

Notes used in the Message

www.SpokenWordChurch.com

14-0420pm - The Whole Armor of God - Aaron Roberts

EPHESIANS 6:10-18

- » 10 † ¶ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
- » 11 † Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- » 12 † For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- » 13 † Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- » 14 † Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- » 15 † And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- » 16 † Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- » 17 † And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- » 18 † Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1) RESTORATION.OF.BRIDE.TREE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-15 SUNDAY_ 62-0422

5-4 I was hearing yesterday, when our church got a--a new station wagon for me, and I--to travel (And my other one's about worn out.); and so I--I turned the radio on and listened at the newscast. And then, they was coming down last night from where Joseph and I had went to pray, then we's coming down from Green's Mill, they--I turned the radio on. It was a newscast, and it was telling--following--this monitor was following a young fellow in his training; and how **he was standing there with his pockets full of sand and everything, where he'd had to hold his head so low; that live machine gun fire was going right above his head, while he crawled through barbed wires and things, taking a rigid training.**

5-5 Well, that's what we're doing here. But now, it's a lot different on the battlefield. See? That machine gun is timed, trained right at a certain level. But on the battlefield, it could come up or down. See? So--so that's a little different there (You see?) than what--what it is, so we have to... Well, this is training here, but out there you're on the battlefield.

2) UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ SPOKANE.WA SATURDAY_ 62-0714

E-50 Paul, here, was talking in Corinthians 14:8, of training a soldier. He's trained to a sound. **That soldier, if he's a trained soldier, he knows every sound of that trumpet just exactly what to do. He's trained to that trumpet.** When that trumpet sounds...

He said, "If a trumpet gives an uncertain sound," then the soldier don't know what to do, because he's only trained to the sound of the trumpet. He knows exactly what to do, because the trumpet sounding tells him what to do.

He said, "Now, if the trumpet gives a uncertain sound, then he don't know what to do." Now, that was training in natural soldier. **And the Christian soldier is trained to a trumpet, a sound of a trumpet. And that's the Gospel trumpet, the Gospel, the sound of the Word of God, the Gospel trumpet.** And if one never knew the sound of the Gospel trumpet, he'd be a bit confused. If he didn't know what the Word said, and what the Word taught, just what the church said, he'd be a bit confused when he heard the sound of the trumpet. He wouldn't know how to prepare himself.

3) TRUMPET.GIVES.AN.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ PHOENIX.AZ MONDAY_ 63-0114

E-38 Now, Paul said in the Scriptures, it... Like training a soldier--a soldier to a sound... Now, a soldier's got to learn the sound of his--of the bugle, or the trumpet. He doesn't know if the trumpet goes--blows, whether to--to charge or whether to retreat. If he doesn't know the difference, what kind of a mixed-up army would you have? The enemy would certainly triumph over a bunch of soldiers that was no better trained than that. Amen. That's what's the matter with our churches today. We're trained them on creeds, different one to the other. We got to be united, We've got to know a trumpet.

"Then which is the trumpet?" they say.

The Gospel trumpet, that's it. The Word of the living God is the Trumpet. Don't mix nothing with it.

Don't try to somebody play a French harp, and the other one blow a bugle. Nobody knows what to do. It brings a confusion. And Paul was talking about training a man to a sound. And just as that sound is, he knows exactly what to do, because the bugler has got orders and--from the chief captain. And when he sounds his trumpet the army knows just exactly the place to--to advance, and where to withdraw, and whether to turn right or left, or what to do by the sounding of the trumpet.

E-39 **Now. Army, war, it's always been war. We never joined the church, or come into the church to come to a picnic. We must realize we are coming to a battleground.** I never come for people to pat me on the back and say, "Brother Branham, you're a wonderful person." No, sir. I come there with a shield on. I don't need a shield for that. I come with a helmet and the armor. I come to fight, fight every inch of the ground. God told Joshua, "Every place the soles of your foot treads upon, that I give you." So footsteps meant possession.

And when the church gets to a place that compromises with creeds, and compromises with the Word, and compromises with the world, I mean, then it's losing ground. It's taking back.

