

THE SECRET OF OUR LIVES V

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.

WHO. IS. THIS. MELCHISEDEC_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-10 SUNDAY_ 65-0221E

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.

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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 by-passed 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.

JEHOVAH. JIREH_ PHOENIX. AZ SATURDAY_ 57-0309E
E-39 How God loves to test His people. Every child that comes to God must be tested, child trained; no exceptions, everyone. And maybe tonight, that you're sick, just to have a little child training, just a little testing.

Don't be discouraged. God's on the throne. He knows all things. If were truly borned of the Spirit of God, everything's working together for our good.

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.

BE CERTAIN OF GOD_ JEFF IN V-5 N-12 SUNDAY_ 59-0125
46 You know, He loves to test us. He loves to see the reaction of your faith. Did you know that? God likes to see how you'll react. When you say, "Oh, Lord, I believe You; Thou art my Saviour. I believe that You are the Healer;

I believe that You are the One Who gives the Holy Spirit; and the things that I am requiring, You are the God Who gives that. " And

then when you confess all your sins and promise God what you'll do if He'll let you get well,

and then because it don't happen, you run off like a coward somewhere, God can't use that. There's no way for Him to use you. There's no way for Him to answer you, because He only answers by faith.

BE. CERTAIN. OF. GOD_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-12 SUNDAY_ 59-0125
80 This poor, little woman, she knew that He was God. As that barrel went down, down, down, down, circumstances got worse and worse all the time. But God was letting it get that way. He just loves to do that.

He loves to put your faith to a test to see how you act on it, let you be anointed and prayed for, then make you worse, say, "Come on, Satan, put him to the test; I know he believes Me. " Bless God forever. Oh, my. "Put him to a test now; I know he took My Word for it. " Could He say that about you?

POSSESSING. THE. ENEMY'S. GATES_ JEFF. IN V-11 N-6
SUNDAY_ 59-1108

32 God brings tensions into the church, "For every son that cometh to God must be tried, and proven, and tested. He lets sickness strikes you. He lets diseases come on you to test you and to prove you, to show the world that you're truly the seed of Abraham.

He permits it by His own will. He permits disasters; He permits the friends to turn against you. He permits all these things, and turns the devil loose to tempt you, and he'll do all but take your life.

He could throw you on a bed of affliction; he could turn your neighbors against you; he could turn the church against you; he can do most anything, and it's God's will for him to do it. We are taught that it is more precious than gold to us.

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.

VICTORY DAY_ SIERRA VISTA AZ SUNDAY_ 63-0421

178 Now, remember. When. .. God has counted you worthy when you have a test. Now, don't fail this, to get this. When you have a trial or a test, it shows the grace of God has found, you found favor with God, and God believes that you'll stand the test. You remember, He did the same thing by Job.

179 Satan said, "Oh, yes, I seen Job down there. " Said, "He's not. . . "

180 God said, "He's a perfect servant. There's none in earth like him. There's nobody like Job. He's a perfect man. Now, he, he's My--he's My pride and joy. "

181 Satan said, "Oh, sure. He gets everything he asks for. " Said, "Let me have him once. " And said, "I, I'll make him curse You to Your very face. " Said, "I'll just make him curse You. "

182 God said, "He's in your hands, but don't you take his life. " See? God had confidence in Job. Amen.

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.

CAUGHT: harpazo {har-pad'-zo}
take by force, catch away, to seize, carry off by force, to seize on,

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

ADOPTION 1_ JEFF IN AD 1 SUNDAY_ 60-0515E

12 And if I may have the privilege of saying this, which, maybe I do not. . . If I do not, then I pray God forgive me. But if I have the privilege, and it was that God let me be caught up to see something, I would refer to the first heavens.

And then I believe, one in the Bible by the name, I believe it was Paul, that was caught up into the third heaven. And if it was this glorious in the first heavens, what does that third heavens hold? No wonder he couldn't speak of it for fourteen years. He said he did not know whether he was in body or out of body.

With that great apostle, not to share his--his--his office, or not to try to make ourselves anything like he was, but I can say with him: I don't know whether I was in this body or out of the body. Only thing, it was just as real as I'm looking at you.

ADOPTION. 3_ JEFF. IN AD. 3 SUNDAY_ 60-0522M

22 And no wonder, I believe Paul was caught up into the third heaven and he saw things that it wasn't expedient for him to speak of. And one day he said, "Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, or has it either entered the heart of men, what God has for them in store that love Him."

Oh, it's just living. . . We're living in a dump pile down here (That's all.), just a rubbish heap full of--of smoldering smoke from filth of. . . Even if we are not contaminated with it ourselves, we are living in it, where the smoke is coming from smoking emberals of sin.

II CORINTHIANS 12:4

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: I

ifted 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.

I JOHN 2:15

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the *PRIDE of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

PRIDE: alazoneia {al-ad-zon-i'-a}

Boasting, empty, braggart talk, an insolent and empty assurance, which trusts in its own power and resources and shamefully

despises and violates divine laws and human rights, an impious and empty presumption which trusts in the stability of earthy things