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GENESIS 24:54

54 ¶ And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master.

GENESIS 24:55

55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.

GENESIS 24:56

56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master.

GENESIS 24:57

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

GENESIS 24:58

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

CULT: Cults are [social groups](#) which have unusual, and often extreme, [religious](#), [spiritual](#), or [philosophical](#) beliefs and [rituals](#).

'Extreme devotion to a particular person, object, or [goal](#) is another characteristic often ascribed to cults.

Sometimes individuals disagree about whether a group, such as a certain [religious group](#), is actually a cult. **EVEN RESEARCHERS SOMETIMES CAN'T AGREE ON WHAT CONSTITUTES A CULT.**

A small religious group that is not part of a larger and **more accepted religion** and that has beliefs regarded by many people as extreme or dangerous

ACCORDING TO THE CULT EDUCATION INSTITUTE, THERE ARE SPECIFIC WARNING SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN CONSIDERING WHETHER A GROUP MIGHT BE A CULT. CULTS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY:

Absolute authoritarianism without accountability

WHO.HATH.BELIEVED.OUR.REPORT_ TOLEDO.OH THURSDAY_ 51-0719

E-8.....I want you to listen closely now.

Now, my words is the words of a man, it will fail. But God's Word, is the Word of God which cannot fail. How many believes the Word of God is true and infallibly the truth?.....

JEHOVAH.JIREH_ INDIANAPOLIS.IN WEDNESDAY_ 57-0612

E-4.....And tonight, we pray that He will help us as we read from His Word. **My words is the words of a man; they just fail, like other men.** But this Word is God's Word, which cannot fail. It never fails. So the reading of His Word will be a blessing to us.....

CHURCH.ORDER_ JEFF.IN COD THURSDAY_ 63-1226

7 **And then I'd expect you brethren, at any time that you see me to get away from this Scripture, to come to me privately and tell me where I'm wrong.** I don't care if you're one of the trustees or the... or if you're the janitor, whoever you are, **you're duty bound to me, as a brother in Christ, to tell me when I'm wrong scripturally.** If there's a question, let's set down and solve it out, together.....

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CRITICISM OR QUESTIONS

AND YET THE PROPHET HAD PUBLIC Q & A FOR YEARS.

THE.SIXTH.SEAL_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 63-0323

395-2 {16}.....And I certainly want to apologize... Is the tapes on? Tape's on? I want to apologize to my minister brethren and to you people here.

They say the other night when I was speaking of--of Elijah, that hour of--when they was... He thought he was the only one was going to be in the rapture, or he--only one going to be saved; **and I said seven hundred instead of seven thousand.** Is that right? Well, I'm sure sorry of that, folks. I--I--I knowed better than that. It was just simply a mumble of speech, because I knowed it was seven thousand. **I just didn't say it right. I-- I... And I--I thank you** and I... That means that...

THE.SIXTH.SEAL_ JEFF.IN SATURDAY_ 63-0323

395-4 {17} **I'm glad that you are watching what I say,** and you see then, that's... 'Cause it's--it's--it's seven thousand. I got two or three notes on it. It said, "Brother Branham, I believe you were mistaken," It said, "Wasn't there seven thousand instead of seven hundred?"

I thought, "Surely I didn't say seven hundred." See? That a... And then I... Billy... And then first thing you know, I picked up another note and it said, "Brother Branham, you--I believe you said seven hundred." And one person said, "Brother Branham, was that a spiritual vision that--that there's--there's just going to be a type and you're typing it with the seven..." It puts people on edge when you go to thinking these things (See?), and it's enough to. It puts me on the edge.....

LACK OF MEANINGFUL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REGARDING BUDGET

FROM THE BRANHAM TABERNACLE

THE OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES

The body of men, shall govern the welfare of the church as a business group. They are elected to protect the church in it's financial matters, it's business investments, the supervision of it's properties, and it's expenditures. They shall strongly consider every move of progress, step by step, which involves church funds. For they shall be responsible to keep the church from indebttness, and the saints from burdens that are to great to bear financially. In the undertaking of any project, regardless what it is, they are to bring the matter to the pastor, consultation by the pastor, consultation by the pastor only for every financial project the church wishes to invest or engage itself therein is absolutely required.

