

Notes used in the Message

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JOSHUA 23:1-8

- 1 And it came to pass a long time after that the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.
- 2 And Joshua called for all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age:
- 3 And ye have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the Lord your God is he that hath fought for you.
- 4 Behold, **I have divided unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward.**
- 5 And the Lord your God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the Lord your God hath promised unto you.
- 6 **Be ye therefore very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left;**
- 7 That ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them:
- 8 **But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day.**

JOSHUA 24:14-15

- 14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.
- 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, **choose you this day whom ye will serve;** whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

1) 2 TIMOTHY 3:1-6

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For **men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, °proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**
- 3 **Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,**
- 4 **Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**
- 5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**
- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

2) 58-0720M - BY FAITH, MOSES

- 80 **But you got to choose. And don't look at what you see. Choose what you see by faith. That's the only thing that will count, is what you choose by faith.**
- 81 **Lot, as he had to make a choice. Abraham give Lot his choice.**

82 And God gives you your choice. **"Choose you this day who you shall serve."** In the garden of Eden there was a tree of—of knowledge, and a Tree of Life. **Man was given the privilege to choose either**

one he desired. And so is it today. You're given your privilege, as free moral agents, to choose whatever you want to choose.

3) MATTHEW 10:34-38

34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

4) GENESIS 24:13

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, **Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.**

18 And she said, **Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink.**

19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, **I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.**

5) JOHN 6:45

44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

6) ACTS 2:36-37

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, **Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

7) ACTS 9:4

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: **it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.**

8) 63-0731 - THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY PROVIDED BY GOD FOR ANYTHING

191 Like the great Saint Paul, wanted to be a rabbi. He wanted to be a great man. He trained. His father and mother trained him to be so. And back there on the backside of that desert, after meeting that Pillar of Fire that day, that had told him, "It's hard for you to kick against the pricks." **Called his name, "Saul, Saul!" How could a Pillar of Fire call his name? But He said, "I am Jesus."** And he knew that's what Jesus did when He was on earth. He knewed that Pillar of Fire was the Christ that led his people out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and he knewed that That was still the anointed.

9) JOHN 12

32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, **will draw all men unto me.**

GENESIS 1:26-27

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

10) EPHESIANS 1:4

4 According as **he hath chosen us in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself,** according to the good pleasure of his will,

11) JOB 38:3...7

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;

For I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

4 **Where wast thou** when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 **When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?**

12) MATTHEW 5:6

Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

13) 59-0415E - THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

26 Now, watch. When Abraham, just... Let's take his life for a few moments. Here he comes; he's just an ordinary man. **He lived in the city of the—Ur, the land of—in among the Chaldeans, and just an ordinary man. And but God, by foreknowledge knowed Abraham's heart. That's the reason He called Abraham. If you're a Christian, that's why He called you.** He foreknew you. The Scripture says so, Ephesians 1—1 and 5: "God knowed us and ordained us before the foundation of the world." He knew every spirit, He's infinite. He knowed who would and who would not. **And if He's called you, and you know He's called you, why let the devil push you around?** That's all keeping you from having perfect victory. That's what's the matter with the church tonight. They're called of God. I believe they are. But the devil just makes a puppet out of them to push them around from place to place. Toe the mark with him and call the Scripture on his hand.

14) 1 SAMUEL 2:3-9

- 3** And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down *to sleep*;
- 4** **That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.**
- 5** **And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.**
- 6** **And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.**
- 7** **Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.**
- 8** And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am I*; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child.
- 9** Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

15) 60-0108 - CONFERENCE WITH GOD

40 Talk it over with Him tonight, friend. Just a few words will mean so much. Let us bow our heads, just a moment now. I'd like for each one of you to think in your heart, **"Am I worth anything?"** Sure you are. God loves you; look what He gave for you. **Oh, how do I know He will receive you? The very thought of you recognizing that you're wrong, is the facts that Christ is dealing with you.** He said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first." **That shows that God's right near you, drawing you. He wants to hold a little conference with you, there in your seat, or standing around in the aisle, in the wall, or outside, leaning against the building, or out in your cars. The Holy Spirit... Oh, I know it seems simple. I've heard that before you. But it's the truth. He wants to hold a little conference with you now and just talk it over with you.**

