WHO IS THIS SON OF MAN?

PART 68

- \gg 1 [†] ¶ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- » 14 † And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

I THESSALONIANS 4:4

» 4 † That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

ROMANS 12:2

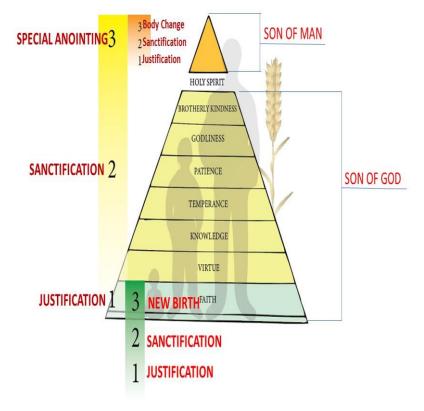
» 2 † And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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

« 94 † Well, now that's the way it is, trying to--to manufacture Christianity. You can't do it. The first thing you've got to do, is be born again. You've got to be changed.

EPHESIANS 4:11

- » 11 † And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- » 12 † For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- » 13 † Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- » 14 † That we henceforth be no more children,



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PARADOX_
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THURSDAY_
« 119 †
It was a paradox,
when the Hebrew
children was
throwed into the
fiery furnace. How
that three man
could walk into a

furnace, so hot that the intense heat even killed the men that were pushing them in. And yet they stayed in that, only delivered them. That's the only thing it did. See? It delivered them from the bounds that they were bound with. It was a paradox.

120 Sometimes, in our own lives, that paradox repeats. Sometimes you're brought to a showdown, where you have to make a decision. You have to stand on that decision, like they did, and it all works together for the good. What did it do? It never hurt them. It loosened them

51-0722A LIFE.STORY_ TOLEDO.OH SUNDAY_

And that's the way it is, anything. As long as you're going to do it... If someone talks about you, and you talk back about them, God can't fight your battle; you're fighting it yourself. See? Just--just let loose and let Him do it. And just commit it to Him. The greatest weapon that I know of of a Christian today, is a committal to God. When you can't do nothing about it, just commit it to Him, and God will take care of it.

62-0311 THE.GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_

- « 60 † And so an army, first, in getting ready for a battle, first there's got to be a select, some soldiers. They've got to be dressed for fighting. They've got to be trained for fighting.
- 61 And I believe that the greatest battle that was ever fought, is now ready to go in action. I believe that God has been selecting His soldiers. I believe He's been dressing them, training them. And the battle front is now set, getting ready to start.

62-0311 THE.GREATEST.BATTLE.EVER.FOUGHT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-11 SUNDAY_

- « 67 † There has to be a place selected. And in this, there's a--a mutual ground, no-man's-land, and they fight here at this place. They just don't, one fight over here, and one down here, and one run over here. There's a battle front where they meet and test their powers, where each army tests its strength against the other army, a mutual meeting place. Now, don't (get) miss this.
- When this great battle started on earth, there had to be a mutual meeting place. There had to be a place selected for the battle to begin, and for the battle to rage. And that battlegrounds begin in the human mind. There is where the battle starts. The human mind was chosen for the place of the battle, where it was begin, and that is because that decisions are made from the mind, the head.

« 117-1 † SMYRNAEAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.4

Why does He stand by? The reason is in Romans 8:17-18,

"And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

Unless we suffer with Him we cannot reign with Him. You have to suffer to reign. The reason for this is that character simply is never made without suffering. Character is a VICTORY, not a gift. A man without character can't reign because power apart from character is Satanic. But power with character is fit to rule

62-1104M BLASPHEMOUS.NAMES_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-3 N-21 SUNDAY_

« 135 † Now you say, "Brother Branham, do we, should we speak with tongues?" Absolutely. That's gifts of God. But those gifts of God, without these virtues in them, makes a stumble block to the unbeliever. It's not accepted by God.

136 This has to be first. And when you have faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, and brotherly love, then the Holy Ghost comes down and seals you as a unit, the same as He seals the church ages as a unit. The way He makes His Bride is the way He makes His individual; made out of same material, like Eve was made out of Adam, a rib from the side. Here is the things that you have to have first. You can't impersonate them. You can't imitate them. They've got to be God-sent and God-born. Imitation only causes confusion.

62-1111E WHY.I'M.AGAINST.ORGANIZED.RELIGION_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-12 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 254 † And that's the way God does the Church. He beats every creed, every denomination, every man-made dogma, until He sees His Own Life reflecting in you. "If I do not the works of My Father, believe Me not." See? If what is purposed to the Church, the Life that was in Christ isn't reflecting in you, don't you stand still if you haven't got patience, virtue, all these things, and temperance,

and--and things, and godliness, and brotherly kindness, and all these things that's required of you.

