

Give Him your best.

Give Him everything you got: your life, your soul, your being, your time, all that you have, give to Him.

HEBREWS 13:7-8

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who have spoken unto you the
word of God: whose faith follow,
considering the end of their
conversation.**

How Do I Know I'm Called to Preach

- I watch **the nature of the person** and see what kind of a gift that they're professing.
- Your position is usually known **whether you can do it or not.**

Paul's Requirements for a Minister

- **Above Reproach:** "An overseer, then, must be above reproach..." (1 Timothy 3:2, NASB)
- **Faithful in Marriage:** "An overseer must be... the husband of one wife..." (1 Timothy 3:2, NASB)
- **Temperate, Self-Controlled, Respectable:** "...temperate, prudent, respectable..." (1 Timothy 3:2, NASB)
- **Hospitable:** "...hospitable..." (1 Timothy 3:2, NASB)
- **Able to Teach:** "...able to teach..." (1 Timothy 3:2, NASB)

Paul's Requirements for a Minister

- **Not Given to Drunkenness or Violence:**
"...not addicted to wine or pugnacious..." (1 Timothy 3:3, NASB)
- **Gentle and Peaceable:** "...gentle, peaceable..." (1 Timothy 3:3, NASB)
- **Not a Lover of Money:** "...free from the love of money." (1 Timothy 3:3, NASB)
- **Managing Family Well:** "He must be one who manages his own household well..." (1 Timothy 3:4, NASB)
- **Not a Recent Convert:** "...and not a new convert..." (1 Timothy 3:6, NASB)
- **Good Reputation Outside the Church:**
"...and he must have a good reputation with those outside the church..." (1 Timothy 3:7, NASB)

55-0222 JEHOVAH.JIREH_ PHOENIX.AZ TUESDAY_

We just think all about **all the best class**: A minister must be a student; he must be this, that, or the other.

To me, he must... The Bible requirement, **he must be filled with the Holy Ghost. That's the main thing.**

Now, go look yourself out among you, so many men (even for your deacons) with the Holy Ghost.

55-0222 JEHOVAH.JIREH_ PHOENIX.AZ TUESDAY_

I don't care if he don't know his ABC's, or split peas from coffee. Let me tell you, brother, as long as he knows Jesus Christ, he may talk through his nose, and holler "hit" and "hain't," but **as long as he's got God with him, something will happen in your church**, I'll tell you that. I'd rather have that, than all the Ph.D.s and everything else; that's psychology. **I want to know God in the power of His resurrection.** That's right.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, **as they that must give account**, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.



Remember them which have **the rule** over you...

59-0301M STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN CH 35-66
SUNDAY_

I know you think I'm a hard guy. I'm not hard. I'm your brother, and I love you. Flee the wrath that is to come. Go to the cross and cry until your heart is filled with His Spirit, that'll turn your back from everything of the world, and walk godly before Him with your heart burning for Him. Love, not a duty; Christ is not a duty to serve Christ; it's a love that serves Christ. It strains you, constrains you, till every pulsation of your life beats with Him.

Remember them which have **the rule** over you...

59-0301M STRAIT.IS.THE.GATE_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN CH 35-66 SUNDAY_

God, wake us all up this morning. Shake us, Lord. We see the signs appearing. We got our eyes open to know that. We see millions, millions, Lord, that's turned their back and gone away. I wonder, what can I do, what can I do, O Lord? Is there anything, Lord?

If it takes more preaching, more prayer, more anything, help me, Lord, that I might bring the Message to the people. **What can I do? But they continually turn it down.** You do Your great signs and perform Your wonders, **and yet the people march right on.**

Remember them which have **the rule** over you...

« 233-2 † THYATIREAN.CHURCH.AGE -
CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.6

- **It is the Word that rules us, not men.**
- Now a man as a husband is head of the woman. He rules her.
- But the church is a woman, too, and **her ruler is the Word.**
- Jesus is the Word.