E-40 What we need tonight is soldiers to possess every Divine promise of this Bible that God promised to the church--whole armor of God--and to stand. What we need... Soldiers. Not get a uniform for a dress parade, it's always different.

When a man, or any nation... We got spies through every nation. We got German spies here; we got English spies here. We got--we got spies over in England. What are they trying to do? They're trying to find out what kind of a material, what kind of a bomb the other one's got. F.B.I., pretty near every nation... They're watching to see; that's how they survive. They watch and see what kind of a bomb the other one gets. Then they come by and make it a little better, or make something to counteract it. They don't trust one another in the nations, 'cause that shows that nations are shaking.

4) DIVINE.LOVE.AND.SOVEREIGN.GRACE_ PRINCE.ALBERT.SK TUESDAY_ 56-0814

E-2 And now, last evening, we were speaking on earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. And how, that God met with us, and let us know what kind of a faith that they had. And so, today, we are earnestly contending for this same faith that was once delivered to the saints. And to see that we are contending for it...

Now, that isn't contending with each other, with the Methodists contending with the Baptists, the Presbyterian, or--or the Pentecostal, or whatever, **we are just contending against the wiles of the devil, against Buddhism, and against Mohammedanism, and the hundreds of idols and gods of the world,** and against the god of America, the god of Canada, many of their idols of worldliness. We're contending that there's one true, living God, and that He's just as live tonight, as He ever was. **And that we are not here just with a fictitious belief; we're not here all emotionally wrapped up in some emotion, or psychology, or enthusiasm. We're here in the Presence of the living, resurrected Jesus Christ, Who stands with us each night, and proves Himself to be alive, raised from the dead, and is here with us, now.**

5) TRUMPET.GIVES.AN.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ PHOENIX.AZ MONDAY_ 63-0114

E-48 Now. **The great church is armored by the Word. Now, when Jesus come, did He use that same armor? He certainly did. When Satan come to Him in all of his strength, and he said, "If thou be the Son of God do certain, certain things," He said, "It is written..." Right back to the Word.** Satan tried Him a little higher, but Jesus, right back with the Word, "It is written." **There He remained upon that Word, showing to us as an example.**

As He said in I Corinthians, "I give..." or first--St. John 14:13, "I have given you an example," **and that is an example that we should emphatically, we should perfectly put our trust in the Word of God, and let everything else be a lie. That's one thing that's certain. God made the promise. God's going to keep the promise.**

They say, "How can this thing happen? How can He get a bunch of people together with rapturing grace to go up?"

I don't know how He'll do it. It's not my business to ask how He'll do it. It's my business just to be ready for it. He promised it. It's going to happen.

6) EPHESIANS 6:11

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

7) HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_ 63-0825M

104 Look. Temptation was for Him. Did you know that? The Bible said He was tempted in all points like we are yet without sin. He was tempted by--by drinking; He was tempted by women; He was tempted by everything that could be tempted by. He was tempted by everything that we are; He was a man. And yet you couldn't put a mark on Him. Yes, sir.

"Overcome" means "to recognize the devil at every one of his tricks." Lot of people says there is no devil; it's just a thought. Don't you believe that. There's a real devil. He's just as real as you are, anybody, a real devil. And you must recognize him real. **You must know he's a devil. And then, the same time that you--you recognize him and know that he's the devil, and he's against you, then, to overcome you must recognize that the God in you is greater and mightier than he is...?... that the One that's in you has already overcome him, and by His grace you're more than a match for him. Amen. There's real overcoming.**

8) EPHESIANS 6:13

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

9) CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728

63-1 The Church is the Blood of Christ by the Spirit, because the Life is in the blood. That's the baptism of the Holy Ghost that baptizes us into His Body, that recognizes only His Body, His flesh, His Word. Denomination won't ever touch that; it's a revelation. She knows it. So did Eve know it; but she fell; but this one knows it and won't fall. **She's ordained to. Hallelujah. She's ordained to not fall. She won't fail. She's predestinated to it.** "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin." You ministers know what I'm speaking of when there's a couple dozen of you setting here. See? "Blessed is the man who God will not impute sin"--David.

