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19-0710 - Confidence - Bob Black

PSALM 27:1-5

» 1 ⁺ ¶ A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

» **2** ⁺ When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

» **3** ⁺ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

A ⁺ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
 S ⁺ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

1) 51-1003 - BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

So I said, "Well now, remember, happiness does not consist of how much of the world's good you own, but how contented you are with the portion that's lotted to you." So that's what it be. I said, "**Now**, **there'll be times that you all won't see things alike. But always remember you're still in love. When you see one set in the way and the other one don't..." I said, "Give in. If they're wrong, it'll show. After while it'll be all right.**" I said, "**There's a little bowl in a human heart that is full of golden oil called love. If it is ever broke it can be healed up, but there'll be a scar there as long as you live.**" I said, "Don't never have..." I said, "Always give to each other and remember that what your vows are."

2) 61-0516A - JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER

17 You men here, that's married, why did you marry your wife? You had confidence and faith that she'd make a real wife and mother, and so forth. Women, back to your husbands, the same way... Sweethearts are thinking of marriage. You're studying the man you'll marry, or the girl you'll marry. You must have faith in them, or you better not marry them. See? Well, that's the same way it is about Christ. We are here studying, and we must have faith in what we're coming for, because remember, all redemptive blessings has already been purchased. Can we believe that with all of our heart, that all the redemptive blessings was purchased? God achieved that for us through Calvary, with Jesus Christ.

3) HEBREWS 4:12

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.**

4) JOHN 5:20

20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: **and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.**

21 For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; **even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.**

JOHN 14:10-13

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? **the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

5) 60-0925 - THAT DAY ON CALVARY

129 Now notice. The "greater" works, was to have the Power in the Church, not only to heal the sick by prayer, cast out devils by prayer, but to impart Eternal Life to believers. The Holy Ghost was coming, and given into the hands of the Church, to impart Life. Oh! That's what Calvary meant. It took stooped, degraded men and women, and lifted them into a place, to be sons and daughters of God, to heal the sick and to impart Eternal Life; by giving the Holy Ghost to obedient believers, men who were once unbelievers, be made believers, and impart spiritual, Eternal Life. How much greater is it, to say...

130 This sick woman laying here, I can pray a prayer of faith and she'll be healed. That's a great thing. That's what He was doing then.

131 "But," said, "greater than this shall you do. I'm going to give you Power, not only to raise him up for a while, but to give him Eternal Life, which will be Eternal, forever." Poor, blind, wretched people, how do you miss that? Don't you see what the "greater" thing is? That's the greatest thing could ever happen, was to impart Eternal Life to people. What is Eternal Life? The Life that He lived, the Life that was in Him, impart That to others. Can a man do that? A son of God can.

6) JOB 19:23-27

23 Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were printed in a book!
24 That they were graven with an iron pen and lead
In the rock for ever!
25 For I know that my redeemer liveth,

And *that* he shall stand at the latter *day* upon the earth:

- 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
- Yet in my flesh shall I see God:
- 27 Whom I shall see for myself, And mine eyes shall behold, and not another;

Though my reins be consumed within me.

7) NUMBERS 14:22-24

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

23 [†]Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it:

24 But my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it.

8) ACTS 13:46

46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

9) REVELATION 3:15-16

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

10) 63-0118 - SPIRIT OF TRUTH

37 Now, I'm an old man now. And I—I have never one time... And can call the world to—to a standstill, and ask them. "Put your finger on one thing that He ever told me, in THUS SAITH THE LORD, in the Name of the Lord, but what was absolutely the truth and fact, and come to pass, out of the thousands times thousands of things." What does...

38 What am I saying that for? See, I've put us all as volcanic dust. But it's the promise of God's Word. Therefore, I cannot have confidence in myself. You cannot have confidence in yourself. But, together, we can have confidence in What has taken over ourselves. The Holy Spirit has taken us over. We must have confidence in That. And as we place our confidence in That, then the results comes.

11) 2 TIMOTHY 1:12

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

12) 1 JOHN 5:18

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.