Jesus Christ, the same

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55-0807A PRIDE_ CAMPBELLSVILLE.KY
SUNDAY_

Now, such a little place, perhaps setting over in the corner. Pharisee was too busy; he had to do other things. The celebrity, the big people of the town was there, and he had to entertain them. **I wonder, brethren and sisters, if we haven't put so much time to entertaining celebrities and dignitaries, that we forgot that Jesus sets in the midst of us too, setting over in the corner, nobody noticing Him.** Setting alone, His disciples couldn't come in; they wasn't even invited.



Jesus Christ, the same

- **Pharisee was too busy. He was meeting the doctors and the fairest celebrities. He had too much to do to see Jesus come in. Listen. I wonder if that isn't the case today? If we're not too busy with our profession, and other things; and we fail to entertain Him.**
- **My Lord's in town, won't you entertain Him in your heart?**
- **Hallelujah. Somebody's going to entertain Him. Somebody's going to come to Him.**



Jesus Christ, the same

58-0617 BEHOLD.I.STAND.AT.THE.DOOR.AND.KNOCK_
GREENVILLE.SC TUESDAY_

What if the Queen of England that just recently visit the United States, what if she would've come to Greenville and found the most humble home that there is in Greenville and knocked on the door? And it would've been your home and you'd went to the door and seen that was the Queen of England, it would've been an honor for you to entertain the Queen of England. Certainly.

You would've said, "Oh, queen, come into my house, and if there is anything in here that you desire, you can have it." **If you'd had a little trinket that your mother gave you, or some good friend gave you, and you'd cherished it very high, yet the queen would say, "I would like to have that." You'd give it to her, because it would be an honor for you to give it to her because she's an important person.**



MATTHEW 6:21

» 19 † Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

» 20 † But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

» 21 † For
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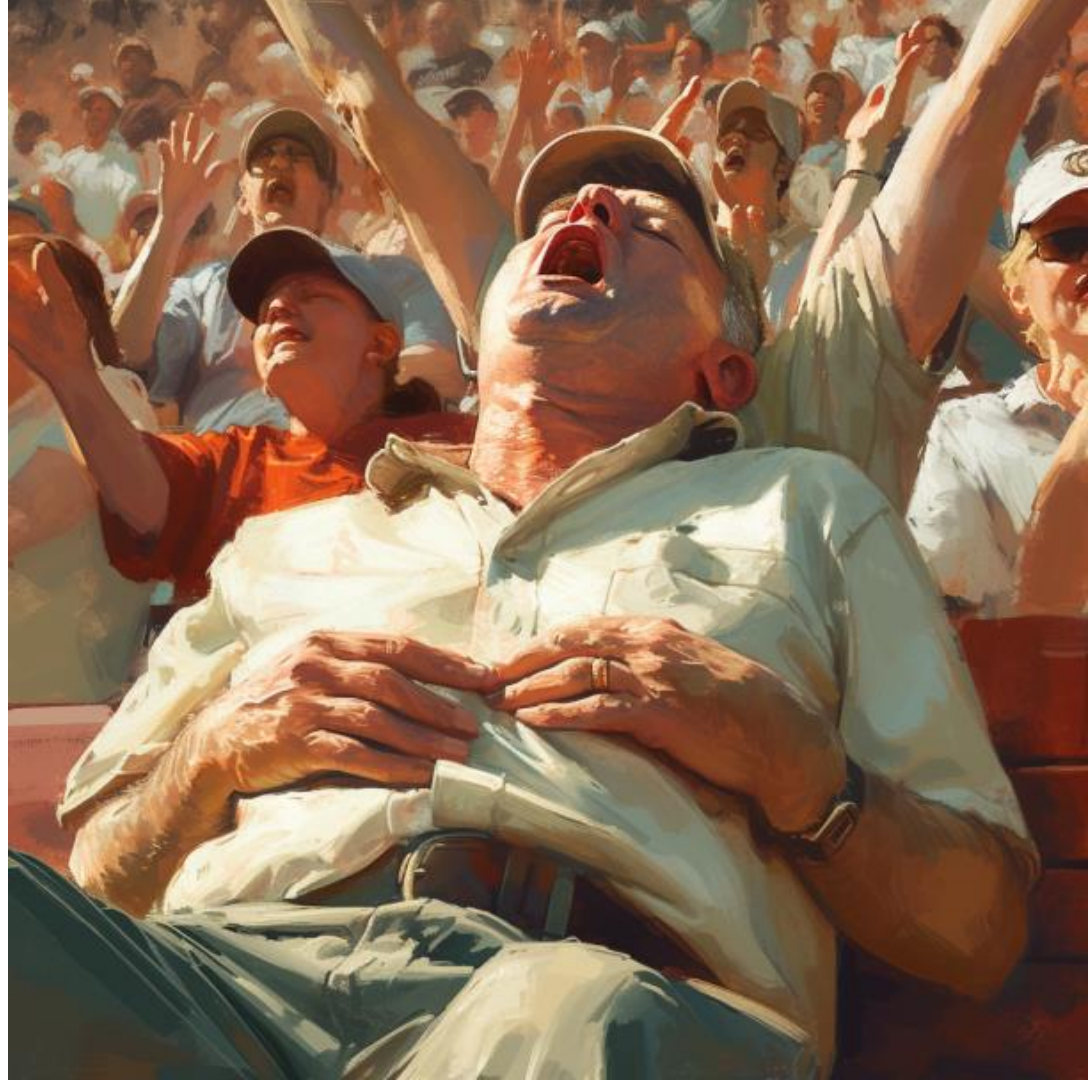


