

## THE CHURCH 77

### JOHN 17:16

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

### JOHN 17:17

17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

### JOHN 17:18

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

### JOHN 17:19

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

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### JOHN 17:20

20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through **their word**;

INFLUENCE\_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY\_ 63-0112

304 Speak through me. And, Lord, I--I wouldn't say, do that, unless You had ordained it. **You ordained Your Gospel to be preached by men.** You could ordain the wind to preach It. You could ordain the stars to preach It. You could ordain the moon, the sun, to preach It. **But you ordained men. He won't change it.** You're waiting on men. You're not waiting on the stars; they're obeying You. The winds will obey You. But, Lord, we men, we're no good, we don't obey You. Lord, forgive us, won't You? Won't You forgive us?

LOOK\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_ 63-0428

46 Now, God could have chose to preach the Gospel by the sun, by the moon, by the stars, by the wind, or by nature. **But He chose men to preach the Gospel, and that's where the Voice of God will come from.** And you can judge the voice

according to the word it expresses, then you can see what kind of a voice that you're listening to. If it's contrary to the Word, don't listen to it. But if it is the Word, then God is duty bound to back that Word up and vindicate It and make It Truth, because He promised to do it. So we're living in a great day, these Words of Christ expressed.

381-2 A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK  
CPT.10

I sincerely believe that the Spirit of God has been speaking to us, not only teaching us the truths of the ages, but He has been faithfully dealing with hearts that they may turn to Him. **That is the reason for all preaching and teaching, for it is in the preaching and teaching of the Word that the sheep hear the voice of God and follow Him.**

### **I PETER 4:11**

11 If any man **SPEAK**, let him **SPEAK** as the **\*ORACLES** of God; if any man minister, **let him do it as of the ability which God giveth:** that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**ORACLES:** GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3051

logion {log'-ee-on}

In the NT, the words or utterances of God:

OUR.HOPE.IS.IN.GOD\_ NEW.YORK.NY SATURDAY\_ 51-0929

E-13.....Oh, God, take the clay, the voice of mortal beings and speak, Lord, **the oracles of God**, that people might see, and fear God, and serve Him.....

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS\_ COLUMBIA.SC SATURDAY\_ 56-0414

E-49 And God set in the Church first, what? Missionaries, or apostles; apostle and missionary, as I told you, taught you, is the same thing, "one sent." Apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelist, pastors, **God set in the Church for the perfecting of the Church.** That's Divine gifts that God foreordained and set into the Church. See? **Those are for the perfecting of the Church.**

**Jesus speaks through His pastor, speaks through His teacher, speaks through His seer, His prophet, speaks through His missionary to the countries, and so forth. That's His gifts that He's put in the Church.....**

REVELATION.BOOK.OF.SYMBOLS\_ JEFF.IN V-13 N-6 SUNDAY\_ 56-0617

57.....**Your pastor, when he stands here on the platform, ministering the Word of God, he is God's angel to the church, messenger to the church.** Therefore, a pastor should never leave that Word, but stay straight with the Word, because He's feeding the shepherd's place, 'cause the--**the word "pastor" means "shepherd."** Look it up and find out if that ain't right. A pastor is a shepherd, and the Holy Ghost has made him overseer over a certain flock to feed them. What with? The Word of God. Amen....

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

E-38.....You go into a meeting, a pastor that jerks his head, watch every one of the congregation jerk their head. You go to a-a meeting that a pastor's a real wildfire...?... run-about, you watch every one of the congregation act the same way. **But you go into a place where a pastor's a solid Gospel teacher, all hell will never move that church.** That's right.

