

Notes used in the Message

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I CORINTHIANS 1:18

» 18 † For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

ROMANS 1:16

» 16 † ¶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1) 50-0827E TAKE.THE.ROD.AND.GATHER.THE.PEOPLE_ CLEVELAND.OH SUNDAY_

« E-37 † Everybody, believe God. [A brother narrates--Ed.]

I don't know what's wrong with you. But you're believing, aren't you? You're a believer? Yes, sir. I--I know what's wrong with you: cancer case. The same as Christ can heal you and make you well, sir. Do you believe Him? Will you serve Him? You're all...?... You've been this way for quite awhile, haven't you? I see you've had lots of experiences. Have faith...?... is gone from you...?... [Blank.spot.on.tape--Ed.] See? Your sanity is very thin...?... spiritually...?... You're laying there, which you could get up and walk alone if you wanted to. All you need is Somebody to have to help you...?... but Somebody's here to help you; that's the Lord Jesus Christ here, support you and...

Did you ever see a person that was possessed of demons? They're many times their power, because the devil has given them super power. If the devil can give a man five or six times his power, what ought the Holy Spirit to do? **A million times your power.** He is your Strength and your Help. Do you believe that? Have faith in God.

2) « 371-2 † A.RESUME.OF.THE.AGES - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.10

Now watch this doctrine of Balaam most carefully. **Notice above all, that it is the deliberate maneuver of a corrupt clergy to bind the people to them, by leading the people deliberately into the sin of unbelief.**

The Nicolaitane doctrine was the corruption of the clergy as they sought political power amongst themselves, while Balaamism is the subjection of the people to their system of creed and worship in order to hold them. Now watch this carefully. **What was it that bound the people to the nominal church and thereby destroyed them? It was the creeds and dogmas formed into church tenets. It was the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church. They were not given the true food, the Word. They were given the food that came from idol worship, Babylonian paganism wrapped up in Christian terminology.**

And that very same spirit and doctrine is right amongst all Protestants and it is called DENOMINATION. Nicolaitanism is organization, humanizing the leadership of the church, and thereby deposing the Spirit. Balaamism is denominationalism which takes the church manual instead of the Bible. And right to this hour, many of God's people are caught in the snare of denominationalism and God is crying to them, "Come out of her My people, lest ye be partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues." You see they are ignorant. But if the rapture should take place at this moment, ignorance would be no court of appeal from the judgment of God for being in the wrong ranks.

3) 65-0124 BIRTH.PAINS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY_

« 154 † And so is every believer that accepts God's Word into their heart! I don't care what the systems say. You know what It is. It's a promise of God. It was revealed to you by the Holy Ghost, when you were overshadowed with His Power. You know where It's at. **No man has a right to preach the Gospel until he's met God back on the backside of the desert in that burning bush, to where there's no ecclesiastical system in the world can explain It away from you.** You were there. It happened to you. I don't care what the systems say. You are a witness of it. Hallelujah! I feel like that old colored man I was talking about, "I ain't got room up here now." See? I feel very religious at this time, when I think. And that's right. God, Himself, revealed to you.

4) 54-0900 HAVE.FAITH.IN.GOD_ NEW.YORK.NY

« E-8 † Jesus Christ the Son of God, He was the Word of God here on earth. We know that He was God's Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelled among us." People today try to liken Jesus unto a prophet. He was more than a prophet. He was the Emmanuel. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. He was... He was either the... He was either God Himself manifested in flesh, or the greatest deceiver the world's ever had. He was God. He was both human and God.

Coming off the mountain, He was hungry like a man, when He saw the tree He looked to find figs and there was no figs, and He said, "No man eateth from thee," turned around and walked away.

I wonder why He didn't wait to find out whether that tree was going to wither away or not? What did Jesus do to that tree? He merely called the life out of it. He didn't wait to see if it withered away or not. He knew it would wither away; He had said so. And the Word of God was in Him. And whatever He said, it had to come to pass because it was God speaking out of a man. And everything that God was, God emptied His entire Being into Jesus Christ. And everything Jesus Christ was, He emptied into the Church.