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Mark 12:30 - "And you shall love the Lord your God with **all** your heart, and with **all** your soul, and with **all** your mind, and with **all** your strength."

Colossians 3:23-24 - "Whatever you do, work at it with **all** your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. **It is the Lord Christ you are serving.**"

1 Corinthians 10:31 - "So whether you eat or drink or **whatever you do**, do it all for the glory of God."

- **He's worthy of the best.**
- What do you do for Him? Give Him the leftover.
- Oh, yes, you run around all day, and give Him **three minutes at night** before you go to bed.
- He deserves your best, friend.
- He deserves everything you got.
- But what do you do about it?
- You give Him just anything. He takes it. He takes it, anyhow. He--He takes it.

*I will give my all for
Tennessee today!*



Give Him
Your **Time**

Give Him
Your
Attention

Give Him
Your
Worship

Listen to the
Word

Entertain Him

Romans 13:11-12

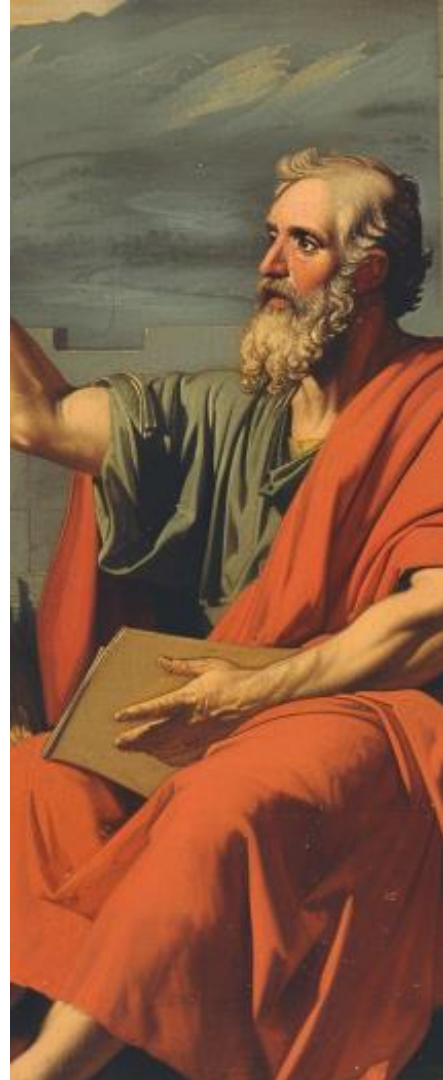
» 11 † And that, knowing the time, that **now it is high time to awake out of sleep**: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

» 12 † **The night is far spent**, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.



