

## Notes used in the Message

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### 15-0610 - Prepare the Way - Aaron Roberts

#### ISAIAH 57:10-16

- » **10** † Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.
- » **11** † And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?
- » **12** † I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.
- » **13** † ¶ When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;
- » **14** † And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.
- » **15** † For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- » **16** † For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

#### LUKE 9:1

- » **1** † ¶ Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

#### 1) 56-0108 GOD.HATH.A.PROVIDED.WAY\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_

« **E-15** † The very word, God, Himself, the word "God" means "an object of worship." And we worship Him because that in His majesty that He set these things before us. And we see them visible before our eyes. How glorious it is to serve Him. How that He foreknows these things and sets them in order.

Maybe today you say, "Brother Branham, I'm a Christian, how did this thing come to me? Why did I get in this kind of a state?" Well, maybe, God did it just like He did to Abraham and Sarah. Why, Sarah was married probably to Abraham when she was just a teen age girl, Abraham probably a young man in his twenties. There's ten years difference in their age, maybe, her sixteen and him twenty-six.

Why, He could've spoke to them, said, "Now, you're going to have a child now in your youth. You could love your baby now while you're young, and you can enjoy it lots, and you're going to raise it up, and it's going to be a type of the Saviour that's coming, and so forth. He could've did it then. But God likes to do miracles. Oh, excuse me. But to know that what He's done...

Looking over the face of the people, I see a woman setting here who was dying with cancer, and wasn't nothing but a shadow of a woman, and she was just at the point of going over. Here she sets this morning, healthy, strong, rosy-cheeked.

Here sets a young lady on the front seat, I was just talking to awhile ago, one of the worst stages of an alcoholic. And here she is not a neurotic look about her, sweetly, and humbly.

I look out yonder and see a woman back yonder who was blind, and here she is this morning, not even glasses over her eyes. Oh, it's God making a way. And He made it at Calvary. In there, our hopes is built on nothing less than Jesus' Blood with righteousness. Oh, how He does it, it's beyond finding out. But He does it. And He does it for His glory, and He's made preparations for it.

If you were going to take your child to a party of some sort, would not you prepare it, and get its dress ready, and so forth, or its little suit, whatever the child might be, boy or girl? You'd make arrangements for that.

If you were going to entertain company, would not, for dinner, would not you first get your dinner made ready? For you make ready for these things. You make ready for these great blessings that comes, that you can give to people.

**Don't you like to entertain people? Do not you like to go out and take people to your home and entertain them? You clean up everything; you fix everything, you--you put a little flower over here. This is just the way they would like it. And you fix a little thing here now. I see they are... They like this. And so you fix it, just making arrangements. And I know that they like this kind of a meat, so you prepare that meat real spicy and nice, because... And if you can't feel that you do it, you get somebody else come do it who can do it better. You're making arrangements, preparations for something, because you want your guest to be highly entertained.**

**2) 56-0108 GOD.HATH.A.PROVIDED.WAY\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY\_**

« E-16 † **God, hid in sundry times. He wanted His children to have the best, so He made the preparations. He foreshowed it through the prophets. He revealed it in Christ. And the table's set today and every man, woman, that's invited has a welcome to come to this table, "For He was wounded for our transgressions, and with His stripes we were healed. It's all foreseen. It's provided and prepared. The meal's ready. The call is given. He foresaw it. He made preparations. It's God's provided way for you when your souls are hungry.**

A lady said to me just this morning, said, "I walked into one of the meetings. I seen the people so happy." Said, "I wasn't happy." And then I looked at them, and I said, "Surely, they had something. I wished I had that." Sure, the table was set for that poor hungry soul. And before the service was over, she was eating from the same table. Oh, why? [A lady from the audience says, "Brother Branham, that was me."--Ed.] That's it. Right. [The same lady says, "And now, I'm happy today."--Ed.] Amen.

Drunken, walleed drunk, alcoholic to the limits, the doctors had give her up, here she is happy and rejoicing. And that's been about two years ago, I guess, three years ago; and look, it's still holding out.

If you ever come to that table once, and set your feet under it, you'll never leave again. It's so great. The world has nothing to compare with it. It's so wonderful to know His love for you. God making preparations...

Now, He said, "I'll let Abraham, instead of call him now at twenty-six and Sarah at sixteen, I'll wait till they're old. I'll let it get past menopause for Sarah. Oh, it usually happens about forty, and then, forty, fifty, sixty, about twenty-five years past, then I'll call her. And then I'll let Abraham get seventy-five, then I'll call him." Now, He said, "Abraham, I am going to do something for you." That's good enough as long as God said He was going to do it.