10) INVISIBLE.UNION.OF.THE.BRIDE_ SHP.LA V-2 N-15 THURSDAY_ 65-1125

38-2 The call of the Holy Spirit searching the hearts... You're standing completely. You never sinned in the first place. God don't even know... It's in the sea of forgetfulness. You never did it. You were accused of it by the accuser; but really from the beginning you were predestinated to be a son or daughter of God. You're standing there washed, and your old book of divorcement's put away and is dead, absolutely out of existence even in the mind of God. **You are the virtuous Bride of Christ, washed in the Blood of Christ: precious, virtuous, sinless, Son of God standing with a pure, unadulterated Bride Word that He washed by the Water of His own Blood that become flesh and manifested that He might take you, which were predestinated in the bosom of the Father before the beginning,** the same as He was.

11) ISRAEL.AT.THE.RED.SEA.2_ JEFF.IN IC 65-96 FRIDAY_ 53-0327

117 Let's just take the loins, "girded about with a girdle," that's the--**that's the belt that holds the rest of it together. "Gird your loins with Truth." In the day, brother, when there's all kinds of isms and fanaticism, it's time to gird yourself with the Truth. Hallelujah. Jesus said, "I am the Truth": the Truth.**

I tell you, when people say, "What about this? What about that?" It's good to see that old Truth buckled around you (Isn't it?), knowing where you're standing. Then stand there. Let them say, "Well, you have this, that, and the other." You know where you're standing. Have the whole armor buckled on, and with a--a girt around here, buckled down good and tight, and pulled down with the Truth of God's Word anchored in your heart.

All devils in hell can't upset you. That's right. You can meet Satan, say, "It's written." Hallelujah.

"Oh, I tell you, brother, did you take up serpents?"

"No, sir. I believe Jesus Christ."

"Did you do this, that, or the other?"

"No, sir. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Buckled about, an armor on, girded with Truth.

Now, they were ready while they were eating. God wants you to dress up before you eat this communion. And, brother, before you can correctly eat it, you have to dress up. For, the Holy Spirit that's in your heart, will bring the Holy Spirit, lives on the Word of God.

12) GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_ 62-0311

45-3 There's going to be one here in a few nights, right here, to show a picture here with Brother Arganbright here at the place. He's been the diplomat to about five different presidents, Brother Rowe, and he's a... (He will be here, I think it's about second week in April. Brother Neville will announce it.) And he's a wonderful man.

He said he could speak in eight different languages (I believe), but when he received the Holy Ghost, he didn't have no language he could talk to the Lord; so the Lord just give him one, he said, so he could talk to Him with that one--give him a new one that he never had practiced on. All right.

... spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore... (Now, listen, all ye soldiers now, just before we start the prayer line.)... take unto your--unto you the... (w-h-o-l-e)... whole... (not just part of it)... the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,... (That's the day we are living in.)... and having done all, to stand. (Stand. Amen. You get that? See, honey, when you've done all you can to do stand, then stand, don't move.)

Stand therefore, having your loins... (Listen at this, listen here to what this is.)... your loins... (That's your middle part here. See?)... girded about with truth,... (What is the Truth? The Word of God. That's right. "Thy Word is Truth." All right.)... and **having on the breastplate of righteousness;... (That is, do what's right--got the Word of God in you, doing what's right.)... the breastplate of righteousness;**

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; (Go anywhere, any place, any time: feet shod with the Gospel. See? And look.)

Above all,... (above all of it)... take the shield of faith,... (That's the one that knocks off the darts. See?)... the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation,... (That's the soul, mind--the mind in here--the head--covers over the head.)... and the--and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_ 62-0311

And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; (Go anywhere, any place, any time: feet shod with the Gospel. See? And look.)

