

I SAMUEL 1:4-11

- » 4 † And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions:
- » 5 † But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb.
- » 6 † And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb.
- » 7 † And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
- » 8 † Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?
- » 9 † ¶ So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD.
- » 10 † And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore.
- » 11 † And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

1) BITTERNESS

state or condition of being bitter

Bitter

(of people or their feelings or behavior) angry, hurt, or resentful because of one's bad experiences or a sense of unjust treatment:

(often used for emphasis) painful or unpleasant to accept or contemplate:

2) I SAMUEL 1:12

- » 12 † And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.
- » 13 † Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.
- » 14 † And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.
- » 15 † And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD.
- » 16 † Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto.
- » 17 † Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.
- » 18 † And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.
- » 19 † ¶ And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.
- » 20 † Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.

3) RUTH 1:15-22

» 15 † And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.

» 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.

» 19 † ¶ So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi?

» 20 † And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

» 21 † I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why then call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?

» 22 † So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

4) 60-1002 THE.KINSMAN.REDEEMER_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6 N-8 SUNDAY_

« 120 † Now, then Ruth was asked to do something that was disgraceful, but she was willing because she'd made her decision. What a type of the believer, what a perfect type. Naomi, the old church said, "Go down tonight; it's barley season." Oh, what a beautiful thought we could hang on right there.

Naomi and Ruth come in just at barley season. Barley season was bread season, the season when fresh bread was being served. And the church in this last days, through two thousand years of pagan teaching and things, has come in at barley season: freshness of Life, new Bread, honey out of heaven. (Russell, talk about honey-crust bread.) This is It, Bread from heaven. "I am the Bread of Life. Your fathers did eat manna and are dead. But I am the Bread of Life that comes from God out of heaven. If a man eats this Bread he'll never die." And the church in this last days here, is brought in right now at barley season.

5) 59-0613 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-34 † Some people say, "I wouldn't belong to one of those full Gospel churches. They cry and shout, and jerk their hands around, and things like that." That's all right. They may act funny, but they've been borned. They may look like a mess, but they got Life. That's the thing. As long as you got life... Ask one of them if he's satisfied. Watch the way he acts, the places he goes.

You know the bird by its habits. A crow and a dove could have no fellowship; their diet's different. And a Christian can't mix with the world. A crow's a hypocrite. A hypocrite is a--is a deceiver. A crow can set on an old dead carcass and eat all day long, and fly out in a wheat field and eat wheat with the doves. But the dove can eat wheat, but he can't eat the dead carcass. Why? He hasn't got any gall. He couldn't digest it.

And that's the way with a Christian; the bitterness is taken from him. He couldn't digest the world. But a hypocrite can live in sin all day long, and come into church at night, and shout like the rest of them. That's a hypocrite.

59-0613 THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_

« E-35 † **Now, when you're borned again, you don't have to be a hypocrite; you are a new creature. The gall of bitterness is--the desire of the world is taken from you.**

"Oh, Thy love-kindness is better than life, because I long to see Thy power like I have seen in Thy sanctuary. My soul thirsts after Thee like a dry land where no water is." David was a shepherd. He was a woodsman. He knew the action of wildlife.

Now, we may have some hunter brothers in here. I am a hunter. And now, down in Africa, they have the deer, roebuck. Now, when they have wild dogs... We have them here called wolves. The deer feeds usually in a herd, and there's always a watchman on guard all the time, watching. You see, usually, they'll go out and keep on the alert. And usually, it's a doe, she's watching her young.

6) EPHESIANS 4:30-32

» 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.**

7) 60-1206 THE.SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY_

« 108 † **When I first started out as a Baptist preacher, they come around saying, "Brother Branham, you come over here, we--we--we got It and we carried It over here."**

I said, "Neither one of you, I stand right between the two groups and say, 'We are brothers!'" Don't care what, I don't care if a man disagrees, that don't make one speck of difference to me, he's still my brother.

I got a brother that likes apple pie; I like cherry the best, but I ain't going to disfellowship him. He can eat his apple pie and I eat my cherry pie. And I put calf slobbers on top of mine, if he don't want it, why, he can have it. You know that... What is it? Whipped stuff they put on it, you know, "whipped cream." I like it. Getting too old now to eat it, but it's a... But I--I--I... That's what I like. If he don't like it, he don't have to eat it. That's all right, I'll eat mine. But he's still my brother! That's right.

And so I--I like that, I like a fellowship. But when we draw lines like this, and say, "No, this is our denomination," and won't reach over and shake hands with the next man, and say, "Bless God, brother!" My! That's when you call fellowship. If you don't, you get that root of bitterness just like the Smyrnaeans got back there, and you cause the same thing. All right, so their name was "bitter."

8) 63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 82 † **Now do you remember that? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] The enemy will come. And when he does, just cling that much closer together. And the one that the devil is using for an enemy will either get out or come in and be one of you. That's all.**

83 Don't never clan among one, or--or talk and make yourself clannish. We are one. I couldn't say, "Left hand, I'm--I'm mad at you, I'm going to take you away 'cause you're not a right hand." He's my left hand. I want him to stay there. Even the little tip of my finger, I want to stay right there, every little part of my body stay right there. And God wants us, as a body of believers, to stay right exactly with one another, right at with one another.

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 84 † **And now you've got tapes on that. You've got tapes on what we believe. You've got tapes on discipline in the church, how we behave ourself in the church of God, how we got to come here together and sit together in Heavenly places. Don't stay home. If God is in your heart, you can't hardly wait for them doors to open out yonder, to get in here to fellowship with your brothers. If you don't, don't feel that way, then I tell you, it's time you got to praying.**

85 **Cause, we're in the last days, where the Bible exalted... or exhorted us to--to, "Much more as we see that day approaching," to love one another with Christian love and Divine love, "to assemble ourselves together in Heavenly places and--and--and Christ Jesus," and love one another. "This will all man know you are My disciples, when you have love one for the other." That's right. Stay right together.**

63-0728 CHRIST.IS.THE.MYSTERY.OF.GOD.REVEALED_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_

« 86 † **If the brother, you think he's a little wrong, or the sister, say, "Lord, don't let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll--it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life." That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It will run Him from the tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt you pastor. It'll do everything. See? Don't you do that.**

87 **You just wax that much closer together. Draw up the... Take the buckle, as the brother testified, a minister here the other night, about having a buckle, seeing it in a vision. Just... That buckles on the whole armor of God. Just pull her on, tighten up, move right up close to one another. Love one another, anyhow. Talk nice about one another, say nice things about one another, and then God will bless you.**

9) RUTH 4:9-17

» 9 † ¶ **And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.**

» 10 † **Moreover Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.**

» 11 † **And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Bethlehem:**

» 12 † **And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.**

» 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.**

» 14 † **And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may be famous in Israel.**

» 15 † **And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath born him.**

» 16 † **And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it.**

» 17 † And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.