heard the Gospel. Maybe you went to church, you picked out this and that, and went from denomination to denomination. But one day, you being part of God, you had to be part of the Word.

And when you heard the Word, you know where you come from, you knowed what was the Truth. You were always, the seed was in you always. The Word seen the Word that was in you, that was before the foundation of the world, saw the Word and you come to It.

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HE TELLS A BOUT THE EAGLE STORY

50 And that's the way it is with every born-again believer. You can hear all the theology you want to, and all the man-made discrepancy; but when that Word flashes out there, then there is something takes a hold, you come to It.

"You who were once dead in sin (that life) has He quickened. " There has to be a Life there to quicken to, first. God, by His foreknowledge, knowed all things. And we were predestinated to be sons and daughters of God. "Ye who were once dead in sin and trespasses, wherein we all had our times past, but hath He quickened. "

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67 Now we see the attribute, sons of His Spirit, have not yet entered into the Word-form body. But, a theophany; this body is subject to the Word and earnest, waiting for the earnest, change of the body.

68 Now, the different between Him and you, as a son. See, He was, at the beginning, the Word, an en morphe body. He came in and lived in that, in the Person of Melchisedec. Then, later, we never heard no more of Melchisedec, because He became Jesus Christ.

Melchisedec was the Priest, but He became Jesus Christ. Now, you by-passed that. Because, in that form, He knowed all things, and you have never been able to know that yet.

You come like Adam, like me, you became from the attribute to the flesh, to be tempted. But when this life is finished here, "If this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting. "

That's where we go; that is the Word. Then we can look back and see what we done. Now we don't understand it. We have

never become the Word; we've just become the flesh-man, not the Word.

69 But, and look, clearly makes it clear, you will never be the Word unless you was a thought at the beginning. That proves the predestination of God. See? You can't be the Word unless you're a thought. You had to be in the thinking, first.

But, you see, in order to stand temptation, you had to by-pass the theophany. You had to come down here in flesh, to be tempted by sin. And then, if you stand, "All the Father hath given Me will come to Me, and I'll raise him up at the last days. " See, you had to be first.

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70 And then, you see, He come right down, the regular line, from attribute to. . . Before the foundation of the world, his name is put on the Lamb's Book of Life. Then, from that, He become the Word, the theophany, that could appear, disappear.

And then He become flesh and returned back again, resurrected that same body in a glorified condition. But you by-passed the theophany and become flesh-man, to be tempted by sin. And then, "If this earthly tabernacle is dissolved, we have one already waiting. " We have not yet the bodies.

71 But, look! When this body receives the Spirit of God, the immortal Life inside of you, it throws this body in subjection to God. Hallelujah! "He that's born of God doth not commit sin; he cannot sin. "

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus; they walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. " There you are. See, that throws your body subject.

You don't have to say, "Oh, if I could just quit drinking! If I could just. . . " Just get in Christ, and it's all gone, see, see, because

your body is subject to the Spirit. It's no more subject to the things of the world; they're dead. They are dead; your sins are buried in baptism, and you are a new creation in Christ.

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79 Second Corinthians 5:1, "If this earthly body be dissolved, this earthly tabernacle, we have another one. " See, we have bypassed that, to come straight from God, the attribute; to be flesh, to be tempted and tested by sin, like Adam did.

But when testing of His Word is over, then we are taken up to this body that was prepared for us before the foundation of the world. It is the Word there that we skipped, to come right around, down here to be tempted and tested.

If we'd have come through that, there'd have been no temptation; we'd a-knowed all things. That's the reason Jesus knowed all things, 'cause He was Word before He was flesh. Then we become the Word.

80 Here we are formed to the Word image, to be a partaker of the Word, feed on the Word, by being predestinated since the beginning; you see that little spark of Life that you had in you from the beginning, when you started your journey.

Many of you can remember it. You joined this church and joined that church, you'd try this and that; nothing satisfied. That's right. But one day you just recognized It. Right.

