

Purging the Leaven (Consecration Meeting)

The Cycle of Revival and Death

89-1 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3

That is the history of the church. When it thinks more of conforming to the world instead of conforming to God, it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.

That cycle of revival and death has never failed.

- "After times of spiritual blessing we become careless"
- We start taking the visitation as a right instead of a privilege
- We forget the attitude and walk that He led us to walk in that brought the blessing in the first place
- As we relax in attitude and behavior we move off the "holy ground" and the "sacred sands"

Becoming Common

- Spiritual things become common to us

MY.NEW.MINISTRY_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-1115

E-2 ... You know, the Bible said that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of God would raise up a standard against it. And when God gives His Church a blessing, and they move along in that blessing so long until it becomes common to the world, then they begin to run it down. Then the Spirit of God comes in and raises up a standard again. And there is a breaking forth of a revival, or something.

- Running the blessing down

EL.SHADDAI_ YAKIMA.WA TUESDAY_ 60-0802

E-63 One time, there was a man, he studied and had never seen the sea, and he had studied about the sea. And he was going--had a vacation; he was going down to the sea. And so he met an old salt (sailor you know,) coming from the sea, and he said, as he went along, he said, "Where goest thou, my good man?"

He said, "Oh, I'm going to the sea. I have never seen it." He said, "Oh, I long to hear the wild call of the gulls as they fly in the air. I want to see the briny waves, and the blue raised up and slap, I want to smell that fresh salt water." Said, "I've read about it; I've thought about it," but said, "I'm going now to see it." And the old salt pulled his pipe out of his mouth, and said, "I don't see nothing that's so good about it." Said, "I was borned on it sixty years ago." See? He'd seen so much of it till it become common. And I think that's what's the matter with us Pentecostal people. You see the glory of God so much, till it becomes common. Never let it become common. We must always reverence it, and respect it, and believe it with all of our hearts, with all of our hearts.

Greater Sincerity

PARADOX_ JEFF.IN V-15 N-8 SUNDAY_ 61-1210

73 And then when he did that, that Voice said, "Now, you must be more sincere than what you are to do this." Then it left me, and I was standing in the room.

A few moments I heard a clock go off, and my wife had got... getting up. The children, you know how it is, I guess, at your house, one, "What am I going to wear today, mama? Where, where are my books? And what did I do?" You know. You, just like any home, you can't hear yourself think, hardly, for all of them trying to get ready at once.

76 And I took this Bible and just pulled it open like that, and my thumb was laying at I Corinthians the 5th chapter, the 8th verse, when something reads something like this. "When you come..." I was planning on taking a fast to the Lord. I told Him I'd go out and fast. Said, "When you come to this feast..." Which, a fast in the body is a feast with the Lord. We know that. "So when you come to this feast, don't come with the old leaven or the leaven of malice, and so forth; but come with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," just exactly what He had told me in the vision. "Come..." God is my solemn Judge. "Come with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth, that is the Word." Then I seen what He meant.

To break the power of the Enemy

Mark 9:28-29

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

- When you bring the sick up before you

EPHESIANS.PARALLELS.JOSHUA JEFF.IN AD.1 60-0515E

57 ... Joshua called, said, "There's something wrong. God made the promise, and something's wrong."

WHEN WE BRING THE SICK UP BEFORE US AND THEY FAIL TO BE HEALED, WE NEED TO CALL A SOLEMN FAST, call an assembly. Something's wrong somewhere. GOD MADE THE PROMISE. GOD'S GOT TO STICK TO THAT PROMISE, AND HE WILL DO IT.

60 And he called a fast. And they found out, they cast the lots. And Achan confessed it. And they killed Achan's family and all, and burnt their ashes, and left it there for a memorial. And Joshua went right on through the battles, taking everything without a scratch or a wound. There you are.

Unleavened Feasts

1Co 5:6-8

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 PURGE OUT THEREFORE THE OLD LEAVEN, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us KEEP THE FEAST, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of SINCERITY and truth.