“...**sleep** is, in a certain way, an **inhibition of function**”

- Aristotle



In scripture, SLEEP represents...

- Lack of Understanding
- Lack of Awareness
- **Complacency**
- Spiritual Indifference
- Lack of Zeal
- Spiritual Unpreparedness

Sleep is characterized by **altered consciousness...**

During sleep, **consciousness is not fully active** as it is during wakefulness.

This altered state encompasses a range of experiences, including **reduced perception of and interaction with the environment**, diminished ability to respond to stimuli, and the experience of dreams.

Unlike full alertness, where one is fully aware of their surroundings and can react to changes or engage in complex thought processes, **sleep involves a distinct shift in how the brain processes information, leading to a temporary disconnection from the external world.**

ROMANS 11:7-8

» 7 † What then?
Israel hath not obtained
that which he seeketh for;
but the election hath
obtained it, and the rest
were blinded

» 8 † (According as
it is written, **God hath
given them the spirit of
slumber**, eyes that they
should not see, and ears
that they should not hear;)
unto this day.



ISAIAH 29:10

» 10 † For the **LORD** hath poured out upon you the **spirit of deep sleep**, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

» 11 † And the vision of all is become unto you **as the words of a book that is sealed**, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, **Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:**



ISAIAH 29:11

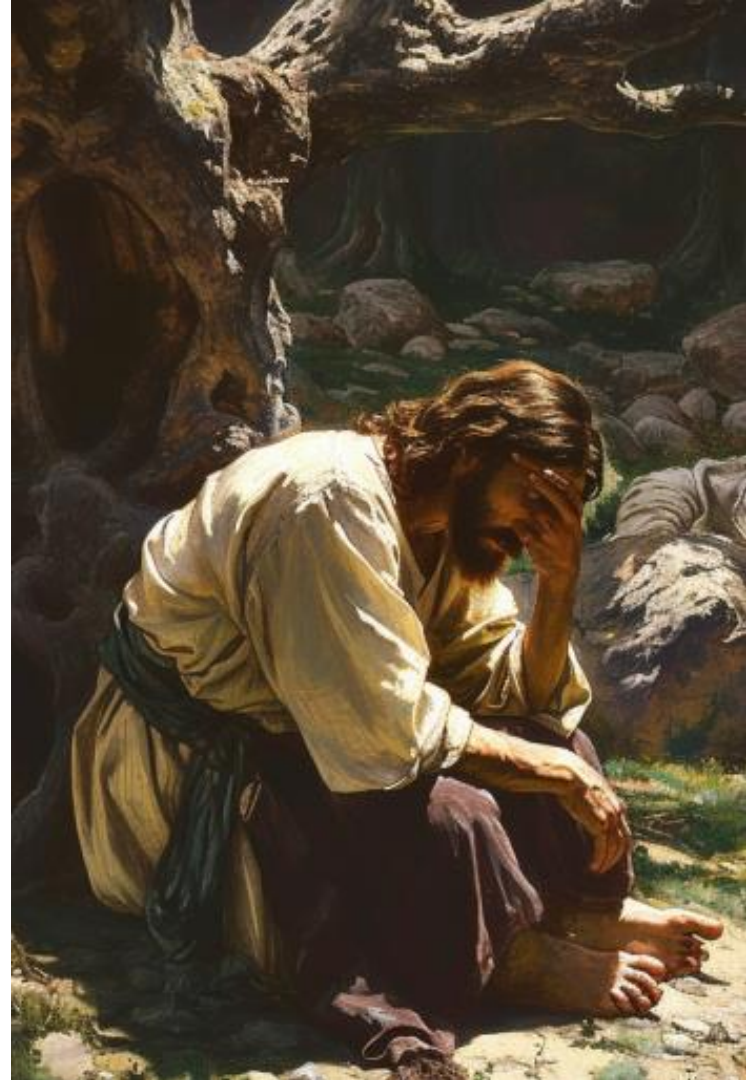
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cannot; for it is sealed:**



MATTHEW 26:39-40

» 39 † And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

» 40 † And he cometh unto the disciples, **and findeth them asleep**, and saith unto Peter, **What, could ye not watch with me one hour?**



Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray,
that ye enter not into
temptation:
the spirit indeed is
willing,
but the flesh is
weak.