GOD. KEEPS. HIS. WORD. 1_ PHOENIX. AZ WEDNESDAY_ 57-0306

E-16. God always test His children by His Word. Did you hear that? God tests His children by His Word. If you believe His Word God tests you by the Word.

HOW CAN I OVERCOME_ JEFF. IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M

75. Now, we're expected to be tested. That's a good lesson for my--my brother back there, also. "He that cometh to God must first be tested. " Tested (what?) with the Word. That's God's test. Do you believe it? [Congregation says, "Amen. "--Ed.] "He that cometh to God must be tested. "

That only shows a true child, then, see, be tested, and when the test comes on. You can't overcome 'less there's a test give to you. And when test is given, it's to see whether you can overcome or not. And Jesus said, "To him that overcometh," the test. The test is the greatest thing that ever happened to you.

I believe it's written in the Scripture, Peter said, that, "Our trials are worth more to us than precious gold. " It's a testing time. It's one good evidence to us that God is with us, when we're tested, for all children of God are tested and tried.

THE. PATRIARCH. ABRAHAM_ BAKF. CA V-22 N-7 FRIDAY_ 64-0207

20. The Seed of Abraham must first be tested, to see if they really believe the Word. Remember, the only way that he could keep the promise of God, because he believed the promise of God, and was tested whether he believed It or not.

21 We are brought to that test. The Seed of Abraham, today, is brought to that test. Will we take God's Word, or we take what man said about It? Will we take what some organization has made up as a creed, and accept that, or do we take what God said?

THE. PATRIARCH. ABRAHAM_ BAKF. CA V-22 N-7 FRIDAY_ 64-0207

39. We think of the Hebrew children, I have here, thinking of that, on the Hebrew children, after they had been tested against image worship. Now, you remember, the king said, "Whosoever will not bow down to this image, shall be throwed into the fiery furnace. "

Now, these children believed that God's Word was right, that they should not worship any kind of an image, but when they come to the showdown and they were tested whether they would.

40 When, all the rest of the children down there received and went to the worship, they went right on in the way the king said. They went with the popular thought of the day, that they must do it.

41 And when they were tested, whether they would worship images and break the Word of God, they stayed true to the Word. Regardless of the circumstances, they stayed true to the Word.

AND WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED THEY KNEW HIM_ TAMPA
FL THURSDAY_ 64-0416

62 Notice, as they went now, two of them, Cleopas and his friend was on their road to Emmaus. And it was Sunday morning. So they was on their road over there, talking. They was going along the road, real sad. My, they were really let down with something, looked like a veil.

63 And God let's things happen like that. He does that, purposely, just to--just to test you. Now let me get this before you, straight, so that you'll understand that every son that comes to God has got to be child-trained. He's got to be tested; every son. If you're never tested, you're not a son.

If you can't stand the chastisement of God, then you're illegitimate, and not a child of God. You claim God is your Father, you say, "Oh, I can't believe. "

Well, that just shows that God is not your Father; see, you would--you would get It. Now notice, this testing, God tests every one of His children. All that come to Him must first be tested, tried, proved.

II CORINTHIANS 12:2

2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

5 Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.

6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.

7 And lest I should be *EXALTED above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

EXALTED: huperairomai {hoop-er-ah'-ee-rom-ahee}
exalt (one's) self, to lift or raise up over some thing; to lift one's self up, be haughty; to carry one's self haughtily to, behave insolently towards one

WHEN. THEIR. EYES. WERE. OPENED. THEY. KNEW. HIM_
TULARE. CA V-22 N-10 WEDNESDAY_ 64-0212

59 We notice, then, Paul, the great revelation that he had of Jesus Christ, Who He was, it was so great to know. Well, God put it in the Bible, that's how great it was.

