

Notes used in the Message

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19-1002 - The Greatest Love Story - Bob Black

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58-1228 WHY.LITTLE.BETHLEHEM_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-19 N-13 SUNDAY_

« **71** † And she begin to question to her mother-in-law, what she must do. And finally Ruth was married to Boaz, a Gentile married to a prince again in Judah, and settled down, and lived in Bethlehem. Oh, thou little Bethlehem, aren't you the least among all the principal cities of--of Palestine; but it's pleased God Whose knowing and going forth was from old, from the beginning, to have His Son born there.

He knows all things, and He works it just to be right. And there Ruth married Boaz. And when Ruth and Boaz was married... If we had time to go into the great story there, which was one of the greatest love scenes of all ages, when Ruth and Boaz were married... And remember...

Let's just stop for a minute here; just too good to pass over.

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

- » **9** † And this I pray, **that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;**
- » **10** † **That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;**

55-1114 THE.DARKEST.HOUR.THEN.JESUS.COMES.ALONG_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA MONDAY_

« **E-38** † But you see, the Bible, you'll never learn it in a seminary. I don't care... That might sound awful flat, but the Bible said, God said, "**He has hid it from the eyes of the wise and prudent and will reveal it to babes such as will learn.**" **Is that right? He will reveal it to babes. You don't have to be smart to understand the Bible. You have to have a humble heart.**

The Bible is God's love story to His Church, that's hid from all the scholarships in the world. It's only knowed by one scholarship; that's through kneeinology. If you ever had any of it... You know what I mean? Down on your knees.

Now, the--the Bible here is the... **You have to read between the lines to make it right.**

62-0706 JEHOVAH.JIREH.2_ GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 73-106 FRIDAY_

« **129** † **Now, reading the Bible, It's a love Story that God wrote to His Church. It's God. God is love. Do you believe that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] And the Bible is written so that the educated and smart can never understand It. You have to be in love with God to understand It. You have to have God in you. He interprets Himself to you.**

130 Now, it's just like I got a wife. Oh, how I love her! I love her with all my heart. And I'll be overseas somewhere and she'll... after she gets the kiddies to sleep, she'll write me a letter, and say, "Dear Billy, I'm sitting here tonight, I'm thinking of you. I'm writing." **See, I know what she's writing on the paper. But I know her and love her so much till I just know her nature, I know what she means, so I can read between the lines. See?**

131 And God wants His Church to read between the lines. Not read anything out of It now! You have to read between the lines to see what It's meaning. Now watch and see, find out if It doesn't.

132 Now, what God done with Abraham and Sarah, He's showing them, example of His Church. He did for them, He turned them both back to be a young man and woman. Sure, He did, put them back young again, just like He's going to do to every Seed of Abraham. No matter how old and broke down you are, there's a day coming when you'll be young and beautiful again, that's right, the splendor of life.

HEBREWS 4:9-11

» **9** † There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.

» **10** † For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

» **11** † ¶ Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24

» **23** † And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God **your whole spirit and soul and body** be **preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

» **24** † Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

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.

EPHESIANS 4:29-32

» **29** † **Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth**, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

» **30** † **And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.**

» **31** † Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

» **32** † And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

63-1128E THE.TOKEN_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-6 THURSDAY_

« **97** † Someone discussing that with me, not long ago, said, "The church will have to go through, for--for a purification."

I said, "That is true, because she rejected the Blood."

98 But if the Tribulation period catches the Bride, His Own Wife, in the Tribulation? No, sir! The Blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed us from all sin, and there is no more purifying. **And the Blood of Jesus Christ, and that Token, as identification that it has been purified. Amen. That's the Token of the Bride, wearing the ring.**

50-0821 THE.ANGEL.AND.THE.COMMISSION_ CLEVELAND.OH MONDAY_

« **E-37** † And He looked at me. He said, "Do not fear, for I am sent from the Presence of the Almighty God," said, "to tell you that your peculiar birth and life has been to indicate that you're to take a gift of Divine healing to the peoples of the world." And said... Now, listen. **"If you'll be sincere when you pray, and get the people to believe you, nothing shall stand before your prayer, not even to cancer."**

Now, let's stop right there on that much of the Message. I'll tell you the rest just in a few moments. He said, "Now, you... I have appeared (in other words) from God to tell you that your peculiar birth (Which I had, there sets my mother can tell you.) and peculiar life (That's right. No one never understood me.) has been to indicate that you're to take a gift of Divine healing to the peoples of the world." **Seventh grade education, poor, how could I ever feed the world, local little Baptist preacher there in the city? He said, "If you'll be sincere when you pray..."**

53-1115E A.GREATER.WITNESS_ OWENSBORO.KY SUNDAY_

« **E-23** † And then those people looked to that old fisherman, and you know what they did? If he'd have had some great degree to go by, he'd--he'd have had something to glory in, but God took nothing and made something out of it. That's the way God does: just takes the nothing to make something.

