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GENESIS 3:1-10

- » **1** † ¶ Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
- » **2** † And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
- » **3** † But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
- » **4** † And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
- » **5** † For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
- » **6** † ¶ And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- » **7** † And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
- » **8** † And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
- » **9** † ¶ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?
- » **10** † And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

HEBREWS 4:12

- » **12** † For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1) 59-0812 DISCERNING.THE.BODY.OF.THE.LORD_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 WEDNESDAY_

- « **9-5** † Bobbing off their hair. The Bible said that a woman that cuts her hair, her husband has a right to give her a divorce, because she's untrue. He said that she dishonors her head. Is that right? And the man is the head of the woman.

I know that's rough, but we need discernment. We need the discerning by the Word. The Word's right. Take the Word. God's Word's always right.

2) 59-0812 DISCERNING.THE.BODY.OF.THE.LORD_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 WEDNESDAY_

- « **10-1** † We can't discern by what people think, what intellectuals tell us, what psychiatrists tell us; **we got to go by what God says. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." "Not discerning the Lord's Body, many are weakly and sick. Many are asleep," dead, spiritually dead. The last plague that hit Egypt was death. The last plague that's hit the church is spiritual death. What we need today is a spiritual awakening, a spiritual awakening to discernment.**

3) 59-0812 DISCERNING.THE.BODY.OF.THE.LORD_ CHAUTAUQUA.OH V-2 N-25 WEDNESDAY_

- « **4-2** † **Now, our eternal destination is not altogether determined by what we see and what we hear, but it's determined on what discernment we have of what we see and what we hear.** Paul was not disputing with them for taking the communion. Their act was right, but their discernment was wrong. For taking the Lord's Supper is the commandment of the Lord, but to take it unworthily, not discerning the Lord's Body, is where the wrong lays.

4) 63-0319 THE.SECOND.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN TUESDAY_

- « **156** † All right, now notice, that spirit begin to move and the church that--that--that got so much dignitary in it, so much big things, and so much money started till after while they listened to it and fell for it, the crudeness of the devil. And that's the very thing that Eve done in the garden of Eden. Now, you hear that; that's right.

Look, the natural woman, Adam's bride, before he come to her as a wife, fell for the Satan's scheme against the Word of God by reasoning it. Before Adam lived with Eve as a wife, Satan beat him there. That's right. You heard "The Bride Tree" I preached on, that talks of it. (See?) All right.

Now, notice, there Eve fell for reasoning. Now, he, Satan tried to reason it. And she said, "But the Lord said..." He said, "Oh, you know, but surely the Lord won't. See? You--you ought to be wise, you want to know something. Why, you're nothing but a dumb child. See? You ought to know something." If that isn't Satan... Oh, my. If that isn't some of these modern... See? "Oh, they're just a bunch of holy-rollers; don't pay no attention to them." See? Don't go..."

5) 63-0319 THE.SECOND.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN TUESDAY_

« 160 † **Now, the natural first bride of the human race, before her husband come to her, she fell from grace by listening to Satan's lie after God had her fortified behind His Word. If she'd have stayed behind the Word, she'd have never fell. Now, that's in the natural. Notice, the natural woman. And what was the curse? The actual curse of coming out from behind God's Word...**

Now, remember, she believed about ninety-eight percent of It, but you just have to let one thing go. See? She believed a whole lot of It. Oh, certainly. She said this, and Satan admit that's right. If he can just get you on one corner, that's all he wants. See? Only thing you have to do is give the bullet a little twist this way, and it'll miss the target. See? That's all. Now, she believed so much of it, but yet missed it.

6) 65-0911 GOD'S.POWER.TO.TRANSFORM_ PHOENIX.AZ V-16 N-5 SATURDAY_

« 111 † Notice here again now, how perfect these churches type, or these Edens.

112 God, through a Seed of His Word! And there is only one thing that can quicken the Word, and that is the Spirit, for It is the Life-Giver to the Word. And when the Life in the Word meets the Life of the Spirit, It produces whatever the Seed is.

113 Now notice what's happened. In the garden of Eden was God's economy of innocence, and that was one of the--the dispensations. The first dispensation was innocent, the people knowed no sin. They didn't know anything about sin. Both Adam and Eve were naked, but they were hid from their nakedness, by a spirit veil over their face. They never knew that they were naked, at all, because they were hid. For, God's veil in their own minds, they didn't know what right and wrong was. And them both standing there naked, showed that the knowledge had not yet come to them, see, that they were naked. The pair was naked and knew it not.