16) 55-1116 - THE CALLING OF ABRAHAM

How many Christians is here tonight? Let's see your hand? Well, I believe it's about a hundred percent. That's fine. A hundred percent Christians, then I want to tell you something. It isn't very easy to say before sinners. **Do you know why you're a Christian? Because God called you. You never did seek God at any time. No, sir. It's God seeking you. No man, at any time, has ever sought God. God sought man. "No man can come to Me," said Jesus, "except My Father draws him first." The very strain from the garden of Eden, instead of the fallen sinner trying to find God, it was God trying to find the fallen sinner, and has been ever since.**

17) 55-0312 - THE SEAL OF THE CHRIST

23 Saint John 5:24, Jesus Christ's Word inspired. **Though when you believe it... And you cannot believe unless God calls you first.** And then it's revealed to you by the Holy Spirit in your heart saying, **"Change."** Then you're a new creature in Christ Jesus. Old things is passed away, and you—all things have become new. There you are, not tossed about with everything. If you're tossed from this way and that way, a Methodist one week, and a Baptist the next week, and a Presbyterian the next week, and you running from mission to mission, I got one thing to say: **You're not stable yet.** Oh, say, "Brother Branham, but look, I've got a lot of..." Oh, I can't help it, brother. I have to stay with the Word; that's what the Word says. Up today, and gone tomorrow, backslid the next day, come back the next day and, "Oh, we're out gambling," and everything. For if you love the world, or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in you. Amen.

18) 55-0312 - THE SEAL OF THE CHRIST

21 Some people come to church just for the emotional part. Some people come to church just to sing. Some people come in church just to enjoy the good singing, that's all right. Some people come to church, and join church just to hide their meanness, make themselves a little better name in the neighborhood. Some come to church sincerely, but don't never have a touch from God. **But when God calls a man, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first."** And all that comes I will give him Everlasting Life, raise him up at the last day." Oh, I hope you see it. **Brother, it's the work of the Holy Spirit revealing to the individual,** not upon some emotion, not upon something you should do, or shouldn't do, or this, that, or the other. All those things are all right, the moves and works, and shouting and dancing, and speaking in tongues; all those things are all right. **But the first thing, it has to be a spiritual revelation that God has give the individual, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, calling.** That's right. Without that, brother, you're only impersonating, only pretending.

19) 55-0225 - GLORIFIED JESUS

61 You can't desire that. God has to make it come to you. Just think, someone setting, **the Holy Spirit says this is your time to put up your hand,** and then you would reject it? See, that's the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me unless the Father draws him, and all... **What is drawing, knocking at your door, saying, "This is it. This is it. Raise your hand now and say..."** And you say... "Oh, I don't want to." Oh, my, then on that day, you'll say, "Oh, I want to." He will say, "I—I don't want you." Come tonight. Won't... Look friends, I don't know when the Lord Jesus is coming. But there's many of us setting here tonight, this time next year, our bodies maybe molded out here in the grave. These young ladies and young men, setting here tonight, maybe beautiful, right in their young age; six weeks from today, it will be molding and rotten, yonder in the grave, and maybe without God, without Christ, without hope... died and gone to eternity, when right tonight, the Holy Spirit wants to save you. Won't you receive it?

20) 55-0225 - GLORIFIED JESUS

God's church is absolutely a spiritual revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ. And no man can receive it by his own desire. Jesus said, "No man can come to Me except My Father draws him first." Is that right? It has to be a work of the Holy Spirit in the beginning to draw the person. And when the person comes to God, by the Holy Spirit draw, Jesus said, "I will in no wise cast him out. Give him everlasting life, raise him up at the last day." What a beautiful hope that gives the church.