- **Keep the feast** - LET US KEEP ON KEEPING THE FEAST, a PERPETUAL FEAST (Lightfoot), and keep the leaven out.
- The leaven among the Corinthians
 - Division and disunity
 - Disorder (at the Communion meetings, among their gifts)
 - Immorality
- **Sincere** - pure; unmixed; unadulterated
- The Passover was only effective if the house was free from leaven

Purged

- He wanted to purge himself of whatever the Lord pointed out as insincerity in his life and calling

WAY.OF.A.TRUE.PROPHET JEFF.IN V-3 N-14 62-0513M

22-5 **I DO BELIEVE IN A PURGATORY, BUT I BELIEVE IT'S RIGHT NOW. YOU PURGE YOUR OWN SOUL.** "Purgatory" means "to purge." When you see you've doing something wrong, get out there and **CLEAN IT OUT OF YOU BY CONFESSION, AND CRYING, AND FASTING, AND PRAYING.** Someone even laughed at me when the Lord came here not long ago, give me a vision that I always wanted to see about binding that serpent. I always wondered how if I should step out like that, that's what I've wanted all my life. Then I begin to fast and pray. Said, "What'd you do that for?" I said, "In there He said that I was not sincere enough." Actually to come down **WANT TO PURGE MYSELF,** not wait till you die and let some priest try to purge you. **PURGE YOUR SOULS.**

- **Purge** - to rid of whatever is impure or undesirable; cleanse; purify.
- The influence of heaven on whatever it comes in contact with
 - In this earthly pilgrimage we naturally lose power as we rub shoulders with the world and its influence
 - Things that change our attitude and behavior
 - Cause us to lose the "Revival blessings"
 - And we move into the cycle of death if we are not careful
 - Need regularly seasons of purging ourselves

To seek the leading of the Holy Ghost

Acts 13:2-3

- 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

WITNESSES JEFF.IN V-25 N-6 53-0405E

94 **THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH THE CHURCH TODAY; YOU RELY UPON YOUR OWN SENSES AND ABILITY,** instead of taking it to the Lord in prayer. That's right. Today we start to send somebody ... we get down and have a little counsel, and meet and say, "**WE SHOULD DO THIS, OR GO HERE, OR DO THAT.**"

BUT THE BIBLE, in the days before they sent out the apostles, **THEY MET TOGETHER AND FASTED AND PRAYED. AND THE HOLY SPIRIT SAID, "SEPARATE ME, PAUL AND BARNABAS."** The Holy Spirit... **YOU NOTICE, NOT MAN'S OPINION, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADING, GUIDING...** Amen.

Conference with God

- **Conference** -a meeting for consultation or discussion
- To find a solution – the way forward

CONFERENCE_ SHREVEPORT.LA FRIDAY_ 60-1125

E-13 ... **WHAT IS A CONFERENCE ANYHOW? WHAT'S IT FOR?** It's for when business or the heads of movements **GETS TOGETHER AND TRIES TO SOLVE OUT THE BEST THING THAT THEY KNOW TO DO.**

When **USUALLY CONFERENCE IS CALLED IN THE TIME OF A CRISIS.** In the time of a crisis **THEY CALL OUT THEIR VERY BEST--** best intellects, **THE MEN WHO SEEMS TO KNOW THE BEST** and they bring these men together, heads of nations, heads of organization, heads of business firms. When a crisis is on, they call these men together, **AND THEY SET DOWN AND USE THE BEST THAT THEY HAVE TO GET THE THING REASONED OUT.**

- Compared to a Christian having a Conference with God
 - Fasting and praying

- To purge yourself of your own understanding
- The things that have brought you into the current situation
- Getting yourself out of the way

CONFERENCE.WITH.GOD_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 59-1220M

E-49 When we have world conferences, they usually have their selected place. And what do they do at this conference? They drink drinks, cocktails. They smoke cigars and cigarettes. They lie to one another, and deceive one another at peace talks of the world.

BUT WHEN GOD CALLS A CONFERENCE, IT'S FASTING, CLEANING UP, PRAYER, RECEIVING ORDERS, AND GOING FORWARD.

