

## **MY REVELATION, MY THORN**

### **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.

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### **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.

**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

### **ISAIAH 14:12**

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

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.**

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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?

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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.

**Pride of life,** Hunting after honors, titles, and pedigrees; boasting of ancestry, family connections, great offices, honorable acquaintance, and the like.

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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.....**

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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.....**

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

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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.

50 He was in jail, and he asked the Lord to heal him of it. And he consulted Him three times. But what did the Lord say? "My grace is sufficient, Paul."

51 Paul said, "Then will I glory in my infirmities." Because, he said, "Except I would be exalted above the abundance of the Revelation, there was given to me a messenger of the Devil, a thorn in the flesh, that buffet me." **He'd get better for a while, and then away they go again.**

**Buffet mean "blow after blow." Like the ship on the sea, you know, the waves buffet it, see, blow after blow.**

And he would, he'd get better, and then have it again; then get better, have it again. He said, "Lord, what's the matter, You don't take this away from me?"

52 He said, "My grace is sufficient, Paul. Just keep on." It'd keep...

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53 He said, "Now, if--if I was just perfect, and everything perfect," said, "then when I went along, oh, I'd get puffed up and say, **'You see, nothing wrong with me. Lord takes care of**

**me, brother. Hallelujah!" Then you're getting self-righteous.**

54 God has to give you a little something, once in a while, **to kind of meeking you up a little**, you know. That's right. Kind of make you realize that He's the Boss. Oh, isn't He wonderful? Yes, sir, just glory!.....

WHO.IS.THIS\_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY\_ 59-0510E

E-38.....Paul was on his road to Damascus one day, and a great Light struck him down. Those men around him didn't see the Light. But It struck Paul down to--made him blind. **He had trouble with his eyes the rest of his life.** And he said one time, "Except I should be exalted above the abundance of the revelation, **there was given to me a thorn in his flesh," a messenger of Satan to buffet him, because it was the abundance of the revelation.**

### **GALATIANS 4:13**

13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

### **GALATIANS 6:11**

11 ¶ Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

### **ROMANS 16:21**

21 ¶ Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you.

22 I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.

He also had difficulty seeing the high priest Ananias at the meeting of the Sanhedrin

### **ACTS 23:2**

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5 Then said Paul, **I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest:** for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

A.TRUE.SIGN.THAT'S.OVERLOOKED\_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-2 SUNDAY\_ 61-1112

236 Paul... took down, was baptized, and called upon the Lord, received the Holy Ghost, and Paul said, "I had an infirmity of the flesh that was given me, a devil, a messenger of the devil that buffet me." That's like blow after blow. He'd get better, and then it'd hit him again. Said, "I consulted the Lord three times to take it away from me, but the Lord said, 'Paul, My grace is sufficient.'" Then he said, **"Except I would be exalted above the abundance of the revelation... He had more of a revelation than Peter, James, John, or any of them.** He seen Him after He'd been gone for maybe two years or more, standing in a Pillar of Fire talking to Him.....

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61 **You see, Paul had a ministry greater than all the rest of the apostles put together.** Some of them could've said, "Well, I walked with Jesus." Why, man on the street walked with Him when He was here. But Paul saw Him in the Pillar of Fire after He was dead, buried, ascended into heaven, and returned

back and called Paul (See?) on the road down to Damascus. And he had a greater ministry than Matthew, Mark, Luke, or any of them others. He was far beyond them. And he said, **"Except I get exalted now and say, 'Now, you fellows don't know nothing about It,' I seen the Lord after His resurrection."** Well, they say, "We walked with Him." Well, so did all them people down around in Galilee and Nazareth and through the country there. They all walked with Him.

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63 But, you see, Paul had talked with Him and saw Him in the form that He was before He was made flesh. See? And He commissioned Paul in that state. While He was in that Light, He commissioned Paul. And--and Paul had saw Him. And he said, **"Except I get exalted, feel a little higher than some of you brothers, there was given to me a messenger of the devil," that keeps him beat down.** And he said, "I sought the Lord three times to take it away from me. And He said, 'Saul, or Paul, My grace is sufficient.'" Then Paul said, "I'll glory in my infirmities, because when I am weak then I am strong. See, I will glory in it."

SHALOM\_ SIERRA.VISTA.AZ V-13 N-5 SUNDAY\_ 64-0112

217 Like Paul said, hallelujah, he had **an infirmity, something was bothering him. He'd... The Devil would-- would buffet him, blow after blow.** And he consulted the Lord, three times, to take it away from him, said, "I don't want this, Lord. Take it away from me!"

218 And then one night the Lord spoke to him, said Saul, or, "Paul, my grace is sufficient."

219 He said, "Then I'll glory in my infirmity. I'll glory in it. I know You're the Healer. I've seen You heal the sick, raise the dead, and cast out devils, open the eyes of the blind. But if I've consulted You, and You tell me it's **Your grace is sufficient, then this devil that bothers me is--is the growing pains of Your grace.** Then I'll glory in my infirmities. Why? If lest I get exalted above the abundance of the revelation." See?

221 He said, "Except I get exalted and want to build great big seminaries and everything else, and great big something another, lest I get--get exalted above the abundance of this revelation, **God let a messenger of the Devil keep me beat down.**" He said, "Then when I'm weak, I'm strong." Amen. Amen. Growing pains of grace!.....

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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.

**ABUNDANCE:** huperbole {hoop-er-bol-ay'}  
far more, exceeding, more excellent, metaph. superiority, excellence, pre-eminence, beyond measure, exceedingly, preeminently; beyond all measure

**GIVEN:** didomi {did'-o-mee}  
Grant, to give something to someone to his advantage; to bestow a gift  
to supply, furnish, necessary things,