THE FINAL PARADOX

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} catch up, take by force, to seize, carry off by force, to seize on, claim for one's self eagerly, to snatch out or away

The word expresses the suddenness and the rapidity with which it was done. Probably it was instantaneous, so that he appeared, at once to be in heaven.

II CORINTHIANS 12:3

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.

PARADOX BAKERSFIELD.CA V-22 N-5 THURSDAY 64-0206B

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PARADOX_ JEFF.IN V-15 N-8 SUNDAY_ 61-1210 83......In the Webster's dictionary, it says that a "paradox" means "something that's incredible, but true." That is a paradox. Something that's almost completely out of reason, couldn't be so but yet it is, that's a paradox.

HEBREWS 11:3

3 **Through faith we understand** that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

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understand there that the Bible says, Paul speaking, that the world was framed and put together by the Word of God: a paradox, that a--a Word could speak and out of that Word would--would form material things, so that things that do appear was made out of things that does not appear. Things that we see was the spoken Word of God. The earth is the Word of God. The trees are a Word of God. Why would we be afraid to trust One that's given such a Word with such power and authority? Why would we be afraid to take that Word to ourselves and apply It to our ownself? It shows where we have fallen in unbelief. It's the Word, God's Word, a paradox, truly a paradox, God's Word.

A.PARADOX CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-3 THURSDAY 63-0801

- of the Body of Christ is a paradox in themselves. I believe each one of you Methodist and Presbyterian and Lutheran, that never had experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit, was in some formal church that did not believe in the genuine new Birth, and has now received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, is a perfect example of a paradox. Because, something happened to you, that changed your whole being, and anyone could look at that and know what a paradox is: a miracle.
- 17 Unless that happens, you cannot be a Christian. There must be a paradox, for you to become a Christian. Cause, no one can--can change a spirit in a man, and give him new Birth, outside of God. God alone is the only One can do it. And it's a miracle how that God can take a man's thinking, and

his ways, and his life, and everything, and change it from what it was, to what it can be, what He can make it.

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- For instance, a few days ago, I was called in on a--a scene, or on a--a little something going on. There was a fine young man, very fine boy, he was going with a little girl, very fine little girl out of a fine family. And this boy, all of a sudden, came up with some kind of an idea, and he just walked away. He did something wrong to the little girl, and much as promised her to do a certain thing and then didn't do it. And instead of coming to the girl and apologizing, like a--a gentleman should do, he, it just wasn't in him to do it.
- 19 And the father and mother called me to the scene, and said, "We would desire to know what is wrong with our boy."
- Now, it's not easy to do sometime, but you must be truthful and honest. Therefore, the boy was a Christian, as far as a believer. He had repented and had been baptized, and had his position among the believers, but yet had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, no matter how much he thought he had.

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Now, this young fellow's parents. His mother is German. No reflection on the German, **but there is a strain in that family**. And, that is, they'll just sit, and you can talk to them, and they'll just stare you right in the face. They got... This girl's sister, the mother of this boy, her sister. I have come down the street, many morning, and this young lady be setting out in the yard, and I'd say, "Good morning, to you." She'd just look at me. And I'd stop, and I'd say, "Sure a fine morning." She would just stand, look right at you; an intelligent woman. And I'd say, "Come up to see us sometime." **She'd just stand and look. Well, her brothers are that way, father and mother is that way**.

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Now the father of the boy, is strictly an Irishman, moody, and high-tempered, high-strung. That's his whole family like that,

except one other out of the family, converted. Now in this, this boy...

- This father and mother, both are Christians, filled with the Holy Ghost, and they have brought this young man up in the way of the Lord. And now the young man is about seventeen or eighteen years old, something along there, very fine kid, and he's--he's been a real model boy at home, nice kid. And he's got a brother that's just vice versa.
- But the girls, the mother's family, lives close to the... a fine church. But do you think they'd ever come over there? No. And they know It's right, but it's just not in them to--to ask forgiveness or ask pardoning. They just won't do it. It's just not in them.

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- Now the genes in the father and the mother of this boy, no matter how much they are converted, still remains the flesh that's been interbred out to this boy. Therefore, the boy has got a complex in him, just like from his mother's family, and they are not forgiving, they will not apologize, and that's where that boy stands.
- Now, I said to the father, "No matter how much you've raised him up..." I said, "Now look at you, out of your family: all of them, drunks, and--and fighting, and shooting, and cutting, and so forth."
- them are drunks, and so forth." I said, "And how moody, and--and high-tempered and high-strung, but you're not. You're kind, forgiving. What is it? The Holy Spirit. You're no more what you

are; it's Christ in you." I said, "Now that same thing has to happen to your son."

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- And the father raised up and said, "My son went to the altar. He was baptized correctly, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and water baptism in the pool." Said, "I know my son has come to Christ."
- I said, "That may be all right, all the outward motions. He might be identified as a believer with the believers. But until he is regenerated, born again, I'd advise that young man to never marry a woman. He'll make Hell on earth for her, until that gentle, sweet, forgiving Spirit of Christ comes in. Then that will be a paradox in itself, to take the very nature of a boy that's bred between father and mother. And yet, in his intellectuals, he is trying his best to overcome it. He can't do it. He'll never overcome it. Christ will have to overcome it. When he lets Christ in, then he's already overcome then. It'll be a perfect paradox, when a man is born of the Spirit of God.

