

I KNEW A MAN II

II CORINTHIANS 12:1

1 It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

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.

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;)

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.

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.

HOW CAN I OVERCOME_ JEFF IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M
119 Now let's just take, for instance, like our sisters. They're pretty. And he can get you to a place, that, you let your hair grow out, you didn't realize. It looked so nice on you, and, the first thing you know, you get kind of feeling a little stuck-up, little above something else.

Some of you men, you know what I mean. See? And he can take that same thing and proposition it with you. That's right.

You got to overcome that. Just remember, you're living for God. You have one objective, and that's Jesus Christ.

Outside of that, there's nothing else counts. That's Him. Then, secondly, for your family. Then, thirdly, for yourself. But, first, for God; next, for your family; and next, for you. You're number three; that's the end of the road. Put yourself last; He did.

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

EZEKIEL 28:17

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

THE. SEAL. OF. THE. ANTICHRIST_ LA. CA FRIDAY_ 55-0311
E-17 Judas, was a religious man. He was not an infidel. And all of us know that he was the antichrist. He worked the very closest hand to Christ, His right hand man.

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?

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

129 The next great assault was, that he made upon Him, that He would be a show-off. And how that does hit God's servants, to be a show-off, to show what you can do. "Glory to God! Hallelujah! I'm a deliverer! I'm so. " See? See?

130 "Come up here, on top of the temple, and set down here. " He tempted Him to do it. Now, remember, He was tempted to do it, hard. Said, "Now, if You want to be something before the people, stand up here on this temple, jump off. " See? "

I'll give You a Scripture for it, because it's written, 'He'd give the Angels charge over Thee, lest, any time, dash a foot against a stone. He'd bear Thee up. "' To make Him a show-off, to show His authority.

131 No true servant of God ever does that. You see a man showing off, his chest out, and all like that, just remember, there is something wrong there. No. God don't want that. Jesus set the example.

He could have done it. He certainly could have done it, but He didn't do it. No servant of God is a show-off, of himself, to try to take God's power and show himself above somebody else.

360-2 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
CPT. 9

Now what are we to overcome? That is the normal question to ask here. But that is not the actual thought of this verse for it is not so much WHAT we are to overcome but HOW we are to overcome.

Now this is logical, for does it matter much WHAT we are to overcome as long as we know HOW we can overcome?

360-3 LAODICEAN. CHURCH. AGE - CHURCH. AGE. BOOK
CPT. 9

A quick look at those Scriptures which involve the Lord Jesus overcoming will bring out the truth of this proposition. In Matthew 4, wherein Jesus is tempted of the devil, He overcame the personal temptations of Satan by the Word, and by the Word only.

In each of the three major trials that corresponded exactly to the temptation of the Garden of Eden, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, Jesus overcame by the Word. Eve fell to the personal temptation of Satan by failing to use the Word.

Adam fell in direct disobedience to the Word. But Jesus overcame by the Word. And right now, let me say that this is the only way to be an overcomer, also it is the only way that you can know if you are overcoming, because that Word CAN'T fail.

I JOHN 2:16

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.

REVELATION. CHAPTER. FOUR. 3_ JEFF. IN ROJC 645-716
SUNDAY_ 61-0108

46 See, He's just God. That's all. He's just God. See, He's just--He's just all the time constantly from one place to another, one place to another. No matter what trouble it is, He's God. We don't go around, brag about those things; we're not supposed to.

Just don't let the right hand or the left hand know what the right hand's doing. We talk it among ourselves, but we don't blast that out somewhere. Because that's self-pride, like God only could do it for one person. He'd do it for anybody that'll--that'll believe Him.

It's belief, faith. Whatever--whatever you want to do, whatever your thoughts are, take it to God. He--He--He--He provides everything. Isn't that right? So He answers prayer. He's a . . . God is a prayer answering Father.

IT. IS. THE. RISING. OF. THE. SUN_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-12
SUNDAY_ 65-0418M

319 See, our desire is not to be glorified. Our desire is not some big name. Our desire is not boost some church, or make more in the Sunday school, or try to bring in, hog-tie, push in, offer a picnic party, or bring stars, buttons, or something else like that.

That's not our desire. Our desire is to see Him glorified. Glorified, (what?) not with self-pride; but in us, our lives, to prove He is alive and living in us.

320 If I can get myself out of the way, so when William Branham not even thought of, and you not even thought of, till we can see Jesus glorified among us. See Him, that's our desire.

II CORINTHIANS 12:7

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.

THE. ANGEL. AND. THE. COMMISSION_ CLEVELAND. OH
MONDAY_ 50-0821

E-27 When the Supernatural comes upon the mortal being, it causes a conflict with the flesh.

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

49 Paul saw that Light, insomuch that It even blinded him. He couldn't see, for several days, It was such a reality to him. And he couldn't see for several. . .

Later on, when he wrote letters, his eyes bothered him so bad from that, until he wrote with great big letters. He said, "Seeing that I have written to you with large letters. " He couldn't hardly see.