21) 55-0109M - MELCHISEDEC, THE GREAT PRINCE AND KING

85 Why are you here at church this morning? [Brother Branham knocks on the pulpit three times—Ed.] **Something told you to come. You know it wasn't the enemy, to try to get you to do wrong; try to get you to do wrong, to come to church. You couldn't do that. When you come to church, you're doing right.**

86 And Jesus said, in His Own Words, that, "No man can come to Me, except My Father draws him. And all that comes, I'll give them everlasting Life, and raise him up at the last days." Think of it, that every person that comes on the invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ, is promised **Eternal Life and the resurrection in the last days; by the Jehovah God Who swore by an oath that He would do it, and send His Son and confirmed the Word. And He swore He would do it; give it in a type, to Abraham; fulfilled it in Jesus Christ, raised Him up!**

22) 63-0321 THE.FOURTH.SEAL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN THURSDAY_

« 133 † ... And I think any borned again Christian is kind of an oddball to--to the world, because you've been changed. **You're from another world.** Your spirit's from across the chasm, and this thing here is such a messed up thing. You're--you're not different, there's something wrong. You're still too earthbound. You ought to be heavenly minded. Heaven lives by the Word.

23) PSALM 42:7

Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts:
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

24) RUTH 1:16-18

16 And Ruth said, **Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:**

17 **Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.**

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

25) 59-1223 - QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

65 **That Holy Ghost ought to be more important to you than everything else there is in the world, your prestige, your life, your job, your anything that there is. You should not cease until you have It. You must receive It.** It must be the most...And you say, "Well, I'm afraid they—they at my work. I'm afraid that my husband, my..." Don't be afraid; **let That be first place. Let everything else go. Let That be first.** "Well, I expect to get It one of these days, Brother Branham." Not one of these days, now! This is the time. "Let It be first before I—before I do anything else. Let me have It now!" Desperate! **That would help answer our question. You're ju-...when you get desperate for It, really got to have It or die (see?), then is when you're going to get It.**

26) 63-0901E - DESPERATIONS

100 **You can't be desperate till God speaks to you.** Oh, Church, rise and shake yourself! Pinch your conscience, wake yourself up, in this hour! **We must be desperate, or perish! There is coming forth something from the Lord!** I know it as THUS SAITH THE LORD. There is coming forth something, and we better get desperate. It's between Life and death. It'll pass through us and we won't see it.

27) EZEKIEL 36:26

24 **For I will take you** from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 **A new heart also will I give you, and ^fa new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

27 **And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to ⁱwalk in my statutes, and ye shall ^jkeep my judgments, and do them.**

28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

28) 65-0124 - BIRTH PAINS

66 "Lily," He said, "consider it, how it grows, toils, has to bring itself up." This little pond lily, look where it come through; dirt, muck, mud, muddy waters, dirty waters. It pressed its way through all of that, this little germ of life, working itself from the bottom of the pond where the frogs and—and things are at, and then brings itself up through all of that. **But when it gets in the presence of the sun, it's born. The little seed bursts open into life. It cannot do that until it goes through all that process. It's got to come through that. That's what makes it, is because that the sun itself is what's drawing it.** And when it gets fully above all the dirty waters, and muck, and so forth, then it's so happy, it just gives its life out freely. And it's a beautiful life when it gets in the presence of that which is drawing it up.

67 I think that's a beautiful type of Christian life. When, Something is drawing you out of the world, until one day you're born right into Its presence, by the Holy Spirit. How beautiful! **If you try to help it, you kill it.**

68 Like a little chicken when it's being born, you know, if you ever noticed one of the little fellows, right on top of his little beak, or any bird that's born from an egg. It—it's got...It's maturing, this old eggshell. The old inner parts of the eggs has to—to rot away. And it has to take this little beak, and scrape back and forth until it breaks the shell out. We call it, pipping its way out, down in Kentucky where I come from. Pipping his way out. They have never found a better way. See? See? Why? It's God's provided way. **You try to help him, you'll kill him. Pick the shell off of him, he'll die. See? He's got to labor, strain, break forth.**