20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

13) 54-0624 - THE DEEP CALLETH TO THE DEEP

And, Father, we know that He is here tonight because He promised to be. **And our confidence is anchored in Him, in His Word.** We're sure we have seen Him in the manifestation of His great resurrection here on earth,

14) 62-1230M - ABSOLUTE

117 "For upon this Rock I'll put My absolute, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." **Spiritual** revelation of Who He is, and knowing! All right. Oh!

15) 60-0522E - ADOPTION #4

18 Now he said, "He made known to us the mystery." Get the Holy Spirit on you sometime, and start running That and just watch how It goes. This afternoon I had, oh, about thirty minutes to study, just to look the lesson over; maybe not, I'll say half of that, fifteen minutes between the times. And I got to running, and I thought, "The mystery, how mysterious!" And the Scripture packed me back into the Old Testament, then back over into the New Testament; tied something together, see the mystery of His Coming, the mystery of His will, the mystery of us sitting together. Remember, it cannot be taught in any seminary. It's a mystery. You cannot know it by education, by theology. It's a mystery that's been hidden since the foundation of the world, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

19 Tell me, my brother, tell me, my sister, when was the time that the sons of God was ever to be manifested outside of this time now? When were there ever a time in the history, they was to manifest the time to deliver all nature? Nature, the nature itself is groaning, waiting for the time of the manifestation. Why, before the atonement was made, before the Holy Ghost was ever poured out, before all the—all the Old Testament, on down there, there couldn't have been manifestations. **It had to wait till this time. Now all things has been brought, coming, shaping up to a headstone, to the manifestations of sons of God coming back, and the Spirit of God coming into these men, so perfectly, until their ministry will be so close like Christ's till it will join Him and His Church together.**

16) JOHN 10 (YE ARE GODS WHOM THE WORD CAME TO)

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto <u>whom the word of God came</u>, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

17) ISAIAH 6:4

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of unclean lips, **and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips:** for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

7 And he °laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, ^sHere *am* I; send me.

9 And he said, Go, and tell this people,

18) JUDGES 6:12-15

12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, **The LORD** *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.

14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, **Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold,** ^{II}**my family** *is* **poor in Manasseh, and I** *am* **the least in my father's house.**

16 And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

19) 2 CORINTHIANS 2:3

And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; **having confidence in you all, that my joy is** *the joy* **of you all.**

2 CORINTHIANS 7:16

16 I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:22

And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, **upon the great confidence which** *I* **have in you.**

20) PHILIPPIANS 1:6

6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

2 THESSALONIANS 3:4

4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

21) 63-1226 - CHURCH ORDER

29 And then when you go to doing something good...Just like you was working for a boss and you started out on the first of your job and you're willing to take orders, then the boss has confidence in you and will keep raising you up to a higher office all the time.

30 Now, I believe that time has struck the Branham Tabernacle, to know what...to take the gifts that God gives us, that God can trust us with something even greater than what we have got. But we cannot go along...and you see a man that's always have to be tell him and everything. And remember, "The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophet," says the Scripture. When you see a man that you have to correct, or a woman, and that person gets out of order, and then you're telling him the Scriptural Truth, then it shows that the spirit that's on them isn't of God.

22) 59-0412A - BE CERTAIN OF GOD

21 If you've been prayed for, hands laid on you by believers, the Bible said, "These signs shall follow them that believe." That's God's requirement, and God requires you to believe His Word. Job, God let the devil test Job once. When Job went out and made a burnt offering for his children, they'd had a party, so Job knowed in his days what teen-agers was like, what they were made up of, that mind that can't get settled. And so, Job said, "Perhaps, what if my children did sin; I'll offer a burnt offer for him anyhow." And when he was standing pat on that offering... That's what God required, a burnt offering. That's all He required: to confess and make a burnt offering. And Job knowed he did that. And then the devil was turned loose on him. And he begin to kill his children, destroy his goods. And he had some of his church members come to him and said, "You are a secret sinner. You've got something in your heart that you haven't confessed, Job." But Job knowed that he hadn't done it. He was sure that he had met God's requirements and he stood pat on it. That's it. He knowed he'd confessed his sins, called for God to try him, search him and see if there was anything wrong. See? God was just waiting to see what Job would do, because Satan said, "I'll make him curse You to Your face." But God said, "There's none like him in the earth; he won't do it." **God had confidence in him.**