PARADOX_ BAKERSFIELD.CA V-22 N-5 THURSDAY_ 64-0206B

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I THESSALONIANS 4:16

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

I THESSALONIANS 4:17

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up together** with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

ACTS 8:39

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord **caught away** Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

ACTS 8:40

40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

GOD'S.PROVIDED.PLACE.OF.WORSHIP_ LA.CA V-18 N-2 SUNDAY_ 65-0425
172 And Philip was so full of that quickening power, till, He caught him out of his sight. Think! In his mortal body, his physical being was caught up, out of the sight of the eunuch. I believe that to be the truth. God could take him somewhere else, where He had need of him. He was caught up.

REVELATION 12:5

5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was **caught up** unto God, and to his throne.

TESTIMONY SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-5 THURSDAY 63-1128M

- 7.....Did you notice the order of the resurrection? "Shall be **caught up** together with them." We meet each other before we meet Him. "Be caught up together to meet them... with them, to meet the Lord in the air."
- 8 See, He is God, and then when He wants to be worshiped, that's what His very nature is, is to be worshiped, because He is God. And He knows if we were there, be looking out of the corner of your eye, see if the other one is there, but, and then **it wouldn't be the complete way of free worship**. When we stand there, and--and we know we've met each other first, and greeted each other, and then to stand by Him Who caused it all, and sing the songs of redemption!.......

THE.FEAST.OF.THE.TRUMPETS_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-16 SUNDAY_ 64-0719M 303 And before we can ever receive the Son, what happens? "The trumpet of God shall sound; the dead in Christ shall rise first, **a new body**; and we which alive and remain shall be changed, in a moment, in a twinkle of a eye," hallelujah, "and shall be **caught up together**, to meet the Lord in the air." The secret has been made known; the Seals are open.......

GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_ JEFF.IN V-6 N-3 SUNDAY_ 64-0719E 22.......Think of it! Missing people, they can't see you no more, but you're getting together with the rest of the group. "They which are alive and remain to the Coming of the Lord shall not prevent, or hinder," the word is, "those which are asleep," not dead. No, Christians don't die. They're just taking a little rest, see. That's all. Oh, my! "And the trump of God shall sound; and the dead in Christ shall rise first," appear to many. And all at once, you happen to stand and look, and, well, there's a brother, and you know it ain't long. In a few minutes, "We'll be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye. And together with them, be missing on earth, caught up to meet the Lord in the air."

RECOGNIZING.YOUR.DAY.AND.ITS.MESSAGE_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-1 SUNDAY_ 64-0726M 234 Oh, won't that be a time! Just walking along, someday, and here's appears somebody. "Who is it? Mother!" Amen! "It ain't going to be long now." Just in a few minutes, you're changed. And we'll be... meet them, then be caught up together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. Oh, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Say, "Here is Brother Seward, the old brother that used to be at church here! Why, here is Brother DeArk. Here is Brother So-... Why, looky here, they're all around me! What's the matter? Here just in a few minutes... I know they've done appeared to me. It ain't going to be long now. I'm going to be changed now, just in a moment, just a moment." Oh, yes! And the morning breaks Eternal, bright and fair. All the mystic clouds...

933-Q-240 All right, fifth question:

240. Will the Bride be gathered together in one place at the rapture, and will it be in the west?

Nope, don't have to be there. Yeah, the Bride will be gathered together in one place. That is true, **but not until the resurrection**. See? "For we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord..." Ephesians--II Thessalonians the 5th chapter, I believe it is. "We which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (or hinder) those which are asleep (universally); for the trumpet of God shall sound, and the dead in Christ shall rise, and **we shall be caught up together** with them to meet the Lord in the air." Therefore, the Bride will all be together when it goes to meet the Lord. See? **It will be together, but it don't necessarily mean that we--they all have to be setting in one place like this**; because the Bride is sleeping in the dust of the earth around the world, from the Arctic to the tropics, and from--from the east to the west, from north to the south.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M

Now, the first thing happens when we're resurrected... The ones which are a-living will just still remain... The resurrection will set in first, the resurrection of those that are asleep. There'll be a wakening time, and those which are asleep in the dust now, not those that are asleep in sin, 'cause they sleep right on. They don't awake for another thousand years. But those who are--are sleeping in the dust will be awakened first, and they'll--these corruptible bodies will put on incorruption in the rapturing grace of the Lord. And then we'll all get together. And when they begin to get together, then we which are alive and remain shall be changed. These mortal bodies will not see death, but just of a sudden, there'll be like a sweep go over us, and **you're changed**. You're turned back like Abraham was, from an old man to a young man, from an old woman to a young woman. What's this sudden change? And after while you--you're traveling like a **thought**, and you can see those then who are already