WHAT.IT.TAKES.TO.OVERCOME.ALL.UNBELIEF.OUR.FAITH\_ YAKIMA.WA FRIDAY\_ 60-0729

E-15.....**So each of you people, who has a godly pastor, has a gift from God in your church, a shepherd. "Pastor" means "a shepherd," to watch over the flock, to teach them the Word of God.....**

THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFF.IN ROJC 229-285 WEDNESDAY\_ 60-1207

312.....You'll never live no higher than your pastor. You just remember that. See? And so... **'Cause he's the shepherd that feeds you. If he's the shepherd, he's got to know where the manna is, to feed the--the sheep.....**

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

8.....If you ever feel to do something, or a revelation or something comes to you strangely, something warningly or something, be careful. Satan is as sly and slick as he can be. See? **Put it with the Word of God and consult your pastor.** See?

BE.NOT.AFRAID\_ RICHMOND.VA SATURDAY\_ 61-0311

E-9.....And so many places in the Bible, when they went up before the **servants of the Lord to ask council**. Well, now, I want to ask you. What about you, when you get all messed up and troubled, **don't you go to your pastor? Is that right? You should do it.** If you get in trouble, you should go to your brother, and tell him, say, "Brother, I--I did something wrong. I--I shouldn't have did that. I--I pray you to help me now to pray through till I--I get over this thing. Or help me in my troubles." **Isn't that the Scriptural way to do it? Well, that's because he's your pastor; he's your shepherd; he's the one that gives the food out to you to--to eat. And he knows how to feed his sheep,** that God has, the Holy Spirit has made him overseer over the flock to watch over them and take care of them... **And that's what he's for.**

THE.GODHEAD.EXPLAINED\_ CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 TUESDAY\_  
61-0425B

8-4.....**the highest order in the church is the shepherd;** we realize that: the pastor. And--and if the--the... If some **bishop** or **somebody else** is going to knock the revelation out of the pastor, then how is a God going to ever work in His church? You see? You just can't get it.

CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7  
SUNDAY\_ 63-0728

81 **And stay with your pastor. See, he's the shepherd, and you give him respects. He'll lead you through, and, 'cause he's ordained of God to do so.**

THE.HOUR.IS.COME\_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY\_ 51-0415E

E-3.....If anything that I can do to help you, I'll be glad. Now, if it's anything concerning the religious idea, **I'd rather you'd ask your pastor**, because I don't--I don't like to do that (See?), 'cause I'm out here praying for the sick. And you **take your local pastor** and something like that. If there's anything that I can help otherwise, I will be glad to do it.

JEHOVAH.JIREH\_ RICHMOND.VA SUNDAY\_ 61-0312

E-9.....Now, to the questions you ask me in doctrine, I just referred you **back to your pastor** (You see?), because I don't--I don't do that. See? It's nice. I appreciate you putting that much confidence. But you see, all of us wouldn't agree just... On basics we all--we agree the same thing, but each man, maybe two or three setting there, wouldn't. **That's the reason I said ask your pastor (See?), because sometimes it causes a little friction in the church, and we don't want that.....**

JEZEBEL.RELIGION\_ MIDDLETOWN.OH V-6 N-14 SUNDAY\_ 61-0319

19.....Now, don't ask me doctrine, because I--I don't desire to do that. So many people writes me questions about marriage and divorce and so forth, which is a tangle in the church; **I always refer them back, and say, "Ask your pastor."** People's wrote me letters here and said, "What about this? And what about that?" I refer the letter back; you'll get it. **See your pastor on little things, because, after all, he's your shepherd.** See, he's the--he's the one that God sent to watch over you. And we might disagree upon it, and **then that causes confusion in your church. We don't want that.** No, no. We just want you quit doing things that's sinful, things out of the Bible, just keep moving on towards God. See? And if you cause little frictions and things like that, that upsets the church. **So I'd rather your pastor tell you about marriage and divorce, and these things and them things; let him do it. He's God's servant too, and he's equipped to do that.**

ABRAHAM.AND.HIS.SEED.AFTER.HIM\_ BLOOMINGTON.IL  
SUNDAY\_ 61-0416

E-25.....Now, many you people are writing me letters and saying, "Brother Branham, should we do this or do that?" **I always say, "Ask your pastor."** See? Because I'll do anything I can answer you on the great fundamental evangelical doctrines of the Bible. But when it comes to about: "Should we do this and do that." **I always refer to your pastor**, because we might... Each man, there isn't two here, but what would disagree with one another on little technical things, whether we should comb our hair on the right side or the left. And mine, I have no trouble with that. So--so... But you know what I mean. We--we have those things, so I always just say that every congregation, **"Ask your pastor those things."** If he has led you far enough to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, can't you trust him the rest of the way through? If God honored him for that...