UNREASONABLE FEARS ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT OFTEN INVOLVE EVIL CONSPIRACIES AND PERSECUTIONS

..A belief that former followers are always wrong for leaving and there is never a legitimate reason for anyone else to leave

ABUSE OF MEMBERS

A BELIEF THAT THE LEADER IS RIGHT AT ALL TIMES

**CALLING.JESUS.ON.THE.SCENE_ CHICAGO.IL V-21 N-8
SUNDAY_ 63-0804E**

19 But the Lord sent me to pray for His sick children. And in there, what I do know about Him, I love to express it with all my heart. **If I make mistakes, you pray for me. I'm not infallible. I'm your brother.....**

BIRTH.PAINS_ PHOENIX.AZ V-3 N-4 SUNDAY_ 65-0124

22 If I make mistakes, forgive me. I'm not a theologian.....

THINKING.ON.OUR.WAY_ CLEVELAND.TN MONDAY_ 59-0706

E-36 That's what's the matter today with the Christian Church, can't get anything done, is because our hearts are condemning us with unconfessed sin. It's not easy for me to tell this, but it's the truth. That's the way to be truthful.

And I started to pray again, and I seen I wasn't fit to put my hands on that baby. I said, "Sir, I will see that your appointment is held. You just stay here."

I rushed to the phone and called the attorney. I said, "Can I speak to you a minute?"

He said, "Sure, but the other fellows are done gone."

I said, "Just stay in your office a few minutes." I rushed down there and went into the room. I said, "Attorney, I want to tell you something. When you called awhile ago, I was there." I said, "You--you... When you called, you had me so nervous, I hardly knew what I was doing. I was almost beside myself." I said, "I had my wife to answer like that, **but it was a lie. And I've lied to you, and I caused my wife to lie.**"

Said, "Well, you wasn't in there just then, Billy. She said you wasn't."

I said, "I wasn't. But I run out of the house and run behind the house to keep from being in there." **I said, "It's a lie anyhow." I said, "Will you forgive me for it?"**

Walked across the floor, looked me right straight in the eye, and I could see in his gray eyes little tears begin to form. He took me by the hand and hugged me. He said, "Brother Branham, I've had great confidence in you, but I got more than ever now." Why? When we think on our ways. I went and prayed for the baby.

A BELIEF THAT THE LEADER IS THE EXCLUSIVE MEANS OF KNOWING "TRUTH" OR GIVING VALIDATION

THE.BREACH.BETWEEN.THE.SEVEN.CHURCH.AGES.AND.THE.SEVEN.SEALS_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 63-0317E

76-3 {57}.....But those mysteries are promised to be revealed in the end time. **It's little loose ends** that these **GREAT WARRIORS** has come on the scene, such as Irenaeus, and Martin (Saint Martin), and Polycarp, and the different ones; and Luther, and Wesley, and all of these (See?), as--how they have come and just lived long enough to--to kind of bring a light and shine it, but they left many things in--in the darkness.....

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M

966-Q-256 256. Brother Branham, should we go to the other churches even when they disagree with you?

Sure, yep. Jesus did when they disagreed with Him. Go ahead. We notice here, says, "Should we go to another church that disagrees with you?" Sure, I don't... I'm not the only pebble on the beach, you know. There's--there's just other godly men everywhere; I hope I'm one of them.....

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830M

1106-Q-349 349. Now. Brother Branham, is it true that no one should preach but you? We have seen your--we have seen you ordain men. We do--don't believe you would do that if there were not--if they were not to preach.

Mercy. Brother, sister, ever who told you that nobody's to preach but me, I'd sure be a poor subject to God with all that. **No. Every man or that feels a call of God upon his life, get into the ministry and start preaching; we need them.**

Men of God are anointed all over the world to preach the Gospel. See? I'm just one little pebble on the beach among many big stones. See? So I... There's just many that's more eligible, more worthy, more of anything to preach than me; I'm just one little,

humble person laying out here. I'm one grain of wheat in a whole garner. See? So that just a... You know what I mean. **Any man that's called of God needs to preach the Gospel.**

Cults are dangerous because they typically rely on deceptive and [authoritarian practices](#) to make members dependent on and obedient to the group.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.1_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823M

968-215.....If you can't come here at the Tabernacle, get some church somewhere; go to it. You don't have to take all they do. **What part of the bread they're serving, you serve the bread.** When they got the garlic, why, you just leave it alone. See? That's right. I can't make them...?... that's exact... **Sure, you go to church. Wherever the church door opens, you take off as hard as you can go.** If they don't believe, well... Now, you don't have to partake. Don't join them; don't join any of them churches; but go to them; fellowship with them. How do you know it's not the Lord? He said He'd make everything work together for the good. And maybe there's a soul in there that ought to be saved, and you can shine the Light to them. See? Go on down there. Don't go arrogant, go sweet; and the people begin to say, "That's such a Christian woman, and a Christian couple; that's such a Christian boy or girl. My, I'd like to... Boy, they really act like they've got something." See? And say, "What is it?"