resurrected. Oh, what a hour. Then we'll gather with them and then be **caught up** with them to meet the Lord in the air.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M 935-59 It's not necessary, if your uncle is buried down in southern Kentucky, that he has to be brought up in Indiana, or buried in Indiana has to be taken to southern Kentucky. No matter where he is... Them are dead in the sea shall rise from the sea. Those that were destroyed in that arena and eat up by lions, those who are throwed in the fiery furnaces and **not even the bones will be left or the dust, they shall still rise.** Whether they was in Rome, or the arena at Rome, or whether they were in the tropic jungles of the south, or in the frozen regions of the north, they'll rise from the dead and be changed and be brought up; and the living shall be changed in a moment, a twinkling of an eye and be caught up together.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M 935-60 Look at the missionaries that died down there in the fields of Africa. Look at them that's died up yonder in the--in the--the frozen regions of the north. Look at them that died in the arena, all over the world, in the Congo, and all around across the world. They've died everywhere in China, Japan, around the world; and the coming of the Lord will be universal, this rapture will.

Watch the changing. "There will be two in the bed; I'll take one and leave one," the same moment, "There'll be two in the field; I'll take one and leave one," one on the dark side of the earth and one on the light side of the earth. See? It'd be a universal rapture. Yes, the church will all be together, but after, after the resurrection and the rapture has set in.

BALM.IN.GILEAD_ SAN.JOSE.CA TUESDAY_ 59-1124

E-6 The one thing that we have to **move up to now is a** supreme faith to what we have had, something that... You cannot have that faith until you know perfectly what you're doing. When you understand... Like you... You walk. You just say, "Well, I'm going home. I'm going out and start the car." That's all an act

of faith. "Tomorrow I will meet you at a certain place." That's all an act of faith, because you've just done it so much, because it's a regular routine with you.

Well, that's the way the things of God are. After you have trusted Him, and watched Him do so many things till it becomes just like a regular routine. And that's the condition I think the Church will be in just before the coming of the Lord. So the rapture will just go right on that way. It'll just be a regular routine of following the Scriptures and the plans of God.

FAITH.IS.THE.SIXTH.SENSE_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH SATURDAY_ 60-0611E E-42......The sixth sense subdued kingdoms. Through that sixth sense the walls of Jericho fell flat to the ground. Amen. You believe that? The walls of Jericho hit the ground **through the sixth sense**.

Through the sixth sense the sea could not drown Paul. When he went down there, when all hopes was gone, he saw a vision of the Angel of the Lord. And he come back up saying, "Be of a good courage." What was a matter? No moon and stars for fourteen days and nights, it was just as black as it ever was. The storm was just as great as it ever was. But **that sixth sense** went to work when he seen the Angel of the Lord. Hallelujah.

That sixth sense could not keep Peter in jail. No, sir. The power of God sent an Angel in there and delivered him.

The sixth sense could not keep Paul and Silas in stocks. God sent an earthquake and shook the whole thing down.

That sixth sense, let it go to work for you sometime.

Because of that sixth sense the lions couldn't even eat Daniel.

They couldn't fool with that sixth sense. No, sir.

By that sixth sense the fire couldn't burn the Hebrew children up. By that same sixth sense that was working in little Martha, when she come to see Jesus raised her brother out of the grave, after being dead for four days...

That same sixth sense cleaned a leper. That same sixth sense raised up Jesus Christ on the third day. That same sixth sense will rapture the Church one of these days and take it out of here to glory.

FAITH.IS.THE.SIXTH.SENSE_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH SATURDAY_ 60-0611E

E-43 Don't rely on the five. They're deceitful. But that sixth one's right.

EARNESTLY.CONTENDING.FOR.THE.FAITH.THAT.WAS.ONCE.DELIVERED.UNTO.THE.SAINTS _ SPINDALE.NC THURSDAY_ 56-0419

upon this Bible is a heretic. It's not right. It must come from this Bible, not from one Scripture but from every Scripture completely through the Bible, or it's not right. God doesn't make mistakes. He's infinite and He cannot make mistakes. He's infallible, omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent; He cannot make mistakes. And He does not write one thing, one time and something to contradict it over here. There's no such a place in the Scripture.

GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD.1 PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY 57-0306

E-9.....Every doctrine and everything else of the Bible, that we have in the church, must be based upon the Word of God, **must** come from the Word. Not just one place, but from Genesis to Revelation it must say the same thing, 'cause we cannot base our thoughts upon <u>one little Scripture</u>. For the Bible said, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses, let every word be established."

ABSOLUTE JEFF.IN V-3 N-18 SUNDAY_ 62-1230M

35-3 Oh, and I remember when He swept down there in that big Light, standing yonder at the bottom of the river, 1933, in June, when He said, "As--as John the Baptist was sent forth and forerun the first coming of Christ, I send you with a Message to the world to forerun the second coming of Christ." And around the world **she's went**, when revival fires had been built for fifteen years on nearly every mountain...?... Divine healing across the nations, and the power, and restoration... **And now, I** believe she's ready to strike that final climax yonder to bring forth a faith that'll rapture the Church into glory (It's the truth.), and She's laying in the Messages. We're really at the end time. We've talked about it and everything, but the thing

has moved upon us now. Hear them. Yes, sir. Here's one. That's right.