Notes used in the Message

20-0422 - The Influence of Two Kings - Bob Black

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

II Chronicles 26:5

» 5 ⁺ And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

II CHRONICLES 26:8

» 8 ⁺ And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

» 9 ⁺ Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

» 10 ⁺ Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

II CHRONICLES 26:15

» 15 ⁺ And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

» 16 ⁺ But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

I John 2:15-17

» 15 ⁺ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

» 16 ⁺ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

 \gg 17 ⁺ And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

II Corinthians 3:4-5

» 4 ⁺ And **such trust have we** through Christ to God-ward:

» 5 ⁺ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; **but our sufficiency is of God;**

62-0719B LIFE_ SALEM.OR THURSDAY_

« E-17 ⁺ A brother was testifying to me this morning. He was called to the ministry when a little boy. And then he fell, he said. And I... And he said, but then he came back with more of a call to preach than ever before. You see what it was, when he become a Christian he got in the wrong environment. See? And that environment influenced him. See? And you just keep holding around with that kind of environment, you--it--it influences you. I hope you're reading between the lines what I'm saying. See? It influences you in that environment. And the first thing you know, you become a part of that environment. You go into it.

And just like a good clean man, that's clean and moral, and he begins to associate with a bunch of people who's not. See, you take up the spirit of that.

Everything is governed by a spirit. Nations are governed by a spirit. When I go into different nations, see the way they act and do, you can see it's the spirit of that nation.

63-0112 INFLUENCE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« 92 [†] Now, you say, "Well, what do you mean?" Leprosy represents, is--is a type, rather, "of sin." And when a man won't stand correction by the Word of God, he is full of leprosy, blows up and carries on. What does you? What do you do? You ruin your influence. See? Something happens. People knows and can tell, the Word that you're corrected by, that you're not going to do it. Therefore you ruin your influence.

93 And it hurt this fellow. Anger got on him. And while he was in his anger, leprosy was in his face. And we find out that he... Not only did he drop the censer, but he ran from the house of God, to never be able to return again. Because, no matter how great he was and how much influence he had had, he... When he was corrected, then he refused to take his correction, because his social standing had become more to him than the Word of God had become. I'm sure you understand what I'm driving at. See? It become more to him. His position as king become more to him than the Word of God.

64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

56 Now, you know, **there is somebody that you are influencing. Your life is a written epistle read of all man.** Therefore, if your life isn't according to your testimony, or your testimony according to your life, rather, then there is... **you are putting a stumbling block in somebody's way, for somebody is watching you. Some little child is watching his mother, watching his dad.**

56-0902 THE.HANDWRITING.ON.THE.WALL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-59 † ...

If you think it's wrong to drink whiskey and you say, "Leave it alone, preacher, you oughtn't to say nothing about drinking. It's our American right." I know it's your American rights, but it's not your heavenly rights.

And brother, if you're willing before God, you'll--you will be able--you will in your heart forfeit every filthy right that you have to serve the Lord, and will purpose in your heart that you will not defile yourself with the things of the world.

« E-60 ⁺ You say, "Brother Branham, other Christians smoke. Why can't I smoke?" You might have a right to smoke as an American citizen, but you have not the right to do it as a Christian. Because it's a stumbling block in the other person's way. That's exactly right. And you shouldn't do it; you lay a stumbling block.

All these other things. And your dressing, you say, "Well, the rest of the women, they dress like this and the other girls. They dress like this, they do this. Why can't I do it?" I know it's your American right. "The law don't say I can't do it." I know that. It don't say hardly anything, you can do anything you want to. That's right. Just about anything...

But brother, it's not in a Christian's heart to do that. If you'll purpose in your heart that you'll live clean and pure before God, nature itself will teach you that those things are wrong.