THAT'S GOD'S CONFERENCE, NOT FEASTING, BUT FASTING, not indulging in filth, BUT SEPARATING, CLEANSING YOURSELF FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS WHEN YOU GO BEFORE GOD. Cleaning yourself by faith, through applying the hyssop to the Blood, and cleansing your heart and walking before God for a conference, **THAT'S THE KIND OF CONFERENCES WHEN YOU MEET WITH GOD. THEN GOD GIVES YOU ORDERS; THEN YOU GO FORWARD; HE GOES WITH YOU.**

- The Eden Conference
 - When He came down with the Divine solution

The Power of Fasting

THE.RESURRECTION.OF.LAZARUS_ CLEVELAND.OH SUNDAY_ 50-0813A

E-3 ... And many times that way, **I HOLD MYSELF ON THE GIFT. NOW, IT'S NOT AROUND ME NOW, 'CAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN PRAYING.** I got up, had just a little bite of breakfast, **AND I WON'T EAT ANY MORE, PROBABLY, TILL AFTER THE SERVICES, AND SO FORTH. I HAVE TO KEEP EMPTY.**

E-4 **IF YOU KEEP YOUR STOMACH EMPTY, THE BLOOD IS AT YOUR BRAIN, AND YOU MUST BE READY.** And if you're all full when you're... **THAT'S THE POWER OF FASTING. WHEN YOU'RE FULL, THE BLOOD GOES INTO YOUR STOMACH TO DIGEST YOUR FOOD. YOU SEE?** And **THEN WHEN YOU'RE EMPTY, IT'S IN YOUR BRAIN. So you can be just...** 'Cause them two spirits is so close it could deceive the very elect, if possible.

- **AS THE PHYSICALLY MAN LOSES HIS STRENGTH AND INFLUENCE THEN THE SPIRITUAL MAN HAS A CHANCE**
- Instead of **the physical man** then **HAVING THE DOMINATING INFLUENCE ON OUR SENSES, instead the spiritual man does**

WHO.IS.GOD_ CLEVELAND.OH TUESDAY_ 50-0815

E-10 The nights grow on. Of course, **I tire, and tire more. IT IS A TRUTH THAT I BELIEVE, AS A PHYSICAL MAN TEARS DOWN, THE SPIRITUAL MAN HAS A CHANCE. THAT'S WHAT FASTING AND THINGS ARE FOR. HE CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO WORK UPON THESE FIVE SENSES OF OURS, TO BRING US TO BELIEVE AND HAVE FAITH IN HIM.**

Breaking the Cycle

- First he describes the cycle of revival and death

88-1 EPHESIAN.CHURCH.AGE - CHURCH.AGE.BOOK CPT.3

NOW HISTORY KEEPS REPEATING ITSELF. In the generations of Israel we see **REVIVAL IN ONE GENERATION**, only to see **THE FIRES FADING IN THE NEXT**. In the third generation, **EMBERS MAY BE GLOWING SLIGHTLY**, but in the fourth there may be **NO VESTIGE WHATSOEVER OF THAT ORIGINAL FLAME**. **THEN GOD LIGHTS THE FIRE AGAIN, AND THE SAME PROCESS IS REPEATED.** ...

- Then he shows the attitude and atmosphere that brought the revival at the beginning

88-2 The **FERVENT DESIRE TO PLEASE GOD**, the **PASSION** to know His Word, **THE CRY** for reaching out in the Spirit, **ALL BEGINS TO FADE** and instead of that church being on fire with the fire of God **IT HAS COOLED OFF AND BECOME A BIT FORMAL**. That is what was happening back there to the Ephesians. They were getting a bit formal. **THE ABANDONMENT TO GOD WAS DYING OUT** and the people weren't too careful about what God thought of them as they began to be careful about what the world thought of them. ...

... [then] it isn't long until you see them stop doing things they used to do, and start doing things they wouldn't do initially. They change their manner of dress, their attitudes and their behaviour. They get lax. That is what "Ephesus" means: relaxed--drifting.

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Sincerity

- The provision of a sacrifice was a provision of grace to the Children of Israel
 - It was also an ordinance (an observance commanded)

COMMUNION_ TUCSON.AZ V-8 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-1212

29 Now, just a moment longer. Now, in the Old Testament **WHEN THE SACRIFICE WAS MADE A STATUTE OR AN ORDINANCE**. And so is water baptism an ordinance; so is feet-washing an ordinance; so is the Lord's supper an ordinance. ...