13) LUKE 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

14) GREAT.WARRIOR.JOSHUA_ CHICAGO.IL WEDNESDAY_ 55-0119

E-38 Now, when Joshua was over there walking around after he crossed over Jordan, then begin to eat some of the old corn... I can imagine Joshua that morning, after having this great vision of the Lord saying, "I'll be with you. Just as I was with Moses, so will I be with you." Called him out one night and said, "Now, look, Joshua," give him a vision, said, "Now My servant Moses is dead. Rise and go over this Jordan, thou and all the host of Israel. And the Lord thy God will be with thee. No man shall stand before thee all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. Only be good courageous, and do not be discouraged; just keep moving on, I will be with you. Every place you set the soles of your feet is a possession for you."

Footprints means possession, brother. What the Church needs tonight is some more footprints over here on this land. Don't hang around Jordan too long. Let's get out of here and see what we got. All right.

Every time that he made a footprint, every time he footprinted on, it was a possession. I can see Joshua, after he had the vision; he said, "Now, gather all Israel and stand down by the Jordan. Sanctify yourselves, wash your clothes, and come down to its banks in the morning, I'll show you what the glory of God is." Amen. He had a vision. God told him in His Word, the Word said, "I've give you the land. It's yours. It's your possession."

14) CHRISTIANITY.VERSUS.IDOLATRY_ JEFF.IN V-8 N-2 SUNDAY_ 61-1217

199 That's what the--not the idol, but what the individual ought to be dressed. Let us put on the whole armor of God (Amen.), the helmet of salvation, **this great big shield the size of a door, of faith.** Oh, brother. It's not what he is, but what he represents. That's what the officer... It ain't that little man standing there; he's just an ordinary man, but what he represents...

Our Armor is Jesus Christ. Yes, sir. All devils slide their brakes when they see that. When they see that full armor of God, the true baptism of the Holy Ghost (Amen.), that seen It coming straight from the throne of God, dressed in the full armor of His resurrection... Amen.

Not that you're strong, you're nothing. But it's What's behind you. Why? You are dead. You joined the army. You've joined the police force. You're going to keep law and control of these devils. That's right. You're on the police force; the whole thing's behind you. See, you're reckoned dead. You're nothing. You couldn't stop nothing. But your authority that's been given you, because you are raised and setting in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, the Devil recognizes that. Everything slides its brakes when them hands goes up.

15) GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_ 62-0311

46-1 How you going to let this helmet, what's it does? **It's a protection.** What is the helmet made out of? Brass. Brass can't even be tempered: hard, harder than iron. A brass headpiece--the what? **The salvation, knowledge of knowing this: "That my healing comes from God; my salvation comes from God; my spirit matches His Word," not the church's idea, the Word. Amen.** There you are. Covered over with a protection. The helmet of salvation, deliverance, take that; then go marching forward. Oh, now. Now, that's what we're supposed to do.

16) GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_ 62-0311

57-3 Now, when the enemy attacks and tries to say you got to do this, and do that, what are you going to do? Stay with the Word. That's right. What are you want to do then? Take the Word. What is the Word? The Bible said here, we just read it. For the Spirit of God is the Word. See? Look here. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword, the Sword of the Spirit--the Sword of the Spirit." **What's the Spirit that comes in through your mind, and enters into you; and the Sword of that Spirit is the Word of God. What does that Spirit fight with? What does the Holy Spirit fight with? sensations? feeling? The Word. Glory. Whew. Glory.**

What does It fight with? Healing Word. Word. Let's say it, Word. Word. [Congregation answers back, "Word"--Ed.] Word of God is what the Spirit fights with.

The Spirit of God walks right up to the devil and said, "It is written." Amen. "It is written." and the devil gives away.

17) TAKE.ON.THE.WHOLE.ARMOR.OF.GOD_ SANTA.MARIA.CA SUNDAY_ 62-0701

E-56 Now, as it was in the days of Noah, there was giants in the land, you know. And so, Satan also has his intellectual giants in the land. That's right. Oh, my. D.D.D.D., Ph., double L, Oh, my, my, my, intellectual giants... Oh, they know all the words, all the grammar; they know--they just know it all, intellectual giants. But somehow or another they become spies. And that's the spy system. Forgive me now, intellectual brother, but it's a spy system that sits out among you to take out the sheep and say, "Why, that's holy-rollers. That isn't so."

If it's with the Word, it is so. Now, we know we've got counterfeits everywhere. That's right. It's a battle.