56-0902 THE.HANDWRITING.ON.THE.WALL_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN SUNDAY_

« E-80 ⁺ Dear heavenly Father, as I look down here and see men and women bow at the altar under the influence of the Gospel, oh, so happy, Lord that we have something that puts us under an influence. It isn't a strong drink. It's the wine of Pentecost. It influences us to do right. It takes all the wrong away and makes it right. We're so happy for this, Lord. These men have tasted of God. These women have tasted of God. Tonight, maybe for the first time in their life, something has spoke to their heart and said, "Child of Mine, I was the One Who kept you from having that accident. I was the One Who spared you here when you were dying. Now, won't you come and return and give your life to Me and let Me guide you and take you home. And I--I love you and I want to be good to you."

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51-0727 THE.CHURCH.OF.THE.LIVING.GOD_ ERIE.PA FRIDAY_

« E-45 ⁺ Psalms 103:3 said, "I'm the Lord Who forgives all of thine iniquity (Do you believe that?), Who heals all of thy diseases." Now, you might come and confess your sins to me, and ask me to pray for you, but I cannot forgive you. If you sinned against me, I can forgive you. But if you sinned against God, He is the only one that can forgive. And He has forgiven every person in the world, and ever will be in the world. They're already forgiven, but it will never help them until they accept it by faith and then confess it.

And He's healed all the sick people, but it will never help them, until they confess it by faith, and believe it, and act upon their confession. "For as the body is dead without the Spirit," says James, "so is faith without works." You've got to believe it and act like it. When you accept Him as your Saviour, you've got to believe it and act like Him.

ISAIAH 6:6-7

» 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.**

53-0902 TESTIMONY_ CHICAGO.IL WEDNESDAY_

« E-32 † ...

Just... I tell you, this old time religion, brother, it straightens you up. That's right. It'll make a--a-a silk dress and a calico put their arms around one another and call "sister." Is that right? It'll make a tuxedo suit and a pair of overalls call each other "brother." That's what it'll do, brother. It'll clean you up. It'll make no difference in you. It tears down that self, and starch, and pride, that we've got.

63-1130B INFLUENCE_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-8 SATURDAY_

« 176 ⁺ The prophet, a man who had been in the king's palace, known to be a prophet. Do you hear me? Caused this ordained prophet, the vision of the Lord caused him to cry, "Woe is me! I am a man of unclean lips. I live among un-... people that's got unclean lips. And my eyes has seen the order of the Lord." Oh, minister brother, can you see it? "My eyes has seen the order of the Lord."

177 Then come the cleansing. Here come the Cherubim with a coal of fire off the altar, that he had took with his tongs, the tongs from the altar, put it in his hands. And took back Isaiah's head, because he was ready to confess, and confess that he was unclean, **because he had looked to some bishop or somebody for his example, instead of looking towards God.**

178 Instead of looking towards the Word, you looked towards your creed, still puts you back, "a man of unclean lips."

179 And the Angel come with Fire, placed it upon his lips, and said, "Now you're clean."

64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

* 138 ⁺ There we see that He was giving him something to look at, to influence him different from what he had been looking at, thinking, "A man that served God and prospered, and everything, was fine." But Isaiah got his--his mind upon a man.

139 And a man is a failure, to begin with. I don't care who he is. "He is born in sin, shaped in iniquity, come to the world speaking lies," so he's a total failure. I don't care if he's a bishop, pope, presbyter, or whatevermore he might be. He is a failure, to begin with, and don't never look to one. I don't care, "Though he moves mountains with faith, and though he gives all of his goods to feed the poor." **Still, look at Jesus Christ. He is the One. Look to Him, not at some man.**

63-0112 INFLUENCE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« 169 ⁺ No reverence. The people try to do right. Men take a stand for the Word of God and say, "I'm going to have my congregation cleaned up." The first thing you know, a complaint comes in from somebody else, and they oust him. He has to get out on the street. Why? They're not convinced of His Presence.

170 You ought to do like David said, "Put the Lord always before my face. I shall not be moved. Let the Lord be before me. I'll have Him on my right hand now. He'll be before my face."

171 "Wherever I see, I want to see Jesus in it. I'll go no place; I'll do nothing; my influence, just let it be for Him." Then your range finder has found the Truth. "For if the Life of Christ... Let the mind that was in Christ be in you."