And when you being--can become nothing in your own sight, you're becoming something in God's sight then. And always remember this, friends, the way up is down. "He that exalts himself shall be abased, but he that humbled himself shall be exalted."

So just love Him with all your heart and forget all you ever knowed about all other things but Jesus Christ. Just go ahead and love Him and work for Him; serve Him. If He wants you to be the doormat, well, you just be the doormat and that... It's whatever He wants you to do, you do it. God bless you now.

PROVERBS 18:12

Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honour is humility.

PROVERBS 22:4

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

1 PETER 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

PHILIPPIANS 2:2-3

» **2** † Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

» **3** † Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind** let each esteem other better than themselves.

MATTHEW 23:8-12

- » **8** † **But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.** *my great one, my honourable sir; Rabbi, a title used by the Jews to address their teachers (and also honour them when not addressing them)*
- » **9** † **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.**
- » **10** † Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.
- » **11** † But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.
- » **12** † **And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.**

I CORINTHIANS 8:2-3

- » **2** † And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.
- » **3** † But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-13

- » **12** † ¶ Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;**
- » **13** † **Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

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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.

50-0110 MOSES_ HOUSTON.TX TUESDAY_

- « **E-35** † And I told you people... Now, remember, I told you people. I said, "He told me, '**If you'll be sincere (See?), then it will come to pass that you'll tell the people the very secrets of their hearts, and the things that they have done in their life that's wrong, and so forth, if you'll be sincere with what I give.**'" Did I say that? How many remembers me saying that?

Well, that has come to pass. It was standing at Calgary--or at the Regina, Saskatchewan, last--about three months ago. And I was standing on the platform talking like this to my audience. And we were having a great meeting. Some, I guess, close to ten thousand people were gathered in for that night at that pavilion, or the--the Queen Gardens it was, out where they have the stampede. And I was--I was speaking and I said, "Now, the Lord has told me that if I be sincere, that someday (I did at each meeting), it would come to pass that the secrets of the people's heart would be told."

59-0412E WHAT.HEAREST.THOU.ELIJAH_ LOS.ANGELES.CA SUNDAY_

- « **E-16** † Today we can shout; we can scream; we can speak with tongues, have signs and things, **but where is that sincerity of so sincere about the Word of God and the--the Church of God until it grieves our heart to see sin going on.**

62-1124E ALL.THINGS_ SHREVEPORT.LA SATURDAY_

- « **E-39** † Oh, you said that "You're taking under the Old Testament, Brother Branham." All right. Let's take the New Testament, II Timothy 3. **The Holy Spirit warned us that in the last days that the church would get away from the sincerity and the faith.** They'd have a form of godliness, but would deny the power that went with the right thing, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. Yes, sir. **God hates a powerless religion. And any religion today that hasn't got Christ in it, is powerless. But any religion that Christ in is under His own Blood, and it's got power in it. You say God hates a**

religion without power? He said, "Your solemn feasts is a stink." I guess He does hate it. He said, "It--it makes Me sick."

And remember, He told this rich Laodicean church that "Because you're lukewarm (in other words, you make Me sick), I'll spue you out of My mouth." And we've come to that age. God, send us an Isaiah to chop the thing to pieces, lay it out before the people: cry out; spare not. You think he'd be accepted? Certainly not. But he'd cry just the same. Solemn feasts, they're a stink.

God hates powerless religion. It's got to have power in it. It's got to have sincerity. Sincerity brings power. Sincerity brings real worship, not forms, but genuine power worship to know that you've passed from death unto Life.