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

Now, we want you to go to your own Sunday school, if you have one. But if you have no Sunday school, and you like to be with us, I want to speak in the morning, and put it on a blackboard, and teach on

The Full Stature Of A Perfect Man, and draw it out, in on the blackboard, and <u>show God's requirements</u> and how we come to the perfect stature of--of a perfect man, before God.

ALL IN YOUR HEAD

JAMES 1:6

- » 6 † But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
- >> 7 † For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
- » 8 † A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1374

1374 » dipsuchos {dip'-soo-khos} divyucoß from 1364 and 5590; TDNT -- 9:608,1342; adj

- 1a) wavering, uncertain, doubting
- **1b)** divided in interest

RIGHT MENTAL ATTITUDE

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

« E-17 † Now, the right mental attitude... All you along here, do you understand what I mean when I say, "The right mental attitude?" That's... Your right mental attitude towards God's Divine promise will bring any promise to pass.

Now, maybe you don't believe that. You say, "Well, my faith is weak." I wouldn't confess it. See? Don't let the devil know that. Always say, "I've got good faith. I believe God with all my heart." See? Don't testify nothing of the devil.

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.

61-0219 THE.QUEEN.OF.SHEBA_ LONG.BEACH.CA SUNDAY_

« E-8 † Always remember, uh, church; God's Words are true. I believe the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God will bring it to pass, if you can look at it in the right way. But remember, here's been my--my standard in life. I have tried to do this. The first thing, I want to find out whether it's the will of God or not. That... Then I know it's God's will. The next thing, is my objective to it and my motive in doing it. Then if it's the will of God, and my objective is right, and my motive is right, I have faith that it'll be done. Because, first, it's the will of God and I have--and my objective is to glorify Him, and my motive is to give Him all the glory. See? So there's no selfish motives about it. If you have a selfish motive it won't work. If your objective is to make money for yourself or something, why, you'll never succeed. And then try to do something outside of the will of the Lord, then it won't work to begin with.

63-0606 SHOW.US.THE.FATHER TUCSON.AZ THURSDAY

- « 138 † The Word, Jesus said, is a Seed that a sower sowed. And any germitized seed in the right kind of soil will produce its kind.
- 139 And now I realize that this is being taped. And these tapes, we have a tape ministry, all over the world. And many people, just here tonight, where about a thousand people are listening. Before this tape stops, there'll be ten times ten thousands hear it, see, around the world.
- 140 And I go on record, I say this, about the Word of God being a Seed. If you can take the right mental attitude towards any Divine promise of God, He will bring it to pass, if you can get yourself in position to believe that that promise was to you.

EQUIPPED FOR THE BATTLE

II PETER 1:3

- » 3 † According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:
- » 4 † Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.
- » 5 † ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence,

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 471

- -- haste (2)
- 2) earnestness, earnestness in accomplishing, or striving after anything; interest one's self most earnestly

add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 2023

2023 » epichoregeo {ep-ee-khor-ayg-eh'-o} ejpicorhgevw from 1909 and 5524; TDNT -- omitted,omitted;

- -- minister nourishment (1)
- -- minister unto (1) [5]

A person of virtue makes the progression from knowing what is right to doing what is right. He or she intentionally chooses what to say, do, and value, reaching beyond the good toward the best. In every situation, a virtuous person knows that they have an opportunity to honor the Lord and reflect Him to others.

Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary

- 1. (n.) Moral excellence; value; merit; meritoriousness; worth.
- 3. (n.) Active quality or power; capacity or power adequate to the production of a given effect; energy; strength; potency; efficacy; as, the virtue of a medicine.
- 4. (n.) Energy or influence operating without contact of the material or sensible substance.
- 5. (n.) Specifically, moral excellence; integrity of character; purity of soul; performance of duty.

Affects your senses

MEMORY, REASONING, CONSCIENCE, IMAGINATION, AFFECTION.

63-0724
GOD.DOESN'T.CALL.MAN.TO.JUDGMENT.WITHOUT.FIRST.WARNING.
HIM_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-8 N-3 WEDNESDAY_

« 199 † Now, the only thing you do when you die, you just change those five senses (Glory! Whew!), you just receive another sense. And you're alive with a higher sense, thousands of times higher than this, in another life; a life where there's no death, where there's no sorrow. And the things that you don't know nothing about now, you see it plainly when you cross there. You don't understand it now because you're bumping into it, you haven't got that sense. You say, "I--I feel a strange feeling here tonight. Looks to me like there's a... I just want to cry, shout, or something." It's the Angels of the Lord. See?