- Many times, I've run into people, say, "Well, I have sought for the Holy Ghost, and I just couldn't receive It. I don't believe It's for me.
- Every time I get down, I get sick. And I go to praying, if I fast, I get sick.
- And if I try to stay all night, I stay up, **I get so sleepy. I--I can't get off my feet.**"
- Remember, **that is the Devil.**
- Because, **God intends for you to have the Holy Spirit.** It's for whosoever will.



...now it is high time to awake out of sleep... Romans 13:11



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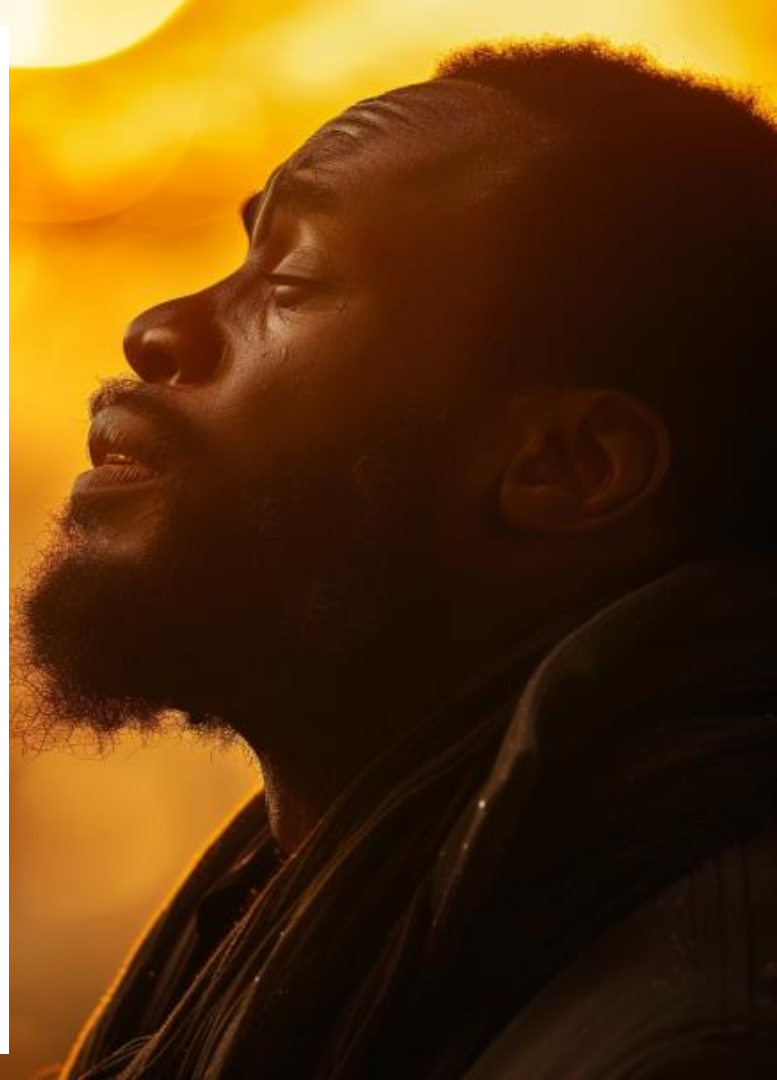
JESUS.CHRIST.THE.SAME.YESTERDAY.TODAY.AND.
FOREVER_ CHATTANOOGA.TN SUNDAY_

I defy the devil and all of his works.