63-1201E JUST.ONCE.MORE.LORD_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-11 SUNDAY_

« **146** † Let's stand up on our feet, everybody. Cry, Pentecostal, raise up your hands, "Once more, Lord! Once more, Lord, once more!" Hallelujah! I don't know what to do, but It's here. Let's cry, with one accord, "Once more, Lord!" Cry it out, "Once more, Lord! Once more, Lord! Once more, Lord, send Your Power, send Your blessings. Send the Holy Ghost upon us, like a rushing mighty wind, and fill every soul that's in here, anew." Glory to God! Believe it with all your heart. "Once more, Lord, once more!" Hallelujah!

« **147** † Drunk on the Spirit! **If the Holy Ghost can just pour into you till you're so drunk you forget what your name is, till you forget all your doubts; get you so drunk on the Spirit till you forget your doubts, amen, then you can get somewhere with God. Then the cry, "once more," goes up from the sincerity, and then another one. Hallelujah! Filled with the Holy Ghost, these drunk on the Spirit; God's righteousness and holiness, and power, get you so drunk till you forget who you are. You're nothing, to begin with. Remember, God wants to come into you. "Once more, Lord, once more! Once more, Lord, once more!"**

« **148** † Oh, Pentecostal, Pentecostal, run for your life! There is just a little time left. It's later than you think. If I never say another word from this pulpit, remember, run for your life! It's later than you think. **I feel the Holy Spirit on me, saying, "Say it again." Run for your life! It's later than you think.**

149 Once more, Lord, once more fill Life Tabernacle with Eternal Life, every member in here. And let the Glory of the Lord fall upon this congregation, Lord Jesus. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I believe God. Once more, Lord, once more let man forget who they are. Let man forget his unbelief, that we could cry, "Once more, Lord, once more!"

Do you love Him? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.]

sincere adjective

sin·cere | \ sin-'sir , sən-\

sincerer; sincerest

Definition of *sincere*

1 **a** : free of dissimulation : HONEST

// a *sincere* interest

b : free from adulteration : PURE

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// *sincere* wine

2 : marked by genuineness : TRUE

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63-1128E THE.TOKEN_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-6 THURSDAY_

« **107** † Here a few weeks ago, when I was watching a--a program, out of one of the filling stations I was standing in, of our great brother, Billy Graham, when he was making his greatest revival he had, or had the greatest revival in California. **I was watching this television, was catching the face of them coming to the altar. Kids punching one another, and fighting, going along the altar, and laughing and cutting up, no sincere, chewing chewing gum, looking all around. Go right in there and say "yes," they make a confession and come back out. Billy said he can have thirty thousand of them in one years time, he ain't got thirty left. There is no sincerity. There is no more sincere.**

108 **People is not ready to confess. They want to pray, "God, You heal me, do this, or do that, do that." But when it comes to dying out, and confessing your sins and getting right with God, it isn't seen no more.** That's the reason we don't see no more healings than what we have. That's the reason I'm preaching these things. Let's get things ready for a healing service. **You've got to get the thing working first. God heals you for His glory. And we must be ready for His glory.**

47-1221 EXPERIENCES_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« **E-2** † **That I was too sincere about it, that I thought too much on it, set my mind on it too much. Said, "You pray for John Doe's baby; forget about it. That's God's business to heal it." Said, "You just think too much sincerely of it." Said, "Then when you do, going to cause to have a mental collapse."**

My nature is not... Well, more like carrying on, but I... They told me I'd have to forget about the thing; I was too sincere for them. I don't believe you can get too sincere about the work of God. That's right. More sincere you are, the better God can lead you.

63-0126 INVESTMENTS_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« **18** † And one time it happened again, that when Jehoshaphat came down to visit Ahab. And they had a council, and going up to Ramoth-Gilead. And Jehoshaphat said, "Well, course, my chariots is as yours, my people as yours." He said, "But should not we consult the Lord?" Ahab said, "Certainly we should done that."

