

GODLINESS PT. 13

II PETER 1:2

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

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:**

II PETER 1:4

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.

II PETER 1:5

5 ¶ And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

II PETER 1:6

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience **GODLINESS**;

II PETER 1:7

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

PHILIPPIANS 2:14

14 ¶ Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

15 That ye may be **BLAMELESS** and ***HARMLESS**, the sons of God, without ***REBUKE**, in the midst of a crooked and ***PERVERSE** nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

BLAMELESS: (amemptoi) means "above reproach." This does not mean sinless perfection.

HARMLESS: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 185

akeraios {ak-er'-ah-yos}

unmixed, pure as in wines or metals, without a mixture of evil, **HORNLESS**, or sincere, without mixture of deceit or guile,

PROVERBS 3:29

29 **Devise not evil** against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.

PROVERBS 14:22

22 ¶ Do they not err that **devise evil**? but mercy and truth shall be to them that **devise good**.

MATTHEW 10:16

16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

MATTHEW 7:15

15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in **SHEEP'S *CLOTHING**, but inwardly they are ***RAVENING** wolves.

CLOTHING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1742

enduma {en'-doo-mah}

raiment, garment, clothing, cloak, an outer garment

RAVENING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 727

harpax {har'-pax}

extortioner, rapacious, a robber

ACTS 20:29

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

ACTS 20:30

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, **to draw away disciples after them.**

MATTHEW 10:16

16 ¶ Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: **be ye therefore wise as serpents, and HARMLESS as doves.**

Under Diocletian 17,000 Christians are said to have been slain in one month, among whom also was Serena the empress. Those ten persecutions were so cruel, that Jerome writes in one of his LETTERS, that for every day in the year were murdered 5000, excepting only the first day of January.

Giezerichus, an Arian, king of Vandals, is said to have exceeded all that went afore him in cruelty towards the orthodox side, of both sexes. In that Laniena Parisiensis 30,000 Protestants were basely butchered in one month, 300,000 in one year.

MATTHEW 3:16

16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending **LIKE A DOVE**, and lighting upon him:

HEBREWS 7:26

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, **HARMLESS**, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

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42 If the Lamb of God would've made the first snarl like a wolf, or would've done anything contrary to what the gentle Dove

would've permitted, **the Dove would've took Her flight. She'd have left in a minute.**

And that's the reason today that we're wondering what's the matter with the Pentecostal church. It's because we have taken on a different nature. We've taken on a nature that, **"We want our rights.** We're going to do what we know that's right to do." **And we become arrogant. We become hostile. We become indifferent. We let temper come in. We let selfishness come in.**

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E-43.....you remember when your heart used to be so tender and pure before God? Oh, you didn't mind the troubles, "My, it's all right. Just let it go on." But when... **The first thing you know, when you got that temper up, said, "I'll get back at him," the Dove took her flight. The Holy Spirit cannot stand nothing but gentleness. God's gentle, and peace, and loving.**

No matter how--how much you know, how much theology you know, and how you can stick your chest out, and how well you can preach, that doesn't mean nothing. **If that gentle, quiet, loving Spirit of God doesn't rest on you, it's all gone.**

You're nothing.

No matter how many gifts you can show, no matter, though... Paul said, "Though I can speak in tongues like men and angels, I could have enough faith to move mountains, **and not have that gentle, meek love, I am nothing." That's where your trouble lays. See? That's it.**

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E-44.....When you got saved, you was a lamb. **But when you started snorting like the wolf, and hating your neighbor, and fussing and fighting, the dove just took her flight and went away from you.** And now you wonder what's the matter. That's what's the matter. If a dove won't stay on a--a goat, it won't stay on a wolf. **Fussing, fighting, stewing, ups-and-**

downs, and arguing, and denominational barriers, the Holy Spirit just took Her flight.

You say, "Brother Branham, how do we get It back?" Just come back to a lamb. She's just setting up there on the roost somewhere. **She'll come right back when you take the nature of a lamb.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:15

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without ***REBUKE**, in the midst of a crooked and ***PERVERSE** nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

REBUKE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 298
amomētos {am-o'-may-tos}
blameless, that cannot be censured,

PERVERSE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 1294
diastrepho {dee-as-tref'-o}
turn away, to distort, turn aside, to oppose, plot against the saving purposes and plans of God, to turn aside from the right path, to pervert, corrupt

MATTHEW 16:1

1 ¶ The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and **TEMPTING** desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

MATTHEW 19:3

3 ¶ The Pharisees also came unto him, **TEMPTING HIM**, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

MATTHEW 22:15

15 ¶ Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ***ENTANGLE** him in his **TALK**.

ENTANGLE: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3802

pagideuo {pag-id-yoo'-o}

to ensnare, entrap; metaph. of the attempt to elicit from one some remark which can be turned into an accusation against him

MATTHEW 22:34

34 ¶ But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

MATTHEW 22:35

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, ***TEMPTING** him, and saying,

TEMPTING: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 3985

peirazo {pi-rad'-zo}

to try, make trial of, to test one maliciously, craftily to put to the proof his feelings or judgements
enticement to sin; hence, to solicit to sin,

MATTHEW 22:36

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

MARK 8:11

11 And the Pharisees came forth, **and began to question with him**, seeking of him a sign from heaven, **tempting him**.

MARK 12:13

13 ¶ And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to ***CATCH** him in his words.

CATCH: GREEK LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 64

agreuo {ag-rew'-o}

to hunt, to take by hunting, catch; metaph. to hunt after, pursue eagerly

just as a prey is hunted, and taken in a net or snare,

MARK 12:14

14 And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?

MARK 12:15

15 Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, **Why tempt ye me?** bring me a penny, that I may see it.

LUKE 20:20

20 ¶ And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might **take hold of his words**, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

LUKE 11:14

14 ¶ And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

LUKE 11:15

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils.

LUKE 11:16

16 And others, **tempting him**, sought of him a sign from heaven.

MARK 14:55

55 And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found none.

MARK 14:56

56 For many bare false witness against him, but their witness agreed not together.

MARK 14:57

57 And there arose certain, and bare false witness against him, saying,

MARK 14:58

58 We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.

MARK 14:59

59 But neither so did their witness agree together.

ACTS 6:10

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

ACTS 6:11

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

ACTS 6:13

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

ACTS 6:14

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.