It's the hour of the church's
deliverance, and they're setting under
creeds and denominations, and
fussing, and going on, till they don't
know their day. **Rise, you that sleep,**

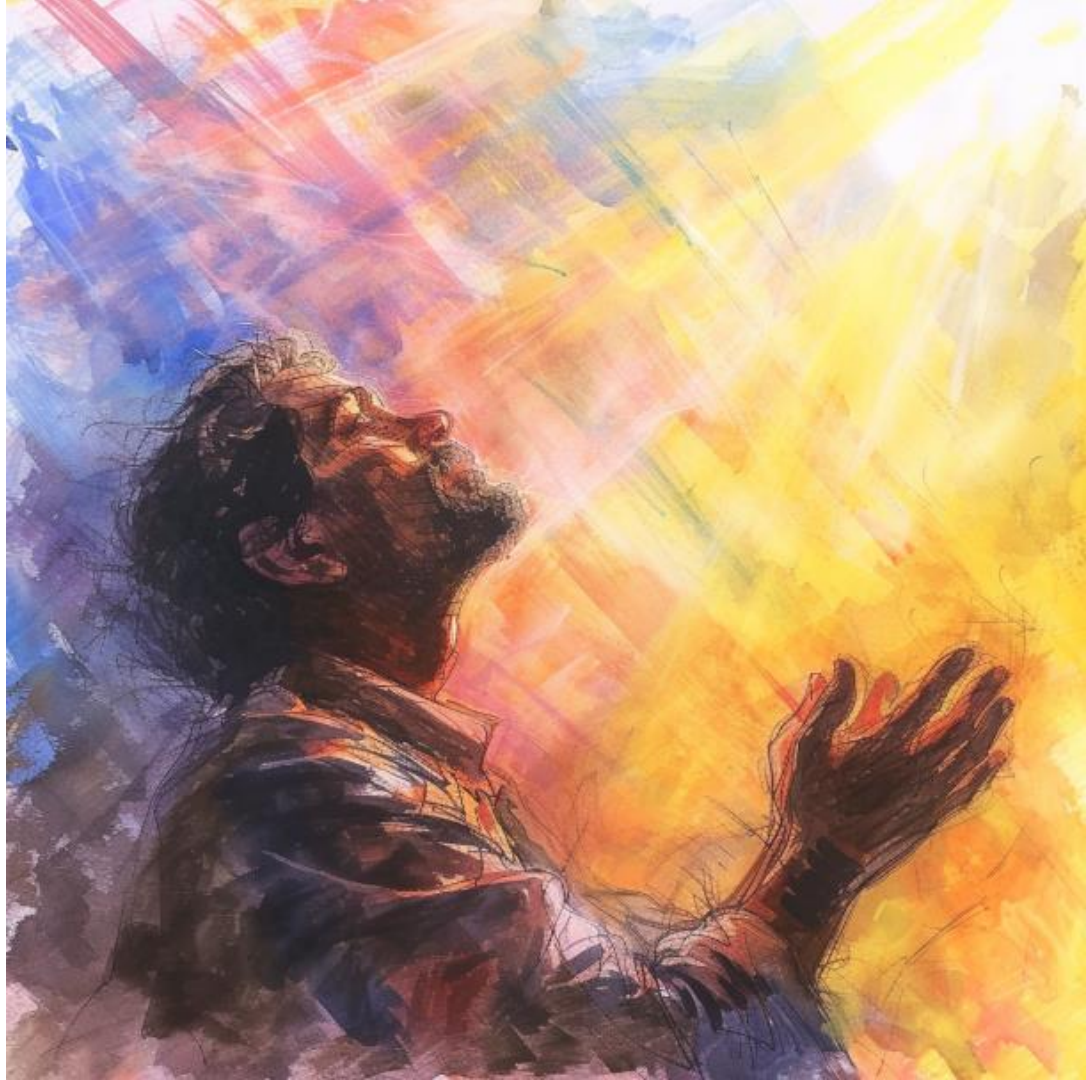
and shake yourself, and call on God.

Isn't it written that this Laodicean
church age will be a lukewarm one?
They'll be spued from the mouth of
the Saviour.



Ephesians 5:14

Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest**, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.