You've got to know your enemy, and you've got to know your Armor. Your Armor is the Word. Your enemy is something that'll reason against It. "Now, I tell you, dear, you don't have to do this. Our church is the biggest church. We got more..." Uh-huh, intellectual giants... And you listen to him a few minutes, he will have you so far away from the truth, till you won't know where you're at. That's right. Oh, so deceiving, his collar turned around, you know, and walking down, and say, "Well, we are... We've been on the road a long, long time."

E-57 You know, here not long ago I see where the--the pope of Rome invited all the churches back to the beginning. I said, "Praise God. I'd like to do that."

"All of you come back to Rome, where the church begin."

I'd like for some historian, some Bible reader, or some scholar to prove to me that the church begin in Rome. The church begin in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. That's where the church started. Rome had nothing to do with it. Rome was the ruin of it when it organized.

But I'll tell you; organization begin in Rome. That's true. **But the church in its birth, in its armor, begin on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem.** And if the honorable pope wants to go back to that time, I'll join hands with him, and say, "Bless God. I'll put everything I can for you. I'm trying to get back to that day."

E-60 But to hurry up, these intellectual giants are too much for God's humble people. Now, God's people has always been uneducated and humble. Just tell me one time it was any other way. Watch the two sons. Watch Cain and Seth's children. Abel was killed, which was a type of death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. Seth took his place.

Now, Cain's children become intellectual, religious, 'cause their father was intellectual (Cain), religious. And Cain built an altar; Abel built an altar. Cain made an offering; Abel made an offering. Cain worshipped; Abel worshipped. And if God only respects a church, its order, its worship, its offerings, and so forth, if that's all God respects, He was unjust for condemning Cain, 'cause he was just as religious as Abel was. But he didn't come the right way.

E-61 How about Moab? There was Israel; there was Moab, who worshipped the same God we do. What was it? It was Lot's daughter's child. And there they was. They went out and brought bishop Balaam in. And he made seven altars, just like they was down in Israel.

Now, Israel was a undenominational, had no nation to go to, but it was going to one. Amen. Here we have no continuing city, but we're seeking one to come. Watch. Balaam offered seven clean sacrifices, bullocks, just like they had down in Israel. And Balaam offered seven rams, speaking of the coming of Christ. So did Israel.

E-62 Then if fundamentalism is all that God requires, both places was justified. But what was it? What was it that Balaam failed to see? He failed to see that Pillar of Fire. He failed to see that smitten rock, that brass serpent going before Israel for an atonement. He failed to hear the shout of the camp--of the King among them. He judged them by their works.

God don't judge no one by their works, judge you by your faith. Notice. I want to clear that up about the little woman last night too. It wasn't her works of washing her feet. He justified her then before Simon by saying what she had done; He justified her by works, what she was doing. But when He justified her in her own sight, He said, "Thy faith hath saved thee," 'cause no man is justified by works. By her faith in Him being the Son of God, not what she was doing, but her faith in Him... And your faith always tells your works. That's right.

18) *113-1 SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4**

The word Smyrna means, "bitter," being derived from the word, myrrh. Myrrh was used in embalming the dead. Thus we have a twofold significance found in the name of this age. It was a bitter age filled with death. The two vines within the framework of the church were drifting further apart with an increased bitterness toward the true vine on the part of the false. Death was not only the seed of the false vine but even in the true vine there was a creeping paralysis and impotence because they had already drifted from the unadulterated truth of the first few years after Pentecost; and **no true believer is any stronger and spiritually healthy and alive than his knowledge of and adherence to the pure Word of God, as seen by multitudes of examples in the Old Testament.** Organization was growing apace, confirming and augmenting the death of the membership, for Holy Ghost leadership was deposed and the Word was replaced by creeds, dogmas and man-made ritual.

