22-0427 - Focus - Aaron Roberts

PSALM 16:8-11

- 8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

MATTHEW 6:22-23

- 22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
- 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!
- Focus the main or central point of something, especially of attention or interest: adapt to the prevailing level of light and become able to see clearly: to cause light to come together at a point
- 1) 63-0428 LOOK_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_
- « 64 † Now if I had looked to what the Winchester Company said, which is supposed to be the one that--that made the gun, then I'd have listened to them. But I knowed different.
- Now if I look to the church, and they say, "Oh, them days is gone, and there's no such a thing as That," and, see, see where you'd be? It'd be plumb off of target. See?
 But if He is ever God, He is still God. He always was God, and He can't be nothing else but God. And He is God, Eternal. Therefore, we want to look to that Target; not what target the church is shooting at, but what Target that Christ is shooting at.
- "We look for Christ to appear, the same Jesus." He said, when He was on earth, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more. Yet, ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you to the end of the world." That same One Who could direct the Word, and be the Word, and direct It right straight on to the Target, that same Lord Jesus is here this morning in the form of the Holy Spirit, to direct our thoughts and focus down, His Word, to one true and living God, to one purpose, to one achievement. And if we'll just let Him do it, He will focus the Word right into a place that'll prove that He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. Depends on what you want to look at.
- We must focus our lives. Not what somebody else says, but focus our lives to Him. And He is the Word. See? If we get our lives lined with the Word, then the Word and our life becomes the same. He said, "If ye abide in Me, and My Word in you, then ask what you will. It'll be granted to you. Verily I say unto you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that that what you have said will come to pass; you can have what you have said." Oh, my! "Not what I said; what you said, you can have," because you and He become the same. Because, the mind that was in Christ is in you. And the mind that was in Christ was to fulfill the Father's Word. Which, He was the Word. There you are. Then you and the Word are focused in, together. You become a living unit of God. How great!

- 2) 65-1207 LEADERSHIP_ COVINA.CA V-7 N-7 TUESDAY_
- « 278 † This rich man, when he come down, the young ruler we talked about, all religious, and belonged to church and everything, fine, educated, a fine businessman, and everything, when he come to the end of the road, he begin to scream, "There's nowhere to step!" Where's his leadership? He had been led by his church, which is dead. He had been led by the dead world, and there wasn't nothing for him to step into but what the world had prepared for it: hell.
- 279 But here comes Moses, a faithful servant who esteemed the reproach of Christ greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt. He come to the end of the road, an old man, a hundred and twenty years old. Walked up on the mountain, and he knowed that death laid before him, and he looked over into the promised land. And he looked; laying there by his side, there was his Leader, the Rock. He stepped upon the Rock, and the Angels of God packed him away into the Glory--the Glory of God, into the bosoms of God. Why? Eight hundred years later, he was still being led by his Leader.

3) II CORINTHIANS 4:16-18

- 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
- 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

4) JOHN 15:22

- 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.
- 5) 64-0705 THE.MASTERPIECE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-7 SUNDAY_
- « 11 † So we--we realize that we're here in a negative form. And as long as there is a negative, there has to be a positive. There cannot be a negative without a positive, see, because it's because of the positive that makes the negative. Like you had a negative picture of some object. There has to be an object somewhere, or to strike, the light strike that lens, or there wouldn't be any--any negative. So when we see that our life here is in the negative, and knowing that we're in the image of some life somewhere, then we know that there is a positive somewhere that the light has struck, and it's reflected something here on earth. And we are only that reflection. The genuine object is somewhere. If that isn't, I'm the worst deceived man in the world; I've spent my life in vain. But I know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that it's there. See? That's why we're here. See?
- 6) 58-0508 THE.EXPECTATIONS_ BURLINGTON.VT THURSDAY_
- « E-7 † Now, if you notice, this is not just a picture that we want to just save to make money on. We buy this picture and sell it same way we get it; about three or four cents on the picture for handling is all we get. It's a copyrighted affair and is in Washington, DC, as the only supernatural Being was ever proven to be photographed. Now, the... George J. Lacy, of the FBI, fingerprint and document, examined the case. And he said to me, "Mr. Branham, I've heard of your meetings, and I've been to one or two. And I said it was psychology, that that Light wasn't there. But," he said, "Mr. Branham, that mechanical eye of the camera won't take psychology. The Light struck the lens." He signed the document and turned it over to the Douglas Studios, a member of the American Photographers Association at Houston, Texas.