58-0613 THE.QUEEN.OF.THE.SOUTH_ DALLAS.TX
FRIDAY_

- So, awfully tired, and come to you tired. Looks like that's about the only way I can go, is tired.
- Someone said to me, "**Billy, ain't you going to never rest?**"
- I said, "Just when I cross Jordan yonder. **I'll rest on the other side.**"
- Getting old now, you know, and so I just can't go too fast, but I like to go as fast as I can.



» 6 † Therefore **let us not sleep, as do others;** but let us watch and be sober.

» 7 † **For they that sleep sleep in the night;** and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

» 8 † **But let us, who are of the day,** be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

HEBREWS 13:7-8

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Would you feel welcome at my house, if you knocked on the door, and I said, "Step in."

And you said, "Brother Branham, could I be welcome?"

"Oh, no, you stand right here. Tell me what you want."

If I come to your house, and you welcome me in, say, "Brother Branham, welcome in." Oh, I'd come in, take off my shoes, set down, and put my feet up in the chair, go out to the ice box and get me something to eat, go lay across the bed and eat it. I'd feel welcome if you told me I was welcome.

And **when Jesus comes in *He wants to be welcome.***

64-0410 SCRIPTURAL.SIGNS.OF.THE.TIME_ BIRMINGHAM.AL FRIDAY_

- But, remember, our God is still the God of Elijah.
- He is still the God that He ever was.
- He is still the same God.
- He moves in the same cycle.
- He does the same thing.
- He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. I've seen them stand dumbfounded, paralyzed, and taken off the field.
- God still remains God.

65-0120 LEAN.NOT.UNTO.THY.OWN.UNDERSTANDING_
PHOENIX.AZ V-19 N-3 WEDNESDAY_

If I had have listened to reasons, there would probably have been thousands of people died, years ago. But I carried a Message exactly like He said, around and around the world.

« 190 † And I'm going again, by the grace of God; not by reasons, but by a commission. Hallelujah. I leaned not... You say, "You're fifty-five years old." If I was ninety-five, that don't mean a thing. **He is still the same God that He was with Abraham.** Yes, sir.

He is still the same yesterday,
today, and forever. He is still the
same God, to any man that's been
called to take the Word of God. God
will stand by him if he don't be a
coward.

Now, He is still the same God tonight, just the same as He was. We may have changed, but He hasn't. Now, whatever your trouble is, He will take it away, if you believe it. Will you believe it?

Hebrews 13:9-12

» 9 † Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For **it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats**, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

» 10 † We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

Hebrews 13:9 — New International Reader's Version (1998) (NIrV)

Don't be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.

It is good that God's grace makes our hearts strong.

Don't depend on foods the Law requires.

They have no value for the people who eat them.



...it is a good thing that the heart be established with **grace**; not with **meats**, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Salvation is not based on
a **list of rules**
that we have to follow.

...it is a good thing that the heart be established with **grace**; not with **meats**, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

- spiritual strength and growth come from **God's grace** rather than adherence to physical rituals or laws.
- transformation and strength comes from within, through God's grace, rather than **external observances**.

TRAITS OF LEGALISM



Legalism

ROMANS 14:13-17

» 13 † Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

» 14 † I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

» 15 † But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

» 16 † Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

» 17 † For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Legalism

MATTHEW 23:23-24

» 23 † Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

» 24 † Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.



Legalism

MATTHEW 12:1-4

» 1 † At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

» 2 † But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

» 3 † But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

» 4 † How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?



Legalism

II CORINTHIANS 3:6

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for **the letter killeth**, but the spirit giveth life.

Hebrews 13:10

We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

The Altar

where the sacrifice is made

- ...those who continue to adhere to a **legalistic way of thinking** (symbolized by "serve the tabernacle")
- **do not have access to the spiritual benefits** ("no right to eat") of the new covenant.



