THE CHURCH 121 SATAN, THE OPPOSITE OF KENOSIS 13

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.

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.

I JOHN 2:17

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

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: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 212 alazoneia {al-ad-zon-i'-a} ajlazoneiva boasting, empty, braggart talk, insolent and empty assurance, which trusts in its own power and resources and shamefully despises and violates divine laws and human rights

II CORINTHIANS 12:6

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.

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: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5229 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

II CORINTHIANS 12:8

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

II CORINTHIANS 12:9

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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

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. . .

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

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!

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."

WHEN. THEIR. EYES. WERE. OPENED. THEY. KNEW. HIM_ TULARE. CA V-22 N-10 WEDNESDAY_ 64-0212
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.

ROMANS 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think *SOBERLY, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

SOBERLY: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4993 sophroneo {so-fron-eh'-o} be in right mind, to exercise self control; to put a moderate estimate upon one's self, think of one's self soberly; to curb one's passions

JAMES 4:16

16 But now ye rejoice in your *BOASTINGS: all such rejoicing is evil.

BOASTINGS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 212 alazoneia {al-ad-zon-i'-a} pride, 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

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.

HIGH: HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1362 gabahh {gaw-bawh'} proud, lofty, tall, exalted in station, haughty,

PROVERBS 8:13

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

PROVERBS 11:2

2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom.

PROVERBS 13:10

10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

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 16:18

18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

PROVERBS 21:4

4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

PROVERBS 29:23

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

MARK 7:21

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

MARK 7:22

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, *PRIDE, foolishness:

PRIDE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5243

huperephania {hoop-er-ay-fan-ee'-ah}

haughtiness, arrogance, the character of one who, with a swollen estimate of his own powers or merits, looks down on others and even treats them with insolence and contempt.

MARK 7:23

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

JAMES 4:6

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

RESISTETH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 498 antitassomai {an-tee-tas'-som-ahee} to range in battle against, to oppose one's self, resist

AT. THY. WORD_ MINNEAPOLIS. MN FRIDAY_ 50-0714 E-3 A person who lives their life for theirself, lives a selfish life. We must live for others: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fill full the law of Christ." And we got to have a feeling for one another. FAITH. IN. THE. SON. OF. GOD_ HAMMOND. IN TUESDAY_ 52-0715

E-2..... So each day I want to live, not for myself. If I live for myself, I live a selfish life. I want to live for others, and give what strength I have,

not to myself, and to my own pleasure, but for the benefit of others, that'll build the Kingdom of God.

THE. WORD. BECAME. FLESH. INDIA. TRIP. REPORT_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-5 SUNDAY_ 54-1003M

And I recognized the other day, a selfish spirit coming up in me of saying, "This man's wrong. I ought to tell him about it." That's wrong. God's the One to tell him about it. That's not. . . It's none of my business.

But my business is preach the Gospel and love everybody, and move on and love my enemies, as Jesus Christ loved me when I was His enemy. That's right. When I was unlovely, He--He loved me to His bosom.

And anybody that's unlovely, let me love them the same. Let the Spirit that was in Christ, be in us. Amen. I love Him. I love Him. Oh, my.

ACTS. OF. THE. HOLY. SPIRIT_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-10 SUNDAY_ 54-1219E

116 When a man's ever born truly of the Spirit of God, and from the crown of his head to the ends of his toe nails, he's been changed by the resurrection power of the Lord Jesus Christ,

and his own selfish ideas have faded away, and God has got complete control of that man, he will believe every written Word of the Lord Jesus Christ and practice the same...... PRIDE CAMPBELLSVILLE. KY SUNDAY 55-0807A
E-44 You say, "Brother Branham, I'm no prostitute."
I don't altogether mean sexually. Prostitution's on a higher level.
You can prostitute your time. How much time do you give to
Him?

Prostitute your own selfish motives, going around saying, "Well, I belong to this church, I'm better."