That's the reason he was given a thorn in the flesh, to keep him down so he wouldn't get big and exalted. God kept him down, and small, so He could use him in different parts of the country,

do for Him what He wanted to, because he had the revelation of Jesus Christ, Who He was.

PRIDE_ CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY SUNDAY_ 55-0807A

E-17. Oh, pride's such a cursed thing, so awful, so evil is pride.

GOD. REVEALING. HIMSELF. TO. HIS. PEOPLE_ CLEVELAND. OH SUNDAY_ 50-0813E

E-38. our sister standing here, has been bound by an oppression of Satan. Foul spirits have tried to put pride upon her. But Thou art here to remove this curse of the enemy.

For You said, the last words from Your sacred lips as You were leaving the world, You said, "These signs shall follow them. In My Name they shall cast out devils. " Help me, dear God, this duel of faith against the enemy.

THE SEAL OF THE ANTICHRIST_ LA CA FRIDAY_ 55-0311

E-17 Did you know that in heaven, that the devil was God's right hand man in the beginning, that Lucifer, the son of the morning, was given power? And the reason that he brought sin into the world, he was able to take something that God had created, and pervert it back into an evil thing,

which started all this trouble in the beginning. Then God, back before the foundation of the world was ever laid, when He seen what Satan done. . . In his pride went over in the north, and set up a kingdom, and fought against Michael and his Angels. . . Do you see it?

THE TRUE VINE AND A FALSE VINE_ MACON GA TUESDAY_ 55-0607

E-26 Now, look at Cain; he come with sincerity. But look, in the background, his daddy, the devil. Who he is. . . He was influenced by his daddy. The reason in heaven. . . When he was up there, he set up a kingdom more beautiful, more elaborate, pretty, then what Michael's was.

He tried to get a greater kingdom. That's why he was kicked out: pride, beauty, stuck-up. And when he come here, there was a nature of him right in his boy. And it hasn't died yet. That's right.

Oh, big church, say, "I belong to the biggest church in town. " That don't mean a thing, not a thing. What it is: How is your heart with God tonight? That's the next thing. That's the question.

THE. UNWELCOMED. CHRIST_ LAUSANNE. SWITZERLAND
SUNDAY_ 55-0828A

E-35. Oh, God, have mercy on this sinful world. What a horrible curse pride is. Oh, you're too good. "Sure, we go to a church that knows better than that.

We don't believe in divine healing. Ah, we have nothing to do with that. " Pharisee, Jesus is in your town. Amen. Entertain Him; love Him; embrace Him; and love Him.

THE. UNWELCOMED. CHRIST_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-20 SUNDAY_
55-0911

307 Well, then, the first thing you know, old Pharisee said, "See, I told you He wasn't a prophet. He would've known. " Said, "Look, that woman will even ruin His reputation. "

Oh, how blind. Oh, my. Oh, pride is such an evil thing. Listen. She. . . He thought that woman would ruin His reputation. Why, brother, Jesus' reputation was made in the presence of sinners.

That's where His reputation is made, not amongst the starch and stiff, but amongst sinners who's willing to repent. That's where Jesus' reputation was made, when sinners will come to Him.

SHEPHERD. OF. THE. SHEEPFOLD_ CHICAGO. IL TUESDAY_ 56-
0403

E-16. I found out that Samson fell because of Delilah, the--the woman. And I found out that Saul fell because of pride. And Balaam fell because of money.

And all those things are written for our examples, said the book of Hebrews. And we watch those things and keep the Blood cover between us and those things.

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. THREE_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0901M

34 When Judas fell, by transgression, by the love of money and the pride of life, he fell from grace and went to his place.

I. STAND. AT. THE. DOOR. AND. KNOCK_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY_ 57-1208

E-24 There's another little door called pride. Oh, what a horrible, little black devils is all pinned up in that heart of pride, thinking you're better than somebody else. "Well, I wouldn't send my children over there. They don't dress right.