30 Now, notice in this now, that in that first, **WHEN IT WAS FIRST AN ORDINANCE OF GOD TO BRING A SACRIFICE ... TO THE TEMPLE AND THE ALTAR**, and offer your gift, and for your sins, the sacrifice of a lamb. Well, I can just imagine seeing **SOME JEWISH BROTHER** coming down the road, **KNOWING THAT HE WAS GUILTY**, and he goes to the altar; or brings his fat ox or a bullock, or whatever he had, or a ram, lamb, something. **HE HAD BROUGHT IT DOWN THE ROAD JUST AS SINCERE AS HE COULD COME**, he walked up there, **KEEPING GOD'S ORDINANCE JUST AS SINCERELY AS HE COULD**.

31 Then **HE LAID HIS HANDS UPON IT, CONFESSING HIS SINS**, and the priest placing this (his sins) upon the lamb, and the lamb's throat was cut, and--and then died for him. As he laid there, the little lamb kicking and bleeding, his hands being full of blood, and it flying all over him, (the little lamb blating, dying), he would realize that he had sinned and something had to die in his place. Therefore, he was offering this lamb's death for his death. See, the lamb died in his place. **THEN THE MAN DONE IT WITH SINCERITY, WITH DEEPNESS OF HIS HEART**.

32 **FINALLY, OVER AND OVER IT WENT AGAIN**, over and over it kept going **UNTIL FINALLY IT BECAME A TRADITION**. **THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD BECAME A TRADITION TO THE PEOPLE**. And then here he come down, "Well, let's see, this is so-and-so today, **MAYBE I BETTER GO DOWN**. Yeah, I better offer a--a bullock." He went down, "Well, Lord, here's my bullock." **SEE, THERE'S NO SINCERITY IN IT, THERE'S NO UNDERSTANDING TO IT**.

33 Now, we don't want to take communion like that. That's the same thing as we come to the Lord's table.

Sacred sands

- The prophet speaks of meeting God on “those sacred sands” 38 times

SACRED - 1. Holy; pertaining to God or to his worship; **separated from common secular uses and consecrated to God** and his service

SINCERE – pure, not mixed (without wax i.e. pure honey)

- Holy Ghost Series
- Showing **THE SINCERITY OF PREPARATION AND APPROACH** to bring the Divine response
 - “Not just a protractive meeting”
 - That requires **ANY OLD APPROACH**
 - “Coming into this **WITH ALL OF OUR HEARTS AND LIVES**”
 - Sincere – **PURE, NOT MIXED**
 - Will always receive the blessing

WHAT.IS.THE.HOLY.GHOST_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-2 WEDNESDAY_ 59-1216

9 Now, **I'VE ASKED THIS TABERNACLE... NOW, WE'RE NOT ENTERING INTO THIS, JUST FOR A PROTRACTIVE MEETING.** I want to enter into this, **AND I WANT YOU, AND HAVE ASKED YOU TO BURN EVERY BRIDGE THAT'S BEHIND YOU** and **MAKE EVERY SIN RIGHT, THAT WE'RE COMING INTO THIS WITH ALL THAT'S IN OUR HEARTS AND LIVES.**

We must come here **FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF GETTING OUR SOULS READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD,** and **FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE** ... We're here to make ready the coming of the Lord.

- Such an attitude makes any place of prayer or worship into “holy ground”
 - Consecrated ground

13 The other night at around a little after midnight, the wife and I, after setting up, and praying, and talking to the Lord across the little footstool in the--our front room with two open Bibles, **WE CONSECRATED OURSELVES ANEW TO GOD FOR A COMPLETE SERVICE, THAT WE WOULD SURRENDER OUR OWN WILLS, AND EVERYTHING,** and every negative thought, and--**TO SERVE THE LORD JESUS.** And I trust that **THAT'S BEEN YOUR ATTITUDE TOO, THAT YOU'VE DONE THE SAME THING.**

THEN WHEN WE'RE COMING TONIGHT, WE'RE COMING UPON HOLY GROUND, among a people who's been praying, and fasting, and making restitutions, **AND GETTING READY TO RECEIVE SOMETHING FROM GOD.** And I know that he that will come hungry will not go away hungry, but God will feed with the Bread of Life.