No you're not. You can prostitute otherwise than sexually. The Holy Spirit will speak to your heart, and you'll say, "I want nothing to do with that."

You blind Pharisee, prostitute. What's the matter with you? Committing adultery with the world, that's what you're doing. Oh, you say, "I belong to church," and so cold and indifferent. Oh, you say pretty prayers. Oh, I hate that Pharisaic thing.

Oh, you pray and make every comma just perfect, and every period just perfect. Oh, you pray so beautiful. You can't talk to God like that. You're listening to what you're saying and punctuating your prayer. O God, help you to turn loose once and pray. Stop saying prayers.

THE. MIGHTY. CONQUEROR_ CHICAGO. IL FRIDAY_ 58-0110 E-9...... We'll never conquer as long as we're selfish. God hates sin. And He will not let it triumph over wrong.

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717 94 O God, make us prisoners like that, from our own selfish ambition, and from our own judgments and our better way of thinking, to be a prisoner of Jesus Christ. I think that was a great statement, that, "I'm a prisoner to Jesus Christ."

A. PRISONER_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0717
98 Oh, tonight, if we, as the Branham Tabernacle, could only become prisoners; to our own selfish being, to our own ambition, that we could completely surrender ourself and be yoked to Him,

no matter what the rest the world thinks, what the rest the world does. We're yoked with fetters of love. We are prisoners........

THE. ANOINTED. ONES. AT. THE. END. TIME_ JEFF. IN V-5 N-3 SUNDAY_ 65-0725M

285...... Many of you here might be trinitarian preachers. We don't want to be angry with you. We love you. If we didn't, if I didn't believe that,

I'd never leave this church till I got down there on my knees and said, "God, make me right."

I don't want that arrogant, selfish spirit mixed up with mine. I want my spirit to be pure and clean, brotherly love, holy with the Holy Spirit.

Now, if someone does anything wrong to me, that's all right. And though I might have the right to get back at them, I don't want that in my life. No, I--I want to have love. I want to be ready to correct with love, with love that absolutely answers out yonder for it.

WHERE. I. THINK. PENTECOST. FAILED_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA FRIDAY_ 55-1111

E-44..... if you profess to be a Christian, depart from sin and selfishness and tempers, and live like Christ did, a peaceful, humble, God-blessed life. Amen. That's right.

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.

IMAGES. OF. CHRIST_ JEFF. IN MONDAY_ 59-0525 E-30 Now remember. It's only the sick that demands attention--service, just the sick. They demand attention. And when you see a preacher. . . And may I not only limit it to a preacher, but may I limit it to every church member that wants attention: "I'm somebody," just remember, there's a spiritual sick person. They're needing attention. They need the attention of the Spirit of God to give them something that'll take that attitude out of them and heal them from their selfishness,

and big ideas, and "big me and little you." The Holy Ghost makes us all the same. Too much spiritual sickness--anemics. . . You know what anemia is? It's someone hasn't got any blood. They walk funny. They're topsy, tipsy-topsy all the time. And that's what's the matter with many of our church members today.

They are anemics. They need a Blood transfusion of Calvary, that'll give them rich Royal Blood to make them walk in the old fashioned Holy Ghost hewed out way of God, that'll give them something to live for, give them a confidence that'll make them walk in the image of their Lord.

GREATER. THAN. SOLOMON. IS. HERE_ TUCSON. AZ WEDNESDAY_ 63-0605

38. To be a Christian is self-denial. "Deny yourself. Take up your cross. Follow Me daily." Today it's so soft, and people call themselves Christians.

When, it used to mean death, to confess Christ, and you had to depend on Him daily for everything you had need of.

BE. NOT. AFRAID_ TUCSON. AZ FRIDAY_ 63-0607 106 Christianity is self-denial. "Take up your cross daily. Follow Him." Die out, to the things of the world. When all condemnation is gone......

I JOHN 2:17

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.