7) 53-0601 WHATEVER.HE.SAYS.TO.YOU.DO.IT_ CONNERSVILLE.IN MONDAY_

« E-11 † **Now, perfect faith, just like perfect love, casts out all fear, all doubting.** If you believe it, no matter what the symptoms are, what the results, you believe it just the same. Do you ever have something you just knew was going to happen? No matter what the--looked like it might not happen, but it's going to happen anyhow because you believe it that way.

Now, when Jesus says anything, His Word is a Seed. And every seed will bring forth of its kind. If it's a seed of promise for your salvation, it'll work salvation. If it's for healing, it'll work for healing. If it's for joy, peace, anything that you have need of, all them redemptive blessings is in Christ. And He's setting tonight as a High Priest of your confession (Hebrews 3:1), setting at the right hand of His majesty in heaven, to make intercessions upon your confession.

8) 63-0825E PERFECT.FAITH_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-11 SUNDAY_

« 139 † **When Satan tempts us, we are to resist him in a Perfect Faith in a Perfect Word, like Jesus did. The Word of God is perfect. We're to have Perfect Faith in this Perfect Word, and resist Satan.**

140 Now we'll hurry, just as quick as we can.

141 By His Faith in--in His Word we (He conquers), we can conquer anything: both death, hell, and the grave. We know that God is God, that Perfect Faith in God's Perfect Word, He conquered everything that He come in contact with. Death could not even stand in His Presence. Sickness could not stand in His Presence. Flowing from Him was like rivers of virtue, going out constantly, virtue going from His garment. These people, laying in His shadows; step, put their finger on His garment and was healed. When that woman done that, then everybody wanted to touch His garment, 'cause they seen that there was virtue going from Him constantly, flowed like rivers. There He was, walking, walking in a world with Perfect Faith, because He was the Word.

142 And now, "If ye abide in Me," through Him, He brought the Word to you; "and My Words abide in you," then walk in the same kind of a way: virtues flowing from you, the rivers of God's fountains of blessing just flowing out to the people. See what I mean? And you're not bluffing it, you're not imagine it. It's actually taking place, and you see it. If you're just imagining it, that don't do any good; but if it's really there, it really happened.

9) ISAIAH 7:14-15

» **14** † Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

» **15** † Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

10) PSALM 119:103

» **103** † ¶ How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

11) LUKE 2:40

» **40** † And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

12) LUKE 2:46-49

» **46** † And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

» **47** † And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

» **48** † And when they saw him, they were amazed: and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

» **49** † And he said unto them, **How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?**

13) LUKE 2:52

» **52** † And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

14) LUKE 4:16-22

» **16** † And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

» **17** † And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

» **18** † **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

» **19** † **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

» **20** † And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

» **21** † And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

» **22** † And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?

15) HEBREWS 5:8-9-14

» **8** † Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

» **9** † And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

» **10** † ¶ Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

» **11** † Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

» **12** † For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

» **13** † For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

» **14** † But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

16) 48-0305 AT.THY.WORD.LORD_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« **E-2** † Someday 'fore long we're going to see Him Who is the invisible One in our midst tonight. At this point of the reading of the Scriptures, that Jesus' ministry had become very popular. About seventy percent of His ministry was upon Divine healing. **He healed the people, not to show His authority; He healed the people to fulfill the Scripture. For the Scripture said that many of them came out to Him, and said, "We desire signs," and so forth.**

Said, "You hypocrites. You can discern the face of the skies, but the signs of the times you cannot discern." Said, "When the sky is red and lowering, be foul weather; and clear, so forth by the setting of the sun." But He said, "Now, if you can discern that, you ought to know His days, because the prophets had said, Isaiah said, 'The lame shall leap like a hart; the tongue of the dumb shall sing.'"

And that was the day that the people were living in, to see the manifestation of God's testimony concerning His Son, Christ Jesus.