62-0518 LETTING.OFF.THE.PRESSURE_ GREEN.LAKE.WI FRIDAY_

When you come just to say, "I'll go give it a try," don't you do that. You're not going to get anything. **You come with reverence, fully surrendered, like the man coming into the gate of refuge.** You know it's his... It's the only place he has to go. You must come believing.

"Oh, I'll go down to the altar and see if I can speak in tongues. I'll go down and see if I can shout." Oh, brother, you might as well stay in your seat. You're not going to get anything. No.

« E-49 ⁺ **But when you come knowing that's your only spot of refuge.** When you set in a meeting, and you're pressing, "I didn't get a prayer card?" I've seen people do that. Pressure built up; they miss it altogether. I seen them stand in the meeting in--in the prayer line, come up into there and say, "Well, if I..." See, you're--you're--you're fighting against yourself. Don't do that. Just come with boldness, with reverence. Come in the Presence of God, knowing that God made a promise and that settles it.

64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

« 131 ⁺ Here is a good example. Always be conscious of your littleness, not your bigness.

132 Today, we--we Americans, so much, that we try to think that we're big somebody, "We belong to something big, some big organization, some great big something that's got..." Oh, great big, big, big is all we see.

63-0112 INFLUENCE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« 209 ⁺ Listen. The people at Pentecost, they covered their feet. They covered their faces. They didn't care what the Jews said. They had a commission from God, a Word of God, to go up to the temple, to Jerusalem, and wait up there at Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. And there they was, obeying His Word. Humility; bowing.

210 When, the church was laughing at them. "A bunch of heretics is in the upper room up there."

211 Faces covered, in the Presence of God! "Oh, Lord, You gave the promise. If there's any evil in me, cleanse me, Lord." All at once there came down wings of action, and they went into action. They who were scared, wouldn't give a testimony out on the street. They were in the street, speaking with other tongues, and--and in action.

Insomuch that the people said, "These men are full of new wine."

63-0112 INFLUENCE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_

« 187 ⁺ But He had Truth, vindicated, God-given Truth. What happened? Her wings quickly went over her face, the wings went over her feet. She said, "Sir," not Beelzebub. "Sir, the best I know, You must be a prophet. Now, I know we haven't had a prophet for hundreds of years. But the Scripture says, that, 'When the Messiah comes, He will be a prophet like Moses.' And we know, when Messiah come, He will do these things. But I don't understand. Who are You? You must be a prophet. When this Messiah comes, He's going to do this same thing that You did, because He will be the God-Prophet."

He said, "I am He, that speaks to you." Then she went in action. "Come, see a Man!"

54-0719A GOD'S.PROVIDED.WAY.OF.HEALING_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« E-34 †

Now, when you say you've got faith for Divine healing, and something strikes you and says, "Move out." That's the confirmation that God has received your faith for Divine healing. **That's right. When you got courage to put your faith in action. But when you say you got faith and afraid to let it go, your faith is dead. See? But when you got faith and willing to let it go, then God's confirming it with the signs following and you'll see your healing. That's true. When you've got faith**...

55-1003 FAITH.IN.ACTION_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

« E-41 [†] That's what it takes. No matter how much faith you've got, if you won't use it, it's no good to you. That's right. What good is a God of Moses, if He ain't the same God today? What good is a historical God? You people who go to church, and your church only teaches that some historical fact about the Holy Ghost coming back on the day of Pentecost, there is no such a thing today, there was healing back there that... What good does that do you? Just no more than reading George Washington once lived. That's right. Abraham Lincoln once lived according to the history. Abraham Lincoln lived, according to the history. George Washington lived. But they're dead and buried, according to the history.

But look, Jesus Christ lives; He died; He rose again, according to the Scriptures is alive forevermore. That's what Washington done. You'll believe Washington and doubt Christ. Hallelujah.

62-1013 THE.INFLUENCE.OF.ANOTHER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-11 SATURDAY_

« 154 ⁺ If you believe God heals, stay in action. If you believe He's going to call you out now, and you're holding onto Him, stay in action. Amen. Stay in action. You got two wings, so use them. Stay in action. Wave them back and forth, "Lord, I believe. Lord, I believe." You can't just holler, "Holy, holy, holy," you have to say, "Lord, I believe." Stay in action. Amen.