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JAMES 5:16

» **16** † Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

PSALM 51:15-17

» **15** † O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

» **16** † For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

» **17** † **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

MARK 10:17-21

» **17** † ¶ And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

» **18** † And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

» **19** † Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

» **20** † And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

» **21** † Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

II TIMOTHY 2:15

» **15** † Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

55-0223 JOB_ PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY_

« **E-54** † **And while she was a gleaning in the field, directed by the Holy Spirit, to go into that field to glean, then up come Boaz. Boaz was a representative Christ, for he was the lord of the harvest. He was over all the harvest. And notice, as soon as he looked out in the field and saw that Gentile girl, he fell in love with her. Why? She was gleaning behind the reapers. That's what the Church has had to do: Pick up a little bit here, and a little bit there, gleaning.** Reading over there, and seeing what Job done, and what the rest of them done, and how the way of redemption was laid, picking up these little gleanings, behind the Jewish church. See what I mean? That grain that they were reaping represented Life, Immortal Life, Eternal Life to us out of the Word. The Word of God, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

« **E-55** † And here she was gleaning behind, picking up these little gleanings. **And the lord of the harvest fell in love with her, her being an alien. What a picture. My, I just love that. And then, he said, "Whose damsel is this?"**

And they begin to speak, and said, "It's the Moabite that come in with--with Naomi."

And he went out to her, and spoke peace to her. And said, "Don't you leave this field." God be merciful. Stay put. Don't be tossed about with every wind of doctrine; stay in the Word.

55-0223 JOB_ PHOENIX.AZ WEDNESDAY_

« **E-57** † And notice. There at the end of the season, after she'd took her wheat and so forth, at the end of the season, she went back out, then that night, and here's where a beautiful type of the Gentile Church coming, I mean the true, Gentile Church. When she went out there that night, and found Boaz laying on the heap of wheat... What is it? In Him dwells all the Fulness of God, and the powers of God. Laying on the whole heap of the harvest. And she moved up, and absolutely exposed herself by laying down on his feet. The Gentile Church, the real, true Church of God has exposed herself to public persecution by taking God at His Word, and saying, "I believe that Divine healing and the power of the resurrection. I believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." When all these old, cold, formal morgues say, "The days of miracles is past," we expose ourselves and lay it at His feet." Hallelujah!

« **E-58** † Right in the darkest of hour, when midnight time, he woke up and looked around, and he seen Ruth, a virtuous woman, not ashamed of the Gospel, laying at his feet. He reaches up and gets his robe, and spreads it over her. You know what I mean, don't you? The Holy Spirit, threw the Holy Spirit, as it was, being a type of Christ, over her, and sent her into the place and said, "Now, wait a minute. I've got to do a certain law. There's a law of the land of redemption, and I am thy near kinsman. And I know that you're a virtuous woman." God knows your heart, doesn't He? He said, "Now, in the morning, I will go down, and see if I can do the order of the kinsman."

61-1210 PARADOX_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-15 N-8 SUNDAY_

« **65** † Then he turned and looked at my friend, and away he went after my friend. And I seen my friend just jumping way in the air, and over him and over him and over him, trying, and the thing was striking at him. I thought, "Oh, if it ever hits him, it'll be instant death. No wonder everybody's so scared, 'cause when this thing hits you it's an instant death." And--and it was just striking at him like that, and I threw my hands up; I said, "O God, have mercy on my brother." I said, "If that serpent ever strikes him, it'll kill him." And just then the serpent turned to me when I said that, and looked at me again. And a Voice came from above me and said, "**You have been given power to bind him, the worst, or any.**" And I said, "Well, God, what must I do?"

He said, "There's one thing you must do: you must be more sincere. (See?) You must be more sincere."

I said, "Well, God, forgive me for my unsincerity, and let me have sincerity." And when I raised up my hands to Him again, there was a great Something came over me, just lifted me up, seemed like that my whole body was charged with Something.

61-1210 PARADOX_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-15 N-8 SUNDAY_

« **69** † And I looked at the serpent. And then he started towards me, and he couldn't do it yet. **And I said, "Satan, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I bind you."** And the serpent, a blue smoke flew out of him, and he curled up and made that sign like a S, capital S made backwards, a "AND" [&] sign. And means "bind this one or anything below him," 'cause he was the worst. Blue smoke fell out of him, and his tail choked his ownself to death around his head, when he made this backwards S, that "AND" [&] sign (like a conjunction... You see?), choked it to death. And the brother was free.

And I went over and mashed on it. I said, "Now, I've got to find out about this, because it's vision." And I hit on the--on the thing, and it turned like that, looked like a handle, on a glass handle on a pitcher, and just made it solid crystal. And I said, "Think of that, how quick. That blue smoke was life and everything that left it, all the elements, and is turned to glass."

And just then a Voice came again, and said, "You can unbind him also."