"Here it is." Then tell them. But you just be salty, and they'll get thirsty.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830M

1102-Q-344 344. My husband and I don't see alike on the Bible, the truths--like this truth that you preach. He doesn't understand. Should I go with him to churches when I don't believe their teaching? I'm very troubled about this.

Yes. If you are a wife to this husband, and he don't condemn you, you don't--you mustn't condemn him (See?), because the husband is sanctified by the wife. See? And I believe, if he goes to some denominational church or something like that, he wants you to go down there with him... You see? If you don't be... See, there's nothing there can harm you, 'cause you're not going to listen to what they're saying anyhow, 'cause you done said here you don't believe their preaching. See? **So it ain't going to harm you, but you're just showing respects to your husband.** You're yielding yourself to him, and maybe in doing so, you--you'll... If they teach and do the things down there... You're taught much higher things than that; **you'll be salty; he'll see and come to the Lord. I believe I would go ahead.....**

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.4_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830E

1174-Q-417 417. I have a friend who I love very much. She has had some tapes and letters that I believe that have... never talked to her. Really, I guess I am afraid of destroying her and losing her as a friendship. What should I do?
Speak to her in love. I don't... I believe I answered that, but I--I don't--**DON'T TRY TO PUSH ANYTHING ON ANYBODY.** **Just be salty; they'll long to be like you.....**

TRYING.TO.DO.GOD.A.SERVICE.WITHOUT.IT.BEING.GOD'S.WILL _ SHP.LA V-7 N-2 SATURDAY_ 65-1127B

26.....People think I don't even believe in people going to church. That's a million miles from the Truth. **"We must assemble ourselves together,** and that much more as we see the day approaching." See? **We must come together in unity.** We might not...

27 If I lived in a city and they had nothing there but a... well, some church (I don't want to call any name), **but just any church, if they only believed one thing, that Jesus was Divine, all the rest of it was wrong, I'd go to that church.** If I can't get a whole loaf of bread, I--I'll take a slice. See? I'll go listen, worship the, Lord, and show Him that I'm doing my part. I want Him to know I'm alive. I'm--I'm... want everybody to know

what side I'm on. I assemble with the Christians, and there worship and--and serve the Lord.

CULTS OFTEN CUT MEMBERS OFF FROM OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND POSE BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RISKS TO MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

AUTHORITARIAN CONTROL: CULTISM HINGES ON ENCOURAGING MAXIMUM DEPENDENCY.

GENESIS 24:58

58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? **And she said, I will go.**

I PETER 1:7

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

I PETER 1:8

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

THE.TIME.OF.DECISION_ CHICAGO.IL THURSDAY_ 59-0611

E-31 And then there was another great decision had to be made. Then after she was given, then the parents said, "Well, I would... Just let her stay around about ten days." Let her hang around the revival to really feel whether she has decided to do it or not. I haven't got much confidence in a person make a decision to wait even until tomorrow.

BUT THE MESSAGE HAD STIRRED REBEKAH. SHE WAS SATISFIED THE MESSAGE WAS FROM GOD.

So the parents said, "Oh, let her stick around awhile. She'll get over it. It's just a little excitement. She was over to that revival, you know, and..."

But, oh, Then the--the true servant said, "Don't--don't weary us. Don't hinder me." **A lot of the servants of God has been hindered by put-off decisions.** "Don't hinder me, seeing that the Lord has sent me, seeing that he's been good to me. Don't hinder me."

Then they said, "Let her make her own decision." That's where you stand tonight. Make your own decision.

Then they called Rebekah and said, "Will you go with this man, or do you want to stay around a little while to see whether you really want to do it."

She said, "I will go." She was ready. Her decision was quickly made. She knowed there'd Something been leading her.....

GENESIS 24:59

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

GENESIS 24:60

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

GENESIS 24:61

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, **and followed the man:** and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.