17) 60-0308 DISCERNMENT.OF.SPIRIT_ PHOENIX.AZ V-9 N-3 TUESDAY_

« **11** † Now, we do have... And I think it's a good thing for us, as ministers, to follow our order, when we see such things in the world as we see today. **And we have an order from God, is for the discerning of spirit, trying the spirit. I believe that that is a very great lesson for the church today, is to try the spirit of anything, have discernment of the spirit.** I do not think that we should ever, by any means, ever try to judge a person by the denomination they belong to, or by the group that they are assembled with, whether they be Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, or--or whatever they are. We should never judge the man by the denomination that he belongs to. We should always judge him by the spirit he has (See?), the spirit. Whether he's latter rain or former rain or inner, outer rain, or no rain, or whatever it might be, we should never judge him by that, but by his spirit. **We are to discern spirits. Watch what the man has in mind, what he has--what he's trying to achieve.** If the man, by a gift, no matter how great the gift is...

« **12** † Now, I want to get this to the church this morning, which in the different denominations you are still the church of the living God together. And this is the thing I want to get to you (See?), that we are really not divided. We are the stones that's cut in different forms, all to the glory of God. Now, there is so much in the day that we live in pertaining to gifts. So many people judge people by gifts that they have. Well, I believe that these things are gifts. I believe that what we see take place is gifts, and they are God-given gifts. But we--**if we do not use them in the right way that God intended them to be used, then we can do more harm with the gifts than we could if we did not have the gifts.** The other night I made a statement at the pulpit, saying this, **that I would rather see brotherly love existing among the church, if we didn't have one case of healing or anything else. See, we must know what these things are for.**

« **14** † Now, if a man comes and he has a great gift, no matter if he belongs to our denomination or another denomination, don't judge him by what denomination he come from, how he dresses, but what you want to see is what he's trying to do with that gift, what purpose he has. If he's trying to take his influence and build himself a great name out of it, I'd have discernment of spirit enough to know that's wrong. **No matter how great a teacher he is, how powerful he is, how intellectual he is, or how his gift operates, if he isn't trying to achieve something for the benefit of the body of Christ, your own spiritual discernment would tell you that that's wrong. No matter how accurate, how perfect, how it is, it's wrong if it isn't used for the body of Jesus Christ.**

« **15** † To achieve something, maybe he's got a great gift that he could draw people together with a great intellectual or a spiritual power, that he could draw people together, and maybe he's trying to take that gift and make hisself famous so that he'll have a big name, so that other brethren will look up to him as some big person. Then that's wrong. Maybe he's trying to--to edify a certain thing here that he wants everybody else to get out of the picture and let him and his group be the picture. That's still wrong. See?

« **16** † **But if he has a gift of God and he's trying to edify the Body of Christ, then I don't care what he belongs to. You're not discerning the man, you're discerning the spirit, the life that's in the man.** And that's what God told us to do. Not one time was we ever commissioned to discern the--the man's group. **But we was constrained and commanded by God to discern the spirit in the man, what he's trying to do, what the spirit in his life is trying to lead him to. And then if we can find out that he's trying to lead the people (not to break them up, but to bring them together) and to bring the church of the living God, not all to one denomination, but to a understanding, a fellowship, a unity of spirit.** Then if he is former rain or latter rain, or whatever it is, his spirit and his purpose is right. And the spirit that's in him, no matter what move he belongs to, the Spirit that's in him is trying to point the people to Calvary, away from himself or away from anything else, but his only achievement he has is to point them to Calvary. He doesn't care whether he's even knowed or not. He doesn't care whether even his own movement... which is fine (See?), it's good, if he is a Methodist, or a Presbyterian, or a Roman Catholic, or whatever he wants to be by denomination.

18) 63-0825M HOW.CAN.I.OVERCOME_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-12 SUNDAY_

« **104** † Look. Temptation was for Him. 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.

105 Overcome means "to recognize the Devil in 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. Then, the same time that you--you recognize him, and know that he's a 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 are more than a match for him. Amen. There's real overcoming, when you recognize.

19) 63-0721 HE.CARES.DO.YOU.CARE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-4 SUNDAY_

« **110** † Now we see about science, I--I don't want to go any farther on that, my time's just getting so running away. Now let's take a second look at education and see what it's done. See? Now we have two churches at large.

111 Now, we realize that it was that, that it was reason, common reasonings that started the ball of sin rolling at the first place. It was reasonings what? Reasoning against the Word of God. **When God told Adam and Eve, "The day you eat thereof, that day you die." That settle, that's all of it. And He fortified them against the enemy, behind His Word. But when Eve, listening to Satan's reasonings, see, culture, understanding, education, advancement, see, she stepped out behind there and listened to Satan's reasonings, and did the thing that God said "don't do." And if one reasoning, listening to one reasoning against the Word caused all this chaos, one reasoning against the Word again won't take you back to the same place, 'cause how foolish it would be of God to bring man back upon the same basis He sent him out from.** See? See? You got to come to the shed Blood of Christ. Your denomination won't work, and your reasonings won't work. It's the Blood and birth, and It produces in you a new creature, Christ, and after the fashion of Christ you live, because the Toxin that you take shows It kills the sin of unbelief, against anything but the Word of God.