65-0801M THE.GOD.OF.THIS.EVIL.AGE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-9 SUNDAY

« 53 † The outside man is a physical being which is controlled by six senses... or five senses, rather. The inside man is a spirit man which is controlled by five senses; conscience, and love, and so forth. The outside man; see, taste, feel, smell, hear.

But the inside of that spirit is a soul, and it's controlled by one thing, your free will. You can accept what the devil says or accept what God says. And that'll determine what spirit is in there. If it's the Spirit of God, It'll feed on the things of God, and It won't feed on anything of the world.

65-0815 AND.KNOWETH.IT.NOT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-10 SUNDAY_

« 123 † Now, inside of that is a spirit, which you become when you're born in the earth and the breath of life is breathed into him. That spirit is of a worldly nature because it was not given from God, but it was (given) permitted by God. Now you got that? For, every child that's born in the world, "is born in sin, shaped in iniquity; come to the world speaking lies." That right? So, that person, inside there, is a sinner, to begin with. Now, but...

- Now, it's got five inlets. And them five inlets... I don't know whether I can call them right off now. When the... First, I know, is thought, conscience, and love, choice... No. Conscience, love, reason... There is five inlets to the spirit. You can't think with your body; you have to think with your spirit. You can't have conscience in your body. It has no mental faculties at all; your body doesn't, so you have to think with your spirit. You have to reason. You can't reason with your physical being, 'cause reason doesn't see, taste, feel, smell, or hear. Reason is what you can make in your mind. If you're asleep or you're out, your body is lying there dead, but your spirit can still reason. There is five senses that controls that inside man. And that...
- Now, to the last man, which is the soul, there is only one sense that controls that, and that is free... moral agency's free will to choose or to reject.

65-0822M CHRIST.IS.REVEALED.IN.HIS.OWN.WORD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-4 N-10 SUNDAY_

- « 23 † And last Sunday when we was going into those cycles, about how that the five senses on the outer realm. That's the inlet, five senses to the body. There's only one way you can get into the body, that's by those five senses: see, taste, feel, smell, and hear. There's no other way to contact the--the body.
- 24 On the inside of that man is a man called spirit, and he has five senses: think, thought... and thought, and love, and conscience, and so forth. All right.
- Now, you can't think with your body. You think with your mind. And in there is where too many, of Christians, only stop. And they can, just like the corn in the field and the weed in the field, they can be anointed with the same Holy Spirit that the real believer is anointed with.

53-1121 BRASS.SERPENT_ EVANSVILLE.IN SATURDAY_

« E-25 † Our Heavenly Father, here lays before me a bunch of handkerchiefs. They represent poor, sick, suffering people. One of

these glorious days, it's all going to be over, and we're going to come up to Your House. God help us to be in the deepest of sincerity now. Bless us now. I lay hands on these handkerchiefs. Thou knowest there's no virtue in any man, but the virtue (There was no virtue in the serpent, nor in the brass that it was made out of, or the pole it was hanging on.), but the virtue was doing what God said do.

54-0402 BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ LOUISVILLE.KY FRIDAY_

« E-9 † So then, they... The Shunammite woman went to Elijah, and Elijah took this staff, sent it by Gehazi, and said, "Lay it upon the child." Now, Elijah knew that whatever he touched, when he had the anointing of the Spirit on him, that it was blessed. And I think that's what Paul did. And that's what the people saw. It wasn't Paul; it was God on Paul and just a token or a symbol of faith. You see? And so, they taken from his body, handkerchiefs and aprons; and diseases went from the people. What is that? What would you imagine? The people...

Some people touched the garment of Jesus and was made well. Others smacked Him in the face and hit Him on the head with sticks, and spit in His face, never felt any virtue at all. It was their attitude of approach. It—it depends on what attitude you come in. If you come believing that you're coming to get help and you're confident that you're coming to the right Person, Jesus Christ, and you're coming His provided way of approach, you're going to receive something if you come reverently. If you come, "Well, I'll go touch and see if it helps me," that won't do any good at all. See? It's your—it's your approach to God's Divine article is what does it.

Just like the brass serpent. Why, the serpent didn't have no virtue in it; it was a piece of brass they'd brought it up out of Egypt. Neither did the pole have any virtue in it, not a bit. But it was obeying what God said do, what brought the power, what brought the virtue, is obedience to the Word of God.