The people who goes there isn't in my class. " If Christ is Lord in your heart, we're all one class, because of one Spirit we're all baptized into one Body. Pride, feels just a little--a little complex you have.

Oh, you don't want Jesus to touch that because it would degrade your social standing in the community. I'd rather degrade my social standing in the community than to rub my name off of the Lamb's Book of Life. But they won't let Him in. That little pride holds Him out.

I. STAND. AT. THE. DOOR. AND. KNOCK_ JEFF. IN SUNDAY_ 57-1208

E-25. if you hold selfishness, and pride, and malice, and all these things in your heart, He can't be Lord, though you accept Him in, He can't be Lord.

THE. QUEEN. OF. THE. SOUTH_ WATERLOO. IA SATURDAY_
58-0125

E-30. You see what pride and selfishness does? It shuts you out from the Kingdom of God. I wonder sometime, as we think, what will happen to this generation.

DOOR. TO. THE. HEART_ PHOENIX. AZ SATURDAY_ 60-0312

E-23 Then right next to that is another little door called pride. Oh, that's a terrible one. Everybody wants a little pride. If you can't let Jesus in and take over pride, then Jesus won't stay. He will get right out.

If you think that you're better than the Joneses, you drive a better car, or eat a better meal, wear better clothes than the Joneses, then you're stuck up. Then Jesus will leave that heart at the same door He come in at.

THE. INFLUENCE. OF. ANOTHER_ JEFF. IN V-4 N-11
SATURDAY_ 62-1013

60 The king got to a place that he thought within himself, that he got lifted up. Pride got in his heart. And that's what happens to us. If you'll pardon this expression, that's what's happened to our churches throughout the country.

They're fine people in there; some of the best in the world goes to church. I think the best in the world goes to church. But the thing of it is, the--the organization system gets lifted up. That's what's happened to the--the Methodists; that's what's happened to the Baptists;

that's what's happened to the Nazarene, to the Pilgrim Holiness, to the Pentecostal: lifted up, self-willed, self-centered, pride, that you can't tell nothing to. God can't find a way to get into their hearts. It's because they become so know-it-all that nobody can tell them anything.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 2_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-
0823E

1007-Q-283 283. Brother Branham: Questions: Should a Christian woman wear simple jewelry, as necklaces or pearls? Well, sister, I know this means a lot to you, and it means a lot for me for you to place your confidence I'd tell you the truth.

Now remember, the Bible said, "When you adorn, do not adorn with--with costly jewels, and pearls, and all kinds of wearing of jewelry, but let that be the adorning of a peace, and quiet, and meek spirit (which I just quoted), which is a great price before the Lord. "

Now, I don't mean by that, sister, that if you had a pin. . . Now, this is me, not the Lord. If you had a pin that you wanted to wear, or a little necklace your husband give you, or maybe your--something like that that you wore, now, to me, I don't think that's bad. Now, that's just me. Now remember, I make myself clear; that's my opinion.

But I think it's the approach to it; it's the way you do it. See? It's the motive behind it. And when you see it's getting ahold of you, then leave the thing alone. But I think if you wore your wedding ring. . .

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS. 2_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1008-66 Now, I know you Nazarene people, it used to be that you wouldn't even baptize a woman with a wedding ring on. See? I--I don't believe that as necessary.

In the Bible they wore wedding rings, only it was a tablet they called it, around their head, nine pieces of coin in it, but I--to show they were married. Now, I think that's all right.

If women want to dress and--and make themselves look decent, and clean, ladylike, why, I think there's not a thing to that, to me. But when you get to going to put that thing into making it a little pride, then you're wrong. It's your attitude.

GOD'S. POWER. TO. TRANSFORM_ PHOENIX. AZ V-16 N-5
SATURDAY_ 65-0911

181. Abel's message had been received, and Cain saw it and knowed that God had vindicated that message right. But he just couldn't do it. His pride kept him from it. That's right, his pride kept him from doing it. He seen God vindicate the message.