So I said, "Then, Satan, that I might know, I unbind you." And when it did, he started coming to life again, wiggling. And I said, "I bind you back in the Name of Jesus Christ." And when it did, the smoke flew out of him again, and he choked hisself right back again and turned to crystal.

« **73** † **And then when he did that, that Voice said, "Now, you must be more sincere than what you are to do this."** Then it left me, and I was standing in the room.

A few moments I heard a clock go off, and my wife had got... getting up. The children, you know how it is, I guess, at your house, one, "What am I going to wear today, mama? Where, where are my books? And what did I do?" You know. You, just like any home, you can't hear yourself think, hardly, for all of them trying to get ready at once.

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« 291 † Now, I believe, with all my heart, that you're healed. Amen. I believe it with all that's in me. Now, I--I believe it.

Now, Jesus invited you to come to salvation. If you'd come, you'd get It, 'cause He promised it. He promised it; now, let's not doubt it. But let's believe it with all of our heart. Now, don't fight in it; just know that it's got to be done. It has to be done. Jesus said, "Speak this Word. Don't you doubt." See? And He was the very One... And those visions, so far as I know, with all my heart, not one time have they failed, not one time. And He said, the other night, and though--that vision I told you, before God Who I stand, that is true. See? **He seen that serpent bound. He said, "You'll have to be more sincere."**

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« 294 † **That's what I'm striving for, is more sincere. And each one coming along this morning, I tried to think, "If that was my mother, those women, if that was my sister setting back there, if that was my wife setting back there, or one of my children setting back there, what if it was them?" trying to place myself in their position to be sincere.** And if you noticed, the very...

I just--happens to come to my memory. Over the other day, when I was in California, and stand at that Business Men's breakfast. I think I've got it here. I'm pretty sure; I was looking at it just awhile ago, a prophecy that was given. Here it is right here. This was given after standing and preaching a hard sermon. And people are here this morning: Brother Roy Borders, for one, that was there, I believe, ever where Roy is at, was, yeah, setting here, was there when this taken place, and many others that were there when a boy that was a Baptist... It was Jane Russell's cousin, the movie star; anything can come in that breakfast that wants to come. And when I got through speaking, the boy walked over to put his arms around me, and said...

NEHEMIAH 1:1-11

- » 1 † The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace,
- » 2 † That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; **and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped**, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.
- » 3 † **And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.**
- » 4 † **And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,**
- » 5 † **And said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:**
- » 6 † **Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.**
- » 7 † **We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.**
- » 8 † **Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:**
- » 9 † **But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.**
- » 10 † **Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand.**
- » 11 † **O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. For I was the king's cupbearer.**

EZRA 9:1-15

- » 1 † Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves **from the people of the lands**, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.
- » 2 † **For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass.**

- » **3** † **And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished.**
- » **4** † **Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away; and I sat astonished until the evening sacrifice.**
- » **5** † **And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God,**
- » **6** † **And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens.**
- » **7** † **Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.**
- » **8** † **And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.**
- » **9** † **For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.**
- » **10** † **And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments,**
- » **11** † **Which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their uncleanness.**
- » **12** † **Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children for ever.**
- » **13** † **And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this;**
- » **14** † **Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?**
- » **15** † **O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.**

EZRA 10:3

Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-13

- » **4** † **Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,**
- » **5** † **Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;**
- » **6** † **Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;**
- » **7** † **Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**
- » **8** † **Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.**
- » **9** † **For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.**
- » **10** † **But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.**
- » **11** † **When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.**
- » **12** † **For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.**
- » **13** † **And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.**

RUTH 4:13

So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.

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« E-60 † Right while they were making the most fun, and saying the--all these different things about her, and--and teasing her, and making fun of her and everything, they heard the wheels a coming, horses hoofs a beating, the old grinding of the sand under the buckboard. My, my, she broke through those lines. Out into the yard she went. Who was it? There he was, dressed. The carriage was ready. She run through the little trellis at the end of the yard like that. He jumped out of the carriage and grabbed her into his arms, and he said, "Sweetheart, all year long I've had people watching you." Oh, I'm so glad. The Holy Ghost: The eyes is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. **"All year long, I've been watching you. I seen your virtues. I seen the flirts of other men. I seen all of this, but I seen you were true. Oh, it swelled my heart to know that the woman I was going to marry was true."**

God, let that be our testimony, let that be our desire today. Live true to Christ. Be true to the calling. Be true to the Spirit.