VIRTUE

LUKE 6:19

» 19 † And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, and healed them all.

LUKE 8:43

- » 43 † And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,
- » 44 † Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.
- » 45 † And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- » 46 † And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.
- » 47 † And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.
- » 48 † And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1411

1411 » dunamis {doo'-nam-is} duvnamiß from 1410; TDNT -- 2:284,186; n f

AV -- power (77)

- -- mighty work (11)
- -- strength
- 1) strength power, ability
- 1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth
 - 1b) power for performing miracles
 - 1c) moral power and excellence of soul

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

» 8 † Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 703

- 703 » arete {ar-et'-ay} ajrevth from the same as 730; TDNT -- 1:457,77; n f
 - -- praise
- 1) a virtuous course of thought, feeling and action; virtue, moral goodness
- 2) any particular moral excellence, as modesty, purity
- 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.
- « 144 † The Bible said, we read over here in the Book of Luke, where It said, "Virtue went out of Him." That right? [Congregation says, "Amen."--Ed.] If we're going to be like Him, we must have virtue, then. We must have it, to be like Him. Is the first song that I ever loved, in--in the hymns, one of the greatest, was, To Be Like Jesus. Well, if I'm going to be like Jesus, I've got to have virtue, and a pass that it can pass forward from me to the people. Because, "Virtue went out of Him to the people." Virtue! And before you can let it out, you've got to have it first. You haven't got it, it won't come out. There's nothing for it to come out of.

- 145 What if someone tried to draw virtue out of us, and the check would return "insufficient funds"? See? No, no, none there to draw from, check bounced. Somebody looking at you as a Christian, and tomorrow see you out here carrying on like a sinner, not much virtue can be drawed from that. See? Right.
- « 146 † Virtue must be in us. And until we get virtue... Then when we get true virtue, we can add it to our faith. That's the next foundation wall. Now, first you must have faith. Faith alone won't do it. You've got... Peter said, "Then add virtue to your faith." You must have virtue, in order to add it to your faith.
- 147 Now, then, it might be, the reason you don't have it, because many churches of today teach you don't have to have it, or the days of it is passed. "They don't have to have it. Only thing you have to do is just join church. Yeah, days is passed."
- 148 Virtue, anyone knows what the word virtue means, see, and we must have it. If virtue went from Him, to heal the woman that was sick, He's expecting the same virtue in His Church, because He was our example. And if He had virtue to give to the people, He expects us to have virtue to give to the people. And what is virtue? Virtue is strength, power.
- 62-1014M THE.STATURE.OF.A.PERFECT.MAN_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-18 SUNDAY_
- « 158 † I said then, the first thing you know, there's somebody loves to smell the odor. He ain't selfish. He's got odor. Before he can give out odor, he has to have it. Before he can give out honey, he has to have it.
- 159 Before you can give out virtue, you have to have it. So, add to your faith, virtue. Amen. Understand?

Touced not physical ,Pulled out what she needed.

MATTHEW 8:5

- » 5 † ¶ And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,
- » 6 † And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

- » 7 † And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.
- » 8 † The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.
- » 9 † For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
- » 10 † When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- » 11 † And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven
- » 12 † But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- » 13 † And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

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

- « 418 † I can imagine them apostles never acted liked us. They went around, probably men of few words, till they got in the pulpit. They walked in and they done what they was supposed to do, and walked out. Yes, sir. They had power. They had virtue. They had no arguments with men. They know where they stood. That's all. They know who they believed. They kept on walking in the Spirit. Doing only...
- 419 Just as I said the other night. One little nod, that's all God had to do, then nothing going to stop them. They didn't question and study, and hum-haw and worry like we do, whether they should do this or that. They went ahead and done it, anyhow. Just one little nod from God, that done it, just as soon. Why? How could they know it was a nod from God? They had all these virtues in here, all these qualifications. And the first little nod of God compared with every bit

of this, and with His Word. They knowed it was the Word of God, and away they went. Didn't have to worry about nothing else. When God spoke, they went.

ACTS 3:1

- » 1 † ¶ Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.
- » 2 † And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;
- » 3 † Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.
- * 4 † And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.
- » 5 † And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.
- » 6 † Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
- » 7 † And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.
- » 8 † And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.
- » 9 † And all the people saw him walking and praising God:
- » 10 † And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him
- » 11 [†] And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.
- » 12 † ¶ And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

- » 13 † The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.
- » 14 † But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
- » 15 † And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
- » 16 † And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.