19) QUEEN.OF.SHEBA_ TULSA.OK FRIDAY_ 60-0401E

E-17 That's the only way you can be saved, is by faith. You've got to look at the unseen. And a whole armor of Christianity is supernatural. The people... How that a man can say that he believes in God, and preaches in a church, and says **he does not believe in the supernatural, when the full armor of God, the full armor of Christianity, is supernatural?**

What is the armor of Christianity? Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, meekness, patience, faith, Holy Spirit: all those things are supernatural. What is love? What is joy? Go down to the drug store and buy me a quarter's worth of it; I need it right now. See? You can't buy love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, patience, gentleness, faith. You can't buy it; it's supernatural. And the whole armor of the Christian is supernatural, and we're bidden by the Scriptures to put on the whole armor of God. Be girded about--the whole armor.

20) LAMB'S.BOOK.OF.LIFE_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 56-0603

E-51 The 12th chapter of I Corinthians said, "By one Spirit we're all baptized into one body and become members of that body." And then it's not what I've done, what I am, who I was, or nothing about it; it's what God has done for me in Christ. And we are perfected with our Sacrifice.

He makes no mistakes. He wouldn't bring you in, if you wasn't worthy. He knows your heart. That's right. He knows what you are. He knows your motives. He knows what you are. There's traps all along the road. Sure. The devil will cause you to stumble, and you say, "God, I didn't mean to do that. God, You know it." You're still perfect, because there's a perfect Blood offered for you everyday, and a bleeding Sacrifice hanging before the throne of Almighty God. That's right.

Now, how did you get in there? God, by foreknowledge... Now, God said that Jesus... Now, put on your caps. Get open your heart. Look. The Bible said Jesus was the Lamb slain from the, where? Foundation of the world He was slain. Why? God, the Father, when He looked down and seen how... Jesus never come just to die a haphazard death. He never come, say, "Well, maybe somebody'd have pity when they see the way I die and everything." No, it wasn't. God don't run His business like that. God runs His business perfect. That's right. He knowed exactly what was going to take place. That's where He could foresay. He knows exactly what He... He's not willing that any should perish. He's not willing. But if He's infinite, He knows who will and who won't. Therefore, you can rest assure. If you have received God and been filled with the Holy Ghost, you're anchored to your eternal destination. Correctly. See, He foreknows.

21) TESTIMONY.ON.THE.SEA_ DALLAS.TX V-19 N-11 SATURDAY_ 64-0307

84 And you men, you'll let your wife do a thing like that, wear shorts. Them ain't Methodists, Baptists. That's Pentecostals. That's right: form of godliness, Laodicea church age, lukewarm, Pentecost by name, that's all. Pentecost is not a name; it's an experience of the baptism of the Holy Ghost that cleans the people up. No wonder we can't have great healing services and things; there's something went wrong somewhere. It's Satan, saw us out trying to...

"Well, we say anything about it, they'll change their membership."

Remember, you don't pet Christians. Christians are rugged. They are men and women of God, who stand for God, regardless of what anybody else has got to say. You don't have to beg them, and persuade them, and perfume them, and baby them around. That's hotbed, hybrid plants; it's no good at all; they'll never produce nothing.

22) FORSAKING.ALL_ TEMPE.AZ TUESDAY_ 62-0123

E-38 You can expect the world to make fun of you. You can expect the world to call you all kinds of unhonorable names. They'll call you anything that they can call you. You'll be despised and rejected. Jesus, because of Him being Emmanuel, God dwelling in Him, it made Him so odd to His own church till His own church excommunicated Him as soon as He come in. They was the one who hung Him on the cross. They was the one who condemned Him. He loved people. His whole heart was for people. But He had to forsake everything in order to follow God. And so do we have to forsake everything in order to follow God.

E-39 Now. What do I get in return? We don't expect... Sometimes I think we ministers make it a little too much flowers for the--the convert. "Oh, come to Christ. Everything is lovely." But you see, it isn't like that in the way that--saying that everything's a flowery bed of ease, because no Christian...

The Bible said, "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." So if--if you're not suffering persecutions for Christ's sake, then there's something wrong. If the devil ain't after you, he's got you. That's all, because as long as he's after you, that's a sign he hasn't got you yet. But if he isn't after you, it's a sign he has got you yet. So just remember, as long as he's a-blasting at you, you're a few jumps ahead of him yet, and just keep on going.