HEBREWS 13:11-14

» 11 † For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

» 12 † Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

» 13 † Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

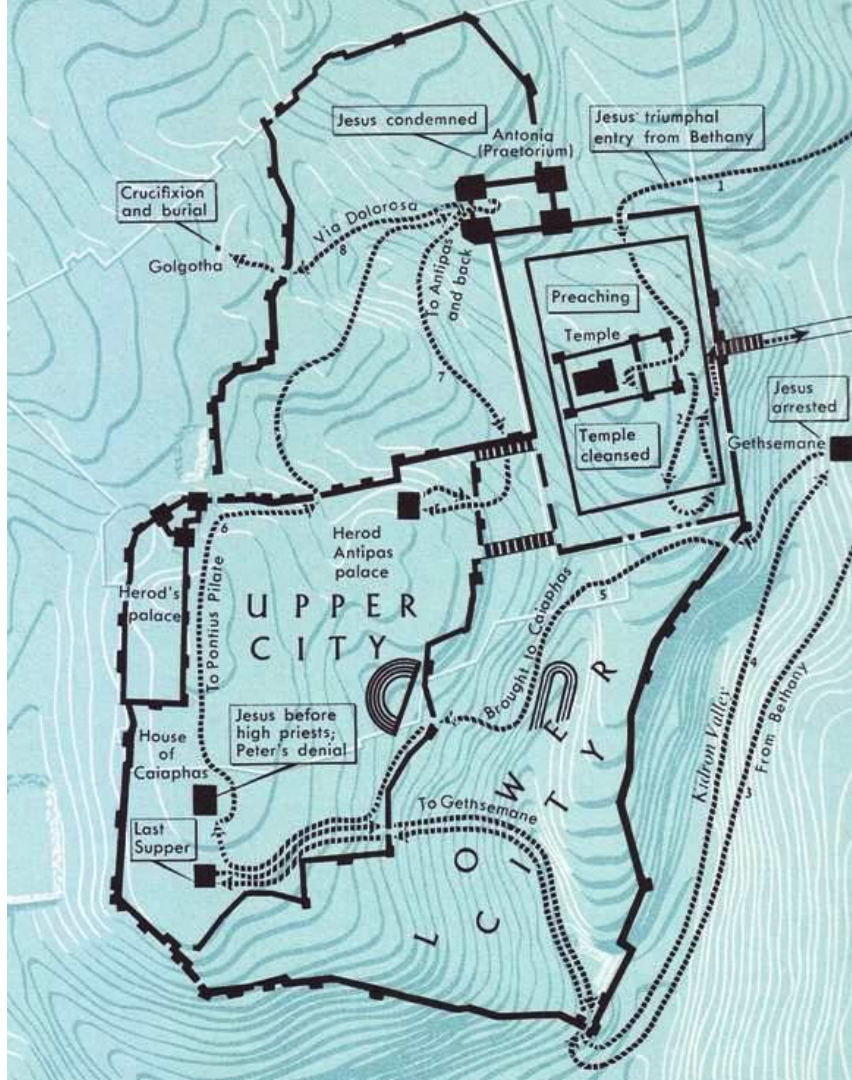
» 14 † For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

LEVITICUS 16:26-27

» 26 † And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.

» 27 † And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, **shall one carry forth without the camp**; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.





64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6
N-3 SUNDAY_

When He had to leave that camp, then, of that whole gang of people that He brought up out of Egypt, He only dwelt among His prophets, to whom His Word came. The Word came to the prophet, to vindicate the hour. He dwelt among the prophets, and revealed to the prophet. How they cursed, the people, and cursed the thing. And God taught them His commandments and the way of life. And the people was always against it, and persecuted the prophet, and finally stoned him, or sawed him to pieces, and got rid of him.

64-0719E GOING.BEYOND.THE.CAMP_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-6
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87 So, notice, He rebuked them, and they put Him out of their camp. "Jesus suffered without the camp." They put Him out of the camp, outside, way beyond their camp.

88 We find out that the Bible said, in this last day under this Laodicean Age, they would do the same thing. They would be put out of the camp. Now watch what He says to do now, in closing.

"Put out of the camp," where the sacrifices was burned. That's where He belonged. He was the Sacrifice.

« 89 † Now, brother, sister, do you know that each one of you all must sacrifice? You must be God's sacrifice; sacrifice the things of the world, sacrifice your own pleasures of this world, sacrifice the things of the world? You know the reason that people won't do it?