THE.GODHEAD.EXPLAINED\_ CHICAGO.IL V-2 N-24 TUESDAY\_  
61-0425B

13-5.....I have always told the people who write me questions, outside of what I preach on the platform... And here's my secretary and so forth. If they ask me a question, "What about this?" or "What about that?" **I said, "Ask your pastor**, because if he's led you this far, till you received the Holy Ghost, he'll take you on." You see? **"You ask your pastor,"** because little things like that causes confusion; and therefore, I leave away from it. You see?

SUPER.SIGN\_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY\_ 61-0430

E-5.....Now, if there's any question of doctrine, **don't ask me. I'd rather you'd ask the pastor. You see? Because it's... it--it... That's his duty.** If he's carried you safely this far with God, he will take you the rest of the way through. So you... And so you just ask your pastor doctrine, because I don't like to answer those questions, because there may be every one of us up here, we might disagree each one with the other.....

BEHOLD.A.GREATER.THAN.ALL.OF.THEM.IS.HERE\_ SPOKANE.WA  
SUNDAY\_ 62-0715

E-14.....See, if you--if you got questions, I know you have, **but you ask your pastor**. He's the one can tell you. See? I wasn't sent to answer questions.....

WE.WOULD.SEE.JESUS\_ VICTORIA.BC FRIDAY\_ 62-0727

E-20.....And the religious questions that you might have in your mind, **I'd advise you ask your pastor and not me**, because every man's leading his flock. And if he's--the pastor has led you safely this far, **trust him the rest of the way**. He... If he brought you up to be filled with God's Spirit, and living the life that I trust that you're living, why, **trust him the rest of the way. He will be able to answer your questions.**

THE.PERGAMEAN.CHURCH.AGE\_ JEFF.IN ROJC 229-285  
WEDNESDAY\_ 60-1207

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THE.FALLING.APART.OF.THE.WORLD\_ JEFF.IN V-10 N-6  
SUNDAY\_ 62-1216

102 So why yoke up to a organization when the Kingdom of God is offered to you that you're borned into it? And there's not a hypocrite in it: all pure, unadulterated sons and daughters of God, that believe His Word from Genesis to Revelation and stays with It. And their life proves it, and God confirms His Word to it. **That's the Messiah. That's the Wife of Messiah. And God sets in that system teachers, pastors, prophets, and so forth, to keep that Messiahship of His straight in there, not mixed up with denominational creeds, but weeds that thing out and keep the Church pure unadulterated to Christ and His Word.....**

THE.INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE.OF.CHRIST\_ SHP.LA V-2  
N-15 THURSDAY\_ 65-1125

271....."God placed in the Church, some apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors..." **He placed that by virtue of His Own predestination. And you were that, to begin with.....**

ABSOLUTE\_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-18 SUNDAY\_ 62-1230M

18-3 No matter what your experience is then; **if something in you tells you that that Bible isn't true, that power of God, apostles, prophets, and teachers, and pastors, and the gifts of the Spirit just isn't the same as It was when It flowed through them apostles at Pentecost, there's something wrong with your absolute**; it has to tie to a denominational creed, instead to God's Bible, when He said, "Both heavens and earth will pass away, but My Word shall never fail."

**Watch what your absolute is.....**

**JOHN 17:20**

20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

**JOHN 17:21**

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

**JOHN 17:22**

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

**JOHN 17:23**

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.