And that's what's the matter with the Pentecostal Church tonight, the full Gospel people, they just don't realize who they are. **You don't realize the power that's right in this building tonight, but it's harnessed down by unbelief.** That's the only thing. **If God could ever get an avenue to work through you, it would be marvelous what He could do, but it's harnessed. You won't let it loose; you keep it with your un-- with unbelief.**

5) 51-0719 WHO.HATH.BELIEVED.OUR.REPORT_ TOLEDO.OH THURSDAY_

« E-46 † I begin to pray for another woman that was standing there, had come up. Just then I heard a scream. And I looked, and here she come across the platform, braces, crutches over her head, and running just as hard as she could run. Like Congressman Upshaw, perfectly whole. Made well.

What is it? Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. **His power is unlimited. It's limited to your faith.** Do you believe it? That's confirmed amongst thousands times thousands of people.

And by the way, I believe right in my book there, I believe we have her address, and the little boy that raised... was raised from the dead. I'll get to the other one tomorrow night.

6) 59-1115 MY.NEW.MINISTRY_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-28 † So on it went, and up and down, and I'd get it in my mind, and I just couldn't get it away. And everywhere I'd go, it would constantly come to me. "If you say to this mountain, 'Be thou plucked up and cast into the sea,' and don't doubt in your heart, but shall believe that what you've said will come to pass, you can have what you have said."

I thought, "How can it be, Lord. That would be me saying it. I would... It wouldn't do no good, for it would be me saying it. So I can't say nothing but what You've said, and I--I just say that by the Scriptures."

And all things rested in the atonement. There's no blessings outside of the atonement, 'cause we are sinners outside of the atonement. If it was just a universal thing for everybody, then everybody would be saved. But it's your attitude towards the blessings of the atonement that brings the blessings to you.

Like salvation. As far as God was concerned, I was saved when Jesus died. But it'll never do me no good until it's revealed to me that He's the Son of God, and I've accepted Him as my Saviour. And every Scripture is the same way.

Divine healing's for you if God will reveal that to you that that's for you. But you can't just stumble at it. It's got to come by revelation. And when it's revealed that "By His stripes you were healed," there's nothing Satan can even do as our young brother from Sellersburg said, "**All the devils couldn't move it.**" Sure. When something is revealed...

7) 60-1225 GOD'S.WRAPPED.GIFT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-14 N-8 SUNDAY_

« 111 † And maybe that was one of the little shepherds a-laying on the hill that night, when down in the stable, where a little Baby was crying... Oh, and the world, there was no room for Him; nobody wanted Him. But in that same time, a shepherd out on the hill, the Angels came down and begin to sing the first Noel, "Today in the city of David is born to you Christ the Saviour." It was revealed.

That's the only way anybody in the world will ever know what's in that Package; It has to be revealed to you. You'll turn It down and say it's a--it's a fanaticism; but when you get the revelation, you'll seek for it, you'll open up. And God will come in and sup with you, and you with Him, when you're ready to open the door and let Him in. That little Package knocking at your heart, the greatest Christmas Gift was ever given, the first One and the greatest One, that little Package knocking at the heart of a man, "I'll come in and sup." You'll never know It until It's revealed to you. When It's revealed to you, then you'll go to hunting for It.

8) 63-0321 THE.FOURTH.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« 64 † Now, now, the power of revelation brings stimulation to the believer, for the power of wine, natural wine is to stimulate. See? **It's to--to bring a person that's all slumped down to a stimulation.**

See, see?

Well then, now there's a power of the revelation of the Word gives stimulation of joy to the believer, stimulation of satisfaction, the stimulation that it's vindicated, it's proved. It's called in the Scripture, as we want to refer to it, as new wine. We always refer to it like that as "These are drunk on new wine," (See?), all right, or spiritual wine. I think the best interpretation would be--would be on spiritual wine.

9) 63-0120E JUST.ONE.MORE.TIME.LORD_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-8 SUNDAY_

« 33 † **It doesn't take, what we would think, a great thing, it only takes a--a hand that's completely anointed with the Holy Ghost, with God's power, to strike down any enemy under any circumstance.**

34 And how those warriors remembered! "Could it be possible that we got the wrong man?" some of them might have said. "No, that's him. I can just see his stature, that's Samson, the one who served what he said was the true God. But his God sure has forsaken him."