54-0320 FAITH.COMETH.BY.HEARING_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-27 ⁺ Now, hope will agree with the Bible. Hope will say, "It's True." Hope will say, "I believe every bit of It. I believe that that's the Word of God. And I--I--I believe that God will keep His promise." Hope believes all of that. But hope then says, "Now, I believe that God will heal, but look at my condition." Now, faith don't look at that. Faith comes around, "I don't care nothing about conditions. God said so, and it's mine." You see? Faith's burly. As I once said, "Faith has hair on the chest. When it stands up and pulls its big muscles out, everything else vanishes away." Just takes--flies away. When faith really takes a hold, nothing else stands.

55-1003 FAITH.IN.ACTION_ CHICAGO.IL MONDAY_

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51-0415E THE.HOUR.IS.COME_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-17 ⁺ And when you accept Him as your Healer, don't never act like you're sick or crippled any more. Believe that you're healed. Take Him at His Word. Then it's all over on God then and not on you. See? You... As long as you take God at His Word, then the Word will produce what It promised to do. Is that right? Now, have faith, believe Him with all your heart.

59-0409 MARY'S.BELIEF_ LOS.ANGELES.CA THURSDAY_

« E-14 ⁺ Oh, if we could only get that settled in our hearts. How can a cancer be cured when the doctors give it up? **It's not me to try to figure it out. It's take the Word of the Holy Spirit. He was the One Who made the promise. He's the One Who confirms that promise. He's obligated to keep that promise.**

63-1130B INFLUENCE_ SHREVEPORT.LA V-17 N-8 SATURDAY_

« 19 ⁺ And then we never know just what we're doing, what influence, what we're doing, is having upon others. The Bible said, "We are written epistles, read of all men." That is, your life reads so loud to the public, until your testimony, if it's contrary to your life, is without any effect. It's what you are inside of you, that people read; not so much what you say, but what you are, see. You can pin something on somebody, say, "This is that, and so forth," but your life being different from what they say, your testimony of your life is louder than the testimony that someone could say something about you. Yeah. So just keep that on mind, that we're bringing influences every day, and the life that you live proves what's on the inside of you. You cannot change that. It reflects. Every person reflects, outside, what he is inside.

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64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

« 201 [†] Notice, the Pillar of Fire should put us in action, as the Pillar of Fire vindicates Its promise of the last days. Jesus said, "I come from God, and I go to God," and what He would do in the last days. And here He is, both scientific and spiritually, in the Word proving it, that He come from God and still remains the same. He is still God, for the promise in the last days. It should put us in actions.

Signs of the Coming is at hand. Jesus said, "As it was at Sodom, just before the world was burnt, the Gentile world," this would return. It should influence us and put us in action, too. When we see the Word fulfilled, that He promised, it should put us in action.

64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

« 217 ⁺ Now the effects of such a vision, and we're closing. Start praying for the sick, in a few minutes. Now the effects of such a vision. What did the effects do to this prophet? I wonder about a preacher, I wonder about an evangelist, or a pastor? Look what a vision of This done, and what he seen, what had happened to self-styled Uzziah. And then, though a great man that God had honored, the great thing, they seen it dead. What effects did it have on the prophet? 218 Here is what it did. It caused him to confess himself to be a sinner for associating with such. He confessed, "I'm a man of unclean lips, and I've been dwelling among people with unclean lips." Making him con-... a prophet, not a preacher. A prophet confessed that he was a sinful man, because he had been associating with such.

64-0315 INFLUENCE_ BEAUMONT.TX SUNDAY_

« 227 [†] And the Voice of God said, "Now there is a need. These things has got to be told." And one Voice said to the other, the Angels flying, said, "Who will go for Us?"
228 Then Isaiah, with a clean heart; cleansed, confessed, cleansed and commissioned, the vision; said, "Here am I, Lord, send me. Send me. Here am I, send me."
229 God, send Your holy Angels again today. Find Your Isaiah somewhere, my prayer. I--I'm not... I'm

just saying this 'cause I know He's here.