29) 63-0901E - DESPERATIONS

125 If you've made a mistake, some woman made a mistake, some man made a mistake, some boy or girl made a mistake; don't sink. **Scream out, in despair, "Lord, save me, or I'll perish!" Get desperate about it. God will hear you. He always hears a desperate soul. That's what I'm trying to tell you about.**

126 **Our dear Lord Jesus**, Himself, in the world's greatest battleground, Gethsemane, **He cried out, in despair. Should He take the sins of the world, or should He just remain on earth with His beloved disciples, what He wanted to do?** But watch His humility as He humbled Himself, "Not My will but Thine be done," humbled Himself to the Word, the promised Word of the God of Heaven. Notice, then, He went a little further. And if He went a little farther, how much more ought we to go a little farther. See? And notice, the Scripture says here, in Luke, that He prayed earnestly. Brother, sister, if Jesus had to pray earnestly, how much more have we got to pray earnestly. If Christ, the God of Heaven, made flesh, had to pray earnestly, then how much more are we, sinners saved by grace, pray earnestly! If—**if the decision throwed the Son of God into despair, what will it do to you and I? Desperately we must cry.**

127 **God, in these last days, has manifested Himself so to us, by His great signs and power, should make us desperate.** That's right. And His willing to heal us and save us, ought to throw us all into desperation to get to that healing Stone. That's right.

30) 63-0901E - DESPERATIONS

150 The Kingdom! "The law and the prophets were until John. Since then, the Kingdom of Heaven has been preached, **and man press into It."** **You don't just stand around and say, "Pick me up by the collar, Lord, push me in."** **You press into It. You get desperate, between Life and death.**

151 Wish I had time for another story, that I was thinking right now, of a woman, girl, took a wrong road, and how she had turned new pages and things, till I said, "Sister..." **She got up and said, "I—I believe I'll be all right."** **I said, "No, no! Stay there."** **And then, the first thing you know, she started praying a little bit, and directly she got louder and louder. After a while she got desperate, said, "O God, save me!"**

152 Alcoholics Anonymous couldn't cure it. Nothing else could do it. But them big, black eyes looked at me, and the tears dropping off her cheeks; she said, **"Something's happened." Oh, yeah! Yes, sir! Something happened. She got desperate.**

153 Let's be desperate about this; between death and Life.

31) 64-0411 - SPIRITUAL AMNESIA

216 Like Buddy Robinson said one time, in a corn field. He said, "Lord, if You don't give me the Holy Ghost, when You come back You'll find a pile of bones laying right here." He was dead earnest. **And you're not going to get anything from God till you get desperate enough.**

217 Now, have you noticed today's crop, have you noticed today what we do? **We, actually, we got enough God about us till where we come up to the platform, we say, "Yes, maybe I better come up." Now this is the experience of worldwide. "Yes, I better go up and stand." Say, "Well, well, I don't know. Here I am, see." Hum! What a place to be in! There is no fire burning. There is no enthusiasm. There is not a "go into It!"** And, as an evangelist, that just kills me to see God's people in that shape. **We're supposed to be on fire.**

218 But, you see, what is it? It's exactly what I told you. Revelation 3, "You're lukewarm. And," He said, "because you're lukewarm, then I'm going to spue you out of My mouth." That's right? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] That's what He said. And, if He said that, that's what He is going to do. **So let's not be that crowd.**

32) 63-0901E - DESPERATIONS

98 Hannah, a barren woman in the Bible, she wanted a son, and she got to fasting for him. **And she fasted and prayed until even the priest at the temple thought she was drunk. She was in such desperation!** With the rest of the women watching what kind of a bonnet the other one had wore; and you know how it goes; and the other one seeing what kind of clothes they had on, and talking about the things going on on the farm. But not Hannah; she stepped right through the whole crowd and went to the altar. She had been fasting. She wanted her reproach taken away. What a difference it is today. It's almost a reproach to have a child. Then it was—it was a reproach not to have one. **And she got on her knees. And she never noticed the dignity of the temple. She never noticed the dignified priest as he walked out. She was in such distress till her tears was rolling down her cheeks, and she was crying, in desperation, "O Lord God, give me a son. Give me a son!"**