

## **A MISUNDERSTOOD GIFT**

### **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.

### **PSALM 101:5**

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a **proud heart** will not I suffer.

### **PROVERBS 6:16**

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 **A proud look**, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

### **PROVERBS 15:25**

25 The LORD will destroy **the house of the proud**: but he will establish the border of the widow.

### **PROVERBS 16:5**

5 Every one that is **proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD**: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

### **PROVERBS 28:25**

25 He that is of **a proud heart** stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

### **ISAIAH 2:12**

12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is **proud and lofty**, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

### **MALACHI 4:1**

1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; **and all the proud**, yea, and all that do wickedly, **shall be stubble**: and the day that cometh **shall burn them up**, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

### **JAMES 4:6**

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud**, but giveth grace unto the humble.

### **I PETER 5:5**

5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: **for God resisteth the proud**, and giveth grace to the humble.

### **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

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.

PRESENT. STAGE. OF. MY. MINISTRY\_ JEFF. IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY\_ 62-0908

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.

PRESENT. STAGE. OF. MY. MINISTRY\_ JEFF. IN V-11 N-2 SATURDAY\_ 62-0908

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?

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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!

## **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.

**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,

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.**

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. . .

THE. TIME. OF. DECISION\_ CHICAGO. IL THURSDAY\_ 59-0611

E-5 Brother Tommy Hicks, I hear, is in a heart attack, **overworked**. Oh, as I said the other night? **God's people needs a juniper tree--rest**. Let's just wait on the Lord, then we renew our strength as we wait on Him. Don't try to do it all.

I remember staying in the prayer line for seven days and nights, and eating my meal at the pulpit, determined I would pray for every one that come before I set down. There were ten times more on the last night than there was when I started.

**Then I almost died**. I couldn't sleep, didn't know where I was at hardly, I was so tired and weary. **Doesn't pay to do that. Jesus doesn't want us to do that. He wants us to take care of ourselves.**

THE. MARK. OF. THE. BEAST. AND. THE. SEAL. OF. GOD. 1\_ LONG. BEACH. CA  
THURSDAY\_ 61-0216

E-2 How many knows Raymond Richey? He's setting back there in the room; I just prayed for him. And **he's overworked himself**

**and caused hisself to have a break and a stroke, terrible condition, lovely brother.**

PERFECT. FAITH\_ JEFF. IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY\_ 63-0825E

9 I get spells too, you know; I get moody. I get to a spot to where I. . . What gets me, is where I get to those spells when **I get all overworked**, and Satan comes telling me, "Why, nobody cares for you. You really haven't got a friend in the world, see. " And so that. . .

10 Remember, I'm not immune to the temptation. See, **I got to overcome that**. Then when I look back and see something like this, I put it right back in his face and say, "What about that?" That helps me to over--overcome. "What about that?"

RECOGNIZINGYOUR. DAY. AND. ITS. MESSAGE\_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-1 SUNDAY\_ 64-0726M

9 You don't realize, the world will never know, what I have to go through with. See? And it's just such a strain. **No wonder the Lord told His disciples, when He was walking with them, "Come apart into the desert, rest a while. " See?**

**I realize that more, every day, and especially as my days get more upon the earth, you see. As I get older, you realize it.** You hear our pastor saying "amen" to that, too. He, we, can realize that we're not boys after we pass fifty years old. **Now we got to have a little time.**

### **MARK 6:30**

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

### **MARK 6:32**

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

THE. JUNCTION. TIME\_ STURGIS. MI SUNDAY\_ 56-0122

E-23 And I know this. That one day I've got to come to the end of the road. I don't know when it will be. Most all Branhams, when they get old, many of them has lived to be old. My grandmother was a hundred and ten.

My grandfather lived to be ninety-eight on my father's side. My grandfather, on my mother's side, just died a few years ago, about five years ago at around ninety something. But my father died at fifty-two; drinking killed him.

But I may live to be old. **Usually they--when they get old, they get the palsy, shake, when they get old. That's just the nature of Branhams. Like it was the nature for Isaac to be blind, and Jacob went blind, and so forth like that. It's just the nature of our family.**

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ CHARLOTTE. NC SUNDAY\_ 56-0429

E-12 Most all Branhams when they get old. . . Some of them live long lives. My grandmother was a hundred and ten. My grandfather died at ninety-seven. My grandmother on my mother's side, she died young with. . . ?. . .

But she was the one that was a half breed, Cherokee Indian. And my grandfather died about four years ago, on mother's side, being somewhere in his nineties. My father went at fifty-two. I don't when that will come.

**But usually when they get old, the Branhams. . . It's just the nature like Isaac went blind, Jacob went blind, both of them prophets and so forth, just seem to run in their family stream.**

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ CHARLOTTE. NC SUNDAY\_ 56-0429

E-13 **The Branhams when they get old, they go to shake with the palsy.** I expect if I live, someday I've got to preach my



last sermon, pray for the last sick person. I hope that I'm an old man when He gets finished with me if Jesus carries.

THE. EASTER. SEAL\_ PHOENIX. AZ V-2 N-6 SATURDAY\_ 65-0410

253 I don't care if every door in the country is closed to me. That, I'm. . . As I said, I was fifty-six, other day. I could be snapped out. **I'm at the heart attack age. I'm in all this other age, and everything else.**

Well, what difference? It didn't make any difference to me when I was a kid. It don't make any difference now, what hour my number is called, and my card out of the rack.

I don't care if they ever knowed I ever lived on the earth. It don't make me no difference. They don't have to have no big monuments and big buildings to say that I was here on earth.

THINGS. THAT. ARE. TO. BE\_ RIALTO. CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 65-1205

143 **"Dear God, I may be killed, tonight, in an accident. I may die in a heart attack.** One of these mornings, I may call the doctor, and he come, and my pulse is beating up my sleeve;

I'm gone. I'm pressing my cheek against the pillows, call, 'O God! O God! O God!'" See? That heart is making its last beat.

GOD'S. PROVIDED. WAY\_ JONESBORO. AR WEDNESDAY\_ 53-0513

E-43 **it's your duty to go to your doctor. It's your duty to do whatever you can for yourself.** But look, brother. When you get to a place where the doctor can't help you, you've got a right to call on God. That's exactly right. And you believe it.

BEING. LED. BY. THE. HOLY. SPIRIT\_ KARLSRUHE. GR FRIDAY\_ 55-0819

E-9 Now, if a man's deaf, their, one thing to do, **the sensible thing to do is go to your doctor.** Let him examine you. He'll look all over it. Well, he'll perhaps say a, tell you why you're deaf.

Maybe something has slipped and it's cutting off the energy to the nerve. Then if he can operate and pull that slip back, it'll be energized. You'll hear again.

For instance, sometimes when the teeth is out, 'causes to pull down, and it makes you hard of hearing. Many things like that are natural things. . .

JEHOVAH. JIREH\_ LA. CA FRIDAY\_ 59-0417

E-58 You are sick. **Your duty is to go to your doctor.** If your doctor cannot help you, then God has a Sacrifice provided. . . .