Now, I say this with humbleness and with reverence to Him Who is present, that is the Light that I have seen. That was the Light was over my cradle when I was born. That's the Light that's... From there has come a voice and talked to me down through my life, that's told things by the hundreds of things. And search out anyone you wish to, from Africa around the world, in my own city, doctors, attorneys, or whatever you wish, and see if ever one time it failed to be just exactly what He said it was. That's what speaks here at the platform, not your brother.

58-0508 THE.EXPECTATIONS_ BURLINGTON.VT THURSDAY_

« E-8 † Now, I believe with all my heart... How many knows that there was a Pillar of Fire that followed the children of Israel, that guided them in the wilderness? And how many knows that that was Jesus Christ, the Christ, the Angel of the covenant, you teachers? And when He was here on earth, He was--that was the same God. There's no three Gods. There's only one God, three offices of the same God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit don't mean three Gods. If we've got three Gods, we're heathens. See? Like the Jew says, "Which one of them is your God?" There's no three Gods. There's one God in three offices of the same God: the Fatherhood, and the Sonship. This is the Holy Spirit dispensation. See? It's one God. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself," says the Scripture.

7) 58-0112A HIS.WONDERS.TO.PERFORM_ CHICAGO.IL SUNDAY_

« E-32 † Oh, if Christ is presented in the right way, the world will respect it, if there's any respect in them. Certainly it is, if it's brought in the way of Divine light. That night when we left the church, he had a lantern in his hand; he said, "I'd give anything, parson, if I could only believe that God would forgive me of my sin." He said, "I've killed two or three men, and I know that I'm a guilty sinner. But when I seen them things happen in that little church, I'm aware that there is a true and living God." I said, "He will forgive you. And He wants to forgive you. And the very hunger in your heart means that He's working on your soul."

He said, "If I could only feel it."

I said, "You'll feel it."

He said, "When I feel it, I'll believe it."

I said, "Believe it and then you'll feel it."

He said, "I wish I knowed how to do it."

I said, "Where do you live?"

He said, "Across the mountain about two miles."

"How do you get there?"

"Up the--over the ridges and through the paths."

I said, "It's very dark."

He said, "But I got a lantern."

I said, "You can't see your house with your lantern."

He said, "No, that's right."

I said, "Then how you know you're going to get there?" I said, "Just take the lantern in your hand and you're standing in the light; you walk in the right direction; every step you make the light will light up the road." I said, "That's the way you find Christ." Stand in His Light. Stand in His blessings. Stand in His power. If you're sick, how you going to get well? I don't know, but He promised to do it, and the Holy Spirit is a witness of His Light and His resurrection. Just walk in the Light and go the right directions towards Calvary; it'll lead you to your healing and to your blessing. Just take the Light with you as you go.

- » 16 † ¶ For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were evewitnesses of his majesty.
- » 17 † For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- » 18 † And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- \Rightarrow 19 † ¶ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
- » 20 † Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- » 21 † For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

9) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- « 102 † Notice, you must be born again. And when you're born again, you can't be born again without having faith. That's right. So, you see, on my chart here, I got the very foundation, faith is the foundation of all of it. "For without faith it's impossible to please God. He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." See? He must be. And when you're a skeptic of the Bible, when you're skeptic of the Word being right, you just might as well stay back until first you believe it.
- 103 What is sin? Unbelief. There's only two elements that controls the human being. That's either doubt or faith, one or the other. You're possessed of one that dominates your life. Just depends on how much faith you have, how high you can rise.

10) 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_

- « 138 † And that's what we're supposed to do, reflect the Son of God. And now we're supposed to do His work. He said, "He that believeth on Me..." Saint John 14:7, "He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also." You're beginning to reflect the works of Christ.
- 139 But so many of us try to do the works of Christ before the reflection of Christ is in us. Now there's the trouble. We find those things happening. You know it. I know it. We see these, stumbles along the road. We find the scrap heap of ministers, of Christians, piled along the road, is because they didn't go into it right.
- 140 And that's why I'm here this morning, is to try to teach this little church, and myself, how that we can become the dwelling place of the living God. How many like to be that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The dwelling place of the living God! 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
- « 141 † Now here is what we do. What's the first thing? Have faith, and be born again. That's laying the foundation.
- 142 Then, after we lay the foundation, secondly you add to your foundation. "Add to your faith," Peter said here. Add to your... First you have faith, then you add virtue to your faith. This is the next column. First, pour your foundation, faith. Then, to your faith, add virtue.
- 143 Now, right there knocks a lot of us down. Yes, sir. Yes. "Add virtue to your faith." That doesn't just mean living a virgin life, you know, like the woman or a man, and so forth. That doesn't have nothing to do with that.