

Off The Ash Heap

JOB 2:6-8

6. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.
7. So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.
8. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and **he sat down among the ashes.**

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH PT2 [53-0326]

I preached on that here one time for about three months straight. Some people give me, write in, tell me, said, "Brother Bill, **when you ever going to get Job off the ash heap?**" And I--I... About him setting there... That great time of decision, something had to be done, that zero hour. But you know what happened **when we got him off the ash heap, something happened.**

THE PATMOS VISION [60-1204E]

I wanted to drive that home, that's the reason I held him on the ash heap for a long time, so--so we could make the point. And I know it may get a little tiresome, some. I get nervous, too, when I hear someone playing around on something, look like he'd go ahead and hit it. But maybe God is leading that person for a purpose for that.

I KNOW [60-0417S]

There is nothing can happen to you unless God permits it. There is no evil can come unless God permits it. And it's for your good He's working that.

I KNOW [60-0417S]

Sure, God knows what He's a-doing. God knows. And **He puts us on the ash heap in order to show us His glory.**

I KNOW [60-0417S]

Every Christian believer has to be put on the ash heap, so that he can come forth with an experience, "I know my Redeemer liveth."

GO TELL [60-0417M]

God knows how to hold you on an ash heap. He knows how to do something for you until He can get the message over to you (See?) to get to do something.

POWER OF TRANSFORMATION [65-1031M]

Now in Genesis, the 1st chapter, "The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." We realize that the water... And--and the Bible said, "In the beginning back there," that, this, "the world was without form, and was void." **There was nothing but just a darkness of chaos.** And--and what a horrible shape it must have been in. Nothing but way into the darkness yonder, without light or anything, and the churning of the water, and that wandering star twisted around and around the orbits out there somewhere. It must have been a--a terrific mass of--of--of something lost, like it was, couldn't find its way.

And that's what we become when we become wandering stars, away from God, just without hope, without God; without, just churning around, out in darkness, not knowing when we... where we're going.

And **God took that great chaos of darkness, and transformed it into a garden of Eden, see, by His Word. That's how we're transformed, by God's Word.** When God said, "Let there be light," and that mass of creation out there come over in around the sun, and begin to revolve around the sun, and became a garden of Eden **because it obeyed the Word of God. It done the perfect will of God, for it was transformed from chaos, into a garden of Eden, by the Word of God.**

Now that's what we are here for. That's my Message, has been all along, is the Word of God.

GENESIS 18:27

27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which **am but dust and ashes:**

GENESIS 2:7

7. And **the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground,** and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

GENESIS 3:19

19. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for **[dust]** thou art, and unto **[dust]** shalt thou return.

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 6083

'aphar {aw-fawr}'

1) dry earth, dust, powder, ashes, earth, ground, mortar, rubbish

phoenix – dictionary.com

1. *a mythical bird of great beauty fabled to live 500 or 600 years in the Arabian wilderness, to burn itself on a funeral pyre, and to rise from its ashes in the freshness of youth and live through another cycle of years: often an emblem of immortality or of reborn idealism or hope.*

4. *a person or thing that has become renewed or restored after suffering calamity or apparent annihilation.*

THE SECOND COMING [55-0220A]

We thank Thee for the opportunity that we have of meeting here in this great city setting here in the desert, by the name of **Phoenix: "something that's raised up out of chaos."** And we pray, Father, that right in this great city, that You'll **raise up out of the chaos of this generation a marvelous Church of the living God.** Filled with the Spirit, anointed, great men of God may come from this city proclaiming the message around the world.

MEANEST MAN I KNOW [62-0127]

May the Holy Spirit take His little church this morning, and make a--a phoenix out of it. Raise it today by miracles, and signs, and wonders of the living God...

THE JUNCTION TIME [56-0122]

Notice, after the antediluvian destruction, the world was wiped off, and **God started from the chaos of that time and begin to rebuild again.**

THE GREAT COMING REVIVAL [54-0718A]

And so God has also today, He's constructing an ark for the saving of the people. And that construction, today, is **the body of the Lord Jesus Christ, being reconciled one to the other, coming out of every chaos and recognizing each other as brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus.** Bringing forth the ark...

THE SEED SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE SHUCK [65-0429B]

...**Luther came forth out of the darkness of the chaos.**

DOES GOD CHANGE HIS MIND? [65-0427]

The Church of God is called out of the world, out of the chaos of the world.

THIS GREAT WARRIOR JOSHUA [55-0119]

God in this last days is calling out of chaos, out of the midst of all of it.

ISAIAH 61:1-4

1. The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
2. To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them **beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
4. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

ZECHARIAH 3:1-5

1. And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and **Satan standing at his right hand to resist him**.
2. And **the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan**; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?
3. Now Joshua was **clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel**.
4. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him**. And unto him he said, Behold, **I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment**.
5. And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.

PSALM 113:7

7. **He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the [dunghill]**;

HEBREW LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 830

'ashpoth {ash-poth'}

1) *ash heap, refuse heap, dung-hill*

JOB 13:15a

- 15a. **Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him**:

JOB 42:5-10

5. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee.
6. Wherefore I abhor myself, and **repent in dust and ashes**.

7. And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

8. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and **my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I accept:** lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job.

9. So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: **the LORD also accepted Job.**

10. And **the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends:** also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

JEHOVAH JIREH [56-0224]

We got him off the ash heap, all right, and plumb over in the resurrection. And I believe he was in it.

I KNOW [60-0417S]

Seeing His great Presence among us, working, doing the same signs and wonders that He did on earth, giving us the hopes. And **we come to the resurrection and then remain on our ash heaps? Let's get off the ash heap today with a new vision, with a new power, with a new determination that we see God in His power. We see the resurrection of the things coming.**

FOR HIM WILL I ACCEPT [52-0718]

A real, true, borned again child of God stands firm. **We are sowed with the incorruptible seed of God; it cannot perish.** See what I mean?

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED [56-0223]

...all fear is done gone. Jesus constantly, "Fear not, fear not. I am He that was dead, and alive forevermore. Fear not, fear not I am with thee always even to the end of the world. Fear not."

And the Christian keeps sitting back, "Oh, I just wonder." Oh, my, **turn loose.** Amen. Get all the things away from you; say, "**Mr. Satan you are defeated. Jesus Christ stripped you of every power you had when He died at Calvary. and you're nothing but a bluff. And you can't bluff me. (Amen.) I'm made out of that stuff that don't bluff.** That's what come from Calvary. Hallelujah. Don't bluff it, go receive it.