23) 58-0301E - HEAR YE HIM

21 Now notice, when this son was taken out into the street, in a public place, and he was put on, a beautiful garment, out before the public, and then there was a ceremony of adoption. And this son was adopted into the family, and after adopted in the family, he was heir of all things, and in possession of all things. Oh, church, don't you see where you made your mistake? You've been born again, but you're dilly-dallying in the world, and the things of the world, and God can't put confidence in you. That's the reason great gifts are not in the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Pentecostals, and so forth, is because of the character of the church. It hasn't been pleasing to the Father. I know this is hard, but it's the truth. Let the great ransomed Church of God straighten itself up, and start back to believing in God the way they ought to, and live like they ought to, you'll see God come on the scene with everything He promised. It is right. Break down the barriers, and come in, and be... have fellowship, and reason, and love, and preach, and serve the Lord, and see what will take place. 22 Time tested, the Christian must be tested; every son that cometh to God must be, first, child trained, tested. When you go to build a building, you test the material that you put in it. When the great dam was built around Jeffersonville, for the flood, they tested every ounce of dirt that went in the dam to see if it would stand the waters. And God tests His children with trials and troubles and tribulations, to find out if they are truly His children. The Bible said, "if we can't stand chastisement, then we're illegitimate children, and not the children of God." Notice now. Then, when the testing time come, and they could stand the test...

24) 63-0421 - VICTORY DAY

183 When looks like everything has gone wrong, God is giving you a trial. He's got confidence in you. He don't have to baby you around. You're not a hotbed plant, a hybrid. You're a real Christian. God is giving you a test, see what you'll do about it. Amen. No wonder Peter said, "These fiery trials, why, count it a joy. It's—it's more precious to you than gold."

25) 60-0522M - ADOPTION #3

God trying to place His church in position, to manifest Hisself, getting one that He can work through like this, say, "There's My Spirit flowing freely. There It is. That, that, I—I can work." Here, get another one over here and place him, "I can place him." Adoption, placing, manifesting, take him out here and put a ceremony on him, visit him with an Angel, tell him something. Now, if he's told the truth! Now if he's just making up something, it won't work. Naw, naw, that—that won't work, we've had a lot of that. But I mean—but I mean manifestations of sons of God, when God manifests Himself and He sends him out. And then he goes forth, and what he says is Truth. What he does is the Truth. What he does, he manifests Christ. How you judge him? By the way he stays with the Word, right with the Word. See, that's how you know all man, is by the way he stays with the Word. "If they speak not according to the Word, there's no Life in them," says the Bible. See? Leave them away.

26) 63-0126 - INVESTMENTS

11 That's how we can trust the Bible. In the beginning, it promised a Messiah. Those Hebrew prophets spoke of a Messiah, what He would do. That Messiah came just exactly the way it was. The Bible, on one hand, says it'll happen at a certain time. It does, right on down. 12 Now we got confidence that there'll be a Rapture. Jesus will be coming. We're right here. Because, it's never failed anywhere else, and it can't fail now. That's our confidence.

27) 56-0728 - MAKING THE VALLEY FULL OF DITCHES

50 And I say that same smitten Rock tonight is here. And it'll pour forth an old fashion Holy Ghost revival that'll tear Shreveport apart, if you people will go to digging, moving all the difficults out. If you dig up against one thing, the beer cans in the—in the ice box, throw it out and make way for the Holy Ghost. Every time you hit against a snag throw the thing out. The deeper you dig, the more water you'll get. So what you have to have is to make a way for it. No matter how much preaching there is, how many visions there are, the subject was then, and the main principle was make ready for the water. Get the ditches dug. That's what we got to do tonight, is to make way for the Holy Ghost to pour down. Make it in your house; make it in your church; make it in yourself. Kick everything out of the way; get ready. There's coming a gusher, if you'll get ready for it. If you don't make ready for it, you'll never see it. Now, it's up to the church tonight. Got a nice tent here, got nice pew, churches, seats, got nice people, got nice singing. We've got a wonderful Saviour. But get every... Lay aside everything, every sin that does so easily besets you.