20) I CORINTHIANS 2:9-16

» **9** † But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

» **10** † But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

» **11** † For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

» **12** † Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

» **13** † Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

» **14** † But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

» **15** † But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

» **16** † For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

21) 59-0301E WHAT.DOES.THOU.HERE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« **E-57** † Now, all that wants to stay for Communion, we'd be glad to have you in this time of fellowship. Now, you have First Corinthians, I believe, 11th chapter there. I'll have you read it right now, then, Brother Neville, if you will. [Brother Neville reads First Corinthians 11:23-32--Ed.]

That doesn't need any explaining. It's just this. If we eat and drink unworthily, we eat and drink damnation to our own self not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause, many are weakly and sick among you, and many are dead. See? When we come to take Communion... **Every Christian should take Communion. It's your duty. It's a showdown. See? Jesus said, "If you don't take it, you have no part with Me." See? "But he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eats and drinks damnation to himself." That is, if you're still out with the world and doing things of the world, and people see you taking Communion, you're doing wrong. You're only bringing disgrace to you, and it'll only harm you. It isn't that--that it'll harm God; it'll harm you. And so a person should examine theirselves.**

22) 63-0707E COMMUNION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-8 † The discernment of knowing that you are the Lord's body, you can't discern it in--in wickedness and sin; we've got to be above that. That we discern that the Lord is righteous, and we discern that He's our Propitiation; that all of our sins we've confessed, and we believe in Him of waiting upon His atonement to cleanse us from all of our iniquity; then we're discerning the Lord's body to what it--discernment of what it's for.

And then discerning again, that in among us, as the Lord's Bride body, let's discern if there's anything wrong with us in here that would hinder the Gospel from growing, or the Lord from presenting us before God as a chaste virgin; let's discern that out right now and find if it's wrong. Let's confess it if it's wrong. Let--let's say, "Lord, I--I'm sorry about that."

23) 64-0410 SCRIPTURAL.SIGNS.OF.THE.TIME_ BIRMINGHAM.AL FRIDAY_

« 42 † But, remember, the Bride will be a called-out, separated and different, filled, Holy Ghost born, washed in the Blood of the Lamb. She'll abstain from everything that's filthy, around her Husband. She is a chaste virgin, pure, by the Word. The Word and her are the same. As a man and his wife becomes one, in union, so does the real genuine Church of God. When he becomes in Christ, the Bible is punctuated with an "amen," every promise. Don't make any difference what the denomination says. The soul that's in the believer, punctuate it, because it is the Word in him speaking out.

43 "The Word is sharper than a two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." The Bible said so. That's how it's vindicated and known.

44 Notice, my brother, notice. It's too bad that we don't see these things. Jesus spoke of them.

45 He was their Scriptural sign, and they recognized Him not. He was exactly the Scriptural sign. He told them He was. He said, "Search the Scriptures. In Them you think you have Eternal Life, and They are the one that testify of Me. If I do not the works of My Father, believe it not."

24) 62-0318 THE.SPOKEN.WORD.IS.THE.ORIGINAL.SEED.2_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-2 SUNDAY_

« 420_ † Notice what harmony! Jesus never did anything until seen of the Father, or, the Father showed Him first. Harmony between God and Christ, see, John 5:19. So will the Bride, and He shows Her His Word of Life. He shows Her, and She receives It. She never doubts It. Nothing can harm Her, not even death. For if the Seed be planted, the water will raise It up again. (Amen. Then I got a great big "Hallelujah!") Here is the secret. **The Word is in the Bride, and the mind of Christ, to know what He wants done with the Word. And She does it in His Name. She has THUS SAITH THE LORD. Then It is germitized, so the Holy Spirit waters It until It is grown and serves Its purpose.**

421 They do only His will. (Amen. I'll believe that.) No one can persuade them different. They have THUS SAITH THE LORD or they keep still. Then they will do the works of God, for It is Himself in them continuing His Word to fulfill, as He did complete in His days. All things, when He was here, He did not complete all when He was here, for it was not time yet.