35 But they were wrong! God had not forsaken him, he had forsaken God. And I think that's about the way with the people tonight. It isn't God has forsaken His church, it's the church has forsaken God and His Word. And that's what's the matter.

10) 57-0705 THE.EAGLE.IN.HER.NEST_ CHICAGO.IL FRIDAY_

« E-32 † ...

Oh, brother, the Lord Jesus is coming someday, the great Eagle of heaven, and only those who are magnetized by the power of the Holy Ghost will take that ride. **Bolted down creeds, and denominations, and shavings of aluminum light thinkers, light ambitions...** I think the Church of God should be the highest thinker, the highest ambitions that there is in the world ought to dwell with Christians: To press the mark to the high calling of Christ, certainly.

11) 61-1119 PERFECT.STRENGTH.BY.PERFECT.WEAKNESS_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-8 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 191 † Yeah, you might... Your organization might be broke plumb to pieces. Your prestige in the neighborhood, you may be an old fashion crow from then on in the neighborhood. That might be right. **But I'll tell you; you have power with God.** I'd rather be like that. I'll take that way any time.

The disciples come back and rejoiced because they were happy that they were counted worthy to bear the reproach of the cause and of Jesus. Sure. They'll call you holy-roller.

12) 63-1103 GO.WAKE.JESUS_ TUCSON.AZ SUNDAY_

« 48 † Then I thought, with a complete surrender to the Devil, can give a man maybe five times his strength, what would a complete surrender to God do to a man? What would it do to a cripple that's weak in body, and can't walk, or something? If we could just completely yield to the Holy Ghost, give us super strength, to rise in the Name, 'cause, "Greater is he that's in you than he that's in the world." See? You... **The--the strength in God, that's in you, is greater than any affliction can come upon you. There is nothing can overtake you, that can supersede you, because you are full of super power. And that super power is the Holy Spirit that dominates your life, if you are a Christian.**

13) 62-0119 AN.ENSIGN_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« 109 † Now, that's today. The people of today fail to realize the great Ensign that God has given us.

110 You say, "Brother Branham, do you have power? I wish I had power."

111 We don't have power. We're not to have power. We got authority. It's not a power. It's authority. We don't need power. Christ has the power. But we've got the authority. Amen. There's a lot of difference. He was the One Who conquered. He conquered and gave us the authority. He's got the power, but we got the authority, just like any ambassador going to another country.

14) 55-0118 THIS.GREAT.WARRIOR.DAVID_ CHICAGO.IL TUESDAY_

« E-27 † David, before anything ever happened, before he'd ever had the anointing oil on him in anything, he knew God was with him. He killed a bear; he killed a lion with that slingshot. And he knowed that was super to an ordinary man to do that. He knew what he could do. He knew God was with him, because his whole heart beat after God. He said in the 47th Psalm, I believe or somewhere there, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so my soul thirsts after thee, O God." No wonder he could play the evil spirits away with his music; he had something to play about. And it come from his heart. And the devil knew that was from his heart. And he knew that David was elected of God.

And there he was elected, called, anointed, and positionally already king. Amen.

15) 58-1005E GOD.CALLED.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-27 SUNDAY_

« 48 † Courage: God don't want cowards. He can't use you if you're afraid to take His Word and believe Him; He wants gallant men, won't pay no attention to nothing but what the Lord says. That's the kind He has to move with. Regardless of what the church says, what the pastor says, what the church stands for, He stands for God and righteousness and His Word. That's the man we ne--God will send these days for His revival that His people are praying for.

16) 53-0508 GOD.COMMISSIONING.MOSES_ JONESBORO.AR FRIDAY_

« E-29 † Why? He knowed what he believed. He had that little old slingshot wrapped around in his fingers like this, and away he went to meet Goliath, around and around and around. Well, he said he had five stones: J-e-s-u-s. What was in five fingers? F-a-i-t-h. Faith wrapped up in Jesus, here he went. Brother, I'm telling. It sent the rock to the killing place, and down went Goliath. You know what happened? Then the Israelites took courage, and away they went. They cut Philistines plumb to the walls. It just takes one person that's got enough courage to step out and say, "It's right. And God said so." Brother, you'll down a Goliath, and your whole family will go to cutting Philistines the first things you know. What's that in your hand? What can you do? Testify, sing, do something another on the job. Do something for