**3) LUKE 6:45**

» 45 † **A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

**4) 62-1230E IS THIS THE SIGN OF THE END, SIR?**

**JEFFERSONVILLE IN SUNDAY\_**

« 411 † This is the sign of the end time, sirs. Or, is this the sign that it's over? It looks very Scriptural, to me. I don't know. There was them Angels. There was a blast, like a thunder, that shook the whole earth. God knows I tell the truth.

**412** Just remember, something is fixing to happen. I don't know what it is. But could it be this? The reason I say this, prepare yourselves! Let us pray, (pray how?) take our position in the army of His believers, and prepare ourselves, for it may be later than we're thinking.

**413** You know me, and I have never told you a lie, yet, as I know of. And as Samuel said to them, "Have I ever told you anything, in the Name of the Lord, but what come to pass?" Now, I'm telling you now. I don't know what this is. I can't say what this is. I don't know. But, I'm going to tell you Truth. I'm scared. As your brother, I been scared since last Saturday.

**5) 62-1230E IS.THIS.THE.SIGN.OF.THE.END.SIR\_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-11 SUNDAY\_**

« 414 † **It may be the end time. It may be time for the rainbows to sweep across the sky, and an announcement from the heavens, saying, "Time is no more." If it is, let's prepare ourselves, friend, to meet our God. There's been plenty of Food laid in now. Let's make use of It. Let's make use of It now.** And with me, from this platform, I cry to God, "Lord Jesus, be merciful to me!" I've tried to live the best I knowed how. I've tried to bring the Messages the best way that I could, from the Word of God. God knows my heart.

**6) 64-0416 AND.WHEN.THEIR.EYES.WERE.OPENED.THEY.KNEW.HIM\_ TAMPA.FL THURSDAY\_**

« 2 † Let us pray, bow our heads now in prayer.

**3** Most Holy God, we approach Thee in the Name of Jesus, Thy Son. And we believe that we are in the Presence of You now, as by faith we come to Your great altar where His Blood is There, to speaking for us in our behalf. And we are indeed a needy people, Lord. We're needy of Thee, and we're--we're asking for Thy grace. And as we see the prophecies fulfilled today, that the--the church, of how we have become rich in the things of the world, and think we have need of nothing, and He said we were "naked, blind, miserable, and blind, and didn't know it." **And, Father, we ask for grace, then, that You'll open our eyes to the understanding of Thy Word, that we might understand the hour we're living, that we might prepare ourselves for His appearing, as we truly believe it's at hand. So now we would ask that You would give to us, tonight, the desires of our heart, according to Your riches in Glory.**

**4** Forgiving our sins, Lord. We--we pray that You'll not look at our misunderstandings and our--our ignorance, concerning the things that we should know, that You'll forgive us for that. And remember us, just human beings, Father, we're subject to all kinds of mistakes and troubles. Thou art the infinite, infallible, everlasting God. We pray that You'll be merciful to us and grant unto us the blessings that we ask for, for we ask it in Jesus' Name. Amen.

**7) 59-0415A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA WEDNESDAY\_**

« **E-15** † And our denominational barriers has brought barriers between the people to make them argue and carry on about their denominations. But I believe that we have failed to get the thing that Jesus gave to us to give to the Church, to give to the people.

You know, I think before we leave this afternoon, we should check up and see what our Lord was talking about when He wrote this parable, or said it, rather. You see, there... We should know how to tell the people to prepare for this great event that's coming. If the coming of the Lord is so great, it's the most essential thing that we can do, is to get the people prepared for it. Because if He comes, and we're not prepared, then we'll be left out. But we must prepare the way of the Lord with this, our message from Him, because "there is a way," the Scripture speaks of, "that seemeth right onto a man. There is a way that seems all right, but the end thereof, is the ways of death."

**8) 59-0415A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY\_ LOS.ANGELES.CA WEDNESDAY\_**

« **E-16** † So what if people are prepared in the wrong way? What if soldiers went to the field, not trained for battle, but to go out there to--to dance. Though they--they would--might be ever so good dancers, they've got to be trained to fight. What if they went out there to--to have some other kind of an affair, and knowed not how to use their gun? They would do little good. So I think that the workers in the harvest should be prepared to know how to train the people for the coming of the Lord, for there is none of us but what wants to meet it.

And I believe that we are living so close to the coming, that these great miraculous things that we see appearing, is the indication of His soon coming.

**LUKE 6:46-49**

» **46** † And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

» **47** † Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

» **48** † He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.

» **49** † But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

**ISAIAH 62:8-12**

» **8** † The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

» **9** † But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

» **10** † ¶ Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

» **11** † Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

» **12** † And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

**EZEKIEL 14:1-14**

» **1** † ¶ Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me.

» **2** † And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

» **3** † Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them?

» **4** † Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;

- » **5** † That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.
- » **6** † Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
- » **7** † For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:
- » **8** † And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
- » **9** † And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
- » **10** † And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;
- » **11** † That the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.
- » **12** † ¶ The word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- » **13** † Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it:
- » **14** † Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God.